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“THIS BOARD, I THINK, NEEDS TO CONSIDER.... BRINGING UP THE DREADED ‘R’ WORD.”

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DAWN BALINSKI ON REDISTRICTING.

LOCAL 4
School support staff want respect



COMMUNITY 9
Fire department veteran honored

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Jeff Murray, Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum curator

FEATURE

WEEKLY FORECAST Provided by www.accuweather.com

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| THU 5/19 |  | 86° /63° | Clearing, a shower |
| FRI 5/20 |  | 87° /67° | Partly sunny and humid |
| SAT 5/21 |  | 91° /71° | Mostly sunny, hot and humid |
| SUN 5/22 |  | 85° /56° | An afternoon t-storm or two |
| MON 5/23 |  | 70° /55° | Cloudy and cooler |
| TUE 5/24 |  | 71° /58° | Mostly cloudy |
| WED 5/25 |  | 73° /62° | Mostly cloudy |
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COVID Cases on the Rise in Calvert

Health Officer Talks about Fentanyl

By Dick Myers
Editor

COVID isn't going away. Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky reported to the county commissioners on May 24, "Unfortunately cases are rising significantly. Over the last month we've had about a three-and-a-half-fold increase in cases in the county."

Polsky added, "I will say that the strain that we're dealing with, the BA.2.12.2, is not causing as much severe illness, thankfully, as we've seen in the past."

Polsky showed a slide that was prepared eight days previously. He said statewide, "The total number of hospitalizations for people with COVID was 336 the prior Monday. As of today's stats, it's up to 468, a 40 percent increase over eight days. And the number of people in ICU has doubled over the past eight days."

Polsky noted, "It's still less than we were seeing in terms of hospitalizations with the Delta wave, despite more infections than we were seeing in the Delta wave."

Polsky noted there were seven Calvert County residents hospitalized with COVID over the past week, with five out of county and two at CalvertHealth Medical Center. Of those two, one was in intensive care.

Polsky said there has been one death due to COVID in the county in the past six weeks.

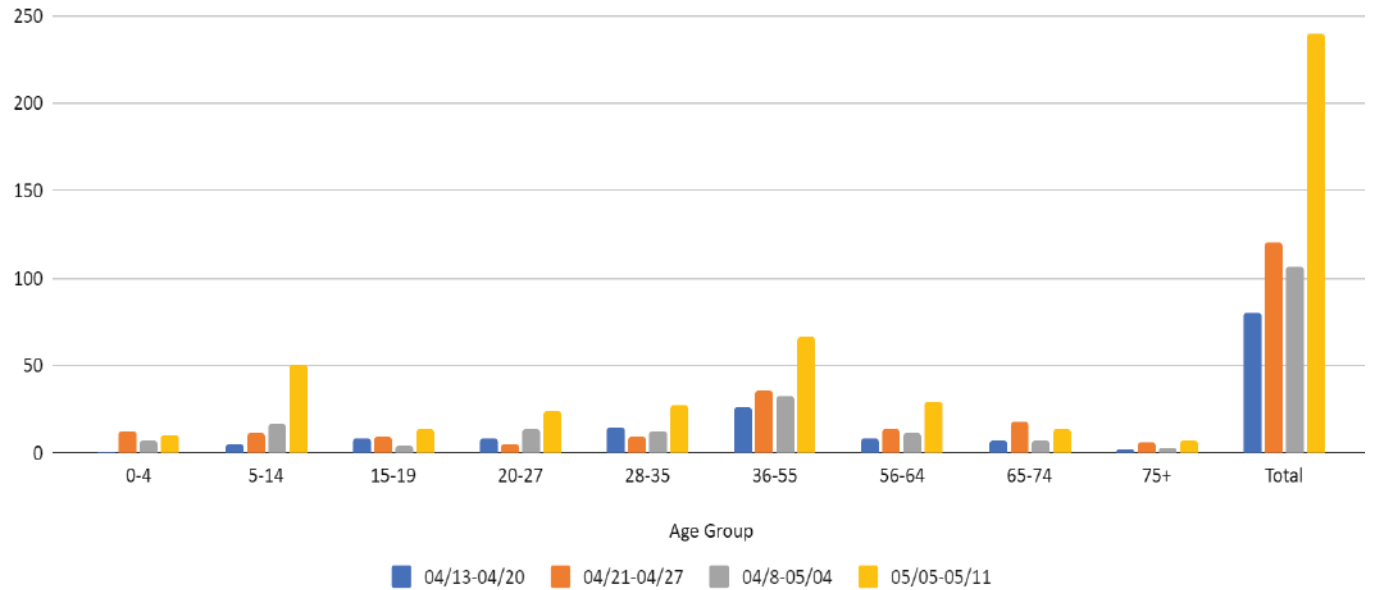
"In our county, we have the lowest COVID hospitalization rate of the 24 jurisdictions in Maryland," he said, adding, "The average Calvert resident is 30 percent less likely to have been hospitalized due to COVID since the beginning of the pandemic than the average Marylander."

Polsky reported, "The county health ranking showed our mortality rate as 43 percent below the state average."

Since the pandemic began, COVID has now reached the third highest cause of death nationwide, behind heart disease and cancer.

Polsky made his presentation to the commissioners sitting as the Board of

Calvert County COVID Cases by Age Range, 4/13/22 - 05/11/22



Bar graph on right shows recent increase in COVID cases in Calvert

Health. The commissioners were especially interested in the slide that showed that Fentanyl overdoses had almost completely supplanted heroin as the cause of overdose deaths.

Commissioner Chris Gadway said he was "blissfully ignorant to a lot of the stuff associated with this," and asked for information about Fentanyl and what parents can do.

Polsky explained, "Heroin comes from a poppy plant. There is a little bit of modification to it, but it's pretty much a natural product. Fentanyl, you make it in a lab and because it was much cheaper, and much more potent, it was easier to smuggle because a very small amount is easy to hide. And it was much less expensive for those who were dealing and distributing."

It's always mixed with something, he said, "because it's so potent that if you just had it pure, it would kill everybody."

He added, "What it's mixed in with is usually filler. It's usually something that doesn't, lend to a high. And that's part of the danger, that people are also injecting or snorting, inhaling other products that

are not what they intended, and sometimes can have either immediate or long-term health problems as well."

Polsky says his department tries to get the message out to parents every way they can, through health fairs, in the schools, and with staff "giving presentations and

making resources available as well."

Also at the meeting, Polsky reported that the health department was expecting a grant of about \$400,000 over the next three years for dedicated staff to address obesity and diabetes.

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Elected Officials Press for Bridge Funding

Cardin, Hoyer Visit Solomons

By Dick Myers
Editor

The sign on the microphone stand said, "Modernizing Our Infrastructure." Anyone looking at the speakers who came to the mike could see the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge in the background.

The Solomons gazebo overlooking the bridge was the first of three stops in each Southern Maryland county on May 23 for a tour by U.S. Senator Ben Cardin and Rep. Steny Hoyer to highlight infrastructure commitments to the region.

U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen was unable to attend the tour. He was just released from the hospital and is recuperating after suffering a mild stroke.

