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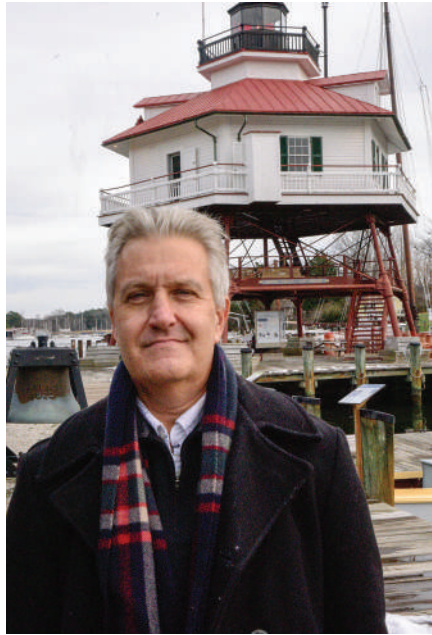
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# State Test Scores 'Took a Dive' in Calvert

By Dick Myers  
Editor

"We definitely took a dive, especially in mathematics," was how Calvert County Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dr. Susan Johnson described how the school system's students fared this fall in the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) state-wide testing.

Johnson said students were graded at three levels this fall. "If a student scored in the two or three level range, they are deemed proficient," she explained to the school board at their Jan. 13 meeting. "However, we had no students in math that scored in the highest level. So that is obviously a concern."

She added, "When you look at our ELA (English language) scores, you also see that while students scored better than they did in math, they certainly are less than what we typically see in Calvert County."

Johnson explained that the pandemic (and virtual learning) was surely the culprit. "I think that goes back to the fact that we do see evidence of learning loss, that school was virtual and in person and hybrid last year, that we have curriculum that didn't get taught and all those things were okay because it was in the pandemic. But now we really have to make sure that our students are working to meet those standards that are going to be assessed in the spring."

Johnson said in mitigation, "I might have been a ninth grader sitting in ninth grade, and I took the eighth-grade test that I had not seen any content on for the first month. I could have been a 10th grader who took algebra in ninth grade. I'm sitting in geometry learning geometry material, but in October I get tested on algebra material from last year. So, we do think that does play a



Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dr. Susan Johnson

small part, but it doesn't explain all the scores away."

"It would be very easy," she said, "just to say our scores were very low. So, we're not going to set data projections very high, but we feel like we need to."

Johnson said the state is cutting some slack and only requiring the 2020 test score targets for 2022, reflecting that learning gap. But she said, "We're going to use the 2022 targets as our data projections. We want our students to get back to where they were scoring prior to the pandemic. We think it's ambitious. We know it will be tough, but we do have one thing going for us. And that's students are enrolled in school every day throughout the course of the year, getting a full curriculum."

She noted that parent and student surveys have shown that "both community and students felt like their kids had adjusted to the full schedule."

Johnson's update was part of the school system's latest report of their Reopening Plan, a term used by the state that will remain until 2024.

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## Commissioners Honor Former Planning Director

*Hance: 'I was Dead Wrong'*



(l to r) Commissioners Weems, Gadway, and Hance with Greg Bowen holding the proclamation.

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their Jan. 11 meeting presented a proclamation to Greg Bowen, former county Director of Planning and Zoning and currently Executive Director of American Chestnut Land Trust.

The proclamation noted Bowen's "distinguished and commendable service to our community." It highlighted Bowen's receipt of the Maryland Department of Planning 2021 Maryland Sustainable Growth Award.

Commissioner President Buddy Hance said Bowen "had foresight a long time ago when we were very rural that we needed to protect our lands because things could happen and that it was important that we preserve our heritage and our culture."

Current Director of Planning and Zoning Mary Beth Cook said, "Without Greg's forethought, as director of planning and zoning, our land preservation would not be what it is today in the county. And we continue to work through the programs that he instituted."

County Administrator Mark Willis, himself also a former planning and zoning director, said, "A lot of folks may think that Greg is anti-growth. Greg Bowen is smart growth. He always has been, and that's what he taught me. And that's what we're going to try to do moving forward."

Bowen said, "I have to say that I was at the right place at the right time. After the Pleasant Peninsula Plan was prepared, I happened to be the president of the Young Farmers when they were creating a committee to look into land preservation alternatives. And they foolishly appointed me to that committee. And

that's where it all got started for me.

"Calvert County is a special place. Calvert County had the first land preservation program in the state. It had the first community-based land trust in the state."

He added, "We also had the first secretary of agriculture and we've been pretty lucky at getting subsequent secretaries of agriculture." He was referring to Hance, who served in that capacity.

Bowen added, "So it's been a county that has been very land preservation, agriculture, and fisheries oriented. A lot of those basic goods have always come out of Calvert County. And a lot of us want to see it stay that way. And if you fly over Calvert County, you see an awful lot of green."

Many of the people involved in that plan from the 1970's, he said, "were farmers who were saying, we're worried about what we're losing, what can we do to get things done? So, thank you. And also, I want to give a plug to the county commissioners; in the last year, they've made great strides to strengthen the land preservation program."

Hance said, "I've admitted before, and I'll admit it on camera. As a landowner, back in the day when Greg was there and they were doing all these down-zonings, I think I testified in every hearing against what Greg was proposing. And we had some interesting discussions, but I'm man enough to admit that Greg Bowen had better foresight than I did, because I never envisioned Calvert County would be where it is today. Not that that's all a bad thing, but I was wrong. This is a special place and Greg had the foresight to see that and know what actions had to be taken to protect it."

"I was dead wrong, but at least I got smarter with age."

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# Controversy Erupts Over Snubbing of Patuxent Riverkeeper

*Fred Tutman Removed from River Commission*

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Bills are being prepared for filing in both the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates that would restore Patuxent Riverkeeper Fred Tutman to a position on the Patuxent River Commission (PRC).

Maryland's conservation community is up in arms over Tutman being left off the commission that he has served on for more than 20 years.

Tutman wrote recently, "Problems on the Commission began almost four years ago, when the Secretary of Planning, who is a member of the Commission by charter but had never previously participated in our meetings, announced that we lacked legal authority to discuss private development plans that could affect water quality and were under consideration by a local government. He handed us an internal legal memo to support his edict. Most of the Commissioners were stunned. Not only does our enabling legislation specifically direct that we 'review and comment on plans...related to the Patuxent River and its watershed' but the Commission has from time to time done precisely that.

"Let's be clear: the PRC is an advisory commission with no regulatory authority, no budget allocation, and no full-time staff. In effect, the only thing we can do about watershed issues is to discuss matters and issue comments. To be suddenly notified by a political appointee that we lack that discretion, indeed never had those powers, was stunning and more than a little insulting. The Hogan Administration, through the Department of Planning's Secretary, appeared to be trying to use a falsified legal opinion to coerce us into not discussing things in the watershed that really matter, environmentally. We say 'falsified' because it was a highly questionable legal opinion produced by a lawyer aimed at misleading the Commissioners by misrepresenting the plain text of the enabling statute—such that Commissioners would follow the legal memo instead of the law.

"Fearing that the PRC would lose its effectiveness if it can discuss river problems only in a very general way but without acknowledging improper real estate growth, we gave the Secretary's legal opinion to the Maryland Attorney General. His office quick-



Patuxent Riverkeeper Fred Tutman.

ly issued a fresh opinion saying exactly opposite of the Secretary: that there is no restriction in our deliberations about river-related policy, reinforcing the directive of our enabling statute.

"Most of us on the Commission felt the matter was settled, and we continued working on the effort we had been engaged in — bringing attention to an inequitable and hence illegal planned transfer, to a private developer, of a tract parkland purchased with Land Water Conservation Fund money. Despite the Department of Planning's continuing to discourage this PRC effort, our attention ended up with the environmentally desirable outcome of the county (Howard) not doing this questionable land transfer and protecting additional sensitive land abutting the river from development by acquiring it as parkland.

"Another proposal we recently looked at, despite the Department of Planning's discouragement, was high density development in the headwaters of the Middle Patuxent branch of the Patuxent River, a project where high-quality land that had been in the Agricultural Preserve (MALPF) was questionably 'swapped' for essentially un-buildable land. That the PRC might extend its analysis

to address an underappreciated 2017 law on removing land from under Agricultural Preservation (HB155) seemed especially discouraged by Department of Planning representatives.

"Indeed, it appears that the Secretary of the Department of Planning still believes our Commission is his to control (which he acknowledged in media accounts). He evidently waited for the appointment cycles of five of the most independent voices on the Commission to reach the stage when in previous appointment cycles we would have been semi-automatically renewed, but instead instructed that we not be reappointed. The legitimate appointments procedure actually requires that they ask advice from the serving Commissioners for new individuals to fill any vacancies and then obtain 'the advice and consent of the [Maryland State] Senate' before the Governor can officially appoint any new Commissioner to those positions. But so far as we know, that has not happened this round. Furthermore, while the PRC's enabling legislation mandates that our positions are to be chosen to 'represent...interests within the [Patuxent] watershed,' one of the new replacements neither lives nor works within the Patuxent

watershed and gave no indication of any involvement with the Patuxent in his introductory speech.

"This latest is a coup d'état over an independent Commission, reflecting the Hogan administration not only thumbing its nose at the rule of law but also seeking to silence and censure dedicated voices for the river who are guilty of no more than fulfilling the oath they took as Commissioners: to protect the river!"

The bill to be introduced in the Senate by Prince George's Sen. Paul Pinsky will be known as the "Senator Bernie Fowler Patuxent River Conservation Law and requires the reappointment of Tutman and restoration of PRC to its advocacy role.

