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Four Vie For Two At-Large County Commissioner Seats

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Two at-large county commissioner seats are up for contest this election in Calvert County and four candidates have emerged; the top two vote winners will be the ones to fill the seats.

Commissioner President Earl “Buddy” Hance is seeking reelection for a second term, while former sheriff’s office Major Steve Jones is competing for one of the seats.

Community activist Myra Gowans is also running as is local businessman Emad Dides.

All four are registered Republicans.

Commissioner Steve Weems, who has long held the other at-large seat, has decided not to seek reelection.

Hance told The County Times he wants to continue the work he has started on the commissioner board, which focuses on reining in growth.

“I ran on a slow growth campaign and we still have a long way to go,” Hance said.

Much of that work, Hance said, had to do with the establishment of plans for town centers in Calvert, which he said could take several years to complete.

“I want to stay on the board and help guide those plans as they go forward,” Hance said, adding that there has been a significant increase in the amount of apartment stock, which his constituents have told him they are concerned about.

Hance also wants to find ways to preserve the last 9,000 acres of a 40,000-acre goal for agricultural land. “I want to find the tools to do the job,” Hance said. “The last 25 percent is the hardest.”

Jones is currently the chair of the county’s planning commission and he has a somewhat different view of growth in Calvert County.

He is concerned that young people growing up in Calvert will not be able to stay there because housing is too costly.

“It’s very expensive to live in Calvert County,” Jones said. “We need to find a pathway to let our children live here.”

“Our older population is increasing and our youth population is leaving.”

Jones said a tax credit for young people looking to stay in Calvert County and start a home or a reduction in TDRs (transfer of development rights) could be incentives that could help the issue.

Jones did not support building more low-income housing “unless the data” shows a need.

Jones also supported a 25-to-50 percent break on the personal property tax for small business relief.

“We have empty store fronts and were going to lose more,” Jones



Buddy Hance



Steve Jones



Myra Gowans

said if the county did not do more to support local small business.

Jones was also concerned about the state-mandated Police Accountability Board, which he said could have a chilling effect on local law enforcement.

“If that’s not handled properly, I’m worried we’ll see a spike in crime,” Jones said. “Calvert deputies have a reputation for being proactive; I’m afraid we’ll become a reactive police agency.”

Myra Gowans has long been part of Calvert Citizens United, which has sued the county commissioners for their passage of the comprehensive plan.

Gowans and members of the group say that the plan was passed illegally, citing issues over alleged conflicts of interest by one commissioner as well as a lack of transparency in the process vis a vis the ability of the public to speak out on the plan.

Gowans said she is running to protect the environment, which is the legacy of the late Sen. Bernie Fowler.

“Sen. Fowler was our senior adviser,” Gowans said. “I promised I’d run in order to preserve his legacy.”

“Our county will definitely be taken over by the comprehensive plan buildout.”

Gowans, who has a background in real estate and development, said the comprehensive plan was in direct contradicition to the desires of most county residents.

“The comprehensive plan buildout benefits about eight people,” Gowans said, noting it will benefit developers and certain elected leaders.

“We’re putting citizens totally aside... it’s a tragedy in the making.”

Emad Dides has tried to run twice before for county commissioner and failed but he still wants to bring his message of reform to county government.

Dides said the county government is not responsive enough to the residents and their issues; he also claims that county officials often exceed their authority when

enforcing ordinances and fees.

“I feel somebody needs to make a change,” Dides said. “I’ve had issues with the county and I talk to each of the commissioners... and nothing happens.”

“If I become commissioner your problem is my problem.”

Dides said he owns several properties he rents out that have been targeted by the county, trying to evict his tenants, even though they cannot afford anywhere else.

He said trying to put an addition on a home to increase the capacity for rental is exorbitantly expensive because of county rules.

“They want an easement fee of \$18,000,” Dides said. “I think that’s

wrong, really wrong.

“They’re making rules because they’re making money.”

The current county commissioner board spends too much money and levies too many taxes, Dides said.

“They keep increasing tax rates,” Dides said. “Republicans are supposed to reduce taxes and the size of government.”

Dides said there were “too many chiefs and not enough Indians” in county government, with too many supervisory positions with high salaries.

“I feel there’s a lot of waste,” said Dides.

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Superintendent Search Narrows to Two Finalists

Through an extensive selection process, the Calvert County Board of Education (board) has narrowed the superintendent search to two finalists. The two finalists are Dr. Racquel Jones, Ed.D., community superintendent for Baltimore County Public Schools in Baltimore, and Dr. Andrae Townsel, Ed.D., superintendent, Benton Harbor Area Schools in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

The board is engaged in a search to replace the current superintendent, Dr. Daniel D. Curry, who announced earlier this year that he would retire in June 2022.

The two finalists will participate in individual interviews with the Calvert County Board of Education, in candidate forums with stakeholders to include community, staff, students and parents, and in tours of the school system.

Meet the finalists

Dr. Racquel Jones, Ed.D.

Dr. Racquel Jones, Ed.D., has over 25 years of service in public education working with educators and stakeholders as strategic partners in the pursuit of academic excellence for all students. For the past four years, Dr. Jones has served as community superintendent for Baltimore County Public Schools in Maryland, engaging in turnaround work, building a culture of continuous



improvement, and aligning school and system operations. Under her leadership, opportunity gaps have closed significantly through the expansion of equitable access to college and career readiness pathways and advanced academics with increased participation in various Career and Technical

Education (CTE) programs of study, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), dual enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and magnet programs. Schools have received state and national awards for demonstrating a commitment to student success.

To ensure organizational effectiveness and coherence, Dr. Jones collaboratively leads high-performing, cross-functional teams focused on operationalizing system-wide initiatives. Leadership is cultivated in school administrators and central office staff to achieve a collective purpose of learning, accountability, and results.

Prior to leading in the role of community superintendent, Dr. Jones served as an executive director of school support in Baltimore County Public Schools. In this role, she provided strategic direction, supervision, and differentiated support to secondary principals in the areas of instructional leadership and teaching and learning. She utilized evidenced-based practices to create the conditions necessary to support the growth of principals as instructional leaders and implemented a teaching approach as a primary lever for enhancing principal performance. During her tenure as an executive director, graduation rates increased, and equity teams were established across all schools.

Previously, Dr. Jones successfully served as an assistant superintendent for The School District of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania, supervised a network of pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, middle, and high schools and oversaw all aspects of the instructional program and daily operations of assigned schools. She has performed in the role of an executive director of principal support and accountability for Baltimore City Public Schools in Maryland and directed the work of a

central office network support team focused on closing achievement gaps and improving organizational culture and school climate.

Dr. Jones has also proudly served as a principal, an assistant principal, and teacher in diverse schools and districts. She has earned a doctorate in educational policy, planning and leadership from William & Mary, a master's degree in educational leadership from Regent University, and a bachelor's degree in business from Norfolk State University. She is in Maryland with her husband and is the proud mother of a son and daughter

Dr. Andrae Townsel, Ed.D.

Dr. Andrae Townsel earned a football scholarship to Howard University in Washington, DC. During his time at Howard, he earned his bachelors, masters, and doctorate all from Howard University and began his educational career in the District of Columbia. He had the privilege to work in every level of the educational system and excelled. He served as a student teacher, teacher, head coach (football and basketball), athletic director, dean of students, central office specialist, assistant principal, high school principal, assistant superintendent, and a current highly effective superintendent.

As the superintendent of Benton Harbor Area Schools, he successfully eliminated the budget deficit after 14 years of being in the red, increased the salary of all teachers after having their salaries frozen for over 10 years, and successfully developed a 5-year district Strategic Plan. The United Way of Southwest Michigan has highlighted him and his district as the Education Innovator of the Year in 2021. He was nominated as the 2021 Superintendent of the Year in Michigan. He successfully navigated the pandemic, whereas the board of education gave a vote of confidence.

His district was awarded \$3 million dollars over the next 5 years to focus on and improve literacy. They were 1 out of 5 districts to receive this award through a competitive grant application process.

As an assistant superintendent in the Wayne-Westland Community School District, Dr. Townsel pioneered the work of climate, culture, and social emotional learning. In a district of nearly 11,000 students and 20 school buildings, he hired and developed climate and culture coaches for each building and provided yearlong professional development to effectively address the disproportionality in discipline data as well as improve the overall behavior of student's district-wide to ensure an increase in academic achievement. He has a strong knowledge of school finance and showed great fiscal responsibility at all levels. He generated nearly \$250k in grant funding to support the work of restorative practices and social emotional learning (SEL).

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Commissioners Vote for Hearing on Development Rights Changes

McConkey Opposes the Move



Commissioner Kelly McConkey



Commissioner Mike Hart

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has voted to move ahead with a public hearing on a proposal which would require in some instances the purchase of more development rights to construct multi-family housing in some town centers.

The county's planning commission, on a 3-2 vote, had declined to recommend proceeding with the proposal. Chairman Steve Jones cast the deciding vote which was based largely on the recommendation of the county's TDR (Transfer of Development Rights) Advisory Committee, to look at development rights as part of the town center update process, instead of changing the existing sliding scale now. The Prince Frederick update is now underway. The proposal will also affect Lusby and Solomons town centers.

At the commissioners' March 1 meeting, Commissioner Kelly McConkey voted against the motion to proceed to public hearing, citing the planning commission and TDR committee recommendations. "What do we have these boards in place for?" he asked.