The announcement of the event in Solomons said it was intended to "spotlight the urgent need to fix Maryland's bridges. The members also will discuss their work to secure more than \$400 million in federal funding over the next five years towards this effort from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Maryland's first round of bridge project funding from this law is more than \$80 million. Additionally, the lawmakers will highlight the



Posing before the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge are, l to r: Calvert Commissioner Mike Hart, St. Mary's Commissioner President Randy Guy, Calvert Commissioner President Buddy Hance, Rep. Steny Hoyer, Sen. Ben Cardin, Calvert Commissioner Chris Gadway, Del. Rachel Jones and Tri-County Council Chairman Todd Morgan.

\$1 million they secured in the fiscal year 2022 funding bill to support the project design for the widening of MD 4 and Thomas Johnson Bridge replacement."

Price tag for the bridge replacement is estimated at three-quarters of a billion dollars.

Cardin said Van Hollen was "key in getting an earmark that will advance this project, the replacement

of the Johnson bridge."

A bipartisan group called "Team Maryland" gathered for the event, including state lawmakers and local officials from both sides of the river. Missing from the bipartisan team in attendance was Gov. Larry Hogan, whose administration has steadfastly refused to place the bridge on a priority list that would make it eligible for the massive infusion of federal infrastructure dollars coming into Maryland (\$4.8 billion according to Cardin).

Cardin emphasized what speakers who followed repeated about the bridge's key role in national security. "We've got key national federal installations that are located here that need to make sure that they have a reliable way of transport," he said.

Cardin noted the region's success in the Base Realignment and closure (BRAC) process. "But in order to make that a reality, we need to make sure that our infrastructure is up to the task and having the transportation infrastructure is a critical part of that," he said.

Cardin said in addition to the overall federal infrastructure bill, and a separate pot for bridges, they also are now using the earmark process that has been reinstated in Congress. "We're using every available means that we have in order to assist and be a strong federal partner in getting this done," he said.

Hoyer said, "We may be of different parties. We may have different perspectives on certain issues, but there is a unity of purpose and of mind with respect to what needs to happen on this bridge."

Calvert Commissioner President Buddy Hance thanked the congressional representatives for "keeping this issue alive at a federal level. Sometimes out in rural Maryland, we feel like our issues get lost in

the shuffle, especially in Washington with everything that's going on, but we really appreciate when they continue to push this project forward."

Hance noted that 31,000 vehicles use the bridge every day.

St. Mary's Commissioner President Randy Guy said, "There's no more repairs to be done on the bridge. We need a replacement." He said that replacement doesn't need to be as high as the current one.

Regarding the daily volume, Senator Jack Bailey (R:29) said, "When this bridge was constructed, it never was intended to have that many vehicles go over it. Representing constituents on both sides of the bridge, I know how critical this is to our residents."

Delegate Rachel Jones (D: 27B) said of the proposal for a private toll bridge, "that's not something that we as a region are really looking for."

"We need a new bridge," she said "And so this federal funding is a great step in the right direction. And now I'd ask that all of you who joined us today, join with us as we continue to put pressure on the Maryland Department of Transportation to ensure that this bridge gets the adequate amount of funding that it needs so that we can replace it without having to seek other options like tolling."

And Tri-County Council Chairman and St. Mary's Commissioner Todd Morgan summed up the feelings of the attendees: "Everyone has talked about safety. We've talked about security. We've talked about jobs. We've talked about infrastructure. At this point in time, guys, it's time to build the new bridge."

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Hoyer, Cardin Visit University System Autonomy Lab

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Sen. Ben Cardin and U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD-5th), praised students at the University System of Maryland's Southern Maryland (USMSM) satellite campus for their work on advancing autonomous technology.

The new facility, long known as the "third building" in local parlance, promises to be a new regional hub for the research and development of new unmanned and autonomous technologies that traditionally have been the province of the military but now can be turned to the civilian economy.

But much of the work that the students will be working on will still be used in national security applications for the foreseeable future

"Your country needs you at your best," Hoyer told students who welcomed him at the entrance to the recently opened, state-of-the-art facility. "We've got challenges

all over the world; what you're doing will make difference."

Cardin said that the state's congressional delegation has always focused on improving economic opportunities in high technology fields.

"But it doesn't work without the academic centers," Cardin said, noting the importance of the new facility and that the delegation continues to support it.

The kind of work the students were engaging in at USMSM could be put to immediate use around the globe, including in the war between Russia and Ukraine.

The U.S. has sent at least \$60 billion in aid to the Ukrainians since the invasion by Russia and one of the most effective ways the Ukrainians have fought back is through militarized drones, Cardin said.

"The work you're doing here is helping in the defense of Ukraine," Cardin said.

The new economic opportuni-



Hoyer and Cardin talking with students at USMSM

ties that could be fostered by work at the new facility were especially important regionally, said Dr. Eileen Abel, executive director at USMSM, because the completion rate for bachelors degrees lags be-

hind the nation "by double digits" and that 35 percent of residents in the region live at or below the poverty line.

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Mayor Defends Chesapeake Beach Utility Rate Hike

Rod 'N Reel Owner Criticizes Decision

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Town of Chesapeake Beach adopted a series of budgets for the coming fiscal year at the regular May 19 meeting. The general fund budget establishes a property tax rate that is lower for the sixth year in a row. But the utility budget contains increased rates for water usage that has become controversial.

Mayor Pat Mahoney said in his report to the town council at the meeting: "Spring is a beautiful time to be in Chesapeake Beach. But it is also 'budget season' for the hard-working town council and staff.

"I am elated to share that for the sixth year in a row, the town council has been able to reduce the town property tax rate for our citizens. I applaud the council, town treasurers and town administrator.

"However, in order to maintain the financial stability of our Utility Fund, this year we must increase the town's water and sewer rates."

Mahoney said, "Chesapeake Beach rates will still be significantly lower (more than 50 percent) than our surrounding jurisdictions, Calvert County and North Beach."

Mahoney stated, "We have no need to become a larger sized town as no additional revenue is generated by adding new users to our water and sewer system."

He insists, "The average taxpayer should not be subsidizing the costs of the high-end users. We cannot allow that to happen."

A Fact Sheet presented at the meeting stated:

- "Utility rate increases are proposed to establish a self-sufficient utility fund with a focus on paying by use and burden on the infrastructure while promoting water conservation.
- "The utility fund has operated at a deficit for many years. The town has \$4.8 million in long-term debt tied to the utility fund at a one-percent interest rate. The utility fund has \$3.1 million in reserves with \$2 million set aside for infrastructure improvements.
- "The town's new rate ranges from a 10 percent increase for the lowest usage, 1-4,000 gal-



Mayor Pat Mahoney

lons, to a 17 percent increase for the highest usage, over 15,000 gallons. If a user reaches a higher use range, the lower rate will apply to the lower use range.

Businessman Wesley Donovan, whose family owns and operates the town's largest business, The Rod 'N Reel Resort, disputes the town's claims in a Letter to the Editor elsewhere in this edition.

He wrote: "The town (of Chesapeake Beach) has now proposed a utility rate structure that has any household or business using over 15,000 gallons in a billing cycle getting smacked with over a 50 percent increase in the cost. This would apply to every restaurant in town, and almost every household that has five people living in it."

