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# Millard House II Appointed **PGCPS Superintendent**

Former Houston schools chief will take helm of Maryland's second-largest district on July 1

**By PRESS OFFICER Prince George's County Public Schools** 

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (June 7, 2023)—Millard House II, formerly Superintendent of the Houston Independent School District, will take the helm of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) on July 1. Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced his appointment Wednesday during a news conference at the Wayne K. Curry Administration Building.

House led Houston ISD for two years, ending his tenure in the nation's eighth-largest district earlier this month. He previously served as director of schools for the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System (CMCSS) in Tennessee, chief operating officer of Char-

lotte-Mecklenburg Schools in North Carolina and deputy superintendent of Tulsa Public Schools in Oklahoma. House founded and led a college preparatory middle school in one of Tulsa's most economically underserved neighborhoods and served as executive consultant and executive director of New Leaders for New Schools.

"It is both an honor and a pleasure to join Prince George's County Public Schools," says Mr. House. "I look forward to listening and learning in the days ahead in an effort to build upon a rich tradition of educating students in an equitable manner."

He will succeed Dr. Monica Goldson, who is retiring this month after a 32-year career in Prince George's County Public Schools, including the last five



Millard House II

as Chief Executive Officer.

"As we welcome new leadership, I am committed to en-

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### Deneen Richmond (L), president of Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center, and Tori Bayless, chief executive officer of Luminis Health (R) joined members of the Adams family for a ceremonial check presentation inside the new Behavioral Health Pavilion in Lanham. **Bowie Family Makes Major Contribution** to Support Behavioral Health Services in **Prince George's County**

One Hundred Thousand and

By PRESS OFFICER **Luminis Health** 

LANHAM, Md. (June 7, 2023)—To help fulfill Luminis Health's mission of enhancing the health of the people and communities it serves, Bowie Mayor Timothy Adams and his wife, the Honorable Sheila Tillerson Adams have personally donated \$100,000 to Luminis Health's behavioral health services in Prince George's County.

Tori Bayless, chief executive officer of Luminis Health, and Deneen Richmond, president of Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center, joined members of the Adams family for a ceremonial check presentation inside the new Behavioral Health Pavilion in Lanham.

Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center (LHDCMC) opened the Behavioral Health Pavilion in the summer of 2022 to meet the growing needs of mental health services in Prince George's County. The Pavilion currently offers a broad continuum of services including:

- Outpatient Mental Health Clinic to provide therapy and medication management for adults and adolescents
- Behavioral Health Walk-In Urgent Care for non-emergent behavioral health concerns for ages four years old and up. This service is available Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Psychiatric Day Treatment Program which includes a mental health partial hospitalization program and an intensive outpatient program for adults and adolescents
- A 16-bed Inpatient psychiatric unit for adults "Since 2019, Luminis Health, a locally formed

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### **Bowie High School Gun Incident**

By UNA COOPER City of Bowie, MD

On June 7, 2023, at 12:47 p.m., the Bowie Police Department received a call to the Bowie Library located at 15210 Annapolis Road Bowie, MD 20716 for a subject armed with a long gun. When officers arrived on the scene it was reported that the suspect may have possibly fled in a dark colored vehicle. A review of the surveillance video confirmed a but he was not located. light complected male wearing

a white shirt, black pants armed with some type of long gun.

A secondary report was received from Bowie High School, which shares the parking lot with the library, that the suspect was possibly hidden inside of the school. At this point, a shelter in place was ordered for the main building of Bowie High School as well as the Bowie Annex. Officers then immediately made entry into the school to search for the suspect.

Based upon the photo, the ju-

venile suspect was identified, and investigative efforts led to the suspect's apprehension on foot a short distance away from the school shortly after 3 p.m. He was not armed at the time of the arrest, but the weapon was later recovered and determined to be an airsoft pistol which closely resembles a long gun. City of Bowie Police investigators are coordinating with the Prince George's

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### Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller Joins Small, Minority, Women, and Veteran Entrepreneurs at Business Development Workshop

Over 200 Business Owners Network with Buyers from 16 State Agencies

By PRESS OFFICER Maryland LG News

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (June 8, 2023)— Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller ioined the Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs' signature Ready, Set, **GROW!** Procurement Connections Workshop to recognize small, minority, women, and veteran business owners and explore networking and

procurement opportunities at MGM

National Harbor in Oxon Hill.

"Today, we celebrate the success and excellence of the small, minority, women and veteran-owned businesses who call Maryland home, and explore ways to increase our partnerships moving forward," said Lt. Gov. Miller. "Maryland's well-educated workforce and high-quality academic and economic institutions make our state a hub for small business owners and entrepreneurs. We must ensure all small business owners have equitable access to the unique opportunities our state has to offer."

Lt. Gov. Miller presented Governor's Citations to three outstanding small business owners for their contributions to the statewide economy as well as the communities they serve. The honorees are:

- Dr. Minoo Bennett-Green Tech-
- nology, Inc. • Myke Jones—Dynamic Service
- Integration, Corp. · John Walters-Walters Relocations, Inc.

Over 200 business owners attended the workshop which included an overview of the state's three socioeconomic procurement programs and insights on navigating the state's procurement processes. During the networking portion, vendors were able to meet with buyers from 16 different state purchasing units who provided information on what they

are purchasing now as well as what is in the pipeline.

"Understanding the State of Maryland as a customer is an important key to success in this competitive arena," said Pamela Gregory, Chief of Staff with the Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs. "We are pleased to partner with MGM National Harbor to bring vendors and buyers together in the same room."

The Ready, Set, GROW! workshop is a component of the Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs' outreach programming which also includes monthly training workshops covering a broad range of topics curated to help small businesses compete with confidence in the state contracting arena and bi-monthly webinars that connect entrepreneurs to resources at the state, federal, and local levels.



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### M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County **Announces Shakespeare in the Parks: The Tempest**

RIVERDALE, Md. (June 7, 2023)—Each summer, the Prince George's Shakespeare in the Parks tours a professional, family-friendly production of one of Shakespeare's plays throughout the county, making great theatre available to everyone. Enjoy free, entertaining, and accessible productions of the work of the greatest playwright of the English language at parks and arts centers throughout Prince George's and Montgomery counties. Bring your lawn chair, a picnic, and enjoy the Bard under the stars.

