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# Move Fails to End School Board Public Comment Limits

## Commissioners Criticize Decision

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education, on a split vote, has refused to lift the limits on public comment at their meetings. The motion at the Sept. 9 board meeting by member Pat Nutter to remove the restriction resulted in a 2-2 vote, causing the motion to fail.

Member Dawn Balinski seconded Nutter's motion but board President Inez Claggett and Vice President Pamela Cousins voted against it. Board member Antoine White was not in attendance.

With the onset of the pandemic and switch to virtual meetings, the school board limited public comment to email or mail only. When they went back to in-person meetings they limited attendance in the meeting room and set up an overflow room with a monitor for viewing the meeting. They also voted to limit public comment during the time set aside for it to 10 people. At the time Claggett said the limits were so as not to keep those attending in the room for an extended period of time out of concerns for Covid.

The Sept. 9 meeting was attended by all five county commissioners. Commissioner Chris Gadway noted, "A couple of meetings ago, there was significantly more than 10 and it was limited to 10 at that point." He said others were unable to speak.

"It's time that we open up to whoever wants to speak, can speak," Nutter said before making his motion.

Claggett wanted to know what the problem was since for the last several meetings the speakers haven't reached the 10-person limit.

After Nutter's motion failed, Commissioner Mike Hart said, "Obviously, it's your jurisdiction. I can tell you just personally, from myself, I learned from the people behind me. The job I do is way too big for me to think that I have a handle on any one thing. I welcome public comment. Me and Commissioner Weems make a joke that at our place of business, the public comments seven days a week. I would request respectfully to at some juncture reconsider how many folks you have in."

Hart added, "This county, even though it's not a very large jurisdiction, we still have 90,000 folks. And I think if the understanding is that only 10 can speak, it's so hard for people. Everybody leaves

here to go to work. There are very few people that can stay here and work. I think it discourages folks from coming in and be able to express their ideas and their points because they say, well, only 10 are going to be allowed in. To make that time out of your day, and to say to your boss, I need to leave work an hour early to get down the road because I need to get to this meeting. It's important to my children, to my family, but I want to get this point across."

"As we always say, my 20 percent, I just rent my seat. I'm just there till they vote me out. And it's what they say is what really weighs on what I do."

Claggett continued to question what the concern was. Hart responded, "Mom and dad's concern is that they'll be able to speak and that they won't be denied. They are the biggest stakeholder in this. We're not there. Their children are the only reason we have a school system."

Claggett said, "I don't disagree with you at all. I'm just simply pointing out the facts of the numbers that have signed up to speak."

Gadway said about a meeting in July, "I was absolutely under the impression that there were people that came in to speak that were told they could not speak because it was over the 10-person limit." Gadway said when he asked School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry about that, he responded it was the board's decision.

Claggett said, "We have followed in suit on what the state board of education does and limiting their public comment because our meeting is a business meeting. And so, we do not want to belabor our business portion of our meeting because there are 300, 400 or 60 to 100 commenters being given three minutes a piece so that it does not put us here late, 2 a.m., 3 a.m." She added, "They are free to send emails. We read our emails; we comment on our emails."

Commissioner President Buddy Hance said, "We know they can write in, but some people have issues articulating what they want to say in written form. They don't know that you read it and they don't know that you understood the context of what they're trying to say, and they want to face you. They want to know that you heard it."

Commissioner Steve Weems observed, "The more you try to weaken something, you strengthen it. And when the more you try



School board member Pat Nutter



School board president Inez Claggett

to strengthen it, you weaken it." He added, "It is just a perception issue that you have. It can be overcome. Commissioner Nutter and I experienced the Dominion hearings, and they were long, they were

arduous, both for and against, but people should be heard, and that's all."

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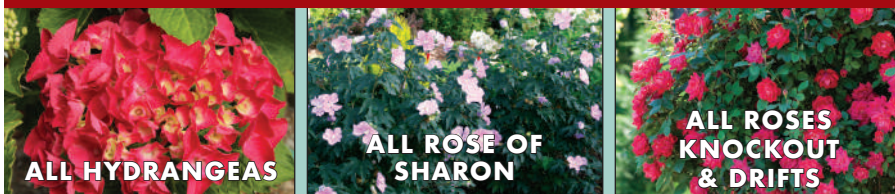
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# State Funding Advances Northern Middle School Project

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) will be using the almost \$15 million in additional state school construction monies to advance funding for a new Northern Middle School. The monies are from the "Built to Learn" program authorized by the Maryland General Assembly.

Funding from the Built to Learn Act would be in addition to the state's existing school construction funding and could be used to support renovations and to ease crowding or replace aging buildings with new construction projects. This bill authorizes the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) to issue up to \$2.2 billion in revenue bonds for public school construction projects in the state.

Director of School Construction Shuchita Warner told the school board at their Sept. 9 meeting during a discussion of the six-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), "Last year's CIP noted that because of the county's local funding priorities, we were pushing planning for Northern Middle all the way out to FY 2025. Construction funding was pushed out from FY '24 and '25 to FY '26 and '27 with a large majority of funding occurring in FY '27. I'm happy to report that Calvert has been allocated an estimated \$14,860,199 in Build to Learn Act funding."

She added, "We believe that designating all of the BTL funding towards the Northern Middle School project provides several advantages. Firstly, we're allowed to use a part of the BTL funds towards design, allowing us to start planning one year earlier, which



I think is great news. So, you'll notice in this year CIP that we've gotten Northern Middle planning approvals shown in FY 2024, rather than '25. The BTL funding will be supplemented with state funds, which will make up the difference with combined state and BTL funding capped at the new 56 percent state match by taking advantage of the BTL funds."

She said that could mean "move in potentially by summer of 2026."

Warner said the state share of school construction has increased from 53 percent to the 56 percent.

Warner reported, "Within the six-year plan, there are a total of 19 projects eligible for state participation. Of these, three are major projects at Beach Elementary, Northern Middle, and a future project at Mount Harmony Elementary. The remaining 16 projects are systemic renovation projects, consisting of HVAC and building envelope type projects, including roofs and windows."

She added that funding was also included for high school athletic facilities. They include Northern High School visitor bleachers at the stadium field and construction and renovation of field houses at all four high schools.

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# Calvert Man Charged with Falsifying Hours Worked at FBI

By Dick Myers  
Editor

A Calvert County man, who formerly was a high-ranking FBI official, has been charged with falsifying hours worked at the agency.

John Behun, who co-owns Perigeaux Vineyards and Winery in St. Leonard, worked at the FBI Laboratory in Quantico and later at the headquarters in DC.

In charging documents filed by Stephen Orloff, a senior special agent with the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General, it is alleged that Behun “repeatedly claimed and validated hours that he did not work between January 5, 2015, and November 2, 2018.” The charging documents claims those hours totaled 876.2.

According to federal court documents, a warrant in the case was executed on Aug. 27. The charging documents were filed on Aug. 20.

According to the charging documents, “Behun was employed with the FBI from December 1, 1991, until his termination on February 5, 2019. From November 14, 2004, to July 27, 2018, Behun

was assigned to work at the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, Virginia in a Senior Executive Service (SES) position. In his position, Behun was employed as a Section Chief, Laboratory Division, Forensic Science Support Section of the of the FBI office in Quantico, Virginia and was responsible for leading the section that supports human resources, finance, compliance/health and safety programs. Thereafter, from July 30, 2018, to December 6, 2018, Behun was assigned to work at the FBI headquarters, J. Edgar Hoover Building, Washington, DC.

The charging documents said Begum was required to work in his office and wasn’t authorized for tele-work.

The document also said there was no FBI facility near his winery in Southern Maryland.

The charging document reports numerous cases in which Behun claimed he worked in which his phone records show he was elsewhere. For instance, on December 28, 2016, he claimed eight hours of work when his phone records show he made a call from Dunkirk.



John Behun at Perigeaux Vineyards and Winery in St. Leonard

The charging document also claims Behan reported working four hours on October 12, 2017. His phone records show nine

outgoing calls from Lusby and one outgoing call from Prince Frederick.

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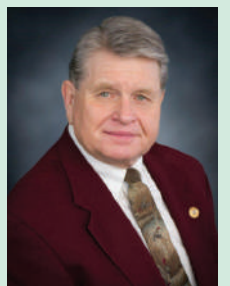
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# Lusby Man Dies in St. Mary's Motorcycle Crash



On Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021 at 6:45 pm, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to the report of a single motor-vehicle crash in the area of Hollywood Road and Tin Top Hill Lane in Hollywood. Upon arrival, deputies found a single motorcycle had left the roadway. The male rider was located near the crashed motorcycle and CPR was in progress. The driver was pronounced deceased on the scene by EMS personnel a short time later. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to continue the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined that a 2019 Harley Davidson motorcycle, operated by Richard William Radvany,

age 52 of Lusby, was traveling northbound on Hollywood Road when he passed a vehicle on the double yellow line of the highway. Radvany lost control of the motorcycle and left the roadway after re-entering the northbound lane. The motorcycle struck a mailbox and fence pole, ejecting Radvany.

At this time, speed appears to be a contributing factor in the crash. It is unknown at this time if alcohol is a factor.

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# County Formalizes Relationship Between Volunteer & Paid Emergency Services

*Memorandum of Understanding Approved*

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has formalized the relationship between the county's historic volunteer emergency services responders and the newly hired paid emergency medical services personnel, known as supplemental staff.



services.

The MOU includes protocols and procedures for both, including investigations of injuries and vehicle accidents.

The commissioners at their Sept. 14 meeting approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was recommended by the Career EMS Committee, consisting of representatives from the Fire-Rescue-EMS Association, chairperson of the Fire Commission, chairperson of the EMS Council, career EMS, the Department of Public Safety, BOCC representative, the County Administrator, and the County Attorney.

