

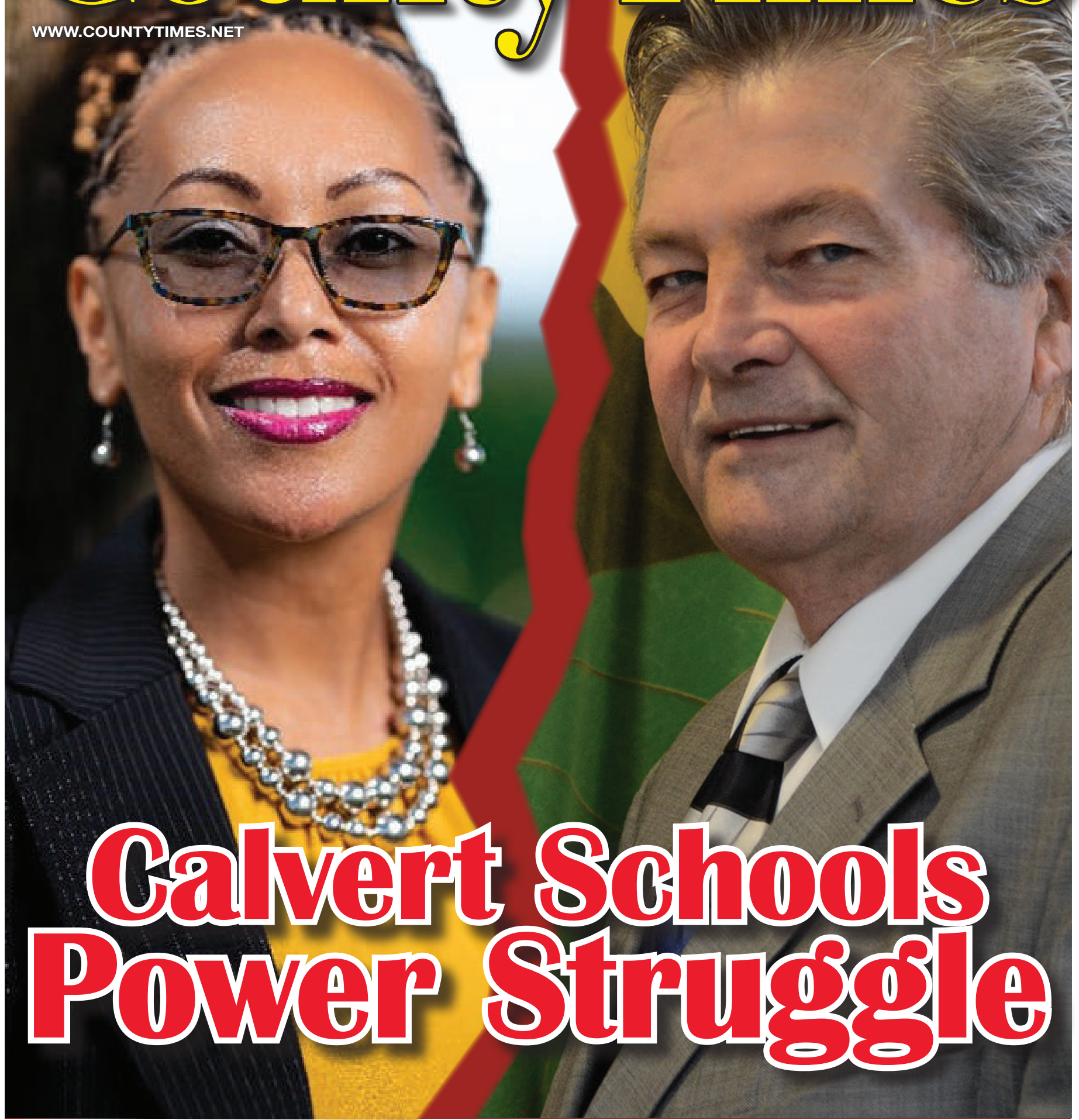
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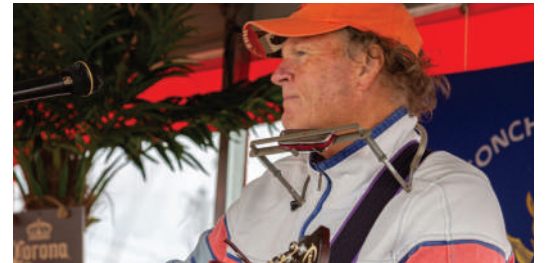
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Calvert To Require Masks When Schools Open

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Calvert County schools will require all students, staff and visitors in every grade from pre-K to the 12th grade to wear masks in school buildings regardless of their vaccination status, the latest plan for the return to classes in the fall states.

The plan, released July 31, also stated that schools will return to full capacity and instructional programs.

“Due to vaccination restrictions, the only protection against COVID-19 for students under the age of 12 is proper hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, social distancing, screening, testing, quarantine and wearing a mask,” the plan stated.

In a letter to Calvert County parents, Schools Superintendent Dr. Daniel J. Curry laid out the reason for requiring masks.

“We are once again seeing a surge and the Delta variant is particularly troublesome,” Curry wrote. “It impacts children at a greater rate than the previous COVID-19.

“Vaccinations are not available to our little ones and our rate of vaccination for students 12 and up is not very high.”

Curry continued: “If we do not at least take precautions with masks, we could very well find ourselves looking at circumstances that drive us back to hybrid or all virtual school, which is not in our children’s best interest.”

Schools will reopen Aug. 31.

While some students may not be able to wear a mask for certain reasons, the report stated: “For most mask-wearing is a skill that can be taught using effective in-

structional practices.”

Calvert schools will track student and staff cases of COVID-19, the plan stated, and any exposed staff or students must self-isolate at home for 10 days.

Students or staff with or without symptoms will be allowed to return to school, the plan stated, according to guidelines from the state and Calvert County health departments.

Classrooms will return to a new normal of social distancing, the plan said, though it also acknowledged that social distancing will be difficult once all students return to classes.

Calvert public schools have set up a Virtual Academy for students from grades 3 through 12, according to the reopening plan, for families who do not want to return their students to classroom instruction.

Career and Technology Education courses (CTE) will be offered in full, in-person format for the 2021-2022 school year and will not be available through the virtual academy.

Inter-school athletic events will continue, the plan stated, according to the MPSSAA athletic program; National Junior ROTC and marching band competitions are likewise allowed to move ahead.

Middle School sports programs will also move forward.

Students will not be required to wear masks when they are participating in sports as long as social distancing can be achieved; masks will be required indoors according to the current masking policy.

The busing policy has also changed for the coming school year; students enrolled in different schools will not take the same



Calvert County School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry

buses.

Requests for new routes for students will also not be honored, the plan stated, due to seating limitations.

The entire reopening plan can be viewed at www.calvertnet.k12.md.us.

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Chesapeake Beach Planners May Miss Moratorium Deadline

Comprehensive Plan Hearing Eyed for October

Dick Myers
Editor

The Chesapeake Beach Town Council enacted a moratorium on major, Category 1 commercial and residential developments at their March 18 meeting. The eight-month moratorium was intended to give the town's planning commission time to finish its work on revising the town's comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance.

The moratorium was prompted by the submittal in January of five projects with 11 townhouse, 24 condominium, and 148 apartment units. There is also one single-family unit. The proposals were submitted by the Donovan family who own and operate the Rod 'N Reel Resort complex, which is undergoing a major expansion.

The planning commission has been working since then to complete the task. At the time of the imposition of the moratorium it was felt by the majority council

members that the new document would likely be more restrictive of multi-family residences.

The commission at its regular July 28 meeting appeared to be close to finalizing their comments for inclusion in the document that is being written by

Planning and Zoning Administrator Chris Jakubiak, who contracts his services with the town.

At the meeting commission members made several changes to his 10-chapter document. Jakubiak urged the members to conclude their work with an eye on the moratorium sunset, saying every change they made took time and money to accomplish

The planners intend to meet sometime in August to finalize the document with the hopes of having a public hearing sometime in October. The reason for the two-month gap is that is the time required by law for the state, county, and North Beach to review the



document and make comments.

Once the hearing is held, the commission then makes its final recommendation to the town council, which also has to have a public hearing. Jakubiak said that realistically would put the process into the new year and beyond the moratorium sunset.

Councilwoman Valerie Beaudin, who attended the virtual meeting, said the council would have to decide whether to extend the moratorium to give the process time to work itself out.

The developer's attorney Eric Blitz admitted during the public comment section at the beginning of the March 18 meeting that the proposals from his client were all submitted at once when they realized the planning and zoning commission's intentions for the master plan. But he said the projects all had been previously proposed and several had been approved but then not built when the economy turned sour.

But the planners also have concerns particularly about three of the five projects that surround the marina owned by the family next to the Chesapeake Beach Water Park and across the street from Kellan's Field.

Jakubiak, in a briefing to the council before their March 18 vote, noted the area was built on a filled-in swamp and it has experienced visible sinking, including several adjacent roads. It is also in the 100-year flood plain and routinely is inundated. The area in general is also predicted to have a 2.1-foot sea-level rise this century because of global warming

The town Economic Development Commission, chaired by Councilman Larry Jaworski, has expressed some concern about the comprehensive plan rewrite. Those concerns include:

Expanding the potential commercial areas along Rt. 260 and 261,

Opposing the recommended 35-foot building height restrictions. and

Support for limited and regulat-

ed short term rentals.

The planners rejected the first two concerns and noted that the council vote at their last meeting clarifying tourist homes to include short-term rentals, which allows then in commercial and maritime districts, should alleviate the economic commission's concerns.

Also at the July 28 meeting, the planners added the following language suggested by Vice Chair Laura Blackwelder to the plan regarding municipal growth:

"Following a number of highly successful endeavors to implement smart growth principals into neighborhood development projects, Chesapeake Beach saw its population double between 2000 and 2010, and then continue to grow through 2020. While the town has excelled in offering a variety of housing types that can accommodate a diverse range of income levels, municipal infrastructure and commercial amenities needed to serve additional residents was not expanded in a corresponding degree. Notably, the town remains deficient by national standards in the area of parkland and open space; the newly built Northern High School, which is the only public high school that serves the community, has already exceeded its capacity; and the town's only two throughfares, MD Rt. 260 and MD Rt. 261, require traffic solutions but lack the space needed to expand them in a number of areas. Adding additional pressure to existing infrastructure, an expansive intensification of the town's landmark commercial property, the Rod-N-Reel Resort, has been approved and is projected for completion in the coming year. With this commercial expansion, Chesapeake Beach's Road capacity, parking capacity, and recreational asset capacity will be further burdened, thus heightening the need for walkability, pedestrian safety, and open space infrastructure."

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Calvert Library Shares COVID Information



Prince Frederick Library

Unfortunately, COVID is ramping back up locally. The Delta variant is now the dominant strain of COVID in Maryland and it multiplies faster, generates a higher number of viral particles and attaches to our cells more effectively than the alpha variant. Studies have shown that the Delta variant is 80 percent more likely to require hospitalization than the original COVID strain.

