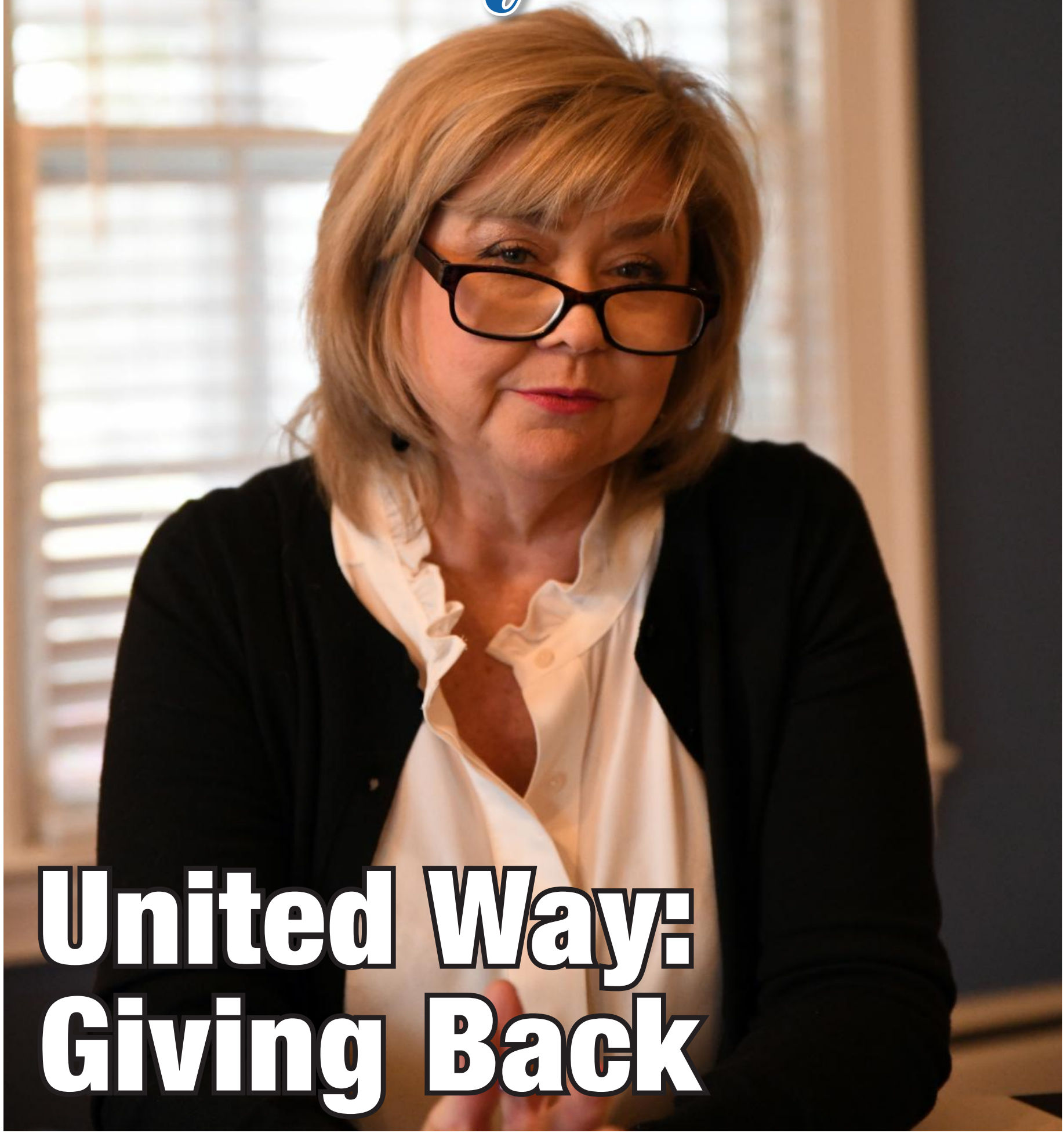


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County Provides Relief to Furloughed Federal Workers

Hearing Planned on Tax Credit for Some Who Are Disabled



Calvert County Board of County Commissioners

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their March 12 meeting took two actions aimed at helping people in need. They agreed to go to a public hearing with a proposal to provide property tax credits to disabled law enforcement officers and rescue workers. And, they approved some help to federal workers caught in the government shutdown. Neither of the provisions is expected to make a big dent in the county's revenue stream.

The devil has been in the details on the property tax credit for disabled workers. Originally, staff had presented a proposal to just cover police officers but based on concerns from the BOCC at a work session last month, that was modified to cover rescue workers also. Firefighters have their own plan.

According to a Power Point presentation to the BOCC at their March 12 meeting from Finance and Budget Director Tim Hayden, the Maryland Code section being used to provide the credit covers individual disabled law enforcement officers or rescue workers who have "been found to be permanently and totally disabled by an administrative body or a court of competent jurisdiction authorized to make such a determination."

The requirement for total disability caused some concern among several of the commissioners, but they were told that is current county policy and follows federal guidelines.

There also is concern about the requirement originally proposed by staff for an annual physical to reconfirm that permanent disability. That requirement has been struck in the proposal that will

go to public hearing.

State enabling law does not allow the county to specify where the injury occurred, but County Attorney John Norris said the county policy could limit the injury to having occurred in Maryland.

The proposed tax credit is limited to a maximum of \$2,500 and could be transferred to another property after 10 years but the credit would remain at the previous level. It would extend to a surviving spouse but would go away if that spouse remarries.

The public hearing on the proposal will be scheduled within the next month. All of the options discussed, and any other idea will be fair game for discussion at that hearing.

Regarding the relief for persons caught in the government shutdown, the BOCC unanimously approved the provision outlined in a memo from Hayden:

"On February 26, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) adopted Ordinance number 02-19, Ordinance for the Purpose of Empowering the Board of County Commissioners to Approve Abatement and Deferral of Fees, Fines, and Penalties in Certain Circumstances, which provides a mechanism to swiftly address circumstances of crisis affecting its citizens where abatement or deferral of fees, fines and penalties may be necessary and appropriate. There is an estimated 17 percent of Calvert County citizens employed or contracted by the federal government.

"The Department of Public Works, Water & Sewer Division (WSD) surveyed other water and sewer utilities to determine what actions are being taken throughout the State and District of Columbia to assist customers affected by the federal government ("affected

water and sewerage bills which were due by January 30, 2019. WSD mailed delinquent bills the week of February 4th, and placed hang tags from February 14 -15, 2019.

"The WSD, through resolution, proposes to: (1) note the affected customer status in Utility Billing; (2) place the customer account on the 'No Shut-Off list; and (3) reverse the late payment and interest charge penalty for the 4th quarter 2018 billing when a customer calls and identifies themselves as an affected customer. The affected customer will have until Friday, May 3, 2019 to pay their 4th quarter 2018 past due bill with no interest or penalty imposed."

The memo went on to describe the fiscal impact: "As of February 12, 2019, 936 or 17 percent of water and sewerage customers have past due balances totaling \$250,590. Five water and sewerage customers identified themselves as affected customers and requested payment extensions. As of February 13, 2019, three of those customers paid in full while the remaining two have a cumulative outstanding balance of \$248."

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"On December 27, 2018, the WSD billed over 5,400 4th quarter 2018 public

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Concerned Black Women Receive Award *Comptroller Franchot Bestows Honor*



Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot poses in front of a portrait of Harriet Elizabeth Brown, county civil rights leader, with Concerned Black Women of Calvert County President Pamela Cousins (l) and co-founder Doris J. Cammack Spencer. The organization was presented the William Donald Schaefer People Helping People Award.

By Dick Myers
Editor

Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot presented his 2019 William Donald Schaefer People Helping People Award in Calvert County on March 11 to Concerned Black Women (CBW) of Calvert County.

In the notice announcing the award, Franchot said, "CBW has worked diligently to address issues facing African American families including education, health, and economic empowerment, improving the overall quality of life in their communities."

Franchot made the presentation at the Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center to a crowd that packed into the facility meeting room. "Women are the future of this great country," Franchot said, observing his deputy, Sharonne Bonardi was in the audience. She is the first African-American woman to hold that position.

Franchot has taken up the tradition of the legendary comptroller Louis Goldstein of Calvert of handing out souvenir commemorative coins. He presented two, to CBW co-founder Doris J. Cammack Spencer and Malcolm Funn, the widower of co-founder Annette Funn.

Current CBW President Pamela Cousins, also a school board member, led the

ceremony and she and Spencer accepted the award and posed with other CBW members afterwards. Also in the group shot were elected officials in attendance: Commissioner Steve Weems, State's Attorney Andrew Rappaport and Register of Wills Margaret Phipps. Gov. Larry Hogan's Southern Maryland representative Gretchen Hardman also attended.

Franchot, a Democrat, noted Republican Hogan's sympathetic support of Franchot over the recent legislative indications to strip him of some of his power. He said in the late 1960's, a constitutional amendment was advanced to change the comptroller's position, along with register of wills and court clerk, into appointed positions. He said that was overwhelmingly defeated.

Schaefer, in addition to being Baltimore mayor and governor, was comptroller later in his life. "He really cared about the little guys," Franchot said of Schaefer in explaining why he is presenting the annual awards in Schaefer's honor.

Also, during the ceremony, CBW Vice President Inez Claggett, recently appointed to the school board, presented a history of the organization since its founding by 19 original members in 2004.

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Teachers View Time as a Barrier School Board Discusses Issue

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education periodically has been receiving updates on progress towards achieving the goals of the school system's strategic plan. At their March 7 meeting they received an update on the Student Outcomes goal, which includes promoting the growth of all students and eliminating all achievement gaps.