But earlier Commissioner Mike Hart apologized for his vote several years ago in favor of the existing TDR sliding scale which made it easier to build multi-family housing.

"I am so sorry," he said. "It was a major

mistake."

Hart said he was convinced of the need for more senior multi-family housing and was told by developers the reduction of the number of TDR's would accomplish that. It didn't happen, Hart said, and instead non-senior apartments were built in Prince Frederick.

"There are plenty of apartments out there right now," Hart said.

McConkey, however, noted that growth had slowed in the county over the past decade.

The current regulations only require the purchase of one development right for every multi-family unit. The change requires the purchase of one development right for every bedroom in that unit.

In supporting moving ahead with the public hearing, Commissioner Chris Gadoway said no one has ever said to him that the county needs more condos.

Before the vote, retired planning and zoning director Greg Bowen, who was in the audience, said he supported the changes. Bowen, who was a member of the TDR Advisory Committee, said the vote not to change the sliding scale at this time was a compromise.

Bowen said using the number of bedrooms to determine the number of TDRs "addresses the intentionality of the use."

Commissioner President Buddy Hance recused himself from the discussion and vote.

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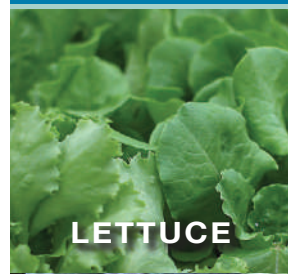


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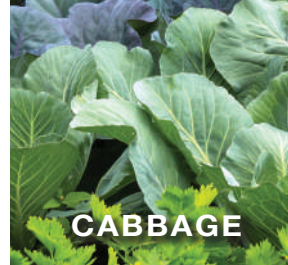
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Two More Candidates File for Open School Board Seats

By Dick Myers
Editor

There are now seven candidates vying for the two open at-large seats on the Calvert County Board of Education.

Two candidates recently filed in addition to the five already profiled by The County Times. They are Lisa Grenis of Owings and Camille T. Khaleesi of Huntingtown.

They join Christina "Tina" Hall, Joseph Marchio, Tracy McGuire, Jana Post and Damien Lee Vallanova.

The top four vote getters in the primary will face each other in the November general election for the two at-large seats. Neither Pat Nutter nor Pamela Cousins has chosen to try to retain their seats.

Grenis said, "The importance of having a teacher on the Board of Education has always been paramount. But it is more critical now than ever. We are facing desperate times in our education system due to low morale, teacher burnout, and lack of student support. Educator workload continues to increase and support for educa-



Lisa Grenis

tors and students continues to decrease."

Grenis added, "After 26 years as an educator serving Calvert County as a learning specialist and a teacher, I will advocate for our educators as well as for our parents and students to restore respect among the Board of Education, Teacher Union, and Superintendent with the community."

Grenis has taught in both St Mary's and Calvert as a learning specialist and classroom instruc-

tion as a classroom teacher.

She said, "I retired in 2020, as a result really of the immense pressure that we were under during the virtual learning."

She has two grown children who attended Calvert County Public Schools.

Grenis explained, "You know, it comes down to the accountability of everything that is being put on our teachers. It seems that the policy makers at the top end, who purchase materials and create the policies, when they don't work, it's on the shoulder of the teachers who have the least say in education. Teachers have not been heard; parents have not been heard. And I think someone needs to be a voice for them, someone from the inside who knows what's going on."

She said as a school board member she would focus on "accountability and placing the responsibility on the people accountable and not always falling on the teacher's shoulder. For example, when a superintendent implements learning focus, his success or failure of that

should be on his shoulders, not on the teachers who are simply doing what they're told. If a supervisor buys a program and it fails or succeeds, if it fails, the blame will be placed on the teacher, but if it succeeds, it seems central office gets the credit."

She added, "I think we also need to focus on removing non-essential work from teachers. They're overwhelmed and there's insufficient resources for mental health, which is a huge issue right now."

She said she would have to study further the implementation of the Kirwan Commission Blueprint for Education but definitely supports the teacher salary increases built into it.

"I believe in principles over politics, and I think that decisions need to be made in the best interests of our children. And that's what seems to be missing in education across the board right now," she said.

Khaleesi did not respond to The County Times' request for an interview.

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In total, units had over five acres of woods and marsh land

on fire. Units remained on scene for approximately eight hours and cleared the scene at 8 p.m.. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

One firefighter was transported to the hospital with a minor injury. He is in good spirits and recovering at home.

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Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Unit and Crash Reconstruction Team as well as Maryland State Police (MSP) responded March 6 at approximately 9 p.m. to the area of H.G. Trueman Road and Garden Way in Lusby for an accident involving a motorcycle.

Preliminary investigation revealed the operator of a 2005 Suzuki GSX R-1000, identified as Marvin Eugene Hill III, 34 of Prince Frederick, was travelling northbound on H.G. Trueman

Road. For unknown reasons, the motorcycle drifted off the roadway and as a result Hill was ejected from the bike.

Hill was transported to Capital Regional Medical Center by MSP helicopter in critical condition.

This crash remains under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to please contact DFC A. Ostazeski of the Crash Reconstruction Unit at Andrew.Ostazeski@calvertcountymd.gov. Please refer to case #22-12364.

Press Release from CCSO.

Eagle Scouts Receive Sheriff's Salute



The Calvert County Sheriff's Office would like to recognize and honor Kyle Wojciechowski, Gavin Santerre and William Fairweather as they received the rank of Eagle Scout as members of Boy Scout Troop 347. Lt. Col. Dave McDowell presented the scouts with a Sheriff's Salute in a small ceremony at Trinity United Methodist Church in Prince Frederick, MD on Saturday, March 5. Congratulations Kyle, Gavin and William and thank you for your leadership and service to our community.

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Four New County Staff Positions Created

Two Would Staff Police Accountability Board

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has unanimously approved the addition of four new staff positions and the expansion of another from part-time to full-time. The additions are effective April 1 at an annual cost of \$335,430.85. Impact for the rest of the fiscal year would be \$83,857.71.

The positions and their descriptions, as presented by Director of Finance and Budget Sharon Strand to the BOCC at their March 8 meeting, are



Director of Finance and Budget Sharon Strand.

- “Economic Development Office Assistant III -- In our FY21 and FY22 budget submittal, we requested that our hourly Customer Service Attendant II position (FTE .5) be upgraded to a full-time Office Assistant III, Grade 17 (FTE 1.0). Please note that salary funds already in the ED budget for our hourly Customer Service Attendant II can be used to offset the additional salary needed for the requested upgrade to a full-time Office Assistant III position. There are no additional costs associated with the upgraded position.
- “Finance & Budget Payroll Manager -- The Payroll Manager will provide guidance and determine the steps taken when unique payroll circumstances arise and provide additional checks and balances over the bi-weekly payroll run. The Payroll Manager will oversee IRS compliance with reporting, W2s, and 1095s. The Payroll Manager will handle data requests from other departments and auditors. Lastly, the Payroll Manager will be a key team member for the Workday implementation.
- Human Resources Human Resource Manager -- his position will support the Calvert County Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committee.
- “Human Resources Administrative Aide -- his position will support the Calvert County Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committee
- “Calvert Marine Museum Director of Education -- This is a new position that would be responsible for hiring, supervising, evaluating, and scheduling three full-time and five part-time educators. The position plans and directs all museum educational programs and special events; oversees training; and evaluates quality. He or she performs administrative duties including developing and managing the budget, being part of the leadership team, and coordinating with other department heads. The Museum is asking that

this position be funded 50 percent by the county general fund and is willing to support the other 50 percent from The Benning Endowment for Education.”

Strand said in September 2021, budget guidance for the next year, FY 2023, was issued to the staff requesting the departments maintain a flat budget with no new staffing requests and, “If a department believes they cannot accomplish their objectives without new staff/initiatives funding, the County Administrator will review the request in a collaborative process at the department head level. The BOCC will make the final approval.”

She said County Administrator Mark Willis approved the five requests. He and Strand argued for the additional payroll manager Willis said the payroll for the entire county staff is done by one person with another staffer with experience in that area picking up the slack for vacations.

“I don’t like the idea of not having a payroll backup,” he said.

On making the motion to approve the staffing requests, Commissioner Chris Gadway noted two of the positions were required because of legislatively mandated police reform. He said it was another example of the legislature voting in an “unfunded mandate.”

President Buddy Hance and Commissioner Mike Hart expressed reservations about approving new staffing in the middle of the budget year but in the end supported Willis and his recommendation.

During the meeting, Strand announced two awards for her department:

- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its fiscal year 2020 annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 17th consecutive year, and
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The Mayor and Town Council will hold a public hearing to accept public comment on the Chesapeake Beach Comprehensive Plan 2021 Update at a Special Town Council meeting to be held March 29, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please refer to the Chesapeake Beach website for remote access at www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov

Ordinance O-22-4, an ordinance of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, for the adoption of the Town of Chesapeake Beach Comprehensive Plan for Land Use Issues.

The complete Ordinance may be viewed upon request to shumm@chesapeakebeachmd.gov Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Circuit Courthouse Resumes Normal Operations



Due to the decline of COVID-19 infection rates in Maryland, and consistent with the guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and local health agencies, the Maryland Judiciary resumed normal operations under Phase V, including jury trials, on March 7.