According to the Calvert Health Department's Facebook post on July 28, 2021, "An unvaccinated person is six-times more likely to get sick and 30-times more likely to end up in the hospital than a vaccinated person of the same age and general health."

Vaccines continue to be available from the Health Department and appointments are easy to get through <https://www.calvertcoun->

[tycovid19.com/vaccination](https://www.calvertcoun-tycovid19.com/vaccination) or by calling 410-535-5400x388.

The CDC recommends masks indoors in public, even for fully vaccinated people, in areas of substantial or high transmission. While our increasing positivity numbers thankfully don't meet the "substantial transmission" levels, Calvert Library wants all our customers to stay healthy and, in partnership with Calvert County Health Department, is recommending that customers and staff wear a mask in indoor public spaces regardless of vaccination status. It's a simple thing we can do to help keep transmission and hospital rates low in Calvert County.

For more information, call Robyn Truslow at 410-535-0291. *Press Release from Calvert Library.*

Donovan, Former Chesapeake Beach Mayor and Resort Owner, Dies

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Gerald Donovan, the owner of the iconic waterfront resort, The Rod n' Reel in Chesapeake Beach, who also once served as its mayor for nearly three decades, has died.

Donovan's family released a statement saying the entrepreneur passed away July 31 at his home with his family.

He was 72.

"Mr. Donovan gave so much to our community, where he set forth his vision for The Rod 'N' Reel Resort and the family is committed to making his dreams a reality," the statement said. "He felt immense gratitude to those who helped him fulfill his dreams."

Donovan was the mayor of Chesapeake Beach for 24 years, and had a hand in building many of the amenities in town, including the water park, railway trail, bayfront park, the annual fireworks display and Veterans Memorial Park.

Current Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat Mahoney said he had worked with Donovan for decades when Mahoney was on the town



council and when Donovan was mayor for from 1984 to 2008.

They both respected each other, Mahoney said, though their visions of the town's future were diametrically opposed.

Donovan dreamed of a fully-

fledge casino while Mahoney opposed further gambling expansion.

Though he often disagreed with Donovan on issues, they got along well, Mahoney said. The current mayor said Donovan left an indelible mark on the town.

"The Rod 'N' Reel was the town when I moved here," Mahoney said. "It's been an asset to the town; it's the town's biggest employer."

Donovan served in the United States Marine Corp and later came to serve as the president of the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department.

He was also a major booster for cancer research, raising \$5 million in partnership with his brother and in honor of their father through an annual cancer gala they organized over the past 30 years.

Calvert County Commissioner President Earl "Buddy" Hance said Donovan was a committed public servant.

"He left his mark on Chesapeake Beach that will last forever," Hance said. "He set it on the path it's on today."

Hance, a Republican, said he called Donovan, an ardent Democrat, a friend.

"Gerald was a good man," Hance said.

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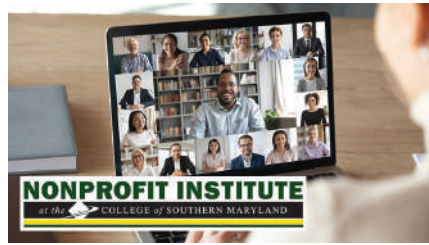
Nonprofit Institute Provides Lifeline During Pandemic

Two Southern Maryland nonprofit organizations are crediting the Nonprofit Institute (NPI) at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) for not only saving their businesses over the course of the past 17 months, but for also strengthening their organizations to better serve their communities.

Spokespersons from both The Arc Southern Maryland in Prince Frederick and Pure Play Every Day in Charles County recently told “Inside Your County Government” podcast host Brent Huber that NPI at CSM is “the backbone of success” for many of the area’s nonprofits.

“I have been active with the Nonprofit Institute for the last almost two years and I know that we probably would not be surviving and thriving like we did through this pandemic without the resources [NPI] has,” shared The Arc Southern Maryland Marketing and Communications Coordinator Lyndee Waldbauer. “At the very beginning of COVID, Cara said let’s move these [monthly] Affinity Groups to weekly and we all hung on. [The meetings] were our lifeline. That’s how we got through the first several months of the pandemic”

NPI Consultant Cara Fogarty joined Huber, Waldbauer and Pure Play Every Day, Inc. Executive Director Patty Stine during the podcast to reflect on how the Nonprofit Institute went the



extra mile during the COVID crisis to help nonprofit organizations share resources and ideas; learn about and prepare grant applications for aid; and stand up creative ways to serve constituents in a virtual environment.

“We’re small, but we’re mighty,” Fogarty said of her team. NPI at CSM is led by CSM Continuing Education and Workforce Development Assistant Director of Strategic Initiatives Kyle Kebaugh and includes Michelle Sullivan and Fogarty – who have been with the Institute for close to five years – and Amy Davis, who recently joined. All three have robust experience with nonprofits and Sullivan and Davis are also executive directors of nonprofit organizations.

When news of the pandemic arrived in March of 2020, the Nonprofit Institute at CSM immediately went into action to help the region’s nonprofit leaders navigate COVID-19 relief loans and grants. They called their Affinity Groups centered on volunteer

coordination, fundraising, and public relations/marketing/communications to order more frequently and stayed steady with twice-a-week community calls with the United Ways of Charles and St. Mary’s for 18 straight weeks. The Institute even held its 11th Annual Nonprofit Conference virtually five months ago bringing together 23 leaders to talking about “Adapting to Change.”

“We proved during the pandemic that we all are stronger together than we are as individual silos,” Fogarty continued.

“The collaboration that came out of the meetings is what has kept us thriving,” Waldauer added. “It was the kind of back bone of success for many of the nonprofits in our area. The collaboration was part of our success plan and remains so as we come out of COVID. And any nonprofit that you talk to that was a part of this is going to tell you the same thing.”

Patty Stine, executive director of Pure Play Every Day, Inc., agreed.

“[NPI] was instrumental in our growth as a nonprofit because when we started, we literally didn’t know what we were doing,” Stine shared. “NPI provided resources and guidance and network connections that made it possible for us have so many partners. We had to turn our program upside down. Instead of being where people were,

we had to send things home. We had to figure out to play through a computer screen.”

Fogarty affirmed that the Nonprofit Institute is just one of many resources offered by CSM. “Nonprofits are an economic engine and our team’s work is just another way the college reaches, and meets, the needs of the local community.”

She also credits her appointment to Maryland Governor’s Nonprofit Working Group, organized by the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives for broadening her scope on how the Nonprofit Institute could further help Southern Maryland. The group, which was comprised of nonprofit organizations throughout the state, was tasked with making recommendations to Gov. Larry Hogan’s Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery. The Nonprofit Institute represented the voice and interest of Southern Maryland nonprofits at the state level and through Fogarty’s service on the Charles County COVID-19 Recovery Task Force; a group created by the Charles County Economic Development Advisory Board at the request of the county commissioners.

“Having a voice with these two initiatives proved to be extraordinarily helpful for the nonprofit community in Southern Maryland,” Fogarty said.

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Commissioners Speak on Osprey Nest

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has issued the following statement regarding the removal of an osprey nest from a light pole at Cove Point Park:

“We have received a number of comments and questions regarding the removal of an osprey nest from a light pole at Cove Point Park.

“Because the nest was located in an area adjacent to a ball field, the nest posed a risk to the safety of the public; the light pole at Cove Point Park is not equipped to accommodate the presence of ospreys. The presence of the nest could endanger visitors to Cove Point Park with the risk of falling sticks or other nesting material.

“Calvert County Government enlisted the services of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services, through a cooperative services agreement, to remove the nest. Due to the nature of this agreement, Calvert County Government



was not consulted or informed as to why or how the decision was made to euthanize the juveniles in the nest rather than relocate. For the safety of the birds we often enlist the services of USDA.

“Moving forward we will work to ensure that any ospreys removed from county property will be relocated and will communicate this position with USDA. We appreciate and value the outpouring of concern for our county’s natural resources. The county is in the process of installing lights equipped to safely accommodate the presence of ospreys at our parks, to enable wildlife to coexist in our recreation spaces.”

Calvert Prosecutor Warns of Scam Calls

Robert Harvey, Calvert County State’s Attorney, wants to alert customers of AT&T/DirecTV to a possible scam that is occurring in our community. Some customers have received official-looking materials in the mail telling them that their bill is going to be increased by \$12 per month unless they call a specified telephone number. When the number is

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of July 19–July 25, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,500 calls for service throughout the community.

Animal Complaint: 21-41465

On July 25, 2021, DFC Gilmore responded 5th Street between Chesapeake Ave and Bay Ave in North Beach to assist MDFC Cress with a dog locked in an unattended vehicle. Upon arrival, DFC Gilmore observed a four door passenger car bearing DC tags, with all of the windows up, sunroof closed, and a small white dog inside the vehicle with no water source. Deputy Cress removed the dog from the vehicle and placed it in his patrol car. Deputies noted the outdoor temperature at the time was 87 degrees, but observed the temperature inside the vehicle noticeably warmer. Animal Control responded and took possession of the dog.

Animal Complaint: 21-41461

On July 25, 2021, Deputy Gilmore responded to 4160 Mears Ave in Chesapeake Beach for the report of a dog locked in an unattended

vehicle, a U-Haul rental van. Upon arrival, Deputy Gilmore observed a white, Pit Bull style puppy inside a small pet crate in the cargo area of the van. The puppy was lying on his back, panting hard and appeared to be in distress. Deputy Gilmore removed the dog from the crate, leashed him, and gave him some cool water. The dog was not wearing a collar and no collar/leash was found in the vehicle. Animal Control responded and took possession of the puppy.

Damaged Property: 21-40602

On July 21, 2021, Deputy Conitic responded to Calvert Marina located at 14485 Dowell Road in Solomons for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between July 17 and July 19, unknown suspect(s) removed multiple wooden hand-rail posts in the pavilion. The estimated value of damaged property is \$500.00.