For disciplinary matters, the MOU says: "In the event that any disciplinary, performance, or personnel issues arise that involve supplemental staff and the volunteer staff at the station, the Department Chief, President or his/her designees will work with the on-duty EMS Supervisor to resolve the issue. The on-duty EMS Supervisor will only have the authority to take immediate actions with the supplemental staff to de-escalate the situation and work through a resolution, so service delivery is not interrupted. The on-duty EMS Supervisor has no authority over and cannot take any disciplinary actions against any volunteer staff; this is the responsibility of the Department Chief, President or his/her designee."

The BOCC was presented the MOU by Department of Public Safety Deputy Director Alfred Jeffrey and North Beach Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Billy Freesland.

The MOU gets into the nitty gritty day-to-day logistical issues between the volunteers and supplemental staff within their buildings. For instance, it says, "The host department shall provide an access key/fob to gain entry into the department. The Supplemental EMS staff assigned or detailed to the Department will have access to those areas of the Department where the Department's general membership have access."

Jeffrey, in a memo to the BOCC, explained some of the history: "In Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, the Fire-Rescue-EMS Association representing the Calvert County volunteer Fire-Rescue-EMS departments requested that the BOCC assist in providing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to county residents by creating a Career EMS Division in the Department of Public Safety. The EMS Challenges Committee, comprised of members of the Fire-Rescue-EMS Association and the Department of Public Safety staff, developed a base plan to place in service, three Advanced Life Support (ALS) transport units, one EMS supervisor, a Career EMS Chief, and associated support staff. The three ALS transport units and the EMS Supervisor will be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The EMS Chief and support staff will work during normal business hours of county government. Since the development of the original plan, the county has suffered through the COVID-19 pandemic. The request for and staffing of additional supplemental-staffed units has expanded by adding one ALS transport unit, one Basic Life Support (BLS) transport unit, and the staffing of one ALS chase car at the Calvert ALS department."

Freesland was asked how things have been going so far between the two services. "We have had a few issues here and there," he said, but overall, "things are very good."

"The departments have made them (the supplemental staff) feel a part of their departments," Jeffrey said.

Commissioner President Buddy Hance noted the change to allow for supplemental staff was requested by the volunteers in recognition that they needed some help to provide the service to the county's citizens.

"The volunteers were struggling in some cases," he said. "When you call, someone has to respond."

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# What's Coming to Calvert

The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their Sept. 15 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. The meeting was held via ZOOM and live streamed. In person meetings have been delayed due to technical issues and the COVID-19 Delta variant. A decision was expected to be made at the meeting when to resume in-person meetings at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick.

1) SPR-2018-286, **Calvert Gateway**, located at 10825 Town Center Boulevard, Dunkirk, on a 4.3 acre lot, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 15,890 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted December 19, 2018. Agent: Bay Engineering.

2) SPR-2020-315, **Dunkirk District Park-Tennis Courts/Parking Lot**, located at 10750 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Dunkirk, on one parcel consisting of 81.42 acres, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. The submittal proposes additional ame-

nities and parking to the existing public park. Scope of the project consists of three groups of tennis courts, parking lot and an ADA accessible restroom building in the back portion of the park. Also being proposed is a new on-site septic system, connection to existing on-site water well and site electrical service for lighting the tennis courts and parking lot. The submittal was accepted October 28, 2020. Agent: WBCM.

3) CSPR-138210, **First Lutheran Church Addition**, located at 6300 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Huntingtown, currently on one parcel consisting of 5.6 acres, zoned RCD. An approved Replat with a second parcel owned by the Church, will bring the total acreage to 8.1 for the proposed project. The submittal proposes construction of a one story 2,900 square foot addition with basement to the existing church. Existing classroom trailer will be removed upon completion of this project. The submittal was accepted March 24, 2021. Agent: Wilkerson & Associates.

4) CSPR-138164, **Prince Frederick Crossing**, Phase 4, located at 30 Thoroughbred Drive, Prince Frederick, on 2.3 acres zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Forest District. The



proposed project includes 20 townhouse units and a future commercial area to be developed at a later date. The submittal was accepted March 24, 2021. Agent: Bay Engineering.

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

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

(7) CSPR-138218, **Barstow Convenience Center**, located at 340 Stafford Road, Prince Frederick on three separate parcels consisting of 83.07 acres, Zoned RCD/EC. The project proposes replacement of the existing recycling center with a new facility that includes improved customer parking, vehicular circulation and separating public vehicles from County vehicles. Site utilities will be connected to services currently supplying the existing maintenance building. The submittal was accepted June 23, 2021. Agent: WBCM,

8) CSPR-138320, **Dunkirk Gateway Business Center**, Lot 11, located at 10375 Town Center Boulevard, Dunkirk on 2.66 acres, Zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 10,395 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and

site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted July 28, 2021. Agent: Bay Engineering.

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

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

2) CSD2020-089 **Wyatt's Ridge**, Lots 1-24, located on Skinners Turn Road in Owings. 24 lots proposed on one parcel, consisting of 100.368 acres. Zoned RCD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted December 16, 2020. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates.

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

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

5) CSD2021-097 **Lusby Villas, Commercial Subdivision**, Lot 1, located on Lusby Parkway in Lusby. One commercial lot proposed on one parcel consisting of 24.87 acres, Zoned Lusby Town Center, Village Residential Office District, Tier I. Submittal accepted February 24, 2021. Agent: Barrett & Associates.

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

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# Meals on Wheels Receives Estate Donation

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The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners and the Office on Aging on Aug. 31 honored Calvert Meals on Wheels, Inc. (CMOW) with a proclamation. CMOW President Shirl Hendley accepted the honor from Calvert County Commissioner Mike Hart. The declaration paid tribute to the many local citizens who chose to take time out of their demanding lives to help make the CMOW program successful and make a significant, positive contribution to the social well-being of Calvert seniors.

In addition, CMOW was honored for providing invaluable service to the homebound for 39 years. The proclamation honored volunteer drivers, board members, and delivery route coordinators.

On August 27, 2021, the estate of Barbara A. Tyler presented CMOW with a donation for \$200. The check was presented to CMOW President Shirl Hendley by Bessie Y. Hoskins, executor. Barbara A. Tyler was born with incurable sickle cell anemia. She experienced how important it was to receive unconditional love and economic support from others early. She was always overwhelmed by her friends and neighbors' generosity.

Because of that, she believed in "paying it forward" and helping the needy, especially seniors at her church. She was also interested in people whom she thought needed her the most.

Her interests led her to become a dedicated public servant. The DC Government employed her as an Executive Assistant to District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser until her retirement.

CMOW's mission is to help homebound people who cannot prepare meals live more independently. CMOW delivers a meal and a smile five days a week. CMOW is a volunteer organization governed by a Board of Directors. Volunteers consist of drivers who provide meals, delivery route coordinators who manage eight routes throughout the county, and board members. Calvert Office on Aging (OOA) is the central contact point for clients and assists CMOW in the program's overall operation.

CMOW is a United Way Agency and participates in the Combined Federal and Maryland Charities Campaigns. Anyone needing CMOW services should call 410-535-4606 or 301-855-1170.

*Press Release from CMOW.*



(l to r): Shirl Hendley, president, Calvert Meals on Wheels and Bessie Hoskins, executor, Barbara A. Tyler Estate.



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# Local Conservation Alliance Launches

The Southern Maryland Conservation Alliance (SMCA) held a successful launch last week, after months of careful planning and preparation. Representatives from land trusts, conservation groups, and other Southern Maryland environmental organizations met on Tuesday, September 7th at Serenity Farm to further learn about and support the new coalition, which aims to transcend county lines and consolidate the voices of these smaller conservation actors. Featuring speeches from Joel Dunn, Buddy Hance, and Wendy Stringfellow, the launch advanced the Alliance's mission "to conserve and restore Southern Maryland's landscapes, waterways, and shorelines that are special to its people, fundamental to its economy, reflected in its culture, and vital for its native fish, wildlife, and plants, on which we rely."

John Turgeon, director of the Maryland Environmental Trust, key partner in the success of the launch and early adopter of the Alliance opened the event with a greeting and introductions for the speakers for the day.

Joel Dunn, president and CEO of the Chesapeake Conservancy kick-started the lineup, pleading a fiery case for the need to conserve Southern Maryland's landscape. "There is

so much urgency in the effort here to protect Southern Maryland," said Dunn. In light of the most recent IPCC report which issued a code red for the climate, Dunn is not alone in feeling the gravity of environmental efforts such as those promised by SMCA.

Southern Maryland is a crucial target for conservation efforts in the face of this climate emergency. From an environmental standpoint, the Southern Maryland landscape is invaluable. A combination of factors, including vast forests, soil construction, and geological make-up award this region a highly "resilient" characterization, according to The Nature Conservancy. Essentially, Southern Maryland is a high-priority site for conservation, given its unique capacity to preserve biodiversity, exhibiting "resilience" despite a changing climate. "It is okay for us to be ambitious and it's okay for us to be relentless," Dunn assured the alliance members. "We need to be that glimmer of hope - a glimmer of hope that we can address that code red."

Dunn was followed by Buddy Hance, president of the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners and former Secretary of Maryland Department of Agriculture, who voiced economic support



Calvert County Commissioner President Buddy Hance

for the preservation of Southern Maryland's landscapes.

Hance said, "Preservation is the cheapest route we can take. In Calvert we need to do a better job to preserve what we can and while we can."

Hance argued that extensive development of rural lands in Calvert County could diminish the rural appeal which attracts both residents and visitors. Protecting from such development would prove an economic advantage for the county in addition to an environmental one.

The final guest speaker was President of Forever Maryland Wendy Stringfellow. Following the previous speeches which provided environmental and economic support for land preservation, Stringfellow concluded by upholding land trusts as "uniquely suited to preserve land." Land trusts, according to Stringfellow, "are doing much more than conservation. Local land trusts are directly connecting people to the land."

Among the attendees at the Sept. 7 launch were representatives from various Southern Maryland land trusts, including American Chestnut Land Trust, Black Swamp Creek Land Trust, Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust, Scenic Rivers Land Trust, Calvert Nature Society, Conservancy of Charles County, Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust, Mary-

land Environmental Trust, Land Trust Alliance and other affiliate groups and members. By providing the protection and services they do, land trusts are expected to be a key actor in SMCA going forward.