The bill requires that the chairman of the commission be appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House "based on their passion and concerns for the conservation and restoration of the Patuxent Reiver as epitomized by the late Senator Bernie Fowler." Fowler of Calvert County, who passed away last month, was instrumental in the founding of the Patuxent River Commission. He led an annual wade-in to call attention to the river.

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# Changes in Schools' Bullying Policy Proposed

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education was presented, at their Jan. 13 meeting, with a set of proposed changes to the school system's policy on "Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying."

The changes conform to Maryland State Department of Education guidelines. They must be submitted to the state by Feb. 15.

A model policy was first published by the state in 2009, modified in 2016, and required to be updated every five years.

One of the changes presented to the board by Supervisor of Student Services James Kurtz establishes a maximum time for reporting incidents, where before there had been none. The change, as presented, was:

- A parent or guardian of the alleged targeted student must be notified within three business days after the date the act is reported.
- A parent or guardian of the alleged perpetrator must be notified within five business days after the date the act is reported.

"It seems like a long time," was Board President Pamela Cousins' reaction to the timeline. She was

told that in most instances the time for reporting should be shorter, but an investigation might require more time.

The policy adds a purpose statement which says: "All students have the right to be free from bullying, harassment, or intimidation. Calvert County Public Schools is committed to providing a safe, productive, and inclusive learning environment. Bullying problems are symptomatic of relationship problems best addressed holistically by students, schools, parents/caregivers, and the entire community. Our schools should be places where students are surrounded by caring adults who encourage students to treat others with kindness and empathy, while helping to build a relationship-focused, welcoming, supportive school environment fostering academic and personal growth for every student."

It also changes the definition of bullying from: "Targeting a peer for threatening repetitive, negative actions resulting in a feeling of powerlessness on the part of the victim," to "Is unwanted, demeaning behavior among students that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or is highly likely to be repeated, over time. To

be considered bullying, the behavior must be intentional and include: 1) an imbalance of power (students who bully use their physical, emotional, social, or academic power to control, exclude, or harm others), and 2) repetition (bullying behaviors happen more than once or are highly likely to be repeated based on evidence gathered).

The definition of cyberbullying was changed from: "Any harassment that occurs via electronic communication including, but not limited to, cell phones, Internet, computer, or other devices that send or post text and/or images intended to hurt or embarrass another," to: "is bullying that takes place over digital devices like cell phones, computers, and tablets. Cyberbullying can occur through texting, apps, or online via social media, forums, or gaming where people can view, participate in, or share content. Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or hurtful content about another student. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation."

In the current policy, harassment and intimidation are combined. The

proposal has separate definitions for them.

Harassment is defined as "includes actual or perceived negative actions that offend, ridicule, or demean another student with regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, family/parental or marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, ancestry, physical attributes, socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or disability. Bullying is a form of harassment."

Intimidation "is any communication or action directed against another student that threatens or induces a sense of fear and/or inferiority. Retaliation may be considered a form of intimidation."

The policy also adds the following new statement: "In accordance with the statute, a school employee who reports an act of bullying, harassment, or intimidation under the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 7-424.1 in accordance with the county board's policy is not civilly liable for any act or omission in reporting or failing to report an act of bullying, harassment, or intimidation under this section."

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# Former Councilman Returns in North Beach

By Dick Myers  
Editor

North Beach has a new town council member, but he's not unfamiliar with how the council works. Kenneth "Ken" Wilcox was sworn in at the council's Jan. 13 meeting to replace the late Jane Hagen. Wilcox was formerly a council member.

Wilcox said, "I served on the council for six years and I'm aware of the time and the focus and the dedication that it takes to serve the town on behalf of our neighbors. I'd like to thank all of you for all the work that you do and how you serve and navigate through these trying times on behalf of our community.

"Those who don't know me, I served in the council between 2010 and 2016. I resigned in 2016, almost six years to the day today."

He resigned when as a U.S. Foreign Service officer, he was relocated. "Myself and my family are returning back here to North Beach, for the foreseeable future," he said.

"I just want to say thanks to the mayor and the fellow council members," he said. "I'm honored to come back to the council, and



Ken Wilcox being sworn into the position of North Beach Town Councilman at the Jan. 13 meeting.

we are very happy to be home. Before my life as a diplomat, I was in family law, for about eight years here in Southern Maryland." He previously worked in the Justice Department.

"Even though I was overseas, I had kept up on what was going on, all the issues that are facing the town," he said. "In my previous time on council, we had many similar issues, so I can't say noth-

ing's ever the same, such as when we had the financial situation after the Great Recession. We had created the new parks, new museums, with the new town hall, now the older town hall, when it opened up and also always issues about chronic flooding, the storm water management, and dealing with the community policing."

"And of course, I'll bring that previous experience forward,

while I'm here on the council," he added.

Ironically, Hagen, who had also previously been on the council, was appointed to replace Wilcox when he resigned. Now it's come full circle.

The town will honor Hagen with the planting of a tree at the senior center on Arbor Day.

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# Cousins to Not Seek Re-election

## Chosen School Board President

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Two-term Calvert County Board of Education member Pamela Cousins has decided not to seek re-election to a third term. Cousins informed The County Times of the decision on Jan. 18.

At the school board's Jan. 13 meeting, Cousins was elected to serve as president for the coming year, a position she has previously held.

The school board's two at-large seats are up for election this year. The other at-large seat is held by Pat Nutter, who was appointed to the position by the county commissioners to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bill Phalen.

At the Jan. 13 meeting, while he was making a motion again to return the board to unlimited public participation instead of limiting comment to 10 speakers, Nutter said, "I don't intend to be here next year." The motion once again failed by a 2-3 vote.

The school board has been the center of much criticism the last several years, most recently over decisions related to the pandemic, and whether full in-person learning should have returned last year and now over masking requirements. Also, the nationwide controversy over Critical Race Theory has spilled over into Calvert along with criticism of the board's Anti-Racism Policy.

School boards all across the country have been feeling the same heat.

Cousins has been at the center of that controversy as the prime proponent of the racism policy and also a supporter of virtual learning and limiting public comment.

Cousins' resume on the school system website says, "With com-



Calvert County Board of Education President Pamela Cousins

bined military and private industry responsibilities, she has over 27 years of cyber security, project management and leadership experience in building teams and managing secure IT systems. Ms. Cousins currently works for the Federal Government implementing common policies and best practices that are risk-based and able to effectively respond to the pace of ever-changing cyber threats to federal networks."

Nutter is a former county commissioner who decided not to seek re-election four years ago. He is a retired police officer and former county employee. He did not return The County Times call for comment on his election intentions.

So far two persons have filed for the two at-large seats: former school board member Tracey McGuire and Jana Post.

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# Public Hearing Set for Police Accountability Board

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will hold a public hearing Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022, at 7 p.m. to receive and consider public input on a draft resolution regarding the creation of a Calvert County Police Accountability Board (PAB). The public hearing will be held at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center located at 901 Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick. Seating will be limited to the first 50 persons.

The public may attend through Zoom at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/PABHearing](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/PABHearing). Participants may also participate by phone (audio only) by calling either of the following toll-free numbers to participate remotely:

- Toll-free: 888-475-4499 or 877-853-5257
- Meeting ID: 899 4188 8251
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- To provide public comment: \*9

Citizens are encouraged to review the BOCC proposed draft resolution (January 2022) and additional information, available online at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/PAB](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/PAB). The revised draft was created based on public feedback



received as of Dec. 15, 2021.

To ensure full public access and transparency, the meeting will be streamed live on the Calvert County Government YouTube page at [www.youtube.com/CalvertCountyGov](http://www.youtube.com/CalvertCountyGov). The meeting will also be broadcast live on Comcast channel 6 and 1070 HD.

Written comments may also be submitted through an online comment form, emailed to [CountyAttorney@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:CountyAttorney@calvertcountymd.gov) or

through the U.S. mail to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners at 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities or linguistic barriers may be requested by contacting the BOCC office at 410-535-1600, ext. 2202.

Through the Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Police Discipline and Law Enforcement Programs and Procedures,

which was enacted by the Maryland General Assembly on April 10, 2021, the BOCC is required to establish a Police Accountability Board and an Administrative Charging Committee.

Calvert County Government is focused on attaining a balanced representation of diverse backgrounds and experiences to execute those powers and duties.

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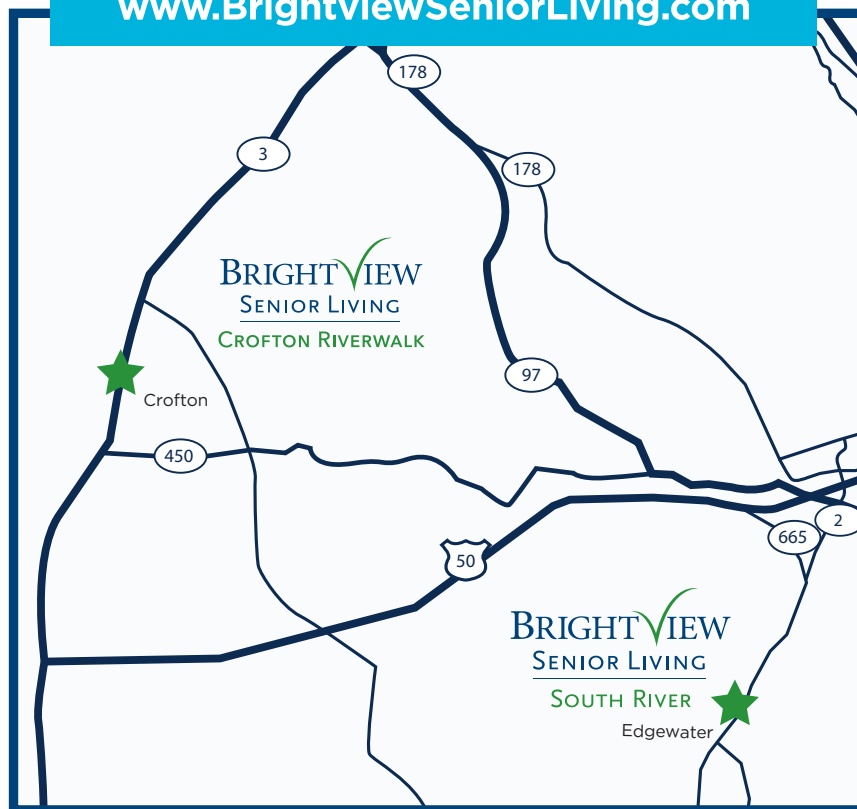
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# CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of January 3, 2022 – January 9, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,085 calls for service throughout the community.