He said it's being billed as a water conservation measure. But he asserted, "I think this is more of a punishment for restaurants and other businesses who use a lot of water to maintain acceptable sanitary conditions and for larger families, because they are going to need to use the water no matter their desires to economize."

Donovan said, "The biggest factor causing rate increases is that the town has decreased growth to the lowest point in decades, so they will not be getting the tap fees and now need to offset those losses."

"This is the wrong time and the wrong method for increasing municipal revenues and will further compound an already anti-business environment here in town," Donovan concludes

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Blue Crab Winter Dredge Survey Results Released

Results Lowest Since Survey Began



Staff examine a juvenile blue crab as part of the annual winter dredge survey; photo taken in 2017. Photo by Stephen Badger, Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the results of the 2022 Baywide Blue Crab Winter Dredge Survey, a cooperative effort with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), which annually estimates the number of blue crabs in the Chesapeake Bay.

The total abundance of blue crab in the Chesapeake Bay in 2022 was 227 million crabs, the lowest abundance observed since the survey began in 1990. The number of juvenile crabs in 2022 was 101 million crabs, a slight increase from 86 million juvenile crabs in 2021, but the third consecutive year of below average recruitment.

Blue crab reproduction is naturally variable and it is difficult to identify a singular reason for the recent period of low juvenile abundance. Larval blue crabs develop in ocean waters over the continental shelf and many factors can influence recruitment success such as oceanic conditions, available nursery habitat, predation, and other environmental conditions. Given the recent shift, the Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee is planning a workshop for fall 2022 to explore potential recruitment drivers.

Despite low abundance, the number of spawning age female crabs has been above the management threshold of 72.5 million crabs for eight consecutive years and at a level capable of producing a strong year class. The spawning age female abundance decreased from 158 million crabs in 2021 to 97 million crabs in 2022. Additionally, the re-

sults showed there were 28 million adult male crabs, which is the lowest adult male abundance on record.

The Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions have maintained harvest of blue crabs at safe levels set forth in the last benchmark stock assessment since 2008. Despite meeting these management objectives, adult blue crab abundance has steadily declined. DNR will be working with partners in Virginia and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission on a coordinated approach to set management measures for the 2022 crabbing season that address the conservation needs of the resource.

The Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee will review the survey results and provide their scientific advice for management during their May meeting. Following their advice, DNR will begin discussions with the Blue Crab Industry Advisory Committee to provide guidance concerning the course of action for 2022 that promotes the health and sustainability of the Chesapeake Bay blue crab population and its fisheries.

The Winter Dredge Survey has been conducted cooperatively by DNR and VIMS since 1990, and the results are reviewed annually in an effort to have consistent management efforts across the jurisdictions. Throughout the survey, biologists use dredge equipment to capture, measure, record and release blue crabs at 1,500 sites throughout the Chesapeake Bay from December through March. Detailed results are on the DNR website.

Press Release from MD DNR.

CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of May 9, 2022 – May 15, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,565 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property

On May 10, 2022, Deputy Ashley responded to the 1800 block of Lowery Road in Huntingtown, MD, for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised he discovered a bullet embedded inside a window in the front of the residence. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$300.00.

Damaged Property: 22-26317

On May 10, 2022, Deputy Sturdivant responded to the 3800 block of 8th Street in North Beach, MD, for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised she heard a loud bang and walked into the kitchen area of her residence and discovered the outside panel of her sliding glass door had been splintered and noticed a tiny indent on the glass. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$1,500.00.

Theft: 22-26241

On May 10, 2022, Deputy Newton responded to a business located in the 1400 block of Skinners Turn Road in Owings, MD, for the report of company vehicles being tampered with. The complainant advised sometime between 5 p.m. on May 9 and 4:30 a.m. on May 10, an unknown suspect (s) stole two catalytic converters from two work vans. The estimated value of stolen property is \$1500.00.

Theft: 22-26856

On May 12, 2022, Deputy Kwitowski responded to a residence in the 5700 block

of Eucalyptus Drive in St Leonard, MD, for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between May 7 and May 12, an unknown suspect (s) stole a Stihl weed eater from the front yard. The estimated value of stolen property is \$800.00.

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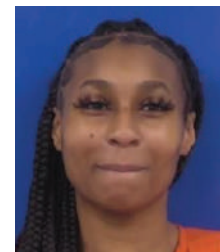
On May 9, 2022, Deputy Ashely and DFC Idol conducted a traffic stop on Solomons Island Road at West End Blvd. in St. Leonard, MD, on a vehicle swerving all over the roadway. Contact was made with passenger **Taylor Elaine Griffith**, 24 of Lusby, MD, who had open warrants and was wanted in both Calvert and St. Mary's Counties. Deputy Idol's K-9 partner indicated a positive alert on the vehicle. A vehicle search revealed 3 hypodermic needles and a glass smoking device. Griffith was taken into custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. A secondary search of Griffith revealed a suspected crack pipe hidden inside Griffith's mouth. Griffith was charged with CDS: Manufacturing/Distribution Equipment Possession, CDS:



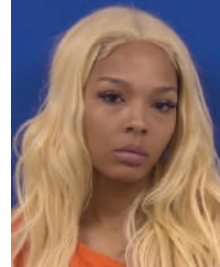
Taylor Griffith

Possession of Paraphernalia, Obstructing and Hindering, False Statement to an Officer, and Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement.

On May 10, 2022, deputies were dispatched to a theft that had just occurred at the Ulta Beauty store located at 845 N. Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick, MD. Deputies learned four females had left Ulta Beauty with stolen merchandise. Investigation revealed two of the females removed boxes of women's fragrances while the other two distracted an employee. All four subjects then fled in a vehicle heading north on Rt. 4. A traffic stop was conducted on the suspect vehicle in the area of Cherry Hill Road in Owings, MD. Store surveillance shows **Brianna Shante Renwick**, 21 of Washington D.C. and **Germaine Aaliyah Johnson**, 24 of Gaithersburg, MD, loading a basket with per-



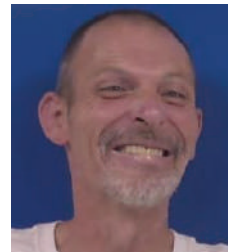
Brianna Renwick



Germaine Johnson

fume and grabbing perfume from the store shelf. The total value of stolen items was \$1601.66. Both Johnson and Renwick had open warrants through Prince George's County and were taken into custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. Johnson was charged with Theft Scheme: \$1500 to Under \$25,000, Theft: \$100 to Under \$1500. Renwick was charged with Theft Scheme: \$1500 to Under \$25,000, Theft: \$100 to Under \$1500, and Fraud- Per Identification Avoid Prosecution.

On May 13, 2022, Deputy Hudson responded to the Brick Wood Bistro located at 60 Sherry Lane in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of a theft. Investigation revealed **Benji Lee Wells**, 47 of no fixed address, left the restaurant without paying his bill. Wells was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Theft under \$100.