Other parts of the goal include preparing students for higher education, enhancing opportunities for high ability learners and expanding digital learning.

When it comes to student outcomes teacher are usually on the firing line for success or failure.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Diane Workman and Director of Secondary School Improvement Susan Johnson made the presentation, which was filled with pages of initiatives particularly for teacher professional development.

One of the initiatives is "learning focused" instruction in the classroom. Johnson said it was intended to create a "common language" so everyone knows what is expected to be learned by students in each class. The initiative is in the second year of a three-year rollout, and Johnson said teachers at the end of the rollout would be assessed as to how well they are doing in it.

Recently a 45-minute video was required to be watched by all teachers, and even School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry said he watched it. That 45 minutes could have been taken at home and the teacher given credit for that time or it could have been watched at school dur-

ing planning time.

"This (learning focused) is being rolled out with the clear intention that it will be the foundation of every classroom," Curry said. It is in line with the new state assessment standards.

Teachers have been complaining recently about the additional time burdens placed on them. School Board President Dawn Balinski said several teachers have told her, "It's just one more thing," about the initiative.

During the presentation the most significant barriers to achieving student outcomes were listed and time was right at the top of the list.

Johnson noted that attempts to find more time for teachers often lead to giving less time to students. And initiatives such as giving students double time for subjects that they are struggling with takes away from time for other subjects.

Balinski wondered if the school board really bore down on the often-voiced concern about time, what that initiative would look like.

Curry pointed out that the teachers negotiated contract calls for a seven-hour day. He said some school systems have eight-hour days. And the state requires that students be in school for 180 days yearly in normal six-hour classroom blocks.

Balinski observed that in Scandinavian countries the time teachers spend with students is significantly less than here, yet those countries have high achievers.

And Curry added, "We still struggle with time. Everything is important and nothing can be given up."

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White Sands Road Closed for Repairs



The Calvert County Department of Public Works is immediately closing a section of Pine Boulevard in Lusby for 90 days due to emergency culvert repairs. The area affected stretches along Pine Boulevard from Barnacle Lane to Cathy Court in the White Sands community.

Work will include replacement of a failed culvert under the roadway. The approximately \$250,000 project is ex-

pected to be completed within 90 days.

The repairs will not restrict access to homes, but motorists may need to adjust their community access points between Saw Mill Road and White Sands Drive.

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Railway Museum Slated for Renovation Old School Eyed for Collection Storage

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved applying for a matching grant for the renovation of Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum. The \$52,600 grant from the Maryland Heritage Authority/Maryland Historical Trust includes a request from the county for \$15,000 as part of the match.

Sherrod Sturrock, director of Calvert Marine Museum which oversees the railway museum, told the county commissioners at their March 12 meeting that grant request would be made by the Friends of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum. She said, "The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum has been part of Calvert County Government since it opened in 1979. Beyond routine maintenance, very little has been done to update the museum's core exhibit. While interesting, the exhibit needs to be streamlined and made relevant to today's visitors. Last year, we completed an Interpretive master plan to help address future directions for the museum. As the Rod 'N' Reel Resort undergoes massive expansion and renovation, there is an opportunity for the museum to, likewise, experience a renewal; this effort would require moving the staff and collections out of the building."

The plan outlined by Sturrock would have the museum close from November 2019 through August 2020, but programming could continue at the Northeast Community Center. The museum normally closes from November through March, so that represents an additional four months of closure.

The shuttered Randal Cliff School is a key to the transition and also was the major bone of contention from the commissioners about the proposal. Sturrock said, "The Randal Cliff School was built in 1939 as an African American School. It was turned over to Calvert County in 1972

and used as a Head Start Center from 1975 - 2012; it has been vacant since. In order to make it suitable for collections storage, an investment of approximately \$40,000 is required; this funding has been rolled into the grant request."

The plans to consolidate those exhibits into the restored school. Commissioner Buddy Hance asked if using the school would only be temporary during renovation. He was told by Sturrock that the plan was to have the school be used permanently for storage. Hance said that wasn't his understanding and it would require more work.

Hance said he had never visited the old school and at least he wanted the opportunity to inspect it. After some discussion it was decided, on suggestion from County Attorney John Norris, who also said he wasn't aware of that long-range plan, that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be drawn up between the county and the Friends of the Chesapeake Bay Railway Museum.

Sturrock agreed but she said the grant request with consent from the county needed to get in or the funds would be lost. On motion from Commissioner Steve Weems, the BOCC agreed to proceed with the grant request while the MOU was being drawn up.

Sturrock explained, "Matching grant funds will go toward the upgrades needed in Randal Cliff School. Matching funds represent a strong coalition of partners supporting this project: The Friends, The Town of Chesapeake Beach, a private donation from the Rod 'N' Reel, in-kind support from the Marine Museum personnel and Exhibits Department, and this request of \$15,000 to the County."

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Higher Ed Center Merges with State University System



Artist rendering of the proposed third building.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

As of March 1 the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center officially merged with the University System of Maryland (USM).

The long-awaited merger is a harbinger of not only advanced unmanned and autonomous systems technology, vis-à-vis the planned, new research building, but of expanded educational opportunities for county residents and the rest of Southern Maryland.

Anthony Foster, Associate Vice Chancellor for Planning and Accountability for USM, said the transition is underway.

“We need to get a reasonably smooth handover,” Foster told *The County Times*. “This is not something we usually do.” The regional centers the USM operates are of the system’s creation and are not from merging with another entity; more over the universities that already offer courses at what will now be known as the University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland (USMSM) will continue to have a home there.

Foster said another of the main aims of USM at the center was to bring enrollment of students back up; it had suffered in recent years as a result of restrictions in federal funds available for defense and civil servant workers to continue their education.

Also, the inclusion of hybrid courses, as well as those taught entirely online, reduced the number of face-to-face students at the center, Foster said.

“The center had been buffeted by some difficulties in recent years,” Fos-

ter said. “But there’s still good stable enrollment.”

A regional workforce needs study USM engaged in showed that along with the need for more degreed professionals in high technology jobs, there was an urgent need for courses that offered degrees in health care, business and education.

USM was looking to fill that need in taking over at the higher education center.

“Clearly Southern Maryland is one of the more advanced technology economies in the state,” Foster said. “But there’s also demand for more business degrees, more health care degrees and also for education.

“We are looking at these needs and trying to match programs to meet them.”

Another key program USM will pursue in the merger are “2 plus 2” programs or partnering with the College of Southern Maryland to bring graduates from that institution to finish out their degree with USMSM.

“That’s the vision,” Foster said.

Joe Anderson, a member of the Board of Governors at the higher education center which is now the Board of Advisors, said the merger promised to bring new and important educational opportunities to Southern Maryland.

“That’s going to be a major focus over the next few years,” Anderson said. “That’s going to be a big and important change.

“It’s going to allow a lot of young people, who might not have thought they would have been able to, to go to college in their own community.”

Anderson said the transition, which

has only been underway for a week, has been smooth.

“I’m very happy with the way things are going,” Anderson said.

Dr. Ben Latigo, the interim executive director at the center and also the chief academic officer, said the center would operate administratively from the USM’s main campus in Prince George’s County.

“Starting today [March 1] USM has appointed College Park as the administrative body,” Latigo said. “We are now part of the state university system.”

The Board of Regents at USM will conduct a search for a new director to run USMSM later this year.

Currently, the larger body is ensuring that the financial systems between the two are merged properly.

“The transition will be done in stages,” Latigo said. “It will be gradual.”

The key to making the merger as effective and productive as many elected leaders, both local and state, as well as education officials hope is the autonomous systems research facility more commonly known as the third building.

The funding for the third building at USMSM, at least in the engineering and planning phase, has been included in Gov. Larry Hogan’s capital budget.

The engineering funding stands at about \$13 million; while the entire project could cost about \$78 million to construct.

“We expect approval in the next month,” Latigo said of the third building. “If the new building is approved, we expect to break ground in October.

“The third building is key.”

The research facility is expected to

bring a substantial boon to the local and regional economy by providing a way to take traditionally military technology used in drones and other autonomous systems and help bring it to the civilian market.

This fits with the vision of local leaders to diversify the county’s economy away from the defense industry and its tightening budgets.

But the third building will also allow for the critical expansion of the education programs available at USMSM, Latigo said.

“The third building will provide the space we need,” Latigo said. “Half of the space will be for the additional classrooms we need; the other half will be for the pure research of unmanned systems.”

Latigo said the latest addition to the USM will be unique.

“All the private institutions will stay,” Latigo said. “It will be the only institution [of the regional centers] with a research component.

“This is an exciting time and it will be even more exciting with the third building; we will be able to attract new universities.”

The expansion of the USM’s presence in St. Mary’s is in addition to the unmanned air systems center they run next to the county’s airport terminal on Airport Road.

The county’s vision is to turn the entire area into a technology innovation hub, also known as an airport innovation district with an emphasis on aerospace technology.

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Public Hearing Scheduled for Staff Recommended Budget



The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will hold a public hearing Tuesday, March 19, 2019, to consider and receive comments regarding the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 staff recommended budget.

The hearing will begin at 7 p.m. at the Calvert Pines Senior Center located at 450 W. Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick. Citizens are encouraged to view the proposal in its entirety online at the link provided below.

