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School System Working on Security Survey

Vestibule Changes 80 Percent Complete

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS), like every other school system in the state, is developing a state-mandated school security survey, that will, among other uses, help the state decide how to dole out additional funding. The survey is due by June 15, according to Community Resource and School Safety Specialist Larry Titus.

Titus told The County Times that the survey would use not only internal but also external reviews and then a combined team will finalize it. The survey will also be reviewed by the school board, Titus said, although not in open session in order not to reveal any potential weak-

nesses to persons up to no good.

Titus said the county has applied to the state for slightly more than \$300,000 to do additional improvements.

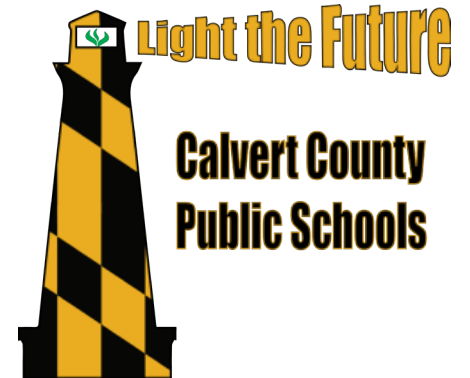
The major thrust of work in the schools this year has been improvement to the entry vestibules, in order to funnel visitors through the school's main administrative office. Titus said that work is about 80 percent complete. Unfinished are two of the schools that provide the biggest construction challenges – Patuxent and Huntingtown high schools. He said that work would be done this coming summer.

One piece of security work was done by CCPS after the Sandy Hook incident in 2013. Titus said the school system installed security window film on certain

windows. Titus would not say how extensive that improvement was, also out of fear of warning potential wrong doers.

St. Mary's County Public Schools last week approved a rollout of the safety film in all of the schools and many of the windows. The total cost has not been estimated, but one of the schools alone, Leonardtown Elementary, has a price tag of almost \$30,000, their school board was told.

That county's school board was told the film, which is also known as ballistic resistant laminate, does not make windows and doors bullet proof. But it does slow down the bullets and requires more than one shot to shatter them. "It buys us time, significant time," Director of Safety and



Security F. Michael Wyant told the St. Mary's board.

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New Golf Course Clubhouse Back on the Table

Commissioner Decision Expected Feb. 12



By Dick Myers
Editor

Chesapeake Hills Golf Course had a tough 2018. Early last year a winter storm exacerbated the deteriorating condition of the clubhouse, forcing it to be closed. A temporary clubhouse in a double-wide trailer was set up, but golf course revenue plummeted 35.5 percent.

Golf Course Manager Michael Mayer said of the revenue freefall from \$853,606 in 2017 to \$542,614 in 2018: "That's because of the downsizing of the clubhouse and not being able to host significant tournaments."

The temporary clubhouse does not have a bar and restaurant. All they can do is serve cold beer and microwaved sandwiches.



Existing double-wide trailer used for the clubhouse

The commissioners, because of the large number of capital projects, pulled a new clubhouse from the capital plan for this year. Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal is pressing for the project to be put back in next year's capital

budget.

The plan presented by Nazzal and Mayer to the Calvert Country Board of County Commissioners at their Feb. 5 meeting asks for the county to put \$445,000 in next year's Capital Improvement Plan for architectural renderings and design, including the demolition of the existing building. And then in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget they are recommending placement of an estimated \$4.2 million for construction and equipment of a new building that will actually be half the size of the previous building, although much of that has been unusable for quite some time.

The new building would have:

- Community Room/Banquet Space
- Catering Kitchen
- Small Conference/Meeting Room
- Pro Shop
- Bar & Grill
- Sizeable outdoor veranda and patio seating
- Offices for on-site staff
- ADA accessible restrooms and locker rooms

Nazzal said the golf course, which had floundered financially for the years during and after the recession was close to breaking even in 2017 when the difficulties hit last year. Mayer said it can be brought back to even with the new clubhouse and its additional usage for

banquets, weddings, family reunions and graduation parties.

The BOCC has a session on the Capital Improvement Plan scheduled for Feb.

12. They are being asked to put the new clubhouse in the plan at that time.

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Tax Credit Proposed for Injured First Responders

Commissioners Change Staff Recommendations



By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing soon on a proposal to provide a property tax credit to disabled first responders, including policemen, and fire and rescue personnel.

The proposal as presented to the BOCC by staff at their Feb. 5 meeting was significantly revised during the discussion among the board members. For instance, the plan as presented by Director of Finance and Budget Tim Hayden only included policemen; the commissioners added fire and rescue personnel during the discussion.

One of the parameters of the staff proposal also would allow the surviving spouse of the disabled person to receive the tax credit until they remarried. Commissioner Mike Hart felt that provision was too onerous and will be removed in the final draft.

The proposal only allows the tax credit, which is limited by state law to \$2,500 annually, to a person

who is 100 percent disabled. Commissioner Vice President Kelly McConkey felt that went too far. He said that would prevent them from "taking a job in an ice cream store."

The proposal as it now stands would require the person to be "permanently and totally disabled" and would require an annual certification of that. Hart felt the annual requirement might impose a burden of going out of the area to get the certification.

Another staff proposal would have required the disabling injury to have occurred in Calvert County. Both Hart and Commissioner President Tim Hutchins, a retired state trooper and former state police commandant, noted that a Calvert policeman could be injured in pursuit of someone into another county. That provision will also be modified to include that circumstance.

Hutchins asked staff to come up with a revised draft reflecting the changes so the commissioners could review it before a public hearing is set.

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Judge Clagett: 'Mission Almost Accomplished'

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County Circuit Court Administrative Judge Marjorie Clagett pre-

sented her annual State of the Circuit Court message Feb. 5 to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). When the judge, who is nearing retirement, said, "Mission Almost Accomplished,"



she was referring to the transformation of the courthouse, including some major renovations. But the final missing piece is the move of the BOCC out of the building.

At a recent discussion of options for a new county office building, Clagett applauded Commissioner President Tim Hutchins' vow that a decision would be made soon. That decision is expected on the commissioner's agenda in the near future. Hutchins promised Clagett at the Feb 5 meeting: "We will get it done."

Clagett reported on a virtually level case load in 2018 over the previous year. She recited the numbers of cases: 119 criminal actions, 275 civil cases, 313 family law cases, and 458 probate filings. Hutchins said the numbers alone proved the need for additional space in the courthouse for court matters.

Clagett said the Calvert County Courthouse may well be the last in the state to also house county government. Despite the space issues, she said, "We are doing well."

The judge noted that separate courts have been set up for mental health issues

and for truancy. For the latter, she said the goal was "to ensure children stay in school." That is a cooperative effort with the school system and the parents of the children, she said.

The judge is especially proud of the success of the Adult Drug Court, now in its 4th year and with 72 participants. On Feb. 21 the court will hold its seventh graduation with 10 graduates. The goal of the court is that they be 100 percent successful in graduates being "totally drug- and alcohol-free and with a job."

Judge Clagett praised the previous BOCC for allowing the hiring of a third counselor. That will allow the program to reach its goal of 100 participants.

She said the participants get a good dose of reality working with the prisoners who are part of the successful Farming 4 Hunger program.

"2018 was a year of great strides and accomplishments," Judge Clagett concluded.

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Democratic Leaders Announce Legislative Priorities

Agenda focuses on building a stronger middle class

Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller and House Speaker Michael E. Busch, joined by leaders from the Senate and House Democratic Caucuses, have announced priorities for the 2019 legislative session, focused on strengthening Maryland families across Maryland. The legislation, detailed below, focuses on policy changes for prescription drugs, health care, fairer wages, public safety, the environment, and more.

“Maryland Democrats are taking commonsense steps to protecting our middle class,” said Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. “We will make prescription drug costs more affordable for more Marylanders, while protecting their health care access, and ensuring that everybody can afford to live in our state with a great education system and a cleaner environment.”

“Leaders in the House and Senate are focused this year on building Maryland’s middle class so that every family has the opportunity to prosper,” said Speaker Busch. “Access to affordable healthcare, a good job and a quality school should not just be a slogan - they should be reality for every Marylander. This legislative package will move us closer to achieving that goal.”

The agenda includes the following initiatives:

- Curbing the cost of prescription drugs for our Seniors - Prescription drug spending is expected to accelerate to an average of 7.0% for 2019 as fewer brand-name drugs will be losing patent protection. Per capita prescription drug spending in the United States is more than twice that of 19 advanced industrialized nations. We will pass legislation to establish a commission to increase transparency for the cost and choices of prescription drugs, as well as legislation to cap the out of pocket drug costs to State retirees.
- Protecting health insurance, including key ACA reforms such as protecting the ban on pre-existing conditions – The Attorney General has advised that, if the Affordable Care Act

is overturned by the Supreme Court in Texas v. United States, hundreds of thousands of Marylanders would be at-risk to lose insurance or have their rates significantly increased because of a pre-existing condition (including pregnancy and cancer). This bill will create a statutory right for individuals to health insurance without being discriminated against because of health status.

- Protecting our family’s health by limiting tobacco use to those over the age of 21 years of age - Endorsed by the Legislative Black Caucus, this legislation will raise the age required to purchase tobacco and e-cigarettes from 18 to 21 years old. E-cigarette vaping among teens has risen 78% year over year – the Food and Drug Administration has called the rise an epidemic. Six states and Washington D.C. have passed similar measures, and Virginia’s legislature is considering it as well.
- Boosting working families’ incomes by increasing Maryland’s minimum wage to \$15 – The General Assembly will pass a \$15 per hour minimum wage – following the lead of jurisdictions like New York, New Jersey and Washington D.C. Our \$10.10 hourly minimum wage has now been exceeded by 11 other states – when big businesses like Amazon (\$15), Costco (\$14), Target (\$12), and Walmart (\$11) are already paying their workers more. This change will benefit 600,000 Marylanders.
- Banning 3D & Ghost Guns - For Maryland to continue being a leader in reducing gun violence, our laws need to evolve with new technology. That is why Democrats in the General Assembly will move to ban the possession of 3D printed gun blueprints and untraceable “ghost” guns. Both types of unregulated firearms pose extreme threats to public safety, as they don’t have serial numbers, and, if made out of plastic, are able to pass through metal detectors un-

noticed. By banning these weapons, we are closing a loophole where a prohibited individual can access a gun and potentially use it to commit a crime.

- Reducing child care costs for parents by increasing the child care tax credit: The cost of child care in Maryland continues to skyrocket – nearly \$14,000 per year on average and is the 5th highest in the country. Maryland’s existing child care tax credit has remained unchanged for almost 20 years – a family making more than \$50,000 no longer qualifies for it. Our proposal increases funding by more than \$20 million per year, modernizes the credit, and benefits approximately 110,000 Marylanders who are currently struggling to pay for adequate child care.
- Cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay, by banning Styrofoam and other pollutants- Maryland will become the first ‘foam free’ state by banning polystyrene, a synthetic polymer often used in Styrofoam packaging. Making Maryland ‘foam free’ will continue our commitment to a cleaner environment and reduce the amount of non-biodegradable waste in our land-



Sen. President Mike Miller

fills, city streets, and the Chesapeake Bay. Businesses would be required to use alternate materials such as compostable or recyclable containers which will reduce waste and result in cleaner communities across the state.