Executive Director of the American Chestnut Land Trust Greg Bowen closed out the event, stating "...rivers, creeks, wildlife areas, fisheries and wildlife corridors cross county lines. Coordination can be a problem; too many of our resources are becoming fragmented and key watersheds are becoming impacted. Landowners, if given the good options, will do the right thing, but we need more funding to protect all that we hold dear. Together, we have a larger voice. Together we can reach out to more people. Together, we can work on our common objectives, and we can celebrate our wins."

The Sept. 7 launch was a hopeful beginning for the Southern Maryland Conservation Alliance, and there is much work to be done from here. Through a concerted effort by SMCA members, Southern Maryland can be a "place where native fish, wildlife and plants thrive, and the fabric of healthy natural and working lands and waters enrich communities of those who live, work and play here" (SMCA vision statement).

By Mary Hoover, Chesapeake Conservation Corps

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# Chessie the Manatee Still Making Waves

Not many visitors to the Chesapeake Bay garner a cult-like following like Chessie. Two books tell his tales, and he has even made a film cameo. His story began nearly two decades ago, back in the summer of 1994, when this nearly 1,100-pound Florida manatee was spotted wandering the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries.

At some point during his well-publicized visit, the manatee was given the name Chessie after the Chesapeake Bay and the legendary “sea monster” that resides there. Manatees generally will make the long swim back home to the warm waters of their native Florida. But Chessie stuck around.

As the 1994 summer turned into fall, Chessie continued to do some Bay sight-seeing. But his trip came to an abrupt end, when in early October he was caught in an unusual weather system that caused the Bay’s water temperatures to plummet into the 60s. At water temperatures in this range, Chessie’s life was in peril due to cold-stunning, which can occur in marine mammals from late October to early winter. The immediate impacts can cause some species to become slow and unresponsive—and die from the cold, drowning, or boating accidents.

Cindy Driscoll, Maryland Department of Natural Resources state wildlife veterinarian and Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle

Stranding Program manager, helped track Chessie before cold-stunning affected him.

“I drove around upper Eastern Shore marinas as sightings came in—to no avail,” Driscoll recalls.

It took an army of staff from the Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the National Aquarium to track Chessie down and save him. Finally, Chessie was found alive near Queenstown in the Chester River.

“Chessie was plopped into the National Aquarium stranding pool, where he stayed for two to three days for us to monitor him,” Driscoll says. “He was in great shape!”

Arrangements were made with the help of the U.S. Coast Guard to fly him back to Florida. When he arrived in his home state, he was tagged and released by staff and volunteers from SeaWorld Orlando and multiple manatee conservation organizations.

Chessie’s story included a lot of firsts for manatees. He was the first manatee to fly to Florida, the first manatee to ever recuperate at the National Aquarium, and the first tagged manatee to be tracked traveling along the Atlantic coast. He even helped the Maryland Department of Natural Resources develop the first federal set of protocols for northern bound manatee strandings and rescues.

Because of all of this, we have helped the conservation of manatees. USFWS and the U.S. Geological Survey now have rescue



Florida Wildlife Commission staff use a grease marker to highlight Chessie’s scar pattern and take measurements. These data identify Chessie and contribute to manatee health research.

and/ or necropsy protocols for northern wandering manatees.

“But Chessie’s story doesn’t end there.

Chessie picked up a taste for traveling and even after his close call in the Bay, was spotted several more times along the coast. One summer he was even spotted off the coast of Rhode Island before he swam south.

In February of this year, a male manatee was found emaciated in Riviera Beach, Florida, suffering from pneumonia and malnourishment. Hanging on to life, he was rescued and triaged at SeaWorld Orlando and identified by his scars as none other than Chessie.

After months of intensive care in his pen at SeaWorld, personalized feedings, and lots of love, Chessie gradually gained weight and his health improved drastically. In May of 2021, Chessie was given a clean

bill of health and slated to be released yet again into the wild.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) gave Chessie a new monitoring tag (he is known for losing them), and with the help from volunteers, federal agencies and SeaWorld Orlando, the manatee was released in the warm and tranquil waters of North Palm Beach.

Where Chessie will end up is anyone’s guess, but his celebrity status has warmed the hearts of those who follow him. We are all celebrating Chessie’s new chapter.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reminds anyone who has seen either a marine mammal or sea turtle in Maryland waters to report it to the state Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Stranding program at 1-800-628-9944. Anglers, boaters, and beachgoers should especially be on the lookout for these creatures.

Marine mammals are specifically protected by federal law, the Marine Mammal Protection Act. In addition, sea turtles and whales are both protected under the 1973 Endangered Species Act. It is illegal to harass, capture, or collect these marine species, alive or dead, including their bones or any body parts.

*By Eric G. Wilson, Public Affairs Officer for DNR’s Fishing and Boating Services. Article appears in Vol. 24, No. 3 of the Maryland Natural Resource magazine, fall 2021.*





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A member of Calvert Library Fairview Branch staff has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The staff member worked in the public space on September 7, 8 and 9.

The fully vaccinated staff member worked with the public following library COVID-protocol; had no close contact with customers greater than 15 minutes, maintained six feet of social distance, washed/sanitized their hands regularly and wore a mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while working with customers. Risk should be minimal to any library customers, but please follow Health Department guidance or your physician's recommendations if you visited the library during the affected time period.

Staff members who were not yet fully vaccinated and had close contact with the team member in the days prior to the positive test are quarantining per CDC guidelines. They are able to work from home providing phone and email reference, virtual programming planning, training, etc. Staff members who had close contact but are fully vaccinated are consistently wearing



masks over their nose and mouth and closely monitoring their health for possible symptoms per Health Department guidance.

Please know that the safety of our staff and the public we serve is our top priority. We will continue to take the proper precautions and promote social distancing. The CDC continues to recommend that you wear a mask over your nose and mouth when in public spaces, wash your hands frequently with soap and water, avoid touching your face and make sure to practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from others. If you are feeling ill, please stay home.

We will continue to work together through this difficult time, and we will continue to keep you informed of any new information over the course of this pandemic.

For more information call 410-535-0291.

*Press Release from Calvert Library.*

## Information Sought on Historic Cemeteries, Burial Grounds



The Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning is seeking information from citizens regarding cemeteries or burial grounds that may be located on private property in Calvert County. Many cemeteries on private property go unreported, especially in rural areas, and county staff are working to identify, protect and document these properties for historic preservation purposes.

Citizens are encouraged to notify Planning & Zoning staff if it is believed that there is a cemetery

or burial ground located on private property that does not appear on the property's plat.

To report a cemetery, or for more information, contact Historic Preservation Planner/Planner III Chris Sperling at [Christopher.Sperling@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:Christopher.Sperling@calvertcountymd.gov). Calvert County Government is committed to the stewardship of the county's shared heritage and historical sites.

*Press Release from Calvert County government.*

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# A Rough Ride Back-to-School

*Dealing with Driver Shortages, Quarantines and Masks*



By Dick Myers  
Editor

"It's been a challenging few weeks of school," was the way Calvert County Board of Education Vice President Pamela Cousins described the return to full in-person learning after 18 months. The school system, like many others in the state and nation, has been plagued by a shortage of school bus drivers, and students and staff testing positive and those in contact with them having to be quarantined. And there is continuing controversy about the requirement of masking in school buildings and on buses.

Student Member of the Board Hayden Kelly reported at the Sept. 9 meeting what he's hearing from other students: "There is a kind of a distrust in Calvert County Public Schools for the contact tracing. I know I've had multiple students just disappear from my classes and that is kind of worrisome. I feel like we should have some sort of a notification as to what's happening to them because if somebody is sitting next to me and has COVID and is gone the next day, I feel like I should probably know, and I haven't received any notifications like that."

Darlene White in the Office of Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry, in response to an inquiry by The County Times, reported, "We have completed two weeks of school. At this point, we have had a total of 84 students test positive and eight staff test positive. And 256 students have been required to quarantine due to exposure. We had more in week 2 than in week 1, but that would be expected. It is too soon to identify if there are any patterns."

Curry reported at the meeting, "As we all know, transportation has been challenging in the weeks approaching the first day of school. Just within those last few weeks, our contractors that have 150 buses that we contract for let us know they didn't have 16 drivers. Starting pay is \$18 an hour. I can't thank the transportation department enough for the extra hours they put in trying to consolidate some bus runs as well as for some of the time they put in driving buses themselves. There are just seven people that make up the entire transportation office, and some days six of them are driving buses."

"They always are used to a certain amount of stress to start the school year. But there has been nothing like this," he said.

With the shortage of drivers, many more parents are driving their children to school and that is causing backups at some schools, with lines in the roads in front of the schools, and conflicts between the cars and school buses trying to arrive and depart.

"There will be continued challenges until we get more drivers up and running," he added.

The problems were aired at the meeting with all five county commissioners in attendance.

"We apologize, but our situation calls for some doubling up and things like that. We apologize for the inconvenience," Curry said.

He added, "We've had more parents than ever drive their children to and from school where there are not separate entrances for buses and parents dropping off their children. We've had some significant traffic issues; adjustments have been made and things are better as expected."

A letter was sent out to parents on Sept. 13 that said, "Our contractors and bus drivers are doing an admirable job transporting our students to and from school each day. CCPS recognizes that many buses are arriving at schools outside of the window in the morning and afternoon. To address the current issues, the transportation department must reorganize many routes in the coming days, and weeks. This reorganization could result in:

- Reassigning routes to a different bus number and a different driver
- Ride times which are noticeably longer
- Fewer stops in neighborhoods; more students assigned to each stop
- Bus stop locations further away from student's homes
- Busses with more students than are currently assigned

The letter said some of the changes would occur on Tuesday, Sept. 14. Curry warned in the letter, "More changes to routes are likely to follow in the coming weeks."

At the joint meeting, Executive Director of Administration Anthony Navarro reported that there are 13 people currently in a class to take their license test, although all might not pass it.