For additional information, contact the Calvert County Department of Finance & Budget at 410-535-1600, ext. 2651 or via email at Shon.Bethea@calvertcountymd.gov. Individuals who cannot attend the public hearing may submit written

comments. These written comments must be received by 4:30 p.m., March 18, 2019, and may be submitted by emailing COMMISS@calvertcountymd.gov or through the U.S. mail to the BOCC at 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

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Damaged Property: 19-12773

On March 5th, 2019 Deputy Cress responded to Chesapeake Beach for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between the hours of 2:00 am 3:00 am on March 5th, an unknown person(s) threw an object at her vehicle windshield causing damage. The approximate value of damaged property is \$300.

Theft: 19-12585

On March 4th, 2019 Deputy Lewis responded to the Wendy's restaurant in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The victim advised sometime between Thursday February 28th and Monday March 4th, an unknown suspect(s) entered the construction site and stole several supplies. The estimated value of stolen items is approximately \$3,300.

Theft: 19-13711

On March 9th, 2019 Deputy R. Evans responded to the Calvert Tap House located in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The victim advised sometime between the hours of 12:45 am and 1:00 am an unknown suspect(s) stole her purse and the contents inside. Total value of stolen items is approximately \$130.

Theft: 19-13784

On March 9th, 2019 Deputy Rediker responded to Sonoma Lane in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft from vehicle. The victim stated that sometime between the hours of 12:30 am and 11:30 am an unknown suspect stole \$80 in cash and black in color Beats Headphones from their unlocked vehicle. The total estimated value of stolen property is approximately \$330.

Theft: 19-13963

On March 10th, 2019 Deputy Ward responded to Smoky Road in Huntingtown for the report of a theft of farm equipment. The complainant advised that his 15-Foot Field Cultivator was stolen between the end of February 2019 and March 10th, when it was reported. The approximate value of stolen property is estimated at \$3,000.

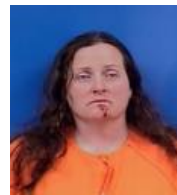
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On March 4th, 2019 Deputy Wilder responded to the Calvert County Detention Center for the complaint of destruction of property. It was revealed that **James Thomas Lanzi (27)**, broke a sprinkler head inside of his holding cell causing his jail issued items to be destroyed. The total value of damaged property is approximately \$250. Lanzi



was charged with Malicious Destruction of Property less than \$1,000.

On March 4th, 2019 Deputy Parks responded to the area of Papa John's in Prince Frederick for the report of a disorderly subject. Upon arrival, Deputy Parks made contact with a person in the area who stated a woman was walking around screaming, yelling, and talking to herself in the parking lot. Deputy Parks then found **Colleen Marie Arnold (34)**,



laying in the middle of the side parking lot of the BB&T Bank who appeared to be heavily intoxicated. Deputy Parks asked Arnold if she had any contraband on her person and she admitted to possessing Suboxone. Arnold then became disorderly and began to walk away from Deputy Parks during questioning. Deputy Parks attempted to detain Arnold and she resisted. Arnold was subsequently arrested and transported to the Emergency Room where she was cleared to be transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. Once arriving at the Detention Center, Arnold was formally charged with Disorderly Conduct and Intoxicated Public Disturbance.

On March 5th, 2019 Detective McCourt conducted a traffic stop in the area of Traskers Blvd and Route 4. Deputy Childress and his K9 partner responded to the traffic stop and performed a scan of the vehicle which resulted in a positive alert. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed a small black glove with 14 small capsules containing suspected a heroin/fentanyl mixture. The driver, **Bryan Edward Seay (29)**, was



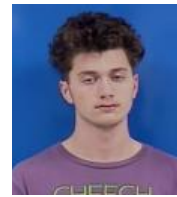
placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, and Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl/Heroin Mix.

On March 5th, 2019 Deputy Ward responded to the Giant in Prince Frederick for a report of a theft. Deputy Ward made contact with the manager who stated the suspect, **Julie Williams (70)**,



walked out of the grocery store with a cart full of unpaid items. Williams walked back into the store with employees after being questioned. Deputy Ward had the employee's ring up the amount of stolen items from the store which totaled \$164.53. Williams was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Theft \$100 to \$1,500.

On March 7th, 2019 Deputy Bowlan responded to Taos Trail and Redeye Road in Lusby for the report of an auto accident. The passenger of the vehicle, **Daniel James Branham (18)**, appeared



to be under the influence and admitted to taking some pills. A consented search of his person revealed 7 yellow round pills. Branham was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession not Marijuana.

On March 8th, 2019 Deputy Mason and DFC Mohler initiated a traffic stop

in the area of Hallowing Point Road and N. Solomons Island Road. During the traffic stop, Deputy Mason observed a black handgun case in the rear passenger side floorboard. After confirming the suspect, **Jordan Tyler Parsons (24)**,



did not possess a concealed carry permit, Parsons was asked to step out of the vehicle. Deputy Mason removed the gun from the case, which was fully loaded with two other loaded magazines. Parsons was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Loaded Handgun in Vehicle, Handgun in Vehicle, and Dangerous Weapon- Conceal.

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One (1) check for \$50.00 made out to The Commissioners of Leonardtown, 22670 Washington Street, P. O. Box 1, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650. Check can be hand delivered to the Town between the hours of 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. or sent via US Mail. Payment MUST be received before bid package can be picked up or sent out. Bid packages being sent will be sent via standard US Mail, unless the Express Mail account number of the company requesting the bid package is provided with the payment of the mailing of the bid package.

Bid packages can be reviewed at No Charge at the Leonardtown Town Hall located at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650 between the hours of 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Monday – Friday.

Sealed bids will be received until Friday, April 5, 2019 2:30 P.M. local time, at Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, P. O. Box 1, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650. Bids received will be opened, read aloud and recorded at that time.

A bid security, bid bond or certified check in the amount of 10 percent (10%) of the Total Bid Amount shall be submitted with each bid. Bid security/bond/certified check shall be made payable to The Commissioners of Leonardtown.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the Leonardtown Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650, March 21, 2019 @ 10:00 AM local time to permit bidders to discuss the project, Scope of Work, present questions/concerns and then visit the actual tank site. Attendance is NOT mandatory, but is strongly recommended. This will be the ONLY time the water tank will be open for inspection by the bidders.

Please forward all questions in writing to Leonardtown Water Tank Consultant, Mr. Douglas DeClerck, 47 South Broad Street, Hughesville, Pennsylvania 17737 via e-mail: dadeclerck@hotmail.com – Questions received before 2:00 PM on Tuesday March 26, 2019 will be answered by Friday, March 29, 2019 @ 3:00 PM. Only written questions and responses will be binding.

The Town of Leonardtown, Maryland reserves the right, without liability, to accept or reject any or all bids, waive any and all informalities and to award this bid as it deems is in the best interest of the Town of Leonardtown. Bids shall remain firm for a period of 90 days after bid opening.

By Authority:
Laschelle McKay
Town Administrator

Fair Draws South County Community

Event Featured Family Resources, Fun



Keynote speaker Margo Gross (left) used selfies to talk about keys to success.

By Dick Myers
Editor

Some schools in southern Calvert County have been criticized during public comment sessions at school board meetings, particularly over what some parents and teachers perceived as lack of discipline. In response, the schools wanted to be proactive, reaching out to the community. At the start of the current school year, elementary school, Patuxent-Appeal Campus

(PAC) sent buses of teachers and staff into Chesapeake Ranch Estates to hand out school supplies and meet with residents.

The school board has also allocated supplemental grants to some schools to help them address discipline issues.

Last year another part of the outreach was started: Southern Calvert Family Resource Fair and Carnival. The second annual event was held March 8 at Patuxent High School, and judging from the attendance and enthusiasm of attendees, the idea has become a hit.

Upon entering the vestibule, attendees saw ahead of them a line of vendors with displays about resources available to families. To the right, in the gymnasium, was a room packed with games and activities for the kids, and in the cafeteria free pizza, snacks and drinks were handed out. To the left was a drop off point for Maryland Food Bank.

Throughout the school there were seminars and lectures on topics such as "Preparing Your Child for Success," "Signs of Addiction," and "How to Motivate Kids to Step up."

In the auditorium, PAC Vice Principal and life coach Margo Gross used the popular youth pastime of taking selfies to talk about "The Six Selfies of Success" – Self Discipline, Self-Determination, Self-Confidence, Self-Love, Self-Compassion and Self-Reflection.

She asked some volunteers to come up to take selfies,



The fair included games in the gymnasium

and she noted that care is usually taken in the creative techniques of selfies and so should the same care be taken to achieve the six selfies of success.

"Discipline yourself so others won't have to," she said, observing that self-discipline leads to better academic performance, establishes self-control and creates focus.

The key, she said, is "Create structures and routines that assist with and celebrate self-discipline! Make

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Face painting was a big hit.

them own it!”

Regarding self-determination, she said “You have a choice, you can either throw in the towel, or use it to wipe the sweat from your face.” Self-determination, she said, leads to better independence and self-advocacy, creates children who are more likely to make better decisions, builds appreciation for their strengths while acknowledging their weaknesses and increases their ability to achieve goals. She said it also develops problem-solving skills and equips children with the tools to cope with challenges

The key to self-determination, she said: “Don’t jump in to assist too soon. It’s okay to struggle.”

Gross quoted Henry Ford on self-confidence: “If you think you can or you think you can’t, you’re right.”

The key message to parents on this topic, she said, “Your confidence in them, displayed through words and actions, matters.”

With self-love, Gross said, everyone is “equipped



Community organizations provided resource information at the Southern Calvert Family Resource Fair/Carnival.

to deal with adversity, less likely to use drugs or participate in self-sabotaging behaviors and increases the chances of pursuing goals and dreams.”