Tour Schedule: June 25—July 16; to view locations, dates, and times, https://www.pgparks.com/event list/shakespeare-inthe-parks-tour-the-tempest-at-montpelier-housemuseum-grounds.

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The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Arts and Cultural Heritage Division is proud to announce our 10th Anniversary Celebration Tour with the show that started it all, The Tempest, directed by founding Artistic Director Christopher Dwyer. This 1980s-infused tale follows Prospero, who is stranded on a deserted island in the Mediterranean with his daughter Miranda, narrowly escaping his evil brother. He now comes to grips with a life he left behind and whether to enact revenge on his brother who has just washed up on shore. Complete with magic, fairies, and physical storytelling, this fast-paced 90-minute outdoor adventure is perfect for the entire family.

This program is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council (msac.org). For more information, call 301-446-3238.

> —Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation

# TOWNS and NEIGHBORS

#### In & Around Morningside-Skyline by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

### Psammophile. Could you spell it?

Dev Shah, 14, an 8th grader from Largo, Fla., did! With that, he won the Scripps National Spelling Bee June 2 at the Gaylord National Resort in Oxon Hill. (In case you're curious, a psammophile is a plant or animal that prefers or thrives in sandy areas such as the Arabian Peninsula and the Sahara.)

What did he win? \$50,000 in cash, a commemorative medal and the Scripps Cup, which is pictured on banners all along the Hallway of Champions.

Charlotte Walsh, 14, an 8th grader from Arlington, Va., placed 2nd. She was tied with Dev Shah until she misspelled "daviely." Her 2nd place award was \$25,000. ("Daviely" means "listlessly.")

Dev and Charlotte cannot compete next year because contest participants cannot be older than fourteen as of August 31 of the year before the competition. Also, they cannot be past 8th grade as of February 1 of that year's competition. Previous winners are also ineligible to compete.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee has been held at the Gaylord in National Harbor since 2011. Previously, it was at the Grand Hyatt Washington in D.C. from 1996 to 2010.

Finally, Congratulations to Dev and Charlotte! They're a reminder to all of us to brush up on our spelling.

#### **Town of Morningside:** Skate Van & Movie & more

Kick Off to Summer with Skate Van

and Movie Night on Friday, June 16. Free skating and an outdoor movie, "The Super Mario Bros. (2023 edition)." Start time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bring cash for dinner and concessions, such as hotdogs, pizza, popcorn, drinks, etc. Also, remember to bring a folding chair or a blanket to snuggle in during the movie. This fun will all take place at the Morningside Town Hall, 6901 Ames Street. Info: 301-736-2301.

Morningside's 4th of July Parade starts at 11:30 at the Fire Department on Suitland Road and heads up Suitland Road to the VFW. Marchers, riders, and walkers still needed. Call 301-736-2300 to register.

Following the Parade, Family Fun nounced that she had been dropped off Day will begin at Patterson Park at 2 p.m. and continue until 4. There'll be free food and games. Fireworks at dusk. For information about recreation in Morningside, call 301-736-2301 or Morningsiderec@ morningsidemd.gov.

The Morningside Police Department will host National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 1, 5:30–8:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Want-to-be firefighters can apply to the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department for their Live-In Recruitment Weekend, June 23-25. Call 301-736-4342 for information.

Morningside's June meetings: Work Session, June 13, and Town Meeting, June 20, both beginning at 7.

GI Liquors still boarded up.

#### **Condolences**

To my granddaughter-in-law Heather McHale, of Clinton, on the death of her grandmother Sandra "Sandy" Swarthout, 89, of Climax, Mich. She died six months after the death of her husband Wesley. They had been married 67 happy and remarkable years.

### Places to go & things to do

National Harbor celebrates Kids Day every Tuesday beginning at 10:30 a.m., Sky Puppet Theatre will perform "The 3 (not so little) Pigs." On June 27 All About Nature With WHUT will run a scavenger hunt around the Harbor and host the showing of "Wild Kratts."

Also, on Kids Days, Tuesdays through August 26: with the purchase of one adult "KIDS DAY" ticket for the Capital Wheel, you'll receive one free child's

The Bill Picket Rodeo is coming to Prince George's Equestrian Center & Show Place Arena on Sept. 23, 1:30 p.m.

### **Animal stories**

Canela, a 5-year-old dachshund, was reunited with the owner after police released a video of her being dognapped from the front porch of her home in District Heights. Five days later, police anat a pet store on Donnell Drive. An employee contacted police and she was returned to her owner.

Elmer has adopted me. Elmer (I named him) is a rabbit that loves my garbage and recycling bins. He hangs out there, has no fear (or even concern) about people. He's so tame I think he might be a pet. He (she?) appreciates that we put out a pan of water where he washes his face. He also liked the coleslaw I scattered near the bins.

### **Changing landscape**

The old Grizzlies / Red Zone is now occupied by a new Mexican Restaurant, Birrieria La Poblano. The owners are a married couple, both delightful, according to reviews. Located at 9544 Crain Hwy, Upper Marlboro. For directions or hours, call 240-846-5103.

A home at 4405 Reamy Drive, in Skyline, has sold for \$420,000.

### Ed & Rose Marie, a WWII love story

The McManus family lived years ago in Skyline, just up the street from me. We were very good friends. But they moved some years ago, and I lost track. I have just found that track again and learned that both of them died within days of each other in 2018.

Rose Marie McManus died May 20, June through August. On June 20 Blue 2018. She was born in France but was German by birth. She grew up during the awful days of WWII. I recall her telling me that she was in an apartment building in Germany, caring for her dying mother, while bombs were falling around them. When the War ended, she got a job working, I believe, at the commissary of one of the American units temporarily stationed in Germany. It was there that she met and eventually married an American military officer, Ed McManus.