Meanwhile, Curry said in the email letter, "Currently, there are no substi-

tute bus drivers available. It is possible that if a bus driver or bus assistant must quarantine, some bus routes will not be performed. We will work to notify the affected communities as swiftly as possible if this happens."

It was suggested by several of the commissioners that pay and benefits may be an issue in attracting bus drivers for the county's contractors. But Navarro said, "We do not oversee the pay that they give to their drivers."

Curry at the Sept. 9 meeting noted the school system's transportation conundrum: "We don't have any walkable schools. Our entire student population, we have to plan to transport them. And we have a lot of folks who'll drive them, but they also want us to keep a seat for when they can't."

The agenda for the joint meeting between the two boards included a discussion of the contentious issue of who is to be the "Blueprint Coordinator" for the local implementation of the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission education reform program.

There appeared to be a consensus at the meeting that the school board's appointment Kevin Michael would be the name submitted to the state but a joint committee co-chaired by Michael and County Administrator Mark Willis would be convened to review state plans.

The commissioners at their Sept. 14 meeting approved establishing a nine-member committee, consisting of:

- a) BOCC appointed citizen representatives – (two)
- b) BOE appointed citizen representatives – (two)
- c) CEA (Calvert Education Association) representatives – (two teacher representatives)
- d) CAESS (Calvert Association of Support Staff) representative – (one support staff representative)
- e) Local government liaison – county administrator
- f) BOE liaison

During the joint meeting discussion, Commissioner Mike Hart noted the decisions from the education reform involving funding could affect how the bond rating agencies view the county and its current Triple A bond rating. "We can't do anything without borrowing money. We can't build a school. We can't build a firehouse. There's so much that we are hamstrung without borrowing money."

Regarding the masking mandate, Curry said at the Sept. 9 meeting, "We are aiming for all children to have 180 days of in-person instruction. To every extent possible, masks are required in schools when children are in the building. The State Board of Education has recently approved some language to require that as well. We've had a few issues with compliance, but they've been dealt with quickly. Overall, with more than 15,000 kids and 2,000 employees, masks in schools are part of our current culture."

But several speakers during the public comment section of the meeting continued to criticize the mandate as unnecessary and ineffective.

Tara Romanian, a government forensic chemist, said the science doesn't support the wearing of masks. "My children can't breathe. I have a fourth grader and a sixth grader. So according to the CDC, masks do not provide a reliable level of protection from inhaling smaller airborne particles."

During the session Kyle Webber also issued a warning if the school system required children to be vaccinated: "When did we lose autonomy over our own bodies? For the record, I am not an anti-vaxxer. However, this COVID vaccine is too new and too experimental for me to allow anyone to administer to my precious children. I give you my solemn vow as I know innumerable other parents will. If I am forced to choose between giving my children the vaccine at this juncture or removing them from school, I will unequivocally remove them from Calvert County Public Schools and rest assured esteemed board that you will hear my sentiment echoed throughout the county."

And Melissa Macuci Goshorn expressed overall frustration about the board. "We had healthy kids being quarantined. We have kids feeling alone, silenced, outnumbered, singled out, scared, frustrated, depressed, angry, because of the people sitting in this room, in rooms like this, all across the country."

School board member Pat Nutter, who has been critical of some of the recent majority decisions, urged a ramping down of the rhetoric. He said no matter what their opinions, the school board members do care about the children in the school system.,

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## Earns Top Spot as Best in Maryland

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) again received top national and regional ratings from personal finance gurus WalletHub for providing students with affordable and accessible education while maintaining good teacher-student ratio and transfer opportunities. Maryland's 16 community colleges ranked fourth best overall in the nation with CSM ranking best in the state and landing in the number 15 spot out of 685 community colleges in the country – moving up from the 51<sup>st</sup> position in 2020.

WalletHub performed a state-by-state analysis to compare community colleges based on 19 metrics including cost and financing, education outcomes and career outcomes. Drawing on the WalletHub's findings of the best and worst individual community colleges in the U.S., other states in the top 10 included Hawaii, Wyoming, Washington, New Mexico, Connecticut, North Dakota, California, South Dakota and New York.

"It was great to wake up to this news this morning," said CSM President Dr.

Maureen Murphy. "This past year was especially difficult on our students and our communities and CSM's faculty and staff worked tirelessly to support them in every way we could through the pandemic. And while it feels great to be recognized and move up in the ratings, the real spotlight belongs on our students who continue to work so hard to succeed during such challenging times."

"University education is out of reach for many Americans, especially those from low-income households," WalletHub stated in its findings. "But thanks to community colleges, higher education is more accessible than ever. Compared with public four-year institutions, where tuition and fees cost almost three times as much on average, community colleges offer many savings for students. Community colleges are an especially attractive option this year as many families deal with financial struggles caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Students who initially planned on attending a private four-year college might want to consider spending



two years at a community college and transferring those credits once they are in a better financial situation."

According to WalletHub, during the 2020 to 2021 academic year, tuition and fees for full-time, in-state enrollment at a public two-year college averaged \$3,770 per year versus \$10,560 at a public four-year institution and \$37,650 at a four-year private school.

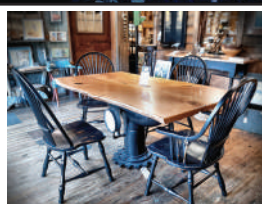
"Other than serving as an affordable, and in some cases free, option for education, community colleges have a number

of attractive qualities," the report continued. "They often provide more flexible schedules, smaller class sizes and rigorous coursework. These qualities and advantages appeal especially to students who need to balance their studies with other commitments, such as family and work."

Read WalletHub's full report online at <https://wallethub.com/edu/e/best-worst-community-colleges/15076>.

Press Release from CSM.

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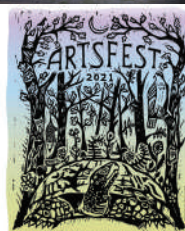
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# CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of August 30 – September 5, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,554 calls for service throughout the community.

### Theft: 21-49625

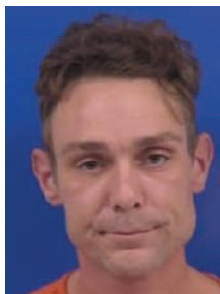
On September 2, 2021, Deputy Freeland responded to the Quality Inn located at 255 Lore Road in Solomons, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised unknown suspect(s) boarded his boat at the marina and stole two fishing rods. The rods are black in color, one with a red stripe and the other with a chartreuse stripe. Both fishing rods are valued at approximately \$180.00 per rod. The total value of stolen property is \$360.

### Theft: 21-48969

On August 30, 2021, DFC Burgraff responded to the Exxon station located at 11805 HG Trueman Road in Lusby, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised he was inside gas station and when he returned to his unlocked vehicle, approximately \$400 had been stolen from his van.

### ARRESTS

On Sept. 3, 2021, F/Sgt. Basham conducted a traffic stop in the 10600 block of Southern Maryland Blvd. in Dunkirk, MD on a vehicle travelling 86mph in a 55mph zone. The driver of the vehicle, **Nicholas Presson Kaine**, 42 of Dunkirk, MD advised there was marijuana in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed, a cut plastic straw, a cut plastic pen with suspected heroin residue and a crushed capsule of suspected heroin. Kaine was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia and CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



Nicholas Presson Kaine

On September 4, 2021, Deputy Savick conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Southern Maryland Blvd. and Miss Sams

Way in Huntingtown, MD for the reported stolen tags. The driver, **Michael Earl Keens-Dumas**, 39 of Baltimore, MD, exited the vehicle and was placed under arrest. Keens-Dumas was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with



Michael Earl Keens-Dumas

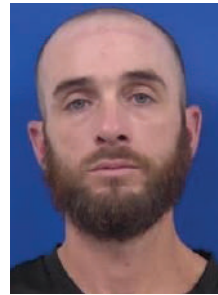
Theft: \$100 to Under \$1500. On August 30, 2021, Deputy Mason responded to the area of Bricoes Turn Road and Southern Maryland Blvd. in Owings, MD for a traffic complaint. Callers reported a vehicle was weaving all over the roadway, traveling 10 MPH in the travel portion of the highway. A second caller reported the driver to be in the middle of the road out of the vehicle. Upon arrival, Deputy Mason located the driver and sole occupant, **Johnie Edwin Lambert**, 61 of Chesapeake Beach, MD, holding on to the rear of his vehicle. Deputy Mason observed a small baggy of cigarettes and suspected PCP in plain view on the passenger seat. Lambert was transported to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, Driving/Attempting to Driver Vehicle While Impaired by Controlled Dangerous Substance, Reckless and Negligent Driving.



Johnie Edwin Lambert

On September 4, 2021, Deputy Wilder conducted a traffic stop in the area of Rt. 4 and Southern Connector Blvd. in Lusby,

MD. Upon making contact with the driver, **William Ross Campo III**, 35 of Baltimore, MD, a moderate odor of marijuana was emitting from the vehicle. Campo failed to provide identification to the deputy. A search of the vehicle was conducted and revealed 3 bags containing suspected marijuana and one bag containing suspected crack/cocaine, 5 capsules containing suspected heroin and a crack pipe. Campo was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.



William Ross Campo III

On Aug. 30, 2021, DFC Crum responded to the WaWa gas station located at 10205 Kirksville Lane in Dunkirk, MD for a welfare check. Upon arrival, Deputy Crum observed a vehicle with both the driver and passenger slouched over. Deputy Crum knocked loudly and reputedly with no response. Contact was eventually made with the passenger identified as **Ronald Matthew Morgan**, 42 of Mechanicsville, MD. Morgan exited the vehicle and was having difficulty standing up. Morgan was observed to be lethargic and had slurred speech. A search of the vehicle revealed a clear, plastic, Ziploc bag with a white powdery substance of suspected heroin and a paper straw. Morgan was placed

under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



Ronald Matthew Morgan

On September 5, 2021, DFC Burgraff and Deputy Durnbaugh were dispatched to report of a traffic complaint for a vehicle swerving all over the roadway and into oncoming traffic in the area of the Thomas Johnson Bridge in Solomons, MD. Deputies were able to locate the aforementioned vehicle and observed it being operated in an unsafe manner. DFC Burgraff conducted a traffic stop on Solomons Island Road and Flag Ponds Parkway in Lusby, MD. Contact was made with the driver, **Alphonso Richardo Thomas**, 54 of Ft. Washington, MD who agreed to a Standardized Field Sobriety Test. During a search of Thomas's person, a clear baggie containing suspected marijuana and brass knuckles were found. Thomas was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Concealing a Dangerous Weapon and other traffic related charges.