Benji Wells

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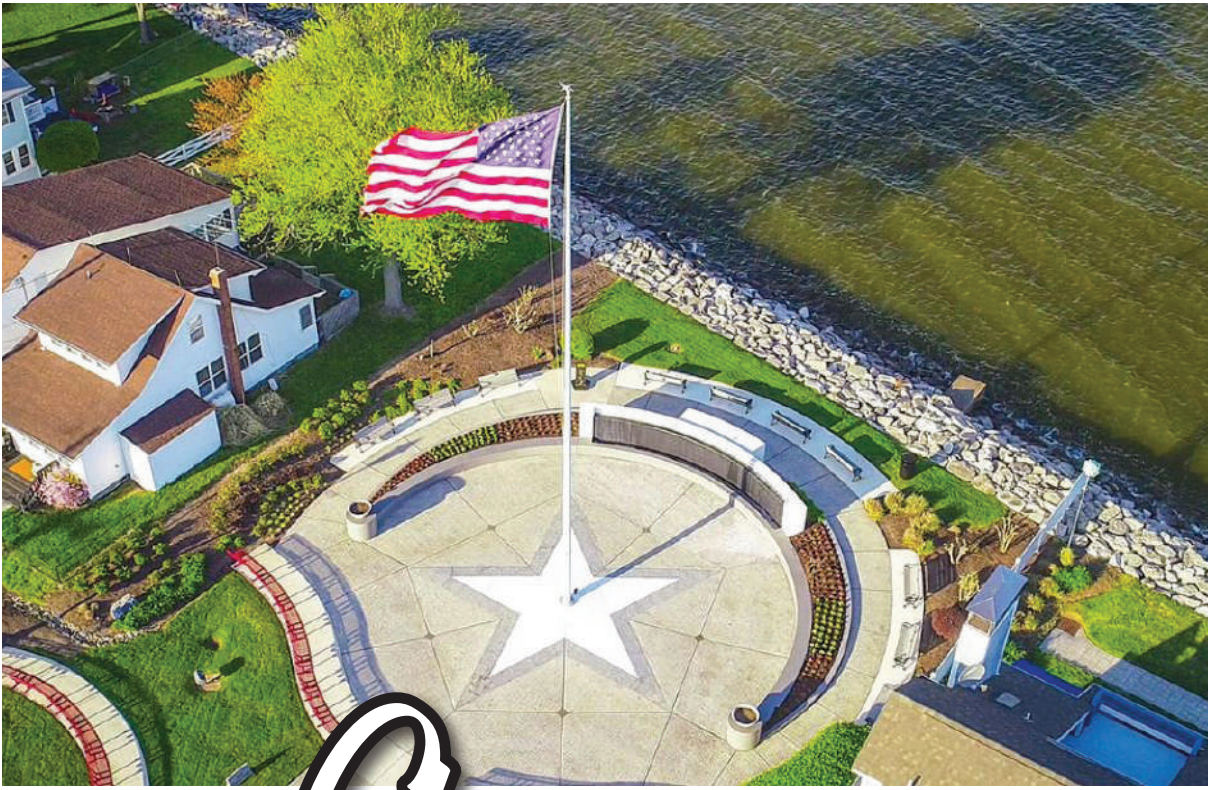
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Stars and Stripes Festival Returns to Chesapeake Beach

Town Hosts Ceremony, Picnic and Family Fun Day

By Dick Myers
Editor

Chesapeake Beach is the home to many people with military connections, active duty, veterans and their families, observes Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat Mahoney.

It seemed only natural that a number of years ago, during the administration of his predecessor Bruce Wahl, that the town decided to do something special for the Memorial Day weekend.

After all, the town had the imposing Veteran's Memorial Park on the Chesapeake Bay, a perfect venue for such an event.

"The town decided to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. A committee was formed, and Stars and Stripes Festival began, and it evolves every year," Mahoney explained.

For the first few years a different war was the focus and after that theme was exhausted, Mahoney said, "it just evolves every year into finding a new way to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms."

Last year, with COVID still a major concern, the event was held in the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department social hall. That came after an all-virtual event the year before, with the town not wanting to completely jettison what had been such an anticipated annual event.

But this year things are back to normal, with a ceremony at 10 a.m. at the park followed by the Great American Picnic and Family Fun Day starting at 1 p.m. at Kellam's Field.

This year's theme for the Veteran's Park ceremony will be "Never to be Forgotten."

Guest speaker at the event will be Major Brandon Temple, PhD. Temple is an Air Force Special Warfare Officer currently serving as a Defense Legislative Fellow in the House of Representatives as national security advisor and military legislative assistant to a member of Congress.

Temple has over 21 years of military service and 10 overseas deployments, including five combat tours in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. He completed his doctoral degree at the University of Southern Mississippi, majoring in Security Studies and Political Science.

The colors will be presented by the Huntingtown High School Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. The ceremony usually in-

cludes the laying of wreaths at the separate memorials for the various wars within the park.

Master of Ceremonies for the event will be Vince Turner, a well known local military reenactor.

Patriotic music will be performed by Dana and Jeremy.

For the first time this year Mahoney will presenting two Senate President Emeritus Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Jr. scholarships.

He said, "We set up this scholarship the Friday after Senator Miller passed away. And we're going to be giving out two scholarships to start off the festival on Saturday. It's basically the high school students who have exemplified public service."

Miller lived just south of Chesapeake Beach.

The festivities switch to Kellam's Field from 1 to 4 p.m. for the Great American Picnic and Family Fun Day.

Of course, there will be ice cream and local food along with live music, activities and games for the kids.

The local band "Out of Order and Friends" will be performing. Their website says they play "all your favorite music from the 60s to today. Love to party. Love to dance. Love listening to live music. We are the band for you and your special event!"

Then on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, Stallings-Williams American Legion Post 206 is hosting a ceremony at Veteran's Park at 10 a.m. and an open house at the post at 1 p.m.

Memorial Day was formerly known as Decoration Day. Its history is complex, with the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs recognizing that approximately 25 places claim to have originated the holiday.

This reporter visited a reenactment about a decade ago in Columbus, Mississippi, one of those places that claim to be the origin. In that city after the Civil War some ladies, noting that the graves of Union soldiers in their cemetery were not taken care of and they placed flowers on the graves one late spring day, and it became a tradition.

At Columbus [Georgia] State University there is a Center for Memorial Day Research, and the University of Mississippi incorporates a Center for Civil War Research that has also led research into Memorial



Out of Order and Friends
Major Brandon Temple

Day's origins.

The practice of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers is an ancient custom, according to Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia. "Sol-

diers' graves were decorated in the U.S. before[and during the American Civil War," it says.

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The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is waiving adoption fees for dogs through Tuesday, May 31. Dogs of all ages and personalities are available for adoption. Regular adoption procedures still apply.

“Today is National Rescue Dog Day, and it’s a great time for citizens to observe the day by visiting our shelter to find the perfect companion,” said Public Safety Director Jackie Vaughan. “With an overabundance of dogs at the shelter, we really need our community’s support to find these animals happy new homes. If you have the means to, please consider adopting or fostering one of our animals, and give them the chance to become the perfect fit for your family.”

The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is an open admission animal shelter managed by the Animal Shelter Division of the Calvert County Department of Public Safety. Shelter hours are Tuesday through



Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an intake appointment call 410-535-7387. The shelter is located at 5055 Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick. For more information about adopting from the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter visit www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

Marine Museum Hosts International Lecturer

In honor of National Megalodon Day (June 15), Calvert Marine Museum will host international lecturer, Jack Cooper, for a virtual presentation on Megalodon: The morphology and ecology on 2D and 3D modeling; and the importance of this iconic species in studying shark functional diversity. The virtual lecture will take place on Wednesday, June 15 at 6 p.m. via Zoom (invitation link below).