> Lt. Col. Edward McManus died on June 7, 2018, at age 98. In addition to WWII, Ed also served in Korea and Vietnam. When he was transferred to Andrews AFB, the family moved to Clayton

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### **Brandywine-Aquasco**

### **BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS**

Bowie State University Hosted Spring Commencement for eight hundred Graduates May 26, 2023, at Bulldog Stadium. Degree marks a lifetime achievement for one 79-year-old Cleveland Ray-Artis, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

"It's been a phenomenal experience for me," said Artis. "It was more of a family-oriented thing where I got everything that I needed. The students were just as phenomenal as the instructors. They had group projects, and everyone wanted me in their group because of my life experiences. I was fully at home."

Dr. Ometha-Lewis-Jack, interim chair of the Psychology Department, says it was a pleasure having Arts in her class, and she uses him as an example for her other students of what a person can accomplish when they put their mind to it.

'It feels good to know that at his age he still has that drive for further education and that zest to learn," said Lewis-Jack. "He is the mirror I hold up to students and say it does not matter how old you are. If you have that drive and ambition to reach your goals, you can get it." MEDIA CONTACT: David Thompson, dlthompson@bowiestate.edu, 301-860-4311.

### 10TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK HBCUS

Run the District #DC, #MD, #VA. Join UMES Southern Maryland Alumni DC HBCU Alumni Alliance for the 10th Annual DC HBCU Alumni Alliance 5K on Saturday, June 24, 2023. The event is hybrid so you can join them in person or virtually. Please be sure to select UMES as your HBCU affiliation when registering.

### IS NATURE GIVING HUMANS A HINT TO WORLD

I love to watch my yard in the early morning. I am always finding a peaceful contentment from the bird family. Different birds in my yards and in the trees. Cardinals, Blue jays, Wrens, and Robins come to feast in our yard domain. A feast between kindness and tolerance. Why wouldn't the human world be nature of becoming more openhearted? To grow and understand each other liberated. A single example of being kind, loving and free.

Sometimes during my walk, I watch a metaphor unfolding, the wind of the branches of the trees bows down. In my mind similarily, giving prayers to our lord. We need to bow down and let God, always know. That he is the master of all our souls forever more. When I travel, I see magnificent visual settings. Some of picturesque nature made by God and some beautiful buildings made by man's hand. Magnified throughout the world and conceptual to our hearts. We take the images that come into our consciousness. A hint of the world if we love each other and increase more love and success. Poem

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

written by my friend Poet Joan Hayes.

### **2023 SPRING CONCERT NOAH**

Come experience the story of NOAH told by Dynamic Moves Dance Studio & Company Saturday, June 17, 2023. This show is sure to delight and inspire. There are two showtimes available, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. The concert will be held at Bowie State University Fine & Performing Arts Center.

Tickets: 1 p.m. Show-General Admission from \$20.00 to \$25.00, sale ends June 17, 3 p.m. 6 p.m. Show-General Admission sale ends June 17, 6 p.m. from \$20.00 to \$25.00. Adult \$25.00. Phone: 240-389-3199. Email: admin@dynamic movesdance.com

### BLACK EYED SUSAN INDOOR SUMMER CLASSIC

Home of the Black-Eyed Susan Horse Show Series. The best Hunter Jumper Horse Shows in Maryland will be held July 1, 2023-July 2, 2023, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. at The Show Place Arena Prince George's Equestrian Center. No cost for spectators. The address is 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Link: More information (https://www.besthorseshows.com/2022-show-dates).

### **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Happy Birthday to William (Buddy) King, Stephnie Samuel, Jasmine Taylor, Sandra Miley, Ruth Wilson, Rendell Crawford, Rita Pinkney, June Fauber, Louise Gordon, Sally Fauber Lucas, Yolanda Jackson, Atara Serene Scott-Bourne, Avis Balkcom-Williams, Tawana Lindsay, Naasir Greenhill Oghogho, Jazzmyn Simmons, Carol Bell, Eddie Wilson, Barbara Marsh, Beverly Baker, Madison Falby, Raymond Porchea, Alston Knight, Kendra Neal, Christopher Quarm, Rodney Tyree, Jesci Thomas, Shiloh Bell, Barbara Harris, Rahsaan Sillas Thomas who are Clinton United Methodist Church members celebrating Birthdays in June.

### **PLANNED GIVING SERIES**

Are you interested in leaving your legacy while also supporting the viability of Bowie Sate University in its pursuit of academic excellence and student success? Planned Giving is one way to accomplish both goals. Plan your Legacy with Bowie State University.

You can watch an informational video to discover a variety of planned giving options that are available to you. As the video explains, there are many ways to arrange a planned gift, including trust.

Please join us on Tuesday, June 20 at 12 noon, for a webinar to learn more about leaving a planned gift to Bowie State University. To register for more information, visit plannedgiving.bowiestate.edu or contact Shari Fleming, Planned Giving Officer 240-854-6596 plannedgiving@bowiestate.edu.

### **Honors for Local Students**

### **Local Students Earn Degrees and Dean's List** Honors at Susquehanna University

SELINSGROVE, Pa. (June 8, 2023)—Susquehanna University is pleased to announce its Class of 2023 graduates. The following students earned degrees at the close of Susquehanna's 165th academic year.

Beltsville, MD: Savannah Barton graduated with a Bachelor of Science in neuroscience.

Bowie, MD:

**Kit Cabrera** graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology.

Haja Jalloh graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in political science. Greenbelt, MD: Aaron Beverly graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in

Temple Hills, MD: Kibwe Galloway graduated with a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

Upper Marlboro, MD:

**David Gilchrist** graduated with a Bachelor of Science in management. Alexis Jefferson graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in the-

Susquehanna University congratulates its students named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester.