Alphonso Richardo Thomas

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



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## A View From The BLEACHERS



### WHERE WERE YOU?

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

I left for a meeting in a remote location, shortly after receiving a vague email about a small plane hitting a building in New York. About an hour later, the meeting ended and I flipped on sports radio for the short drive back to my building. No one was talking about sports. I surmised that the rumor of a plane crash was true, but this all seemed much, much bigger. It was stunning, confusing...something like landing cold in the middle of another reality.

I parked and headed for my desk. People were streaming out of the building by the dozens, like a fire drill was in-progress. Their pace was purposeful and all shared a universal look of concern.

Once inside the building, I encountered a good friend. She brought word that put the chaos in perspective: "Dude, something terrible is happening...two planes have crashed in New York, another has hit the Pentagon...we're being sent home immediately."

Home was just five minutes from the gate, but the drive was long and slow. Cell lines were overwhelmed. I had no idea where my girlfriend, parents, sister...hell, where anyone was. Which made me like just about everyone else.

Once home, the images on television flashed like a horror movie. The scarred, smoking buildings. The second plane slamming into the South Tower. People jumping from the inferno to certain and horrifying death. The collapse of each tower and the massive wall of billowing smoke pouring through the streets below. The damaged and blackened side of the Pentagon. Word of another plane downed in Pennsylvania.

I thought of stories from elders about Pearl Harbor and the Kennedy assassination. Their memories were clear, seared with unforgettable images and emotions. This was my generation's "Where were you?" moment of national anguish. This was September 11, 2001.

Twenty years later, I remember something else: The response. The unity, the decency, the determination and the national sympathy – it was palatable. Flags and "FDNY" hats were everywhere. The National Anthem brought tears to eyes. Congress even sang "God

Bless America" standing arm-in-arm on the Capitol's steps (can you imagine?). And yes, I remember sports and the role it played in fortifying our cause. There was Mike Piazza's late-inning homerun to power the Mets to a victory over the Braves in Queens, the NFL defiant return and, of course, President George W. Bush delivering a strike while throwing out the first pitch from the mound of Yankee FREAKING Stadium before Game 3 of the World Series.

This past weekend, more magic happened in New York. On September 11, Emma Raducanu, an 18-year-old qualifier, won the women's U.S. Open Championship. On the men's side, Novak Djokovic made an exhilarating run at the first calendar-year men's Grand Slam since 1969.

The mantra of 9/11 has long been "Never Forget." The act of terror that day and the loss of so many innocent lives will always be remembered. But the unity in the aftermath? That now seems long forgotten, something the America of 2021 is, frankly, incapable of regenerating. That is hard to type, but juxtaposing our unity of 20 years ago with the attacks on the Capitol in January, a different conclusion is elusive. We can't even wear a mask for one another to ward off a disease that has killed over 650,000 Americans, let alone rally behind a long, difficult national cause.

Who is to blame for sowing the visceral division? It is easy to point the finger at political rhetoric and slanted media coverage. But that has always existed. The real evil seems to reside in the dark rabbit holes of social media, a phenomena that was in its infancy 20 years ago. It is a cesspool of lies and targeted psychological engineering (watch the documentary "The Social Dilemma"). One thing is certain, a strike delivered by a Commander in Chief or a storybook homerun isn't going to fix it; it will take individual effort to remember our shared American ideals and spit out baseless, manufactured bait that seeks to undermine democracy. For future Capitol decorum, bipartisan sing-alongs may prove too ambitious, but let's avoid break-ins by lawless "Vikings."

Send comments to [Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com](mailto:Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com)

## Rockfish Are in the Rivers for Trollers and Lure Casters

By Ken Lamb  
Contributing Writer

Trollers in the shallows the Patuxent using light spinning tackle and 1/2 ounce bucktails trimmed with paddle or curly tail grubs are consistently scoring rockfish up to 26 inches.

Timing is important as dawn and dusk are most consistent, but some have found them mid-day on high tides.

Lure casters using swimming plugs, jigs, bucktails and small spoons are doing well from both shoreline and boats.

Trollers using 12 to 16 ounces of lead on drop rigs with bucktails are getting stripers in 20 to 40 feet off Helen's Bar, St. Leonard's Lump and the edges of the oyster bars in the Patuxent.

The Potomac has good opportunities using the same techniques. As the water cools into October and November the fishing will improve for our favorite quarry, striped bass (rockfish).

Cobia had a spectacular send off last week and the season closes on Wednesday the 15th ending some of the best cobia fishing we have seen. Trollers using big surgical eels dominated the last couple of weeks of the season. There were plenty of big bull redfish taking the lures too, adding to the excitement. Many trollers and chummers landed lots of cobia that were about three inches short of the 40 inch minimum. These young fish may return next year in true trophy size.

Big bull redfish continue to be abundant in the bay. A huge redfish about 35 pounds was taken off the Point Lookout Pier last week.



Slot reds (18 to 27 inches) are also more plentiful in the shallows than we can remember. There are some fine speckled trout in the 17 to 25 inch range mixed with the red fish.

Spanish mackerel are plentiful as are blue fish. Trollers using planers and small spoons are getting both all along the ship's channel.

Spot and perch are available for bottom fishermen in the Patuxent and Potomac. A small run of decent croakers is now mixed with the spot and perch.

Plenty of bass are hitting most any lure in St. Mary's Lake.

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# Calvert Community Calendar

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## Thursday, September 16

### Transfer Thursdays

*College of Southern Maryland, 1 a.m., Zoom.*

CSM hosts transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 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. <https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/transfer-services/transfer-fairs/index.html>.

### CSM Connection Literary Series

*Poet Eduardo Corral, 2:30 p.m. Zoom.*

All are welcome to meet nationally acclaimed Poet Eduardo C. Corral and hear him share his poetry. Corral is the son of Mexican immigrants. Graywolf Press published his second book, *Guillotine*, in 2020. His first book, *Slow Lightning*, won the Yale Series of Younger Poets competition. Register to receive Zoom information. Free. <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/09/connections-eduardo-corral.html>

## Saturday, September 18

### Hunter's Bash 2021

*Calvert County Fairgrounds, Noon to 4 p.m.*

Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department and Calvert Ducks Unlimited Hunters Bash LIVE! Purchase tickets at [PFVFD.ORG](http://PFVFD.ORG) or call (410) 535-9875. Prizes, drawings food and much more.

### Anne Marie Garden Artsfest

*Anne Marie Garden, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.*

Join us in Solomons where the Patuxent River meets the Chesapeake Bay - for a fabulous weekend of the visual and performing arts with 160+ artists booths, 35 performers on four stages, activities for kids, great food, wine & beer, and much more!

Unsurpassed beauty awaits you at Artsfest '21! Set amidst the spectacular backdrop of the 30 acre sculpture garden, Artsfest is truly a unique arts experience! Explore the excitement of the Tent Circle and the Arts Building, then wander the shady Wooded Path to find artists and activities nestled in the beautiful woods at Annmarie. It's an event like

no other, waiting for you and your family in Solomons, Maryland.

Enjoy more than 160 artist booths, 35 performers on four stages, activities for kids in the Discovery Tent, Studio School, and the Zany Zone, along with great food, wine & beer, and much more! Street performers, including bubble artists and musicians, will be found throughout the festival! It's a fabulous weekend of visual and performing arts set amidst the backdrop of beautiful Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons, Maryland.

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## Tuesday, September 21

### Dream Queen Happy Hour Networking Event

*Kingfishers Seafood Bar & Grill 14442 Solomons Island Rd Solomons, MD 20688; 5:30 p.m.*

Dream Queen™ Women's Networking Events were created as a special place for positive, passionate, purpose-filled women to come to-

gether to share personal and professional celebrations, grow your sphere of influence, connect, set desires and intentions with a supportive community, and gain business and personal connections and relationships that allow you to expand, execute, and elevate your career, life, and dreams.

## Thursday, September 23

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## Upcoming

### Climate Change 101

*September 28 at Chesapeake Biological Lab, Solomons, 7 p.m. Presented by Dr. Hali Kilbourne*

You've heard the term climate change, but have you ever wondered how our climate is actually changing? How do we know humans are causing it? And, so what? Earth's climate has always changed. If it is a serious problem, what do we do now? In this seminar, Dr. Hali Kilbourne will start with the basics and lay out the facts to help you better understand this growing issue.

### Freedom Hill Horse Rescue's Annual Spirit and Steeds Fall Festival

*7940 N. Flint Hill Rd, Owings, MD Tickets on Sale September 11!*

*Event Date: October 9, 2021, 2-7 Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spirits-steeds-2021-tickets-162984756795>*

Spirits & Steeds is Freedom Hill Horse Rescue's annual fall festival! Located in our arena, over thirty local breweries, distilleries, wineries, artisans, and vendors come together to create a large, open-air market for visitors to enjoy. Come to the farm and enjoy supporting FHHR and some of our favorite local businesses! We will also be joined by award winning author, Valerie Ormond!

Visitors 21 and over can purchase a Drink Ticket for \$25 and includes

a free FHHR tasting glass. Drink Tickets also include 2 free tastings at each brewery, winery, or distillery. If you'd rather not drink, we have a discounted Designated Driver/Non-Drink Ticket for \$20. Children 15 and younger can visit for free! This year our Family Fun Area will be better than ever and it is again FREE!