The key to self-love success, she said: “Make love unconditional!”

Self-compassion, Gross said, “builds resiliency, leads to kindness and compassion for others (empathy) and creates gratitude by refocusing on what’s right.”

The key to self-compassion: “Start with you! Model forgiving yourself.”

As to self-reflection, she quoted Anaid Nim: “We

don’t see things as they are, we see them as we are.” Self-reflection enhances a child’s ability to grow in all areas of life and creates the foundation for effective change

The key: “Allow opportunities for your child to think things through before adding your view and perspective, especially after making a mistake.”

Gross presented some statistics to highlight the needs for selfie success. She said almost half of male students have a low body image, up to 85 percent of the world’s population has low self-esteem, social media lowers, not raises self-esteem, and 80 percent of females have low body esteem.

She closed with giving 10 ways for parents to facilitate those selfies in their child:

1. Listen- this will tell you what they are thinking and how they are thinking.
2. Facilitate the practice of self-care
3. Teach them to set boundaries. It’s okay to say, “No!”
4. Teach them to protect themselves by being mindful of the company they keep.
5. Teach them how to forgive themselves.
6. Don’t demean them or criticize them in ways that diminish dignity.
7. Don’t compare them to others.
8. Love them unconditionally and say it.
9. Help them distinguish between what they wanted and what they needed.
10. Remind them that sometimes in life we have to do things we don’t enjoy, to get to places of choice and opportunity.

And she added, “Model the above in your own life!”

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Firm Selected to Design Enslaved Peoples Memorial Site to be Located at St. Mary's College

St. Mary's College of Maryland is proud to announce the artist selected to design A Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland is the design firm RE:site led by founders Norman Lee and Shane Allbritton.

"RE:site's striking and thought-provoking design truly captures the purpose of the commemorative – to acknowledge the existence of slavery in the region and remember the resilience of the enslaved people," said Tuajuanda C. Jordan, president of St. Mary's College. "Some designs attempt to take viewers back to the past, as if the journey of enslaved people is simply a relic. RE:site reminds us that this journey exists in both the past and the present, ever guiding us toward greater sensitivity, understanding and, hopefully, appreciation today and tomorrow."

"As artists, we are humbled by St. Mary's charge to create a memorial honoring the enslaved people who once lived, loved, worked, and resisted on the college grounds. The past is never dead, and history never leaves us. It is a privilege to be working on a project that attends to those the world has tried to forget, to erase, to bury beneath silence. We owe them our care and our attention and

are honored to give all that we have. It is our hope that this work will make the invisible visible and invite deep reflection on our future as a community," stated Shane Allbritton and Norman Lee with Quenton Baker of RE:site.

Lee presented RE:site's design proposal on Feb. 12 to students, faculty, staff and community members and received overwhelmingly positive comments and reviews of the team's proposed memorial. Feedback from the design included:

"This design and presentation drew me in, made me think, reflected backwards and projected forward;"

"You are part of the design, not removed from it, and it is a reminder that each of us must be part of the dialogue and the way forward;"

"...a thoughtful, layered project, deeply informed by the local context of the site. It was conceptually broad and nuanced and, more importantly, the physical expression of those ideas seemed like it would be an effective, multi-faceted visual memorial that would last over time."

The award of the commission was administered by a selection committee composed of College administration, faculty, staff, students, and members of the community. The committee had se-



Design for A Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland

lected three artists to submit design proposals and present to the campus community and general public. The presentations were videotaped and the design proposals posted to the College's website following the presentations, where comments were collected. The selection committee considered these comments when making its decision.

The half-acre commemoration site is

adjacent to the archaeological site area, along the path from the planned parking area to the in-development Jamie L. Roberts Stadium. This location is about 300 feet southeast of the intersection of College Drive and Mattapany Road.

The memorial project is funded by \$500,000 in State of Maryland funds.

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United Way of Calvert County: Focusing o

By Dick Myers
Editor

Have you met Alice? No, not the one who owns the restaurant where “You Can Get Anything You Want.” This ALICE (all caps) isn’t even necessarily a woman. This ALICE is an acronym for “Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.” They are the households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county. That’s known as the ALICE Threshold.”

The ALICE Threshold in Calvert County is \$35,316 for a single adult and \$82,728 for a family of four. In Maryland 38 percent of employed people fall below the ALICE Threshold. In Calvert, the figure is 28 percent.

ALICE has become the focus of United Way of Calvert County (UWCC) and many of the partners that they provide funding to. United Way of Calvert County President/CEO Kelly Chambers said, “This person is the working poor and we see this every day. At least a couple times a week we’ll get a phone call from someone who is working, and something traumatic has happened in their life. They’ve lost a job. Somebody

in their family has got cancer and they were working paycheck to paycheck and something traumatic has happened in their life. And this is who our agencies are working with.”

And these working poor are the thrust of what has been a seismic change in recent years toward needs-based funding instead of providing funding based on an agency’s mission.

Periodically UWCC assesses the needs of the community and then funds community partners based on those needs. The agency’s annual \$150,000 investment in local programs goes to one-year basic needs grants and five-year Community Impact grants based on three needs categories: education, financial stability and health.

“We do a needs assessment every five years and we collect data from the community through a very elaborate needs assessment. We do focus groups, we do surveys, collect all that data, and then we address the needs,” Chambers said. The UWCC Board of Directors led by Shelly Potts is actively involved in that process.

The key focus areas for education are school readiness, healthy communication and high school success.

The key focus areas for financial stability are workforce readiness, family-sustaining employment and manageable expenses.

The key focus areas for health are mental health, substance abuse, including the opioid crisis, and accessibility.

The agency is now in the second year of that five-year funding cycle.

For the basic needs annual grants, the key focus areas are food, emergency shelter and rent and utility assistance.

Chambers went on to explain: “So we identify the needs and then we do a request for proposals to see how they (non-profit agencies) can address those needs and then fund them. We do a five-year funding cycle. We’re not just looking to put a band-aid on the problem, but to really change the community, so we want to get to the root cause of what’s happening in the community.”

Chambers started working at UWCC part-time and then became full-time president in 1999. That needs-based way of addressing the problems of the community has occurred locally and in United Way organizations nationwide during her watch.

Chambers said, “Getting at what is causing the problem and fund that. I think that’s probably what’s changed most about our organization over the years and I’m very proud of that. We’ve always done good work and good things in the community. I think how we’ve changed over the years is just being more precise about changing the community and changing what the needs are in the community. Being very more focused on that. And, identifying what’s really wrong and what the biggest needs are in the community and addressing those.”

Chambers explained about United Way, “it is a worldwide organization, but every United Way is funded every year. United Way is an individual nonprofit run by volunteers in the community and it’s based on the needs of that community. We do pay dues to use the (national) organization and its logo and they support us in making sure that we are run in the right way.”

The roots of UWCC go back almost 40 years to Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant’s then operator Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, which identified a need and started assisting their employees in raising money for organizations like boy and girl scouts and Meals on Wheels. That first year \$5,000 was raised.

The organization incorporated as a non-profit in 1990 has always had a small staff. When Chambers started there was a full-time director and herself working part time as an administrative assistant. Today it’s just Chambers and two newly-hired employees, Director of Community Impact Heather Cease and Director of Operations Christine Michelsen

Chambers has been with UWCC for 27 years. She had worked for Prince George’s County government developing a drug program and also in therapeutic recreation.

Why did she choose UWCC? She quickly responded, “Serving people? That’s been my passion. My whole life is giving back to the people in the community. I love working with the agencies. I love working with the community and giving back. And that’s what United Way is all about, it’s the people and helping in multitudes of different ways because there are so many different agencies that we work with on a regular basis. So, it’s all about the agencies and helping people. “

In addition to the switch to needs-based funding, Chambers said there’s been an emphasis on “being accountable to not only the agencies, being accountable to the donors. I think that’s why people want to give to United Ways, because they know that their dollars are being well spent. The donors know that when they give to United Way that their dollar is going to the agen-



United Way of Calvert County President/CEO Kelly Chambers.

on the Future from a 40-Year Perspective

cies to help people. And our administrative costs are extremely low.”

There are many ways to contribute, Chambers said. “You could just write a check to us and let us decide where that money best can be used. They can direct it to education, financial stability or health,” she said. She added, “They can sit with me and we can go through all of our different areas that we focus on and I’d be happy to tell them about that. If they want to do planned giving, we have options for planned giving. If they want to designate a specific agency, they can look at our list and go, okay, I want to give to that agency.”

The organization also raises money through contributions to employee payroll deduction plans and of course fundraising. For the past 20 years the biggest fundraiser has been the annual Mardi Gras, in which King and Queen contestants vie for the crown by raising money and tickets were sold to the big event.

Two years ago, UWCC began a Balloon Festival, which has quickly ballooned into their biggest fundraiser. The third festival will be held this summer at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum.

With the large amount of work for such a small staff and with comparatively small return, they decided the 20th Mardi Gras held two weeks ago would be the last.

She said, “We have a strategic plan that we do on an annual basis that guide us and the board approves it. I have an audit done every year and that’s how we move forward. We’re very strategically focused and which is why Mardi Gras ended this year. That’s part of our strategic plan to be focused on the future.”

She thinks people have a melancholy feeling about the dropping of Mardi Gras after 20 years. “I think we have to diversify our funding and do new things too. So, there was a little bit of sadness about it, but we had a really great turnout of some of the prior kings and queens and candidates, so that was really nice.” She added, “There might be a reunion in the future, or something like that.”