The dean's list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.4 or higher out of a possible 4.0 for the semester. To qualify, students must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Beltsville, MD: Savannah Barton

College Park, MD: Zilma Flores-Avilez

Temple Hills, MD: Nala Washington

Upper Marlboro, MD: Alexis Jefferson

—Amanda K. O'Rourke, Susquehanna University

### **UW-Madison Announces Spring Dean's List**

MADISON, Wis. (June 7, 2023)—The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2022-2023 academic year.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

To view an online listing, visit registrar.wisc.edu/deanslist. Use the data display dashboard to find students from your circulation area who have received this honor. For questions or concerns about eligibility, please contact deanslist-registrar@em.wisc.edu

Adelphi, MD: Sophia Elescano, School of Education, Dean's List Bowie, MD: Jasmine Robinson, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci, Dean's

Brandywine, MD: Darius Lassiter, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci, Dean's List

—Caitlin Henning, University of Wisconsin-Madison

# **Local Students Named to Bucknell University**

LEWISBURG, Pa. (June 6, 2023)—Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the Spring semester of the 2022–23 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Berwyn Heights, MD: Realyn Del Campo, 2026, Biology

Bowie, MD:

Joyce Chen, 2024, International Relations

Ryan Kenan, 2024, Finance Damien Mahanama, 2024, Biomedical Engineering

Raquel Rowell, 2023, Neuroscience Fort Washington, MD: Derrick Anderson, 2026, Undeclared

Oxon Hill, MD: Crystal Cobbs, 2026, Undeclared

Upper Marlboro, MD:

Chi Nnawuba, 2024, Markets, Innovation & Design Bryanni Williams, 2023, Education

Caleb Wooten, 2023, Education

–Mike Ferlazzo, Bucknell University

### Morehead State's Spring 2023 Dean's List Announced

MOREHEAD, Ky. (June 5, 2023)—Morehead State ranks among the top 15 best public universities in the South according to U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges 2022." MSU is also recognized for Best Undergraduate Teaching, Best Colleges for Veterans and made the list of Best

The Spring 2023 Dean's List is now available online. The accomplishments of these students reflect our commitment to academic excellence and student success.

Fort Washington MD: Reis Jones

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have completed at least 12 undergraduate credit hours and earned at least a 3.5 GPA for the current se-

-Office of Communications and Marketing, Morehead State University

### Local Resident Named to Dean's List at **Gonzaga University**

SPOKANE, Wash. (June 5, 2023)—The following local resident has earned placement on the Gonzaga University Dean's List for spring semester 2023. Students must earn a 3.5 to 3.84 grade-point average to be listed.

Glenn Dale, MD: Carissa Victoria Halili

—Bonnie Harper, Gonzaga University

### **Mercer University Announces Spring 2023** President's, Dean's Lists

MACON, Ga. (June 2, 2023)—Mercer University recently announced the President's List and Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester. Inclusion on these lists requires students to meet rigorous GPA standards specific to the college or school within the University.

The following area student earned a place on the lists:

Bowie, Maryland: Mary Allen, senior, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Dean's List

—Jennifer Falk, Mercer University

# COMMUNITY



**Change of Command** ceremony for the new adjutant general for Maryland. Maj. Gen. Timothy E. Gowen, the 30th adjutant general for Maryland, relinquished command of Maryland National Guard and the Maryland Military Department to Maj. Gen. Janeen L. Birckhead during a ceremony held at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore on June 3.

> PHOTO COURTESY ARYLAND GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

# **Governor Moore Hosts Maryland National Guard Change of Command Ceremony**

By PRESS OFFICER

Maryland Governor's Press Office

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (June 3, 2023)—Governor Wes Moore hosted the change of command ceremony for the new adjutant general for Maryland. Maj. Gen. Timothy E. Gowen, the 30th adjutant general for Maryland, relinquished command of the Maryland National Guard and the Maryland Military Department to Maj. Gen. Janeen L. Birckhead during a ceremony held at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore.

"Over the past three and a half years under the leadership of Maj. Gen. Gowen, the Maryland National Guard has risen to even greater heights," said Gov. Moore. "I have every confidence that Maj. Gen. Birckhead will lead with great distinction and integrity and that she will work tirelessly to ensure that Maryland's National Guard remains one of America's very best military organizations."

Maj. Gen. Birckhead, who was promoted from the rank of brigadier general earlier in the day at a ceremony held at Morgan State University, previously served as the assistant adjutant general-Army since May 2018. She now leads the daily operations of the Maryland Military Department, which includes the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard and Maryland Defense Force.

"I do not take this charge lightly. I will use the breadth and depth of my experience to do the best for you to ensure readiness," said Maj. Gen. Birckhead. "I will remember my commitment to not

only the Soldiers and Airmen but also the civilians who are a part of the Maryland Military Department."

The adjutant general is a member of the governor's cabinet and is responsible for the readiness, administration, and training of more than 7,000 members of the Military Department, generating nearly \$300 million annually for Maryland's economy.

Additionally, two assumption of command ceremonies took place at the Fifth Regiment Armory for the assistant adjutants general. Maryland Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Drew E. Dougherty assumed command from retired Brig. Gen. Edward S. Jones, and Maryland Army National Guard Col. Andrew W. Collins assumed command from Birckhead

### JUNETEENTH EVENTS

### **Juneteenth Family Festival**

Mount Rainier will be celebrating Juneteenth through the Juneteenth Family Fest on **Friday**, **June 16**, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in front of City Hall, 3503 Perry Street, Mount Rainier. Organized and led by the Juneteenth Family Celebration Committee, consisting of Mount Rainier Community members, the event promises to be an exciting afternoon of fun, games, live entertainment, vendors and more! The event is free, and everybody is welcome. Rain or Shine.

### City of Laurel Juneteenth Celebration

The City of Laurel will be hosting its Juneteenth celebration on **Saturday**, **June 17** from 12–4 p.m. at Granville Gude Park at 8300 Mulberry Street. Features include cultural events, health screenings, food, live entertainment, family games, and more!

Admission is free. Drop by the District 1 table for info about County programs and services.

—District 1 Weekly News

### Juneteenth Festival Announced by M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County

RIVERDALE, Md. (June 8, 2023)—The Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is pleased to announce its 2023 Festival for Juneteenth: the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Marking the date that the last enslaved people learned of their freedom, the month of June and the nineteenth day were combined to form the word Juneteenth.