A great diversity of sharks have roamed the oceans for millions of years, performing a variety of ecological roles - most famously as apex predators. Among such sharks of the past was the biggest shark that ever lived: the 20 m megalodon. Its enormous teeth have become iconic fossils in paleontology, found all over the world including in Maryland. With no complete skeletons yet known, scientists are forced to use modern sharks and what little they have of the fossilized skeleton to infer this giant’s morphology and ecology. Now, a 2D reconstruction based on living sharks, and a new 3D reconstruction based on an exceptionally preserved vertebral column, have revealed unprecedented new clues about how this shark moved and ate. Are any living sharks appropriate analogues to this giant? How did its diet of whales affect its movement or energy intake? Can we even be sure what it looked like without a complete skeleton? And how does modeling an extinct apex predator help us study shark functional diversity as a whole - in the past, present or future?

Jack Cooper is a PhD researcher at Swansea University (Wales, UK) investigating the functional diversity and ecology of sharks through time using the fossil



Jack Cooper holding meg tooth

record. Originating from Scotland, Jack received his bachelor’s degree in Evolutionary Biology from the University of St. Andrews, and his master’s degree in Paleobiology from the University of Bristol. Despite expanding his horizons to a whole range of Cenozoic sharks for his PhD, Jack continues to keenly study the morphology and ecology of megalodon; the biggest shark that ever lived - resulting in his first paper in 2020; and several more in development. This iconic shark is very often the center of Jack’s outreach activities. He has appeared on several podcasts, radio and news interviews, and a documentary promoting the wide and ongoing research on this animal. Additionally, he has also worked in ecotourism and conservation in South Africa, where he has caged with great white sharks. Jack is funded by the Fisheries Society of the British Isles, and is a member of the Pimiento Research Group, which aims to better understand the extinction mechanisms sharks faced in the past, and to use that knowledge to inform conservation efforts for today’s sharks. He is also a cat person.

Press Release from CMM.

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Pictured from left in the back row are Chandler Maldonado, Alexis Klumpy, Andrew Sien and Kiara West. The students in the front row from left are Theresa Lin Benton, Alyssa Dorsey, Kami Hardin and Myka Angelica Wilkins.

Students, faculty, and staff of the College of Southern Maryland celebrated the first in-person induction ceremony for the Alpha Delta Nu honor society in two years April 8. The ceremony celebrated eight nursing students who have maintained a high GPA and completed a scholarly project related to the advancement of their profession.

Faculty and students relished the opportunity to celebrate in person, decorating a table with symbols of nursing, including a copy of Florence Nightingale's "Notes on Nursing" to represent the foundations of the profession; a lamp and lit candle to symbolize the light of knowledge, caring and compassion; and a stethoscope to represent the tools used by nurses in their career.

After Acting Chair of Nursing Sara Cano welcomed the inductees, their families, and distinguished college guests, Jeanne Hill, associate professor of nursing, continued the program by giving the history of the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) and the Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society.

"OADN is dedicated to enhancing the quality of Associate Degree Nursing education, strengthening the professional role of the Associate Degree Nurse, and promoting the future of Associate Degree Nursing as an entry point into registered nursing in the midst of healthcare changes," she explained. "To promote scholarship and academic excellence in the profession of nursing, OADN established the Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society and made provisions for the establishment of Institutional Honor Society Chapters. The College of Southern Maryland chapter Alpha Omega was established in fall 2012 and has been an active chapter since then.

"Your dedication to the profession of nursing and your future patients is reflected in the hard work you have done to achieve this honor," Hill continued. "Your commitment to lifelong learning will contribute to nursing as a profession with every single patient you encounter."

Student speaker Kami Hardin took to the podium to congratulate her fellow inductees. She emphasized that she and her fellow inductees all came from different backgrounds and dealt with their own struggles during nursing school, but that they were united by a commitment to excellence in nursing.

"For our group, meeting the requirements for induction means that we have excelled in navigating an abundance of constantly changing, moving objectives. In addition, we did not accomplish those things in the absence of personal struggle," said Hardin. "The past two years had an effect on everyone, and the nursing student is no exception. However, being accepted into the Alpha Omegas means not only did we not give up, but that we had a fundamental belief that overcoming uncertainty and struggle could make us better nurses."

A rose, pin, cord, and certificate were presented to each inductee by CSM nursing professors Deborah Rutledge, Rose Miller, and Lynn Kennedy. Both the pin and cords can be worn by the student with their graduation regalia at CSM's 63rd Spring Commencement to be held May 13, 2022.

Lauren Guy, assistant professor of nursing, closed the program with words of wisdom for the students as they complete their nursing education and move into the profession.

"As you complete the second year of the program, I encourage you to have patience with yourselves, determination to reach your goals, and contagious excitement as you see the shining light at the end of your nursing school journey. These attributes will allow you to continue with the momentum that you have already begun," she said.

The students inducted into Alpha Delta Nu were: Theresa Benton, Alyssa Dawn Dorsey, Kami M. Hardin, Alexis R. Klumpy, Chandler Erin Maldonado, Andrew Sien, Kiara K. West and Myka Angelica A. Wilkins.

Press Release from CSM

New School Administrators Appointed

The Board of Education of Calvert County Public Schools on May 12 approved the appointment of two administrators. Julie Morrison was appointed as assistant principal of Calvert High School, and Matthew Deegan was appointed as assistant principal of Mill Creek Middle School.

Superintendent Dr. Daniel D. Curry said, "This is always an exciting time of year when we get to present new and upcoming leadership to our system. Both new administrators have an incredible background in education and will serve in their new roles to positively benefit our community."

Morrison started her career with Calvert County Public Schools as a math teacher at Calvert Middle School in 2003. Since then, she has held positions within the system to include, math interventionist, core lead, secondary math learning specialist in the Department of Instruction, and is currently the acting vice-principal at Calvert High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Math Education 5-12 from Marshall University and her Master of Hu-



man Relations from the University of Oklahoma, a Certificate of Studies in Secondary Math from Notre Dame of Maryland University.

Deegan previously worked in Charles County Public Schools, most recently as an assistant principal of McDonough High School, a position that was held since 2017. He also served as an assistant principal at Davis Middle School and academic dean at North Point High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from the State University of New York at Fredonia, a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from the State University of New York at Brockport, and his Master of Science in Educational Leadership at St. John Fisher College.

Press Release from CCPS.

CSM Appoints New Vice President of Finance Services

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announces that Judy Mills has been appointed to the position of Vice President of Financial Services after serving in the role as interim for five months. Mills has worked at CSM for 21 years.

"Judy's breadth of knowledge and experience in the field of finance, combined with her years of dedicated service to this college and our students, make her the perfect selection as our new vice president," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "I am confident that Judy will be masterful in helping CSM achieve its business goals while keeping CSM accessible and affordable for our students."