On March 1 Chief Judge Joseph M. Getty of the Court of Appeals for Maryland issued the Fifth Amended Administrative Order Expanding Statewide Judiciary Operations in Light of the COVID-19 Emergency. In Phase V, all courts resume full operations, including jury trials in criminal and civil case types in the circuit courts.

Accordingly, Administrative Order dated March 2, 2022, issued by Mark S. Chandlee, Administrative Judge for the Circuit Court for Calvert County, remains in full force and effect. That Order states the wearing of masks is voluntary for all judges, magistrates, judiciary personnel and all other persons entering the courthouse except during the jury selection process in both criminal and civil jury trials, and any other proceeding wherein masking or social distancing may become necessary as determined by the presiding judicial officer with approval of the Circuit Court Administrative Judge.

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office, at the discretion of the Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court for Calvert County, may restrict access and screen individuals entering the courthouse located at 175 Main St. in Prince Frederick, and may deny entry to any individual whose screening results require refusal of entry to the courthouse for the health and safety of all individuals in the courthouse. The Administrative Judge and/or presiding judge may, when neces-

sary, limit the number of people that may be present in a courtroom at any given time; and, to achieve social distancing for large congregate settings, the administrative judge may limit, temporarily, the number of individuals entering the courthouse or a courtroom to the extent necessary to achieve the requirements of social distancing.

The courts shall be open to the public, and no appointment shall be necessary (although preferred) for access; however, notices shall inform individuals seeking access to the courthouse that access to courtrooms and other spaces may be limited on an intermittent basis.

The new administrative orders can be viewed on the Maryland Judiciary website at <https://mdcourts.gov/coronavirusorders> and the Circuit Court for Calvert County website at <http://circuitcourt.co.cal.md.us>.

Court offices are fully staffed. Court personnel will be available to the public by telephone between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Maryland Electronic Court (MDEC) continues to be available for electronic filing and is required to be used for all MDEC counties. The courts shall be open to the public, and no appointment shall be necessary (although preferred) for access.

Any questions or concerns relative to cases or proceedings should be directed to:

- Circuit Court: 410-535-1600
- District Court: 443-550-6700

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Press Release from Calvert County government.

CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of February 21, 2022 - February 27, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,448 calls for service throughout the community.

Burglary: 22-9479

On February 21, 2022, Deputy Krueger responded to the 600 block of Gunsmoke Trail in Lusby, MD for the report of a burglary that had already occurred. The complainant advised sometime between 2:30 p.m. and 5:25 p.m., unknown suspect (s) broke into the home through a door on the back deck. A 30lb dumbbell was found in the kitchen surrounded by broken glass. Nothing appears to have been taken. The total value of damaged property is \$660.00.

Damaged Property: 22-9473

On February 21, 2022, Deputy Contic received report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between Feb. 19 at 4 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 21, unknown suspect (s) vandalized political campaign signs located in the area of Ponds Wood Road and Hardesty Road in Huntingtown, MD. Two 4 x 8 campaign signs were cut/sawed off the posts and removed. The total value of damaged/stolen property is \$250.00.

Theft: 22-9464

On February 21, 2022, Deputy Hendrickson responded to the 2800 block of Grays Road in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of property damage. The complainant advised her front passenger side window had been broken out of her vehicle and discovered her wallet and its contents were stolen. The total value of damaged property is approximately \$150.00 and the total amount of stolen property is \$75.00.

Theft: 22-9875

On February 23, 2022, DFC Cress responded to the 8900 block of Dayton Ave. in North Beach, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between Feb. 21 and Feb. 23, unknown suspect (s) stole two white plastic folding chairs and a table with a ceramic tile top from the outside patio. The estimated value of stolen property is \$225.00.

Theft: 22-10614

On February 27, 2022, Deputy Contic responded to the Spring Cove Marina located at 255 Lore Road in Solomons, MD for a report of theft. The complainants advised unknown suspect (s) stole nearly 60 oyster baskets from multiple boats at the marina. The total value of stolen property \$1,386.00.

Theft: 22-9605

On February 22, 2022, Deputy Grierson responded to the 3200 block of Cannoncade Court in Chesapeake Beach, MD for report of theft from vehicles. The complainants advised sometime during the early morning hours on Feb. 21, unknown suspect (s) broke into two unlocked vehicles parked at that address. A black wireless speaker, a wallet, Maryland Driver's License and military identification card were stolen. The total value of stolen property is \$127.00.

Property Destruction

On February 26, 2022, multiple reports of property destruction were reported throughout the Huntingtown, MD area. In all cases, the complainants advised their mailboxes were destroyed

or damaged by large rocks in the overnight hours. The mailboxes were knocked off their support posts and large rocks were found nearby.

The following streets were affected:

1200 block of Emmanuel Church Road
1000 block of Emmanuel Church Road
1100 block of Carson Drive
3600 block of Joshua Court
300 block of Wilson Road
2000 block of Stinnett Road
620 block of Cox Road

Anyone with information in regards to these incidents, is asked to please contact Detective T. Yates at Edward.Yates@calvert-countymd.gov. Tips can also be submitted by using the Sheriff's Office mobile app, which can be found in the Android Store and Apple store by searching Calvert County Sheriff's Office or visit <https://apps.myocv.com/share/a39520678> to download.

ARRESTS

On February 24, 2022, Deputy Savick responded to a residence in the 8100 block of Deer Chase Lane in Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732 for a Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) violation. Upon arrival, contact was made with the complainant who advised she allowed **Thomas Straten Abbott**, 40 of Stafford, VA, to reside at the home for a brief period



Thomas Abbott

of time while she was away. The complainant advised she found numerous needles, multiple bags containing suspected Heroin, multiple bags containing Heroin residue and CDS paraphernalia in her home. Deputy Savick made contact with Abbott in his vehicle outside the residence accompanied by passenger **Mary Katelyn Meeks**, 31 of Richmond, VA. Deputy Savick observed several needles and Ziploc bags in plain view. A vehicle search revealed multiple tear offs, needles, Ziploc bags



Mary Meeks

containing suspected heroin residue. A Mossberg 9mm handgun was also located in the vehicle. Investigation revealed Thomas is a convicted felon and prohibited from owning a firearm. Thomas Straten Abbott was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, Possession of a Loaded Handgun in Vehicle, Illegal Possession of Ammunition, Illegal Possession of a Regulated Firearm, and Handgun in a Vehicle. Mary Katelyn Meeks was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

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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Weems Declines to Run for Fourth Commissioner Term

'It Was Time to Turn the Page'



By Dick Myers
Editor

"Sometimes it's best to leave the dance floor while the music is still playing," was how Commissioner Steve Weems announced at their March 1 meeting that he would not be seeking a fourth term.

During his tenure he served as board vice president in 2014 and as board president in 2015. He was chairman of the Tri-County Council on several occasions.

Weems apparently caught his fellow commissioners by surprise. "That was a bombshell," said Commissioner Mike Hart.

"I've known Steve since I was in sixth grade, he was in fourth. We met at Our Lady Star of the Sea," Hart observed.

Hart said, "You cannot always tell the character of a human being by their family," adding, "There was an old country song that said, 'Mama Tried to Raise Me Better.' Steve has been nothing but a gentleman, a deep caring individual and his parents were the same way. I know so many times in life I have gone to his father and sought his advice on things. And I've known Steve for well over 40 years. I have seen the toll on you, and we have discussed that."

Hart added, "In public service you can tend to do that."

"We will be friends long after this show is over, long after they roll the credits; we will be friends for a long time," Hart added.

Weems added in his announcement, "I want to thank the citizens of Calvert County. It doesn't preclude me from public service in the future, but it's time for me to

take a break."

In an interview on March 7, Weems said, "I reached the decision that it was just time for me to step aside. I wasn't obligated, we're not term limited like St. Mary's County, but it was time to turn the page in essence."

Weems does favor term limits and he said the previous board proposed a three-term limit. "In the past there were legislative requests, and they were denied and that's the prerogative of the delegation. Really technically I'm just staying consistent with what was done with the previous board."

Regarding Hart's comments about the toll on Weems, he said, "It has been hard in the sense of what you don't see is the fact that we make a lot of sacrifices as commissioners, with our time in the sense of our family. It's like anything else, the balance in life. I've got a 20-year-old and a 12-year-old, and I missed a lot, and it was hard on my wife and family. So, you sort of sacrifice that for public service, if you want to properly serve the citizens of Calvert County, but there's always a cost. And a lot of times the costs are things that you don't even really see. So that's what he (Hart) was alluding to, I think."

Weems has recently moved his business Wemyss Liquors across the street in St. Leonard into the former location of Buehler's Liquors. He was asked if that affected his decision.

"I think for me to say no is not a completely truthful statement," he said, "I've got aging parents. I'm not asking anyone to feel sor-

ry for me, but I'm trying to assist my mother with a father who has dementia right now. I have to basically balance my life with my immediate family as well as my parents. And my business is a variable. It's a new phase, a chapter in my life. I think it's a sum of the whole that causes us to make personal decisions."

"We've been there since mid-January," he said of the new location. "It's given us a little more square footage for marketing purposes."

That has enabled them to add more wines and craft beers, including some local brands.