As a part of the Department's ongoing mission to provide exciting and unique cultural programming to county residents, the Juneteenth Festival is a must-attend event for the young and young at heart. The festival takes place **Saturday**, **June 17** at Watkins Regional Park from 12–5 p.m. and includes:

- Live entertainment: Avery Sunshine, Rare Essence, Proverbs Reggae Band, DuPont Brass Band, Brencore Allstars Band
- Visual art exhibition: "My Coloured Girls" by Bevadine Zoma Terrell
  Arts Activities: Arts on a Roll, Taratibu Youth Association, Bubble Wands
- with Blessed Hands Bless, DC Face Painters
   History Activities: Freedom Cabin, Sankofa Mobile Museum Preview
- Food and merchandise vendors
- Non-profit exhibitors

The 2023 Juneteenth festival is a FREE event. To learn more, visit http://www.pgparks.com/Juneteenth.



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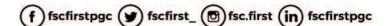
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# COMMENTARY

### **Marc Morial**

President and CEO, National Urban League



### **To Be Equal:**

### Pride Month Is Marred by a Record Number of Anti-LGBTQ+ Bills in State Legislatures, With Black Youth Most at Risk

"We are powerful because we have survived, and that is what it is all about—survival and growth." —Audre Lorde

Pride Month should be a time for celebrating love, the freedom to love whom we choose, and triumph over the prejudice, ignorance, and fear of the

The prejudice, ignorance, and fear of the present, however, have cast a dark shadow over this year's celebration.

In the past few years, there has been an astonishing increase in the bills restricting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or questioning people of the community (LGBTQ+). In this legislative session alone, state legislators have introduced a record 491 proposals to undermine and weaken nondiscrimination laws, limiting access to books and performances like drag shows, blocking medically-necessary and gender-affirming health

Nearly half of the bills target our most vulnerable

young people, attempting to prevent trans students from participating in school activities like sports, to force teachers to out students, and to censor any inschool discussions of LGBTQ people and issues.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed four bills on May 17 as well as expanded on Florida's "Don't Say Gay" law. This law has restricted sexual orientation and gender identity discussions in the classroom from kindergarten to third grade. The updated law will expand the prohibited discussion to eighth

How will our youth express their authentic selves if it is illegal?

On June 28, 1969, in New York City, police raided a gay bar called the Stonewall Inn. Such raids were commonplace, as the expression of LGBTQ identity—cross-dressing, holding hands, kissing, or dancing with someone of the same sex —was illegal. This time, however, instead of complying, the crowd fought back. This spark ignited a fire, which led to five days of rioting to defend LGBTQ rights in America.

History is being reversed. Politicians hoping to ride a wave of hatred and ignorance into higher office are driving the nation backward toward the dark days of shame before Stonewall.

Black, indigenous, and people of color LGBTQ individual experience far more discrimination than their white counterparts. They already face systemic hurdles in employment and the justice system. They also experience discrimination in situations that impact their basic needs: 24% reported discriminatory treatment from a healthcare provider, 44% share that discrimination has impacted them from renting or buying a home, and 48% have an income of less than \$40,000 a year.

While not all of the anti-LGBTQ bills will become law, they all have a devastating effect.

In 2022, 41% of LGBTQ youth contemplated suicide. This rate is twice as high as the general population of youth. Further, 11% of white LGBTQ youth attempted suicide while double the amount of BIPOC LGBTQ attempted suicide.

The legislation that wishes to ban important conversations about the LGBTQ community will not witness progress, only children's deaths.

Throughout history, figures such as Audre Lorde, Marsha P. Johnson, James Baldwin, Miss Major Griffin-Gracy, Gladys Bentley, Ron Oden, Lorraine Hansberry, and Phill Wilson have paved a path of hope. They will continue to inspire today's LGBTQ youth of color and their needed allies. These icons will not be forgotten; we will fight for their history and our youth's futures.

-June 8, 2023

### **Marian Wright Edelman**

Founder and President Emerita, Children's Defense Fund



### **ChildWatch:**

### "The Mindless Menace of Violence"

The day after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, who had announced his decision to run for President, gave a speech at the Cleveland City Club. He said that it was not a time for politics, but a time of "shame and sorrow," and he spoke on the "mindless menace of violence in America which again stains our land and every one of our lives":

"No one—no matter where he lives or what he does-can be certain who will suffer from some senseless act of bloodshed. And yet it goes on and on . . . We seemingly tolerate a rising level of violence that ignores our common humanity and our claims to civilization alike. We calmly accept newspaper reports

of civilian slaughter in far off lands. We glorify killing on movie and television screens and call it entertainment. We make it easy for men of all shades of sanity to acquire weapons and ammunition they desire."

Robert Kennedy continued: "When you teach a man to hate and fear his brother, when you teach that he is a lesser man because of his color or his beliefs or the policies he pursues, when you teach that those who differ from you threaten your freedom or your job or your family, then you also learn to confront others not as fellow citizens but as enemies—to be met not with cooperation but with conquest, to be subjugated and mastered. We learn, at the last, to look at our brothers as aliens, men with whom we share a

city, but not a community, men bound to us in common dwelling, but not in common effort. We learn to share only a common fear—only a common desire to retreat from each other—only a common impulse to meet disagreement with force.'

These words speak clearly to the moment in our nation today. At the time our dark, deep despair at Dr. King's death was leavened only by the fact that we still had Robert Kennedy. But two months after giving this speech, Robert Kennedy was shot by an assassin at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He died the next day, 55 years ago on my birthday, June 6, 1968. I never wore the beautiful bracelet my fiancé Peter Edelman, Robert Kennedy's legislative assistant, had bought at the Ambassador Hotel as a birthday

As I walked into St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City where Robert Kennedy's body lay in state, a weeping Charles Evers, the brother of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers, clung to me asking over and over, "What are we going to do now?" Riding the train from New York City to Washington, D.C. bearing Robert Kennedy's body, I was deeply moved by the stricken faces of young and old, Black and white mourners who lined the train route and mirrored my stricken heart. The single most poignant moment for me was when the hearse carrying Robert Kennedy's body to rest near his brother John Kennedy

at Arlington National Cemetery crossed Memorial Bridge and paused for a brief time at the Lincoln Memorial, allowing the poor people still in Resurrection City from the Poor People's Campaign to bid farewell while singing the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

In his speech in Cleveland Robert Kennedy had also said: "There is another kind of violence, slower but just as deadly, destructive as the shot or the bomb in the night. This is the violence of institutions; indifference and inaction and slow decay. This is the violence that afflicts the poor, that poisons relations between men because their skin has different colors. This is a slow destruction of a child by hunger, and schools without books and homes without heat in the winter . . . " He said for all of this there were no final answers, but we knew what we must do:

"We must admit the vanity of our false distinctions among men and learn to find our own advancement in the search for the advancement of all. We must admit in ourselves that our own children's future cannot be built on the misfortunes of others. We must recognize that this short life can neither be ennobled or enriched by hatred or revenge. Our lives on this planet are too short and the work to be done too great to let this spirit flourish any longer in our land."