**Theft: 22-01218**

On January 9, 2022, DFC Idol responded to the Giant located at 655 N. Solomon's Island Road in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised two male suspects stole multiple personal hygiene items from the store. The estimated value of stolen property is greater than \$100.00.

**Damaged Property: 22-00455**

On January 4, 2022, Deputy Wilder responded to the 700 block of Wildcat Trail in Lusby, MD for a property destruction call. The complainant advised the evening of Dec. 30, 2021 he left his vehicle unlocked and unknown suspect(s) rummaged through his center console and stole a bottle of cologne. One the evening of Jan. 3, the complainant heard a loud notice and went to investigate and observed a dark subject scurrying away from this driveway and noticed damage to a lug nut on his vehicle. The estimated value of stolen property is \$30. The estimated value of damaged property is \$5-\$10.

**Damaged Property: 22-00789**

On January 6, 2022, DFC Callison responded to 3000 block of Bowie Lane in Huntingtown, MD for the report of a burglary. Upon arrival, DFC Callison observed a broken glass window near the front door of the residence. The complainant advised two unknown female suspects were knocking at the front door

window and the side of the house, then fled the scene. A glass window was shattered. The total value of damaged property is \$200.00.

**ARRESTS**

On January 7, 2022, Deputy Tavares responded to Stoakley Road and N. Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick, MD after receiving calls for a welfare check. Upon arrival, Deputy Tavares observed a female, identified **Jennifer Lorraine Woomer**, 39 of Chesapeake Beach, MD sitting on the sidewalk with her pants down, underwear exposed, inhaling a can of cleaning duster. Additional cans of cleaning duster were observed laying on the ground beside her. Woomer was advised to put the inhalant down, but refused. Woomer was placed in custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Disorderly Conduct and CDS: Inhaling a Harmful Substance.

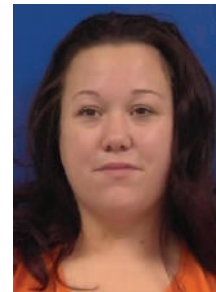
On January 4, 2022, Deputy W. McDowell was conducting a patrol check in the parking garage of the Rod N Reel in Chesapeake Beach, MD and observed wanted suspect **Angela Rene Cochrane**, 31 of North Beach, MD walk by

Deputy McDowell make contact with Cochrane and confirmed she was a wanted person and had an active arrest warrant for 'Failure to Appear'. Cochrane was taken into custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. During a search of Cochrane's person upon entering the Detention Center, a plastic bag containing suspected cocaine was located concealed inside of her vaginal area. Cochrane was arrested for CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement.

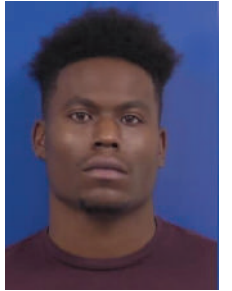
On January 9, 2022, Cpl. Robshaw conducted a traffic stop on

Lyons Creek Road in the area of Longleaf Lane in Dunkirk, MD. The driver, **Arnez Devon Bowens**, 26 of Sunderland, MD immediately exited the vehicle and advised he did not have a valid driver's license and that there was marijuana inside the vehicle. A vehicle search revealed a gallon Zip lock bag and a glass jar containing 115 grams of suspected marijuana. Bowens was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10 GM+.

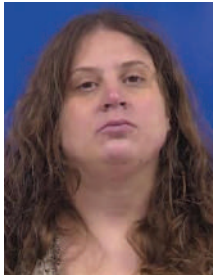
*Editor's Note: The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.*



Angela Cochrane



Arnez Bowens



Jennifer Woomer

## Legal Notice

**IN THE MATTER OF LILIANA ROSE STILL FOR NAME CHANGE TO LILIANA ROSE MARIE MITCHELL BY AND THROUGH THEIR MOTHER/FATHER/GUARDIAN JUSTIN ALLEN DOOMS**

In the Circuit Court for Calvert County, Maryland

Case No.: C-04-FM-21-000543  
Notice (Minor)

The above petitioner has filed a Petition for Name Change in which she seeks to change her name from LILIANA ROSE STILL to LILIANA ROSE MARIE MITCHELL. The Petitioner is seeking a name change because: The minor carries the name of someone who paternity established was not the father. Now both biological parents want to change her name to the proper name of her mother.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition for Name Change on or before February 14, 2022. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md. Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter default judgement or grant the name change. A copy of this notice must be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county/city at least 15 days before the deadline to file an objection.

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Clerk of Court for  
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# Recreating a Piece of

## *Lighthouse Keepers Boat Being Built at Calvert*

By Dick Myers  
Editor

It was “a kind of mini-van of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.” That’s how Calvert Marine Museum Curator of Maritime History Mark Wilkins describes the keeper’s boat that hung by the davits of Drum Point Lighthouse off the Calvert County shoreline in the Chesapeake Bay.

The description comes from the fact that the lighthouse keeper used the vessel “to get mail, buy groceries, visit friends, to go to the doctor, etc.,” Wilkins explained.

Now Wilkins and a band of dedicated volunteers have set about to rectify the absence of that boat at the relocated lighthouse, which is now the focal point for the harbor at the Solomons museum owned and operated by Calvert County.

The replica is being constructed in the museum’s boat shop near the lighthouse with a launch anticipated for late summer or early fall.

Wilkins brought his boatbuilding skills to the Calvert Marine Museum three years ago from Cape Cod, Maine, where he was a boat builder at Cape Cod Maritime Museum and then director and curator of Atwood House Museum, operated by Chatham Historical Society.

He’s originally from Northern Virginia. “I grew up here and never made it down to Southern Maryland.” He added that in the DC and Maryland area, “My father would bring us into the museums and it’s kind of where I got interested in museums.”

Of coming to the Maritime History part of Calvert Marine Museum, he said, “It looked like a great job, a great fit for all the things that I’m interested in.”

Of the museum, he said, “It’s a fascinating institution. It’s three disciplines: history, paleontology and maritime history.”

“It’s very family friendly, which is nice because a lot of museums are not,” he said, adding, “And it has a wonderful site. The collections are fabulous. The people are fabulous. That’s what really sold it to me.”

He mentored under long-time maritime history curator George Surgent.

Wilkins described the museum’s maritime history collection as “mid to large” with large being the likes of Mariner’s Museum in Newport News and Mystic Sea-



port in Connecticut. “It’s not quite as large and extensive as those.”

“We have a lot of boats, about 25 in the shed; we have a half a dozen in the water, plus two large boats (the Tennyson and the Dee). Plus, we just keep building more.”

“This has always been kind of either a sideline or a part of my job, building wooden boats for 25 years. When George retired, this was a good fit for me to step in,” he said.

Of Surgent, Wilkins said, “He made a log canoe out in the middle of a field with no shop, no people, no nothing, and just grew from that over 40 years. So, he was kind of an institution in and of himself.”

Wilkins, as Curator of Maritime History, manages the collections, exhibits, archives and the boats, plus the lighthouses (Drum Point and Cove Point).

“There’s a saying if it’s not alive or long dead, it’s maritime history,” he quipped.

The volunteers are huge. He explained, “This is home to what is called the Patuxent Small Craft Guild, which is a dedicated group

of volunteers that I manage and lead. They are a wonderful group of people. There’s no task too small or too large that they won’t tackle. They are willing to learn just about anything you want to teach them.” Of the dozen or so, they are largely retirees.

“Some of them have some boat building experience. Others have none and we try to find a place for everybody. If you don’t have any skills, we’ll teach you. If you want to learn, we’re not going to turn you away.”

Wilkins said, “We’re always looking for diversity in our group because our group tends to be older, white males. So, we try to get younger folks in here. We’re trying to get some women in here. Just some different folks to mix it up a little bit.”

For the younger folks, he said, “We also host the Sea Scouts, which is a subset of the Boy Scouts of America, with a maritime bent.” They meet there every Tuesday night. “We just finished restoring a boat for them to row and sail,” he noted.

Of the guild members, he said,

“All these guys put in hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours. They love it so much.”

Some of the boats in their collection come from Solomons and others from St. Mary’s County, like the skipjack Dee of St. Mary’s.

Some were donated by people who said they had no use for it, and it turned out to be a significant piece in the varied collection.

Wilkins said, “There are a lot of discussions underway about ways we can partner with the new Maryland Dove, which is coming to Historic St. Mary’s City.”