Meanwhile the focus is on the Balloon Festival, and Chambers said the event requires a huge number of volunteers. So, if anyone is interested, they can go on the UWCC website, <https://www.unitedwaycalvert.org/> and register to volunteer.

Fundraising has had to take a bigger chunk of the staff’s time because the agency has seen a drop-off of the employee payroll deduction program, perhaps due to the way younger generations are doing their volunteer work.

One way of fact finding for the right giving is on the UWCC annual Day of Caring in September, in which organizations and companies encourage employees to participate in a special project, such as working at a food pantry and painting a homeless shelter.

At Day of Caring, she said, “They can see firsthand what the needs are in the community. And once they see that, they get more interested in what’s going on in the community, and then once they get more involved in the community and they see what’s happening, they get more engaged.”

From her unique vantage point, Chambers is impressed with the level of volunteerism in the county. “There are so many volunteers in our community. I would say it’s quite high. I would say it’s great,” is her assessment.

She said the community would be lost without its volunteers. “I feel very blessed to be a part of the community. I was asked to speak at Meals on Wheels annual luncheon this past year, and so many people that I’ve known for so many years were there, and, it was just a reflection of the same people that give over and over and are still around for so many years helping. And it’s just wonderful. That’s what this community is all about, giving back. And, that what the United Way is all about. The agencies are just wonderful. It’s about the people. It’s really about the people.”

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2019 Mardi Gras King and Queen Ricky Cox and Theresa Kuhns. Cox is a sheriff’s department lieutenant and Kuhns is Southern Maryland Association of Realtors government affairs director.

UWCC Community Partners



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CSM Announces Spring Break Schedule

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) will close for spring break at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, and resume normal operating hours on Monday, March 25.

There will be no credit classes held March 18-22.

Campus bookstores will be open March 18 and 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The stores will close March 20-22 and will resume regular hours Monday, March 25. CSM fitness centers and pools will also close starting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19.

During spring break, access to the college's online services will remain available at www.csmd.edu through my.CSMD services.

The Kids' & Teen College summer program online registration will remain open.

Spring Mini Session II starts March 25. The last day to withdraw without a



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grade for spring full-term classes and the last day to change a credit to an audit or an audit to a credit for spring full-term classes is March 27.

A complete calendar for CSM is available at <http://calendar.csmd.edu/main.php>.

Press Release from CSM

School Board Honors Patuxent High Theater Program



The Board of Education of Calvert County Public Schools issued a resolution in honor of the Patuxent High School Harlequins to recognize their state championship at the 2019 Maryland Thespian Festival for their production of the first act of *Becky's New Car*, by Stephen Dietz.

Directed by Allen Price and student director Destiny Cusic, the Harlequins have established and maintained a consistent standard of excellence in the field of theater arts. They will represent Maryland at the 2019 International Thespian Festival held in Lincoln, Nebraska in June.

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, Superintendent, said, "The Harlequins of Patuxent High represent the heart and passion for the arts found here in CCPS. Now they represent the state."

"I am extremely proud of these students," said Mr. Price. "They took on a difficult challenge and succeeded at the highest level. They had less rehearsal time than previous groups because of the advanced rehearsal process for the spring musical, concerts for their performing arts classes and obligations for their AP courses. Yet they didn't flinch when we had to have rehearsals starting at 6PM to avoid other conflicts. I couldn't ask for a more dedicated group."

The Patuxent Harlequins are: Selia Bizzarro, Haley Cashman, Destiny Cusic, Kiera Gallagher, Jesse Kern, Ambrea Murphy, Brenna Murray, Jenny O'Connor, Mitchell Richman, Maddie Rohde, Seth Turner and Morgen Weir.

Press Release from CCPS

Two Students Selected as Undergraduate Research Fellows



(L-R) Professor of Anthropology William Roberts, and SMCM students Melody Raynaud and Daniel Mehaffey

St. Mary's College of Maryland anthropology students Melody Raynaud and Daniel Mehaffey have been selected as inaugural Undergraduate Research Fellows for the American Anthropological Association. Raynaud and Mehaffey are two of only six fellows selected from a nationwide pool of applicants.

With mentor William Roberts, professor of anthropology, Raynaud and Mehaffey will focus their research on answering questions regarding their experience of navigating career devel-

opment. Their study also explores how building a community of practice among students and faculty at St. Mary's College promotes the development of skills and knowledge that develop graduates' character.

Funded by the Center for Research on College-Workforce Transitions of the Wisconsin Center for Education Research at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, this program supports research projects that use ethnographic or mixed methods to address the question, how do anthropology majors prepare for life after college?

St. Mary's College of Maryland is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education through 2024-2025. St. Mary's College, designated the Maryland state honors college in 1992, is ranked one of the best public liberal arts schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Approximately 1,600 students attend the college, nestled on the St. Mary's River in Southern Maryland.

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St. Mary's College Appoints New Assistant Varsity Sailing Coach



Allison Shane, St. Mary's College of Maryland assistant varsity sailing coach. Photo credit: Matthew Cohen

St. Mary's College of Maryland is pleased to announce the appointment of Allison Shane as assistant varsity sailing coach. Shane grew up sailing in Duxbury, Mass., and taught at Duxbury Yacht Club and Duxbury Bay Maritime School (DBMS) for several summers. Shane graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from St. Mary's College in 2015, where she majored in public policy and competed on the varsity sailing team for all four years. She helped lead the Seahawks to a second-place finish at the

team race national championships, received Academic All-American honors in 2015 and was selected to All-MAISA honors. Shane was an active member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) from 2012 – 2015.

Director of Sailing Bill Ward is excited to have Shane working with the Seahawks, "Al was such a heady player as an undergraduate--she studied the game and will undoubtedly improve the students' experience and performance."

Prior to her return to intercollegiate athletics at her alma mater, Shane worked at Allianz Asset Management as an international benefits specialist. She is looking forward to returning to St. Mary's County and getting back on the water. Shane states, "I am excited to share my experiences with the student athletes and also encourage college hopefuls to come to St. Mary's College."

St. Mary's College of Maryland is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education through 2024-2025. St. Mary's College, designated the Maryland state honors college in 1992, is ranked one of the best public liberal arts schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Approximately 1,600 students attend the college, nestled on the St. Mary's River in Southern Maryland.

Schultz Selected to All-CAC First Team



Spencer Schultz '20 | Photo Credit: Bill Wood

Junior Spencer Schultz represented St. Mary's College of Maryland on the 2019 All-Capital Athletic Conference men's basketball team that was released by the league on Thursday (Feb. 21) morning. Schultz was selected to the First Team.

"Spencer battled through adversity with injuries in the past," Head Men's Basketball Coach, Chris Harney '97 said. "It's great to see all of his hard work pay off with this recognition."

The 6-7 forward led the Seahawks in scoring, averaging 17.4 points per game,

good for third in the conference. Schultz also paced the Seahawks in rebounds with 7.4 per game and field goal percentage (59.5), which is the third-best mark in the CAC.

Schultz earned back-to-back CAC Player of the Week honors on Dec. 17 and Jan. 4. In addition, the Clear Spring, Maryland native was named the December Student-Athlete of the Month at St. Mary's College.

Press Release from SMC

Heavy Rains Have Home Owners and Businesses Talking Flood Insurance

It's another rainy day in Southern Maryland, and a perfect time to talk about Flood Insurance.

Did you know that 2018 was the wettest year on record for many areas in Maryland and Virginia?

Average rainfall in the state of Maryland is typically around 42", but some areas finished out the year with over 66". That's nearly 60% more water flooding our roads, collecting in our rivers and streams, puddling and eventually pooling in our neighborhoods and yards, leaking into our basements, and even opening sinkholes from PAX River to Laurel. News stories on flooding seemed to pop up with every rainstorm last year, from Mechanicsville to Annapolis, through Ellicott City and Baltimore.

When you first bought your home, your lender may have talked to you about flood zones, and if your home falls into a certain zone you may have been required to obtain flood insurance.

But what many homeowners fail to realize is that flood insurance should be a consideration even when you fall into a low risk flood zone.

It is important to note that home insurance policies do not cover flood damages under any circumstance. Flood insurance coverage is defined and regulated by the Federal Government through a program called FEMA. A flood can be defined as:

"A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from: (1) The overflow of inland or tidal waters; (2) The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source; (3) Mudslides (i.e., mudflows) which are proximately caused by flooding and are akin to a river of liquid and flowing mud on the surfaces of normally dry land areas, as when earth is carried by a current of water and deposited along the path of the current."

And with all this extra water on the

ground, you can be sure that this was happening all over the state even in areas nowhere near the coast or a body of water.

Let's look at Ellicott City for example. Flash floods in May of 2018 devastated historic Main Street. Some of the area is in Flood Zone AE, a required coverage area for most lenders, but some of the area effected by the flood was defined as Flood Zone X, an area that often requires no coverage at all when working with lenders. Its safe to say that some people from that area, people we know and work with, were without coverage for flooding and are now paying out of pocket to cover the costs of rebuilding and replacing, after a flooding event that they never could have predicted.

The critical takeaway from this is that Flood Zones do not guarantee the potential impact for floods or flood damage. As a home or business owner it is your responsibility to carefully evaluate the risks and take the steps necessary

to at least minimize the impact a flood event could have on you, your family, and your financial health.

Riverside Farmers is here to help you with that. We can help you understand your flood risk and offer affordable coverage options that meet your specific needs, regardless of your flood zone.