Press Release from Office of Senate President Mike Miller



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Full Council Meeting Held in Annapolis



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"I was pleased to join the Tri-County Council to discuss the severe impact the government shutdown has on federal employees in Southern Maryland. I am relieved that the president is finally willing to reopen the government and allow federal employees to get back to work and receive the paychecks they are due," said U.S. Congressman Steny Hoyer. "I will continue to work with the Council to improve the lives of families in

Southern Maryland."

Attendees heard from TCCSMD Executive Board Chairman and St. Mary's County Commissioner Todd Morgan, and the keynote address was given by Wendi Peters, special secretary of Smart Growth.

The Full Council is comprised of Southern Maryland elected officials, state representatives, a Southern Maryland Municipal Association councilmember, economic development directors, planning chairmen and members-at-large from Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties.

In the keynote address, Peters presented an update on where the state is with the new state development plan, A Better Maryland.

"We are moving forward formulating strategies to address the input we have received and will present a dynamic, evolving plan that will provide a framework to support a thriving economy and environmental stewardship throughout the entire state," said Peters.

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) was formed in 1964, as a cooperative planning and development agency to foster the social and economic development of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties. The purpose of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland is to serve as a forum for the resolution of region-wide issues and the attainment of regional goals.

Press Release from TCCSMD

The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) held its annual Full Council meeting Jan. 24, 2019, at Hotel Annapolis in Annapolis.

The meeting was an opportunity for new members of the Full Council to learn about TCCSMD's mission and programs, as well as meet the leadership team. More than 60 people attended the meeting and there has been a Full Council meeting for more than 50 years.

New members in attendance were Maryland Sen. Jack Bailey; Maryland Sen. Arthur Ellis; Maryland

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Calvert Man Indicted On Multiple Gun Charges

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Grand Jury in Calvert County has returned a 31-count indictment against a Lusby man for illegally possessing firearms, ammunition and trespassing on private property.

The indictment stems from a case in November when Trevon Charles Brooks, 26, was allegedly caught hunting deer without permission on private property.

Ofc. David Helterbran confronted Brooks after he received reports of illegal hunting in the area of Morsell Road; he found Brooks next to a deer that he had been field dressing, an application for a statement of charges read.

Two hunters who had permission to hunt on the property and had also confronted Brooks told authorities they had heard several shots being fired and that they came upon Brooks dressing the deer.

When Helterbran questioned Brooks

about the deer and the gun in his possession, he admitted he had shot the deer and that the gun was his, court documents stated.

A background search on Brooks showed he was disqualified from possessing either firearms or ammunition due to conviction in juvenile court in 2008 and a conviction for possessing narcotics with the intent to distribute them in 2013 in Calvert County; part of that 2013 conviction also involved possession of a firearm in drug trafficking.

Brooks also had an active protective order against him from January, court records show.



Trevon Charles Brooks

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Maryland State Police Report



Possession of Alprazolam & Buprenorphine: On 2/2/19 at 6:31 am, Trooper First Class Matthews stopped a vehicle for traffic violations on Rt. 4 south of Dares Beach Rd. in Prince Frederick. A K-9 unit arrived to assist and did a external scan and this resulted in a positive alert. A probable cause search revealed both Alprazolam and Buprenorphine pills. Angelina M. Decola, 40 of La Plata was arrested and incarcerated at the Calvert County Detention Center.

Possession of Crack Cocaine: On 2/2/19 at 2:19 pm, Trooper First Class Lewis stopped a vehicle for traffic violations on Plum Point Rd. near Cecil Lane in Huntingtown. Beause of several criminal indicators a K-9 scan was requested and resulted in a positive alert. A probable cause search was conducted and crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia were found. Tiffaniy A. Herring, 33 from Hillcrest Heights was arrested and incarcerated at the Calvert County Detention Center.

Press Release from MSP Barrack U – Prince Frederick

Calvert County Sheriff's Office Crime Blotter

During the week of January 21 – January 27 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,360 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 19-5166

On January 25, 2019 Deputy Rediker responded to North Harbor Drive, St. Leonard for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) hit the side of his residence with a rock, causing damage to the siding. The value of damaged property is approximately \$500.

Damaged Property: 19-5512

On January 27, 2019 Deputy Burggraff responded to the parking lot of Office Depot in Prince Frederick for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised her 2006 Mercedes had two long surface scratches on the car's hood.

Theft: 19-4435

On January 22, 2019 Deputy Rzepkowski responded to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) stole his registration plate from his 1971 Chevrolet that was in a shop on Lower Marlboro Road, Owings.

Theft: 19-4487

On January 22, 2019 Deputy Ostazski responded to Running Fox Road, Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 8:00 PM on January 21st and 7:00 AM on January 22nd an unknown suspect(s) stole a Rubbermaid tote from the bed of

her truck which contained spare clothes, personal hygiene items and a spare key to the vehicle. The value of stolen property is approximately \$400.

ARRESTS:

On January 23, 2019 Deputy Ridgely conducted a traffic stop on Route 4 at W Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick. A search of the vehicle revealed two concealed wooden bats and a Suboxone strip. A search of the driver, **Linda Jean Sior (51)**, revealed 19 Carisoprodol (Soma) pills in her pocket. Sior was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Concealing a Dangerous Weapon and



CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.

On January 24, 2019 Deputy Ridgely responded to World Gym in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised while he was taking a shower **Dru Maguire (19)** stole his black Apple iPhone 8 from his gym bag.



Deputy Ridgely made contact with Maguire at Safeway and searched his belongings where he recovered the stolen iPhone and found a small amount of marijuana in his wallet. Maguire was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office

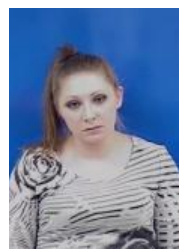
where he was served a Criminal Summons. From there he was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Theft: \$100 to Under \$1,500 and banned from the gym.

On January 26, 2019 Deputy J. Ward conducted a traffic stop on Route 4 at Skinners Turn Road, Owings. While making contact with the driver, **Tyron Anthony Dukes (44)**, Deputy Ward detected a strong odor



of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. Dukes admitted to having marijuana in the vehicle and advised he did not possess a valid driver's license. The Calvert County Control Center advised Deputy Ward that Dukes was not licensed in any state and had a warrant through Virginia. Dukes was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession of Marijuana > 10 grams.

On January 27, 2019 Deputy Crum conducted a traffic stop at West Ward



Road and Southern Maryland Blvd, Dunkirk. The driver, **Jennifer Sue Perricone (30)**, was removed from the vehicle and a K9 scan was conducted which resulted in a positive

alert. A search of the vehicle revealed 114 clear and purple capsules containing suspected heroin, 5 Adderall tablets, 11 Suboxone tablets, 17 full Xanax bars as well as 5 additional pieces from bars, and 45 Alprazolam tablets. Perricone was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics, CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

On January 27, 2019 Deputy Lewis responded to Walmart in Prince Frederick for the report of a person with a weapon. The subject, **Ronald Lee Russey-Thyes (19)**, was located walking in the parking lot with an open bottle of Budweiser and a large knife strapped to his right leg. Russey-Thyes was immediately restrained. A search



of his person revealed a Tylenol bottle containing a white powdery substance, which he admitted to being Alprazolam, a large machete, and a BB gun. Russey-Thyes was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, Concealing a Dangerous Weapon, Consuming an Alcoholic Beverage in Public and Intoxicated Public Disturbance.

It Takes a Community to Paint Two Murals



Beach Elementary School student, Luke Gladfelter helps paint one of the murals.

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Beach Elementary School students practiced all through January. The art students of teacher Tracy Bensing were ready to put brush to canvas the weekend of Feb. 2-3.

This was the second time that the students joined with members of the community to create a mural. With the success last year, this year's project doubled in size, with two murals propped against the walls at the Northeast Community Center in Chesapeake Beach.

According to one of the organizers, John Bacon of the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS), almost 100 people showed up Saturday and by midday Sunday another 50 had participated.

With CBOCS as one of the founders of the community event, it could be expected that "Bay Sea Life" would be the murals' subject. Bensing said each student was given a different aspect of sea life to paint and they practiced doing it at school before the main event at the community center.

Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat Mahoney was on hand to welcome participants on Sunday. The town will play a



CBOCS President John Bacon, Beach Elementary art teacher Tracy Bensing, and Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat Mahoney pose in front of one of the murals at Northeast Community Center.

big role as they did last year, because the town hall will be the first stop on the murals' travels, a place for all town residents to admire the fruits of the painters' labors.

Bacon said additional showings of the murals will take place at the town's Stars and Stripes Festival in May and the Taste of the Beaches in September. He fully anticipates there will be three murals next year.

The idea was fostered by Bacon and Bensing and they are a mutual admiration society. At the first mural's unveiling last year, Bacon said, "Tracy is the leader. She is a dynamo." Bensing added, "John Bacon is a legend in the classroom. It (the project) really inspired and empowered them."

In addition to the mural paintings, the weekend event included a silent auction of student art, and a display of 5th grade oyster projects. The schools fifth graders annually visit CBOCS' cultivation project on Fishing Creek.

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Members Helping Members is an easy and convenient way to give aid to those who need help. Members of the cooperative who enroll in the program are simply billed an additional \$1, \$5, or \$10 each month on their SMECO electric bill and those contributions may be tax deductible. This program is voluntary, and members can choose to cancel their participation at any time.

Each month, the accumulated donations are sent to the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, which will administer the funds to those members who seek aid and meet the qualifications. Only SMECO members who meet the eligibility require-

ments will receive assistance to pay their electric utility bill.

SMECO members who are interested in enrolling in the program can call 1-888-440-3311, visit the website at www.smeco.coop/mhm, or sign up in person at one of the customer service counters at a SMECO location. Anyone who would like to make a larger donation to Members Helping Members may send a check to Members Helping Members at P.O. Box 1937, Hughesville, MD 20637.

SMECO members who sign up by February 15, 2019, will receive a thank-you gift based on their level of giving.

"Despite relatively good economic conditions, we continue to see many hardship situations that demonstrate the critical importance of this fund," said Austin J. Slater, Jr., SMECO president and CEO. "SMECO remains dedicated to offering programs that help strengthen and sustain our community. Giving \$1, \$5, or \$10 a month to help a neighbor



who is struggling is one thing many of us can do."

SMECO members who need assistance with paying their electric bill can contact the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee for information on eligibility requirements and an application for assistance.

Other programs are also available to help eligible members with their elec-

tric bills. These programs include the Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) and the Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP). To determine eligibility, customer-members requesting assistance should contact their local Office of Home Energy Programs.

Press Release from SMECO

Calvert Library Makes Donation to Schools



On Wednesday, January 30, Martha Grahame, President of Friends of Calvert Library presented CCPS school librarians with copies of the book *Inspiring African American Men of Calvert County* for each school library. This book is sponsored by Friends of Calvert Library; compiled by Darlene Harrod; edited by Shirley Knight. It shares the stories of 39 African American men whose skills and leadership have benefited Calvert County and beyond. Check the book out at any Calvert Library location or read it online.

