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Calvert Winery Fire Destroys Bottling Facility

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

An early morning fire on Monday at the Running Hare Vineyard in Prince Frederick destroyed a bottling and storage facility on the property, state fire marshal investigators reported, costing the business an estimated \$2.5 million in damages.

There were no injuries in the fire; investigators estimate that the structure fire cost \$200,000 while the destruction of the contents meant a loss of \$2.3 million.

Fire marshals have yet to determine the cause of the fire or where it first occurred; it took firefighters from Prince Frederick, St. Leonard, Dunkirk and Huntingtown volunteer companies 45 minutes to extinguish the blaze.

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Community Hears from Kirwan Commission Chairman

Southern Maryland Town Hall Meeting Held in Lusby

By Dick Myers
Editor

Maryland's Schools: A Blueprint for the Future" was the topic of a Southern Maryland Town Hall Meeting held Sept. 29 at Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish Hall in Lusby. The meeting was an offshoot of the continuing series of Big Conversations held in recent years at the church that have explored issues such as racism and equity in the schools.

The town hall meeting had two high powered speakers who drew more than 100 participants. The findings of the Kirwan Commission to improve education in Maryland were released earlier this year and have become politically charged, with Republican Governor Larry Hogan promising to fight them over the costs for implementing them and the legislature's Democratic leadership vowing to press for the changes. Some of the proposals to supplement teacher salaries have already been implemented.

So, the appearance of the commission's chairman William "Brit" Kirwan was a big draw. He was accompanied by former state school superintendent (for 12 years) David Hornbeck. He now heads a group called Strong Schools Maryland, which is holding a series of 30 town hall meetings around the state, of which the Lusby meeting was one.

Both touted the economic benefits to the state from implementing the recommendations of the commission. Kirwan said, "It would have long-term benefits to the economy of the state."

Kirwan insisted that the changes won't occur overnight. He said the secret to the success of similar reforms in Massachusetts was that "they stuck with the plan."

Hornbeck said the projections about the costs of implementing the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission are false and "highly speculative." He said they also don't take into consideration the Return on Investment of improving the state's education system.

Hornbeck said the naysayers fail to

incorporate revenue from other funding sources such as gambling and savings from closing tax loopholes. He said they also don't consider that those who have a high school diploma generate more income taxes, sales taxes and property taxes because they are "people who are earning a lot more and having better jobs."

There was considerable concern raised during the question and answer sessions that followed the two presentations about what could be done to improve the chances for underprivileged children. Kirwan said, "What we do know is that in schools serving a higher concentration of poverty, a longer school and summer enrichment programs are very important. And that's built into our recommendation."

Kirwan said the bottom-line for his commission's several years of study was the reality that "fewer than 49 percent of the students who graduate each year are 'College and Career Ready.'"

Kirwan said the commission learned many things along the way, including:

Although Maryland has some excellent schools and outstanding teachers, they do not have nearly enough of them. Overall, Maryland students underperform on learning outcomes;

Maryland is in the middle of the pack in NAEP 2015 scores;

Maryland education funding (state and local funds) is among the more regressive in the United States;

High performing systems invest significantly more in schools serving high concentrations of poverty;

Maryland has large achievement gaps based on income, race and disability;

Fifty-two percent of African American students attend school in districts at 85 percent or below Thornton Bridge to Excellence adequate levels (2015);

Only 8 percent of white students attend such schools;

Average salaries for teachers in Maryland are 25 percent below those of professions with comparable education



Kirwan Commission Chairman William "Brit" Kirwan (right) and former state school superintendent David Hornbeck at the Sept. 29 Town Hall Meeting in Lusby.

requirements (i.e., accountants, nurses, architects);

Maryland faces significant teacher shortages, especially in STEM areas; and

Nearly half (47 percent) of teachers in their second year of teaching will not return for a third year.

Kirwan said, "We can and must do better because Maryland's economic future is dependent on a highly-skilled, well-educated, globally-competitive workforce."

He added, "In today's world -- and even more so in the future -- high quality

education and skills training is the only path out of poverty."

Kirwan said his commission has been asked to make a report to the legislature by December 1 of this year on the division of costs between the state and local jurisdictions, funding formulas to support their recommendations and implementation schedule for the recommendations.

That report is expected to be perhaps the hottest button issue of the 2020 Maryland General Assembly.

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Del. Fisher: It's Time to Really Fix Our Schools!

Calvert County Delegate Mark Fisher (R: 27C) has spoken out in a blog to constituents about proposals to fund the Kirwan Commission recommendations (see separate story).

Fisher wrote: "Maryland intends to raise taxes by more than \$6,200 per family for K-12 public education. If approved, it would be the largest tax hike in Maryland's history!"

"The tax hike is in addition to current spending and on top of last November's ballot ini-



Del. Mark Fisher

tiative that earmarked Casino Revenue for public education.

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Park Smoking, Vaping Ban Advances

Public Hearing Draws No Opposition

By Dick Myers
Editor

A decision is expected in two weeks on the proposal to ban smoking and vaping at county parks. There was no opposition to the proposal, which is part of an overall Park & Recreation Ordinance, at an Oct. 1 public hearing before the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

The proposal has been on the table before and rejected by previous boards. In early 2018 the Parks and Recreation Department was directed to draft an ordinance and schedule a public hearing to restrict the use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices in parks.

During staff work on the proposed ordinance, the ban on tobacco products was expanded at request of the BOCC to include anything that can be smoked, including marijuana.

In a presentation to the BOCC during the public hearing, Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal said the ban would not include Chesapeake Hills Golf Course and outside employee smoking areas.

Two people spoke in favor of the ordinance. Sheriff Mike Evans said, "It will help us do extra enforcement in the parks."

The proposal was also supported by Dr. John Ohara, head of the Maryland Group Against Smokers' Pollution. In response to a question from Commissioner



Mike Hart, Ohara said there was no way of knowing what was contained in electronic cigarettes. He said they could contain even heroin. "No one knows what's coming out of there," he said.

Commissioner Buddy Hance wanted to know if there would be an exception for use of medical marijuana. Nazzal said that such use could occur within the camper or tent since there is no prohibition on smoking there.

Nazzal said the health department has agreed to pay for signage in parks reminding everyone of the smoking and vaping ban. She said the sign design decision is

pending the final commissioner decision.

The ordinance also changes current policy to allow campers to bring their dogs into the Breezy Point Campground. That allowance would be part of the agreement to be signed by the camper when securing the campsite.

As is common practice, the commissioners kept the record open for 10 days before making a decision.

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Solomons Visitor Center to be Moved Current Location Slated for Reuse

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Solomons Visitor Center is being relocated to Calvert Marine Museum. The decision to relocate from the stand-alone building across from the museum to inside the museum was made by the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their Sept. 24 meeting.

Meanwhile, county staff has an idea on how to reuse the existing building. The BOCC was told at the same meeting that the Maryland Department of General Services has contacted the county about the state's desire to find another Calvert County location for Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to house their Southern Regional Service Center. The previous Benedict Bridge location at Hallowing Point is scheduled to be demolished.

According to the Director of the county's Department of General Services V. Wilson Freeland, "The idea of this location becoming the service center is supported by the Calvert County Waterman's Association, and its proximity to the Solomons boat ramp will benefit the recreational boaters. The service center also, on average, receives over 20,000 visits a year which could result

in increased customers to the Solomons Town Center business community. DNR has toured the building and are interested in occupying the structure. "

The county will thus offer the use of the current visitor center for that operation. The commissioners agreed it would be an ideal location since it is in the center of so much boating activity.

The visitor center there was showing declining visitations in recent years and marginal merchandise sales, according to Director of Economic Development Kelly Robertson-Slagle. There were 8,849 visitors in Fiscal Year 2015 but only 2,185 in the last fiscal year that ended June 30.

In her report to the BOCC, Robertson-Slagle said, "After analyzing several scenarios and seeking input from the local tourism business community, we concluded the Calvert Marine Museum (CMM) is the best option for relocation. CMM welcomes over 80,000 visitors annually, is open seven days a week and has active volunteers that can supplement current visitor center staffing. In addition to the cost savings realized by consolidating services to one facility, it will open the existing visitor center facility for future use by another organization."

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License Ok'd for New Solomons Restaurant

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of License Commissioners (liquor board) has granted a license for a new restaurant in Solomons to be called Bugeye Grill. It will be in a spot formerly occupied by the Striped Rock and before that Catamarans.

The license approval came at the board's Sept. 26 meeting after they delayed a decision from their August meeting. They had refused to grant a license to James Kirakian because he already owns and operates Charles Street Brasserie in Solomons just down the street from his proposed new location.

The three-member board was reluctant to break historic precedent of limiting license holders to one license. In the past licensees have gotten around that requirement by designating another person as the resident agent for the second and subsequent licenses and giving that resident agent a financial stake in the operation.

So, the board in August told Kirakian to come back with another resident agent, which he did at the Sept. 26 meeting.

But that new partner brought chuckles to the board members because he was named Jerry Clark. A Jerry Clark, former county commissioner and current state delegate, owns a liquor store in Solomons. He would present the same problem – having two licenses.