The additional space has given them more room for wine tastings, which they recently received liquor board approval for. "We're probably going to have monthly wine tastings once the weather breaks and with the numbers for COVID declining, and with the advent of our community wanting more social activity, we will be holding more wine tastings."

The new store retained the same name. "It's our original name from Scotland...it's Gaelic for cave, which there are a number of caves that dot the coast of where we are from in Fife, Scotland, which is just north of Edinboro."

Weems was asked about the impact of the pandemic on the commissioners. He said, "Very challenging, extremely challenging. Magnified emotions, in every facet of our lives and including demands placed on commissioners."

His decision leaves a vacancy in the at-large race. There are two at-large commissioners and in-

cumbent President Buddy Hance has filed for re-election. There are three other candidates (see separate story). He said he will not endorse anybody in the race. "I plan to stay as neutral as possible."

His advice to the next board: "Manage expectations and research thoroughly, because what you believe you can do in reality, many times you cannot."

For the remaining nine months, he said, "Keeping an eye on the finances has always been the core of the position. The highest and best use of taxpayer dollars is a big part of the budget and moving forward I have concerns about the tail from COVID. It was such an anomaly and we, as well as the state, received funding from the federal government that, although helpful, may give us pauses on future expenditures and initiatives, because of the fact that when you receive it, there's always a bill that comes with the receipt of it. The bottom line is there's a cost associated with everything that is received."

He was asked what he will miss most about the job. "I'm going to miss my relationship with our staff, which is every level of our staff, because they're just good people and we are in a good position with all members of Calvert County government."

And what he will miss the least caused him pause. "Misguided individuals," he said, adding, "They're not evil people."

"Their expectations that are unfounded."

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Megalodon Size Determined by Water Temperature

Calvert Marine Museum Paleontologist, Victor Perez, contributed to a new study on Megalodon body size trends. The study found that the largest Megalodon teeth are found in cooler waters at higher latitudes, indicating that temperature played a significant role in the evolution of the largest predatory shark to ever live! Read more about the new research in DePaul's press release below or online at https://resources.depaul.edu/newsroom/news/press-releases/Pages/shimada_march_2022.aspx.

A new study reveals that the iconic extinct Megalodon or megatooth shark grew to larger sizes in cooler environments than in warmer areas. DePaul University paleobiology professor Kenshu Shimada and coauthors take a renewed look through time and space at the body size patterns of *Otodus megalodon*, the fossil shark that lived nearly worldwide roughly 15 to 3.6 million years ago. The new study appears in the international journal *Historical Biology*.

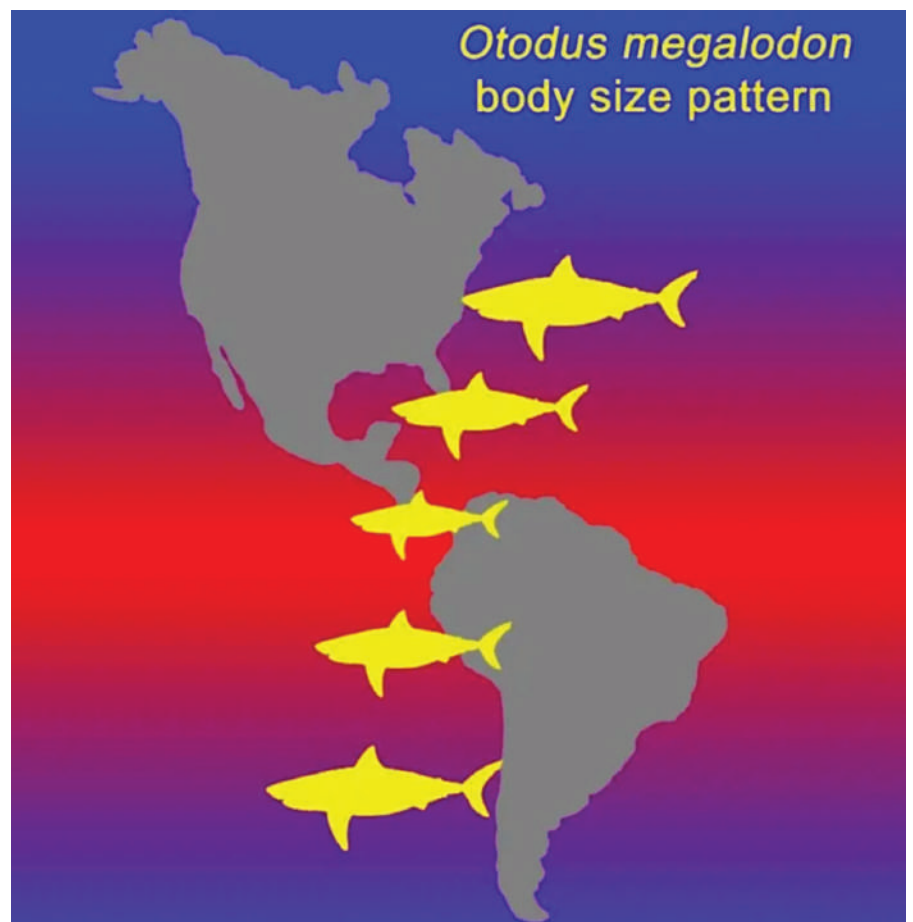
Otodus megalodon is commonly portrayed as a gigantic, monstrous shark in novels and films, such as the 2018 sci-fi thriller "The Meg." In reality, this species is only known from teeth and vertebrae in the fossil record, although it is generally accepted scientifically that the species was indeed quite gigantic, growing to at least 50 feet (15 meters) and possibly as much as 65 feet (20 meters). The new study re-examined published records of Megalodon teeth along with their estimated total body lengths. "Our findings suggest a previously unrecognized body size pattern for the fossil shark, notably following a geography-driven

ecological pattern known as Bergmann's rule," said Shimada.

Introduced by German biologist Carl Bergmann in the mid-1800s, Bergmann's rule is a broad generalization explaining that larger animals thrive in cooler climates because their size helps them retain heat more efficiently compared to animals with smaller bodies. "Scientists constantly search for rules of life that help us predict natural patterns, and it seems that Bergmann's rule applied to *Otodus megalodon*," noted coauthor Victor Perez, a paleontologist at the Calvert Marine Museum in Maryland.

Some Megalodon sites were previously identified as possible nursery areas of the fossil shark because those sites yield smaller Megalodon teeth on average relative to other Megalodon localities. However, the new study found that the previously identified nursery areas for Megalodon are located near the equator, where water is warmer. "It is still possible that *O. megalodon* could have utilized nursery areas to raise young sharks. But our study shows that fossil localities consisting of smaller Megalodon teeth may instead be a product of individual sharks attaining smaller overall body sizes simply as a result of warmer water," said coauthor Harry Maisch, a faculty member at Bergen Community College and Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey.

"The idea of this new study originated from casual conversation that took place during a recent fishing trip to the Florida Keys by the lead author, his family and me, stemming from a basic question: where do large fish live?" said coauthor Martin Becker, a professor of environmental science at Wil-



Schematic drawing showing the general body size pattern of the iconic extinct megatooth shark, *Otodus megalodon*, using hypothetical silhouettes. Note the increase in body size towards cooler waters at higher latitudes. (DePaul University/Kenshu Shimada)

liam Paterson University in New Jersey. Despite being initiated by this simple question, "the results of this study have important implications for understanding how modern climate change is rapidly accelerating marine habitat shifts to more polar latitudes in apex predators such as sharks," noted coauthor Michael Griffiths and another professor of environmental science at William Paterson University.

"The main conclusion of this study is that not all geographically different Megalodon individuals grew to gigantic sizes equally.

The common notion that the species reached 18–20 m TL should be applied primarily to populations that inhabited cooler environments," said Shimada. This new study, "Revisiting body size trends and nursery areas of the Neogene megatooth shark, *Otodus megalodon* (Lamniformes: Otodontidae) reveals Bergmann's rule possibly enhanced its gigantism in cooler waters" will appear in the forthcoming issue of *Historical Biology* and is available online at <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/08912963.2022.2032024>.

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Prescription Medication Take-Back Day Scheduled

CAASA Partners with Local Agencies

Prevent unused and expired prescription medications from being misused by turning them in at a no-questions-asked event sponsored by the Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CAASA) in partnership with local law enforcement Calvert County Behavioral Health and the Calvert County Department of Parks and Recreation. Residents are urged to dispose of unused prescriptions on Saturday, April 30th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Prescription medications can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Calvert County Sheriff's Office, 30 Church St., Prince Frederick (outside drop-box)
- Maryland State Police, Barrack U, 210 Main St., Prince Frederick (outside drop-box)
- Harriet E. Brown Community Center, 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick
- Northeast Community Center, 4075

Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach

- Southern Community Center, 20 Appeal Lane, Lusby

Free Detera® RX disposal packets will be available at the three community center sites, while supplies last. The packets provide a safe and convenient way to dispose of medications.

In addition, Calvert County Behavioral Staff will provide Free Narcan Training and syringe disposal at the Southern and Northeast Community Centers. "This is a great opportunity for residents to dispose of medications, obtain lifesaving NARCAN training and receive important resource information," stated Deryl Johnson, president, CAASA Board of Directors.

For information about this event, call the Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc. at 410-535-3733 or visit www.calvertcountymd.gov/CAASA.

Press Release from CAASA.