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The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is located at 5055 Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick. We are open for adoptions Tuesday through Saturday. For more information about this week's Pet of the Week or any of our other adoptable pets please check out our website www.calvertcountyanimalshelter.com or give us a call at 410-535-PETS (7387). Please follow us on our Facebook Page @ Calvert County Animal Shelter and Instagram @CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.

Conference for Nonprofits to Focus on Innovation

Consider 'New Ways of Solving Old Problems'



Keynote speaker will be CSM Entrepreneur and Innovation Institute Director Thomas Luginbill.

Innovation will be the focus of the College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) Ninth Annual Nonprofit Institute (NPI) Conference Feb. 21 at CSM's La Plata Campus. Representatives from the region's nonprofit organizations are invited to attend this event that is designed

to spark ideas of how these organizations can derive greater values from their resources.

"This year's NPI Conference will introduce attendees to ideas, methods and resources that will help to stimulate their thinking and lead them to discover new ideas or new ways of solving old problems," said Charles County NPI Coordinator Cara Fogarty.

Morning breakout sessions will focus on leadership, strategic planning, management, fundraising and marketing. The conference will feature local and statewide exhibitors who offer programs, grants and resources for nonprofit organizations. Time will be set aside after lunch for attendees to meet with exhibitors. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Professional Services Hub, a joint program of NPI and Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) offering basic legal, accounting/financial and insurance-related counsel from LSM alumni.

Keynote speaker will be CSM Entrepreneur and Innovation Institute Director Thomas Luginbill.

"There are so many great nonprofits in Southern Maryland, and they are all doing wonderful things for our commu-

nity," Luginbill said. "My goal for this conference is to motivate innovative action ... It's hard for all of us to do a critical self-assessment on how we can make improvements in our personal and professional lives. New strategies, innovative projects and reprioritization in an organization's programming can be seen as unnecessary; however, breaking out and thinking innovatively is necessary to push an organization forward into the future."

In addition to focusing on new approaches and innovation, this year's conference is also designed to be an opportunity for area nonprofit representatives — nonprofit board members, chief executives, staff, sponsors, volunteers, community and business leaders, young professionals and consultants — to step back for a day and rethink their organization's direction while networking with others who are dealing with similar challenges.

"Throughout my career, I found it very valuable to attend conferences. I found that taking a break and listening to others helped to stimulate my thinking," said St. Mary's County Coordinator of CSM's Nonprofit Institute Harriet Yaffe. "At the close of many conferences, I left

with a renewed sense of optimism and creativity."

Exhibitors and organizations participating in the conference include Leadership Southern Maryland/Nonprofit Institute Professional Services Hub, Volunteer Maryland, Maryland Governor's Grants Office, Rural Maryland Council, Community Foundation of Southern Maryland, Foundation Center/Foundation Directory, the Small Business Development Center, WorkForce Center at CSM, Senior Community Service Employment Program, Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium, the Charles County Charitable Trust, the Maryland Insurance Administration and Community Mediation Centers of Southern Maryland.

The Ninth Annual Nonprofit Institute Conference will run from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at CSM's La Plata Campus, Center for Business and Industry, at 8730 Mitchell Road. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. For information and registration, visit www.csmd.edu/community/institutes/nonprofit-institute/conference-information/registration.

Press Release from CSM

Producer Listings Sought for Meats and Seafood Guide



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The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) is now inviting applications from regional meat, poultry and seafood/aquaculture producers to be promoted in the new Southern Maryland Meats and Seafood

Guide.

First published in 2012, the Southern Maryland Meats and Seafood Guide was developed in response to the dramatic rise in public awareness and preference for local meats; a demand that continues

locally raised meats. Through our existing Southern Maryland Meats program, this new guide and other SMADC initiatives including establishing a regional processing center and a regional brand identity, we hope to enhance production and marketing opportunities for all of Southern Maryland's meat and seafood producers."

Concurrently, SMADC is also developing a new Oyster Aquaculture Guide, a website and companion brochure that is dedicated to the promotion of the region's oyster industry. Details will be announced in the next few weeks.

Southern Maryland farms and producers of meats (beef, pork, lamb, goat, poultry) and seafood (oyster aquaculture and wild harvest, crabs, finfish) are eligible to be included in the Southern Maryland Meats and Seafood Guide. There is no charge to be listed. Applications are due by February 28, 2019. For details and to apply, visit 'News and Announcements' at SMADC.com, or contact info@smadc.com to request a printed application form.

The Southern Maryland Meats and Seafood Guide is made possible in part by a Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund Grant (RMPIF) awarded to SMADC, a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

Press Release from SMADC

to grow today. Consumers want to know how their food is produced, where to find it locally, and be assured of clearly defined raising standards. The guide is one of SMADC's most popular online and printed resources; over 15,000 copies have been distributed region-wide.

The new guide will feature a fresh, updated look and user-friendly format with separate sections dedicated to each industry - meat and seafood. "We're excited to be updating this important consumer resource," commented Craig Sewell, SMADC's Marketing and Livestock specialist. "SMADC is dedicated to helping producers grow their businesses and promoting the availability of

Hance Joins Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care



Megan Hance, a Calvert County native, chose oncology because of the lasting impact she can make on a patient and their family.

Megan Hance, RN has joined the team at the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care at CalvertHealth as a breast health nurse navigator. She brings broad experience and expertise to the program including six years

as an oncology nurse with CalvertHealth Hematology & Oncology. She will join nurse navigator Diana Lewis, RN, BSN, OCN, who has been working with breast and thoracic patients since 2017.

“Working with the providers in the CalvertHealth Hematology & Oncology office has given me insight as to how treatment plans are developed and importance of involving patients in their care plans,” she said. “I feel this will be especially beneficial in my new role as breast care navigator.”

Born and raised in Calvert County, Hance said it is important to her to be able to serve her community. “I chose oncology because you can make a lasting impact on a patient and their family.”

Her office is located in the American Radiology Services/Calvert Medical Imaging Center, next to the dedicated women’s suite. When there is an abnormal finding, Hance is readily available to provide reassurance and support. She can help lessen the anxiety by explaining results, answering questions and coordinating next steps.

Hance graduated from the College of Southern Maryland with an associate degree in nursing in 2010 and worked on a post-operative orthopedic unit for two years before coming to CalvertHealth. She is certified as a biotherapy/ chemotherapy nurse. Her philosophy of care is all about patient empowerment. “I want our patients to feel at ease and comfortable speaking with me,” she said. “It’s important for them to know I am here for them. I want them to feel informed about their care decisions and to know they are part of the team.”

Press Release from CalvertHealth

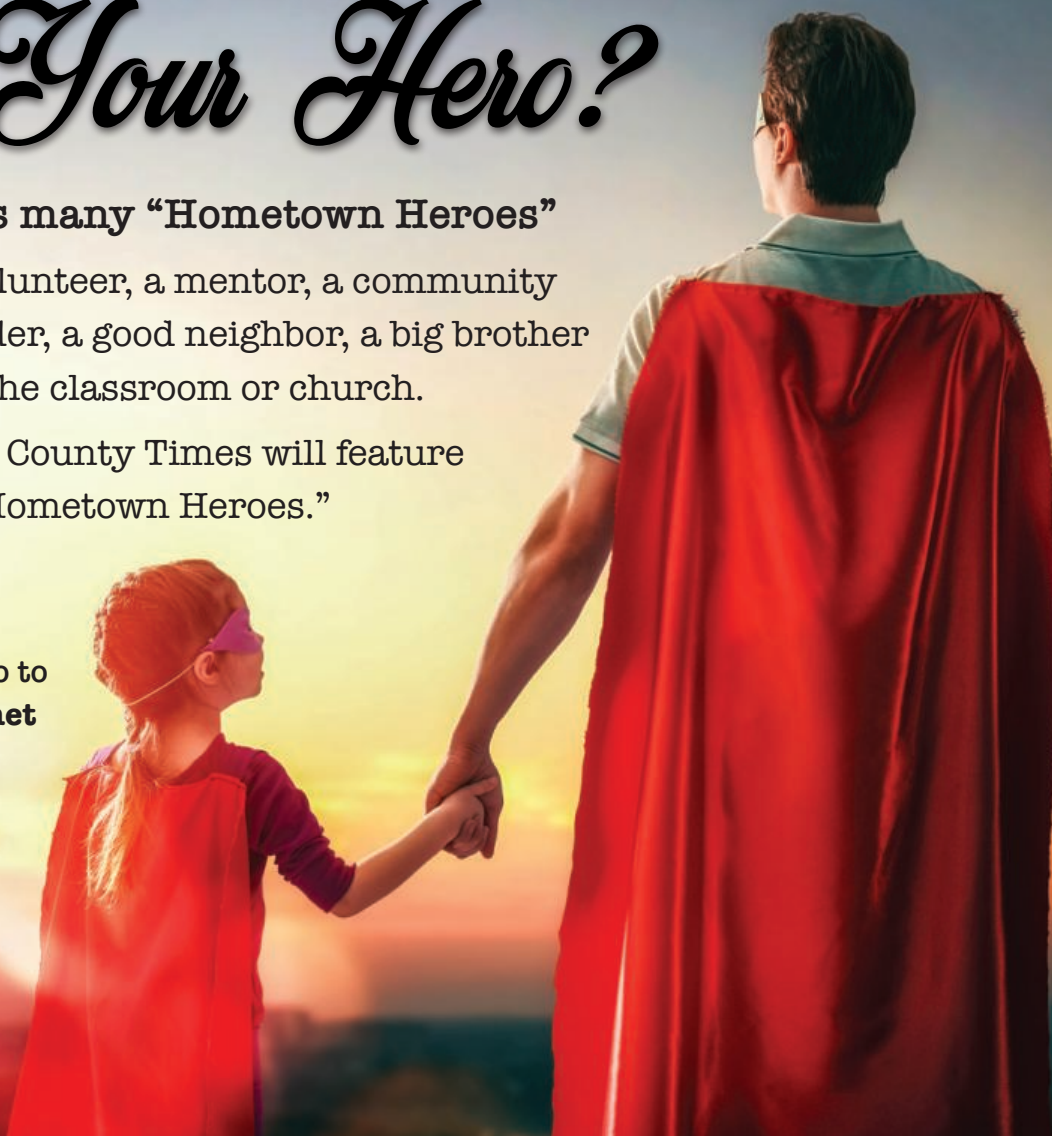
Who's Your Hero?

Calvert County has many “Hometown Heroes”

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Calvert Workforce Cent



Capt. Jason Hammond, NAS Patuxent River commanding officer, welcomes guests to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society 2018 Fund Drive kickoff in the VX-1 Hanagar at Pax River Feb. 28, 2018. (U.S. Navy photo)

From left, Horace Henry, Maryland Department of Natural Resources forester; Capt. Jason Hammond, NAS Patuxent River executive officer; S. Andrew Sochanski, remedial projects manager for the Environmental Protection Agency; Rick Grills, Maryland Department of the Environment Federal Facilities Division geologist project manager; and Capt. Scott Starkey, NAS Patuxent River commanding officer, plant a hackberry tree at NAS Patuxent River in honor of Arbor Day 2017. (U.S. Navy photo)

Capt. Jason Hammond, NAS Patuxent River in the foreground, and other officials participate in the planting of a tree at NAS Patuxent River in honor of Arbor Day 2017. (U.S. Navy photo)

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Of the thousands of workers who come on board Patuxent River Naval Air Station every day, the ones from Calvert County make up such a significant number that they are critical to keep the many military research and development projects going.

lead to reduced traffic coming on board, Hammond said, once people realized its effectiveness; they might become more comfortable with van and car pools.