But when Jerry Clark of Lusby showed



Proposed location of the Bugeye Grill in Solomons.

up at the meeting it was an entirely different Jerry Clark. Board Chairman Robert Arscott quipped, "You don't look like Jerry Clark."

Kirakian's attorney Charles Donnelly said when his client informed him of the new resident agent, he responded, "Not THE Jerry Clark?"

The other Jerry Clark will own 51 percent of the new business with Kirakian retaining 49 percent. Clark said he would be at the restaurant most evenings.

Kirakian told the board at the August meeting that the new restaurant's name was a reflection of its ambience, "more locally themed" than Charles Street Brasserie, which is a tapas and traditional American restaurant.

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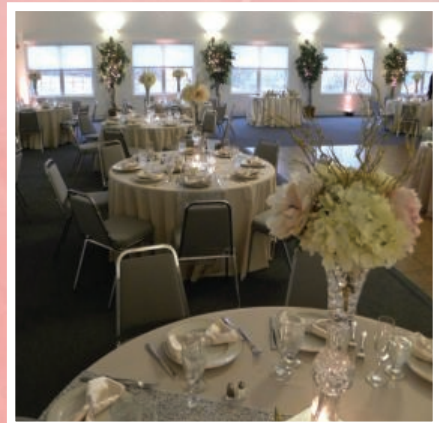
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Mobile Summer Meals Pilot Program Feeds Youth

Calvert County's first mobile summer meals program wrapped up its pilot season with full bellies and full hearts, thanks to close collaboration between the Calvert County Family Network (CCFN) and its community partners. During a six-week period from June to August, the program provided over 400 nutritious lunches to youth and their adult caregivers.

"Too many kids go hungry during the summer," said Calvert County Community Resources Director Jennifer Moreland. "Helping families meet this most basic need is critical to each child's health, well-being and ability to learn, and we are grateful to have such incredible support from our community. It truly takes a village."

CCFN piloted the mobile summer meals program in the Chesapeake Ranch Estates (CRE) supported by funds from No Kid Hungry Maryland, the Governor's Office for Children and youth meal reimbursement from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. While most summer meal programs serve youth



18 and younger, a partnership with the Department of Social Services enabled coordinators to open the program to adults as well.

Operating at the CRE clubhouse Monday through Thursday for six weeks – 23 days in all – the program provided 299 youth meals and 117 adult meals.

"The summer meals pilot program is a true reflection of how hard work and seamless collaboration among community partners can improve outcomes for Calvert County's children, youth and families," said CCFN Coordinator Julie Mashino.

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) staff prepared,

delivered and served meals for all but the final day of the program. Participants on the last day were treated to a barbecue lunch donated by Caney Creek Catering. The festive meal featured potatoes, corn and watermelon donated by Farming 4 Hunger.

Prior to the program's kick-off, Farming 4 Hunger donated tower gardens – a low-maintenance vertical growing system – to the meal preparation site at Mill Creek Middle School, so CCPS food service workers would have access to fresh produce. CCPS purchased a milk cooler for the meal site with grant funds from No Kid Hungry, which will be used for future programs.

Every Thursday, participants received backpacks containing supplemental food for the weekend, provided by Heart F.E.L.T. of Southern Maryland; in total, 180 bags were distributed. Farming 4 Hunger coordinated a weekly food drop with the Maryland Food Bank, providing 3,580 pounds of farm-fresh produce to program partici-

pants. LifeStyles of Maryland provided transportation within the neighborhood.

In addition to providing meals at no cost, volunteer agencies and organizations offered enrichment activities designed to keep youth engaged while school is out of session. Activities were provided by members of the Calvert County Interagency Council: Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Calvert County Health Department, Calvert County Parks & Recreation, CCPS Head Start, Calvert Library, Calvert Marine Museum, Closing the Gap Coalition, Community Mediation Center, Judy Center, Maryland Health Connection, Pathways Inc., Prime Time Children's Learning Center and SeedCo. Closing the Gap Coalition gave out 375 books.

Mashino says the team is already making plans to improve and expand the program next summer.

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County Officials Warn of Fire Hazards in Dry Conditions

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Calvert County emergency management officials are considering asking state officials to impose a burn ban until dry conditions have passed.

Calvert Director of Public Safety Jacqueline Vaughn said Monday that the county may ask the state to impose such a ban.

"We've had a couple of brush fires but so far nothing we couldn't handle," Vaughn told The County Times. "But there are dry conditions out there and we're encouraging Calvert citizens not to burn right now."

In the past month there have been seven reported brush fires in Calvert, she said, in locations such as Lusby, St. Leonard, Dunkirk and Port Republic.

September has been relatively dry compared to last year, Vaughn said, when both Calvert and St. Mary's counties were deluged with heavy rains.

The U.S. Drought Monitor web site shows that portions of both Calvert and St. Mary's counties are in either a state of moderate drought or abnormally dry conditions.

The monitor also showed that only the eastern most portion of Worcester County is not experiencing some sort of drought conditions.

St. Mary's County Emergency Services Director Steve Walker also encouraged residents to use caution in burning rubbish or lawn debris.

"We are getting them [brush fires]," Walker said. "It's very dangerous to do any burning."

Last week, on Sept. 23, Leonardtown, Hollywood, Valley Lee and Bay District volunteer fire firefighters extinguished a three-acre brush fire on Connelly Drive in Leonardtown that engulfed both an open field and woods.

Just three days later volunteer firefighters from Bay District and Hollywood companies responded to Cross Bow Lane in California.

Walker said there was no burn ban in effect in St. Mary's; any burn ban would come from the Department of Natural Resources.

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Railway Museum Receives Grant Two Others Awarded in Calvert

Maryland Heritage Area Authority (MHAA) recently awarded a \$52,600 grant to the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum for renovation of the museum's exhibits.

The MHAA grant is a dollar-for-dollar matching grant that will help fund a project to refurbish the museum's interior and develop new, immersive exhibits that tell an inclusive story of the founding and evolution of Chesapeake Beach. The project was developed in partnership with Calvert County Government, the Town of Chesapeake Beach, the Twin Beaches Library, staff from the Rod 'N' Reel Resort and the Calvert Marine Museum.

In Calvert County, grants were also awarded to the Board of County Commissioners for archaeology at the Calverton historic site and to the American Chestnut Land Trust, Inc., for research on the Parkers Creek Heritage Trail.

Eight organizations in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties received MHAA grants totaling \$331,000 across Southern Maryland.

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The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum preserves the history of the Chesapeake Beach bayside resort through audio-visual presentations, artifacts, photographs, and exhibits portraying resort life during its heyday. Learn more about the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum at www.ChesapeakeBeachRailwayMuseum.com.

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Man Seriously Injured in Head On Bridge Crash



On September 27, 2019 at approximately 7:50 p.m., deputies from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported head-on collision involving three vehicles at the top of the Thomas Johnson Bridge in Solomons.

Preliminary investigation revealed a 1989 Volvo operated by Raymond Jones Sr., 51 of Lexington Park was traveling South on Rt. 4 and reportedly driving all over the roadway. As the Volvo entered the Thomas Johnson Bridge, it crossed the center line, striking a Ford truck head on operated by Charles McConnell, 41 of California and his two passengers. The Volvo continued southbound on the bridge, striking a Dodge truck operated by James Herbert, 36 of Mechanicsville, and four juvenile passengers. Jones was transported to Prince Georges Hospital Center via Maryland State Police helicopter where he is listed in critical but stable condition. All other victims involved in the crash were treated on scene and signed refusals for medical treatment.

Calvert Sheriff's Mike Evans said Monday that charges against Jones were likely pending.

"It looks that way," Evans said.

At this time driver error and alcohol appear to be contributing factors in this crash. The crash remains under investigation.

Additional resources to include the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Team, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, and the State Highway Administration were summoned to the scene. Numerous witness accounts corroborated the evidence found on scene, police said.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or events leading to the crash are asked to contact Sgt. T. Phelps with the Calvert County Sheriff's Office at (410) 535-2800.

Calvert County Sheriff's Office Crime Blotter

During the week of September 23 – 29 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,352 calls for service throughout the community.

Theft: 19-55746

On September 23, 2019 Deputy Grierson responded to the Park and Ride in Sunderland for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 4:30pm on September 20th and 5:30am on September 23rd, an unknown suspect(s) stole a spare key fob from her vehicle. The value of stolen property is \$150.

Theft: 19-55788

On September 23, 2019 Deputy Free-land responded to Shortbow Trail in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that an unknown suspect(s) stole several items from his including a black and red Focus ST Shifter, a Car Show placard, and an unknown amount of change. The value of stolen property is \$120.

Theft: 19-55962

On September 24, 2019 Deputy Chrismer responded to Overlook Road in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 2:00pm on September 6th and 10:00am on September 22nd, an unknown suspect(s) stole his license plate from his camper. The value of stolen property is \$300.

Theft: 19-56491

On September 27, 2019 Deputy Mason responded to Safeway in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that at approximately 1:00am on September 23rd, an unknown suspect(s) broke into the Xact Air machine and stole the money from inside. The value of stolen property is \$300 and the estimated value of damaged property is \$6,000.