Theft: 21-41045

On July 23, 2021, Cpl. Jacobs received report of a theft. The complainant came to the Sheriff's Office to report unknown suspect(s) stole his handicapped placard from his vehicle parked in the 2800 block of Beach Drive in Huntingtown. The estimated value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

Theft: 21-41277

On July 24, 2021, Cpl. Jacobs responded to 1300 block of Flag Harbor Blvd. in St. Leonard for report of a theft from an auto. The complainant advised sometime between July 22 at 3 p.m. and July 23 at 11 a.m., unknown suspects stole a pair of black framed Diff sunglasses from her vehicle. The estimated value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

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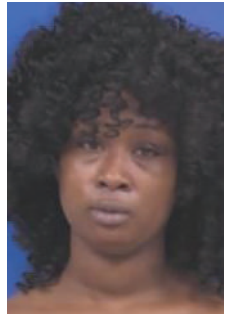
On July 21, 2021, Deputy Strong responded to the 3300 block of Broomes Island Road in Port Republic for the report of an auto accident with property damage. Deputy Strong arrived on scene to discover an unoccupied vehicle off the roadway into a ditch. The driver of the vehicle, identified as **Patrick Dorelle Brooks**, 41 of Chesapeake Beach, MD was located 50 yards from the crash site. A search of the vehicle revealed a white powdery substance (suspected cocaine) stored in two clear baggies in plain view, in addition to multiple empty miniature bottles of liquor and multiple open beer bottles. Brooks was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



Patrick Brooks

On July 20, 2021, Deputy W. McDowell conducted a traffic stop in the area Rt. 260 and Boyd's Turn Road in Owings. Contact was made with the occupants of the vehicle and it was revealed that one of the passengers, **Canzania LaMarie Hall**, 22 of Chesapeake Beach, MD, was wanted on an active warrant through Maryland State Police (MSP). A search

of the vehicle revealed, several cut straws containing a white powdery residue (suspected cocaine) throughout the vehicle, in addition to a plastic bag of suspected cocaine and a paper rolled cigarette containing suspected marijuana. Hall was placed into the custody of MSP due to her active warrant. A secondary search revealed one plastic bag containing a white powdery substance (suspected cocaine) and one plastic bag containing suspected marijuana on Hall's person. Hall was then transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



Canzania Hall

On July 24, 2021, Deputy Sturdivant conducted a traffic stop in the area of Rt. 260 and Kidwell Lane in Owings. Contact was made with the driver who failed to provide a valid driver's license and initially provided a false name and date of birth. A search of the vehicle revealed a plastic bag containing a white powdery substance (suspected cocaine), a metal spoon with a white powdery residue, and a scale. A further search revealed a Rock Island 1911 45 caliber handgun located in a backpack that was placed next to a small child in the rear of the vehicle. The driver, later identified as **Joseph Jomal McGainey**, 32 of Brandywine, MD had an active warrant through Charles County. McGainey was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with multiple gun charges, child neglect, and traffic related offenses.



Joseph McGainey

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

MARYLAND STATE POLICE REPORT

The below incidents, investigations, and arrests are, in part, demonstrative of the Prince Frederick Barrack's effort to ensure that Calvert County is a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Firearm Violation -- On July 28, 2021, TFC. Rucker conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Route 4 and Traskers Blvd., Prince Frederick, MD. Tpr. Moorman responded to assist and a probable cause search was conducted on the vehicle. During the search, a Glock 9mm handgun and marijuana was recovered. The driver of the vehicle was identified as 24-year-old, Norvell Hunter of Lusby, MD. Hunter was placed under arrest for the handgun violation and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center.

Firearm Violation -- On June 30, 2021, Senior Trooper Costello responded to the area of Route 2 and Route 260, Chesapeake Beach, MD for a report of a traffic accident. Investigation revealed that the vehicle was disabled and not involved in a traffic accident. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted and two Ruger

handguns were located along with suspected marijuana and MDMA. The driver of the vehicle was identified as 41-year-old James Taylor of Harwood, MD. The passengers were identified as 30-year-old Danielle Bryant and 37-year-old Nakia Young, both of Washington, DC. Taylor was arrested and charged with CDS (not marijuana) and handgun violations. Young was charged with providing a false name to Police, an outstanding warrant, and CDS (not marijuana). Bryant was charged with CDS (not marijuana). All three individuals were placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center.

All persons charged with a crime are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. News releases are a service of the Maryland State Police. Press Release from MSP Prince Frederick Barrack

St. Mary's Man Charged with Rape in Calvert

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Calvert Sheriff's Office detectives have charged a Mechanicville man with the first-degree rape of a minor for an alleged incident in Lusby in July.

The victim, a reportedly intoxicated 16-year-old girl, and witnesses all told police that they saw the defendant, 21-year-old Jovan Gabriel Parker, holding a gun to the victim's head to allegedly make her to perform a sex act on him at an address on Walsh Lane July 14.

When a witness saw the defendant and the victim in a shed on the property, according to an application for a statement of charges against Parker filed in Calvert County District Court they called 911; by the time deputies responded, Parker had already fled.

The defendant had left his red Toyota sedan registered to him at the residence and deputies found him a short distance away walking around, court papers stated.

Deputies searched Parker and found a loaded pistol magazine in his underwear, court papers stated, that was designed for a Glock firearm.

When detectives interviewed the victim, they found her to be intoxicated – she told police she had imbibed alcohol and smoke marijuana at the residence while spending time with school friends.

She told police Parker had provided the alcohol, court papers stated, and that she remembered little of the incident except that Parker had placed a gun to her head and told her to perform a sex act on him.



Jovan Gabriel Parker

Police learned that Parker had come to the residence to “smoke” after work, court papers stated, but before that had traveled to another unknown residence in Lusby to retrieve his “strap” a case witness told police.

That same witness said they saw Parker go into the residence and return to the vehicle brandishing a handgun; the witness said it had a tan grip and a black slide.

When witnesses noticed that the young victim was not close by, they went to the shed on the property and found both her and Parker there.

Parker later told police that he had received oral sex from the victim and had fondled her but that the act was consensual.

He denied having a gun during the act, court papers stated.

When police impounded his vehicle they found a handgun that seemed to match the description of the handgun Parker was alleged to have used against the victim.

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Defendant Sentenced in 2019 Shooting

Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey announced that John Michael Anderson Wood, 21, of Lusby, has been sentenced for his role in a 2019 shooting that left a woman seriously injured. Wood received a total of 14 years active incarceration for felony first degree assault, use of a handgun, and related charges. He will not be eligible for parole until he has served at least half of his sentence.

In October 2019, Wood and co-defendant Dru Sultzaberger were at a party when Sultzaberger became involved in an altercation. They left, armed themselves with handguns, and drove to the victim's residence. They fired several shots into the victim's vehicle, one of which struck the victim in the face. Fortunately, she survived her injuries.

Sultzaberger previously pleaded guilty and received 17 years imprisonment. State's Attorney Harvey wishes to commend Assistant State's Attorney Lee Ann Bell and



John Michael Anderson Wood, 21, of Lusby

Detective Ted Yates of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office for their outstanding work on this case.

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

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Job Seekers Invited to Explore Opportunities at Calvert County Job Fair

The Calvert County Department of Economic Development will host an in-person job fair on Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, located at 450 Solomons Island Road S. in Prince Frederick.

Job seekers can explore new employment opportunities from an array of Calvert County businesses. Radio personalities T-Bone and Heather will be at the event from 10 a.m. to noon giving away prizes. In addition, all job seekers who visit at least three tables to discuss employment opportunities will receive a ticket for a free ice cream cone from Mrs. Moo's Corner, who will be onsite, and will also be eligible to win a grand

prize gift basket.

Job seekers are encouraged to arrive early, be prepared to interview and have ample copies of their resume. There will be space available to complete applications to submit directly to hiring managers.

The Calvert County Department of Economic Development works to help all businesses succeed, from small, local businesses to large, national enterprises. For information on the Department of Economic Development and the many services the county offers the business community, contact the department at 410-535-4583 or 301-855-1880, or by email at info@ecalvert.com.

CalvertHealth Welcomes New General Surgeon



Ramzi Alami, MD, FACS, FASMBS

CalvertHealth Medical Group announces the addition of Ramzi Alami, MD, FACS, FASMBS to its surgical group. Dr. Alami is a leading authority in weight loss surgery, including sleeve gastrectomy, laparoscopic and open gastric bypass, and adjustable gastric banding, having performed more than 2000 operations. He also performs complex revisional surgery.

"Being a surgeon came naturally to me. The unique thing about bariatrics is that it allows you to follow patients long-term and when you see the result you've had on peoples' lives, the difference you've helped make - it is incredibly rewarding," said Dr. Alami.

Dr. Alami's career spans two continents and he has specialized and worked in the US over 14 years, seeing patients with a wide array of weight-related problems, including, morbid obesity, diabetes, metabolic syndrome and related diseases. As such, Dr. Alami has also mentored and taught other surgeons in the field. Although his main focus is on weight loss surgery, Dr. Alami also covers surgeries of the digestive system, such as ulcers, hernias, gall blad-

der, stomach and colon cancers, appendicitis, diverticulitis and others. He performs most of his operations using minimally invasive techniques including laparoscopic surgery, single incision laparoscopic surgery and robotic surgery.

Dr. Alami completed his fellowship in Advanced Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery at Stanford University, where he also served as an instructor in surgery. Additionally, he is certified by the American Board of Surgery, he is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a Fellow of the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. He is also an active member of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and the Society for American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgery.

Dr. Alami joins Dr. Ervind Bhogte in Suite 210 of the Calvert Medical Office Building in Prince Frederick as well as surgeons Dr. Tsangaris, Dr. Ehrmantraut and Dr. Wuamett in practice.

To schedule an appointment, call 410.414.9017.

Press Release from CalvertHealth

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Celebrate Summer's Bounty During National Farmers Market Week



Calvert County Department of Economic Development invites citizens to celebrate National Farmers Market Week Aug. 1 through Aug. 7, by visiting one of Calvert County's four farmers market locations and purchasing produce, meats, seafood and other local products.

"National Farmers Market Week is the perfect opportunity for citizens to show their support for the county's agriculture community and appreciation to Calvert County Farmers Market Association members, volunteers, county staff and all others involved in making local farmers markets possible," said Economic Development Director Kelly Robertson-Slagle. "Calvert County's history is deeply rooted in its agricultural heritage and it's exciting to celebrate the significant impact agriculture, and in particular, farmers markets have in our community."

Stop by one of the farmers markets held on the following schedule:

Calvert County Farmers Market Association Markets

Tuesdays in Prince Frederick at CalvertHealth Medical Center (130 Hospital Road)

2:30-6:30 p.m. through Nov. 23
Thursdays in Dunkirk at Dunkirk District Park (10750 Southern Maryland Blvd.)

3-7 p.m. through Oct. 19
Saturdays in Lusby at Sneade's Ace Home Center (11861 HG Trueman Road)

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 23
Private/Municipal Market
Saturdays in North Beach at North Beach Senior Center (9010 Chesapeake Ave.)

8-11 a.m. through Sept. 25
To find more information about Calvert County's farmers markets visit CalvertAg.com.

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Repairs Underway Near Chesapeake Beach Boardwalk



The Town of Chesapeake Beach announces work is starting on the repair to the retaining wall that borders the sidewalk of 17th Street and B street leading to the Boardwalk. After repairs to the the retaining wall are complete, the town plans to initiate a beautification project at the location in coordination with the Town's Green Team.

MD Food Truck Festival at Jefferson Patterson Park



We're Back! The MD Food Truck Festival will take place on August 14th at Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum!

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Commissioner/School Board Standoff

By Dick Myers
Editor

Impasse! That's the best way to characterize what happened last week between the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and the Board of Education (school board).