"We're getting a base shuttle in place," Hammond said. "When we do that we start the process of encouraging van pooling.

"I'd call this step one; we've only

"The Calvert workforce is extremely important to our mission"

"The Calvert workforce is extremely important to our mission," Pax River NAS Commanding Officer Capt. Jason Hammond said. "If you cut off Calvert County it would impact the mission."

Improving the flow of employees from Calvert and St. Mary's counties on and off base has been a central point of his two-year tenure as base commander.

Route 235 leading to the base, as well as Great Mills Road, rapidly turn into early morning traffic jams that frustrate commuters, slow down efforts on base and rankle many others outside the base's fence line.

That is why Hammond has worked to restore a shuttle service on base; the funding is in place, he said, it just needs to be implemented.

The shuttle service would allow employees on base to get around to different locations there, meaning they could leave their cars parked in one place at the installation.

Having the shuttle service could

moved the needle a little bit."

Hammond is keenly aware of the part transportation plays in fulfilling the mission at the Naval air station; ensuring workers can do their jobs.

Hammond has made it a top priority to work with elected leaders on transportation options.

"Traffic flow is extremely important, there's no way to manage it without the cooperation of the county," Hammond said. "Any efforts to improve the flow of traffic would be welcomed."

The Solomons annex in Calvert County is also another important part of the base, though it is widely known as a recreation center for active and retired military and their families.

"That's part of my property," Hammond said as commander. "I own that."

Part of the Solomons Annex acts as a fleet readiness center (FRC), essentially fixing and maintaining parts that aircraft squadrons need.

"There's a lot of work done there for support equipment on ships," Hammond said of Solomons annex. "It has a dual purpose."

Both facilities could use some work to upgrade them, he said, and the Navy is working on getting funding to make that happen.

The recreation center is funded through fees paid by vacationers; the FRC is funded through tax payer money in defense budgets.

Hammond has been vocal about his praise for the local community's support of the Navy's mission at the Naval air station, which is to develop tomorrow's naval aviation technologies to keep us competitive militarily with other nations around the world.

Of all the places he has served in his military career, Hammond said he has never seen the level of cooperation as he has here in St. Mary's County.

"It's the best I've ever seen," Hammond said. "It's full of people who understand our nation... St. Mary's County is a group of extremely patriotic people."

The one event that is prominent in Hammond's estimation of the patriotism of residents is their response to the crash of a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter at Breton Bay Golf Course outside of Leonardtown.

People rushed from their homes, risking their own lives, to pull injured crew members from the aircraft that had just fallen to the earth.

In the aftermath of the crash the roads in the community were lined with American flags and the crewman who died in the crash was memorialized by the community.

It's not just a group of citizens who support the military, Hammond said, it was a concerted effort by local

elected leaders to support the mission at Pax River NAS.

"The county has adopted our AICUZ requirements," Hammond said of the air installation compatible use zone, which restricts development and redevelopment around the base to ensure against civilian harm in the event of an aircraft crash or mishap. "That's not true everywhere in the Navy.

"That whole structure is extremely strong in St. Mary's County."

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County last year cemented an arrangement with the base, known as an intergovernment service agreement (IGSA) that allows the base to use the county government's contracting process to get actions such as road maintenance done on base.

"That's a huge piece of synergy," Hammond said of the Navy's relations with local government. "They're faster and more efficient; it's new ground and it's showing promise.

"That is an absolute partnership and we need to expand that."

Hammond says his days are kept full managing all of the operations on the base; a significant portion of that is making sure the airfield is properly maintained.

One of his key accomplishments, he said, was the creation of a 15-year plan to ensure the airfield is not only maintained but keeps pace with the continuing demands of naval aviation.

All of this goes into ensuring events run smoothly on base, Hammond said, which is unique among military installations.

He has also been vocal about just how special the work at Pax River NAS is.

"This base is building what enables the tip of spear," Hammond said. "The

Integral to Pax NAS Mission



Capt. Jason Hammond, NAS Patuxent River commanding officer, leads a cadre of Sailors from NAS Patuxent River in the Leonardtown Veterans Day Parade Nov. 11, 2017. Sailors from NAS Patuxent River joined service organizations for the Leonardtown Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown, Maryland. After the parade, Hammond offered his remarks on the positive impact of veterans in communities in Southern Maryland and across the country. (U.S. Navy photo)



Capt. Jason Hammond, NAS Patuxent River commanding officer, thanks Mary Spotswood Stefko for her service in WWII during an official visit May 3, 2018. Stefko, a former Seaman 1st Class in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), was one of the original Sailors stationed at NAS Patuxent River having served from 1944-1945, and one of the first women to serve in uniform on the base. (U.S. Navy photo)

value of this base is tremendous. "We [Pax River NAS] are integral to our nation's future."

Hammond took command of the base in September of 2017 and will

leave his post in April, he said. This will be his last duty station in the Navy as he will be retiring.

Like many other captains who have taken command at the base, he said he

is seriously considering staying here. "I do love this area," Hammond said, who can view it from the skies as he still gets in his flight time. "I absolutely love my job.

"It's the absolute pinnacle of my career."

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SMECO Sponsors 25th Annual Math Competition

More Than 200 Middle School Students Compete



First place team: Northern Middle School, Calvert County

From left, coach Carole Butler, and team members Hogan Joo, Steven Vilcheck, Kyle Page, and Barbara Kaczmarek. Kyle Page also placed first in the sprint/target round and Hogan Joo placed second in the countdown round.

The 25th annual regional MATHCOUNTS competition challenged more than 200 students from 21 schools throughout Southern Maryland to test their math skills at Calvert Middle School in Prince Frederick on Saturday, February 2, 2019.

A competitive technological world requires a proficiency in mathematics as a foundation for success in science, technology, and engineering. MATHCOUNTS aims to boost student interest in mathematics by making the subject challenging and entertaining. Each year, more than 500 regional competitions are held in middle schools across the country, with winners advancing to state competitions and then to the national competition.

According to its website, MATHCOUNTS alumni are more likely to continue with science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), with 3 out of every 4 alumni studying a STEM field in college—nearly three times the national average. And MATHCOUNTS builds the critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary for success: 95% of teachers believe that MATHCOUNTS problems are effective at improving their students' problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

The local MATHCOUNTS competition features rounds of mathematics problems to challenge students one-on-one and as teams over the course of the three-hour event. First is the sprint round, a 30-question test that students complete individually. The competitors go next to the target round, where they have four sets of math problems and six minutes to complete each set of two questions.

In the individual competition, which is based on combined scores in the sprint and target rounds, Kyle Page from Northern Middle School in Calvert County placed first and Seth Hilton from Plum Point Middle School in Calvert County placed second.

The top 12 scorers finish the competition by facing each other in the countdown round, a single-elimination tournament in which students must respond verbally to questions in a matter of seconds. Avery Thompson from Leonardtown Middle School in St. Mary's County finished first in the countdown round and Hogan Joo



Second place team: Plum Point Middle School, Calvert County

From left, team members Andrew Lamb, Tristen Millsaps, coach Jonathan Moreland, and team members Seth Hilton, and Aidan Moreland. Seth Hilton also placed second in the sprint/target round.

from Northern Middle School in Calvert County placed second.

In the team round, foursomes of students answer 10 questions in 20 minutes. In the team competition, Northern Middle School in Calvert County won first place; team members included Hogan Joo, Barbara Kaczmarek, Kyle Page, and Steven Vilcheck, coached by Carole Butler. Plum Point Middle School in Calvert County placed second; team members included Seth Hilton, Andrew Lamb, Tristen Millsaps, and Aidan Moreland, coached by Jonathan Moreland. Leonardtown Middle School in St. Mary's County won third place; team members included Ben Dodge, Chloe Hair, Mika Jones, and Avery Thompson, coached by Kathryn Smith. The team from Spring Ridge Middle School in St. Mary's County took fourth place and Windy Hill

Middle School in Calvert County took fifth place.

Sponsors for the local MATHCOUNTS competition are SMECO and the Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's county public schools, with the support of the National Society of Professional Engineers. Volunteers from SMECO helped score the tests. Winners of the Southern Maryland chapter competition will go on to compete in the statewide contest at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. The top four individual competitors from each state competition receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the national competition in Orlando, FL, in May.

Press Release from SMECO

Additional winners photos on page 15



Third place team: Leonardtown Middle School, St. Mary's County
From left, team members Mika Jones, Ben Dodge, Chloe Hair, and Avery Thompson, and coach Kathryn Smith. Avery Thompson also placed second in the countdown round.



Fourth place team: Spring Ridge Middle School, St. Mary's County
From left, coach Gary Robinson, and team members Ria Sharma, Marc Hauenstein, and Peter Imhof. Not pictured: Veronica Zhou.



Fifth place team: Windy Hill Middle School, Calvert County
From left, coach Jesse Holton, team members Jasmine Simpson, Addison Fortenbery, Jackson Goehle, Ahnaf Anowar, and head coach Tracy Greenwell.



Countdown Sprint and Target Winners

From left are Kyle Page from Northern Middle School in Calvert County, Avery Thompson from Leonardtown Middle School in St. Mary's County, Hogan Joo from Northern Middle School in Calvert County, and Seth Hilton from Plum Point Middle School in Calvert County. Page placed first in the individual competition, which is based on combined scores in the sprint and target rounds. Hilton placed second. Thompson placed first in the countdown round and Joo placed second.

STOP REASONS NOT TO HAVE A WILL OR A TRUST

1. I'M NEVER GOING TO DIE
2. I HAVE NO ESTATE
3. EVERYTHING IS IN JOINT NAME WITH MY SPOUSE OR MY CHILD
4. IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE
5. MY FAMILY WILL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING

Clearly, the first reason not to have a will or a trust is unrealistic. The saying is “nobody is getting out of this alive.” In spite of this, it is amazing how many people put off creating a will or a trust because they are afraid. They think planning for a will or a trust will cause them anxiety about their own death. The easy solution to this problem is to think about creating a will or a trust to protect the people you love. You do not have to face your own death to create a will or a trust, just focus on how you want to protect those you care about. Without a will or a trust, they are defenseless. And, young or old, almost all of us have loved ones we want to protect. Even if we are elderly and alone and do not have any loved ones, many of us want to create a legacy for the charities we care about. If we are young and have children, we are already involved in protecting them. Without a will or a trust, your children could very well end up in foster care when you die. Having children means taking steps to protect them. What good is funding their college education if you have not created a mechanism to distribute your property to them upon your death? How are you helping?

How about the excuse that you have no estate to protect? Do you have a home? A car, a boat? A bank account? Personal property like furniture, jewelry? All of that becomes part of your estate. If you don't make plans to distribute your property in a will or a trust, the state will decide for you.