Maryland DNR 2022 Photo Contest Now Open



Photo "Short-eared Owl Hovering" by Mitch Adolph, submitted to the 2021 Maryland DNR Photo Contest

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now accepting entries for its annual photo contest.

Photographers, novice or professional, can enter for the chance to win cash, park passes, and other great prizes.

Winning entries will be posted online, featured in the quarterly Maryland Natural Resource magazine, and placed in the next DNR wall calendar.

About 2,000 photos were submitted by 400 photographers in the 2021 contest. The winning images are posted on the DNR website.

Entries can include images from anywhere in Maryland featuring birds, insects, flora, recreation, scenic landscapes, and wildlife. A panel of judges will choose first, second, and third place winners for each of the four seasons; from among the first-place winners, an overall grand prize winner will be

awarded. Social media users will also be able to select a "Fan Favorite" via the department's Facebook page.

Photographers may submit up to three entries for \$10 with additional entries (no limit) at \$3 each between now and 5 p.m. on Aug. 1, 2022. All photos must be original and unpublished. The contest is open to residents and visitors alike, but only photos of Maryland will qualify to win.

The best overall photo receives a grand prize of \$500 cash, a one-year Maryland State Park and Trail Passport, a complimentary magazine subscription, and five copies of the 2023 calendar. First, second, and third place winners also receive prizes. Interested photographers can visit the Photo Contest webpage to see contest rules and how to submit your entry. Good luck to all who enter!

Applications Sought for Police Accountability Board, Administrative Charging Committee



The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) announces has begun accepting applications for the Calvert County Police Accountability Board (CCPAB) and Calvert County Administrative Charging Committee (CCACC). The BOCC enacted a resolution establishing the CCPAB and CCACC during their regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022.

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. Citizens may view the adopted resolution online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/PAB.

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

The BOCC will appoint nine members to serve three-year terms on the CCPAB, with a limit of six total years of service on the board. Members will consist of two retired sworn law officers who retired in good standing at least five years prior to appointment on the CCPAB; at least three members from minority popula-

tions in Calvert County; and one mental health practitioner. Once formed, the CCPAB will meet at least quarterly and provide an annual report to the BOCC on what should be done to improve matters of policing.

The CCACC will be comprised of five members, including the CCPAB chairperson or another CCPAB member designated by the chairperson will serve as a member of the CCACC. In addition, the CCPAB and the BOCC will each appoint two Calvert County civilians to serve three-year terms for no more than a total of six years of service on the CCACC. Prior to serving on the CCACC, members will receive training on matters relating to police procedures from the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission. The CCACC will meet at least monthly to review the findings of a law enforcement investigation to determine if it is appropriate to administratively charge a police officer who is the subject of investigation.

Those interested in serving may complete an online application form through the county government website at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/PAB. For questions, please contact the Department of Human Resources at 410-535-1600, ext. 2359.

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Leaders Program Experiences Resilience, Stress Management

Leadership Southern Maryland's Emerging Leaders Program (LEAP) Class of 2022 on Feb. 25 held its second of six program sessions.

The day opened at College of Southern Maryland (CSM), La Plata Campus with a stress management assessment administered by Erin Farley LSM'21 and Dana Rose of CalvertHealth Medical Center. Farley and Rose continued the morning session with a discussion on building resilient teams.

After lunch, the class team leaders led the planning for their capstone project in partnership with Christmas in April Calvert County. This was followed by a panel discussion with Charles County leaders including Commissioner Thomasina Coates LSM'22 and Marcia Keeth LSM'18, deputy director, Charles County Economic Development Department. The panel discussion was moderated by Phillip Melton LEAP'20, ESD tech agent team lead of Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division (NSWC-IHD).

The afternoon session continued with a discussion on thriving in a stressful environment led by Shaniqua Cousins LSM'22, operations

officer at NAVAIR and founder of Shaniqua Cousins World Group LLC, a lifestyle brand. The day also included a book discussion of The Five Dysfunctions of a Team with Stuart White, chief learning officer for NSWC-IHD. The final activity of the day was a summary group reflection with Leslie Fazio LSM'22, team effectiveness and coaching team lead for NAVAIR and the Emergenetics and session facilitator for LEAP Class of 2022.

At the conclusion of the program day, the class adjourned to The Greene Turtle Sports Bar and Grille to meet members from LSM's LEAP Class of 2020.

Leadership Southern Maryland's Emerging Leaders Program (LEAP) provides educational programming opportunities to new or emerging leaders in the region. Through a series of six "experiences," young leaders facilitate, foster, and refine their individual leadership understanding and abilities via structured course curriculum and a focus on self-discovery, teamwork, and networking. Experts from across the region and state representing business, government, education, and



Members of LSM's Emerging Leaders Program (LEAP) 2022 explored stress management techniques at the February session

the nonprofit community serve as panelists and guest speakers.

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For more information, please contact Denise Foster, Executive Director, Leadership Southern Maryland, 301-862-SOMD, via email denise@leadershipsomd.org or visit www.leadershipsomd.org.

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'Otterly' Outrageous Fun Awaits at Ottermania



River otters Chumley, Chessie Grace, and Calvert at the Calvert Marine Museum. Photo credit: Perry Hampton.

Celebrate everyone's favorite museum mammal during OtterMania! at the Calvert Marine Museum on Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Enjoy "otterly" outrageous activities, and meet the otters: Chumley, Chessie Grace, and Calvert. Museum admission applies; free for CMM members.

Ideal for families, OtterMania! invites kids to dance the "Swim" with the otter mascot, discover how the otters find their food, explore how whiskers work, learn about other adaptations, and complete an "otterly" awesome craft.

Also, receive a free otter mug with every purchase over \$40 in the museum store (while supplies last).

Explore how the prehistoric past, natural environments, and maritime heritage come to life and tell a unique story of the Chesapeake Bay. The Calvert Marine Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$9 for adults; \$7 for seniors, military with valid I.D., AAA and AARP members; \$4 for children ages 5 - 12; children under 5 and museum members are admitted free. For more information about the museum, upcoming events, or membership, visit the website at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com or call 410-326-2042. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Press Release from CMM

Twin Beach Players Calling For Youth Playwrights

Twin Beach Players is calling all playwrights, elementary school through high school age for its 17th Annual Kid's Playwriting Festival. Six winners will be chosen, and each winner's play will be produced and performed in front of a live audience. All winners will be awarded \$100. The Festival is open to all Maryland residents, whether public, private or home-schooled.

There are three divisions in the Festival — Elementary School, Middle School and High School. Suggested lengths of plays are 3-15 minutes for Elementary School, 7-20 minutes for Middle School, and 10-15 minutes for High School. The judges reserve the right award prizes to outstanding plays that do not fall within these guidelines, but lengthy plays cannot be produced.

Each play will be read by a panel of at least three judges. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2022, and winners will be notified no later than June 1. Submit plays to Twin Beach Players, P.O. Box 600, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732, ATTN: Audra Vernier, or via email to avernier@twinbeachplayers.com.

A completed entry form must accompany each play. Plays will be performed by Youth Troupe members, with auditions in early June and performances



over two weekends in August.

The play must be the original work of one student submitting it — no collaborations or adaptations. Adults may give general advice about dramatic form, but all action, characters and dialog must be solely the work of one student.

The festival is limited to non-musical plays, though scripts may call for brief music or song as part of the action. Otherwise plays may be of any kind — comedy, drama, science fiction, mystery, fantasy, etc. — on any subject with any number of scenes.

Prizes will be awarded based on imagination and human values as well as play writing skill. The age and grade of the playwright will be taken into consideration by the judges.

For more information, visit www.twinbeachplayers.org or call 410-610-2157.

Press Release from Twin Beach Players

Comedian Reese Waters to Present Twain Lecture

Annua St. Mary's College Event



Reese Waters

The Twain Lecture Series on American Humor and Culture presents An Evening with Reese Waters Friday, April 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Michael P. O'Brien Athletics and Recreation Center, 19050 Hill Commons Drive.

Ticket prices for this annual event are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for Arts Alliance members. Advance reservations for tickets are required www.smcm.edu/twain-tickets. Pre-ordered tickets can be picked up at will call in the recreation center beginning at 5:30 p.m. the evening of the event. The doors open at 7 p.m. and all seating is first come, first served.

Reese Waters has forged an unlikely yet illustrious career in comedy, sports and broadcasting. Always the class clown, the Washington, D.C. native began his comedy career as a student at Columbia University in New York City.

When New York magazine tapped Reese Waters as one of the city's Ten Comedians to Watch in 2009, few realized just how quickly his star would rise. First came his victory in the Emerging Comics Contest at the New York Underground Comedy Festival. Soon after, appearances on MTV, "Good Morning America," SiriusXM satellite radio and NPR were followed by Comedy Central's "Live at Gotham" set and subsequent role on the Comedy Central series "Michael and Michael Have Issues."

In 2010, Waters brought comedy truth to sports as co-host of "The Daily Line" on Versus. His most memorable interview was "Tea with Tyson," where he managed to get Mike Tyson to open up to him about his love for pigeons and his hatred of cannoli. Waters then worked at Bleacher Report, TNT's "Inside the NBA" and eventually as a correspondent on ESPN's "SportsCenter."

With a deep knowledge and passion for sports, stand-up is his true love. Waters made appearances on both "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson" and "The Late Show with David Letterman."