The specific issue may be considered somewhat esoteric, but it could be emblematic of a growing community unrest about the school board. The BOCC says it's hearing it from parents and other community members.

What caused the standoff is a requirement of the legislation that created "The Blueprint for Maryland's Future," an outcome of what has been called the Kirwan Commission.

Calvert County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry explained in a letter to the BOCC: "One of the early requirements in the Blueprint legislation is the appointment of an implementation coordinator. This position requires input and approval from the local education agency (LEA) and the county. The legislative directive is very vague, but in discussions with other LEAs, we have determined that this position requires someone with very strong project management skills. Additionally, we believe this person should have a thorough understanding of our Calvert County Schools since the Blueprint affects so many components of our educational operations."

The school board, at the recommendation of Curry, has put forward the name of the school system's Director of Resource Management Kevin Michael to fill the position due to "his educational experience and skill set and I hope you will agree." Curry wrote.

The letter went on to say, "He has a strong background in negotiations, finance, human resources, and instruction. While this position requires extensive knowledge of Calvert County Schools operations, we would also welcome a dedicated liaison in your office that would work with Kevin Michael. The two could meet on a periodic basis to discuss upcoming requirements in the legislation and craft timelines for implementation."

Although there are non-monetary aspects to the Blueprint, the key thrust of the legislation is infusion of additional monies into the state's education system. For Calvert County that means \$8 million additional funding in the first year of implementation in Fiscal Year 2022 and \$20 million

more annually by the end of the decade.

One part of that increased funding is raising the starting salaries of the state's teachers to \$50,000. Currently that salary is slightly more than \$40,000 in Calvert, which has the third highest in the state. So, there is a significant amount to make up. And there has been no guidance on how the additional funding requirements are to be paid, by the state or county or shared.

The BOCC feels because they are the school system's funding authority (along with the state) they should be the one choosing the implementation coordinator and are putting forward the position of county administrator as the one to fill that role, no matter who is in the position at the time. Currently Mark Willis is county administrator.

The school board proposes that the county designee work with Michael as a liaison instead. That wasn't good enough for the BOCC.

Commissioner President Buddy Hance said, "Our concern was, when we see projections of the cost to implement this for us, it was just a matter of our involvement and not being at the tail of the train and just getting a final report that says we need this money."

Curry attempted to blunt the concern. "We understand that school districts at the state level require a big chunk of the budget. And I know it can be frustrating as a commissioner to have little control over that. That is the way things happen to be set up, but certainly we can have a group that can periodically stay in touch with progress."

Curry noted in his letter, "As a point of information, the Public Schools Superintendents' Association of Maryland (PSSAM) and the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) are working together to create a Blueprint implementation advisory work group. As part of this initiative, we will have a broad advisory workgroup and subgroups with employees implementing the five policy areas. An additional subgroup would be made up of the 24 implementation coordinators to meet and discuss the structure and responsibilities of the position, as well as troubleshooting and sharing best practices. To the best of my knowledge, all of the implementation coordinators appointed so far are experienced educators."

Commissioner Mike Hart was blunt in his concerns that went



Calvert County BOE President Inez Claggett

beyond just the creation of the Blueprint implementation coordinator. He said, "I've had a very up and down road over the last seven years. We have tried to meet with the board and talk and let's just be honest, it hasn't worked well in seven years. To be polite, we don't have a very fluid working relationship."

Hart says the general public doesn't understand when the commissioners say they provide the money but don't have any say in how it's spent.

"So, my problem with the whole thing is, this is just barely scratching the surface. This thing's got serious teeth from reduced classroom sizes to the financial picture on this. And it's already half of

our budget. It's going to get even bigger. For me, I need something in writing that the board has a seat at the table."

Hart added, "We need to have a vote and I can't vote for anything that doesn't have that to be quite honest for the simple fact that we get along today in this room, but we're not here forever. We just rent the seats."

Hart remembered, "I had a friend of mine one time, and he was banging on me about a state road. And I said, you know, this isn't even our road. He said, 'You don't get it. You're my representative. When I come to you, I look at you as the government. I voted you in,' and he was right. Sometimes you kind of go, well, this

Standoff Reveals Citizen Frustration



Calvert County Commissioner President Buddy Hance

isn't mine. And folks just don't look at it that way. They go, it's all yours. So, if we're going to send the money over and we're going to be held responsible, I want to have some say in it."

New commissioner Chris Gadway made the motion that was ultimately approved to appoint the county administrator as the implementation coordinator. A second motion was passed to assemble a work group to include school personnel.

It is not clear what the next step in the standoff is. A call to the Maryland State Board of Education was not returned as of press deadline.

But Gadway, in his first meeting after being sworn in earlier in

the day, used the occasion to press Curry on issues that he has heard from the community, including Critical Race Theory and the school board's limiting of public comment at their last meeting.

Gadway also wanted to know if the school system planned any public forums to explain the Kirwan Commission recommendations to parents. "I don't know that we fully even understand Kirwan," he said.

Curry responded, "This has primarily been a state initiative," adding, "There's not much for us to decide. There's more for us to do and determine just what some of these specific requirements look like locally, to whatever extent there might be for local nu-

ances and local decisions."

Gadway continued to press for a meeting. Curry responded, "We have public meetings on our budget. When we present a budget, then we invite people to comment on it. To have a public meeting just to hear everyone's opinion without any focus about here's our decision, that doesn't play out very well."

So Gadway followed, "Are you in favor of having parents at these meetings, or are you in favor of restricting parents from coming to the meetings as a school board and talking about different items?"

Curry responded, "First of all, let me clarify. I work for the school board. They decide to have a meeting, I'm there. But my advice to them would be when you have such meetings have purpose, have a goal."

Gadway noted that Curry opposed a bill proposed by Del. Jerry Clark requiring school boards to accept public comment. Curry said he opposed it because they were doing it already. As to the limiting to 10 speakers at the last meeting when there was a line running outside the building wanting to speak, he said the school board had limited speakers because of the pandemic and that was their first in-person meeting since then. He did say, however, that the state board limits meeting speakers to 10.

Gadway also asked about the system's equity policy and curriculum. Curry said, "I have said at the last two board of education meetings, there's no curriculum for Critical Race Theory. We are not teaching Critical Race Theory. It's not been on our agenda and show me differently."

Curry elaborated, "One of the simplest definitions of equity is the unequal treatment of unequals, and that we are not all equal." He added, "I think you understand the reason why in schools, you have special education, or you have a speech therapist for someone who struggles there, or you have a gifted program, where you have advanced placement courses, and you have basic courses."

"Those are all on equal applications for different needs. And, at the end, every high school graduate graduates with a high school diploma."

Later in the July 27 meeting during public comment time, Catherine Grasso, Republican Central Committee chairperson but speaking as an individual, said, "I'd like to thank you all for your vote today. As you know, there's a large

constituency that is growing and growing and growing that wants more of a say in how our children are educated. We want our children back to school and we want to make sure Critical Race Theory is not in our schools. I know the money aspect is a bit problematic, but I would like to encourage all five of you to continue as you did today, and to speak up for your constituents and speak up for our children, because you could be our liaison, our voice to grow stronger for these children, to get what they deserve in this county."

Stephanie Dale said, "I encourage the commissioners to engage and exercise enhanced oversight over the board's obligation and expenditures."

She added, "Dr. Curry shared an article on his Twitter page, entitled Are schools teaching Critical Race Theory; no, says one expert. That article advises school administrators to reject labeling or shaming of people, no matter what group they are born into as a means of reassuring a concerned public. While Dr. Curry's statement that Critical Race Theory is not being overtly taught in Calvert County Public Schools is accurate in the sense that the term doesn't appear in any policy or curriculum, the statement is misleading and sorely misses the points of the concerns being raised. It isn't the label that matters, but rather the substance of the content being conveyed, and the substantive content of the board adopted policies. Implementation steps thus far are not only clearly aligned with Critical Race Theory, but they also likewise don't follow the advice in the article Dr. Curry shared?"

A virtual speaker, Joseph Kumar, defended the school board. He said, "I've been with the board of education as a parent for six years now, and I've never had a problem getting someone to answer a phone call or an email or getting back to me about any conversation at all. So, the idea that parents are not being heard is false on its face, and anyone who wants to be involved, there's a Citizens Advisory Committee and the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee. You can be a substitute teacher and be in the classroom and see what's going on."

"So, the idea that the board of education is being secretive and not letting the public talk is false on its face."

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“Performing is Kind of Like Riding a Bike.”

Scott Kirby Comes back to Solomons for 1st Time Since 2019

By Tim Flaherty
Contributing Writer

“I think performing is kind of like riding a bike,” says singer-songwriter Scott Kirby, who appears this weekend on Solomons Island. “You don’t lose that skill. However, remembering thousands of lyrics can fade if you don’t play the songs regularly.”

Kirby, who’s fulltime residence is in Kittery, Maine, spent much of his time at home during the pandemic shutdown practicing and refreshing his memory by practicing his old songs and through Facebook Live appearances. Scattered outdoor appearances and a socially-distanced, limited-attendance theater concert broadcast on National Public Radio from Texas made sure he did not gather too much rust.

Kirby’s Solomons show this weekend will be the 14 annual concert he has performed in conjunction with the Southern Maryland Sailing Association. That number includes a virtual show last year from his boathouse in Kittery. “I always look forward to coming to SMSA,” he tells the County Times. “I’ve sailed my entire adult life, and many of my songs

are inspired by coastal life. I think the listeners who come to SMSA very much connect to my music.

“I always meet new people at the Solomons show,” he adds.

Like many performers, Kirby faced much professional difficulty in 2020 and the first few months of 2021. “I lost quite a bit of work, but not travelling all the time allowed me to learn to be still and gave me time to take a number of classes online and to work on new songs.”

Kirby’s traveling schedule has ramped up over the past four months. “I just finished traveling through 40 states,” he says, “and I’m headed to Ireland next month for an Irish tour with Irish musician Gabriel Donohue.”

In addition to his Maine residence, Kirby spends several months per year in Key West, Florida, where he is a co-owner of The Smokin’ Tuna Saloon, an entertainment bar and restaurant that features many nationally known musical acts. Key West, the Chesapeake Bay region and Coastal New England are all prominent features of Kirby’s original songs. His musical style is often com-



pared to that of James Taylor, with a bit of Jimmy Buffett thrown in.

The Southern Maryland Sailing Association Clubhouse on Solomons Island will be the venue for this Sunday’s show. It is a listening room environment and holds less than 100 people. The show is open to the public, although non-SMSA members will be asked to sign the guest book. Doors at SMSA will open at 3pm, with the music starting at 4pm. The concert is sponsored by Corona Extra (Bozick Distributors of Waldorf), The

Solomons Holiday Inn Conference Center and Marina, Spring Cove Marina In Solomons, Quantum Sails Solomons Island, and PRMI Mortgages of St. Mary’s County. More info and a link to buy tickets can be found at <https://smsa.com>. The venue asks that unvaccinated persons wear masks. The mask policy may be updated according to CDC’s and Calvert County recommendations at the time of the concert.