I have heard the excuse that everything is in joint name so there is no reason to have a will or a trust. And, it is the case that if property is titled in joint name with right of survivorship, upon the death of one person, the joint owner takes all the property. The excuse is common with spouses. The problem is, of course, spouses often travel together. There are no assurances that both spouses will not die together—if they do, then what? You're back in the same position without a will or a trust—letting the state decide where your property will go. And, what if your property is titled as “tenants in common” not as joint tenants with right of survivorship? In that case, each of you owns 50% of the property so if one dies without a will, the property will not go automatically to the other but instead the state will decide where 50% of the property will go. By the way, please check the title to your property so you know how it is held.

Many people I talk to think that putting their child on the deed to their property solves their problem about not having a will or a trust. But, there are tax and other consequences of doing this. Let's say you bought a house for \$50,000 and market value is now \$100,000. If you put your child on the deed now, that child “takes” their interest in the property at the value you

paid for the property, not at market value. That means, if the child sells the property when you die, the child will have to pay tax on the difference between \$50,000 and \$100,000. If the child takes the property when you die, however, the child takes the property at market value and when they sell it for \$100,000, no tax is owed. And, there are other reasons not to put your child on your deed. Once you do so, you expose yourself to the child's creditors. Those creditors may have claims on all the child's property, including property formerly owned solely by you.

Have you ever purchased a big screen TV? The average cost of a will is about the same as a big screen TV. I know some people are using will forms provided online and a word of caution about those. First, the online services do not provide legal advice. It is one form fits all and if you do not fit into the form, too bad for you. After hundreds of years, certain common language has developed that is used in a will or a trust and expertise is required to use that language. For example, suppose you want to leave everything you have to your spouse and, if she or he is also deceased, to your three children in equal shares. Sounds pretty simple. But, I have had clients with that intention who end up leaving twenty-five percent of their estate to their spouse and each of their three children instead. Or, most common, if you have two children and one is deceased when you die, it is easy to cut out any children they have, your grandchildren, through the language you use in the will or trust. This is a time when expertise is needed to make sure your intentions are clearly stated.

Whoa. The excuse that “my family will take care of everything” is simply not true. It is amazing how many families fight during the probate process, with or without a will. And, I am not talking about fights over huge estates. Otherwise normal families allow themselves to be torn apart arguing over property—without a will or a trust, the arguments can take on epic proportions. “Dad loved me best” and wanted me to have the gun collection, “Mom told me she wanted me to have the diamond ring”. Old wounds re-open, childhood memories come flooding back and family nightmares are common during the probate process. Some people think that the best approach is to leave everything to one child, counting on that child to distribute everything to his or her siblings. Keep in mind that if you leave all your property to one child, that child is under no obligation to share it with siblings unless you specifically put your intention in writing. Even if that child is attentive to your wishes, what if that child has a spouse who wants all the property for themselves? The only way to resolve the situation is to speak through a will or a trust and make known your wishes while you are alive.

The bottom line is protect your loved ones. Make a will or a trust and do it now.

FYI, I would be happy to present a free seminar on estate planning to your group. Just give our office a call. Join me on February 21st at 11am for a free estate planning seminar at my office, 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your seat. See you there.

Winter Turkey Season Results Announced



The King by Andrew Gue

Hunters reported taking 73 wild turkeys during Maryland's 2019 winter turkey season, which was open Jan. 17-19 statewide. Six were bagged in St. Mary's, three in Charles and one in Calvert.

According to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, turkeys were harvested in 22 of the 23 counties, with Frederick, Garrett and Washington counties reporting the highest numbers.

Adult males, or gobblers, comprised 56 percent of the harvest, with the remainder being females, or hens, and juveniles, known as either a jake or a jenny. Eighty-five percent were taken with a shotgun, but some hunters harvested their bird

with a crossbow or vertical bow.

This harvest was slightly lower than the 87 birds taken last year. The winter turkey season was established in 2015 to provide hunters an additional hunting opportunity that would not conflict with other hunting seasons.

Turkey populations, at one time, were limited in Maryland. In the 1980s and 1990s, an extensive department program to trap and relocate wild flocks successfully established populations in every county.

Press Release from MD DNR

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A View From The BLEACHERS

Atlanta, 2019; Brooklyn, 1947

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

Another NFL season has ended. March Madness is over a month away. The NHL playoffs seem a far-off oasis. The NBA hasn't reached its All-Star break. Pitchers and catchers have made travel reservations, but none have yet reported to spring training.

Oh baby it's cold outside...and for sports fans the post-Super Bowl psychological swoon is biting hard. If only B.B. King or Muddy Waters had of put sports fans' blues to song.

Perhaps it's best they didn't. An anthem would validate the unbecoming sympathy grab and distract from what the uncluttered sports calendar is: an invitation to reflect.

And with that...February thoughts from Atlanta, post-Super Bowl LIII...

The first thing that comes to mind is African American History Month. And the first name? Jackie Robinson: the most important player in MLB history and arguably the most important athlete ever. Robinson would have turned 100 years old on January 31. In April 1947, he courageously took the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers to become the first African American to play in the major leagues.

The racist vitriol that Robinson endured – verbal assaults, hate mail and death threats – is shameful. But he kept playing – with uncompromising dignity and exceptional skill. Opinions changed and other African American players soon followed – Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, Frank Robinson and Ernie Banks, to name a few. Eventually (a word too often used to describe the pace of social progress), the Supreme Court found school segregation to be unconstitutional in *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) and the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 ended segregation in public places and made discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin unlawful. Robinson isn't the lone impetus behind this progress, but he gave us a strong nudge toward a better America in Brooklyn in 1947.

I thought about Robinson, and the influence one exceptional person can have, when contemplating the latest Pro Football Hall of Fame class and the Super Bowl participants. As something of a Hall of Fame induction speech junkie, I'm fascinated

by this one common component: a coach, teacher, parent, guardian or spouse, without whose influence said player may not have played a down in the NFL.

Two stories that stick with me have local connections. During his induction speech, former Kansas City Chief defensive back and Washington coach Emmitt Thomas talked about his mother's death when he was eight and credited his grandfather with being the reason he made it – in life and football. The other is former 'Skins offensive lineman Russ Grimm. While attending the University of Pittsburgh, Grimm, then a linebacker, was "encouraged" by head coach Jackie Sherrill to move to offensive line after several players graduated. Grimm didn't initially like it, but stayed the course and became the very best player on the most famous offensive line in NFL history – The Hogs.

As for the Super Bowl participants, there are two profound "if my career hadn't intersected with this person" stories. Bill Belichick and Tom Brady are both future first ballot Hall of Famers. Could one have been successful without the other? Sure, but together they are the greatest coach and quarterback ever.

The Rams may have something similar brewing. Three years ago, under then head coach Jeff Fisher, rookie QB Jared Goff was 0-7 as a starter and posted a putrid 63.8 quarterback rating. He was the next great quarterback bust. In two seasons under current head coach Sean McVay, Goff's quarterback rating has been over 100 and he's been to two consecutive Pro Bowls.

We all have our extraordinary people, the ones we would lavish with accolades and credit during our own "Hall of Fame induction speeches". We also have the opportunity to be that extraordinary person, the one that enables something grand, for others (and to receive credit in their "Hall of Fame speeches"). That hardly makes us worthy of a Jackie Robinson comparison, a man who influenced a nation and millions of people, but maybe by positively impacting one life and one person and making the world just a little bit better in the most modest way, we keep his spirit alive.

*Send comments to
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Kane Brown to Perform at Calvert Marine Museum



Kane Brown

Country music star Kane Brown will perform live at the Calvert Marine Museum's PNC Waterside Pavilion on Saturday, June 1. The young singer/songwriter has been selling out every venue in his first headlining tour, featuring popular hits such as: "Heaven", "Lose It", "What Ifs", and "Good as You". This is no surprise, considering Brown recently became the first artist ever to be #1 on all five of Billboard's major country charts simultaneously.

Opening acts include "To A T" singer Ryan Hurd and Maryland's own home-grown sensation Jackson Dean.

Tickets are \$35-\$89 (additional fees apply) and will be available at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com beginning March 26th for CMM members and

April 2nd for the general public.

You can become a member, individuals can visit the website or call Lisa Howard, CMM Membership Coordinator, at (410) 326-2042 ext. 16. Proceeds from the Waterside Music Series support the education and preservation efforts of the Calvert Marine Museum.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Vanessa Gill, CMM Director of Promotions, at 410-326-2042, ext. 18. Individualized packages are built, based on your needs. For additional information, please visit the website at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com. To reach a staff member, please call 410-326-2042, ext. 16, 17, or 18.

Press Release from CMM

Comedy Invasion Coming for Project Graduation



The Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CAASA) announces an invasion of comedy on Friday, Feb. 15 featuring six of the East Coast's best comedians. Lucas Bohn, Brittany Carney, Robert Mac, Rob Maher, Jason Weems and Wendy Wroblewski will entertain you with their quick-wit, insightful, smart and fresh comedy. They've traveled the country captivating their audiences with their award-winning humor, so this is a show you don't want to miss.

Join CAASA on February 15th at the Calvert High School Auditorium. We'll kick-off the night with a silent auction from 7 to 7:45 p.m. (cash or check only) followed by the show at 8 p.m. The show is rated PG-13. Proceeds from the event benefit Project Graduation, an alcohol-free and drug-free celebration for the graduating seniors from Calvert, Huntingtown, Northern and Patuxent High Schools.

Tickets are currently on sale at the following locations: · CAASA Office (30 Duke Street, Prince Frederick) Cash and check only · Floral Expressions

(Huntingtown and/or Owings, Maryland) - Cash and check only · Gentle Family Dentistry (Dunkirk) Cash and check only · Lotus Kitchen (Solomons Island open on January 23rd) Cash and check only

Online ticket sales are powered by Eventbrite at www.comedyinvasion2019.eventbrite.com. Tickets are \$35 in advance for adults, \$25 in advance for CAASA Members and students ages 13-18; and \$45 at the door the night of the performance for all ages

"It's important that we support our county's youth and Project Graduation keeps them safe on one of the most important nights of their life - graduation", stated Debbi Mister, president, CAASA Board of Directors. For further information regarding the show, please contact the CAASA Office at 410-535-3733 or checkout the event listing on our website at www.calvertcountymd.gov/CAASA.