Take a moment to discover your flood zone here msc.fema.gov/portal/search#searchresultsanchor or give us a call at 301-842-7587 and our expert team will be happy to assist!

Stay dry out there everyone!

Alyssa Schmidt is an agent with Riverside Farmers Insurance at 22888 Three Notch Road in California, MD. She can be reached at 301-842-7587 or alyssa.kbobkoskie@farmersagency.com

*By Alyssa Schmidt
Riverside Farmers Insurance
Special to the County Times*

Historic St. Mary's City Celebrates Maryland Day



Flag ceremony participants Tamia Chase, representing the Piscataway Conoy tribe and John Taft Bailey, representing St. Mary's County at Maryland Day flag ceremony 2018

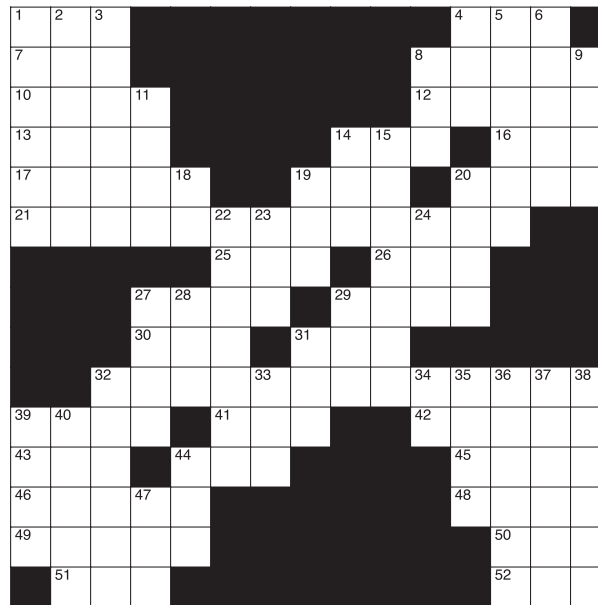
ney in 1634; explore the reconstructed Town Center, the place for all government business in the 1600s; and the St. John's Site Museum, to examine what archaeology has discovered. Save time for lunch – Enso Kitchen will be serving delicious artisan breads and sandwiches on site. The Maryland Day ceremony will take place at the State House (47418 Old State House Road) at 1:00 p.m. Keynote speaker Travis Parno, HSMC Director of Research and Collections, will discuss the early years of our state with "Many People, One Place." John McAllister, President of the Historic St. Mary's City Foundation board will receive the museum's highest honor, the Cross Bottony award, for his years of service to the institution. Music for the ceremony will be provided by the Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra and the Southern Maryland Gospel Choir. The program will close with the Ceremony of the Flags, a perennial crowd-pleaser, when children from across Maryland present their county colors.

Historic St. Mary's City is a museum of living history and archaeology on the site of Maryland's first capital in beautiful, tidewater Southern Maryland. For more information about the museum contact the Visitor Center at 240-895-4990, 800-SMC-1634, or info@DigsHistory.org.

Celebrate Maryland in the place where it all began! Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) invites the community to commemorate the 385th anniversary of the founding on Saturday, March 23 by offering free admission for all!

Living history sites will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Plan to visit the Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation to see heritage breed cows, pigs and chickens and the Woodland Indian Hamlet and learn about the people and culture that were here before Maryland. Step on board the Maryland Dove to imagine the risk taken on the original jour-

Fun & GAMES



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- Brother or sister
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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Alcohol Awareness Month

To the Editor:

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Founded and sponsored by Facing Addiction with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD), this year's theme is: "Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow." No other substance is more widely used by American's youth than alcohol, making alcoholism and alcohol-related problems the number one health problem in the United States.

Calvert County is not immune to the issue of underage drinking. Data from the 2016 Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) indicates that 43.6 percent of 12th grade students, 42.6 percent of 11th grade students and 27.3 percent of 10th graders drank alcohol at least one day during the 30 days before the survey was taken. The survey also shows that 72 percent of 12th graders, 68 percent of 11th graders, 51 percent of 10th graders and 48 percent of 9th graders reported drinking at least once in their life.

Addressing this issue requires a sustained and cooperative effort between parents, schools, colleges, community leaders, and our youth. The

widespread prevalence of underage drinking and the negative consequences it creates remain a stubborn and destructive problem despite decades of efforts to combat it. From risky behaviors, failing grades to possible death, underage drinking is a challenging issue.

There are four areas that have proven to be effective in prevention of this problem: 1) Curtailing the availability of alcohol to those underage; 2) Consistent enforcement of existing laws and regulations regarding alcohol purchase; 3) Changing cultural misconceptions and behaviors about alcohol use through education, and 4) Expanded access to treatment and recovery support for adolescents and their families.

Join us in raising the alarm! Have a conversation with your teen; don't provide alcohol to those under 21; and seek out treatment and support services should you suspect a problem. Prevention begins at home so take that first step and start a conversation before it's too late.

Sincerely,
Debbi Mister, President
CAASA Board of Directors

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

Tamara Lynn "Tammy" Bennet



Tamara Lynn "Tammy" Bennett, age 49, of Woodbridge, VA, passed away suddenly on Friday, March 1, 2019 at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center. Tammy was born on Sunday, April 13, 1969 at St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD.

Tammy attended St. Mary's Ryken High School (Class of 87), Leonardtown, MD, participating in track and cross country, graduating from Northern High School, Owings, MD.

Tammy was born and raised in St. Mary's County, Maryland amongst many loving relatives and friends, until she graduated and moved to Virginia, pursuing her dental assistant career, and later enjoying spending time with family, friends, and her pets. Tammy's passion of gardening and her "Green Thumb" was a testament to all the care and love she gave to her plants and flowers, a special part of her life. Her home and yard are like a "tropical garden and forest" with so many colors and species of plants, some even from Hawaii!

She always loved animals, especially horses, and her childhood pony, "Moonlight".

Starting at a very young age, and into her early teens, riding English with "Moonlight" and competing in many Horse Shows, Equestrian Events and County Fairs in St. Mary's County - with no fear of jumping - Tammy won many ribbons and trophies.

But above all, she got immense pleasure and happiness just from horseback riding, having no fear of jumping, even if "Moonlight" on occasion did. When he refused, with Tammy encouraging him on, they glided over hurdles together. Both showing so much pride in what they accomplished in the end.

There was her dog "Ginger", followed by "Hunter", "Bullet", and "Jake"... And now there is her beloved "Dexter" - her "pot belly" pig!

Loved her "Redskins"...Whether they won or lost! Calling, texting - "GO SKINS!" and/or "HTTR", every game! That was Tammy!!

She enjoyed many motorcycle adventures with Danny, loved riding behind him on the Harley!

Tammy loved the outdoors...loved camping, boating, traveling, beaches, sunny weather, sunsets...and fell in love with Key West, Florida, where she spent time with Danny and her family whenever she could. "I'm coming to Key West"!

Tammy is survived by her husband, Daniel Ross "Danny" Bennett, the love of her life. They married on June 10, 2010 and have been enjoying a never-ending "honeymoon" together for almost 9 years now. Tammy is also survived by her loving family: her son, Nathan Newlove of Woodbridge, VA; father, Joseph Van Dalsum, Sr. of Fairfax, VA; mother, Sandra Guy Roy and step-father Carl W. Roy II of Owings, MD; brother, Joseph (Joey) Van Dalsum, Jr., (Kim), nephew, August (Auggie) Van Dalsum, niece, Chloe Van Dalsum of Forest Hill, MD; step-son, Michael Bennett (Tara) and granddaughters, Amanda and Danni of Dayton, VA.

Tammy's smile and spirit were infectious, so sweet, and always giving of herself to others. She will be missed by many, but memories of her will always

make us smile.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: St. Jude's Children's Hospital in memory of Tammy.

Danny Ray Hensley



Danny Ray Hensley, 56, of Lothian passed away March 9, 2019. He was born August 30, 1962 in Washington, D.C. to Darrell Ray and Laura Mae (Buchanan) Hensley. Danny was raised in Capitol Heights and moved to Lothian in 2008. He was a SAL member of the American Legion Post 196 in District Heights. Danny was a die-hard Washington Redskins and Washington Capitals fan. He enjoyed fishing, having a good time, listening to bluegrass and southern rock music and spending time with his son Darrell and grandson Danny.

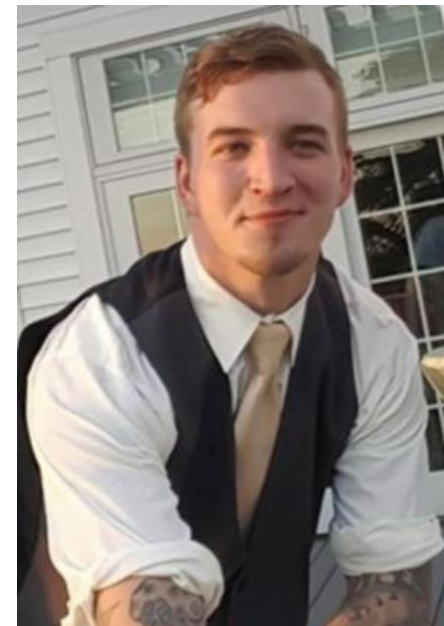
Danny is survived by his son Darrell Hensley of Lothian, grandson Danny Hensley, mother Laura Hensley of Saltville, VA and sisters Carol Albany and husband Tony of Mechanicsville, VA, Darla Bullard and husband Kenny of North Beach, Donna Eckert and husband Bobby of Lothian and Drema Hensley of Marion, VA. He was preceded in death by his father Darrell Hensley and brother Kenneth Hensley.