Scott Kirby has one more message for his fans: “Get vaccinated.”

Artworks@7th Presents Art Inspired by Lyrics



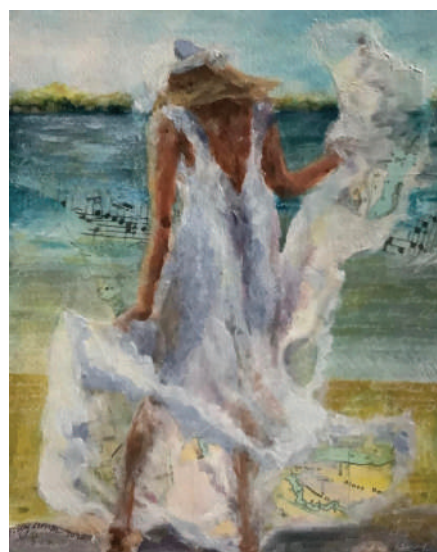
Blackbird's Song

“As music is the poetry of sound, so is painting the poetry of sight,” - James McNeil Whistler

Writers use words to paint pictures in our minds, poets add elements such as rhythm and/or rhyme, and musicians add melodies and instruments. See how lyrics and/or music inspired creative artwork of all mediums at AW7. These are just a few of the pieces showing at the gallery:

Tracey Vernon’s mixed media “Navigational Aid” was inspired by her favorite Van Morrison song, “Into the Mystic” and may just rock your gypsy soul just like back in the days of old.

Donna Tizol will make you hum along to “Blackbird” by the Beatles as



Mystic

her poured acrylic piece takes flight!

Duke Ellington’s 1962 album entitled “Midnight In Paris”, comprised of songs related to Paris, was the inspiration for Wayne Thomas’ photograph of the Eiffel Tower.

Linda Owens and Helene Vonnegut have created pottery inspired by songs and lyrics from such notable artists as the Rolling Stones, Jumpin’ Gene Simmons, Rufus Thomas and Beethoven.

Sometimes it’s the lyrics, other times the melody, but the connections between the two can make beautiful art!

Our featured emerging artist this month is Courtney Shelden.

We hope you will come in and enjoy



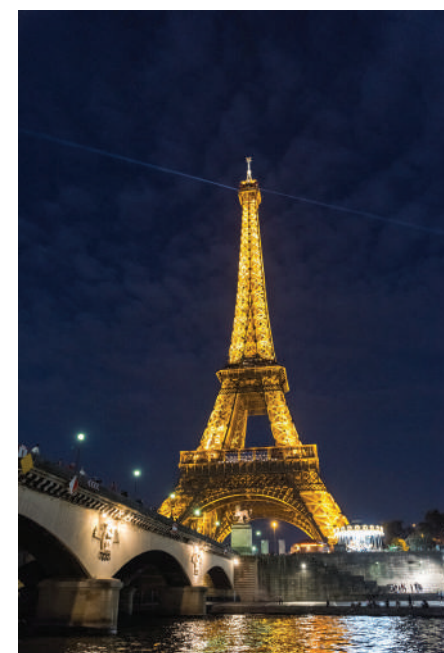
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Linda Owens

a semi-intimate viewing at the gallery on Saturday August 7 from 1 to 4 PM. Meet the artists and experience the variety of art represented by these wonderfully talented people. Light refreshments will also be provided.

Money spent locally stays in the local economy and continues to strengthen the economic base of



A Midnight In Paris

the entire community. Small local businesses make indispensable contributions to communities and neighborhoods.

Supporting local artists allows them the opportunity to continue to serve their communities. You will often see members of Artworks@7th supporting local charities and organizations by participating in art shows, teaching workshops, and donating items for fundraisers.

ArtWorks@7th is located at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue (near 2nd street) in North Beach, Maryland.

Press Release from ArtWorks@7th

AVIAN President Joins CSM Foundation

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation announces retired U.S. Navy (USN) Commander Kevin Switick has joined the Foundation's board as its newest director. The Calvert County resident is the president and chief executive officer at AVIAN Inc., an employee-owned business in Lexington Park.

"We are very excited to have Kevin join the Foundation and bring his wealth of experience to support our students and CSM's role as an economic partner in our communities," said CSM Executive Director of the CSM Foundation Chelsea Clute. "His leadership and ties to our military communities will be invaluable."

Switick's company, AVIAN, is a defense aerospace services company that has consistently grown over the past 16 years and has been recognized by Inc. Magazine as one of America's fastest growing private companies in for 10 consecutive years, as well as one of the nation's Best Places to Work. AVIAN has more than 300 employees serving more than 80 clients in 13 states with annual revenues exceeding \$50 million.

"Supporting the CSM Foundation mission is an opportunity I am really looking forward to," Switick said. "Access to education and making meaningful connections are two passions of mine. I look forward to being a member of the board and sharing thought and ideas that ultimately support education seekers in our tri-county area that can't afford to fund their education goals."

He is a graduate of Villanova University, the University of Tennessee Space Institute, the U.S. Air Force's Air Command and Staff College and the United States Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS). He served as a naval officer, as a member of the Department of Defense's Acquisition Professional Community, the USN's Space Cadre and the Navy's Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer Corp from 1986 to 2006. Switick is a Desert Storm veteran and has supported the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) in Patuxent River, Maryland for more than 30 years. His professional experience at NAVAIR includes serving as a test pilot and instructor for the USNTPS, a product team lead for the MH-60R Program and the chief operational test director for Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) ONE. His tours included HSL-42 and HSL-37 flying attack helicopters from small combat-



Retired U.S. Navy Commander Kevin Switick

ant warships. From 1999 to 2002, Switick was assigned to the Navy Warfare Development Command and he served in the Concepts Development Department as the Unmanned Systems Concept Development Lead. In 2009, Switick was a key architect for what is now known as NAVAIR University.

The CSM Foundation, a non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1970, helps increase access to higher education at CSM through scholarship funding and assures the excellence of that education by raising and managing funds for college projects and objectives – including workforce development in Southern Maryland. The CSM Foundation is comprised of a tri-county, all-volunteer board of directors.

About AVIAN

AVIAN (*ae-v-yin*) is an employee-owned small business, founded by retired U.S. Navy Test Pilots, that delivers resourceful, responsive, and reachable solutions to government and commercial clients.

AVIAN provides program, financial, and logistics management; engineering and systems engineering; test and evaluation of manned and unmanned aerial, surface, and subsurface systems; workforce development and training; communication strategy and graphic design. Its headquarters is in Lexington Park, Maryland with employees located across the country in support of organizations including the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR); the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), the Office of Naval Research; and the Naval Information Warfare Systems Command (NAVWAR).

Press Release from CSM.

TRUE OR FALSE – HOW DOES PROBATE WORK?

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Lynda J. Striegel

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

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

What does the probate process require? It is a process where filings are made with the Register of Wills office in the county where the decedent was a permanent resident detailing the assets and liabilities of the estate, the expenses of the estate and the monies left over to be distributed to the beneficiaries of the estate.

The probate process in Maryland takes between 8-12 months. Why so long? One reason is that under the process, creditors are allowed 6 months to come in and claim against an estate. When a person dies and a probate proceeding is required, the personal representative or executor has to find all of the person's probate property in order to report on it to the Register of Wills. If the deceased has not been an organized person, it can take a long time to figure out what they owned when they died. Keep in mind that all filings made during the probate process are publicly available.

There is administrative probate, which is where the executor of the estate makes filings with the Register of Wills, or judicial probate, where the filings are made with the Orphan's Court. If a beneficiary challenges the Will or any filings made by the personal representative, the matter goes to judicial probate where the Orphan's Court judges decide on the challenge. To find out what filings are necessary in a probate proceeding, go to the Register of Wills website.

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

Register of Wills or Orphan's Court.

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

What about "registering" your Will with the Register of Wills. Clients have said that their Will is not effective because it has not been "registered" with the Register of Wills. False. A Will doesn't have to be filed with the Register of Wills to be effective. Keep your Will in a safe place. The original Will is necessary to open the probate proceeding so make sure your loved ones can find it.

Some clients have said "I don't need a Will because everything will go to my spouse when I die." False. If you die without a Will and you have a spouse and children, then the estate (property held in your sole name) will go 50-50 to the spouse and the children. The only way your estate will go solely to your spouse when you die is if you have said so in your Will.

The only clear alternative to probate is a Revocable Living Trust. True. With a Living Trust, all property of the deceased is re-titled into the name of that person's trust so that when they die there is no property held in sole name, so no probate. The person creating and funding the trust is called the Grantor and the Grantor may also be the Trustee. When the Grantor/Trustee dies, a successor trustee is appointed under the trust to take over. Having a Living Trust is the only way to avoid probate. But, the Living Trust provides other benefits. First, it is private, transfers to beneficiaries are immediate (no waiting 8-12 months) and there are no legal fees upon such transfers. With a Living Trust all property is accounted for when creating the trust so there is no issue trying to figure out what a person owns when he or she dies—it's all set forth in the trust. The Living Trust also offers protection if a Trustee is incapacitated. In that event, the successor trustee simply uses all the assets in the trust for the benefit of the incapacitated person without having to do more.

In order to make a choice between a Will or a trust, you need to understand how probate works. Join us for our free seminar to discuss this and other matters on the third Wednesday of the month at 11am our offices at 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to save your spot. See you there.

Purdue University Global Partners with CSM

CSM Board Chair, Vice Chair Reappointed

Offers Guaranteed Admission, Full Credit Transfers



A new partnership between Purdue University Global and the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) will facilitate students' seamless transfer from CSM to Purdue Global in several areas of study, and at a discount.

CSM students graduating with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science degree and a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or higher will be able to transfer coursework and credits directly into a bachelor's degree program at Purdue Global. CSM associate degree graduates will transfer to Purdue Global with junior status and with guaranteed admission into their preferred area of study.

Many programs from CSM align with the Purdue Global offerings, including analytics, cloud computing and solutions, criminal justice, cybersecurity, early childhood education, environmental policy and management, fire and emergency management, fire science, and human services. Purdue Global will provide materials, catalogs and other information to CSM advisors to facilitate their understanding of university requirements and academic programs.

"Purdue Global joins with the College of Southern Maryland in a commitment to helping students achieve their higher education goals with a smooth transfer of credits," Purdue Global Chancellor Frank Dooley said. "This commitment strongly

supports the concept of seamless transfer that embraces the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat courses for learning they have already demonstrated and achieved. We offer many options for obtaining a bachelor's and/or master's degree, and look forward to welcoming CSM students to the Purdue family."

The maximum number of credits that can be accepted and applied to a bachelor's degree at Purdue Global is 86 semester credits. The majority of transfer pathways from CSM to Purdue Global will facilitate the application of at least 60 credits when students complete an associate degree and transfer to complete a complementary bachelor's degree.