## 13th Annual Calvert Arts Festival

Sample the best wines, craft beers and mead from Southern Maryland makers at 13th Annual Calvert Arts Festival Saturday, October 9, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church. A \$15 fee to taste wines/beers/mead gives you a souvenir tasting glass and wristband. No fee to shop from outstanding local juried artisans. Enjoy delicious food and beverages, live entertainment, children's crafts, raffles & more. Tour our 1692 church & labyrinth. Event is rain or shine. Save money: reserve your wine/beer/mead glass at <https://CalvertArtsFestival.yapsody.com/>. Age verified for alcohol tasting by picture ID at festival. Proceeds benefit 5 local charities that aid County children. Free parking at All Saints' Church, Rts 2 & 4, Sunderland, MD, and nearby Sunderland Park & Ride. In 2022, our festival will return to its usual May date: May 14.

## Calvert County Historical Society "Barns of Calvert County Art Show and Sale"

*Sunday, October 3, 2021. 2 to 5 p.m., "Linden" Home of the Calvert County Historical Society, 70 Church St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678*

WEBSITE: [www.calverthistory.org](http://www.calverthistory.org)

As the county landscape is ever-changing with the disappearance of our barns, the Calvert County Historical Society will be celebrating our agricultural heritage with the "Barns of Calvert County Art Show and Sale" on Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at Linden. The event is free and open to the public.

With this event, we will be highlighting our heritage and farming culture as seen through the eyes of local artists.

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## Paula Michelle Stahlman



Paula Michelle Stahlman, 62, of Port Republic, MD passed away on August 30, 2021 at Georgetown University Hospital.

Born August 20, 1959 in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of Marie Jean (Sorrentino) Vidotto and the late Anthony Vidotto.

Paula graduated from Suitland High School in 1977 and attended the Respiratory Therapy Program at NOVA College. Paula moved to Calvert County from Hillside, MD in 1978. She was employed by the FBI as a fingerprint examiner for fourteen years. Paula enjoyed shopping, spending time with family, board games, and she loved crabs. She was a member of multiple small business companies.

Paula is survived by her mother, Marie Jean Vidotto of Dunkirk, MD; her husband, Jeffrey Stahlman whom she married on September 18, 1982 in Lanham, MD; her sons, Treven Stahlman of Avenue, MD and Zachary Stahlman of Port Republic, MD; grandchildren, Addisyn and Gannon Stahlman; and siblings, Valerie Maccherone of Dunkirk, MD and Katt Martin of Oklahoma City, OK. She was preceded in death by her brother, Anthony Quido Vidotto.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolences to the family may be made at [www.rauschfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rauschfuneralhomes.com).

## Raymond James Mealy, Jr.



Raymond James Mealy, Jr. was born on October 9, 1941 to Raymond James Mealy, Sr. & Katherine Mealy (Rupp) at Providence Hospital in Washington D.C. He grew up in the newly developed Landover Hills, MD. He attended Landover Hills Elementary School. His middle school years were at Leonard Hall Military Academy in Leonardtown, Maryland, which became his basis for discipline, self-confidence, respect for authority, kindness & leadership taught by the Xaverian Brothers. Being in charge of the stables, it was here that he developed his love for horses. He spent many hours learning riding skills and the care of these large animals. He graduated with honors on May 29, 1955 earning a scholarship to St. Anselm's Abbey School on South Dakota Ave N.E. Washington DC. There, being taught by the Benedictine monks continued his education in religion, self-confidence & instilled his voracious love of reading. His father died when Ray was just 16 & his sister Kathleen only 8. His mother, becoming the sole breadwinner, found it necessary to go to work. As a result, Ray finished his senior year of high school at Bladensburg High. He went on to take many night classes at the University of Maryland and also, at age 18, beginning his 30-year career in the personnel department with the federal government at the Bureau of Printing & Engraving. After several years there, he transferred to the General Services Administration at 7th & D SW still in the personnel department and also heading up the administration's blood drive. In August 1967, it was here, while soliciting blood donors, that he met Carol Blumreich who also worked in personnel. She ultimately became his wife on May 27, 1968, but never did donate blood.

Ray loved many things and doing so many things. He loved going to the swim competitions where daughters Terry & Linda would compete in the Princemont Swim League with the Landover Hills swim team. He loved dogs and over the years, there were many. Our first was a basset hound, but just as a pet, which led to another one from 'field trial stock', which led to competing them at AKC field trials, which led to trading in our 1967 Ford Mustang and buying a 1971 Chevrolet Suburban so we had the space to travel the east coast with the girls, Terry & Linda and now a couple of dogs to various events, which eventually led to many blue ribbons and two AKC field championship basset hounds. Ray loved to bird hunt and his field champion basset hound Sherman not only could find rabbits, but also went pheasant hunting with Ray in western Maryland. When a neighbor in Hyattsville had a Vizsla for bird hunting, Ray was in love with this new breed. Not long after came our first Vizsla, Roscoe, which opened up a whole new competition with field trialing and hunting with bird dogs as well as the bassets.

Moving from the Glenridge area of Hyattsville to Calvert County, into a new

house & 5 acres February 1978, opened up all sorts of new interests and possibilities. While still living in Hyattsville, he enjoyed having a small vegetable garden, but with the new place, it allowed him space for a much larger garden. He continued commuting into DC where he was now working for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. This was before buses were available, so he was driving back & forth every work day.

After 30 years with the Federal Government, in 1990, he took an early retirement at age 48, and never looked back.

He became more involved with training his bird dog, Kirby, getting AKC field championship, master hunter, and obedience titles on him. His early love for horses came in handy when he realized that the field trials were better from horseback which led to his first horse Levi. Levi nearly killed Ray 30 years ago at River Hill Farm in Howard County. He was thrown to the ground and had 11 broken ribs-one that missed puncturing his aorta by a fraction of an inch, 4 broken vertebrae, a collapsed lung. He spent 4 days in Howard County Hospital and was finally stable enough to be transported by ambulance to Calvert Hospital where he spent another 30 days. Those vows, "in sickness & in health were certainly put to the test." This is where his longtime friendship with Jack Ward began. Ray came home & was relegated to a hospital bed for yet another month. Just four months later, Ray bought another horse, Dakota. And then there was the 2nd horse, Michael to follow. So many stories Ray & Jack could tell. Ray served on the board of directors for the Conestoga Vizsla Club for many years. In 1999, Ray & Jack Ward were the founders of the AKC Southern Maryland English Setter Club, hosting numerous field trials, hunting tests and training seminars throughout those years.

He put many more field championships and master hunter titles on many more of our Vizslas and English Setters. He judged at many of hunting tests and field trials and was always anxious & willing to help newcomers to the sport.

He took advantage of every day of

his retirement, volunteering for the Calvert County Literacy Program, teaching non-violent young men at the local prison to read or improve their reading skills. He volunteered for Christmas in April and Meals on Wheels. He became an active member at the Huntingtown United Methodist Church cooking for their spring & fall dinners, attending many Bible study groups, helping at the vacation Bible school, going on the mission trips to Kentucky & North Carolina with the Appalachian Service Project and serving on the church's board of trustees for several years until his health no longer allowed him to continue. He volunteered at the homeless shelter & during Safe Nights.

He worked as a cook for a year at Red Hot & Blue restaurant when it first opened in Prince Frederick. He cooked the best ribs and his dream was to open his own bar-b-que place.

He enjoyed carving duck decoys and with the help of friend Fred Cox, created several pieces of our furniture.

He loved to fish & he loved trot lining for crabs on the Patuxent River. He couldn't wait to get a bushel of crabs & share with friends & family on a summer weekend along with fresh vegetables from his garden. Ray also enjoyed his beer-especially Honey Brown.

Ray loved to read and he read several newspapers each day, along with a couple of books a week, numerous magazines and always reading and re-reading his Bible. He always said, "I'm a veritable fountain of useless information." He was a member of a book club which he thoroughly enjoyed. He loved to cook and enjoyed especially going thru his numerous Chinese cookbooks and planning what new and exotic dishes to prepare for dinner. He cooked most of the meals until his health no longer allowed him that pleasure.

Ray loved his God, his family and many friends. He always looked forward to attending his great grandchildren's sporting events He is survived by his wife Carol of 53 years, his daughters, Terry Walker & Linda Fones, granddaughters Jessica & Lauren, great-grandchildren Nathaniel, Victoria &

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Liam, his sister Kathleen & his faithful Vizsla, Junior, who was by his side when he passed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his very dear friends Bill Norris, Jack Ward & Les Weir & by many of his much-loved dogs, especially, Spot, Seymour, Lucille, Jake & Kirby.

God gave us memory, so we could have flowers in December. Thanks for so many memories.

In Lieu of Flowers, donations may be made in Ray's memory to: Huntingtown United Methodist, 4020 Hunting Creek Rd., Huntingtown, MD 20639; Calvert Hospice, 238 Merrimac Ct., Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or Calvert Animal Welfare League, 1040 N. Prince Frederick Blvd., Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 16, 2021, 9:30-11 a.m. atuntingtown United Methodist Church, 4020 Hunting Creek Road, P.O. Box 550, Huntingtown, MD 20639. A memorial service will follow at the church at 11 a.m.

Burial will be in Miranda Cemetery, 4000 Huntingtown Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639.

Funeral arrangements are by Rausch Funeral home.

## Lynette "Granny" Ward



Lynette "Granny" Ward, of Lusby, MD passed away on September 10, 2021, at Calvert Health Medical Center. Born October 22, 1928, in Friendship, MD, she was the daughter of the late John E. and Grace V. McCready. She was married to Thomas Lonier Ward, who preceded her in death in 1989.