Theft: 19-56507

On September 27, 2019 Deputy Chrismer responded to the Fastop in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that on September 23rd an unknown suspect(s) broke into the SC10 Air pump and stole money from inside. The value of stolen property is \$300 and the estimated value of damaged property is \$6,000.

Theft: 19-56639

On September 28, 2019 Deputy Chrismer responded to the Fastop in Solomons for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that on September 23rd an unknown suspect(s) broke into the SC10 Air pump and stole money from inside. The value of stolen property is \$300 and the estimated value of damaged property is \$6,000.

Arrests:

On September 23, 2019 Deputy Grierson responded to the Calvert County Detention Center for the report of a CDS Violation. Deputy Scott reported that a

clear capsule containing suspected heroin was found and is suspected to belong to **Joseph Anthony Lanfranchi (32)**. Lanfranchi was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement.

On September 27, 2019 Deputy Gilmore and Deputy Wood conducted a welfare check in the area of Breezy Point Road and Blue Heron Drive in Chesapeake Beach. A citizen advised there were two individuals asleep in the vehicle while stopped at the stop sign. Upon making contact with the occupants, **Kelly Lynn Emmell (29)** and **Joseph Carl Meade (51)**, Deputies observed several hypodermic needles and other drug paraphernalia. Emmell and Meade were removed from the vehicle and a search of the vehicle was conducted which resulted in containers with suspected Heroin and suspected Crack Cocaine, crack pipes, a metal spoon with Heroin residue, cotton swabs, water, and a tourniquet. Emmell and Meade were placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where they were each charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, and CDS: Administer Equipment- Possess/Distribute.

On September 28, 2019 Deputy Anderson conducted a traffic stop in the area of Southern Connector Boulevard and Margaret Taylor Road. Upon making contact with the owner of the vehicle, **Thomas Darnell Evans Jr. (20)**, Deputy Anderson noticed the strong odor or raw marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Evans and three other occupants were removed from the vehicle and a search of the vehicle was conducted which resulted in a loaded .40 Caliber Hi-Point Model JCP handgun, a clear plastic capsule with white powder residue, and a small digital scale. Evans was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Possession of a Concealed Deadly Weapon and CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10 grams+.

On September 29, 2019 Corporal Denton responded to Sweet Sue's Bake Shop and Coffee Bar in North Beach for the report of trespassing. The complainant advised that **Frederick Emmett Donahue (59)** was at the business after being banned, but was not present at the time Cpl. Denton arrived. Donahue was located walking out of the Post Office adjacent to Sweet Sue's, and it was confirmed that Donahue was banned from Sweet Sue's on September 28, 2019 by Sergeant Phelps. Donahue was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespassing on Private Property.

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Dentist Celebrates 30th Anniversary of Practice

Welcomes Son to Southern Maryland Practice



Dr. Joseph T. Luke, and his son Jonathan

Southern Maryland-based dentist Joseph T. Luke, D.D.S., M.S. is proud to announce that his son Jonathan T. Luke, D.D.S. has joined his practice.

Jonathan T. Luke received his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry where he was a member of the Gamma Pi Delta Prosthodontic Honor Society Member. He recently completed his General Practice Residency at New York-Presbyterian-Brooklyn Methodist Hospital.

"I'm honored to be able to follow in my father's footsteps and to join him in providing dental care in our local community," said Jonathan T. Luke, who was born and raised in Leonardtown and attended St. Mary's Ryken High School.

Joseph T. Luke is also celebrating his 30th anniversary of practice in Southern Maryland. He has been practicing dentistry in Leonardtown since 1989 and in Lusby since 1995. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit-Mercy with a Doctor of Dental Surgery and of the University of Michigan with a Master of Science in Prosthodontics. As a prosthodontist, Joseph T. Luke is one of the most highly trained dentists in the United States and specializes in replacing missing teeth as well as general dentistry.

"Having my son join my practice is one of my proudest moments in my 30 years of providing dental care in Southern Maryland," said Joseph T. Luke. "He has a strong focus on general dentistry, and I know he will add a lot of quality and value to the practice and to the care of patients."

With the addition of Jonathan T. Luke, the practice will expand its availability for same-day emergency appointments. Additional information on the practice's hours, locations, and services is available at www.drjosephluke.com.

Submitted article

Ultimate Vacation in Cancun

Cancun is best known for its white-sand beaches with bright blue waters and near-perfect weather. Cancun also offers excellent opportunities to socialize at the different bars by the beach or enjoy water activities like scuba diving, snorkeling, kayaking, jet-skiing, swimming and fishing.

With the Caribbean trade winds, you can expect a mild and gentle breeze at Cancun nearly all-year-round. It's not surprising that so many people are drawn there. Cancun also remains one of the most affordable vacation destinations in the Western Hemisphere, even during the self-indulgent spring break season. With Cancun's sunny weather, powdery white sand beaches and crystal-clear turquoise Caribbean waters, Cancun and the Riviera Maya is gorgeous and inviting for tourists. Cancun is also well known for its friendly people and warm Mexican hospitality, and a vacation there is sure to be amazing.

In 2018, it was reported that Mexico was the #1 destination for tourists from the U.S. Mexico is expected to attract 40 million tourists by the end of 2020. Cancun is one of the most affordable destinations in the Caribbean. There are over 32,000 Cancun hotel rooms. Cancun and Riviera Maya offer over 125 beach resorts with 111 being all-inclusive and 31 of those resorts are adults-only. Montego Bay, Jamaica would be second with offering 21 beach resorts with 21 being all-inclusive and 7 adults-only resorts.

It's one of the most developed areas in Mexico, if not the world, boasting hundreds of accommodations to choose from and one of the safest tourist zones in the whole country.

Cancun is located on Mexico's southern portion, which is just a few hours from the United States. Many airlines fly nonstop to this breathtaking tropical beach, so

some tourists just fly into this beautiful paradise to spend their weekend.

Sand, perfect weather, nightclubs, all-inclusive resorts, and inexpensive flights from the U.S. make Cancun a go-to spot for vacationers seeking a tranquil beach getaway. The city also sits close to lush jungles, making it an excellent option for nature lovers. Here, visitors can discover a kaleidoscope of tropical sea species, ranging from the long and majestic lemon shark to rare and endangered sea turtles.

The best time to visit Cancun is during peak season from December to April. The crowds are larger, but you will experience near-perfect weather and find some of the cheapest flights and room rates for a winter getaway at the beach. You might want to avoid traveling from mid-March to early April because that's when spring breakers descend on the Yucatán's shores. The cheapest time to visit is from May to November. Cancun is the perfect place to experience nature, explore the city, or enjoy the nightlife, and enjoy Mouth-watering culinary creations at reasonable prices.

Another attraction is "Retail Therapy – Mexican Style." Between the sprawling modern shopping center of Kukulcan Plaza in the heart of the city's Hotel Zone and the super chic fashion stores of nearby Playa del Carmen, shopaholics coming to Cancun can rest assured that a little retail therapy is never too far away. The city also boasts an array of local crafts, arts and food markets, where visitors are invited to come and hone their haggling skills. Other sellers can even be spotted roaming between clusters of sunbathers on the sands from morning to evening.

In addition to its famous nightlife, this destination also boasts plenty of culture and history. There are few destinations in the world where you can tan yourself at the beach and be so close to ancient ru-

ins. Of all the ancient archaeological sites near to Cancun, it's the sprawling complex of Chichen Itza – with its towering, terraced monoliths – and the smaller ruins at Tulum that form the historical exemplars. They are both popular day trips from the city and are well served by tour operators in town. Both locals offer the most fascinating and complete glimpses of ancient Mayan architecture on the continent.

Cancun is an intriguing city with three distinct faces, making it the ultimate vacation destination. It is a world-renowned vacation resort, an action-packed adventure for exploring lagoons and caves and also an open-air museum showcasing the ruined temples of the Mayans. It's time you experienced relaxing Cancun so you can enjoy its beaches, entertainment, culture and more!

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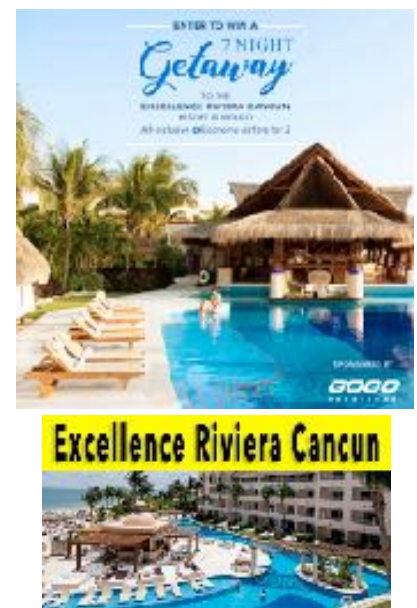
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Fun at the Calvert County Fair



Daryl Grant (second from left) was one of three former Washington Redskins to appear at Mark's Electronics booth Saturday. Green and Mark Flaherty are flanked by Hogette Dave "Spiggy" Spigler and Hogette in training, Shannon "Sweet Pig" Boulais. Flaherty says some of the Redskins items from the fair are still available at his store.