"We are thrilled to continue our expansion of transfer opportunities for CSM students," said Jacqui Rogers, CSM coordinator of transfer and articulation. "And we are equally as excited to grow our relationship with a quality institution like Purdue University Global."

CSM students transferring to Purdue Global will receive a 20% tuition discount on Purdue Global undergraduate programs and a 14% discount on graduate programs.

To learn more about all of the transfer agreements and opportunities available for CSM students, visit the www.csmd.edu to conduct an online search by institution or by area of study.

Press Release from CSM.

The beginning of the new fiscal year in July brings the confirmation of leadership roles within the College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) Board of Trustees. Officers re-appointed this month to serve CSM's Board of Trustees over the next year are Jay W. Webster of Calvert County as chair and Shawn B. Coates of Charles County as vice chair.

Webster was appointed to the board in 2016, served as vice chair starting July 1, 2019 and became chair July 1, 2020. He is vice president and part owner of Marrick Properties, Inc., providing oversight to senior management, and developing and implementing creative strategic development for the homebuilders since 1984. Previously he was affiliated with Century 21 as Jay Webster & Associates Real Estate Sales in Upper Marlboro.

Webster has achieved notable recognition, including being named Realtor of the Year in Prince George's County and 40 Under 40 by the Washington Business Journal. He has served as president of the Rotary Club of Upper Marlboro, president of the Rotary Club of Southern Prince George's County, president of the Prince George's County Association of Realtors, chair of the Arbitration Committee for the Prince George's Association of Realtors, and as regional vice president and as a member of the executive committee for the Maryland Association of Realtors. Webster has achieved Golden "R" and Life Member RPAC with the National Association of Realtors.

Webster's community involvement has included serving on the Calvert County Hospice board of directors, including as president and he chaired the steering committee for the Burnett Calvert Hospice House which began accepting patients in 2010. Known as the "house that love built," it is a six-bed residential home in Prince Frederick designed for Calvert County residents in hospice care who require more skilled care than those at home can provide.

A senior leader in the United States government with more than 20 years of experience, Coates has served in leadership and management roles at numerous government agencies. Coates was appointed to serve as a trustee from



CSM Board of Trustees Chairman Jay Webster.

July 1, 2018 through 2023. He was first appointed vice chair July 1, 2020.

At the time of his appointment to vice chair, Coates shared that he "proudly follows in his grandmother's footsteps," as CSM Trustee Emeritus Veronica Coates played a significant role in helping to guide this college when serving as a trustee from 1976 to 1993, including her five years as vice chair and two years as chair.

Coates, of White Plains, serves as the scholarship chair for Morgan State University Southern Maryland Alumni Chapter; is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and participates with the Black Executive Exchange Program.

A frequent speaker on topics of diversity, hiring, development and retention, Coates has presented at the Blacks in Government Conference and served as a panelist for the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarship Conference.

He is involved with Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society, National Society of Black Engineers, Golden Key International Honor Society, National Black MBA Association, Blacks in Government Association and African American Federal Executive Association.

Webster and Coates serve with fellow trustees Kenneth W. Abell, Sonja M. Cox, Jose M. Gonzalez, Samuel C. Jones, Christy Lombardi, Cordelia S. Postell and Dr. John W. Roache.

Press Release from CSM.

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Four Tier Bus Schedule for the 2021-2022 School Year

Calvert County Public Schools will follow a four-tier schedule for the 2021-2022 school year. This new student transportation and school day schedule will equalize the instructional time among our elementary and middle schools and increase student and staff safety by reducing traffic congestion at the Plum Point, Northern, and Windy Hill campuses. Students enrolled in different schools will no longer share busses.

Bus stop locations, bus routes, and bus numbers will be available through the Home Access Center (HAC) and sent to parents/guardians in mid-August. Please ensure any address changes are communicated to your student's school so they are assigned to the appropriate bus stop.

Calvert County Public Schools utilizes the Here Comes the Bus (HCTB) app and website. HCTB shows users the proximity of the bus to the bus stop location. HCTB is activated using the student's unique student identification number and our school system's code 87757.

The four-tier schedule is:

First Tier

- Patuxent High School 7:15-2:15
- Huntingtown High School 7:15-2:15
- Northern High School 7:15-2:15
- Calvert High School 7:35-2:35
- Calvert Country School 7:45-2:15
- Career & Technology Academy* 7:35-10:05 and/or 11:05-1:40

*CTA students ride shuttle buses from

their home high school to the CTA, then back. There is no direct busing.

Second Tier

- Calvert Middle School 8:00-3:00
- Mill Creek Middle School 8:00-3:00
- Northern Middle School 8:00-3:00
- Plum Point Middle School 8:00-3:00
- Sothern Middle School 8:00-3:00
- Windy Hill Middle School 8:00-3:00

Third Tier

- Calvert Elementary School 8:45-3:30
- Dowell Elementary School 8:45-3:30
- Huntingtown Elementary School 8:45-3:30
- Mt. Harmony Elementary School 8:45-3:30
- Mutual Elementary School 8:45-3:30
- Windy Hill Elementary School 8:45-3:30

Fourth Tier

- Barstow Elementary School 9:15-4:00
- Beach Elementary School 9:15-4:00
- Patuxent-Appeal Campus 9:15-4:00
- Plum Point Elementary School 9:15-4:00
- St. Leonard Elementary School 9:15-4:00
- Sunderland Elementary School 9:15-4:00

For questions about the four-tiered schedule, contact Mr. Kevin Hook, Supervisor of Transportation & Athletics at HookK@calvertnet.k12.md.us and/or Mr. Ed Cassidy, Director of Transportation at CassidyE@calvertnet.k12.md.us.

Board of Education Seeks Citizen Advisory Committee Members



The Calvert County Board of Education is accepting applications for the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

The CAC provides a means for taking an active role in public education. The committee reports directly to the Board of Education and serves in an advisory capacity. It conducts studies in areas of concern to the Board, provides community insight into pending policies and Board decisions, and discusses a variety of issues affecting school system operations. The work of the committee is done in accordance with Policy #1210 and

the corresponding procedures.

The committee meets at 6:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month during the school year.

Applicants must be residents of Calvert County and may not be full- or part-time employees of the school system.

The application is available on the Calvert County Public Schools website, www.calvertnet.k12.md.us, on the Board of Education tab. Completed applications are due by August 30, 2021. For more information, contact Karen Maxey at 443-550-8006 or maxeyk@calvertnet.k12.md.us.



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Qualification Shoots Scheduled for Managed Deer Hunts

Proficiency Tests Needed for Hunt Lottery



The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has released the 2021-2022 Shooter Qualification Schedule, which includes 20 qualification sessions at 10 locations across the state. Additional events are available upon reservation.

Hunters should note that several Shooter Qualification sessions are conducted by appointment only and that many charge a minimal fee to cover expenses. Additionally, hunters must adhere to any COVID-19 precautions that individual locations have in place.

These events allow hunters to take the necessary proficiency

test required to obtain a Shooter Qualification Card in order to participate in many of the managed deer hunts scheduled in the fall and winter.

As a reminder, the department uses a lottery system to select participants for many of the managed deer hunts. There are various deadlines for the lotteries, which can be found on the department's website.

The department will continually update the online shooter Qualification calendar as additional events become available.

Press Release from MD DNR.

A View From The **BLEACHERS**



THE BLUES

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

In the endless scroll of television programming, it was an immediate stop – a for-the-night, don't interrupt me, clear the calendar, all-stop. American Masters, a long-running PBS series, was featuring Buddy Guy - one of history's greatest guitarist and an absolute legend of American blues.

Despite our shared surname, there is no apparent relation (but the search continues). Truth is, I knew little of Guy until 20 years ago when I was one of a few thousand fortunate souls at Wolf Trap to watch him open for B.B. King. I had gone for King, but Guy stole the show that night.

That evening launched my two-decades-and-counting fascination with the blues. Dusty records from greats like King, Robert Johnson, Howlin' Wolf, John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters, and Lightnin' Hopkins – all among many bluesmen who were shamefully ripped off and don't get the credit they deserve - remain in regular rotation. Their against-all-odds stories are amazing; their mastery of this transcendent music (the roots of rock and roll) is captivating. As Guy said in the documentary, "Funny thing about the blues...you play them, because you got them; but when you play them, you lose them."

Guy, who was born in Louisiana into difficult circumstances, took to the blues, learned guitar and somehow made the journey from Louisiana cotton fields to the White House (he played there in 2012 during the "In Performance at the White House: Red, White and Blues" concert). Guy's story wouldn't work as a piece of fiction. It's simply too farfetched.

John Mayer offered a poignant point during the documentary. He noted Guy's legacy is, "...a guy who gave his entire life to the music that he loved, regardless of his level of success with it at any given time." Mayer observed that while success has come in and out of Guy's life, multiple times, he has never changed his approach and, regardless of his popularity at any moment, he plugged in every night and played "like his life depended on it."

Which, of course, seamlessly (at least in this column) connects with now former Nationals pitcher Max

Scherzer. In 2015, the Nationals signed Scherzer to a seven-year, \$210M contract. With the team fresh off of a 96-win season, it seemed to me like needless spending that would financially hamstring the franchise for years. How naïve.

Six-and-a-half years, six All-Star selections and two Cy Young awards later, Scherzer proved to be an indispensable talent and a financial bargain. As managers came and went, the roster evolved and fellow ace pitcher Stephen Strasburg battled chronic injuries, Scherzer just kept taking the ball. He ended losing streaks. He consistently went deep into games providing relief for a taxed or shaky bullpen. And like Guy, whether it was the World Series or a sleepy mid-season game, he plugged in and competed at "max" capacity. Case in point: his last start was a weird, COVID-shortened seven-inning, mid-week, afternoon game against the Phillies. With trade rumors swirling, Scherzer had every reason to be distracted, to coast through the start or tap out altogether. Instead, he pitched six strong innings and surrendered just three hits and one run in the Nats' 3-1 victory.

Scherzer was traded to the Dodgers, shortly thereafter, in an organizational fire sale. Which I get. With Scherzer's pending free agency, a barren farm system, big money tied up in unreliable places (Patrick Corbin and Strasburg) and a middling post-2019 World Series record, the Nats needed a reset. Pro sports is a brutal business that pays no mind to human emotions. But man...I am going to miss Max Scherzer on the bump for the Nats. His tenacity, commitment to craft and dedication to his organization and fans was an inspiration. There is just something special in his DNA - the rare athlete immune to normal human complacency and oblivious to negative externalities. It's the stuff that demands we strive for excellence in our lives. Scherzer is my conscience.

And now he's gone. Seeing Scherzer in Dodger blue, gives me the blues. Which, calls for a Buddy Guy record, because playing the blues isn't the only thing that cures them. Listening does too.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, August 5

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

Sea Squirts

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

Children 18 months to 3 years, with an adult, are invited to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a carryout 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, August 6

Food Truck Fridays

Annamarie 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

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

Dee of St. Mary's Sunset Sail

Calvert Marine Museum; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Take an evening sail on the Dee of St. Mary's. Fee is \$35 per person; adults only. Guests are welcome to bring their own beverage; select your choice of sandwich at registration. Preregister by noon on the Wednesday prior to each cruise at <https://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/238/Dee-of-St-Marys-Cruises>.