Press Release from CAASA

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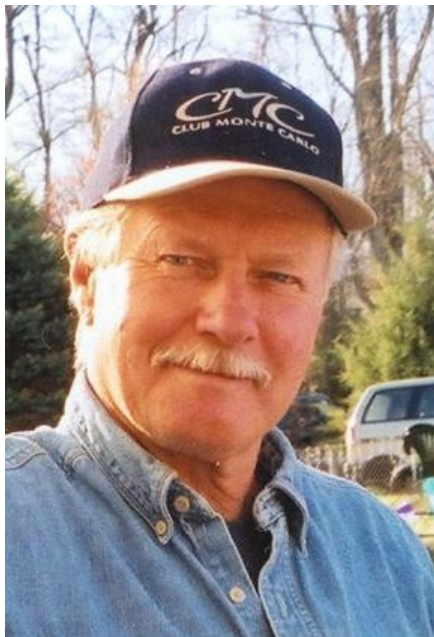
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In Remembrance

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 guyleonard@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

Donald Paul Miller



Donald Paul Miller, 80, of Tracy's Landing passed away February 3, 2019 at his home surrounded by family. He was born August 27, 1938 in Washington, D.C. to Howard B. and Gertrude (Kesterson) Miller. He married Dorothy Marie Flora on October 9, 1960 and they lived in District Heights before moving to Tracy's Landing in 1975. He was employed as plumber and steamfitter for over 50 years with Ronco Mechanical in Clinton. Donald was very hard working, loved working with his hands, and could fix anything. He was one of those people who could take anything apart and put it back together again. He also enjoyed making bird houses and benches, and if you showed him a picture of something, he could make it. He was a fan of NASCAR and the Redskins and Nationals. Donald loved to fish and crab on the bay and will be remembered as a sociable and happy man.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy Marie Miller and daughters Rebecca L. Miller and Tracy B. Miller, both of St. Leonard, grandchildren Crystal M. Moore and husband Ryan, Dominic

P. Beard and wife Casey and Tony S. Beard. Also surviving are great-grandchildren Haley, Cody and Emma, and sisters Linda Boyleston of SC, Barbara Bettis of FL, a sister in law Shirley Miller, and numerous nieces and nephews. Donald was preceded in death by brothers Jack and Mike Miller.

Family and friends will be received Friday, February 8 from 6-8 PM at Rausch Funeral Home, P.A., Owings, MD.

In lieu of flowers donations in Donald's name may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Richie Highway, Pasadena MD 21122; Phone: 410-987-2003, website: <http://www.hospicechesapeake.org>

Lewis James Hall



Lewis James Hall, 50, of Owings passed away February 2, 2019. He was born January 22, 1969 in Prince Frederick, MD to Donald William and Janet (Dowell) Hall. Lewis was raised in Owings and graduated from Northern High School in 1987. He was employed as an autobody mechanic for many years. Lewis married Traacy on January 3, 1998 and they lived in Owings. Lewis loved going fast, riding motorcycles and

racing cars. He also enjoyed NASCAR, traveling and spending time with his family.

Lewis is survived by his wife Traacy E. Hall of Owings, son William "Billy" Buckmaster, mother Janet D. Hall of Owings and sister Bridget Mawer of Dallas, TX. He was preceded in death by his father Donald William Hall.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 7, 2019, 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home - Owings 8325 Mount Harmony Lane, Owings MD 20736.

Janet Marian Gray



Janet Marian Gray, 84, of North Beach passed away February 2, 2019. She was born December 14, 1934 in Washington, D.C. to Ellery Cleary and Marguerite (Cooper) Haynes. Janet was raised in Mt. Rainier and lived in North Beach for most of her life. She was employed as a bartender at B & G Tavern in Accokeek, MD. Janet enjoyed gardening, flowers, working in the yard, cooking, making Christmas cookies, adult coloring books, crossword puzzles and spending time with family.

Janet was preceded in death by her husbands William M. Brooks, Sr. and Irvin W. Gray, son Charles Ray Brooks and brothers Donald, Roger, Ellery, Loring and Robert. She is survived by her children Denise L. Brooks of North Beach, Kathryn S. Brooks of Middleburg, FL, Gail M. Brooks and husband John of King George, VA and William M. Brooks, Jr. of Deltona, FL. Also surviving are eleven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, a sister Nancy Clock of Ohio as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home - Owings 8325 Mount Harmony Lane, Owings MD 20736.

Burial will be at Mt. Harmony U.M. Church Cemetery,

155 East Mt. Harmony Road Owings MD 20736.

Charles Edward True Jr. (Charley)



Charles Edward True Jr (Charley) of Lexington Park, MD (71) passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones January 31, 2019. Charley was predeceased by his parents Charles & Mary Ellen True Sr of Cumberland, MD his 1st wife Bonnie K. True, & daughter Melissa Lee. Survived by his wife Brenda True, children Nathan & Jenna True of Shady Side, MD, Casey & Frank Viator of Saint Inigoes, MD, Heather & Jim Coulson of New Bern, NC, & Thomas Lee IV of Lexington Park, MD, grandchildren Brianna, Vincent, Michael, Lucas, Sophia, Isabella, Maya, Thomas V, Olivia, Gabriella & Arthur.

Visitation will be Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 11-11:45 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Deale 5907 Deale Churchton Road, Deale MD 20751. A Memorial Service will follow at t5ye church at 11:45 a.m.

Burial will be at 1:35 p.m. at MD Veterans Cemetery - Cheltenham 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham MD 20623.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Mary Evelyn Johnson

Mary Evelyn Johnson, 87, of Huntingtown passed away January 31, 2019. She was born January 5, 1932 in Norfolk, VA to Julian Lawrence and Lucy Lee (Umphlett) Ives. Mary was raised in Norfolk and attended Maury High School. She married Robert Lee Fletcher and they lived in Norfolk. Mary moved to Maryland in 2009 to be closer to her daughter. She was employed as a secretary for Travelers Insurance, retiring in 1975. Mary enjoyed crafts, painting, playing cards, Scrabble, animals and shopping. She was a very competitive game player who was tough to beat.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Robert Lee Fletcher. She is sur-

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vived by her daughters Deborah Leigh Hughes and husband Robert of Huntingtown and Kathy Lynn Stair and husband Rick of Littlestown, PA, 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Saturday, February 9, 2019, 2-3 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home - Owings 8325 Mount Harmony Lane, Owings MD 20736. A Memorial Service will follow at 3 p.m. at the funeral home,

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Animal Welfare League 1040 Prince Frederick Blvd. P. O. Box 1660, Prince Frederick MD 20678; Phone: 410-535-9300 | website: <http://www.cawlrescue.org>

George Albert Randall, Sr.



George Albert Randall, Sr., 90, of Shady Side passed away January 29, 2019 in Edgewater. He was born December 20, 1928 in Forestville, MD to David Edward and Janie Victoria (Loveless) Randall. George was raised in Forestville and he was employed as a stock room manager at JC Penney. He married Fannie Evelyn Shumate and they built a home in Upper Marlboro, where they raised their family. George was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, where he was in charge of the cemetery, and was also a member of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge in Upper Marlboro.

He and Fannie lived in Punta Gorda, FL for several years before Hurricane Charlie destroyed their home in 2004.

They then moved to Jacksonville, FL. Fannie passed away in 2006 and George returned to Maryland in January 2016. He has been a resident of South River Health and Rehab Center in Edgewater since June 2016, where he was affectionately known as "the door man." He enjoyed volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, at Trinity Church and was a member of the Upper Marlboro V.F.D. George also loved woodworking, birds, especially cardinals, going to Bowie Baysox games, Cracker Barrel and the Amish Market. He also truly enjoyed helping out others.

George was preceded in death by his wife Fannie Evelyn Randall and brothers John and Edward Randall. He is survived by children William A. Randall and wife Joyce of St. Augustine, FL, Sherry L. Auld and husband Sean of St. Augustine, FL, George A. Randall, Jr. and wife Teresa of Lothian and Peggy S. Minner of Shady Side. Also surviving are sixteen grandchildren, a brother Arthur Randall of North Beach and sister Virginia Raulerson of Mechanicsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friendship Community Baptist Church 37 Jewell Road, Dunkirk MD 20754.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Gordon Edward White



Gordon Edward White, 56, a resident of Prince Frederick, MD passed away peacefully on January 28, 2019. He was born on March 1, 1962 in Wilmington, DE to Frederick Eugene White and Mary Alice Lynch who predeceased him. He grew up in Moorestown, Pennsylvania and attended Northampton High School (wrestler and golfer) and earned his bachelor's degree from Black Hills State University in South Dakota. Gordon was a devoted patriot who served his country honorably in the Air Force and Army Reserves for 20 years where his military career included roles as security police, combat engineer, and medical care specialist. He spent almost 11 years with the Air Force including 2 tours of active duty during Desert Storm in the 1980s. During his active duty time with the Army Reserves he fought the war against terrorism in Iraq for 2 tours in 2005 and again in 2007. In both branches he received numerous commendations and awards. While living in South Dakota he took up rock climbing, iron-man type competitions, and body-building. Later

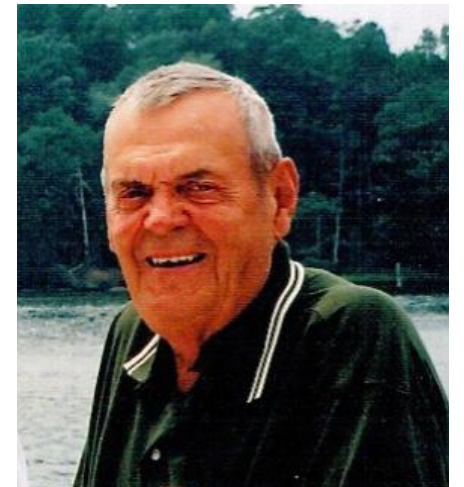
when he moved to Maryland he engaged in cycling and kayaking, but running marathons was one of his passions and he ran over 25 nationally and internationally since the age of 40. He enjoyed anything that was an adventure, and he traveled extensively throughout his life: China, Europe, Australia, the UK, and the Middle East. Fitness and health was a priority to him and he loved to give advice to people on how to live a healthier and better life. He always wanted to make a positive impact on others. Gordon loved any family or friend gathering where there was good food and good company. Gordon was married to Richelle White and leaves his legacy to his daughter, Bailey, and his son, Spenser. He also leaves behind many very loving cousins and friends who will fondly remember him for his generous, loving heart and "Gordie" ways. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to the MSA (Multiple System Atrophy) Coalition at <https://www.multiplesystematrophy.org/msa-donation> or Calvert Hospice <https://calverthospice.org/make-a-gift/> 238 Merrimac Court, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 .

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, 238 Merrimac Court Prince Frederick MD 20678; Phone: 410-535-0892; website: <http://calverthospice.org> or Multiple System Atrophy Coalition, website: <https://www.multiplesystematrophy.org/msa-donation>

James Robert Strohecker

James Robert Strohecker; formally of Annapolis, Maryland, known to his family and friends as "Stro", passed away peacefully in Fort Pierce, Florida on January 30, 2019 at the age of 88. He was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on November 21, 1930 to the late Florence and Clair Strohecker.

Stro received an Engineering degree from Princeton University. He served



as 1st Lieutenant in the Army Artillery Group during the Korean War. He was the owner/operator of a construction company, Strohecker, Inc., that he established in 1961 and his children proudly continue today. Stro was one of the founding members of the Anne Arundel County Utility Contractors Association. He loved his work but truly enjoyed his grandchildren and great grandchildren, his boat, his dogs, golfing with his friends, and fishing adventures.

James is survived by his wife Marilyn, four children; James (Monica) Strohecker, Lizabeth (Andrew) O'Mahoney, Robert (Linda) Strohecker, and Lisa (David) Channell, three step-children; Pamela (Steve) Phipps, Peter Portney, and Dean (Kimberly) Portney. He is also survived by his fifteen grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and numerous loving friends.