As to the lighthouse keeper’s boat project, Wilkins said, “Every year my predecessor George and I would sit down, and we’d talk about projects for the next year.”

With information in hand from the U.S. Coast Guard historian about what such boats might look like, they decided, “This would be a great fit for our next big project because it would’ve hung on the davits of Drum Point Lighthouse.”

They have photographs of the vessel hanging on the lighthouse. When finished they will likewise



# Local Maritime History

## Calvert Marine Museum



Historic photo of Drum Point lighthouse with the keeper's boat hanging on it.

hang it on the davits for a photo op and then, he said “those davits are old, so we don’t want to keep it in them. They may break. So, after we do that ceremonial picture, we’ll put it in the harbor, and it’ll become part of our culture.”

After the decision to do it, he said, “The next step was what did it look like? You can’t build a boat

from nothing. So anyway, we began speculating.” That led to the thought they may resemble North Carolina shad boats, shallow draft fishing vessels.

They don’t know who built it and all local wooden boatbuilding shops in Southern Maryland are long gone.

He said, though, “We’re reliably

informed from the curator of the Coast Guard that it was a small shop on the Southern Maryland shore or in Virginia. That’s all we know.”

Building it is a challenge. “This is the first round-bottom, what’s called Caravel plank boat, ever built here.” He added, “It’s not a flat bottom Bay boat, like a dead rise boat. This is round bottom boat. And this is something that I have a lot of experience with.”

The type of construction was prominent in the Baltimore/Annapolis area, “a type of boat building that is very different from flat bottom boats. Because flat bottom boats are basically planes, they’re flat. They bend this way. They bend this way, but they don’t compound curve like this will.”

He explained, “This is all new stuff, new information for the Guild. And they’re thrilled because they love a challenge.”

“Their skills are going up; their enthusiasm and excitement is going up and the community’s getting excited too because a lot of people are coming through now with the ‘how’s that boat coming along’ type of thing. Like they want to see progress.” And that unique hull is taking shape in the boat shop.

“It’s a very clear procedure and protocol for building one of these

boats and what’s good about this group is we try to rotate the whole group through the boat. Everybody gets to work on the boat, not just one little group of skilled workers who get all the fun.”

And there are other projects going on simultaneously, such as “a 16-foot motorboat for a client who’s paying us to build it with him.”

The project’s timeline depends on getting the volunteer skills up to speed, he said. “Teaching them and getting them do some of these things are very unforgiving, like caulking. The caulking bevel for the seams, the boards have to mate precisely right. And then a caulking bevel and caulked, otherwise the boat is going to leak. So, that’s a very specialized skill and they’re all going to have to practice and get up to speed on that, to make this boat successful.”

“This is a key part,” Wilkins said of the maritime history collection to the overall museum’s mission. “This is the excitement. I’ve done this before in museum context that is building a larger wooden boat and you get such excitement, return visitation and the energy surrounding the launch, ramping up to the launch, it just really brings the community together.”

He said a project he did at the Cape Cod Maritime Museum was so successful in attracting crowds that they extended the construction schedule. “Senator Ted Kennedy gave the keynote address at that launch because his office supplied two back-to-back grants that funded the project.”

At Patuxent River Appreciation Days (PRAD), kids flock to the maritime history area to make model boats. “Getting kids interested in making things with wood at that age is really key because that’s your next generation.”

“Another thing that we’re trying to do down here is to get more people out on boats. This past PRAD that we had in the fall, we had two new boats that we added to the offerings for the public to go out and get on the water and make connection to the water.”

Going through the museum is one thing, he said, but connecting with the boats they “maybe get inspired in a different way. It’s an elusive quality. What draws people to the water and engages them with it. We want to foster that and continue that, certainly.”

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For more information, contact the Calvert County Solid Waste Division at 410-326-0210.

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# Tree Removal Permits Temporarily Suspended



Due to the recent winter storm, the Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning will suspend tree removal permits through Friday, Jan. 28, 2022. During this time, citizens will not be required to obtain a permit to dispose of downed trees caused by the winter weather events during the week of Jan. 3, 2022.

Citizens should take photos of the downed trees prior to removal and call a tree removal company

or take proper precautions to safely remove debris. The event is for tree removal only. Grading and stump removal of any kind related to tree removal is subject to permit review.

Citizens can contact Planning & Zoning at 410-535-2348 or pz@calvertcountymd.gov for questions or permit information.

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# A View From The BLEACHERS



## AS GOOD AS IT GETS

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.

The most cherished reside in an album or are filed neatly on a digital drive. Most are randomly saved to a folder or jammed in a box that lurks in dark recesses of a closet.

Such is the life of the pictures of our lives.

Regardless of the care given their storage or display, pictures represent moments judged worthy of capture. People, places and special events - vacations, weddings, birthdays and reunions - are common sources of inspiration. Log a few decades on planet Earth, do a few things, be kind to fellow humans, have some fun and, before you know it, a personal "life in pictures" emerges.

The faces get me - friends, loved ones, one-time acquaintances and the occasional forgotten soul. Smiles abound - some goofy, some wry, others organic or noticeably reserved. Wrinkles and gray hairs are undetectable or at least less prominent. After briefly reminiscing, nostalgia's warmth fades and I'm left confounded. What would I say today to the photo's stars? The past, present and future - each distinct. But what if they weren't? What if it could all blur? If not in reality, then at least in my imagination? What would I offer to those in the image - assuming I could and had the courage to do so? What wisdom gained from the time beyond that frozen moment and the present reflective pause would I share? What would I say to cherished loved ones who have since transitioned to another dimension? Or to an old friend who drifted apart? And what would I say to that version of myself? There is so much. Look out for this. Watch out for that. Be more conscious of time; don't assume the hourglass is large and full of sand.

The new year had just arrived when news of John Madden's death broke. Madden's five-decades-and-counting influence on the NFL - as a Hall of Fame coach, the voice of professional football and the name on perhaps the greatest video game ever - made him a cross-generational star and one of the most unique personalities in professional sports. For those of a certain age, nothing was bigger, nothing was

better than a rivalry game on a late Sunday afternoon in the fall with Pat Summerall and John Madden on the call.

As for my pictures, mine include many moments with the Washington Football team. There are stills from the stadium parking lot, training camps, Super Bowl parties, the last game at RFK Stadium and autograph shows with legends like Bobby Mitchell, Sonny Jurgensen and Art Monk. Smiles abound, beers are raised high and a burgundy and gold hue is unmistakable. The pride in the team and the significance it held in the DMV area was palatable.

I would love to share the pictures, relics from the 1980s and 1990s, with Madden now and listen to his stories from that era. So much has changed in D.C. - and nothing for the better. Decades of losing, a terrible owner, an organization morally and ethically rotting from the inside out - the losses hardly matter now, embarrassment is the dominant emotion.

If only I could talk to the young, naïve version of myself in those photos. I would tell him that the feelings you, your family and friends have for this team are fleeting and are unlikely to happen again. RFK (our beloved dump of a stadium), Jack Kent Cooke, Joe Gibbs, Bobby Beathard, The Hogs, The Posse and personalities like John Riggins and Dexter Manley - this is special. It's as good as sports gets.

The tinge of melancholy in my tone is mixed with optimism. Since that golden era of Washington football, the Terrapins won the 2002 Men's Basketball National Championship, the Nationals won the 2019 World Series and the Ovechkin era and the 2018 Stanley Cup Championship happened - each magical experiences that generated their own jubilant photographs. The indication is that as beautiful chapters close, and often without warning, others open. Such is the scroll of life. So, when the good times roll your way, soak them in, appreciate the moments and do your future self a favor: pause for pictures.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com





# Letters to the Editor

## Raise the Line, Pt. 1: The Need for Change

### To the Editor:

It is evident that the world of law enforcement is in need of change. Yet what type of change is the question. Many would argue more training, more experience, more accountability. But the truth is - it's more highly trained and educated officers. In this series the Calvert County Sheriff's Office FOP Lodge 109 will shed light on the effects of pay across agencies and how it results in better trained deputies, higher standards, and overall improved safety in our community.

Substantial pay gaps are found all across the nation amongst neighboring law enforcement agencies; even more so with agencies who work close together in the same state and region. Take for instance the Maryland State Police (MSP) are on average paid 20+% higher than that of Calvert County Sheriff's Office (CCSO).

Your initial thought may be of legitimate and factual reasons for such a disparity. With considerations such as education, experience, and time on the force playing a factor. However, when comparing apples to apples across county lines, it is apparent that such a gap is unwarranted.

In many instances, Troopers with half the experience earn the same as Calvert County Deputies. For example, a Deputy First Class who has been employed for 10 years earns \$16,272 dollars less than a Trooper on the same step. Within the next three years Deputies will earn 40 percent less annually than Troopers and surrounding jurisdictions as they have already researched recruiting and retention statistics.

Additionally, the average pay percentage of the CCSO falls behind in each of the following ranks compared to St. Mary's Sheriff's Office, MSP, and Charles County Sheriff's Office:

- Deputy: 21.03 percent / \$10,873 less
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Ironically, these Southern Maryland agencies often recruit from the same "talent pool" of cadets, who also happen to attend the same academy. Given the vast pay differences within CCSO, Calvert has a difficult time attracting these new recruits and ultimately providing their community with a stronger force of qualified Deputies. Most times CCSO also loses recruits that are current residents of the County who wished to make a difference in their own neighborhoods.