Saturday, August 7

Craft & Flea Market

Annamarie Garden; 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Something new at Annmarie! Join us for a fun spin on our Market program, as we bring together a talented mix of arts and crafts people, fresh produce and home décor – along with collectibles and vintage items, upcycled, refurbished, salvaged and more. It's a little bit of everything you love. Well-behaved pets on a short leash are welcome; rain or shine event; no smoking or vaping; masks and social distancing required. Details: www.annmariegarden.org

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue New Volunteer Orientation

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Looking for people to join our am or pm feed shifts as well as many of our 'behind the scenes' opportunities. No experience necessary. At the orientation, volunteers will learn our specific feed shift routine, how to groom a horse as well as the importance of safety and awareness when working around horses. The orientation is hands on. Open to all. Children under 13 must be accompanied by

an adult. For information contact freedom.hill.org@gmail.com.

Open House and Tack Sale

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Join us at our Open House & Tack Sale. Free admission – we offer tours of our barn, the grounds and meet our horses. For a \$5 donation, you can get a horse ride. We will have an information table set up, some FHHR apparel that you can purchase. Our Tack Shop is located in the loft of the barn and we have many affordable saddles, girths, bridles and much much more! All of the proceeds from sales go directly to taking care of the horses!

Sunday, August 8

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>.

Thursday, August 12

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are 25-40 minutes. Capacity is limited. No pre-registration; sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive.

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 with any reference questions you may have.

Enchanted Summer at the Garden

Annamarie 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

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 after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

Nicole Christine "Missy" Burgess Underwood



Nicole Christine "Missy" Burgess Underwood, 37, of Lusby, MD passed away on July 30, 2021 at her residence. Born April 8, 1984 in Cheverly, MD, she was the daughter of Randy Burgess, Sr. and Amber (Simpson) Burgess.

Missy graduated from Patuxent High School. She married her husband, Chance Underwood on March 8, 2019 in Prince Frederick, MD. Missy is survived by her parents, Randy and Amber Burgess of Lusby, MD; her husband, Chance Underwood of Lusby, MD; her children, Jason Joseph Baldwin II, Jayden Underwood and River Underwood all of Lusby, MD; and her siblings, Randy Burgess, Jr., and Danielle Burgess both of Lusby, MD and Shane Burgess of Brandywine, MD. Missy was loved by so many. We love you Miss.

Family will receive friends on Friday, August 6, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service conducted by Chaplain Bill Miller following at 12:00 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the children in the name of Jason Baldwin, II or Randy Burgess, Sr.

Timothy Aloysius Muscolino, who battled his cancer for 25+ years passed away in a private residence with the presence of his family in Prince Frederick, Maryland on July 29, 2021. Tim was born on June 12, 1952 in Washington, D.C. to Frank and Ruth Muscolino. Tim graduated Suitland High school in 1970. Tim worked as a pressman at Kelley Press, where he later retired in 2003.

Tim is survived by his former wife Sue Muscolino; his children Rachel (Justin Wood) and Sarah Muscolino; his stepchildren Michael (Michelle) Burnett and Dawn (Greg) Huss; his siblings Barbara Rollman, Betty Jenkins, and Frank (Kay) Muscolino; his grandchildren Kameron, Tyler, Kiersten, Kayla, Dalton, Brayden, and Ava; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Tim was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Ruth Muscolino; and brothers-in-law, James "Bubba" Jenkins and Gilbert "Buddy" Rollman.

Tim was a cherished father and loved spending time with his family. He was also a fighter who battled his cancer for several years. He taught those around him to never give up. He enjoyed playing cards, listening to music, watching movies, and reading. Tim was also an avid animal lover who enjoyed spending time with his pets. Tim was also witty and frequently made his family and friends laugh. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and cats.

There will be a private service and burial.

Jessica Rae "Ressi" Gwynn

Jessica Rae "Ressi" Gwynn, 29, of Solomons, MD passed away on July 29, 2021 at her residence. Born June 14, 1992 in Ridgecrest, CA, she was the daughter of Michael R. Hair and Cynthia K. (Savell) Hair.

Jessica graduated from Leonardtown High School in 2010 and from Frostburg State University in 2014. She was a Program Analyst for ACE/NavAir for five years. Jessica enjoyed artwork, volleyball, powerlifting, You Tube and



drawing.

Jessica is survived by her husband, Aaron M. Gwynn of Solomons, MD whom she married on August 19, 2020; and her parents, Cynthia and Michael Hair of Leonardtown, MD.

There wasn't a person alive that Jessica met who had even one negative comment about her. She was happy, loving, an odds beater and a soulmate.

A celebration of life visitation will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657.

James Henry "Jim" Byers



James Henry "Jim" Byers, 84 of Lusby, MD and formerly of Huntingtown, MD, passed away on July 28, 2021 at his residence. Born March 19, 1937 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Carl H. Byers and Catherine (Hoover) Byers.

Jim graduated from Oxen Hill High School in 1955. He married his wife, Dorothy Virginia Curtis on November 19, 1959 in Mt. Rainier, MD. They moved to Calvert County from Millersville, MD in 1985. Jim was a Printing Specialist with the Washington, DC Government Printing Office for thirty four years, retiring on December 1, 2000. He was a member of the Headers of Oxen Hill Hot Rod Club, serving as President in 1958. Jim was also a member of the Moose Lodge, the Chesapeake Bay Radio Control Club,

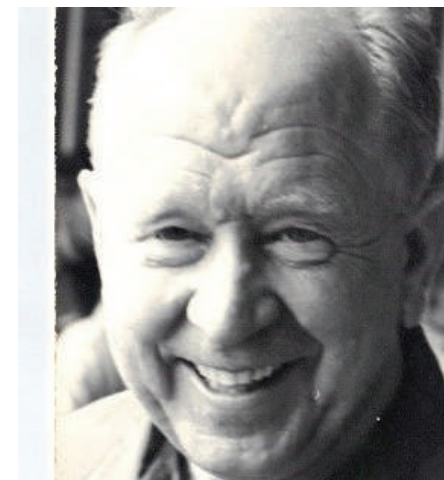
and the Experimental Aircraft Association EAA Chapter 478. He was the Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 955 in Millersville and was a private pilot.

Jim is survived by his wife, Dorothy V. Byers; his children, John M. Byers (Terri) of Morristown, MN and Joseph P. Byers (Karen) of Brandywine, MD; his grandchildren, Lynnae A. Lukes (Marcus) of Elysian, MN, Shannon N. Byers (Anthony) of North Augusta, SC and Anthony T.J. Elkins, Jr. (Marian) of Brandywine, MD; his great-grandchildren, Avery Breyer, Payton Schrot, Oakley Lukes, Sunny Lukes, Mason Lukes, Adley Simmons, Hannah Elkins and Patrick Elkins; his siblings, Jay Brown (Jean) of Myrtle Beach, SC, Susan Carter (Rick) of Fairmont, WV, Carl R. Byers (Sandra) of Mt. Crawford, VA, Charles T. Byers of Bridgewater, VA and Richard Byers (Nancy) of Grottoes, VA. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl H. Byers; his mother, Catherine Hoover Brown; his son, James M. Byers; and his sister, Patricia Vaughn.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, August 5, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. A Funeral Service conducted by Chaplain Bill Miller will follow at 10:00 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow in Southern Memorial Gardens, Dunkirk, MD.

Serving as pallbearers will be John Byers, Joseph Byers, Ralph Shipman, Mark Curtis, Michael Curtis and T.J. Elkins.

John Kirby Smootz



John Kirby Smootz was born October 13, 1922 in Conicville, Virginia. He passed peacefully in his sleep at the age of 98 years old on July 27, 2021.

John, also known to many as "Little Man", will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

John joined the United States Army on September 12, 1944 and was honorably discharged April 27, 1946. He served during World War II as part of the L143rd Infantry Regiment and earned the European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon, the WWII Victory Ribbon, and the Army Occupation Medal (Germany). During his service

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he was classified as a PFC Rifleman and a Technician 4th Grade which was an automotive mechanic. Prior to his enlistment in the Army he worked on a 38 acre farm in Conicville, Virginia. John was a steamfitter by trade and retired in 1984 at the age of 62. Before moving to Calvert County, he lived in Riverdale, Maryland in Prince Georges County.

John is predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Thelma Irene Smootz; his parents, Charles Gideon Smootz and May Lillie Hambleton Smootz; and, his siblings, Albert Birdie Smootz, Earl A. Smootz, Marie Mildred Barrick, Ruby Frye, Ray L. Smootz, and Bobby Eugene Smootz. He is also predeceased by his daughter Deborah A. Crossley.

He is survived by his children, Sharon Cline; Thomas Crossley and wife Suzanne; Ramona Moore and husband Russell; Betty Maher and husband Michael; and Charles Smootz and wife Deborah; 13 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Thank you to Calvert Hospice for providing support and services during his transition; a special thanks to his personal caregivers Cora, Catrina, and Rosy.

Janice Marie Lloyd

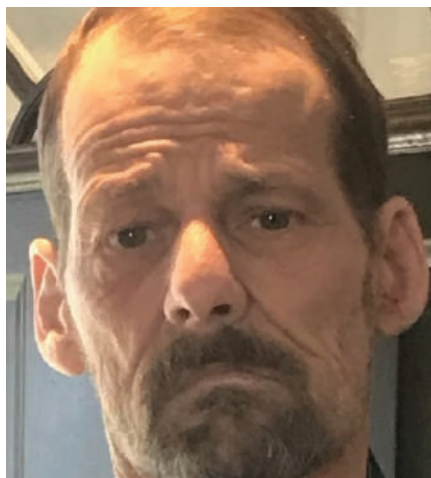


Janice Marie Lloyd, 72, of Dunkirk passed away July 27, 2021. She was born November 28, 1948 in Prince George's County to John Purdy and Alice Genevieve (Norfolk) Lloyd. Janice was raised in Upper Marlboro and graduated from Frederick Sasser High School. She moved to Dunkirk in 1976. Janice was employed as a personnel specialist with NASA for 40 years, retiring in 2007. She was an active member of Mt. Harmony United Methodist Church where she led the meal ministry and Angel Tree Project. Janice served as president of the United Methodist Women for 25 years and was devoted to women's safety through Safe Harbor. She was an avid fan of the Washington Redskins and Nationals. In her spare time, she enjoyed listening to country music, bowling, crossword puzzles, word searches, traveling, making baked goods, especially fudge, and spending

time with her family and dogs Mason and Frankie. Janice was a great friend to everyone, a caregiver to her parents, and a guardian to her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Janice is survived by her grandchildren Brad Lloyd and Patrick and Kyle Brooke, cousin Patty Mayhew, and numerous extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and daughter Deanna Brooke.