Lynette is survived by two sons, Harold Ward (Debbie) and Rene Ward (Sandy Thiess) both of Lusby, MD; four grandchildren, Michael Ward (Michelle) of Lusby, MD, Cyndi Ward (Bobby Baumgarten) of Dowell, MD, Lea Atkins (John) of St. Leonard, MD and Erica Ward (Daniel George) of Lusby, MD; five great-grandchildren, Shannon Ward, Gabrielle Baker, Erik Baker, Logan Atkins and Kennedy George; siblings, Donnas McCready of St. Leonard, MD and Harold Lee McCready of Ft. Washington, MD. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Lonier Ward; and siblings, Marie Hardesty, Edward McCready, Ethel Grover, Erma Lee Breeden, Annie Batchelor, Dud-

ley McCready, Eunice Habig and John Berkley McCready.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Anna Mae Bowen



Anna Mae Bowen, 90, of Owings passed away September 10, 2021. She was born November 24, 1930 in Harwood to James William and Hazel Irene (Walton) Cullember. Anna was raised in Calvert County, where she attended public schools. She married Samuel Charles Bowen, Jr. on February 12, 1949 and they lived in Camp Springs before moving to Owings in 1977. She was employed as a bookkeeper for First National Bank in Upper Marlboro. Anna was a member of Smithville U.M. Church and also attended Grace Brethren Church of Calvert County. She enjoyed spending time with her extended families, having gatherings and celebrating the holidays. She also enjoyed working in the summer at Candi's Produce with her sisters, baking, cooking and playing cards.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel C. Bowen, Jr., sisters Arlene Sherbert, M. Lorraine Catterton and Janice W. Hall and brother John W. "Billy" Cullember. Anna is survived by a brother Ronald Dwight Cullember and wife Linda of Butler, PA, numerous nieces and nephews and her special friend Gloria Haws.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 16, 2021, 10-11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery, 122 Bayard Road

Lothian, MD 20711.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Center for Infant and Child Loss University of MD Department of Pediatrics, 737 W. Lombard Street, Room 233, Baltimore, MD 21201; Link:

<https://www.infantandchildloss.org/> or Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122; 410-987-2003; Link:

<https://www.hospicechesapeake.org/>

## Gloria Ann (Stallings) King



Gloria Ann (Stallings) King, 78, of Chesapeake Beach passed away September 7, 2021. She was born March 13, 1943 in Jewell, MD to James Edward and Alice Louise (Smith) Stallings. Gloria was raised in Chesapeake Beach and graduated from Calvert High School. She married James Gardiner King in March of 1961 and they made their home in the Beach. She was a purchase officer for Marriott Distributors. She also loved her job at Twin Shields Golf Course, where she worked as a server and in the snack bar. Gloria loved dancing, gardening, shopping, listening to country music, especially County Memories, decorating and cooking for the holidays, crabs, sweets and chocolate. She also enjoyed watching Lifetime and Hallmark movies, especially the Christmas ones, Fox News and Sunday morning preachers.

Gloria was preceded in death by her husband, James. She is survived by children Marie Antoinette "Toni" King of Lothian, Rhonda Renee King Chaney of Chesapeake Beach and James Mark King and wife Laura of St. Leonard. Also surviving are grandchildren Jacob Wesley King and Ashely Nicole Stinnett, sister Pearl Dowell of Owings, special niece Angie Lynn Dowell of Hollywood, grand-dogs Cowboy and Rocco, grand-cat Snaps as well as extended family, friends, nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

John Barney Stratton

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the peaceful passing of John Barney Stratton of North Beach Maryland on 6 September 2021 at the age of 78. Barney was predeceased by his wife Carolyn, Carolyn's son Ronnie, and his parents Marion and Vera.

Growing up in Vicksburg, Barney was a Civil War buff and spent his youth hiking and camping near the battle sites. Barney worked in the US Navy ship-building industry for almost 50 years. Providing the US. Navy with his expertise in power generation and distribution systems.

Overcoming many obstacles and hard times, Barney grew into himself and enjoyed his later years. He was a voracious

reader, world traveler, hunter, fisher, and model ship builder.

Fair winds & following seas to heaven my friend, you have earned your wings.

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## James Wesley "Jim" Dadisman, Jr



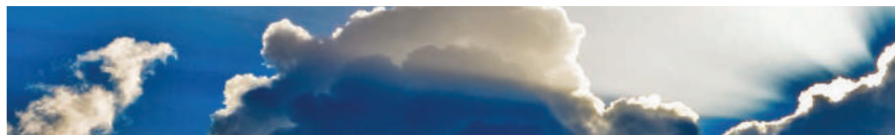
James Wesley "Jim" Dadisman, Jr., 91, of Deale passed away September 6, 2021. He was born December 14, 1929 in Harrisonburg, VA to James Wesley Sr. and Elsie Alberta (Silvius) Dadisman. Jim joined the Army National Guard in 1947 after graduating from high school and started his 24-year military career. He later joined the United States Air Force and retired in 1971 as a Tech Sergeant, having served in Okinawa, Japan, as well as various places in the United States. Following his retirement from the Air Force, Jim went to work for the D.C. Superior Court as a court clerk and later worked for the Department of Energy. Jim married Shirley Diehl in 1956 and they lived in many places while Jim was in the service and settled in Clinton in 1971. He was a member of the Moose Lodge for over 50 years as well as the American Legion. Jim enjoyed watching Western movies, history, traveling with his family, and visiting the Zoo and DC museums.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Shirley Dadisman in 2009 and brother Dudley Dadisman. He is survived by his son James W. "Jimmie" Dadisman III and his wife Beth of Deale, sister Mary Ann Glendye and brother Kemper Dadisman, both of Harrisonburg, VA, nieces Debbie Cox and Rev. Mary Katherine Dadisman, nephew Wesley Dadisman, and great nephew Andy Glendye.

Visitation will be Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 4-7 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Funeral Services will be Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 10:30 a.m. at MD Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623

Memorial Contributions may be made to Anne Arundel Medical Center, 2001 Medical Pkwy., Annapolis, MD 21401 or American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Suite 120, Baltimore, MD 21220; 800-227-2345; Link:



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## Marshall Gregory "Greg" Hubbard



Greg was a believer in living life to the fullest and knowing each day is a gift. He lived by the motto "Everything in excess and nothing in moderation". Greg lost his hard fought battle to Aplastic Anemia on September 6, 2021 at the age of 71 with his loving wife Elizabeth Hubbard by his side.

Greg was surrounded by his loved ones who will continue to honor his legacy as well as his love for life. He leaves behind his wife Elizabeth Hubbard, mother-in-law Barbara Woods, father-in-law and golf buddy Glenn Woods, his former wife Rita Hubbard and children, Tiffany Ahalt (Brad Ahalt), Sharon Riser (Charles Riser), Laura Hubbard and Marshall Hubbard, Jr. His greatest joy was his grandsons, Bailey and Gavin Riser, Logan Wilms and Braden Ahalt.

He instilled gratitude, respect and the importance of a strong work ethic to his children and grandchildren. Greg loved to share his love of grilling, music, boating, fishing, crabbing and golfing with those he loved.

A member of the All-American Chapter Harley Owner Group (Hughesville, MD), he combined his love for riding motorcycles with his wife Elizabeth and other members touring the countryside and raising funds and awareness for various causes.

Fishing was his passion which he shared with his children and grandchildren. Captain Greg and was up early to watch the sunrise on the water and reel in a big catch.

The family would like to extend a special gratitude to Nancy Hardy, MD, the University of Maryland Bone Marrow and Transplant Team, Bilal Ahmed, MD and the CalvertHealth Hematology & Oncology Team. Their care and compassion allowed Greg to be cared for with respect and dignity in his final days.

Please join his family for a Celebration of Life on Tuesday, September 28 at Rausch Funeral Home located at 20 American Lane, Lusby, Maryland 20657. Visitation will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. followed by a service of reflection. Following the service, all are

invited to Greg and Elizabeth's home to continue the celebration of his life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a local blood drive or to the Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department, <https://www.svrsfd.org>

## Carolyn Mae Cramer



Carolyn Mae Cramer, 78, a 44 year resident of Tracy's Landing went home to be with the Lord after a two year battle with cancer on September 5, 2021. She was born on February 27, 1943 at Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C., to the late Earl & Tessiel Archer. Carol was a devoted Wife, Mother, Grandmother, & Great Grandmother. She held many titles in her professional career, driving a school bus for Anne Arundel County, was employed with Nordstrom and Lakemont Cemetery, and was a secretary for her son's business. Most of all, her passion was with Home Interiors & Gifts, where she made so many lifetime friends. She enjoyed cooking, house decorating, many cruises, and camping with friends and family. Her greatest joy of all was spending time with her family, especially the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She attended Friendship Baptist Church when residing in Maryland, and Southwest Baptist Church when residing in Florida. Carol is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Joseph Cramer, Sr., her children, Joseph Cramer Jr. (Wendy) of Lothian, MD, Julia Windsor (Donald) of Lothian, MD, Janine Leapley (Joe) of Tracy's Landing, MD, Jeffrey Cramer of Deale, MD, and James Cramer (Jill) of Blacksburg, VA., brother Dean Archer of Alexandria, VA, and sister Brenda Grubb of Pasadena, MD. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. A celebration of life will be planned for a future date.

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# THE RULE OF 72

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Financial planning involves strategy. Basically, you need to plan how to get to where you want to go and how long it will take you to get there. If this involves retirement, planning should encompass both your current and your anticipated lifestyle. If this involves financing a child's college education, planning involves setting aside sufficient funds in savings to pay tuition, books and living expenses when your child needs the money.

But, how do you calculate how long it will take to get to your goals? The easiest way is to use the "Rule of 72". The Rule of 72 is a handy rule used in finance to estimate quickly the number of years it takes to double a sum of capital given an annual interest rate, or to estimate the annual interest rate it takes to double a sum of money over a given number of years.

Simply, dividing 72 by the rate of return on your investments equals the approximate number of years it will take for your money to double. Or, dividing 72 by the number of years you have until you need to use the money you have set aside equals the rate of return you need to have on your investments.

For example, David and Susan have saved \$10,000 towards their six year old child's college education. They want to know how long it will take them to double that amount. Their daughter is 6 years old. Assume she will need the money to go to college when she is 18. That's 12 years of saving. 72 divided by 12 equals a 6% rate of return on their investments. In other words, David and Susan need to obtain a six percent rate of return on their investments for 12 years to double their savings to \$20,000. That means no spending from the college account and reinvestment of all dividends and interest for the period of 12 years.