Relatives and friends may call at the John M. Taylor Funeral Home, Inc. 147 Duke of Gloucester St, Annapolis, MD 21401 on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM. A private funeral service and interment will be held at Maryland Veteran Cemetery, Crownsville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name to Wounded Warrior Project at <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/Donate> will be appreciated. An online guest book is available at www.johntaylorfuneralhome.com



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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.

UPCOMING

Sweetheart Dinner

Reservations must be made by Feb. 10 for the Annual Sweetheart Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 16 at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 27108 Mt. Zion Church Rd., Mechanicsville (by Apple Basket). Entertainment by Jim Godbold, The Rockin' Elvis of Calvert County. Prime Rib and Turkey Tenderloin. \$30 person by Reservation ONLY; call Tom Keller 301-481-6388. www.mtzionmech.org

Summer Camp

It's not too early to register now for Calvert County Parks and Recreation weekly camps in June and July!! Register: online.webtrac.co.cal.md.us. Phone: 410-535-1600 x2649. Walk-in Main Office of any Community Center.

Chesapeake Beach Water Park

Now taking sign-ups for Orientations for all Positions for 2019 Summer Season. Age 14 and up. To sign up for the Orientation for the position of your choice visit: info@chesapeakebeachmd.gov.

ONGOING

Food for Lovers

calvART Gallery, Prince Frederick Shopping Center (Rts. 4/231), Prince Frederick
Wednesday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Find passion for your favorite art - pottery, still lifes, jewelry. Original and local flavor art! Reception Saturday, February 9, 5:00 -8:00. Show runs through March 3. 410-535-9252. www.calvartgallery.org

Bottle Caps/Tops Needed

All colors, sizes and shapes for upcoming Spring project at the Southern Community Center. Drop off at any Community Center. Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM. 410-586-1101, x4.

“On Watch” Memorial Statue

The Calvert County Department of General Services is coordinating the annual “On Watch” memorial brick campaign through April 30. The public may purchase bricks (\$100/ea., tax deductible) to memorialize those who served our country during World War II. They will be placed at the Veterans Patio, located at the World War II “On Watch” Memorial Statue in Dowell. Learn more: Melinda Donnelly at 410-535-1600, ext. 2565. Applications for memorial bricks: www.calvertcountymd.gov/onwatch

Bayside History Museum

4025 4th St. & Dayton Ave., North Beach
1:00 – 4:00 PM, Sat. & Sun.
Visit the Chesapeake Beach Amusement Park, North Beach Fire Department history, natural history of the Chesapeake Bay region and the War of 1812. Free.

Friday, February 8

Fried Shrimp Dinner

American Legion, Rt. 260, Chesapeake Beach
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Includes all the trimmings, salad and beverage for \$12. Public invited. Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion Stallings Williams Post 206 in the lower-level dining room at 3330 Chesapeake Beach Road E on Route 260. Info: 410-257-9878.

Saturday, February 9

Calvert Artists' Guild Meeting

Solomons Asbury Clubhouse, 11740 Asbury Circle
10:00 AM - Noon
After a brief business meeting, join an artist for a demo and discussion. Members bring “finger foods” (no cutting required) to share. Signs at Asbury direct all to the parking area. Free to the public. Jan Barr, 443-404-5746, fujibarr@comcast.net or Kate Dinnel, 410-586-3375, katesilas@comcast.net

Dog and Cat Adoption

Pepper's Pet Pantry, Solomons Towne Center behind CVS
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Pepper's Pet Pantry host this event with local St. Mary's and Calvert County animal rescue groups. 410-326-4006.

Finish the Fight Winter Festival

Calvert High School, 520 Fox Run Blvd., Prince Frederick
1:00 - 5:00 PM
Indoor synthetic ice rink, games, entertainment and more benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. \$20 per person.

Celebrate the Lunar New Year

North Beach Recreation Center, 9021 Dayton Ave.
3:00 – 5:30 PM
Learn how to write in Chinese or create a culturally inspired masterpiece. Discover your Chinese zodiac sign and horoscope and pick a new year's fortune. Free family-friendly event. Calvert Co. Dept of Recreation. 410-535-1600, x8211.

Birthday Celebration

Harriet Brown Community Center, 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick
6:00 – 8:30 PM
Open house to celebrate Harriet Brown's birthday. Speakers highlight her contributions. Light refreshments. 410-535-7080.

Country Dance

American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206, Rt. 260, Chesapeake Beach
7:00 – 11:30 PM
One-hour lessons commence at 7:00 followed by dancing in the upper level ballroom. \$15/person includes soft drinks or draft beer and light munchies. Open to All. 410-257-9878. www.AL-post206.org. Reservations at LBloyer@verizon.net

Texas Hold'em and Cash Games

Julie Rogers Studio, 4120 Old Town Road, Huntingtown
7:00 PM
Benefit the Patricia Leone Rogers Educational Scholarship Fund. Doors open 6:00. Buy in \$80. Early registration before 6:45 extra chips. Food, beer and sodas included!

Sunday, February 10

All-U-Can-Eat Sweetheart Breakfast

American Legion Post 206, Chesapeake Beach
8:00 – 11:00 AM
Waffles, Ham, Sausage, Scrapple, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Biscuits, Fruit, and Chip Beef. Hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary in the upper level

Dining Room. Adults \$12; kids 6-12 \$6; kids under 6 free. Bloody Marys available for a nominal charge. Public Welcome. 410-257-9878. www.ALPost206.org

Monday, February 11

Flotilla Meeting

Solomon's Volunteer Fire Department
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Join the United States Coast Guard Flotilla 23-02 monthly meeting. Discussion about recreational boating safety, boating education and topics of a nautical theme. Prospective members are welcome to stop in and see what we are all about.

Tuesday, February 12

Understanding Advance Directives

SpringHill Suites, 75 Sherry Lane, Prince Frederick
1:00 - 2:30 PM
Presenters discuss the importance of making decisions about personal preferences regarding medical care and treatments. They will explain the Maryland Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) to participants. Contact Peggy Braham 410-535-0892 or pbraham@calverthospice.org for info or to register. Register: calverthospice.org/education-seminars

Bingo

North Beach Volunteer Fire Dept., Chesapeake Beach
7:30 PM
Doors open at 5:00. \$1,000 jackpot. \$8/person. Food and drink for purchase. 301-855-0520.

Wednesday, February 13

Keeping Warm

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, 2880 Grays Road, Prince Frederick
10:00 – 11:30 AM
Learn how animals survive the cold. Stories and games. Build a shelter. Inside and outside event for 3-5 year olds. Dress warm. 410-535-5327. www.calvert-parks.org

Thursday, February 14

Valentine's Day



Calvert LIBRARY Events

For more information & to register for events visit <http://calvertlibrary.info>

Thursday, February 7

Teen Movie Club! My Neighbor Totoro. 6:00-8:00pm. Watch a cool movie, hang out with your friends! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Code Name 3.6. 6:30-7:30pm. For 3rd-6th grade eyes only! 3rd – 6th grade students are invited to this series of events which uses plenty of hands-on activities to have fun with reading! Each month we will explore a new theme and introduce a great chapter book on the topic. No advanced preparation is needed and a snack will be provided. Please register. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Friday, February 8

On Pins & Needles. 1:00-4:00pm. Bring your quilting, needlework, knitting, crocheting, or other project for an afternoon of conversation and shared creativity. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Family Game Nights. 5:30-7:00pm. Come and join us for some old fashioned and new fashioned family fun! Your choice of Minecraft, a variety of board games, Minute-To-Win-It and Sphero mini robots. Please register. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Saturday, February 9

Poets' Circle. 9:00-11:00am. Beginner or big-time, confident or compulsive, stuck or star-lit! All are welcome. Expect a friendly session of discussion, editing and support. Bring 5 copies of what you want to work on or just yourself. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Garden Smarter: Got Shade? Native Plants for Shady Gardens. 10:00-11:30am. Learn about some native plants that are adapted to shade, add color and texture to your landscape, and benefit pollinators and other wildlife. Example garden designs will be presented. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Celebrate Black History with Pinkie Strother: Art Talk and Book Signing. 2:00-3:00pm. Meet artist and author Pinkie Strother for a talk and book signing. Pinkie creates unique pieces of art which represent the local community's history. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Science Saturdays! 2:30-3:30pm. Join us for a monthly STEM natural-science program series designed to get kids in K-3rd grade thinking like scientists. This month we'll study the 5 senses! Please register. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Monday, February 11

JobSource Mobile Career Center. 1:00-4:00pm. Stop by to visit the JobSource Mobile Career Center for your job search needs! Get job counseling and résumé help, search for jobs and connect with Southern Maryland JobSource. No registration. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Full STEAM Ahead. 6:30-7:30pm. Adult and child will interact with books, crafts and experiments while exploring the skills of science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM). Ages 4-8. Registration Required. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Tuesday, February 12

Board of Library Trustees meeting. 2:00-4:00pm. Calvert Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Wednesday, February 13

Brain Games: Mahjongg, Scrabble & More. 10:00-1:00pm. Want to learn Mahjongg? Hope to make your Scrabble skills killer? Games are a great way to keep your brain sharp while having fun! Join us! Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Memoirs & Creative Writing Workshop. 2:00-3:30pm. Join author and editor Elisavietta Ritchie as she encourages the art of creative memoir writing. Bring 6 double-spaced copies of your work, 500-800 words, to discuss and share with the group. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Thursday, February 14

Drop In, Hang Out at Southern Branch - Gaming Night! 6:00-8:00pm. Need a place to meet up with your friends (or meet new ones)? Come hang out, play PS4 & board games, free pizza and snacks! Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

Center Closing

Calvert Pines, Southern Pines and North Beach Senior Centers will all be closed for Presidents Day, Monday, February 18. Meals on Wheels will not be delivered.

AARP Tax-Aide Program

Certified Tax-Aide Counselors will be available Monday, February 4 through Friday, April 12, 2019 to prepare individual federal and state tax returns at no cost or low-to-moderate income senior citizens aged 50-plus. You do not have to be an AARP member. All individuals on the return must be present and provide identification (SSN card and photo ID). Senior centers will begin taking calls Monday, January 28. Please call for more information. Calvert Pines, 410-535-4606, North Beach, 410-257-2549, Southern Pines, 410-586-2748.

Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)

MEAP assists eligible individuals and families with a one-time-per-year grant to help pay heating and electric bills. Grants are usually applied to account beginning in December. You must be income-eligible to apply. Appointment are being scheduled at each of the senior centers. If eligible, please be prepared to provide the following for every person in the home: proof of all monthly income, a social security card, and a photo identification card. You will also need a current heating bill, electric bill, and lease (if renting). For more information, call:

Calvert Pines Senior Center: 410-535-4606; North Beach Senior Center: 410-257-2549; Southern Pines Senior Center: 410-586-2748.

Calvert Pines Senior Center (CPCS)

Do you have love letters that you'd like to share? Join us for Love Letters From the Past, Thursday, February 14, 11:15 a.m. Read old letters on Valentine's Day and enjoy a special Valentine dessert.

Join us for Rock Art "Love Rocks", Tuesday, February 19, 10 a.m. Paint a message to a loved one. All supplies are provided.

North Beach Senior Center (NBSC)

In honor of President's Day, a presentation on the character & leadership of George Washington will be held, Friday, February 15, 11 a.m.