Patuxent River Struggles to Keep Its Head Above Water

By Dick Myers
Editor

The river runs through it. The river is the Patuxent and the “it” is Southern Maryland, especially if you describe it in the broader context of the five counties that historically grew tobacco in Maryland, adding Prince George’s and Anne Arundel.

In colonial times the Patuxent was Southern Maryland’s main street, with ports, harbors and landings all up and down the river to which hogsheads of tobacco would be rolled to wharves and loaded for shipping.

The Patuxent is 115 miles long with its source in Maryland’s Piedmont hills near where Howard, Frederick, Montgomery and Carroll counties intersect.

Significantly, the Patuxent is the largest and longest river entirely within Maryland, and its watershed is the largest completely within the state. That watershed drains a rapidly growing population of more than five million people. If something bad happens in the watershed we can’t point a finger at anyone else.

The river’s three largest tributaries are the Little Patuxent River, the Middle Patuxent River, and the Western Branch. The Middle and Little join just upstream of the Savage Mill and then the Little joins the Patuxent just southwest of Crofton.

The Middle and Little Patuxent watersheds include most of Columbia. It was unchecked erosion and increased sewage treatment outflow from that new town in the 1960’s and 70’s that contributed to downriver pollution. It was during that time that the river’s most iconic figure, Bernie Fowler came into the limelight, first as a Calvert County commissioner and later as a state senator.

Fowler persistently led the fight to save the river, encouraging the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to file a lawsuit that forced the state, the upriver counties, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to enact pollution control measures.

The results of that action were tangible: between 1985 and 2005, the Patuxent saw a 26 percent decrease in nitrogen, a 46 percent decrease in phosphorus, and a 35 percent reduction in sediment, despite urban areas increasing to 31 percent of

the watershed by 2002, according to state reports.

While there have been significant water quality improvements in the last 30 years in the upper river, the lower river remains relatively stuck where it was then, according to Dr. Jeremy Testa, associate professor at Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in Solomons.



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Testa grew up in New York state along the Susquehanna River. Fingers of blame are often pointed at New York and Pennsylvania for the pollution in the Susquehanna that ends up in the Chesapeake Bay.

Testa’s major in environmental science at the State University of New York led him to Maryland’s portion of the Chesapeake Bay. “I just wanted to work in a big estuary,” he said. He has recently been co-researcher an author of the tributaries study for Calvert County.

Of estuaries, he said, “I think they’re interesting places from a scientific perspective because they’re complicated. There’s a lot of different things that influence what happens in the estuary. There’re pollution problems that are really relevant to people because of how much time people spend on the water and how closely people live near the water.”

One of the interesting aspects of studying the Chesapeake and the Patuxent River is that both are “nutrient enriched tidal waters. There’s the potential for them to both be influencing each other.” That often depends on the time of year and the amount of rain, he noted.

In breaking down potential sources of water quality degradation, Testa said, “The wastewater treatment plants were a pretty substantial part of the Patuxent nutrient load. But non-point sources are also a big part of the load and they’re harder to quantify.” Non-point sources include urban and farm run-off of fertilizer and pesticides.

The first significant improve-

ments to be made in the river were to the upriver sewage treatment plants. He said, “The nutrient concentrations, especially in the upper part of the estuary really went down.”

Other improvements occurred, including the total amount of phytoplankton, biomass, and the algae was starting to go down a little bit in those regions. And some SAV (Submerged Aquatic Vegetation), the sort of grasses that grow on the bottom started re-emerging in parts of the upper Patuxent at that time. “That grass return is consistent with increases in the grasses that we’ve seen in a lot of the low salinity waters of the Chesapeake, especially where there’s been treatment plant upgrades,” he explained.

But those improvements didn’t really translate into good news for the lower Patuxent. “We had this improvement in wastewater treatment plants and that seemed to be associated with improvements in the low-salinity, upper reaches of the Patuxent, but the lower Patuxent didn’t really have much of a clear impact.”

He said, “My colleague and I have been to some extent scratching our heads about that because despite those improvements in the sewage treatment plants, there does seem to be this kind of persistent patch of the Patuxent where its water quality just seems to be kind of stuck in sort of a lesser place.” He added, “I don’t have a clear answer for why that is.”

Testa noted, “There’s been a lot of development in the Patuxent watershed over the past few decades. And that certainly is going to be putting pressure on the water condition of the Patuxent.”

Bay modeling, after taking into consideration the improvements to the sewage treatment plants, has shown, he said, “what’s coming in from the side due to development and land use and everything else that’s stayed high and it’s a big number when you just look at the lower part of the Patuxent.”

One factor, he said, is that even though there’s been a reduction of nutrients flowing from the treatment plants, there’s been an increase in the amount of water discharged. “A slight increasing trend in the overall river flow coming down the Patuxent, if you’re only making marginal changes to the nutrient concentration in that water, it just means you’re



The Patuxent River in Bowie.

going to get more nutrients getting pushed down the stream.”

The amount of rain is also a factor. There were several years of low rainfall and he said the SAVs returned to the river. They saw a significant increase in grasses at the pier in front of the lab in Solomons. Then we were hit with a bout of heavy rain and the grasses have all but disappeared.

The grasses provide habitat. But also, he said, “when you have these grasses waving around in the water, they actually can slow the velocity of the water and give sediment in the water more opportunity to sink.”

As we approach this year’s Patuxent Appreciation Day on Oct. 12 at Calvert Marine Museum, Testa was asked if we should approach it depressed. He said, “I don’t think so, but there’s probably reason to be both optimistic and pessimistic. The reason why there’s some room for pessimism is that there are parts of the Chesapeake that don’t seem too much better despite all the efforts that have been put in play to improve water quality. And although we don’t have necessarily clear stories for every little piece of the Bay where that’s happening, there’s some clear things that are working against water quality getting better.

“Even though we’ve made some really strong headway in reducing some nutrients inputs to the system, there’s still a growing amount of people in the watershed. We’re still putting nutrients on the watershed at kind of a pretty high rate and that’s always going to keep the nutrient concentrations high in

the rivers that are coming into the tidal water. It would take a really strong change to get those slowed down; it’s not easy.”

He said of the weather, “With a warming, it puts some more pressure on the restoration because there’s elements of warming that will favor some species over other species perhaps.”

As for reasons to be optimistic, he said, “Where there’ve been really substantial reductions of nutrient loading, primarily through wastewater treatment upgrades, there’s been some minor reductions in atmospheric deposition as well of nitrogen. And that’s primarily occurred because there’s just air pollution control measures that take nitrogen out of emissions. So, you get less sort of falling back onto the land.”

So, what can people do to show their appreciation for the Patuxent every day of the year? Testa said, “It’s not my business to tell somebody that they fertilizer or not fertilize their lawn. But I think you should be looking for ways to either reduce the amount of fertilizer you put on your lawn or be careful about when you apply it. Have an eye towards the weather so you’re not putting a bunch of fertilizer on your lawn the day before it’s going to rain.” He also said picking up dog waste would help.

He added, “Just having an awareness that this river is next to you and that you can have an impact on it. Maybe it’s obvious but doing what you can to limit the amount of trash you generate.”

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On Saturday, October 5, exactly 50 years to the day since Maryland's public TV network aired its first program, *Nightmare's Child*, Maryland Public Television (MPT) will present a special lineup of programming to mark the occasion. In addition to broadcasting MPT's 50th anniversary documentary without interruption, the MPT: From the Vault program lineup that evening will feature some favorite programs from the statewide network's first 50 years.

The special Saturday evening schedule begins at 5:30 pm with the first episode of *MotorWeek*, MPT's popular national series, which aired back in 1981. Television's original and longest-running automotive magazine, hosted since its inception by series creator John Davis, is now in its 39th season.

At 6 p.m. MPT airs the 1994 documentary *Gone But Not Forgotten*, a one-hour tribute to Baltimore's long-gone institutions of fun and amusement. Eateries such as the White Tower Restaurant and recreational venues such as Carlin's Park and Gwynn Oak Park are recalled through interviews with Baltimoreans who were once there and cherish the memories of these places.

Following at 7 p.m. is the 2009 documentary *Citizen Schaefer*, an hour-long biography that explores Governor William Donald Schaefer's roots, his rise to power through the ranks of Baltimore politics of the '50s and '60s, his service on the City Council, and his time as mayor of Baltimore. The film also examines Schaefer's two terms as governor and, finally, his move out of political life following his time as state comptroller.

Made Possible By Viewers Like You: 50 Years of Maryland Public Television is featured at 8 p.m. The MPT-produced film includes more than 30 interviews with iconic on-air hosts, show producers, crew members, and network leaders, along with rare behind-the-scenes video footage and photos from the MPT archives. The program chronicles the birth of Maryland's statewide public TV network, its growth and evolution in the digital age, and award-winning series including *ArtWorks This Week*, *Chesapeake Collectibles*, *Consumer Survival Kit*, *Hodgepodge Lodge*, *MotorWeek*, *Outdoors Maryland*, *State Circle*, and *Wall Street Week With Louis Rukeyser*, among other series, documentaries, and special presentations.