Along with the vast differences in pay, the Calvert Government and CCSO are in fact in violation of many things within the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Such violations include basic industry standards like on-call compensation, hazard duty pay, educational requirements, tech compensation, and night differential. Although these issues have been brought to the surface, no action has yet been taken. The Deputies that make up Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 109 are dedicated to changing this, among many other issues that affect our hardworking men and women.

Such discrepancies found within any place of business can be detrimental to its employees and their sense of worth and morale. This is even more true for police officers. Society expects so much from these men and women. Yet, they are undervalued. This places an undeniable strain on an agency's ability to grow positively, both internally and externally. Less individuals become interested in policing as a career, those already on the force retire early or transfer out of their current agency, and an increased level of stress and low level of morale begins to consume the well-being of these officers.

These negative effects have the potential to spill out onto the streets of the community that they serve. Thus resulting in increased tensions, inability to enact change, and an overall continued stress on the already sensitive relationship amongst all parties. That is why taking a hard look at the correlation between better benefits for officers and a safer, progressing community is necessary.

Stay tuned for Raise The Line Pt. 2: The Voice For Change where we will dive deeper into the benefits the community will encounter as a result from increased pay for their officers.

#RaiseTheLine

*Nick DeFelice, President  
FOP Lodge 109*

*Employed with the Calvert County Sheriff's Office for 15 years.*

## Truth About the Democratic Party?

### To the Editor:

Nov. 8 to 10, 2021, marked the 123rd anniversary of the Wilmington, N.C., insurrection of 1898. This letter examines the causes and conditions of what newspapers of the day termed a "race riot."

From Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 into the mid-20th Century, Democrats were solidly aligned with white supremacy.

Nathan Bedford Forrest, a general in the Confederate Army, and a Democrat, was the first grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. The Klan acted as a paramilitary arm of the Democratic Party, ruthlessly enforcing "Jim Crow" laws and the Black civil codes.

The Republican Party had its genesis in 1851, when white farmers, known as Populists, formed an alliance with Black office-holders, known as Fusionists, to oppose the expansion of slavery into western territories.

When the 14th Amendment was ratified in 1868, freed slaves were anxious to exercise their right to vote, and overwhelmingly cast their vote for the party that had emancipated them and granted them citizenship — the Republican Party. In North Carolina, the Republican Party maintained the Fusionist identity.

When Fusionist candidates swept into office in the 1894, they set about dismantling the Democrats' fraudulent voting practices, which included ballot-box stuffing and "gerrymandering," the practice of redrawing voting districts.

Democrats in the state, threatened with the loss of their power, set into motion a plan to reverse the strides made by African Americans. Wilmington Democrats enlisted newspaper editors to incite public opinion against Black people as part of a statewide white supremacy campaign. Cartoonist Norman Jennett's grotesque caricatures in the News and Observer depicted Black people as predators.

Editorials warning of the perils of "Black domination" were standard fare.

When the Daily Record, Wilmington's only African American newspaper, challenged reports of white women being attacked by Black men as consensual, the editorial provoked an angry backlash, as racial tensions reached a flashpoint.

White supremacy clubs, known as white government unions, sprung up throughout the state. With the storm clouds gathering, Black people flocked to gun stores, only to be rebuffed by white merchants who refused to sell to them.

Matters came to a head the days of Nov. 8, 9 and 10 in 1898.

Thousands of armed ruffians on horseback, known as Red Shirts, turned away Black voters at gunpoint, and switched ballots. During the next 48 hours, the editorial office of the Daily Record was burned to the ground, and the five duly-elected Black officials — John C. Dancy, W.H. Henderson, Charles Norwood, Elijah Green and John E. Taylor — were forced to "tender their resignation."

These men - true pioneers - deserve to be remembered.

Daily Record editor Alexander Manly, whose editorial had sparked the insurrection, barely escaped lynching. Between 60 and several hundred Black people were killed. An estimated 2,000 fled the state, never to return.

President McKinley declined to send federal troops to quell the unrest, as the state's Democratic governor, Charles Aycock, had not requested federal intervention. Aycock would later say, "This was not the act of rowdy or lawless men. It was the act of merchants, manufacturers and railroad men."

After forcing out the five African Americans, Democrats in North Carolina and other states with sizable Black populations tightened access to the ballot box for Blacks by imposing poll taxes and literacy tests.

Now that you know the truth about the Democratic Party and the "race riot" of 1898, share it with a friend or your favorite history teacher.

*Edward C. Davenport,  
Drum Point*



# Never Quit!

**To the Editor:**

Calvert Citizens United, Inc. grieves over the loss of our Senior Advisor, Senator Bernie Fowler.

Ten days prior to Bernie passing away to join his lifelong love, Betty, CCU gave Bernie our heartfelt assurance that Calvert citizens will carry on with his lifelong VISION to protect Maryland's smallest county containing 126 square miles of wetlands/watersheds that filter and protect stormwater runoff into the Chesapeake and Patuxent. Known throughout the 64,000 square miles of the Chesapeake Bay region, Senator Bernie Fowler will forever be heralded "the Environmental Legislator of the Chesapeake". Bernie with his humble, hardworking, visionary roots in southern Maryland last request to CCU was: "NEVER, NEVER, NEVER QUIT protecting the Bay/River." In memory of Bernie, Calvert Citizens United refuses to QUIT.

Allow me to update neighbors on CCU v. BOCC 2½ year lawsuit. Our attorney, G. Macy Nelson, filed with the lower level (COSA) of the Court of Appeals (the Maryland Supreme Court). We did not prevail at the lower level and the ruling appears to have POLITICAL overtones (along with a local high ranking public official being fired on the spot). CCU has the right to appeal this ruling to the highest level of the Court. CCU directed our counsel, G. Macy Nelson to file with the Court of Appeals. The cost will be approximately \$14,000.

In connection with our lawsuit, Fred Tutman, CEO of Patuxent Riverkeepers, submitted on CCU's behalf an Amicus (which means Friend of the Court). Mr. Tutman, as CEO, has been tasked by governors for the past 20 years to strenuously direct efforts to protect, preserve and improve the 115 miles of Maryland's longest river. Here's where our governor's politics come into play. State Planning Secretary, Robert McCord, stated to the Baltimore Sun "he feared [Tutman's] discussions would disrespect local planning and zoning authority...and worried it could cause confusion if members appear in local zoning proceedings." In my opinion, Tutman's firing translates to the governor scolding Fred for standing up against the critical impact of outrageous Master Plan growth to the Patuxent/Bay peninsula. To add insult to injury, the very first stated goal of State's Planning Vision is "Support the Governor's efforts to change MD for the better". Governor Hogan is in good standing as builder/developer/realty capital company/land company in his own right according to SDAT public records. Go figure!

How have Calvert citizen/taxpayers ended up with this costly land grab/buildout fiasco? First and foremost, it lays at the feet of employee Mark Willis, who has risen from Director, Car/Bus/Truck (Fleet) Manager to Director, Planning and Zoning and his latest coup d' etat, supported by all the commissioners, (except our newest and thought provoking Commissioner Chris Gadway) as the end-all-be-all County Administrator. CCU is in possession of 100 pages of backroom meeting minutes of the Small Business Interest Group, which mechanism will hugely compensate eight county high rollers: four local builder/developers, two local engineers and one county attorney ,along with Commissioner Kelly McConkey.

The "backroom" minutes lay out in extreme and extravagantly costly detail, the manner and timeline for the sellout, and the necessity of infusion of taxpayer dollars. CCU only obtained the Builder/Developer (SBIG) minutes through the Freedom of Information Act. We were advised over and over the Willis/SBIG/P&Z/Commissioner COALITION was nonexistent! Luckily, then President of SBIG publicly announced on July 23, 2019 to a crowd of 400 citizen/taxpayers that Mike Hart, Mark Willis, Mary Beth Cook, Planning and Zoning, everybody formed a coalition 4 ½ years ago when [we] were all complaining about the Planning Commission. (Maurice Lusby and Michael Phipps were dismissed and "runout" of the Planning

Commission at the insistence of SBIG). Enter SBIG-endorsed members onto the Planning Commission including the then SBIG founder's daughter who still maintains a voting position.

In June 2017, SBIG member Rodney Gertz, VP, Quality Built, insisted to Mark Willis "the Comprehensive Plan needs simplicity and flexibility!! Taking his SBIG marching orders, Willis assured Gertz the current rewrite of the Comp Plan has "simplicity and flexibility...TIMES HAVE CHANGED!!".

All 100 pages of SBIG minutes are saturated with the blatant sellout by WILLIS/SBIG/P&Z and lastly our SBIG stacked planning commission. The now chairman of the Planning Commission stated in a public meeting that "our Comprehensive Plan is the BOCC's Plan." He was politely challenged about it being the citizens' plan; didn't he understand the county's organization chart? The CITIZENS are over all the Administration in big/bold letters. The P&Z chair did not know there was an organizational chart! Clearly, citizen/taxpayers will foot the bill for the buildout up and down Rt. 4. Unless citizens vote to replace the offending BOCC.

CCU thanks those who have contributed \$100,000 to G. Macy Nelson's legal fees. All work by CCU directors is done pro bono. We are especially grateful for your letters and notes of encouragement. Calvert Citizens United, Inc., P.O. Box 1018, Huntingtown, MD. 20639 Citizens, you continue to have our back and we continue to be your voice.

*Myra Gowans, Founder  
Calvert Citizens United, Inc.*

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# Calvert Community Calendar

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## Thursday, January 20

### Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum  
10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

This program invites children 18 months to 3 years, with an adult, to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a take away craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme is Lighthouses.

### 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>

## Thursday, January 27

### Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum  
10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

For preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult. Join us for story time and a take away craft, available while

supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme is Lighthouses.