His work became our work, and 55 years later, the work goes on.

Even as a child growing up in Baltimore in the 1980s, when scien-

tists declared the Bay was dying, I fell in love with its mysterious

shorelines, the strange snails and fish I encountered while tagging along on assignment with my dad, a landscape photographer. Later, as

a young educator on Port Isobel, an island in the Bay that sits to the

west of Virginia's Tangier Island, I fell in love with its people, among

them the watermen who showed me what it was like to live off what

as true in Baltimore's bustling Inner Harbor as it is on remote Port Iso-

bel, and it's a truth I saw repeated across this country's treasured land-

scapes while directing programs for the National Wildlife Federation.

To truly succeed in the next chapter of Bay-saving, we're going to

How can we create a future where both thrive?

It's impossible to separate the two—the people and the place. That's

—June 9, 2023

### Saving the Bay Means Creating a Future With and for People

By HILARY HARP FALK

for the Bay Journal News Service

What does it mean to save the Bay? That is the question we should be asking ourselves after reading the latest report from the Chesapeake Bay Program's Science and Technical Advisory Committee.

The 132-page Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response is a painstakingly detailed examination of why progress to save the Bay has been slower than expected and is anticipated to take a lot longer. After reading the report, with all the challenges it points to, I'm more energized than ever and hopeful this is our chance for a modern environmental awakening.

For the roughly half-century history of the environmental movement, we have been yearning to return to a pre-colonial time of clearer water, cleaner air and more abundant wildlife. We've sought to restore what was lost and preserve what is left.

This made sense in a world on fire from pollution and struggling to accommodate a skyrocketing population. But despite enormous effort and incredible progress in many areas, the resources we've sought to protect are still at grave risk. The water is not clean enough. The air is not safe enough. The wildlife continues to disappear. And climate change—not seriously considered 50 years ago—is an existential and immediate threat to all of us.

It's not that we've failed. We have cleaner water and cleaner air than when we started. It's that in trying to recreate the past, we've too often neglected to build for the future.

The world we live in today and the scale of the threats we face de-



PHOTO BY SKYLER BALLARD/CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

Children enjoy Fort Smallwood Park in Pasadena, MD, where the Patapsco River flows into the Chesapeake Bay.

mand a new approach, one that builds on what has worked and looks forward, not back. Saving what is most precious to us isn't a matter of turning back the clock to an idealized time when nature flourished and human influence was minimal. It's creating a future in which humans and nature flourish together.

Nowhere is there greater opportunity to do this than the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The effort to save the Bay is one of this country's oldest, most-studied and most successful environmental restoration movements. And rightly so.

have to widen conservation's historically narrow lens. We can no longer assume that all we need for a healthy Bay is enough oxygen in the deepest water—an improvement that is necessary, but not the only

The Bay is more than its molecules and more than a piece of water in Maryland and Virginia. It's the streams our children play in, the

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### Incident from A1

County State's Attorney's Office and charges are forthcoming.

The Bowie Police Department would like to thank the students, parents, Prince George's County school administration and the public for their cooperation and support. We are fortunate that this incident was resolved peacefully without injury or tragedy. We also extend our gratitude to the Prince George's County Police, Prince George's County Special Operations Division, Maryland State Police, Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff, ATF Hyattsville 2 Field Office, Greenbelt Police, Upper Marlboro Police, and all

the other allied police agencies that assisted. Once the suspect was apprehended, the shelter in place was lifted and an orderly dismissal of the students was conducted.

Please direct any questions to Deputy Chief Dwayne A. Preston, Bowie Police Department at 240-544-5700.

### **Statement: District 4 Council Member Ingrid Watson Commends Community and** Police Response to Bowie High School **Lockdown Incident**

(June 8, 2023)—The safety of our communities, especially our students, is an utmost priority. News of an armed intruder prompting a lockdown at Bowie High School on Wednesday was both frightening and concerning. Thankfully, no one was harmed in this incident.

By all accounts, the cooperation and support of our Bowie Library, Prince George's County Public Schools, Bowie High School, and the community helped law enforcement to achieve a peaceful resolution without injury or tragedy.

The joint response of law enforcement in this matter is commendable, and I extend our community's gratitude to the Bowie

City Police, Prince George's County Police, Prince George's County Special Operations Division, Maryland State Police, Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff, ATF Hyattsville 2 Field Office, Greenbelt Police, Upper Marlboro Police, and all other allied police agencies assisting.

The successful resolution of this incident offers a timely reminder of how important it is to immediately report the sighting of any weapon or suspicious individuals and/or objects to authorities. I encourage the continued engagement of our residents as we continue to work together for an even stronger and safer community.

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# BUSINESS AND FINANCE

### Contribution from A1

health system, has invested \$85 million at our Lanham campus, including expanding behavioral health services," said Deneen Richmond, president of LHDCMC. "The Adams' generosity and commitment to our community warms my heart tremendously. Their financial support will provide access, treatment and programming to Prince Georgians who deserve high-quality care close to home. It is my sincere hope these much needed services will help end the stigma of receiving mental health and substance use treatment."

This summer, we anticipate opening an 8-bed addiction residential services followed by a substance use disorder intensive outpatient treatment program. Major funding for the new Behavioral Health Pavilion was made possible through a \$20 million grant from Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and the Prince George's County Council.