The MPT: From the Vault lineup continues at 11 p.m. with a 1984 episode of the popular series *Crabs*. Re-

corded at MPT in front of a live audience, the popular sketch comedy show aired through 1991 and was a frequent regional Emmy® Award winner. The series was honored in 2014 by becoming one of the first programs selected for inclusion in the American Archive of Public Broadcasting.

The evening of special programs wraps up at 11:30 p.m. with the very first episode of MPT's award-winning series *Maryland Farm & Harvest*. The premiere episode of the half-hour program, now preparing for its seventh season, first aired in November 2013. The series, hosted by Joanne Clendening, takes viewers on journeys across the state, telling stories about the farms, people, and technology that sustain and grow

Maryland's number one industry, agriculture.

A summary of the evening's 50th anniversary program lineup:

- 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - *MotorWeek* premiere episode (1981)
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - *Gone But Not Forgotten* (1994)
- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - *Citizen Schaefer* (2009)
- 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - *Made Possible By Viewers Like You: 50 Years of Maryland Public Television* (2019)
- 11:00 - 11:30 p.m. - *Crabs* (1984)
- 11:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - *Maryland Farm & Harvest* premiere episode (2013)

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A View From The BLEACHERS

Like A Rolling Stone

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

Gotham, June 1965

Bob Dylan, equipped with song lyrics from a short story he had written, walked into a New York City studio and recorded "Like a Rolling Stone". Forty-six years later, Rolling Stone magazine, partially named after the song (along with influences from The Rolling Stones and Muddy Waters's song "Rollin' Stone") named Dylan's masterpiece the greatest rock and roll song - ever. Take umbrage with that ranking if you like, but "Like a Rolling Stone" must at least be on anyone's short list of greatest tunes - this is undebatable.

The metaphor-drenched song (classic Dylan) is about a woman of insulated, high society falling from her fragile perch and being forced to confront the real world and those of lesser means - people she once mocked and pacified with her loose change. As things go awry, the profound loss of privilege is dramatically captured in Dylan's iconic chorus where he, presumably a man of modest lineage, takes a hint of pleasure in asking, "How does it feel? To be without a home? Like a complete unknown? Like a rolling stone?"

That's a theory, anyway. No Dylan song can be completely understood, nor is there ever a singular meaning. Nevertheless, it appears to be a timeless lesson on the thin line between the haves and have nots and that karma will have its day with those not remaining mindful of how quickly the order can change.

Gotham, May 2019

Fifty-four years after Dylan recorded his classic in New York City, the Washington Nationals left the Big Apple on May 23rd with an abysmal 19-31 record. They had just been swept by the struggling Mets and were in fourth place in the NL East.

The offseason and spring training - more insulated worlds - in no way predicted such a disaster. The Nationals did lose Bryce Harper, but they added stud pitcher Patrick Corbin to an elite starting rotation, upgraded at catcher and compiled a versatile roster mixed with veterans and rising stars. The bullpen was the apparent weakness, but there seemed to be adequate arms to bridge from the starters to proven

closer Sean Doolittle.

When the regular season - the judge and jury - arrived, the verdict was clear: the Nats stunk. The team was plagued by cold bats, a leaky defense, injuries and bad luck. And then there was the bullpen. Other than Doolittle, it was jaw-dropping bad. Chuck the remote bad. The eighth inning, the frame where the pen was consistently grotesque, became a thing - first a trending hashtag, then a bad word, and finally, like Fight Club, something you didn't speak of.

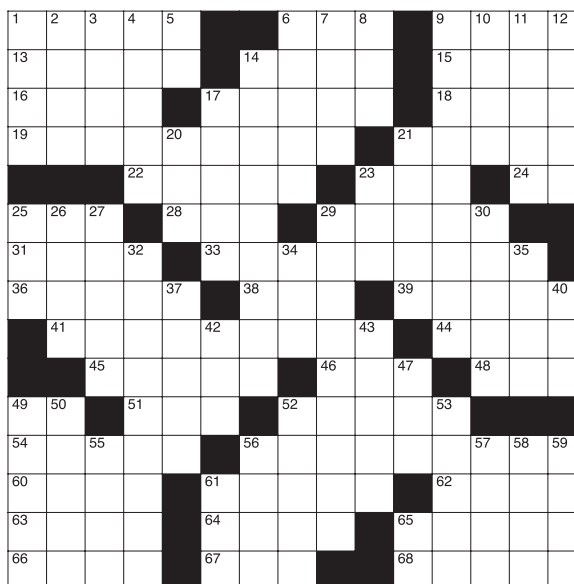
At 19-31, with no ability to hold late-game leads, the season looked lost. Embattled manager Dave Martinez would surely be fired. But more than that, an organizational reboot felt imminent. Could Mike Rizzo, president of baseball operations, be out? There was even talk of trading Anthony Rendon. Do what???

But instead of franchise-altering firings and blockbuster trades, the Nats just started to win...and win...and win some more. The bats got hot. The lineup got healthy. The defense tightened. Rizzo made subtle, discount rack moves to cobble together a serviceable bullpen. The result: the Nats recorded a post-23 May record of 74-38 to finish 93-69 and secure the top wildcard playoff position.

We never found out if Dylan's subject found her way. Did she find a home? Did she again become known? Did she establish herself, gather some moss and cease to be a rolling stone? We will soon know the outcome for the 2019 Nationals - perhaps by the time this story goes to press. Will they win the wildcard game and move on to the NLDS? The NLCS? The World Series. They say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one (some John Lennon to accompany all this Bob Dylan). Regardless, we know this left-for-dead baseball redemption project re-established itself and will play games in October, a preposterous thought in late-May. It is an encouraging story for anyone struggling to find their way or who has had their fate left hanging in the balance by a Dylan song...metaphorically speaking, I hope.

Send comments to
RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

Fun & GAMES



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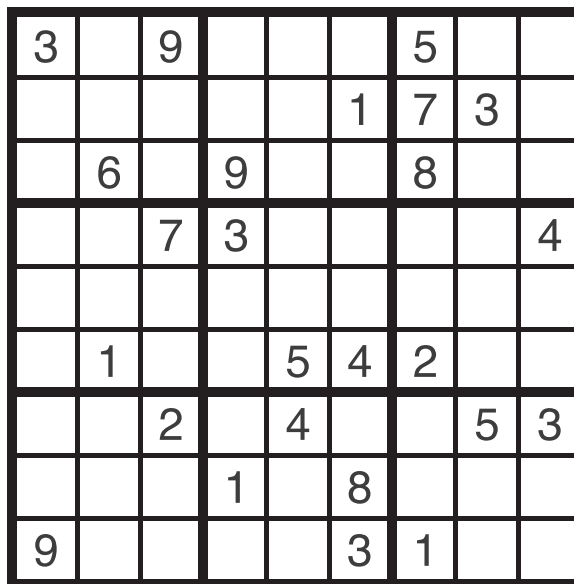
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- 17. Former Senator Specter
- 18. Cambodian currency
- 19. Dave Matthews Band hit
- 21. Lists ingredients
- 22. Endangered antelope
- 23. Jerry's TV partner
- 24. Blue grass state

- 25. Obstruct
- 28. Luke's mentor ___-Wan
- 29. Fencing swords
- 31. Oh, heavens!
- 33. Insensitive to changes in price
- 36. Hillsides
- 38. Brew
- 39. Gland secretion
- 41. A typical example
- 44. Get up
- 45. You put it on your pasta
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- 48. News organization
- 49. Disorder of the lungs (abbr.)

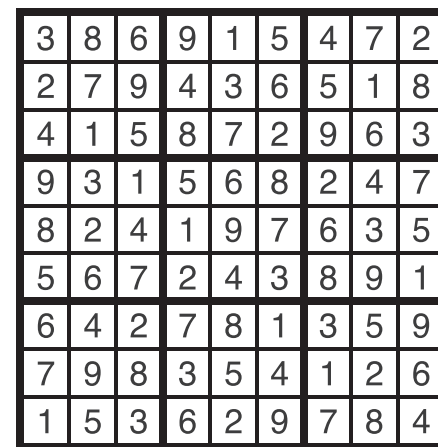
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- 52. Some are of the "suit" variety
- 54. Group of organisms
- 56. Produces
- 60. Passage into a mine
- 61. ___ and cheeses
- 62. Semitic fertility god
- 63. Dry or withered
- 64. Religious ceremony
- 65. ___ Winger, actress
- 66. German river
- 67. Midway between northeast and east
- 68. Take something or somebody somewhere

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Lyric poems
- 2. Genus of saltwater clams
- 3. Ingroup
- 4. Type of lounge chair
- 5. Memory card
- 6. Archipelago
- 7. Common Korean surname
- 8. It's up there
- 9. Quantity that helps to define
- 10. First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year
- 11. Metal-headed golf club
- 12. A shade of green
- 14. Begin
- 17. A good thing to have
- 20. Language spoken in Laos
- 21. Loosely compacted sediment
- 23. Naturally occurring protein
- 25. Woman
- 26. Central Indian city
- 27. Volcanic craters
- 29. The largest existing land animals
- 30. Rumanian city
- 32. Equal to 10 meters
- 34. Historic Nevada city
- 35. A point of transition
- 37. Remove
- 40. Overwatch character
- 42. Records electric currents linked to the heart
- 43. Settles in calmly
- 47. Partner to his
- 49. Banking giant
- 50. Slowly disappeared
- 52. End
- 53. Sword with a v-shaped blade
- 55. Fabric with smooth, shiny surface
- 56. Wild cherry tree
- 57. Traditional Japanese socks
- 58. Make of your hard work
- 59. Stony waste matter
- 61. Woman (French)
- 65. Unit of loudness



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



CSM Launches Thomas V. “Mike” Miller Jr. Center for Leadership

More than 300 Join Celebration

Saluting a legacy of Maryland leadership and decades of strong support of higher education, the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation raised nearly \$300,000 to establish the Thomas V. “Mike” Miller Jr. Center for Leadership at CSM during a festive and celebratory evening of music, great food and accolades for Miller at the Running Hare Vineyard in Calvert County Sept. 26.