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## Upcoming

### Maritime Performance Series with DIANE DALY

Calvert Marine Museum  
Friday, Jan. 28, 7p.m.

Diane Daly is a vocalist of moody contrasts and evocative depth. Certainly, one who cannot be pigeonholed into one particular style. Diane has spent her career exploring a world of music from the strictest classical solos to avant-garde cabaret. Performance is in the museum's Harms Gallery starting at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. with beer and wine for sale. Tickets are \$20 online at [bit.ly/MaritimeConcerts](http://bit.ly/MaritimeConcerts), and \$25 at the door, unless otherwise noted.

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## Eduardo Charles "Eddie" DeGuzman



Eduardo Charles "Eddie" DeGuzman, 63 of Lusby, MD and formerly of Waldorf, MD, passed away on January 5, 2022 at Calvert

Health Medical Center.

Born March 14, 1958 in Portsmouth, VA, he was the son of Jose DeGuzman and Victoria Mae (Baquial) DeGuzman.

Eddie graduated from Thomas Stone High School in 1977. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1978 until 1982. Eddie was a Nuclear Security Systems Operator for Exelon Generation for thirty nine years. He enjoyed fishing, playing cards with family and riding his motorcycle.

Eddie is survived by his wife, Sonya DeGuzman, whom he married on August 4, 2001 in Proctor, WV; his parents, Jose and Victoria M. DeGuzman of Waldorf, MD; his children, Melissa DeGuzman of LaPlata, MD, Corey Majewicz (Timothy) of Peterborough, UK, Timothy Deguzman (Amanda) of California, MD, Sarah DeGuzman of Lusby, MD, Patricia Hines of LaPlata, MD and Toni Boyle of East Liverpool, OH; six grandchildren; and siblings, Zina Kirby (William) of Charlotte Hall, MD, John DeGuzman of Charlotte Hall, MD, Jesse DeGuzman (Vicky) of King George, VA and Pete DeGuzman (Susan) of White Plains, MD.

Services will be private.

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

## William (Bill) Henry Lloyd II



William (Bill) Henry Lloyd II, 65, of Lusby, Maryland, passed away peacefully on January 9th, 2022 after a long battle with liv-

er disease. He is survived by his wife Barbara Hohn DeHenzel, his children Alex (Gwenn) and Colin (Sarah) DeHenzel, his best friend Cooper, and his grandchildren Allie, Ayden, Landry, Bella, and two additional grandbabies due to be born this year. He is also survived by his siblings Suzanne Dietrich,

Janet Rudy, Jane Day, and George (Bette) Bentzel of Harrisburg, PA. Bill is predeceased by his brother William Bentzel.

Bill was born on October 1, 1956 to Arthur and Lillian (Deeley) Lloyd in Harrisburg, PA. After Bill graduated Potomac High School, he joined the Carpenter's Union where he spent most of his career until opening his own construction business in 2007: W. H. Lloyd Construction.

As a carpenter by trade, Bill was a worker and loved working with his hands. There was not a moment in his life where he could sit still. You could find Bill every evening and weekend completing various tasks around the house or helping a family member with a home improvement project.

Bill was a cherished asset to the community and loved to give back. Bill was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 248 in Temple Hills, MD, where he was a commander for several years before joining the American Legion Post 274 in Lusby, MD. Bill was also a 20-year member of a local charity known as "Christmas in April" where he was also president.

Bill's proudest accomplishment would be his 20-year marriage to his loving wife, Barb. They enjoyed traveling to Cancun, Mexico and beautifying their homestead together. They were high school sweethearts who reconnected later in life. Bill was very proud to raise Alex and Colin as his own children; he loved them like his own.

Bill loved to improve on his golf game any chance he had. Upon retirement, Bill went golfing multiple times a week and sometimes even two rounds a day with his good friend Moe! Bill loved being on the water and enjoyed boating and fishing every chance he could get. Bill also loved to take his beloved golden retriever Cooper on car rides to the dump, the hardware store, and for walks around Solomon's Island, Maryland. Bill was a sports fanatic and could recite any player's name or statistics about any of his favorite teams. #GoRedskins

He loved fiercely and deeply, and his family takes comfort in knowing that Bill is now at peace.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Calvert Hospice in Bill's name.

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

## Joy Ann (Deaton) Colman



Joy Ann (Deaton) Colman was born March 31, 1954 at Hanscom Air Force Base, Waltham, Mass and, after fight-

ing a fierce battle with glioblastoma, entered into God's loving arms on January 16, 2022. At the time of her death, she was a resident of Calvert County Nursing Center, Prince Frederick, MD. She was the daughter of Jason C. Deaton, USAF (Ret) and Zelma M. (Dupuis) Deaton. Joy lived in Japan from 1956 - 1960 when her father was stationed there with the Air Force. Returning to the United States, Joy settled down in Maryland and stayed there for the rest of her life. She was a legal secretary but she gave up her job to care for her mother during her final years. Joy's friends and family fondly remember her fabulous chocolate chip cookies that rivaled Mrs. Fields chocolate chip cookies. We also remember her love of animals, especially her pet dog, Jimmy. She is survived by her son, Michael K. Deaton (Michelle) of Lusby, MD; brother, Michael J. Deaton of Yuma, AZ; sisters, Janet Deaton-Warwick of La Plata, MD and Suzanne Kreisher (Keith) of Bridgeville, DE; nieces Terri S. Ozment (Terry) of Littleton, CO, Angel Deaton of Chandler, AZ, Crystal Deaton of Phoenix, AZ; nephews, Clint Warwick and RW Warwick (Angela) both of La Plata, MD. The family thanks the doctors, nurses and caregivers at Calvert County Nursing Home for their compassionate, loving care of Joy during her final days.

In Joy's memory, the family suggests donations be made to the Glioblastoma Foundation, Calvert County Nursing Center, 85 Hospital Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Link:

<https://calvertcountynursing-center.org/>

or to the family to help defray funeral expenses.

Visitation will be Friday, January 21, 2022, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Lusby, 20 American Lane

Lusby, MD 20657. Funeral Service will follow at noon at the funeral home.

## Frank Richard Owens, Sr.



Frank Richard Owens, Sr., 88, of Lothian, MD passed away on January 14, 2022 in Centreville, MD. Frank was born on January 20, 1933

to William and Bessie Owens. He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Iowa Battleship BB-61 from 1955 - 1957. Frank was a lifelong resident, farmer and business owner of Anne Arundel County. He retired from his business, Owens Sunoco in 1992, after running it for 40 years. He did, however, continue his love of farming for many years.

Frank is survived by his two sons, Frank R. Owens, Jr, his wife Stacy R. Owens of Lothian, MD; Michael A. Owens, his wife, Sandra B. Owens of Lothian, MD; His grandson, Frank R. Owens III, his wife Joy M. Owens of Greenwood, VA, and his great granddaughter Kamryn Lauer. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan E. Owens in 2012, and his parents William and Bessie Owens.

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Frank's family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday, January 20, 2022 from 10-12 at the Rausch Funeral Home, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. A funeral service will follow at noon. Interment will follow the service at Woodfield Cemetery, Galesville and Muddy Creek Road, Galesville, MD 20765. Contributions in Frank's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Suite 120,

Baltimore, MD 21220; 800-227-2345; Link:

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

## Eugene Earnest Camilletti



Eugene Earnest Camilletti, 59, of Chesapeake Beach, MD passed away January 14, 2022 at his residence surrounded by family. He

was born April 3, 1962 in Wheeling, WV to Eugene Earnest and Bonnie Lou (Green) Camilletti, Sr. Gene attended high school in WV and was part of the high school wrestling team 1980 State Championship. He later attended West Liberty University and received his BS degree and obtained his Masters from West Virginia University. He was employed as a Director of Contracts with Navy Logistics.

Gene's sons were his life's focus supporting their school and sport endeavors. His other pleasures were spending time with family and friends as well as fishing, golfing, gardening, walking around Chesapeake Beach and cheering on the Steelers and Capitals.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Surviving are his mother Bonnie Camilletti of Weirton, WV; sons Ben of Lusby and Sam and Jake of Huntingtown; brother Steve and his wife Mary of Weirton, WV and nephews and nieces Margaret, Max, Mia, Carly and Michael.

Life Celebration Visitation will be Friday, January 21, 2022, 12-3 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736

Robert Raymond "Bobby" Boyd, III

Robert Raymond "Bobby" Boyd, III, 41 of Nanjemoy, MD passed away on January 14, 2022 at his residence. Born July 12, 1980 in Washington, DC, he was the son of Robert R. Boyd, Jr. and Mary

Moore. Bobby moved to Calvert County from Prince George's County in 1993. He graduated from Calvert High School in 1998. Bobby worked at Cooks Heating and Air for fourteen years as an HVAC Technician. He was employed by Adrean "Lock" Cook, who thought of Bobby as a brother, not an employee. Bobby enjoyed fishing, camping, riding ATVs and hanging out with friends.

Bobby is survived by his son, Jordan Miles of Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; his mother, Mary Moore of Lusby, MD; his father, Robert R. Boyd, Jr. of Caret, VA; and his siblings, Timothy Boyd of Providence Forge, VA, Crystal Hines of Locust Grove, VA and Chris Moore of Croom, MD.