Waters returned to his hometown D.C. in 2018 to bring his insight, comedy and commentary to morning news in creating and hosting the Emmy Award winning "Get Up DC." He currently hosts "Open Mic with Reese Waters" on WUSA 9 and "The Reese Waters Show" podcast on the Audacy App's "The Team 980."

For more information about the Twain Series, go to <https://www.smcm.edu/events/twain/>. Campus visitors must be up to date on vaccinations for COVID-19 and be able to present proof upon request by College officials when attending indoor events or large gatherings outside when social distancing cannot be ensured. If campus visitors are not up to date on vaccinations or cannot show proof, they must present proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of arrival to campus.

Tackle Box Fishing Report



Eric Packard with a farm pond crappie

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

The crappie are biting, bass are hungry, and the yellow perch are set to spawn.

Pond and lake fishermen have been using live minnows during this warm spell to catch pickerel, bass and crappie.

Big crappie in the 14 inch range are biting in St. Mary's Lake. There are largemouth bass hitting whacky rigs in the Lake and ponds. Some out sized crappie have taken those whacky rigs, too. Pickerel are always hungry and will hit most any shiny spinner bait.

Yellow perch are gathering for their spawning run at Wayson's Corner and Allen's Fresh. The upper regions of the Nanticoke have

a huge run beginning now. The critical factor is the tide. Any high tide that is strong enough to fill the upper regions of the spawning grounds will trigger a spawning run. The upper St. Mary's River will have yellow perch all the way to the bridge at Great Mills under Route 5 on a good tide. This will happen for about 24 hours and may occur in the middle of the night.

Rockfish are now beginning to move in the rivers. Pound net fishermen have picked up a handful this week.

Only a single or two alewife and shad have shown up.

The warmth and rain coming this week will mark the beginning of springtime fishing.



James Jahn shows off a lovely crappie from St. Mary's Lake.

Letters to the Editor



Senate Bill 528

To the Editor:

Wow! Senate Bill 528 pending in Annapolis would stop people from using oil, natural gas, or propane as an energy source, making Maryland all electric. And 27 legislators cosponsored the bill, including Michael Jackson who represents parts of Calvert.

I think we need to take steps to alter the course of climate change. However, this bill would have dire consequences. Natural gas and propane are the clean-burning alternatives to coal. Indeed, natural gas produces 40 percent of our electricity. If we shut down these fuel sources, no alternative is in line to replace them. Please join me in telling our elected representatives in Annapolis to stop this madness.

*Dave Fegan
Prince Frederick, MD*

Fan of Ronald Guy

To the Editor:

Too often readers neglect to commend contributing writers to any newspaper, be it a small-town or metropolitan press. Each week I make sure to turn to the admirable work of Ronald N. Guy, Jr., of the St. Mary's County Times.

As an avid sports fan, particularly of baseball and football, I look forward to the new perspectives I glean from Mr. Guy's column, "A View from the Bleachers." He writes with a clarity and acuity that equals, and often surpasses, the articles of many well-known sportswriters.

His March 3, 2022, piece, "Fractures," is a prime example. Guy shows how the granular events of a single play in baseball contains enormous meaning and consequences. In finely detailed, colorful language, he reminds us that "the 'play' is the drumbeat of everyday life."

Then he gives us both a micro and macro-description of how characters and events can be seen in daily life--in our jobs, in our travels, and in our interaction with others. More philosophically, Guy points out how our reflection on those everyday occurrences can bring us renewed understanding. The parting upshot of his article is truly important: We are all part of an interconnected world. We should always remember that our "foolish human failings often compromise pursuit of shared interests."

Indeed, Guy's plea is powerful throughout: Turn away from "targeted lies" and "false realities" and instead focus on truth and "transcendent unity . . . for each of us, for all of us, for Ukraine." With those words, his lucid prose becomes poetry in today's "fractured" world.

*Joseph L. DeVitis
Leonardtown*

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Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, March 10

Sea Squirts

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

Children 18 months to 3 years, with an adult, are invited to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a carryout craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme is Who Eats What?

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>

Friday, March 11

Oddments

CSM, 7:30 p.m.

La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Center, Brad and Linda Gottfried Theater.

A play by Sarah Slack and Sydney Mitchell.

Family may be found in the strangest places. A group of young assault survivors leans on each other in their healing journeys. Little do they know, their beloved therapist, who founded and leads the group, has motives that shroud his dark past. Oddments was written by CSM student Sarah Slack and CSM alumna Sydney Mitchell. The production is directed by the playwrights. Free. For more information, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2022/03/oddments.html> or contact us at bxoffc@csmd.edu or 301-934-7828. Due to strong language, themes of assault, and flashing lights, this production may not be appropriate for all patrons.

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Sunday, March 13

The Concerts at Saint Nicholas

4-6 p.m. at Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church is located at 1450 Plum Point Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639, 410-257-5683.

The Crissman Brothers, Jonathan and Seth Crissman, performing as a duo featuring classical guitar and Appalachian folk music,

The concert is free and open to all.

Together, Seth and Jonathan collaborate to make The Crissman Brothers. The two brothers have been playing together for over 20 years, and have diverse influences as a duo, including Renaissance music, Gospel music, Appalachian folk music, jazz, classical, Hymns, and children's music.

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Ward Virts Concert Series:

Antony Zwerdling.

CSM, 3 p.m.

Prince Frederick Campus

Multipurpose Room B.

Antony Zwerdling is an active voice teacher and performer. He sings opera, oratorio and art song, and has performed over twenty-five operatic roles. The companies he has appeared with include Washington National Opera, Opera Lafayette, Wolf Trap Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, Lake George Opera, Washington Concert Opera, Opera Boston and Ash Lawn Op.

Bluegrass Comeback to

Southern Maryland Concert Series

Calvert Elks #2620, 2 p.m.

The Sideline Bluegrass Band is a six-piece powerhouse band who've been in business for two decades. To listen to Sideline reminds the fan of why so many people fall in love with bluegrass in the first place—pulse-pounding drive, songs sung from the heart, perfected timing, and dynamics. Founding members, Steve Dilling and Skip Cheryholmes, are joined by Jamie Harper, Nick Goad, Andy Buckner, and Kyle Windbeck. Each with a commitment to working as one unit to deliver high-energy, innovative, hard-driving, variety-packed entertainment night after night throughout Sideline's lengthy tour schedule. Always seeking new breakthroughs in music, while holding to the core of their proven success—A love for each other, a love for their ever-growing loyal fanbase, and a true love and passion for the music they create.

Thursday, March 17

Little Minnows

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

This program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult, are invited to join us for story time and a craft you can do on-site or take home, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme is Food Chain.

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UPCOMING

Calvert Arts Festival

Sample the best wines and craft beers from Southern Maryland makers at 16th Calvert Arts Festival Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church. A \$15 fee to taste wines/beers 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 gla\$\$ at <https://www.EventBrite.com/e/Calvert-Arts-Festival-2022-tickets>. Age verified for alcohol tasting by picture ID at festival. Proceeds benefit local charities that aid County children. Free parking at All Saints' Church, Rts 2 & 4, Sunderland, MD, and nearby Sunderland Park & Ride.

Maritime Performance Series with Claude Bourbon

Calvert Marine Museum
Friday, March 25, 7p.m.

Ready for a unique and talented take on a wide range of musical traditions? Claude Bourbon is known throughout Europe and America for amazing guitar performances that takes blues, Spanish, and Middle Eastern stylings into uncharted territories. 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, and \$25 at the door

OtterMania!

Calvert Marine Museum
Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Help us celebrate our favorite museum mammal – the North American river otter! Learn otterly terrific facts at learning stations throughout the museum and make an otter craft. Join our otter mascot at the Corbin Nature Pavilion to learn his favorite dance, "The Swim". Don't forget to visit Chumley, Calvert, and Chessie Grace along the way! All activities included with museum admission. Admission applies; members are FREE.

Michael Anthony Blackmon



Michael Anthony Blackmon, 39 years old, of North Beach MD passed away peacefully on Friday December 10th, 2021 at Calvert Memorial Hospital. Michael

battled with a rare heart condition and had some difficult events in his life. Through it all, Michael fought like a warrior to overcome his challenges with bravery and faith.

Michael was born on March 8th 1982 at PG Hospital. He was raised in Huntington, Maryland and went to Calvert High School.

Michael loved cub scouts, football, baseball, basketball and dirt bikes. He was a free spirit and loved music and the outdoors. After school he joined a band called Atilla in which he was the lead singer. Michael's greatest passion was for Jesus. He read and studied scripture, witnessed Christ's love and preached the gospel to anyone who would listen. It is our fervent belief that Michael is reunited with his friends and family that have gone before him and is probably interviewing Jesus!

He was preceded in death by his father, Denny Jones, his Aunt Terry, Grandma (Grambo) Edna White, Little Grandma Lynn and son Bobby Anderson, Grandpa and Grandma Jones, Great Grandmother Pearl Zissler and Kathy Abshur who loved and supported Michael. Michael is survived by his beloved mother, Darlina Jones, Loretta Linkous (Memal), Wes Linkous (Papa) Brother, Brandon Jones and wife Caitlin, Brother, Scott Jones and wife Casey, nephews: Denny, Brady, Dean and soon to be born sibling. Michael has many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends that supported him as well.