Miller is the nation’s longest serving state senate president, having been a member of the Maryland Senate since 1975 and serving as the president of the Maryland Senate since 1987.

“Imagine being a young person today, trying to find your footing and make sense of the world amid chaotic public discourse and polarized news sources,” said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy while kicking off the evening’s remarks. “Imagine being a college whose charge is to support young people as they learn to reconcile contradictory ideas in a culture that gives as much credence in opinion as in fact. In our current environment, helping students grapple with complexity and learn that there can be multiple valid perspectives on issues is becoming increasingly difficult.”

With Miller and his family, friends and colleagues looking on, Murphy shared that the Thomas V. “Mike” Miller Center for Leadership has never been more needed than it is now.

“Tonight, we celebrate the legacy of Maryland Senate President Mike Miller, America’s longest serving Senate President, whose example has long been a model for College of Southern Maryland students.”

Viewed as a strong supporter of higher education, Miller has described community colleges as “the first line of defense for our educational system” during his meetings with CSM’s student leaders and their peers who attend the annual Maryland Student Advocacy Day in Annapolis. Recently, Miller encouraged CSM’s representatives to participate in community activities not only to give back to their community but also as a resume-builder for their future. “We are a peninsula—Charles, Calvert and St. Mary’s County—and one of our most precious resources is you, and the most precious thing we can do for you is to provide you with a quality education.”

“We celebrate this legacy by creating the Thomas V. “Mike” Miller Center for Leadership, which will be a



Hundreds gathered to salute Thomas V. “Mike” Miller Jr. for his strong commitment to higher education and to help the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation raise nearly \$300,000 to establish the Thomas V. “Mike” Miller Jr. Center for Leadership. Senator Miller and his wife Patty were lauded for their service to Marylanders and CSM students during a Sept. 26 celebration at Running Hare Vineyard in Calvert County.

catalyst for leadership development for years to come,” added Murphy, further explaining to the more than 300 people in attendance that along with launching the center, CSM is also proud to announce the Miller Family endowed scholarship.

“Because of your generosity,” she shared with the crowd. “We will have an endowed scholarship fund, a dedicated seminar room, initiate the process for the appointment of a Distinguished Miller Professor for Leadership, and launch a lecture series for both our students and the general public.” The Thomas V. “Mike” Miller Center will be located in the John E. Harms Academic Building on CSM’s Prince Frederick Campus.

The CSM Foundation is including the new Miller

Center for Leadership as a feature in its upcoming Pride of Southern Maryland fundraising campaign which will launch during the spring of 2020, supporting this initiative to raise \$500,000 for the center.

“Thank all of you for supporting this initiative, but mostly we thank President Mike Miller for his legacy of supporting opportunity for all Marylanders through access to community college education, as well as the ability to transfer to our four year partners across the state,” said Murphy.

A longtime supporter of CSM and the senator, Marianne Harms of Calvert County along with CSM Foundation Director Dixie Miller are among the founders of this project. Harms, in recalling the support of the senator for many organizations in the state and “our corner of the world,” described Miller as “such a loyal friend to Southern Maryland and a leader for our state. Mike and his family are just wonderful, extraordinary people, and I can’t think of a better legacy than a leadership center at the college named for my friend.”

“Senator Mike Miller has spent his entire career leading efforts and advocating for education,” said Dixie Miller. “Because he genuinely believes in education, he has always kept education for ALL as a top priority in the state of Maryland. There is no better advocate for social and economic mobility in this country than Senator Miller.”

For photos of the event, please visit <https://csmphoto.zenfolio.com/millercelebration>



More than 300 supporters joined for a festive and celebratory evening of music, great food and accolades for Sen. Mike Miller at the Running Hare Vineyard in Calvert County Sept. 26.

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.

John Kenneth Hutchins, Jr.



John Kenneth Hutchins, Jr., 79, of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed away on September 29, 2019 at his home. He was born on June 11, 1940 in Prince Frederick, MD to the late Myrtle Elizabeth King Hutchins and John Kenneth Hutchins, Sr. A life long resident of Calvert County, Kenneth was a farmer and a dispatcher for SMECO for 34 years retiring in 2004. He was also a life time member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Prince Frederick. He was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather who really enjoyed spending time and visiting his family and friends. Beloved husband of Carol Jean Bowen Hutchins, father of Kendra Johnson and her husband Erik, and James Kenneth Hutchins and his wife Jordan. Grandfather of Timothy and David Johnson, Serenity, Clark, Nathaniel, and Oliver Hutchins, he is also survived by his sister Mary Alice Hancock and her husband Frank. The family will receive friends on Friday October 4, 2019 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church, 90 Church Street, Prince Frederick, MD where funeral services will take place on Saturday October 5, 2019 at 11 AM. Interment will follow in Asbury Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to either Trinity United Methodist Church, 90 Church Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD

20678; 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/>

Arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home, Port Republic, MD

James Mathew Marx



James Mathew Marx, 50, of Huntingtown, MD passed away suddenly September 28, 2019.

Visitation will be Saturday, October 5m 2019, 2-4 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. A Celebration of Life will follow at 4 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

Mary Elizabeth "Bibby" Thompson

Mary Elizabeth "Bibby" Thompson, 91 of St. Leonard, MD passed away peacefully at her residence on September 28, 2019 surrounded by her family. She was born on November 20, 1927 in Hollywood, MD to the late Ruth Mae and William Lloyd Copsey. She was the loving wife to Richard Finley Thompson whom preceded her in death.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 3, 2019, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Lusby, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, October 4, 2018 at 11 a.m. at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 105 Vianney Lane, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Burial will be at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Cemetery, 43950 St. Johns Road Hollywood, MD 20636.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Danny Kent Bafford



Danny Kent Bafford, 66, passed away peacefully on September 26, 2019 in residence at Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home in Charlotte Hall, MD. Danny is preceded in death by his parents Eva E. and James E. Bafford originally from Broomes Island and Glen Burnie, MD. Danny graduated from Glen Burnie High School and received his Associates Degree from Anne Arundel Community College in 1973. He was a United States Army veteran and later pursued a career as a Visual Information Specialist at the Department of Defense in Quantico, VA. He retired from the Department of Defense in July 2012 and moved to Myrtle Beach, SC to go after his passion for "golf" full time. He was known for organizing golfing expeditions and a master at football pools. He believed in enjoying life to its fullest and cherished every moment. He created a lifelong group of friends that became his extended family. Danny is survived by his aunts: Lorraine King, Joan Reid and Ethel Buck and her husband Louis. He is also survived by numerous cousins including Jacque McCormick, Jo Ann King and Buddy Williams and his dear friends Dave & Tina Carrillo and Becky Taylor and Lori Mossey. Family and friends will be received at Rausch Funeral Home, Port Republic, MD on Thursday October 24, 2019 from 10 AM till time of Memorial service at 11 AM.

Memorial contributions may be made to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. 29449

Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, Maryland 20622.

Marie Tolbert Hatcher



Marie Tolbert Hatcher, 81, of Huntingtown passed away September 26, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 3, 1938 in Willis, VA to Alvin Ray and Ethel (Bishop) Tolbert. Marie married H.G. Hatcher on December 22, 1955 and they moved to Huntingtown in 1956. Together they owned and operated businesses in Calvert County including the Texaco gas station in Barstow and Hatcher Supply in Huntingtown. Marie was a member of Huntingtown United Methodist Church. She enjoyed yard sales, sewing, cooking and spending time with her family, especially her children and grandchildren. Marie was fondly known as "Nanny" to many people, including her grandchildren's friends, customers, and other members of the community. She was always willing to help others and will be greatly missed.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband H.G. Hatcher on April 11, 2018. She is survived by her children Alvin H. Hatcher and wife Laura, Darryl L. Hatcher and wife Ronda and Carolyn Yost and husband Scott, all of Huntingtown, and Renee Hatcher of Ridgecrest, CA, grandchildren Josh, Zac, Jessica, Brittany, Riley, and Emma, great-grandchildren Arya, Rhett, and Adelynn, sis-

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ter Judy McManus and husband Jerry, sisters in law Lois Wade and Alease Hatcher, niece Patricia Cranford and husband Steve and nephews Michael Hatcher and wife Angela and Mark and Marty Hatcher and Tommy Wade.