Mills started at CSM in 2001 as the colleges grant and contract fiscal coordinator, responsible for maintain accurate accounting, reporting, and review of all federal, state and country grants. In 2013, she promoted to the position of budget director and spent the next eight years managing her staff while overseeing the formulation and implementation of the college's



Judy Mills

operating budget and working with key community and government stakeholders to ensure funding.

"It is an honor to accept the position of vice president," shared Mills. "I believe strongly in the mission of CSM; and that community colleges are a high-quality means of keeping educational costs down, as well as an excellent investment for both students and taxpayers."

A resident of Waldorf, Mills holds a bachelor's of science in Business Management from the University of Maryland.

Press Release from CSM

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, May 26

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. Pre-schoolers 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 Bees, Bugs & Flowers!

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.

Friday, May 27

Maritime Performance Series

Calvert Marine Museum, 7p.m.

Diane Daly is a vocalist of moody contrasts and evocative depth. Certainly, one who cannot be pigeon-holed 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, and \$25 at the door, as space allows.

Sunday, May 29

Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail

Calvert Marine Museum
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Join us on a two-hour public sail aboard the historic vessel Dee of St. Mary's, and experience the Patuxent River aboard an iconic Chesapeake Bay skipjack. Guests will have an opportunity to help raise and lower the sail. If there is inclement weather, you will be notified by the crew prior to the cruise. For tickets click here: [Dee of St. Mary's Cruises | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Of-](https://www.calvertmarinemuseum.org/dee-of-st-marys-cruises)

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Thursday, June 2

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 Chesapeake ABC!

UPCOMING

Free Drive-thru Rabies Clinics

The Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Animal Services Division, in partnership with the Calvert County Health Department will host drive-thru rabies clinics to offer free rabies vaccinations for pets. Clinics will be held 5-7 p.m. at the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter on June 15.

Online registration is required. Interested parties can register using the shelter calendar online at www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com.

Proof of prior rabies vaccination is required to receive the three-year vaccine. Eligible pets include cats, dogs and ferrets in carriers or on leashes and muzzled if necessary. Citizens are advised no special accommodations will be available for animals that cannot be restrained by their owners, such as feral or aggressive animals.

Calvert County pet licenses will also be available at the rabies clinics. Pet licenses are \$7 for spayed or neutered pets (proof required) and \$20 for those not spayed or neutered. A Calvert County pet license must be renewed every year and is required for all cats and dogs ages 5 months and older.

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Virtual Lecture: Megalodon – The Morphology and Ecology

Calvert Marine Museum
Wednesday, June 15, 6 p.m.

In honor of National Megalodon Day (June 15), international guest lecturer, Jack Cooper, will give a virtual presentation on Megalodon: The Morphology & Ecology based on 2D and 3D modeling; and the importance of this iconic species in studying shark functional diversity. Jack Cooper is a PhD researcher at Swansea University in Wales, UK

investigating the functional diversity and ecology of sharks through time using the fossil record. For more information and the zoom link, visit: [Fossil Club | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Official Website](https://www.fossilclub.org/)

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Calvert Marine Museum
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In Remembrance

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

Albert Joseph Dowd, Jr.



Albert Joseph Dowd, Jr., 76, of North Beach passed away May 17, 2022 at his home. He was born on November 18, 1945 in Warwick, NY to Sophie M. (Grzych) and Albert Joseph Dowd, Sr.

Albert married his beloved wife Melanie Dowd on December 24, 1986, and they shared 26 years of marriage before Melanie passed away. Albert worked for many years as a security guard for the Statehouse in Annapolis; anyone who knew him knows how hard of a worker he was. He enjoyed playing slot machines and watching crime documentaries in his free time, and was an avid Elvis Presley fan.

Albert is survived by his children, Sandra Thompson of Clovis, NM, Christine A. Dowd, and Michael A. "Mike" Dowd, both of North Beach, MD, sisters Delores Arkel of Conway, SC, Christine Bamber of Nantucket, MA, Lorraine Kruger of Goshen, NY, and Sylvia Glassey of New Windsor, NY. Albert was preceded in death by his wife Melanie Dowd, and sisters Patricia Grusz and Joan Klukiewicz.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Owings.

William Edward ("Bill") Cochran, Sr.



William Edward ("Bill") Cochran, Sr., 92, of Dunkirk passed away May 15, 2022 at his home surrounded by family. Bill was born August 24, 1929 in Radford, Virginia to William Ernest and Alice (Fisher) Cochran. Bill was raised in Radford, graduated from Radford High School and then went on to attend Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, during which he was drafted into the military. Due to his educational achievements, Bill was provided the opportunity to select the branch of military he would serve and selected the United States Air Force. Bill went on to have an extensive and decorated career in the Air Force, including serving as the radio operator on Air Force Two, flying around the world with Vice President Agnew, as well as being the first person nominated to hold the position of Head of the U.S. Presidential Aviation Command Center at Joint Base Andrews, a position he gladly accepted. During his tenure in the Air Force, Bill and his family traveled to and lived in numerous destinations, including California, Hawaii, Mississippi,

New York, South Carolina, Iran and South Korea; finally, ending at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland – the place he and his family would finally call 'home'. After settling in Maryland and following his retirement from the Air Force, Bill commenced his second career as a police officer for the United States Capitol Police Department from which he retired in 1994 after another twenty years of service. Bill was a man of deep faith, serving as a member of First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro, where he held the roles of Deacon and Sunday school teacher. He later became a member of Bayside Baptist Church in Chesapeake Beach. In his spare time, Bill enjoyed gardening, genealogy, golfing and being outdoors. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family. William was a very well-respected man and will be missed greatly.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife Mary Jane and siblings, Louis, Sarah and Mickey Cochran. He is survived by his children Pamela Whitlow (Bruce) of Rose Haven, Janet Farrell (Jack) of California, William Cochran, Jr. (Stephanie) of Fulton, and John Cochran (Cindy) of Dunkirk; grandchildren Jennifer Campbell (Bryan), Heather Crowley, Allison Farrell, Cambrie Cochran, John Cochran, Jr. and Kayley Cochran; six great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and brother Philip ("Colin") Cochran (Dot) of Radford.

Funeral arrangements were Rausch Funeral Home-Owings.

William Joseph "Billy" Lauer



William Joseph "Billy" Lauer, 59, of Friendship passed away May 14, 2022. He was born September 20, 1962 to William Jr. and Jacqueline Helen (Goode) Lauer. Billy grew up in Maryland City and graduated from Meade High School. He was a member of the Local Printing Union 72

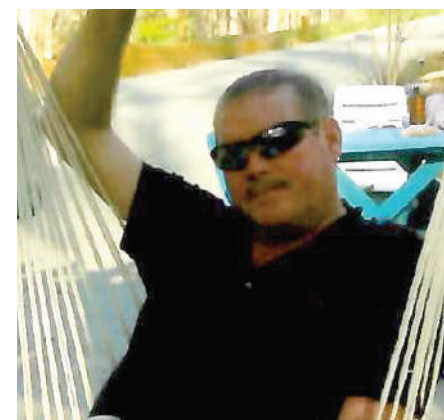
and worked as a union printer for Editors/Kelly Printing for 21 years before going to work with CP Direct in 2015. In his spare time, Billy enjoyed woodworking, decorating for Christmas, spending time with his friends and his cat Hunter.