A Celebration of Life will be at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in North Beach, Maryland on Saturday, March 12 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Heart Association.

Sharon Alananna Schmitt

Sharon Alananna Schmitt, 58, of Annapolis passed away February 28, 2022, with her family by her side. She was born January 30, 1964 in Ft. Meade to John and Ann (Dotson) Childers. Her father was in the Army, they moved around often, but settled back in Maryland in her teens and she graduated from Old Mill High School. She then attended Anne Arundel Community College, before starting her career in banking. Sharon worked at several banks, and most recently at SECU in the mortgage and loans department. She married Charles J. Schmitt on December 31, 1990, and they lived in Pasadena before moving to Annapolis in 2008. Sharon enjoyed needlework, especially cross stitch, reading, collecting baseball cards, watching NASCAR and wrestling, and being with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Sharon is survived by her husband of 31 years Charles James Schmitt and a son James Schmitt of Dunkirk. Also surviving are her brother Thomas Childers and wife Doll of Charlotte, NC and their sons John, David and Lee, her mother-in-law Ionia Schmitt and sister-in-law Laura Oliver, both of Dunkirk.

Services for Sharon will be private.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Rebecca Ann "Becky" Lamb



Rebecca Ann "Becky" Lamb of Dunkirk, MD, passed away February 26, 2022 at the age of 70. Becky was born October 14, 1951 in Cheverly, MD. She graduated from Northwestern High School.

Becky had several jobs, one as a Calvert County School bus driver. She was a parishioner of All Saints Episcopal Church in Sunderland, MD. Becky volunteered at the Calvert County Fair and 4H Club for many years. She enjoyed organizing the children's projects and

working alongside her best friend of over 40 years Kay Hoile. She was an avid reader and donated many books to children.

Becky is survived by two sons, Earl F. Lamb Jr. and Joseph M. Lamb and his wife Amanda; grandchildren Lianne M. Lamb and Michael F. Lamb; her companion of 33 years Daniel Hooper, sister Darlene T. Martin and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her beloved father Joseph J. Thompson; mother Frances C. Jordan and sister Linda J. Tyler.

Becky will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 20, 2022, 1-2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane

Owings, MD 20736. A Memorial Service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions may be made to All Saints Episcopal Church, 100 Lower Marlboro Road, Sunderland, MD 20689.

Gloria Ataviado-Bridges



Gloria Ataviado-Bridges, longtime resident of Huntingtown, Maryland and a founding member of the Jesus the Divine Word (JDW) Parish, passed away on Feb. 26th at the tender age of 98. In her final moments, she was showered with love and care at home by her nephew Jojo, his wife Carmelita and their children Joel, Katherine and Kristine.

Originally from the Philippines, Gloria – or Tita Glo to us (Tita is Tagalog for aunt) – was one of eight siblings. She was the only one who developed the urge to work overseas, principally in the United States. After World War II and after some semesters in a university, Tita Glo worked as a secretary for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Manila from the late 1940s to the 1950s. She was a generous sister, which made things for all the family members easier as life in Manila after the war was difficult. She bought the family its first TV set.

Her job with USAID paved the way for her to eventually relocate to the US and work for the World Bank in Washington, DC. She may be small in stature, but she had drive and courage in her blood. She left Manila in 1962 only with a fistful of dollars and a bag full of determination to succeed. Tita Glo flew to California (during this time there were no flights yet to the East Coast from Asia) and took a Greyhound bus to DC by herself. She loved her job at the World Bank, where she worked until 1991.

A devout Catholic, Tita Glo was an active member of JDW Parish in Huntingtown, MD until advancing age slowed her down in her late 80s. She was always proud of the fact that three

of her siblings entered religious life.

She was preceded in death by her father Elias, mother Concepcion, brothers Juan, Patricio and Bishop Vicente and Sister Rosario of the Daughters of Charity.

She is survived by the following siblings: Sr. Mary Aimee of the Order of Discalced Carmelite Nuns, Josefina Ataviado-Llamas and Quinciano Ataviado, all of whom reside in the Philippines.

Tita Glo was married to the late David Andrew Bridges, a US Navy veteran who served in the Philippines during World War II (no, they did not meet in the Philippines; they met in DC).

Visitation will be Thursday, March 10, 2022, 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736 and Friday, March 11, 2022, 10-11 a.m. at Jesus the Divine Word Catholic Church, 885 Cox Road,

Huntingtown, MD 20639.

Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 a.m. at the church.

Interment will be private at MD Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

Kay Whitfield Campbell



Mrs. Kay Whitfield Campbell, age 74, of Dunkirk, Maryland passed away Saturday, February 26, 2022. Born October 26, 1947 in Bethel, North Carolina to Thomas Ashley

Jr. and Ruby Geneva (Bullock) Whitfield, Kay grew up in Tarboro, North Carolina and earned her Bachelor's Degree from Atlantic Christian College (now known as Barton College). She worked hard as an accountant at credit unions, Safeway, Ford Lumber Company in Upper Marlboro and Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville, Maryland over her career, often working two jobs to make ends meet as a single mother after the passing of her husband James I. Campbell. She bravely battled diabetes throughout her entire adult life.

Kay devoted her life to raising her daughter Olivia, and helping others through tireless volunteer work and missions of Smithville United Methodist Church. An active member of the United Methodist Women, for many years she coordinated monthly dinners for Project Echo (Calvert County's homeless shelter), sending cards to other church members, and loved participating and contributing to the Needles on a Mission prayer group that knitted for kindness and those in need. She considered her friends at Smithville United Methodist Church family and loved the fellowship and service to others undertaken with the congregation. Kay also volunteered countless hours for Calvert County Public Schools, serving in PTA leadership, organizing student social and educational activities, advocating

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for the best education opportunities and school improvements. She chaperoned every one of her daughter's numerous school field trips. She was also a founding officer of her neighborhood homeowner's association. Kay served as an election volunteer and never missed voting, recognizing the hard-fought rights of women. She cared about women and children in need and helped them however she could. Kay enjoyed country drives, birdwatching in her garden, and arranging flowers. She enjoyed gifting her homemade congo squares dessert and made the very best fried chicken. Kay loved crafting with her granddaughter Eleanor, and listening to her play piano, violin, and trumpet.

Kay is survived by her deeply beloved granddaughter Eleanor Adeline Andersen, daughter Olivia Ann Campbell, and son-in-law Eric Andersen of East Montpelier, Vermont; sisters Grace Whitfield Hopkins (husband Herbert) and Gail Whitfield Hale (husband Donald) of Nashville, North Carolina; nieces; and all of her family and friends at Smithville United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her ex-husband, parents, and sister, Jo Anna Whitfield Harrell of Tarboro, NC.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorial contributions to Smithville United Methodist Church for a scholarship and youth spirit fund to be established in Kay's memory, 3005 Ferry Landing Road, Dunkirk, Md. 20754; or the American Diabetes Association. Also, call your mom.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Gilbert E. Chaney



(Phipps) Chaney. Gilbert was raised on his family's farm in Dunkirk, after

Gilbert E. Chaney, 88, of Dunkirk passed away February 25, 2022, at Calvert Memorial Hospital. He was born July 14, 1933, in Deale, MD to John V. and Hazel Marie

graduating from Calvert High School Gilbert joined the United States Marine Corps where he served in Korea. He was honorably discharged in June 1955.

Gilbert married Mary Elizabeth Catterton on October 8, 1955, and together they bought his family's farm which he worked until 2012 when he retired from farming. Gilbert also worked 13 years for Greyhound Bus as a mechanic before going to work for the D. C. Fire Department in the Apparatus Division where he retired after 26 years of service on October 1, 1999. He was currently a supervisor on the Calvert Soil Conservation Board where he served for over 20 years.

Gilbert was preceded by his parents, his wife of 44 years Mary, a brother James R. Chaney, and a sister Brenda Chaney. He is survived by his four children, Vicky L. Curtin, Gregory A. Chaney and wife Cindy, Valerie L. Chaney-Poe and husband Mike, and Tempi M. Chaney. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Elvis Poe, and Carrie, Duane Poe, Kevin Poe, and Kelsey Chaney, three great-grandchildren, Tanner Zinn, David Poe, and Caleb Poe, a brother Robert L. Chaney and his wife Evelyn, a sister Pauline Hancock and her husband Daryl, nieces, nephews, and extended families including the Ford family, the Smith family, and the Adams family, as well as a host of other friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department, 3170 West Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Susan "Sue" Presnell



Born February 26, 1953 in Schuylkill, PA, she was the

Susan "Sue" Presnell, 69 of Lusby, MD and formerly of Phoenix, AZ, passed away on March 1, 2022 at Calvert Health Medical Center.

daughter of Robert King and Rita Dolores (DiPietre) King.

Sue is survived by her children, Kim Presnell of Mesa, AZ, Amanda (Phil) Ostfan of Thornton, CO, Breanna (Brian) Allocco of Gilbert, AZ and Samantha (James) Dehart of Lusby, MD; six grandchildren; and her siblings, Debora Sheldon of NC, Patricia King of MD and Barb Bain of OR. She was preceded in death on September 15, 2004 by her husband Daniel Ray Presnell. They were married in Glendale, AZ on September 20, 1973.

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

Stephen Michael Stanley



Stephen Michael Stanley, "Little Stevie" 35, of Jessup, MD, passed from this life on Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

Born on September 26, 1986, in Cheverly, MD,

he was the son of Stephen Earl Stanley and Katherine Lynn DelVecchio.