Life Celebration and Visitation will be Saturday, January 22, 2022, 1-3 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Lusby, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657,

## Raymond Eldridge Fowler



Raymond Eldridge Fowler, 96, of Prince Frederick, MD passed away on January 12, 2022 in Prince Frederick, MD. Raymond was born on No-

vember 24, 1925 to Fayette and Lydia Fowler. Raymond was a lifelong resident and business owner of Calvert County. He had a vast knowledge and interest in restoring automobiles and in the 1960's opened Calvert Body Works in Prince Frederick, MD and had daily involvement with the business for over thirty years. This business still in operation has made many people satisfied and happy through the years and many vehicles on the road.

Raymond was predeceased by his parents, his children, Raymond E. Fowler, Jr., Joyce A. Fowler, and Jimmy Fowler. He is survived by his children, Gerald T. Fowler, of Lusby, MD; Theresa M. Cranford, of Huntingtown, MD; Richard W. Fowler, of St. Leonard, MD; and Donald B. Fowler, of Huntingtown, MD. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

## James Ellis "Jimmy" Bowen, Jr.

James Ellis "Jimmy" Bowen, Jr., 83, a lifelong resident of Calvert



County passed away January 12, 2022 at his home surrounded by family. He was preceded in death by his parents James Ellis and Ruth

(Asbury) Bowen and his brother Sidney "Sam" Bowen. He was born September 16, 1938 in Prince Frederick and graduated from Calvert High School in 1956. He married Patricia Magrath in 1963 and they built their home on the family farm. Jimmy was a member of the United States National Guard, Prince Frederick Lions Club, Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, Masons, Order of the Eastern Star, and Trinity United Methodist Church. Jimmy owned and operated Bowen's Lawn and Garden for many years, worked as a farmer, crabber, several construction jobs, served as a District Court Commissioner in Calvert County as well as various sales positions. Jimmy had a love for Calvert County and all the things that come with Calvert County. He especially enjoyed quail hunting, fishing, and being on the water. He was a competitive baseball player in his youth and played several seasons at the University of Maryland. Jimmy also enjoyed softball and playing golf.

Jimmy is survived by his loving wife Patricia Bowen, children Lisa Collins and her husband Bruce of Sunderland, Steven Bowen and his wife Wendy of Huntingtown, and Christopher Bowen and his wife Larisa of Evergreen, CO, grandchildren David, Gregory, and Shelby Collins, Victoria and Hannah Bowen, and Oliver and Evelyn Bowen, great-grandchildren Liam and Emily Collins, sisters-in law Bette Bowen and Sheila Davison (Glenn), and brothers-in-law John Magrath (Jeri) and Jimmy Magrath (Rita).

The family would like to thank Huntingtown United Methodist Men's Club for building a ramp at Jimmy's home which allowed him to get out of the house to not only attend doctor's appointments but to go for rides around the county to watch the water in his final days. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jimmy's name may be made to Huntingtown United Methodist Men's Club so that they may continue to build ramps for other people in our community. (Donations can be sent to PO Box 550 Huntingtown, MD 20639) Donations may also be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892;

Link:

<https://calverthospice.org/>

Visitation will be Saturday, January 22, 2022, 11 a.m. to noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 90 Church Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Service will follow at noon at the church. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

## Joseph James Oakes



Joseph James Oakes, born November 20, 2002 passed away on January 12, 2022.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 23, 2022, 1-3 p.m.

at Rausch Funeral Home-Lusby, 20 American Lane

Lusby, MD 20657,

A Celebration of Life will be Monday, January 24, 2022

at 10 a.m. at Dominion Apostolic Ministries Church, 21600 Great Mills Road, Suite 300, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

## Charles "Shorty" Norman Kirby, Sr.



Charles "Shorty" Norman Kirby, Sr., 87, of Prince Frederick passed away peacefully on January 7th, 2022 with his family at his

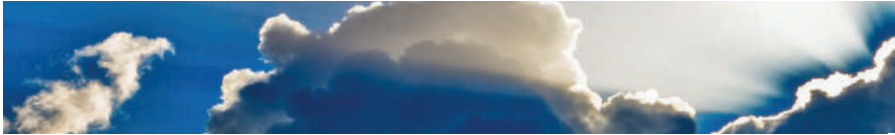
side. Shorty was born and raised in Bland County Virginia by his parents John Charles and Annette (Christian) Kirby. Following his Uncle Joe who was in the logging industry, the Kirby Family moved to Calvert County, MD in 1947 where Shorty would attend and graduate from Calvert High School in 1952.

Shorty had a strong passion and appreciation for bluegrass music and enjoyed every chance to play with his close friends and family. His love and talent for bluegrass gave him the opportunity to travel and play with bluegrass legend, Earl Taylor from 1953 to 1954.

After a few years on the road, Shorty returned home to Calvert where he and his brother, Ed, managed and operated a local gas station on 231 until Shorty was drafted into the Army. Shorty honorably served as a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne Division in Germany from 1956-1959.

Upon his return from the service, Shorty was set up on a blind date





with Mary Frances, by her aunt Annie Mary. Shorty and Mary Frances met up, for what would be the first of many dates, at Cliffs Hotel. On September 23rd, 1961, they married. The couple made their home and started their family in Saint Leonard MD, where they had 2 beautiful boys, Charles "Chuck" Norman Kirby Jr. and Gary Lee Kirby.

Family was of utmost importance to Shorty, and he always prioritized his time to ensure he could play an active role in his sons' extracurricular activities. Shorty and Mary Frances led Sunday school, chaperoned many youth group trips, taught karate for the Calvert County Parks and Recreation at Calvert High and Mutual Elementary, and spent many seasons coaching little league baseball for the Wallville Cardinals.

For the better portion of Shorty's career, he served as a Technical Service Manager at Gerard Motors from 1959 through 1981 where he took pride ensuring good, honest service for his and the company's loyal customers. Greatly admired by his boys, Shorty soon realized he couldn't keep their hands out of the toolbox for much longer. It was then when Shorty left Gerard Motors to open his own shop at home, Charles Auto Service. Shorty chose to work out of the house so he could continue working and training alongside his sons until he retired.

Moving to Rileyville, Virginia, Mary Frances and Shorty enjoyed retirement where Shorty filled his days tending to his perfect lawn, fishing, and enjoying the Shenandoah River.

In 2009, Mary Frances and Shorty returned to Calvert County moving into the Chapline community where Shorty was always willing to lend a helping hand to the neighbors. Shorty always spoke highly of the great friendships they made there.

Shorty is survived by his son Chuck Kirby and his wife Kim; grandsons Eric Kirby (Tara) and Jason Kirby (Megen); and, great-grandchildren Addison, Austin, and Ashton Kirby. He is also survived by his sisters Eula M. Catterton, Mary Diane Wells (Hugh), and Hazel M. Williams, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Annette; wife, Mary Frances Kirby; youngest son, Gary Kirby, and brother Ed Kirby.

The time during his illness was spent sharing stories and telling

jokes. He so enjoyed having family and friends visit, and was so thankful for the endless love and care. His final moments were spent listening to his favorite recorded performance by his son and closest friends, pickin' and grinin'.

Arrangements for a celebration of life will be determined at a later date.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Helen Eloise Pratt



Helen Eloise Pratt, 87, of Huntingtown passed away January 6, 2022 at her home. She was born December 14, 1934 in Washington, DC to

Robert Edwin Lee Jr. and Helen Elizabeth (Wood) Rison. Eloise was raised in DC and graduated from Anacostia Sr. High School in 1953. She later attended Benjamin Franklin University from 1966-1971 and graduated with an A.B.A in accounting. Eloise was employed as an accountant for the Department of the Army and the Air Force Headquarters and the Army and Air Force Motion Picture Service from 1955-1975. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She had a love for animals, especially her three stray cats that she took in over the years. She enjoyed feeding wild birds, stray cats, foxes and any other animals that ventured up to her porch.

Eloise was preceded in death by her husband Samuel Pratt in 2008. She is survived by her cousin Janice Ways of Berkely Springs, WV, brother-in-law Henry Pratt of Quincy, IL, friends David and Cathy Trimble and Sophia Purdum, and very close friends Jimmy Robinson, Jimmy Robinson Sr., and Frances Robinson, as well as several other close friends and neighbors.

Visitation will be Monday, January 31, 2022, 2-4 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Funeral Service will be Tuesday, February 1, 2022

10:30 a.m. at MD Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623. Burial will be in the cemetery.

# IF YOU HAVE A LIVING TRUST, PLEASE READ THIS

Contributing Writer:  
Lynda J. Striegel

If you have created a living trust, you have already taken steps to avoid the probate process. The concept of the living trust is to re-title all of a person's assets into the name of their trust so that when they die they are not holding any assets into their sole name and therefore there is no probate. But, beware. A living trust is just what it says—a living document. If you have a living trust you must make sure you have (1) placed all your assets into the name of your trust; and (2) kept your trust and beneficiary designations up to date.

### 1. Placing your assets into your living trust.

So many times clients have come to see me proudly holding their binders for their living trusts. Upon review, I have found that the client's assets are not in the trust and, without that, the assets must go through the probate process to get to loved ones.

Unfortunately, many people who have living trusts die without realizing that they have not funded their trusts and their loved ones then have to go through the probate process—something their living trusts are intended to prevent.

For example, you must re-title your house into the name of your living trust through filing a new deed to the house. The house will not technically be moved into the trust by simply saying so in the trust document. The same holds true for your other assets. Each asset is different, but the approach must be the same—fill out all required forms to technically re-title the asset.