Billy is survived by his daughter Shannon Lauer Stratton and her husband Gary of Millersville, parents William and Jacqueline Lauer of Friendship, sisters Betsy Mantua of Union Bridge, MD and Nancy Harrison of Friendship, nieces Kacey Lauer and Rachael Foss and nephews Joey Harrison and Ryan and Kyle Mantua.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Billy's name may be made to Cats R' Us Rescue, P.O. Box 160, Gambrills, MD 21054; Link: <https://catsrusrescue.or>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Donald Eugene "Donnie" O'Dell, Jr.



Donald Eugene "Donnie" O'Dell, Jr., 58 of Huntingtown, MD, passed away doing what he loved on May 17, 2022.

Donnie is predeceased by his parents Donald Eugene "Boots" O'Dell, Sr. & Jane Dianne O'Dell, father-in-law, Snaz Fowler. He is also predeceased by his brother, Robert O'Dell, brother-in-law Sach Schmier and sister-in-law, Amy Smith.

Left to cherish his memory are wife Gail O'Dell and their four children, Jaime Worley (JR), Jesse O'Dell (Amanda), Michael O'Dell (Asha) and Keith O'Dell (Renee). father-in-law, Pete Fisher & mothers-in-law, Lucretia Fisher and Faye Fowler. His brother-in-law, Jeff Fowler (Jenn) and sisters-in-law, Connie Schmier & Debbie Kelly (Joe). Numerous aunts/uncles, cousins, nieces/nephews, and countless friends. Most importantly his 12 grandchildren Teaira, Alana, Kaleb, Jaily, Kaiden, Landon, Gracyn, Harmony, Miles, Olivia, Demi, and Sophie.

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Donnie was born May 11, 1964, to Boots and Dianne O'Dell in Prince Frederick, MD, where he grew up.

Donnie graduated from Calvert High School in 1982. Shortly after the birth of their first child he and Gail moved to Florida, where they began their life and continued to grow their family. Donnie unknowingly met the love of his life in kindergarten and they found each other again in high school. Donnie asked Gail to be his on May 26, 1980, and they were married on May 24, 1986. Their love story of 42 years is one of a kind.

Donnie has always been a hard worker. Providing for his family was a priority and his work ethics were very important to him and carried over into his children. In Florida, he started driving dump trucks with Village Land Clearing & Fill. He drove trucks for 12 years and then decided to go into business for himself. He was known as "The Tree Tender". He could take care of all of your landscaping needs, no job too small or tree too tall.

In 1998, Donnie and Gail moved

their family back to Calvert County where Donnie began working alongside his cousin, Bill Buckler with Action, as an exterminator. Ironically, Donnie worked with Action back when he was 15 years old. Donnie developed a passion for killing bugs and was known around here as the "Bug-man". He once again went into business for himself, and started "Call Donnie the Exterminator". He would take care of all your bug needs, and tell you, "Humans are extra!"

Donnie enjoyed NASCAR, riding his Harley and having a cold one with friends and family.

He was lovingly known as "Uncle D" by his favorite nieces and nephews.

Donnie's greatest accomplishments in life were his four children and his most prized possessions were his 12 grandchildren. Donnie suffered some life changing health issues in 2019. He spent his last few years with us being the best damn Poppy he could be!

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

TIPS TO AVOID PROBATE

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When you die, if you are holding property in your sole name, the only way that property can get to your loved ones is through the probate process. The only way to avoid probate is to create a Revocable Living Trust. By placing your assets into the name of your trust, when you die you will not have assets held in sole name and therefore, no probate.

Many people want to avoid putting their beneficiaries through the probate process. They don't like the fact that the filings in probate are publicly available or that it takes 8-12 months to close a probate. Or, that legal fees in a probate proceeding can be expensive. Additionally, they don't want their loved ones to have to sort through their assets in order to make the probate filings. They seek to make it simple. But, they don't want to spend the money to create a Revocable Living Trust.

What can be done? It is possible to minimize the number of assets that have to go through the probate process.

Since probate applies only to property held in your sole name when you die, you can transfer title of the property to someone else during your lifetime. Or, if you want to continue to maintain some control over your property, you can transfer title to yourself and someone else. If you re-title the asset with someone else so that each of you are holding the asset jointly with "right of survivorship", then when one of you dies, the other will inherit ownership of all the asset and there will be no probate.

Keep in mind that if your property is the subject of a mortgage, the mortgage company may restrict your rights to transfer your ownership.

Most commonly, a husband and wife will hold an asset like their primary residence in joint name with right of survivorship (also termed "tenants by the entirety"). This means that when one spouse dies, the other takes ownership of the entire property and there is no probate of the asset since it was held in joint name. Of course, when the survivor dies, there is probate of the asset.

Suppose you own a house and your spouse is deceased, meaning you own 100% of the property in your sole name. You have one child and want to add that child to your title to the property. Can you add another person, like a child, to your title to the property? Yes, that can be done with a deed. But,

there are consequences you must think about before you re-title any property.

The first issue is a tax issue. When you buy a house, your cost is your tax "basis" in the house. Suppose you buy a house with your husband forty years ago for a price of \$20,000 and the house is paid off. Today that house is worth \$200,000. If your husband is deceased and you own the house and add a child to your title, that child receives the property at your tax basis or \$20,000. When you die, if the child wants to sell the property, the child is going to have to pay capital gains tax on \$180,000, being the difference between your tax basis of \$20,000 and the market value of the property, \$200,000.

That tax can be avoided by passing the property to your child through your Will or Trust. A Will or Trust provides a "step up" in basis so the child or beneficiary takes the property at the market value. If the child then decides to sell the property, there is no tax since the child inherits the property at a value of \$200,000 and sells it for the same amount.

The other issue to be faced with putting a child on your title is whether the child has or will have creditors. Once you place property in the name of the child, their creditors become your creditors.

Another option to avoid probate is to use what is called "payable on death" forms at your bank. Every bank will have a "payable on death" form you can fill out indicating who will take the money in your accounts when you die. By filling out this form and designating a beneficiary to take your accounts, the accounts are not held in sole name and there is no probate on those accounts when you die. For investment accounts, you can designate beneficiaries to take the accounts when you die and avoid probate. These forms are called the "Transfer on Death" forms.

The best approach to probate is to focus on organizing your assets now so that your loved ones will not have to search through years of paperwork to try to find out what you own, where your accounts are, what insurance policies you have, etc. Believe me, your loved ones will love you even more if you leave them with very little to do in a probate proceeding.