Stephen graduated St. Vincent Pallotti High School in 2004 and worked at the family business with his father his whole life. He also enjoyed working out at the gym, but especially loved spending time with his family. His family was

his world and his unique smile, laugh and big grizzly hugs will be missed but will always be remembered.

He is survived by his parents, Stephen Earl Stanley (Lisa DelRico) of Lusby, MD and Katherine Lynn DelVecchio (James) of Cape Coral, FL; the love of his life, Julie Ann Lis of Jessup, MD; siblings, Heather Michelle Fiorenza (Justin) of Friendship, MD, Alyssa DelRico of Huntingtown, MD, Nicole Nixon of Crofton, MD, Annette Smith of PA, and Jimmy DelVecchio of Baltimore, MD; grandparents, Barbara Stanley of Lusby, MD, Katherine Ann Howell of Cape Coral, FL, Charles Lynn Cherry and Sharon Cherry of AZ, his nephews Landon Burck and Dominic Fiorenza; nieces, Ella Fiorenza and Ava Fiorenza of Friendship, MD, and many cousins, aunts and uncles. Stephen was preceded in death by his grandfathers Ronald E. Stanley of Lusby, MD and Tom Howell of Boone, NC.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm at the Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657. Funeral Services will follow at 12:00 pm in the funeral home chapel with Deacon Chad Martin officiating. Interment will be private. A Celebration of Little Stevie's life will take place at 1:00 pm. at Vera's Restaurant, 1200 White Sands Drive, Lusby, MD 20657.

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In Memoriam, 53, JoAnn Canning

Born in D.C moved to: Forestville, Upper Marlboro, and then Dunkirk, with a summer home in Point Lookout. JoAnn was a professional model from age 16 to 21. She then joined her husband in Fort Gordon, GA. She began working in the Upper Marlboro courthouse in 1975. She is survived by her husband, Robbie Canning from North Beach, her daughter Lisa and son Scott, his wife Theresa and grandsons, Justin Canning and Chris Olson.



Everyone who met you was awed by your classical Italian Beauty and ever eternal elegance and grace.

You said to move on, but that was not the case.

No one could forget your oh so lovely face.

Our time together was so very short in years.

Bringing me nothing but an outpouring of tears.

These words are mine. Not Shakespeare, Sir Francis Bacon, Robert Frost or even Yeats. These are my own words expressing timeless feelings and thoughts.

Happy Birthday "The Ides of March" Love, Robbie Canning.

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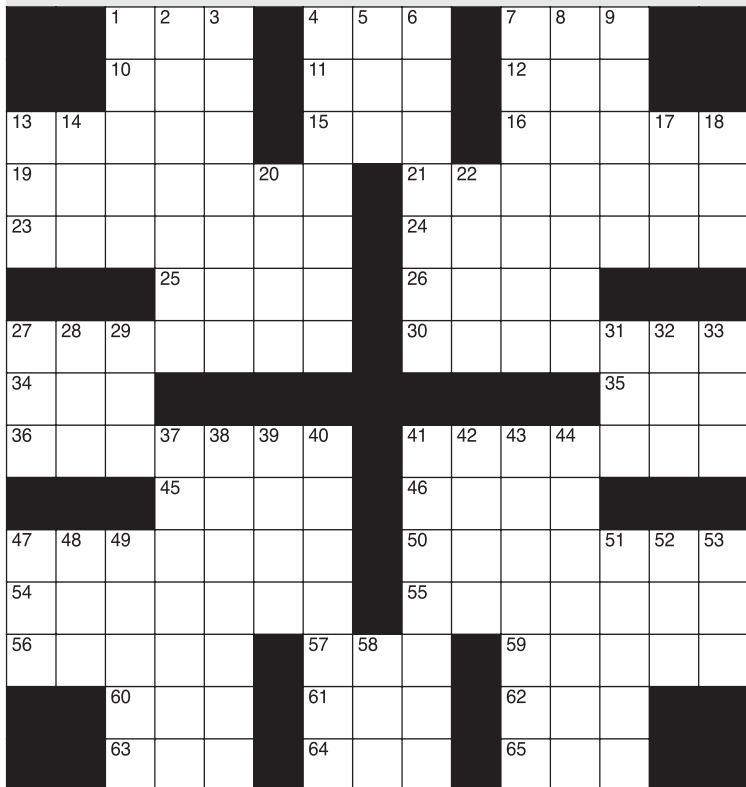
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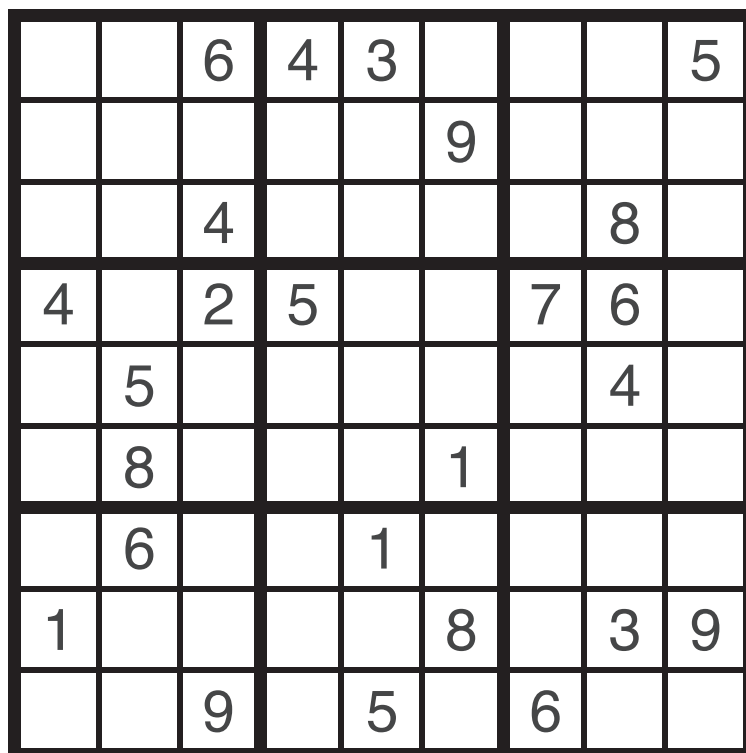
- 1. Central mail bureau
- 4. Member of the family
- 7. Partner to flow
- 10. ___ Angeles
- 11. Military mailbox
- 12. Patriotic women
- 13. Shallow lake
- 15. Tear apart
- 16. Middle Easterner
- 19. Eat to excess
- 21. Stained
- 23. Certain peoples of equatorial Africa
- 24. 1st day of month
- 25. Skin disease
- 26. Skating figure
- 27. Annelids
- 30. Gracefully slender
- 34. Kids need it
- 35. Swiss river
- 36. Indents
- 41. A sheer fabric of silk or nylon
- 45. Belgian River
- 46. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 47. Originate from
- 50. Rugged mountain ranges

- 54. Made less clean
- 55. Professions
- 56. 3s
- 57. Scarf
- 59. Yellow light
- 60. Bird noise
- 61. Opposite of start
- 62. Bar bill
- 63. Northeastern Mass. cape
- 64. American rocker Snider
- 65. Midway between northeast and east

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Scandinavian drink
- 2. Washington river
- 3. Fast-running flightless bird
- 4. Nerve conditions
- 5. Indicates near
- 6. Immediate relevance
- 7. Things you can eat
- 8. Receptacles
- 9. Retired Brewers great
- 13. Month
- 14. Happy New Year!
- 17. Exclamation to convey truth
- 18. Passports and

- licenses are two
- 20. Ebert's partner Siskel
- 22. Long skirt
- 27. Part of company name
- 28. Drugmaker ___ Lilly
- 29. Electronic countermeasures
- 31. Klutz
- 32. Chinese statesman
- 33. Stir with emotion
- 37. Flat-bottomed boat
- 38. Go-between
- 39. This (Spanish)
- 40. A plot of ground where seedlings are grown before transplanting
- 41. Small waterfall
- 42. Modern tech necessity (abbr.)
- 43. Utter repeatedly
- 44. One of the bravest
- 47. Sun up in New York
- 48. Space station
- 49. Chilean seaport
- 51. Hasidic spiritual leader
- 52. They ___
- 53. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 58. Single unit



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

4	9	1	2	5	3	7	6	8
7	5	8	6	4	9	1	2	3
6	2	3	7	1	8	9	4	5
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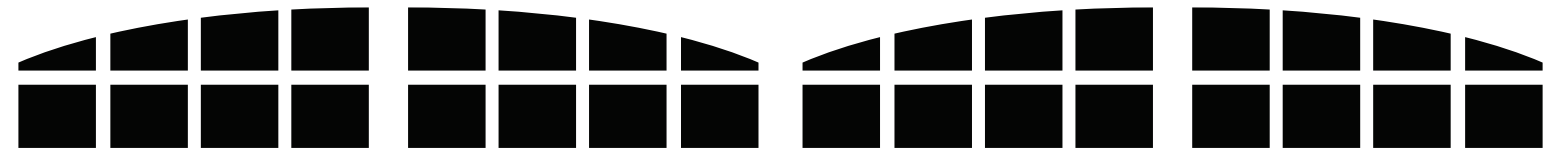


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