How does it happen that some clients have no assets in their trusts? Some attorneys that create living trusts require that their clients take all the steps necessary to re-title the assets into the name of the trust. I recommend you do not obtain a living trust without assurances that the attorney will prepare all transfers of your assets into the trust. This is not something you should try to do yourself. First, life often intervenes in plans and clients do not have the time or knowledge to figure out how to re-title their assets. Second, moving assets can be complicated with various forms to fill out that are confusing. The clients should not have to do work to fund their trusts. Their attorneys should do

that work for the clients.

Don't let this be your reality. If you already have a living trust, make sure all your assets have been re-titled into the name of your living trust. And, don't forget. If you acquire a new piece of real property, acquire it in the name of the trust so that you do not need to file a separate deed to re-title it. Most attorneys will provide you with an affidavit of trust to enable you to provide a document to the title company so that they can title the property in the name of your trust.

### 2. Keep Your Living Trust Up to Date

In our practice, we meet with clients every few years to update their trusts. Why? We want to make sure that the clients have not purchased an asset (like a house, for example) in their sole name. If they have, we will take steps to prepare a deed to transfer the house into the name of their trust. Often, clients' wishes will change over time. Clients that have named certain beneficiaries for their estates may wish to change the names of beneficiaries. Beneficiaries may die and precipitate a change. Investments and brokers may change. Retirement funds may change, etc. Whatever it is, you must keep on top of the changes in your life by including the changes in your living trust package. If you do not, there may be terrible consequences.

For example, one married couple prepared a living trust and the wife died leaving her share to the husband. The husband remarried but the trust was never changed to reflect this. On the death of the husband, part of the estate went to the relatives of the first wife.

It isn't difficult to amend a trust to make changes. The concept of a living trust is to avoid the hassles of the probate process and create a very easy transition for loved ones when you die. But the transition is only going to be an easy one if the trust is up to date. If you have not reviewed your living trust in more than three or four years, do it now.

If you would like to learn more about living trusts and other estate planning matters, join me at 11am on the third Wednesday of each month at our office at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.





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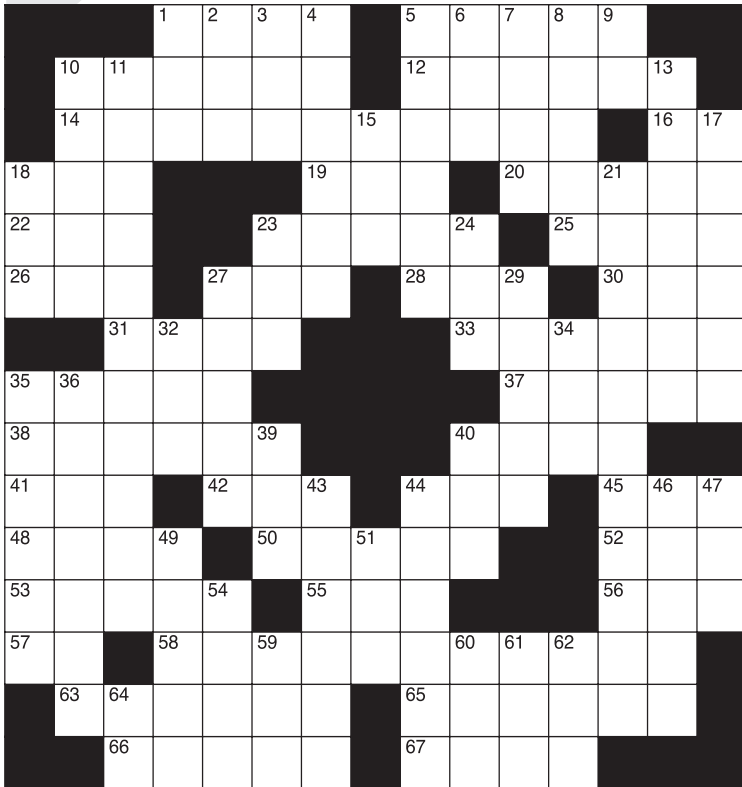
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# GAMES & PUZZLES



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 5. 2014 Winter Olympics host
- 10. Soft fabric
- 12. Covered in flowers
- 14. Works at a college or university
- 16. Keeps us cool
- 18. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 19. Similar
- 20. Birthplace of Muhammad
- 22. They \_\_\_
- 23. Preamble to a book
- 25. Southern China people
- 26. Hair product
- 27. The woman
- 28. Partner to cheese
- 30. One point north of due east
- 31. Round Dutch cheese
- 33. Be in awe of
- 35. Christmas song
- 37. Emits coherent radiation
- 38. Something that is comparable to another
- 40. Monetary unit
- 41. The cutting part

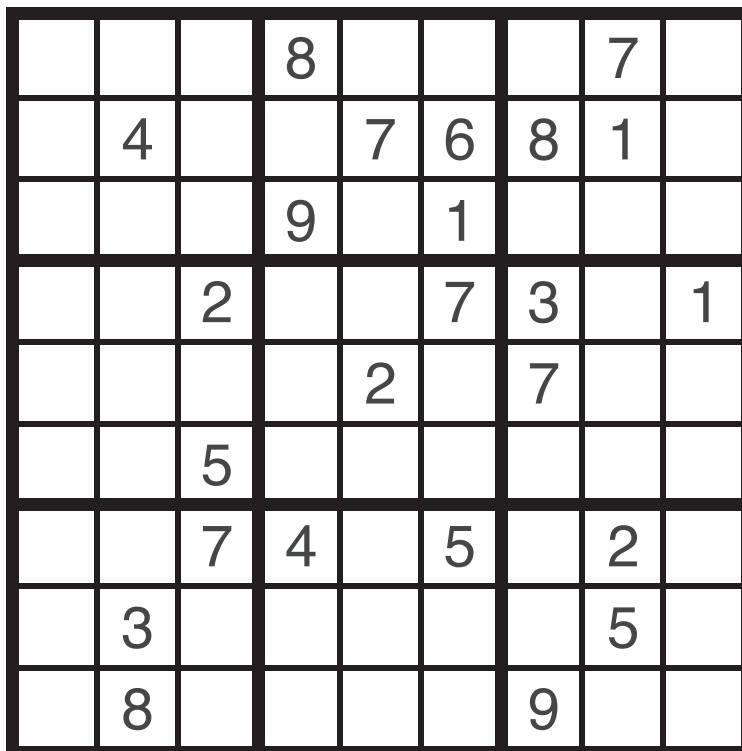
of a drill

- 42. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
- 44. Touch lightly
- 45. Toyota SUV
- 48. \_\_\_ and Andy, TV show
- 50. Made less dangerous
- 52. Assets under management (abbr.)
- 53. Nostrils
- 55. Moved quickly
- 56. Thai isthmus
- 57. TV personality Roker
- 58. Honors anew
- 63. Rags
- 65. One who obtains pleasure from inflicting pain or others
- 66. Marketplaces
- 67. Dark brown or black

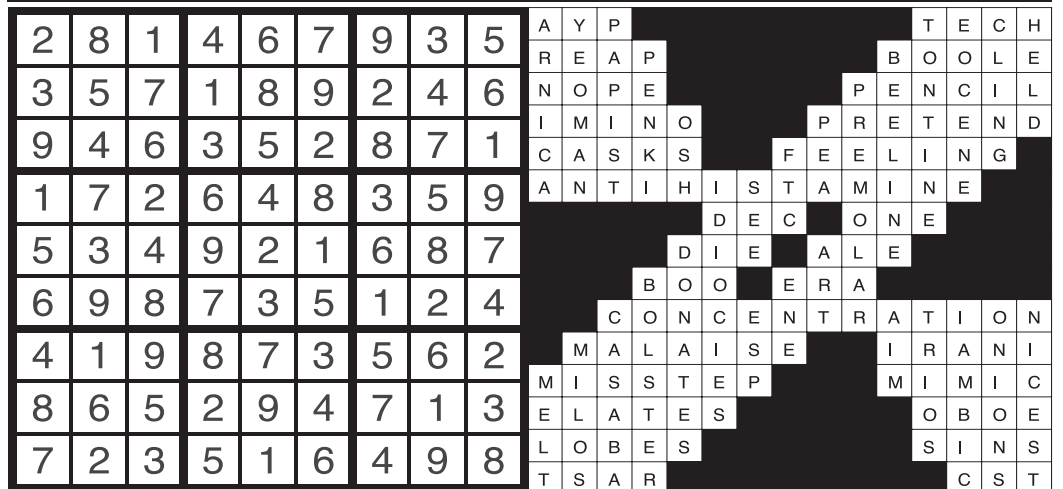
- 13. Disturbing and horrifying
- 15. Equal (prefix)
- 17. Hosts film festival
- 18. Tattered piece of clothing
- 21. Rich desserts
- 23. Unique motor (abbr.)
- 24. Disfigure
- 27. Chemical substance
- 29. Slang for famous person
- 32. Department of Labor
- 34. The A-team rode around in one
- 35. Beach cabin
- 36. Living things
- 39. Gun (slang)
- 40. Disconsolate
- 43. Stroke gently
- 44. Actress Richards
- 46. "Cletus Hogg" actor
- 47. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 49. Brazilian mountain range
- 51. Upset
- 54. One with supernatural insight
- 59. Insecticide
- 60. Taxi
- 61. "Much \_\_\_ about nothing"
- 62. Cannister
- 64. Popular clothing retailer

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Nowhere to be found (abbr.)
- 2. Not new
- 3. Brew
- 4. Stain with mud
- 5. Chief or leader
- 6. Luke Skywalker's mentor \_\_\_-Wan
- 7. Type of sauce
- 8. Sharpens
- 9. Priestess loved by Zeus
- 10. Jean Henri \_\_\_, French entomologist
- 11. Regulates supply of fuel



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