In lieu of flowers donations in Marie's name may be made to Huntingtown United Methodist Church, 4020 Hunting Creek Road P.O. Box 550, Huntingtown, MD 20639/

Dorothy Louise Bowen



Dorothy Louise Bowen, 96, of Prince Frederick, MD, passed away on September 24, 2019, in her home surrounded by her children. Dorothy was born November 8, 1922 in Barstow, MD to the late Benjamin Hal and Carrie Esther Weems Bowen.

Dorothy and her husband, Carey Bowen, raised their family on a farm in Bowensville. Dorothy worked for Calvert Memorial Hospital for 31 years where she retired as the Comptroller. She loved celebrating the holidays with her family. She also enjoyed traveling, genealogy, crossword puzzles, and cooking.

She was predeceased by her husband, William Carey Bowen, and siblings, Lillian Esther Bowen, Betty Ann Smith, Benjamin Robert Bowen, and James Lloyd Bowen.

Dorothy is survived by her children William Carey Bowen, Jr. (Darlene), Mary Lee Welch (Larry), Michael Hal Bowen, and Edward Morgan Bowen (Bridget) and her grandchildren, Kristen Welch Walker (Jeff), Ronald William Bowen (Beckie), Kelli Michelle Short (Doug), Kerrie Lee Heydt (Kurt). She is also survived by her great-grandchildren: Joshua Walker, Ryan Walker, Taylor Bowen, Matthew Short, Jacob Bowen, Logan Heydt, Collin Short, Gavin Heydt, and Rhys Heydt.

Pallbearers at the Sept. 28 funeral service were her eight great-grandsons.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/> or Trinity United Methodist Church, 90 Church Street Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Joanne Nowatsi



Joanne Nowatsi, 54, passed away September 23, 2019 at her home in North Beach. She was born to Paula Maeder Nowatski and Richard Nowatski. Joanne grew up in North Beach Park and graduated from Southern High School in Harwood, MD. She spent many hours in her grandmother's beauty salon, La Mer Beauty Salon in Rose Haven. After high school, Joanne lived and worked in and around Ocean City, MD, and later returned to live her life in Calvert County. Joanne was a kindhearted person who loved all animals and holidays.

Joanne was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by next of kin Lucy Wilson Franklin and husband Billy and their sons Will and Zach; Paul Wilson and wife Cindy and their son Sean, daughter Abby, and second mom Dixie Reichel and her family.

There will be no formal services for Joanne. Donations in her memory may be made to any local animal shelter.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Herbert Gene Whichard



Herbert Gene Whichard, 84, of Lusby, MD and formerly of Washington, NC and Berwyn Heights, MD, passed away on September 21, 2019 at Calvert Health Medical Center.

Born August 29, 1935 in Greenville, NC, he was the son of the late David Forrest Whichard and Marian Payne.

Gene graduated from Washington High School in Washington, NC in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army from 1958 until 1962. Gene was a lifelong fisherman, an avid football fan and he enjoyed carpentry.

Gene is survived by his wife, Marie

(Gebbia) Whichard whom he married on March 28, 1958 in College Park, MD; his children, Robert Whichard (Karen) of Prince Frederick, MD, Susan Ford (Tom) of Huntingtown, MD, Russ Whichard (Ronda) of Prince Frederick, MD, Nina Whichard of Port Republic, MD, and Gary Whichard (Wendy Ann) of Laurel, MD; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Inurnment will be in Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD at a date to be determined.

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

24, 2019.

Born August 11, 1923 in Quicksburg, VA, she was the daughter of Bryan and Rettie Bush. Ruth worked for the National Coal Association in Washington, DC for 25 years. Upon retiring, she moved from Oxon Hill, MD to Waldorf, MD to be close to family. She lived in Waldorf for 15 years where she made many life-long friends. She next moved to Dunkirk with her son and daughter-in-law where she continued to touch people's lives.

Ruth loved reading, crossword and word search puzzles, watching the Orioles and Redskins, and most of all spending time with her family and friends.

Ruth is survived by her son, Daniel L. Strosnider and wife Leisa of Dunkirk and grandchildren, Casey Perry and husband Steve of Gloucester, VA, Daniel R. Strosnider and wife Nicki of Cheshire, UK. Nanny Ruth will be deeply missed by her four great-grandchildren, Aubrey, Mallory, Charlotte and Dominic.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, October 4, 2019 at Jesus the Divine Word Church in Huntingtown, MD at 11:30 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Calvert, PO Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Ruth Bush Strosnider



Ruth Bush Strosnider, 96, of Dunkirk, MD passed away at home on September

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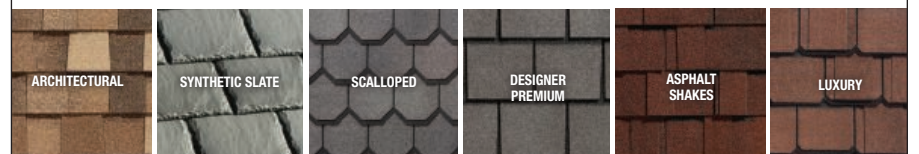


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Community Calendar

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

The Edna E. Lockwood Heritage Tour

See the last sailing bugeye oyster boat at the Rod'n Reel marina. October 2-9. Info: Chesapeake Beach Town Hall, 8200 Bayside Road, PO Box 400, Chesapeake Beach, Maryland 20732. 410-257-2230

A Comedy About Murder

New Direction Community Theater present "The Murder Room" by Jack Sharkey, an utterly charming place to be.

7:00 PM. Friday and Saturday, October 4-5 and 11-12. Long Beach Community Center, 5845 Calvert Blvd., St. Leonard. Tickets (\$15) available at www.ndctheater.org.

The Shaping of America: A Painter's Perspective

Features the paintings of ten women artists who see the genre of landscape painting in uniquely different ways. September 27 - October 26, 2019. Main Gallery, Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, 13480 Dowell Road, Solomons. 410-326-4640. Admission fee.

Friday, October 4

Last for the Season

Bay Avenue, North Beach

5:00 - 9:00 PM.

Farmers Market and Classic Car Cruise-in

Ribbies Dinner

American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206, Rt. 260

Chesapeake Beach

5:30 - 7:00 PM

World-Famous RIBBIES with all the trimmings and salad, roll, and beverage for \$12. Informal event in the Lower Level Dining Hall. Public welcome. 410-257-9878. www.MD-Post206.org

Karaoke at the Legion

American Legion, 3330 Chesapeake Beach Road East

8:00 PM - Midnight

A good time in the Lower Level Lounge. No cover charge. Public welcome. Questions? 410-257-9878 www.MD-Post206.Org

Sat., Oct 5, Mon. & Tue., October 7 & 8

Alumni Players Auditions

Our Lady Star of the Sea School, 90 Alexander Lane, Solomons

Saturday, 10:00-Noon. Monday and Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 PM

Auditions are set for the production of "Seagulls in a Cherry Orchard," a comedy about two Hollywood screenwriters hired to adapt Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard" into a new movie. Auditions will be cold readings from the script. Parts for five men and three women, ages 20-50s. Info: Adrienne Donaldson at 410-326-2790.

Saturday, October 5

AUTUMNFEST

Waters Memorial Church, 5400 Mackall Road, St Leonard,

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Yard Sale, Apples, Mums, Pumpkins. 12-5pm Chicken & Crab cake dinner, Chicken dinner, Crab cake sandwiches, bake table, crafts, jewelry. 1-3pm Music by "Unclouded Day." 410-586-1716

Friends of The Poor 5k Walk/Run

The Calverton School, 300 Calverton School Rd., Huntingtown

7:30 - 10:00 AM

Benefit for Calvert County residents in need. Check-in/Registration begins at 7:30. Renee O'Neill at 443-684-4267. Donate or register! Fotp.doodlekit.com.

Free Community Day

Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center, 130 Auto Dr., Prince Frederick

8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Citizens are invited to swim, participate in fitness activities and win prizes. Children's pool opens at noon. Hosted by the Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation.

Parkers Creek Challenge

American Chestnut Land Trust's Parkers Creek Preserve, 2650 Scientists Cliffs Rd, Port Republic

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

ACLT's triathlon starts with a round trip 9-mile bike ride; running 2 miles to the Chesapeake Bay; paddling a 3-mile round trip; and, return 2-mile run to the South Side trail head. \$50 general fee. \$40 ACLT members. 410-414-3400.

Pet Day 5 K Run/Walk and Relay

Pier at North Beach

8:30 AM

Support the Humane Society of Calvert County. Dogs are welcome to join the race! Sign up 7:00. Students runner 5K with ID \$30. Adult runners 5K \$35. Sign up online to get a race T-shirt. www.active.com/north-beach-md/running/distance-running-races/17th-annual-pet-day-5k-and-relay-2019. Alicia 301-932-8207.

Monster Market

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Dowell Rd., Solomons

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Things weird, wild, and wonderful. Quirky, funky, bizarre, and off-beat stuff. Fall and Halloween-related. Free admission to the Market. Well-behaved pets on a leash are welcome!