Visitation will be Friday, March 15, 2019, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

David "Scott" Starr

David "Scott" Starr, 28, of Lusby, MD passed away on March 9, 2019 in Lusby, MD. Scott was born on September 30, 1990 in Prince Frederick, MD to Deane Starr of Lusby, MD and Lisa Arnott of British Columbia, Canada.

Scott enjoyed fishing, wildlife, gaming and was an avid fan of the Philadelphia Eagles. Scott loved to socialize and every stranger he met was a friend. His presence alone could light up a room the second he entered. He held his fam-



ily close to his heart, and he loved nothing more than the days the entire family would come together.

Scott was preceded in death by his grandparents Paul and Revena Starr. He is survived by his mother Lisa Arnott and his step-father Shaun Arnott, of British Columbia, Canada and his father, Deane Starr and his step-mother, Charlene Leizear, of Lusby, MD. He also is survived by his brother Kyle (Barbara) Starr of Lusby, MD and his sister and twin Shelby Starr Nelson, Best friend Ray Nelson, and nephew Rayden Nelson of Summerville, SC, His grandparents Dave and Kathy Duffey, of Huntingtown, MD and many Uncles, Aunts and cousins.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 14, 2019, 6:15-7 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Lusby, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657. A Life Celebration Service will follow at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to a drug treatment center of your choice or to your local humane society.

Michael Rascon



Michael Rascon, 88, of Huntingtown, MD passed away on March 8, 2019 in Prince Frederick, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Suite 120, Baltimore, MD

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Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

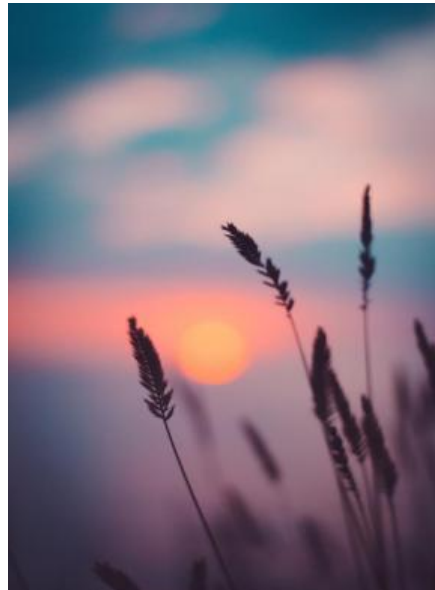
Luis Abercio Torres



Luis Abercio Torres passed on March 8th, 2019 surrounded by his wife and family in Callaway, Maryland. He was born on July 16th, 1956 in Peñuelas, Puerto Rico to Juan and Petra. He was the youngest of six children. He graduated from high school and went on to get his B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of Puerto Rico, graduating in 1978. He married his wife Drusy Medina in 1979, and moved to the United States a few years later. He settled in New Jersey, where he spent most of his adult life. He and his wife had two children: Luis Jr. and David. Luis came from humble beginnings, but came far in life. He spent his career in New Jersey working as a civilian engineer for the U.S. Army. Luis's family meant more to him than anything. He enjoyed nothing more in the world than spending time with them and going on fun outings with them. He always took an interest in his children's hobbies. He enjoyed working with his hands, and had an amazing natural talent at handiwork and repair, which he passed on to his younger son David. He passed on his love of chemistry to his son Luis Jr., who is a medicinal chemist. Beyond that, he liked to watch TV, especially sports and home improvement shows. He had a big laugh that everyone enjoyed. He was laid back, kind, loving, strong, brave, and always knew what to do. He was a Christian man whose faith and spirituality was important to him. Luis is survived by his beloved wife Drusy Torres, son Luis E. Torres and wife Katie Torres of Boston, MA, son David Torres and wife Bonnie Torres, and their children Isabelle and Benjamin. He is also survived by siblings Irma, Raúl, Ismael, and Adela. He was very loved and will be missed, but is at peace in Heaven now.

A Memorial Service will be held Sunday, March 17 at 11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home—Lusby, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657. Interment will be private..

Nancy Lois Thacker



Nancy Lois Thacker, 85 of Solomons, MD passed away on March 6, 2019, at the Asbury Health Care Center, Solomons, MD.

Born December 23, 1933, in Baltimore, MD, she was the daughter of the late William G. Harley and Bertha A. (Witt) Harley.

Nancy graduated from Eastern High School in 1952. She enjoyed sewing and was an artist.

Nancy is survived by her children, Deborah Sample of WA, Steven Sample of FL and David Sample of WA; and her sister, Betty Jane Peltzer of FL. She was preceded in death by her husbands, John H. Coster in January 1989 and Clarence C. Thacker, Sr. in October 2002.

A Life Celebration Service will be held Friday, March 15, 2019 at 3 p.m. at Asbury-Solomons, Auditorium, 11100 Asbury Circle, Solomons, MD 20688.

Burial will be Saturday, March 16 at 11 a.m. at Wesley Cemetery, Prince Frederick, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to Asbury Solomons Benevolent Care Fund, 11100 Asbury Circle, Solomons, MD 20688; Link: <https://www.theasburyfoundation.org/donate/ways-to-give/credit-card/give-to-asbury-solomons/>

Ruth Carol Crifasi

Ruth Carol Crifasi, 91, of Dunkirk passed away March 5, 2019 at Solomons Nursing Center. She was born February 28, 1928 in Washington, D.C. to Horace Evert and Anna (Gaffney) Ackerman. She was raised in Silver Spring, Maryland and graduated from Calvin Coolidge High School in Washington in 1946. Ruth married Paul B. Crifasi on June 2, 1948 and they lived and raised



their family in Hillcrest Heights. Ruth was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. She enjoyed sewing, reading, and cooking, and loved spending time with family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, a brother Robert Ackerman and sister Bettie Griffis. She is survived by daughters Catherine A. Taylor and husband West of Huntingtown, Patricia D. Branson and husband Rodney of Baker, WV and son Paul Crifasi of Dunkirk. Also surviving are grandchildren Angela Martin and Brian and Christopher Branson, and great-grandchildren Erika and Jacob Martin and Makinley Branson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Solomons Nursing Center Activities Department, 13325 Dowell Road, PO Box 1509, Solomons, MD 20688; 410-326-0077.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Janice E. Tierno



Janice E. Tierno, 81, of Leonardtown, MD and formerly of Solomons, MD passed away on February 7, 2019 at her residence.

Born September 11, 1937 in Prince Frederick, MD, she was the daughter of the late James B. Bradburn and Oretta M. (Wilkes) Bradburn.

Janice is survived by her children, Kimberly Venus of Leonardtown, MD, Bonnie Lanz of Fairfield, CA and Mark Tierno of LaCygne, KS; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She married her husband, John A. Tierno on July 9, 1955 in Solomons, MD. He preceded her in death on July 15, 2017.

A Memorial Service will be officiated by Rev. David Beaubien on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 22800 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be on Saturday, March 16, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at Wesley Cemetery, Prince Frederick, MD

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneralhomes.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.

ONGOING

Broad Perspective

A Photographers' Show. Eclectic styles and visions! A symphony of nature, Americana, wildlife, abstracts, and digital photographic art. Show runs through April 7. Wed-Sun, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. calvART Gallery, Prince Frederick Shopping Center. 410-535-9252

March Madness

Newly redesigned gallery featuring artists' works that highlight March -- fierce and calm! Show runs through March 31. ArtWorks@7th, 8905 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach. 410-286-5278

Rise Up!

A Teen Art Exhibit showcasing the talent, creativity and perspective of today's teens. Exhibit runs through April 14. Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Dowell Rd., Solomons.

UPCOMING

Tribute to Nat King Cole

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
Friday, March 22, 7:00 PM

Maritime Performance Series: Karen Lovejoy and The Lovejoy Group highlight the music, the man, and his influence on jazz. \$20 online and \$25 at the door. Purchase the entire series \$80. 410-326-2042. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Tri-County Job & Career Fair

College of Southern Maryland, Center for Business and Industry (BI), La Plata Campus, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Register Now!!! Registration is open until March 26. www.csmd.edu/JobFair. Career Services, 301-934-7569

Thursday, March 14

TBT Zumba Gold-Toning

Sunderland Elementary School
7:00 - 8:00 PM

The class will focus on muscle conditioning, balance, range of motion and coordination -all in a party atmosphere. Register: Calvert County Parks & Recreation 410-535-1600 x8200.

Friday, March 15

Nest Box Monitoring

Flag Ponds Nature Park, Lusby
9:00 - 11:00 AM

Volunteers trek around the park to learn nest box locations and prepare them for the season. A 1.5 mile hike over moderate terrain. 410-586-1477.

Beware the Ides of March

Northeast Community Center, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Movie marathon, ancient Roman trivia and more! Dress in ancient Roman garb to win a prize. Free. 410-535-1600 ext. 8210

Salmon Dinner

American Legion Post 206, Chesapeake Beach
5:30 - 7:00 PM

This Famous Lent Delight is hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary Stallings-Williams Post 206 in the lower level dining room. \$15 includes sides and beverage. Public invited. 410-257-9878

Celtic Circle

North Beach Community Center, 4th St. & Dayton Ave., North Beach
7:00 - 9:00 PM

In Honor of St. Patrick! Enjoy traditional music, stories, history and Irish nibbles. Wear your green! Join in singing the ballads to St. Patrick and our Irish ancestors! Slante'! Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Southern Maryland. Alcohol free. Free to all ages! Families welcome! Info, email Jackie at [lizbethlangford@gmail.com](mailto:lizabethlangford@gmail.com)

Saturday, March 16

Community Shredding Event

North Beach Fire Department
8:00 AM - Noon

Get ready for Spring, and get rid of old paperwork! The Town of Chesapeake Beach, Town of North Beach and the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department are holding a Community Shredding North Beach Fire Department Event at the North Beach Fire Department. This is a resident-only event.