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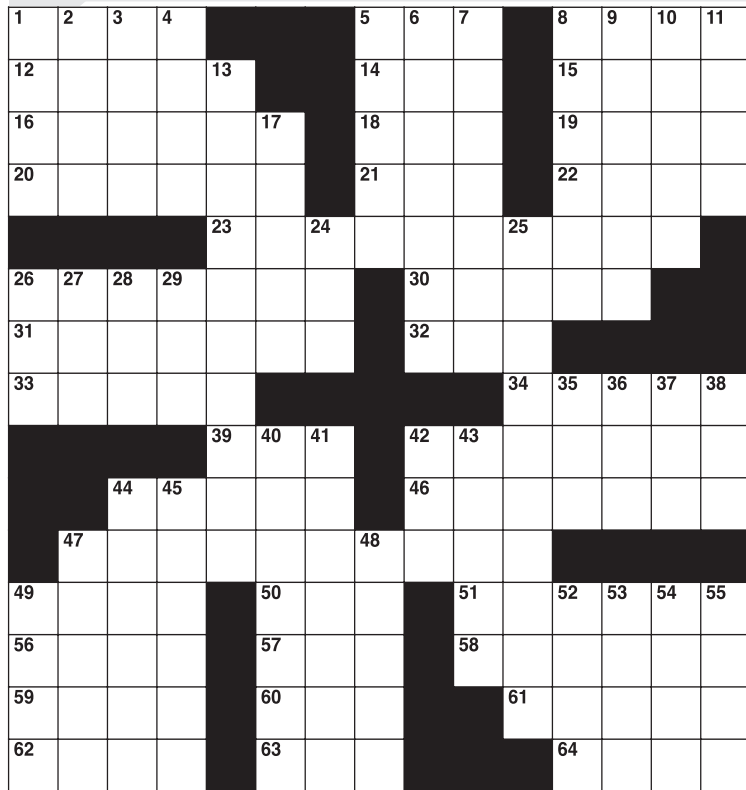
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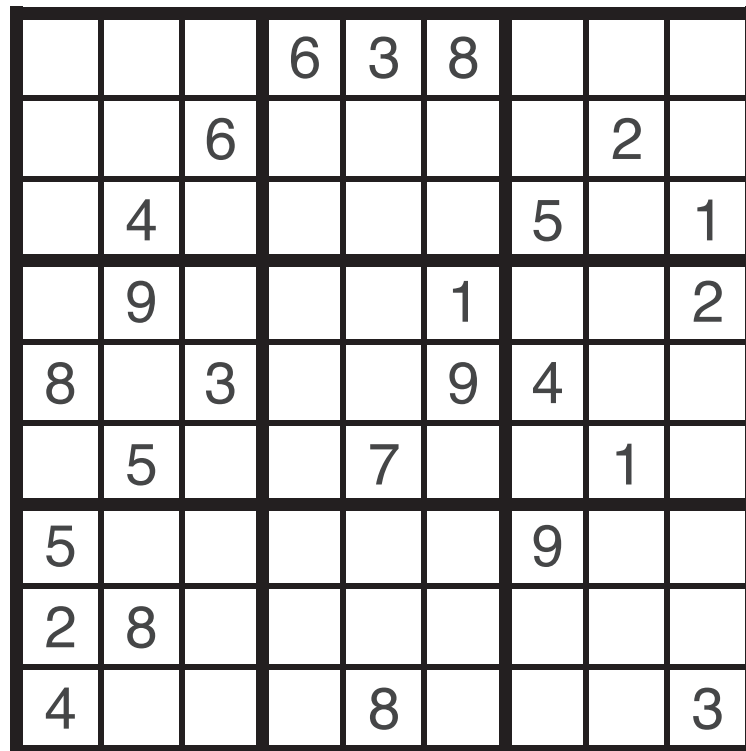
- 1. Orator's podium
- 5. UK-Netherlands gas pipeline
- 8. Partner to "oohs"
- 12. African antelope
- 14. Indigenous Thai person
- 15. Monetary unit of Angola
- 16. Becomes less intense
- 18. Insurance mascot
- 19. Tech hub __ Alto
- 20. Actress Tomei
- 21. Airborne (abbr.)
- 22. Type of smart watch
- 23. Natives
- 26. Incompetent person
- 30. Rare Hawaiian geese
- 31. Unspoken relationships
- 32. Passports and licenses are two
- 33. Claw
- 34. Status quo
- 39. Mimic
- 42. Fur-lined cloak
- 44. Ancient foreigner

- 46. In an angry way
- 47. Ill-intentioned
- 49. Monetary unit of Serbia
- 50. S. American plant
- 51. One or the other
- 56. An alias for Thor
- 57. Gratuity
- 58. In a painful way
- 59. French commune
- 60. Promotional materials
- 61. Greek city
- 62. Assistant
- 63. Confederate general
- 64. Former NJ governor

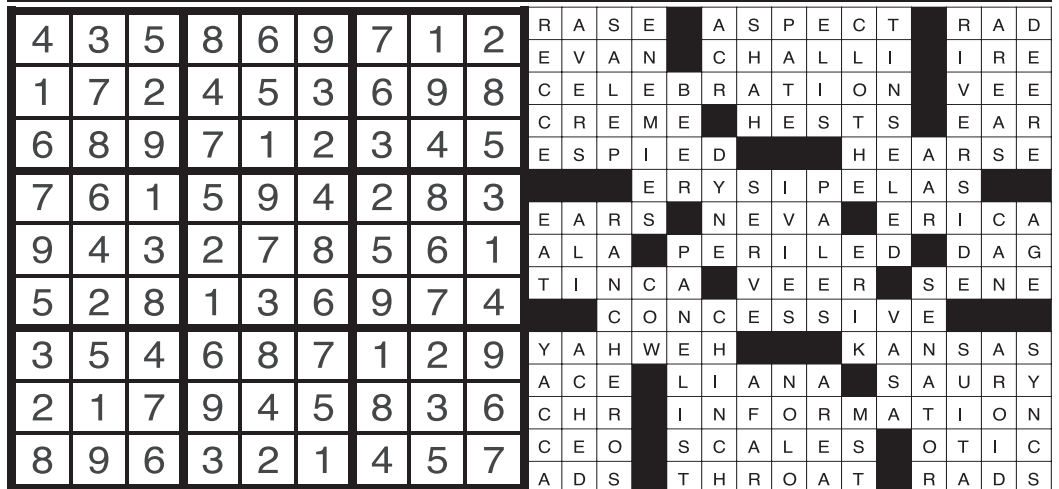
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- 25. Keeps a house cozy
- 26. Ballplayer's accessory
- 27. Southwestern Russian city
- 28. Pro sports league
- 29. Congress investigative body (abbr.)
- 35. Stop standing
- 36. Utilize
- 37. Sign language
- 38. Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob
- 40. Being of central importance
- 41. Ruin environment
- 42. Dessert dish
- 43. Sea eagles
- 44. Fertilized
- 45. Jerry's friend Benes
- 47. Indian river
- 48. Pass into a specified state or condition
- 49. Nocturnal rodent
- 52. A way to travel
- 53. Iron-containing compound
- 54. Ancient Greek City
- 55. NFL signal caller Matt

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Used by gymnasts
- 2. "Luther" actor Idris
- 3. Broad volcanic crater
- 4. Not for
- 5. Blur
- 6. Tots
- 7. Acted leisurely
- 8. About the Alps
- 9. Gets out of bed
- 10. Town in "The Iliad"
- 11. Welsh given name
- 13. Remove salt
- 17. Calvary sword
- 24. Mental disorder concerning body odor



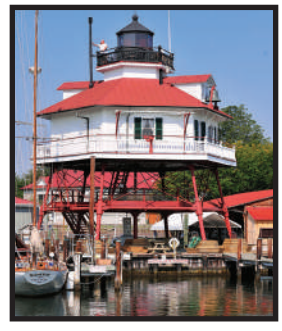
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