The Rule of 72 can also be used to calculate the effect of inflation. If college tuition increases at 5% per year, tuition costs will double in 72 divided by 5 or about 14.4 years. Think about it. That means David and Susan need to save much more money for college than they might at first have anticipated.

The Rule of 72 is a simple math shortcut to estimate the effect of any growth rate. The formula is "years to double equals

72 divided by interest rate." The results you achieve, a doubling of growth shows you the tremendous effect of compounding interest.

What is compound interest? For example, start with \$1 at 10% interest. At the end of one year you have \$1.10 and at the end of year 2 you have \$1.21. The dime earned in the first year starts earning money on its own (a penny). Next year add another dime that starts making pennies, along with the small amount the first penny contributes. Ben Franklin, said by some to be the inventor of the Rule of 72, apparently said: "The money that money earns, earns money."

Compound interest is deceptively small, cumulative growth that is very powerful. No wonder that Einstein is reputed to have called it one of the most powerful forces in the universe.

Don't let the rule of 72 work against you, as it does when you take on high interest debt. At an average interest rate of 18%, the credit card debt doubles in just 4 years (18 X 4 equals 72), quadruples in only 8 years, and keeps escalating with time. The first rule of your financial plan should be to pay off all high interest credit card debt and avoid it like the plague.

Using the Rule of 72 will help you figure out what you need and for how long. Compound interest will be the way you get there. These simple concepts provide the basics of financial planning. Let the Rule of 72 work for you by starting saving now. At a growth rate of 8% per annum, you would double your money in 9 years (8 X 9 equals 72), quadruple your money in 18 years and have 16 times your money in 36 years. No wonder financial planners advise 20-year olds to start a savings plan. Over time, with compound interest, even a small amount of savings consistently set aside when you are in your twenties could make you a millionaire by the time you are retired. But, even if you are older, compound interest works for you and you are never too young or too old to save.

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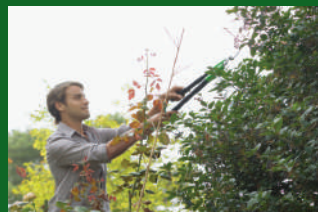
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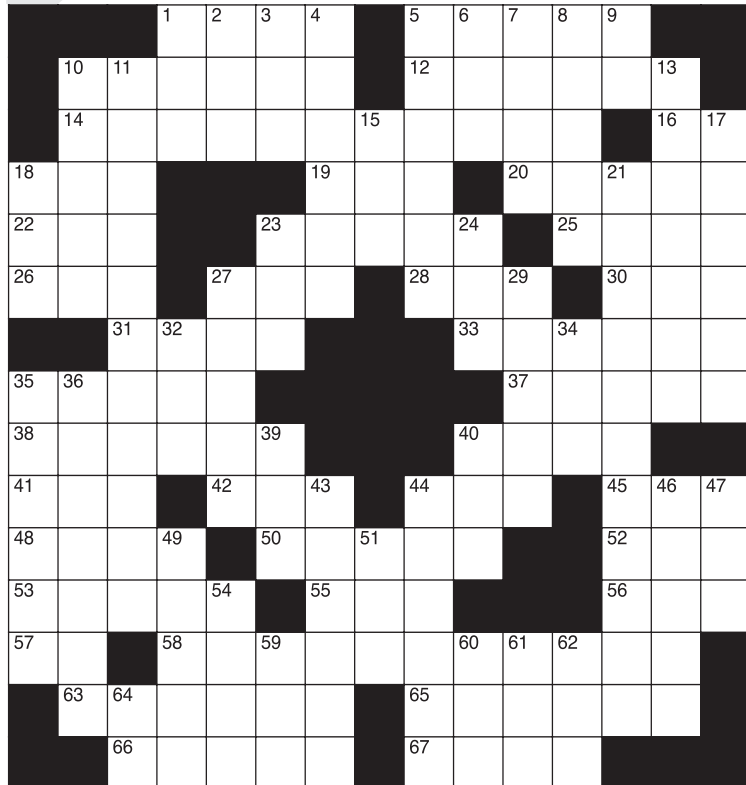
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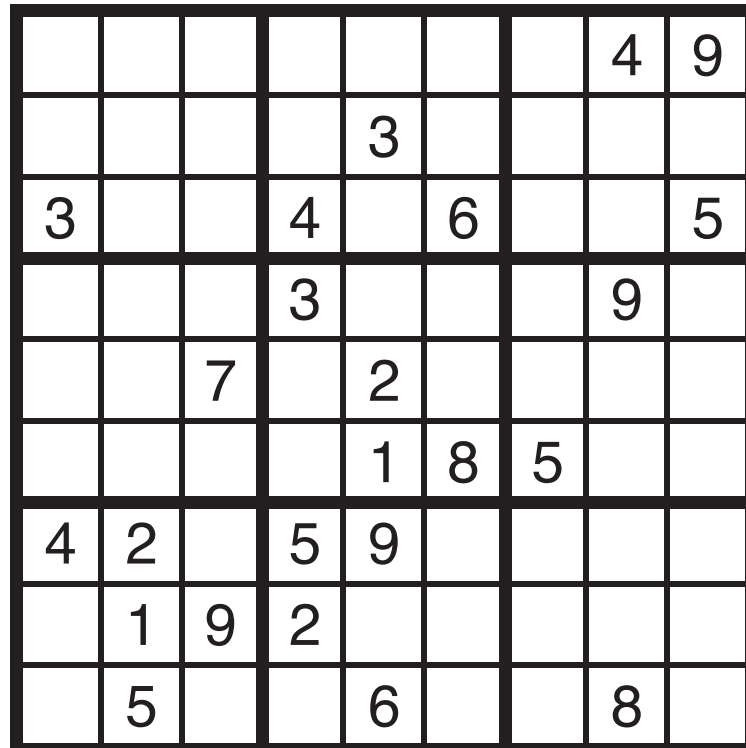
- 1. Religion native to some in China
- 5. Nursemaids
- 10. Coats a porous surface
- 12. Garment of long cloth
- 14. Containing a broader message
- 16. University of Dayton
- 18. Patti Hearst's captors
- 19. Insane
- 20. Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
- 22. Taxi
- 23. Trainee
- 25. Comedian Carvey
- 26. Some couples say it
- 27. Belong to he
- 28. High schoolers' test
- 30. Young goat
- 31. You drive on one
- 33. Denotes a time long ago
- 35. Space between two surfaces
- 37. By and by
- 38. A way to sell
- 40. A line left by the passage of something

- 41. Indicates near
- 42. Where wrestlers compete
- 44. Prosecutors
- 45. Body part
- 48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 50. Indicates silence
- 52. NFL's Newton
- 53. Ancient Roman garments
- 55. Drunkard
- 56. Expression of satisfaction
- 57. Thus
- 58. Noisy viper
- 63. Plants of a particular region
- 65. Communicated with
- 66. Latches a window
- 67. Swarm with

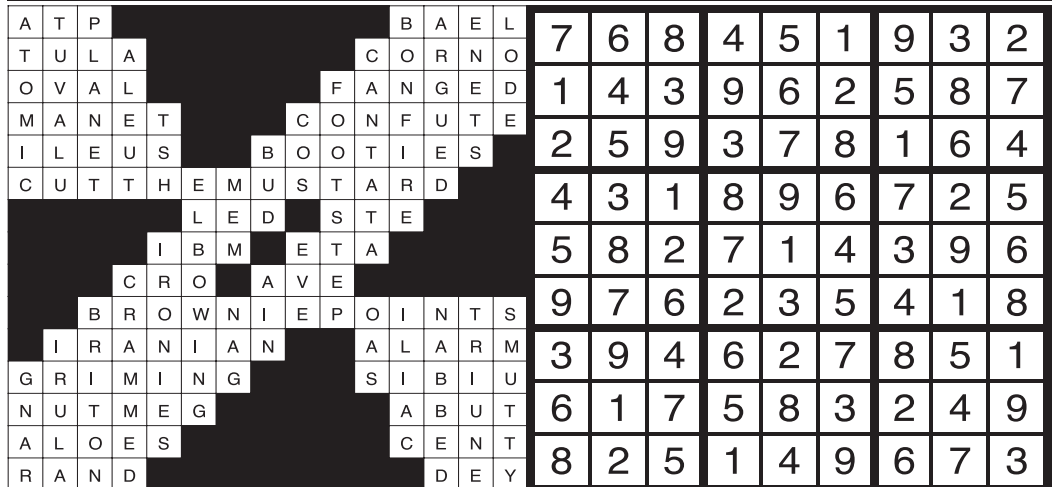
**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Split pulses
- 2. Brew
- 3. Ask humbly
- 4. Distinctive smells
- 5. Digressions
- 6. Partner to cheese
- 7. Father of Araethyrea
- 8. Made a cavity
- 9. Tin
- 10. Appetizer
- 11. Presenting in detail
- 13. Compound in guano and fish scales

- 15. Cool!
- 17. "\_\_\_ than a doornail"
- 18. Popular literary form \_\_\_ fi
- 21. Be the most remarkable
- 23. "Final Fantasy" universe character
- 24. Buffer solution
- 27. Muslim physician using traditional remedies
- 29. Fantastical planet
- 32. S. American plant
- 34. Domesticated animal
- 35. The tops of mountains
- 36. Expression of disapproval
- 39. Skeletal muscle
- 40. Game show host Sajak
- 43. One's interests
- 44. Identify the existence of
- 46. Partner to "oohed"
- 47. Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
- 49. Hammerin' Hank
- 51. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- 54. Elaborately draped garment
- 59. Check
- 60. Car mechanics group
- 61. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 62. Austrian river



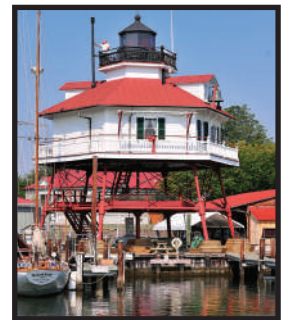
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