Calvert Photo Club

College of Southern Maryland, Prince Frederick
10:00 AM - Noon

"Travel Photography - A Sense of Place" Guest Speaker: Rich Isaacman, VP Digital Photo Club Annapolis. Free. Public Welcome. 410-257-5453. calvert-photographyclub.com

Horsemanship Badge Days

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue, 7940 Flint Hill Road, Owings
12:00 - 2:00 PM

Program aims to meet certain requirements of Girl Scout and Boy Scout badges. Groups and individuals age 5-18 are welcome! Experience the world of horses and their gentle nature. Tour the farm and a riding demonstration. Capacity 12 per session. \$15 RSVP required, freedom.hill.org@gmail.com. Upcoming dates for Horsemanship Days: May 11 and July 13.

Texas Hold 'em Tourney & Cash Games

4120 Old Town Road, Huntingtown
7:00 PM

Doors open at 6:00. Buy in \$80; early registration before 6:45 extra chips. Food, beer and sodas included.

Sunday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Monday, March 18

Firehouse Zumba Gold-Toning

Dunkirk Firehouse, Ward Road
6:30 - 7:30 PM

If you love to dance, this is the fitness class for you. All fitness levels welcome; no experience necessary. Drop in \$5. Active duty first responders free. 301-520-2338

Tuesday, March 19

Steak Dinner

American Legion Post 206, Chesapeake Beach
5:30 - 7:00 PM

Order your steak directly from the Grill-Master and get what you order. \$17 includes sides, salad, beverage, and roll. Public welcome. 410-257-9878. www.AL-post206.org

Public Hearing

Calvert Pines Senior Center, 450 West Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick
7:00 PM

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners hold a Public Hearing to consider and receive comments on the FY 2020 Staff Recommended Operating and Capital Improvement Budget. There is a limit of 2 minutes for individuals and 5 minutes for group representatives. 410-535-1600 ext. 2651

Wednesday, March 20

Dinner

Union Church 8912 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach (next to Town Hall)
5:00 - 6:30 PM

The Youth Bible Study Group serve a complimentary dinner. All are welcome to attend. 410-257-3555. www.nbuc.org

Thursday, March 21

Fly a Kite

Hallowing Point Park, Prince Frederick
10:00 - 11:00 AM

Bring your kite and watch it soar in the beautiful blue sky (weather permitting). Don't forget your camera.

NARFE Chapter 1466 Meeting

Calvert County Public Library, Prince Frederick
1:00 PM

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association special event, co-sponsored with the library and the Calvert County Historical Society. Presentation by guest Harry Stein, Senator Van Holland's policy advisor for federal employment, labor, budget, and tax issues. Non-members and guests are welcome. 410-586-1441

Night at the Museum: For Young Professionals

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
5:30 - 7:00 PM

An evening of meeting and greeting, exploration and discovery hosted by Calvert Marine Museum, The Patuxent Partnership, NextGen Professionals, the Young Professionals Group of Charles County, Calvert Chamber Young Professionals Network, and Pax River Professional Development Council. Free. Pre-registration strongly encouraged. 410-326-2042. www.calvert-marinemuseum.com

Harlem Wizards/PHS Band Fundraiser

Patuxent High School, 12485 Southern Connector Blvd. Lusby
6:30 - 9:30 PM

The world-famous Harlem Wizards will play a game against a team of Southern Calvert County administrators and teachers. Proceeds will benefit the PHS Band Program. Tickets on line: www.patuxentband.com/fundraising.html or at the door.

Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

Thursday, March 14

S.T.E.A.M. PUNKS: Virtual Visions. 6:30-7:30pm. Question, Discover and Explore! Experience reality like you never have before: with our Google Expeditions VR! For adventurers in grades 1 - 7. We now have text reminders. If you would like to get reminders about certain special events for this class, text @steampnkso to the number 81010. Please register. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support. 7:00-8:30pm. Get tips and support from other caregivers. Facilitated by Jeanette Findley & JC Hooker. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Friday, March 15

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.

Saturday, March 16

Garden Smarter: Peaches, Pawpaws, Pomegranates, and More. 10:00-11:30am. Learn the basics on how to grow and care for a variety of fruit trees and shrubs, some of which you may not have considered for your yard. Examples of fruiting plants will be included. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Irish Dancing. 2:00-3:00pm. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Calvert Library while enjoying performances by the O'Grady-Quinlan Academy of Irish Dance. Audience members may even have an opportunity to participate at the end if they choose! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Monday, March 18

Calvert Health Department - Colon Cancer Awareness. 12:00-4:00pm. Colon cancer is preventable! The Calvert County Health Department will be available at each of the branches throughout the month of March. Stop by the table and find out how you can prevent colon cancer. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Calvert Eats Local. 7:00-8:30pm. Encourage local agriculture, discover ways to eat locally, and share resources, energy, good ideas and great food! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley

Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Manga Creator's Night. 7:00-8:30pm. Teen and tween fans of Japanese comics and anime are invited to come, draw and catch up with other enthusiasts! Meetings are 3rd Mondays (except for October) from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Text @tmbmanga to 81010 to sign up for text message. Please register. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Tuesday, March 19

Tweens Take it Apart Workshop. 6:30-8:00pm. Grab some tools and take apart some old electronics! Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Book Discussion- (Mamma Lucia's). 7:00-8:30pm. A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. The wealthy Count Alexander Rostov lives under house arrest at The Metropol, the grand Moscow hotel, for a poem the Bolsheviks found incendiary. Enjoy his amusing adventures with Nina, a precocious young girl with the keys to the hotel. Dinner at Mamma Lucia's at 6pm. Discussion at 7pm. Calvert Library Prince Frederick at Mamma Lucia's, Prince Frederick, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Wednesday, March 20

Revisiting the Founding Era. 7:00-8:30pm. Final event in the series. Come prepared for debate, readers' theater, battle rap or whatever way you'd like to bring history to life and to connect it to today's world. Use Revisiting the Founding Era readings as your inspiration. Ask at the library. This program is part of Revisiting the Founding Era, a three-year national initiative of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History presented in partnership with the American Library Association and the National Constitution Center, with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Thursday, March 21

Teen Escalation Workshop. 5:00-6:00pm. The Escalation Workshop is a powerful, film-based workshop that opens people's eyes to the warning signs of relationship abuse. Discussion of the film will be led by a counselor from the Calvert County Department of Health. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

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.

Legal Aid

Attorney services are available by appointment for those aged 60-plus regarding SSI, benefit denials, disability payments, Social Security and SSI overpayments, debtor and consumer problems, advance directives, and tenant issues. A Legal Aid attorney rotates on a schedule between the three senior centers. Call the specific center for an appointment. Appointments are taken between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Thursday, March 7 at Southern Pines Senior Center and Thursday, April 11 at Calvert Pines Senior Center.

Living Well with Diabetes

The Calvert County Office on Aging will host a Living Well with Diabetes class on Mondays, beginning April 15, at Southern Pines Senior Center. This free class will help you manage your condition. Call 410-535-5400. Ext. 357 to register.

Calvert Pines Senior Center (CPSC)

The Calvert Mobile Health Unit will be here Monday, March 18, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. for Mobile Health Monday's. Have your blood pressure checked and medical questions answered.

Start your morning off right by enjoying a Continental Breakfast with Vanilla Lattes to celebrate National Nutrition Month, Thursday, March 21, 9 a.m. Pre-registration required.

North Beach Senior Center (NBSC)

The AARP Driver Safety Class will be held Thursday, March 21, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The fee for a class is \$15/AARP members, \$20/non-members. Members must show their AARP cards. Call to pre-register.

Let your creative juices flow making beautiful creations of art from everyday recycled objects, remembering to reduce, reuse and recycle with Krafting with Karla, Thursday, March 21, 10 a.m. Fee: \$5 per-person.

Southern Pines Senior Center (SPSC)

If you have been diagnosed with colorectal cancer or have general questions regarding the subject, join us for our Colon Cancer Presentation, Thursday, March 21, 12:45 p.m.

Join us for a Women's History Matching Game for Women's History Month, Wednesday, March 27, 11 a.m.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, March 18

Cheeseburger, L/T/O Slices, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Kale, Peaches

Tuesday, March 19

Chicken Curry over Brown Rice, Carrots, Dinner Roll, Tangerine

Wednesday, March 20

Oven Fried Chicken, Black Eyed Peas, Spinach, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Bread Pudding

Thursday, March 21

Pork Roast, Gravy, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Seasoned Greens, Dinner Roll, Applesauce

Friday, March 22

Stuffed Shells in Tomato Sauce, Seasoned Spinach, Garlic Bread, Fruited Jell-O, Brownie

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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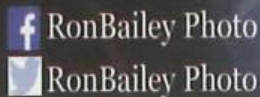
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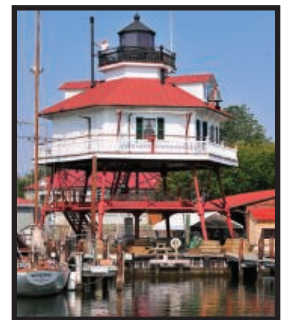
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