Joan Kilmon will be here to discuss various resources the local library has to offer on African-American History, Thursday, February 21, 11 a.m.

Southern Pines Senior Center (SPSC)

Celebrate with us! Join us for our Valentine's Day Celebration, Thursday, February 14, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will be music, a photo booth, chocolate, and roses.

Don't miss Beasley: Champion Stunt Dog, Tuesday, February 19, 12:45 p.m. Senior families are welcome. Amazing stunts and paw-o-graphs!

Eating Together Menu

Monday, February 11

Roast Beef & Swiss Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato Slices, Carrot/Raisin Salad, Citrus Fruit Cup

French Bread, Peaches

Tuesday, February 12

BBQ Chicken Leg, Oven Roasted Red Potatoes & Onions, Roasted Carrots, Dinner Roll, Baked Apple

Thursday, February 14

Pork Roast, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Applesauce, Red Velvet Cupcake

Wednesday, February 13

Lasagna w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Seasoned Kale,

Friday, February 15

Chicken Parmesan w/Tomato Sauce over Spaghetti Noodles, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Lima Beans, Broccoli, Italian Bread, Fresh Orange Slices

Lunches are served to seniors, aged 60-plus, and their spouses through Title IIIIC of the Older Americans Act. Suggested donation is \$3. To make or cancel a reservation call: Calvert Pines Senior Center at 410-535-4606, North Beach Senior Center at 410-257-2549, or Southern Pines Senior Center at 410-586-2748. Lunches are subject to change.

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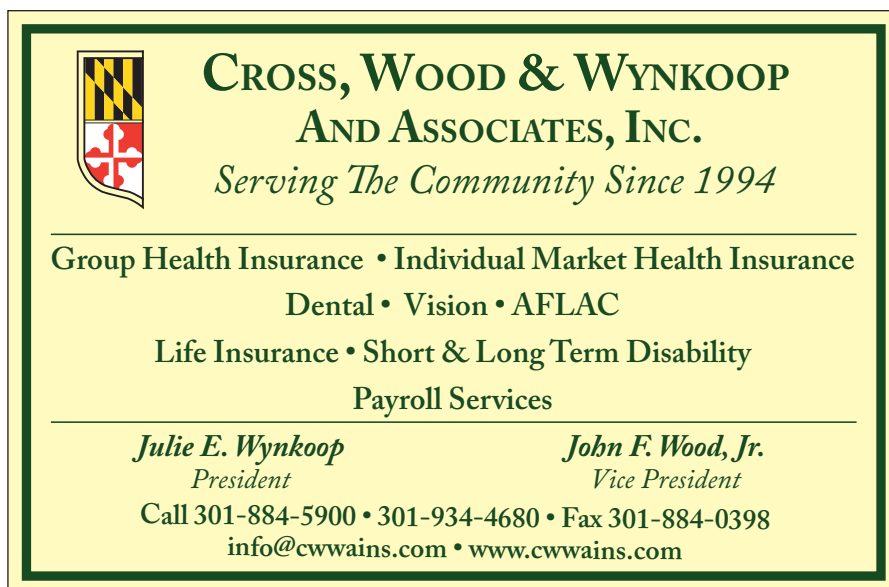
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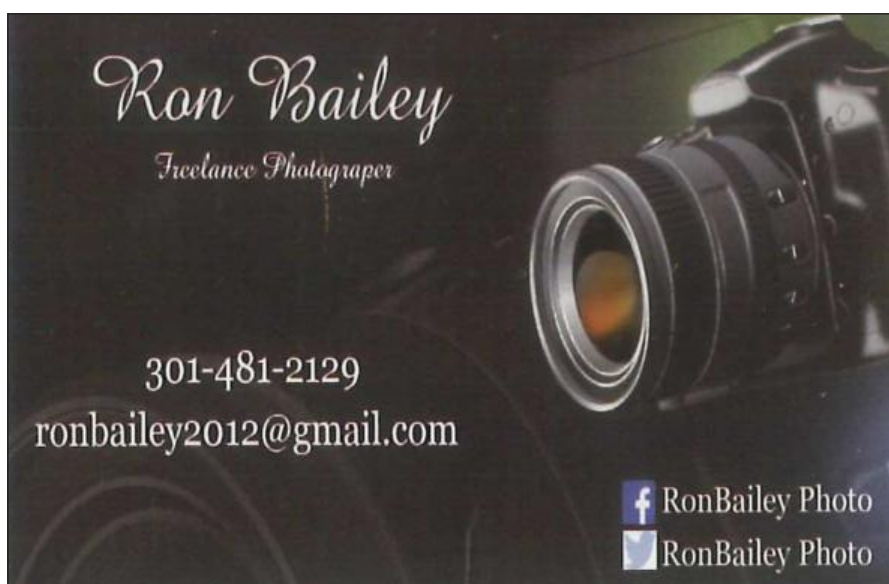
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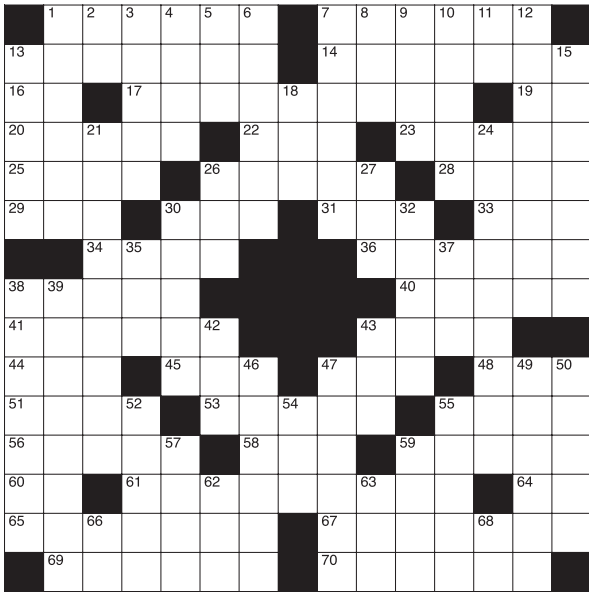
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Fun & GAMES



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Got paid
- 7. Sets free
- 13. Domestic hybrid cattle
- 14. Quality of one's character
- 16. Doctor's helper
- 17. Not holding back
- 19. Type of degree
- 20. Short but severe
- 22. 007's creator
- 23. Linguistics icon
- 25. Large integers
- 26. Upset
- 28. Former
- 29. Peyton's younger brother
- 30. An Irish dance
- 31. Title of respect
- 33. Small lump

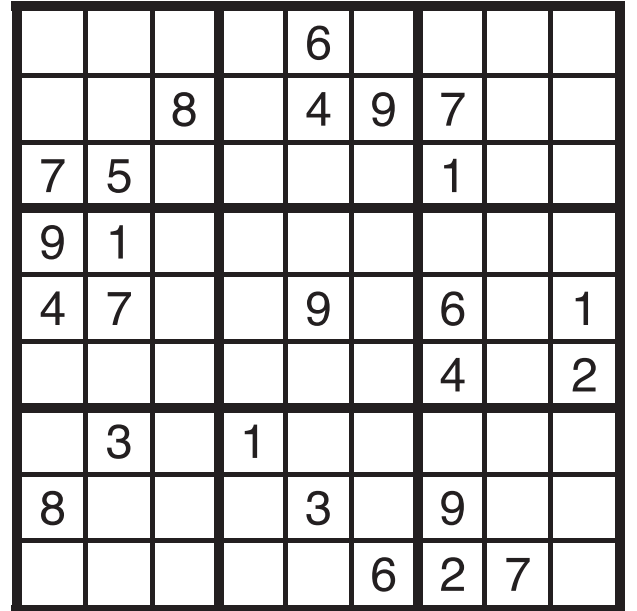
- 34. Baroque musical instrument
- 36. The third sign of the zodiac
- 38. The 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 40. A group of nine
- 41. Garment
- 43. Capital of Yemen
- 44. One point south of due east
- 45. Drain
- 47. Moved quickly
- 48. Bar bill
- 51. An idiot
- 53. Indicates silence
- 55. Protein-rich liquids
- 56. Samoan monetary units
- 58. "___ your i's, cross your t's"

- 59. Forms the bottom
- 60. Potato state
- 61. Toy that spins around
- 64. Barium
- 65. Type of molding
- 67. Closes again
- 69. Sounds the same
- 70. Come into view

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Nix
- 2. Indicates position
- 3. Quantitative facts
- 4. Strong and healthy
- 5. Former measure of length
- 6. Dads tend to be this
- 7. Parts of a movie
- 8. An animal's foot
- 9. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 10. Saudi Arabian money
- 11. One billion gigabytes
- 12. Smallest musical interval
- 13. A rugged box (usually made of wood)
- 15. Cheese dish
- 18. An ugly, evil-looking old woman
- 21. Widely used
- 24. Makes into pages
- 26. Afflict in mind or body
- 27. Set up
- 30. Toilets

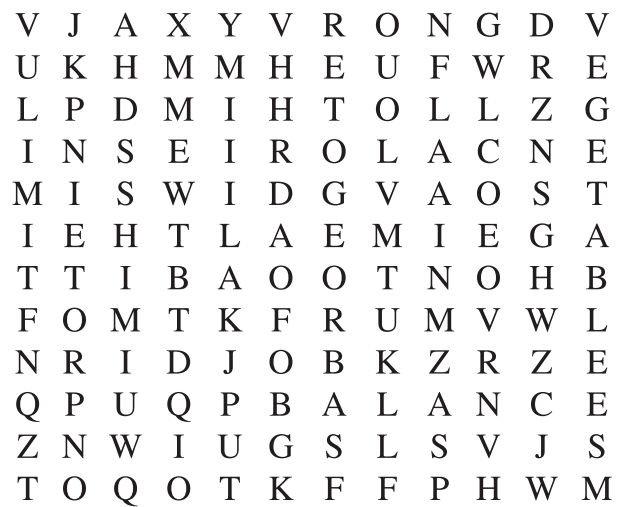
- 32. "Life of Jesus" theologian
- 35. A big deal on Wall St.
- 37. Western Thai people
- 38. Free from contamination
- 39. Type of dog
- 42. Revolver
- 43. High schoolers' exam
- 46. San Diego ballplayers
- 47. Hit the sack
- 49. Suitable for crops
- 50. Red mineral
- 52. Yellowish-brown
- 54. Lowest point between two peaks
- 55. Late TNT broadcaster
- 57. Thin strip to align parts
- 59. Swiss wind
- 62. A way to chill
- 63. Jewel
- 66. Rhodium
- 68. The top lawyer in the land



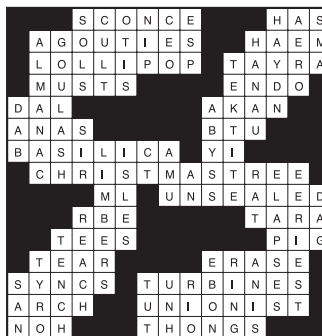
Healthy Eating Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.


- BALANCE
- FRUIT
- NUTRITION
- CALORIES
- HEALTHY
- PORTION
- FATS
- LIMIT
- PROTEIN
- FOOD
- MEAL
- VEGETABLE



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