Luminis Health is a non-profit regional health system headquartered in Annapolis, Maryland. Comprised of Anne Arundel Medical Center, Doctors Community Medical Center (DCMC), J. Kent McNew Family Medical Center, Pathways, DCMC Rehab, and Luminis Health Clinical Enterprise, the system serves a population of 1.5 million people. As one of the area's largest charitable assets—with 789 licensed beds, 90+ sites of care, and 9,600 team members—Luminis Health contributes close to \$100 million for the community's benefit. Learn more at LuminisHealth.org and connect with us on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

### **Social Security Matters**

**Ask Rusty:** 

# How Will Working Affect My First Year's Benefits?

By RUSSELL GLOOR,

National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the **Association of Mature American Citizens** 

Dear Rusty: I retired from working in January of this year and have since claimed Social Security. I didn't work at all in February or March, but I began a part time job in April. I'm very confused about how Social Security counts earnings for the first year. I don't know if I need to keep each month's earnings under \$1,770 or if they average it. Some of the literature I've found says each month must remain under \$1,770 or NO benefit will be paid that month. Two people at the Social Security office told me that they'll just dock me \$1 for every \$2 I am over that, even in my first year. I also cannot find anything about when they count your income. Is it when it's earned or when it's paid? If I go over in a month because there are three pay periods, can they withhold the benefit for that month? I'm just so confused! Signed: Part Time Worker

**Dear Part Time Worker:** The Social Security earnings test during your first year collecting benefits before full retirement age is, indeed, somewhat confusing. The reason is because there are two methods which Social Security may use during your first calendar year collecting early benefits, and they will use the one which results in the least financial impact to you. To elaborate:

If you claim benefits mid-year before your full retirement age, for the remainder of that first year (starting in the month benefits begin and ending in December) you'll be subject to a monthly earnings limit (\$1,770 for 2023). If you exceed the monthly limit in any remaining month of that first calendar year, you won't be entitled to benefits for that month, so Social Security would (eventually) take back that month's benefit. That is, unless using the annual limit (\$21,240 for 2023) instead will result in a smaller penalty. If your total earnings for your first year collecting are over the annual limit (e.g., \$21,240 for 2023), the penalty would be \$1 for every \$2 over the annual limit and, if that is less than the penalty from using the monthly limit, they will assess the smaller penalty. In other words, Social Security will use the method which is most beneficial to you when assessing a penalty for exceeding the earnings limit during your first calendar year collecting benefits. And just for clarity, the earnings limits are much higher and the penalty less during the year you attain full retirement age (FRA).

Something else to be aware of: if you know in advance you will exceed the annual limit it would be best to inform Social Security in order to avoid an Overpayment Notice next year. If you don't, Social Security won't know about your 2023 earnings until you file your 2023 income taxes, so you'll get your 2023 monthly payments as usual. But when the IRS informs Social Security of your 2023 earnings later next year, Social Security will ask you to detail your monthly work earnings for 2023. If you have exceeded the limits, they will determine an overpayment amount and will ask you to either pay back what is owed in a lump sum or will withhold your benefits for enough months to recover what you owe for exceeding the 2023 earnings limit. Then, after you reach full retirement age (FRA), you'll get time credit for all months in which benefits were withheld, thus slightly increasing your monthly payment after your FRA.

Finally, it is when your income is earned that counts, not when it is paid. So, for example, if you worked in January 2023 and were paid for that work in February 2023, that is considered January income which wouldn't count toward the February earnings limit.

The 2.4 million member Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] www.amac.us is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. AMAC Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the membership in our nation's capital and in local Congressional Districts throughout the country. And the AMAC Foundation (www.AmacFoundation.org) is the Association's non-profit organization, dedicated to supporting and educating America's Seniors. Together, we act and speak on the Association members' behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today. Live long and make a difference by joining us today at www.amac.us/join-amac.

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### Joseph Williams Named CEO of Rehabilitation Hospital of Bowie

By PRESS OFFICER **Encompass Health** 

BOWIE, Md. (June 6, 2023)—Joseph Williams has been appointed as chief executive officer of Rehabilitation Hospital of Bowie. The hospital is a 60-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital under construction at 17351 Melford Blvd in Bowie, Maryland. The hospital is expected to begin caring for patients in summer 2023.

Williams will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations at the Southern Maryland hospital, as well as patient care and quality. The hospital will provide 24-hour nursing care along with physical, occupational and speech therapies to patients recovering from major illnesses and injuries, including stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputation and complex orthopedic conditions.

"Joseph brings nearly two decades of clinical and leadership experience in various healthcare settings to his new role of CEO," said Abe Sims, President of Encompass Health's MidAtlantic region. "Joseph has demonstrated commitment to the Encompass Health brand and patient experience, I am confident in his vision for the hospital and excited to welcome

him to the Bowie community."

Williams brings 19 years of clinical and leadership experience in various healthcare settings to his new role of CEO. He most recently served as Associate Administrator at UVA Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia. In this role, he participated in the Developing Future CEO's (DFCEO) program, a comprehensive program that develops and prepares participants for the CEO position. Williams first joined Encompass Health in 2013 as a nursing supervisor at Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of North Virginia in Aldie, Virginia. During his tenure, he was promoted to various leadership positions including director of quality and patient care, as well as chief nursing officer. Prior to his time with Encompass Health, Williams worked case manager for VITAS Hospice in Vienna,

Williams obtained his bachelor's degree in nursing from Virginia Commonwealth University and his master's degree in business and health administration from UMUC in Adelphi, Maryland.

Encompass Health (NYSE: EHC) is the largest owner and operator of rehabilitation



Joseph Williams, CEO of Rehabilitation Hospital of Bowie.

hospitals in the United States. With a national footprint that includes 157 hospitals in 37 states and Puerto Rico, the Company provides high-quality, compassionate rehabilitative care for patients recovering from a major injury or illness, using advanced technology and innovative treatments to maximize recovery. Encompass Health is ranked as one of Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For and Modern Healthcare's Best Places to Work in Healthcare. For more information, visit encompasshealth.com, or follow us on our newsroom, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook

### PGCEA President Welcomes New PGCPS Superintendent

Prince George's County Educators' Association Looks Forward to Working with Millard House II to Ensure Educators and Students Have World Class Schools

By PRESS OFFICER **PGCEA** 

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (June 7, 2023)—[Last week] Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks held a press conference to announce her appointment of Millard House II as the new Superintendent of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS).