Mustard Seed Repurpose Thrift Shop

Impact Center Faith Assembly of God, 250 W.Bayfront Rd. (Rt.258), Lothian

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Department 56 Fall Houses and Halloween Houses and accessories for sale at deep discounted prices. Vintage items and much more. Open the First Saturday of the month.

Blessing of the Animals

Our Lady Star of the Sea (front lawn), Solomons

10:00 - 11:00 AM

All are welcome. Use non retractable leashes or cages as appropriate. Live music and a special visitor from the Calvert Marine Museum. Info: OLSS convent at 410-326-3306

Free Rabies Vaccines for Pets

Calvert County Fairgrounds, 140 Calvert Fair Drive, Barstow.

10:00 AM - Noon

Proof of prior rabies vaccination required to receive the three-year vaccine. Eligible pets include cats, dogs and ferrets in carriers or on leashes and muzzled if necessary. Open-air clinic; no special facilities to vaccinate animals that cannot be restrained by their owners. Calvert County pet licenses available. Calvert County Health Department. 410-535-5400 or 410-535-3922. Visit www.CalvertHealth.org.

Lower Marlboro Freedom Day

Lower Marlboro Hall, 3911 Lower Marlboro Road, Owings

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Commemorating the freedom of those who, with the help of the British, fled slavery during the War of 1812. Daylong celebration for all ages. Ample free parking. Kirsti Uunila 410-535-1600, ext. 2504. kirsti.uunila@calvertcountymd.gov

4th Annual Oktoberfest

Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church, 1450 Plum Point Road, Huntingtown

12:00 - 5:00 PM

Enjoy Seasonal beer and wine, German cuisine, live music, craft vendors, games for all ages. Admission is free. Sales from food and drink benefit Project ECHO Homeless Shelter. <http://saintnicholaslutheran.org/experiencing-community/oktoberfest> snlcoctoberfest@gmail.com

Spirits & Steeds

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue, 7940 Flint Hill Road Owings, 2:00 - 7:00 PM

Fall festival fundraiser for the horses at Freedom Hill Horse Rescue. Music, food, vendors, beer, wine, cocktails, games, horseback rides and more. Under 15 free. Game ticket is \$5: spiritsandsteeds2019.eventbrite.com. freedom.hill.org@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 6

Yoga Event for Breast Cancer

Hallowing Point Park, Prince Frederick

10:30 AM - Noon

Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation partners with Living Beyond Breast Cancer to host "Reach and Raise on the Road" a morning of connection, support and yoga. All ages. \$24 person. Benefit the Therman Gray Memorial Scholarship Fund and Living Beyond Breast Cancer programs.

Harvest Day

Historic Village Museum at Herrington Harbour North Marina, 389 Deale Rd. (RT 256), Tracy's Landing

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Tour the historic village, step back in time to understand life in the early 1900's. Live music, children's activities, local artisans and tradesmen. Free family fun event.

Monday, October 7

P.E.O. Fundraiser

Roy Rogers, Solomons

5:00 - 8:00 PM

The Philanthropic Education Organization is a non-profit organization celebrating their Sesquicentennial this year. Since 1869 women have been helping women achieve their highest educational goals. Info: www.peointernational.org or 410-394-6354.

Tuesday, October 8

Free Business Paper Shredding

Calvert County Fairgrounds, Parking Lot, 140 Calvert Fair Drive, Barstow

9:00 AM - Noon (rain or shine)

Businesses must present proof of Calvert County occupancy. Limited to the equivalent of five banker boxes of paper. Details and info: Calvert County Solid Waste Division at 410-326-0210. www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/RecyclingEvents.

Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

10:15 - 10:45 AM

Free drop-in program for ages 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers. This month's theme is Tales from the Tackle Box. Space is limited. Also offered on Thursday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 16. 410-326-2042

Bingo

North Beach VFD, Rt. 261, Chesapeake Beach

6:00 PM

Join friends and neighbors and support your local first responders. Games at 7:30. Food and drinks for purchase. Jackpot - possible prize \$1,000.

Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

Thursday, October 3

Teen Movie Night! Movie based on "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban." 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.

Alias 3.6. 6:30-7:30pm. 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, October 4

Responsibility Centered Discipline. 6:00-8:00pm. Free training for parents. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Saturday, October 5

Edna E. Lockwood Tour. 2:00-3:00pm. Join Calvert Library in welcoming the Edna E. Lockwood to town! The Edna is the last of 600 bugeye sailing boats built in 1889 by John B. Harrison. It served as an oyster dredging boat until 1967. The Edna has now been completely restored and will be docked in Chesapeake beach. Please join us for an hour long information visit to the Edna while it is docked at the pier at the Rod'n'Reel Resort. This is a family event. Please register everyone who will be visiting the ship as space is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult and supervised carefully while dockside. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Monday, October 7

Green Crafting. 2:00-4:00pm. Make crafts out of materials that would typically be thrown out. Crocheting, needlework, sewing, and simple tying techniques will be used. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Monday Night Fun. 6:30-7:15pm. Wind down with us as we share stories, songs, movement, and fun in the evening time. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Tuesday, October 8

Flying Needles. 6:00-9:00pm. Knitting, crocheting and portable crafting group open to anyone wanting to join in and share talents, crafting time or learn a new skill. No registra-

tion. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Wednesday, October 9

MD Workforce Exchange Resume Workshop. 10:00-12:00pm. Basic resume writing and tips class. If you are looking for a job or thinking of looking for a better job, don't miss this free class. There will be an opportunity for one-on-one help as well so bring your current resume if you have one. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

OMOB 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. Writing to be inspired by the themes in One Maryland One Book, "What The Eyes Don't See" by Mona Hanna-Attisha. Sponsored by Maryland Humanities. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Song Circle/Jam Session. 6:30-8:30pm. Singer-musicians trading songs, taking turns in choosing and leading a group of musicians. It's a sing-along with space for learning from each other and trying new things. A range of playing abilities and experience can be expected. Public is welcome to please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Thursday, October 10

S.T.E.A.M. PUNKS: Space Case! 6:30-7:30pm. Question, Discover and Explore! Use virtual reality and other technology to make a map of outer space! For astronomers in grades K - 7. Please register. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

MakePlayLearn. 6:30-7:30pm. Take building and creativity to a whole new level at the library. We provide the space, Legos® and other building materials. You provide the imagination. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

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.

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

Food Service Substitute Employment

The Office on Aging is looking for a Food Service Kitchen Substitute to work at our three senior centers. Centers are located in North Beach, Prince Frederick, and Lusby. Must receive food from caterer, take and record temperatures, serve lunch, wash dishes clean, and work well with seniors. Other duties as assigned. Substitute employment only as needed. Please contact Ed Sullivan, Program Manager, at 410-535-4606 if interested.

Become a Tax-Aide Volunteer!

The AARP Tax-Aide program, sponsored by the Calvert County Office on Aging, is looking for volunteers to serve as tax counselors to prepare, review and efile 2019 tax returns at each of the three senior centers in 2020. All Tax-Aide volunteers will be required to pass the IRS and Maryland certification tests. Training will be offered in late 2019 and/or early 2020. If this volunteer opportunity interests you, contact Patti Ryon at the Office on Aging, 410-535-4606.

Legal Aid

Attorney services are available by appointment 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 Southern Pines Senior Center for an appointment for October 10, 1 - 3 p.m. at 410-586-2748.

Calvert Pines Senior Center

Sit back and relax with friends and staff as we listen to the Bluegrass & Blues Music Show, Monday, October 7, 12:30 p.m.

Technology is constantly changing and can be hard to keep up with. Join us Friday, October 11, 10 a.m. for iPhone Training. Learn the ins and outs with Kristy about your iPhone.

North Beach Senior Center

Lisa Bierer-Garrett, North Beach Director of Eco-Tourism Department of Community Conservation Town of North Beach will be here, Wednesday, October 9, 11 a.m. for Fall Colors Presentation.

Let your creative side run wild making a beautiful work of art with Krafting with Karla: Fall/Winter Craft, Thursday, October 10, 10 a.m.

Southern Pines Senior Center

Learn all about the Calvert County Historical Society and the resources they provide the community, Tuesday, October 8, 11 a.m.

Join us as we put our garden to bed for the winter for Our Garden: Changing Seasons, Wednesday, October 9, 10:30 a.m. We will harvest seeds, clip and dry native flowers and send seedlings home with participants.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, October 7

Stuffed Shells w/Tomato Sauce, Seasoned Spinach, Garlic Bread, Peaches, Chocolate Cake

Tuesday, October 8

Chicken Salad Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato Slices, Tossed Salad w/ Dressing, 3-Bean Salad w/Green Pepper, Pineapple Chunks

Wednesday, October 9

Low-Sodium Polish Sausage on a Bun w/Chopped Onions, Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Applesauce

Thursday, October 10

Chicken Divine over Rice, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peaches

Friday, October 11

Sloppy Joes on a Bun, Coleslaw, Carrots, Chilled Pears

Lunches are served to seniors, aged 60-plus, and their spouses through Title III C 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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