Kenneth Ray "Kenny" Walker



Kenneth Ray "Kenny" Walker, 54, of Chesapeake Beach passed away July 27, 2021 in Annapolis. He was born August 9, 1966 in Cheverly to Gerald Bernard and Terri Kathleen (Shimer) Walker. Kenny was raised in Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties and graduated from Southern High School. He was employed as an HVAC mechanic and will be remembered for his kind heart.

Kenny was preceded in death by his father Gerald B. Walker. He is survived by his mother Terri K. Walker of Chesapeake Beach and brothers Daniel M. Walker and wife Kathleen of North Beach and Edward E. Walker and wife Mary of Chillicothe, MO. Also surviving are nephews Daniel M. Walker, Jr. and Zachary Walker and a niece Jessica V. Manchester, great-nephews Malcolm and Lochlan Manchester and Ryker Walker and great-niece Aribella Compton, as well as numerous family and friends.

Shirley Mae Gibson

Shirley Mae Gibson, 91, a lifelong resident of Huntingtown passed away July 26, 2021 at Yellow Bank Assisted Living in Dunkirk. She was born November 13, 1929 in Huntingtown to Walter Ralph and Beulah Louise (Trott) Cranford. Shirley was raised on the family farm in Huntingtown and she graduated from Calvert High School. She married Raymond Gibson on October 5, 1946. Shirley was employed as a receptionist in a dental office for many years before going to work for Direct



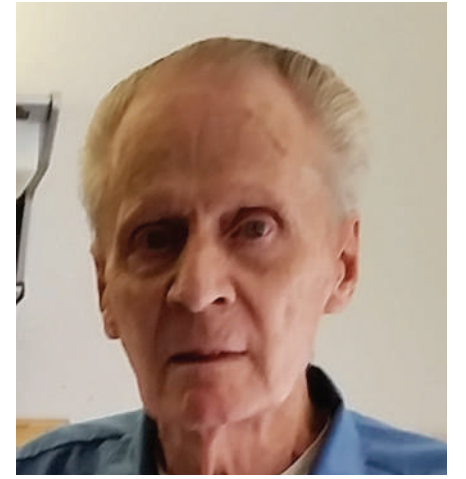
Mail Lithographers in Prince Frederick. She was a longtime member of Huntingtown United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir and helped with church dinners. Shirley was an extremely hard worker who enjoyed working on the farm and around the house, singing, and being involved in church activities.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband James Raymond Gibson and brother Johnny Cranford. She is survived by her sons Dennis Gibson and wife Peggy of Vicksburg, MS, Jack Gibson of Huntingtown, and Roy Gibson and wife Debbie of Dadeville, AL, grandchildren Denise Claffy and Bobby, Philip, Chris, and Eric Gibson, great-grandchildren Stephen, Hannah, Kyrin, Jamie, Joseph, Thomas, Rachel, Bradley, and Audrey, and siblings Thelma Baseman of Florida and Jean and Ralph Cranford, Jr., both of Huntingtown.

Shirley's family asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory be made to Huntingtown United Methodist Church or to Calvert Hospice.

Millard Filmore "Sonny" Garland, Jr.

Millard Filmore "Sonny" Garland, Jr., 81, of Lusby, MD passed away on July 23, 2021 at the Calvert Health



Medical Center.

Born August 29, 1939 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Millard Filmore Garland, Sr. and Dorothy (Frank) Garland.

Sonny graduated from Bladensburg High School in 1957 and served in the U.S. Army from 1967 until 1969. He was a Retail Store Manager for A&P/Superfresh for forty years, retiring in 1996. Sonny enjoyed gardening and horse racing, and was a Washington Redskins and Nationals fan.

Sonny is survived by his children, Millard "Mil" Garland (Dawn) of Lexington Park, MD, James "Jimmy" Garland of Mechanicsville, MD and Christopher "Chris" Garland of Waldorf, MD; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his brother, Owen "Chico" Garland (Wanda) of Keymar, MD. He was preceded in death by his brother, John Garland.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge #2092, 45779 Fire Department Lane, California, MD 20619. Please join us in casual attire.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, the ASPCA or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

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Jessica Deaun King

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Mem, Dad, and your brother, Phillip.

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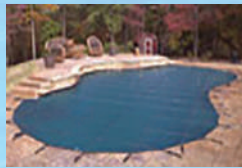
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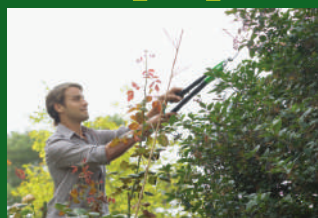
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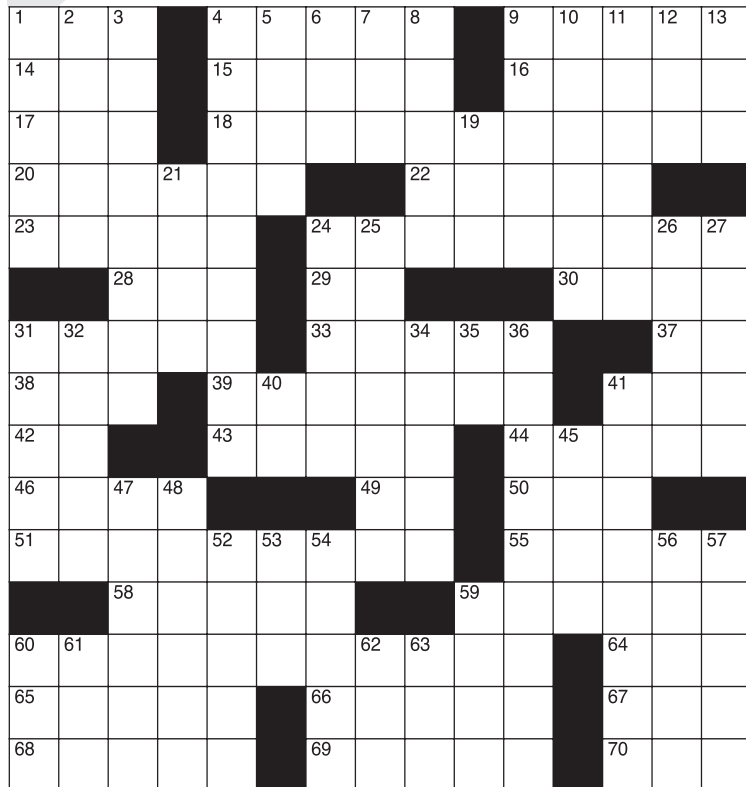
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Calls balls and strikes
- 4. Turkish officer
- 9. Repaired shoe
- 14. Grass genus
- 15. Small, sealed vial
- 16. Primp
- 17. Immoral act
- 18. A tool to communicate
- 20. Crumbles away
- 22. Egg-like
- 23. Districts (abbr.)
- 24. Dressed
- 28. Small island (British)
- 29. Dialect of Chinese
- 30. Force unit
- 31. Borderlines
- 33. Norse gods
- 37. Morning
- 38. Fiddler crabs
- 39. Tell a story
- 41. Consumed
- 42. Atomic #58
- 43. About old Norse poems
- 44. Fencing swords
- 46. One-time Tigers third baseman
- 49. Southpaw (abbr.)
- 50. Neither
- 51. Conversations
- 55. Distinctive manner or pronunciation

58. Cyprinids

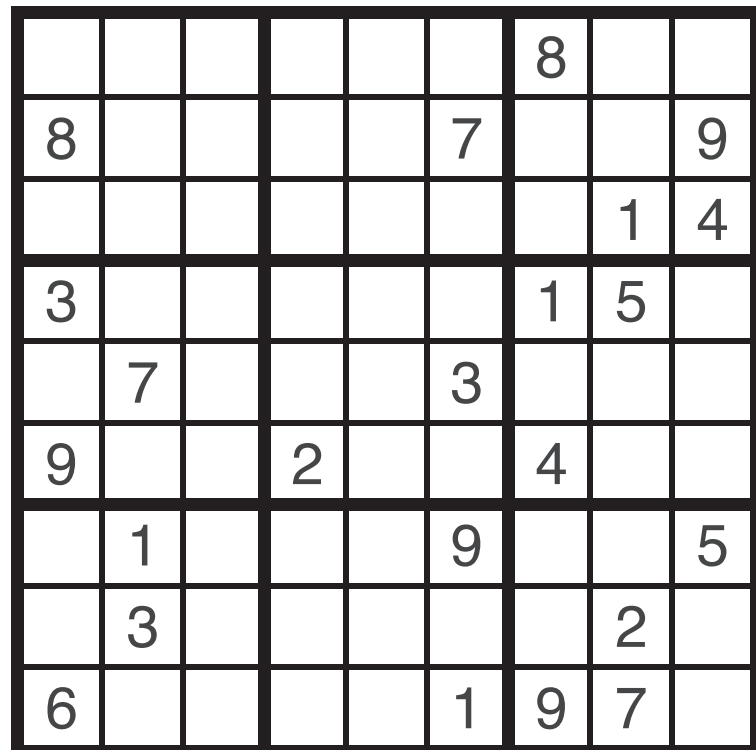
- 59. Appropriate to a festival
- 60. Pearl Jam frontman
- 64. Wrath
- 65. Italian city
- 66. A way to get there
- 67. A nose or snout
- 68. German seaport
- 69. A horse for riding
- 70. Airline representative (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Unhappy
- 2. Silk fabric
- 3. Unbroken view of a region
- 4. Middle Eastern territory
- 5. ___ and Andy, TV show
- 6. Central processing unit
- 7. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 8. Midcentury newspaper columnist
- 9. Weapon
- 10. Delivered a speech
- 11. Probably going to happen
- 12. Midway between northeast and east
- 13. Danish krone
- 19. Synthetic resin

(abbr.)

- 21. Fall slowly in drops
- 24. Bestow an honor upon
- 25. Childishly silly
- 26. Related on the mother's side
- 27. Populations of related plants
- 31. Coherent
- 32. Tribe of ancient Britons
- 34. Financial firm Goldman ___
- 35. Stephen King thriller
- 36. Went in again
- 40. Commercial
- 41. Poking holes in the ground
- 45. Prisoners of war
- 47. Pursued pleasure
- 48. "Seinfeld" character
- 52. Body of water
- 53. Hovering vehicle (abbr.)
- 54. People who utilize
- 56. Nostrils
- 57. Inner mass of some fungi
- 59. Honor lavishly
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Turn down
- 62. Small round mark
- 63. Expected at a certain time



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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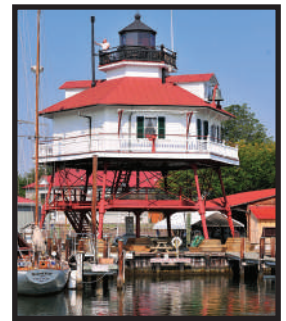
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