House is coming to Prince George's from Houston, TX where he served as the superintendent of Houston Independent School District (ISD). His ability to achieve academic gains and recruit diverse highly qualified educators has earned him state and national recognition.

PGCEA President Dr. Donna Christy released the following statement:

"We warmly welcome Millard House II and his family into the Prince George's County Schools family. PGCEA is thrilled about County Executive Angela Alsobrooks' appointment, as it signifies the opportunity for significant and tangible improvements within PGCPS. The appointment paves the way for real change in our school district, and we look forward to working in partnership towards a brighter future."

This new administration has the potential to build upon a strong negotiated agreement with PGCEA, enhancing recruitment and retention efforts while strengthening our Grow Your Own program to build a resilient pipeline of educators.

By actively listening to the voice of educators we can alleviate the crushing workload, giving more time for lesson planning and meaningful interactions that prepare students for college and career success.

We can address the lasting impacts of COVID-19 on mental health, well-being, and educational attainment through social-emotional learning initiatives to address these challenges head-on.

Together, we can fully implement the Blueprint for Maryland's future and the Six Pillar model of Community Schools. Through collaboration with educators, parents, and the community, we will create a culture of inclusivity and collaborative leadership in our schools.

This pivotal moment for PGCPS allows us to focus on recruitment and retention, student well-being, and optimal working conditions to transform our schools into the world class education system our educators and students deserve."

Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA) is an advocacy organization that actively represents classroom educators and other instructional personnel to negotiate over wages, terms and conditions of employment. PGCEA supports quality schools through its bargaining efforts to retain and attract teachers of excellence and promote opportunities for all students to learn. For more information, visit www.pgcea.org, and follow PGCEA on Twitter and Facebook.

### PGCPS from A1

suring a smooth transition. Serving the children of Prince George's County Public Schools has been my life's work," said Dr. Goldson. "When I accepted this position, I did so with my full belief in the students who enter our classrooms each day. The success of our students and schools requires the support of everyone in our community. This success enriches our community."

In January, Dr. Goldson announced her plans to retire at the end of the 2022–2023 school year. She began her career as a Suitland High School mathematics teacher. She steadily moved up the admin-

istrative ranks, serving as principal, associate superintendent, deputy superintendent and chief operating officer prior to her appointment as CEO.

The national search for her successor began this spring, led by Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) and a threemember search committee. In an online survey of students, educators, staff, parents, Board of Education members, elected officials and community members, most results indicated a preference for a candidate with vast experience in K-12 instructional and administrative leadership; passion for student success; and ability to create and foster a safe and open learning environment.

County Executive Also-

brooks interviewed three candidates based on the search committee's recommendation and selected House.

### Leadership sketch: Millard House II

- Millard House II, formerly served as superintendent of the 210,000-student Houston Independent School District, the eighth-largest district in the nation and the largest in
- Texas.

   Previous posts: Director of Schools, Clarksville-Montgomery County School System (Tenn.); Chief Operating Officer, Charlotte-Mecklenburg (N.C.) Schools; Deputy Superintendent, Tulsa
- (Okla.) Public Schools25+ years experience in ed-

- ucation and the nonprofit sector, including Executive Consultant/Executive Director of New Leaders for New Schools
- Founded and led a college preparatory middle school in one of Tulsa's most economically underserved neighborhoods. Over four years, his school became one of the highest-performing and most sought-after schools in the community.
- Produced steady academic gains across subject areas in Clarksville-Montgomery County and established a multi-pronged teacher pipeline, as part of Tennessee's Grow Your Own initiative, that garnered state and national recognition.

### Bay from A4

shallow-water crab nurseries, and the 18 million people who share its watershed.

The reason progress toward clean water is so difficult is that to achieve it, we need to ask a question we haven't always asked: What do we need, as humans and communities who love and depend on clean water in our backyards and the totality of riches this watershed provides us?

It turns out what we need and what the Bay needs are the same more often than you might think. We both need food systems that take care of the soil, produce nutritious foods that support local communities and economies, and are resilient to a changing climate. We need cities and homes that have green spaces, use energy efficiently and pro-

duce as little waste as possible. We need marine resource management that invests in the future by growing and tending the fish populations that support so much business, recreation and wildlife. We need air that is safe to breathe and water that is safe to drink, especially in the environmental justice communities we've left behind.

Our task isn't returning the mighty Chesapeake Bay to a past state, it's creating a Bay-region ecosystem that is vibrant and functions for all of us, now and in the future. That starts with a shift in focus. We need to look beyond just measuring dissolved oxygen and place more weight on improving habitat in our streams, rivers and marshes—the cradles of life for the Bay.

The Bay will never be saved by only looking backward. It will only be saved by

concentrating on the road ahead, targeting our efforts and paying for outcomes that matter most to local communities. And when we succeed here, our success will be the model to follow for all conservation movements.

If we accept that we should seek not to save the Bay from people but for people, we will create a movement and watershed that work for everyone—for us and for nature. That is the opportunity we have together.

Hilary Harp Falk is president and CEO of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the Bay Journal. This article first appeared in the June 2023 issue of the Bay Journal and was distributed by the Bay Journal News Service.

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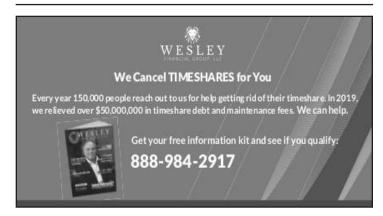
I wish I'd known about Rose Marie and Ed's deaths five years ago. This story is the only way I know, to say good-bye.

#### Milestones

Happy Birthday to Tony Proctor, June 14; Bill Kimbles, June 18; Stephanie Phipps, June 19; Christian Nichols, June 20; my grandson Conor McHale and Aletheia Fadness, June 21; Mark Witherow Sr. and Antonio Jackson, June 21; Gary Fadness, June 22; Edson Cook, June 23; and Gloria R. Johnson, June 24.

Happy Anniversary to Steve and Cornelia Blankenship, their 18th on June 18; to Calvin and Debbie Brown, their 30th on June 20; Tim and Becki Cordero, their 22nd on June 23; and especially to Mary and Mike Dawes on their Golden Anniversary! They were married June 23, 1973

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