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### WEEKLY FORECAST

Thu 12/26	Fri 12/27	Sat 12/28	Sun 12/29
50°   37°F	52°   37°F	53°   41°F	53°   39°F
Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Showers
Mon 12/30	Tue 12/31	Wed 1/1	Thu 1/2
46°   33°F	44°   30°F	45°   35°F	46°   37°F
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# Planners Delay Transportation Plan

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Planning Commission has delayed a decision on the county transportation plan to give them more time to review testimony and the staff more time to make editorial changes. The decision came after a Dec. 18 public hearing. Even though only four people spoke, apparently their comments caused the planners some concern.

Ella Ennis, former chairperson of the Calvert County Republican Central Committee, noted the consultants had included three growth scenarios. Two of them, one with 50 percent growth by 2040 and the other with total buildout, she called "inexcusable." She said the two scenarios would destroy the county and should be removed.

Tom Morrow said the baseline data included in the plan seemed to fly in the face of reality. He said he routinely sits in backups in Dunkirk and



elsewhere along Route 4. Yet he said the levels of service for those intersections in the plan didn't reflect that.

Consultant Sabra & Associates Project Manager James Kendrick told the planners that reports about traffic backups and accidents are anecdotal and often don't match the data. He said he wasn't minimizing

what people see, but "the numbers are what they are."

Commission Vice Chairman Steve Jones said he preferred paying attention to what people told him during public hearing testimony. After a motion had been made to forward the transportation plan to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners

(BOCC) for their public hearing, it was Jones who asked that the motion be revised to delay that decision for at least 30 days. That motion passed unanimously.

Transportation Principal Planner Tamara Blake-Wallace told the planners that the draft plan presented in August had been revised. A copy of

that plan can be viewed on the commission website at <http://www.co.cal.md.us/Document-Center/View/29372/92519-CC-LRTP-Final-Draft-revised-92519-1>

The plan will be brought up again at the planning commission January meeting.

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# Community Centers Eyed for South County Park Plans Presented to Commissioners

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) got their first look Dec. 17 at plans for two parks in the southern part of the county. One, Cove Point Park, has been around for a while and its master plan hasn't been updated for 20 years. The other will be brand new – the Dominion Energy Regional Park on 179 acres donated by the LNG plant operator.

Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal told the BOCC that the park designs by consultants Whitney, Bailey, Cox, and Magnani, LLC (WBCM) are 95 percent complete but cost estimates for the proposals contained in the plans have not yet been developed. However, she said since Dominion is also donating monies for development of the park named for them, progress will likely happen there first.

Nazzal said both parks are projected to have community centers, with the one at the new park larger. They would replace the Southern Community Center, whose space would be turned over to the health department for their use.

Nazzal said the community center for the new regional park would be intended for county-wide events while the one at Cove Point would be more locally-oriented.

Plans for Cove Point Park included a second entrance, expansion of the water park to include a lazy river and/or water playground, a trail system, upgraded



Artist's rendering of proposed events plaza and community center at the Dominion Energy Regional Park.

cloverleaf ball complex, parking closer to the dog park, basketball courts closer to the community center and pickleball courts.

The Dominion Energy Regional Park plans include a pavilion for parties and receptions, four ballfields with natural grass, three fields with artificial turf, an events plaza for major festivals, and facilities for the department's maintenance.

Nazzal said the plan was crafted after a series of public meetings attended by as few as five and as many as 30 people supplemented by an online survey to which there were a thousand responses.

Commissioner Buddy Hance wanted to know how many people asking for something would rise it to be-

ing included in the plan. Nazzal said the consultants reviewed all of the responses, both at the meetings and online, in making decisions.

She did say, however, that one facility that did not make the cut had considerable support – an indoor ice rink. She noted that would be costly to build and operate, similar to the county-owned indoor swimming pool. She said it would be up to the BOCC to decide whether that should be included in the plan.

Nazzal will update the BOCC once the cost estimates have been developed.

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# Vernon Horsmon Laid to Rest



# County Human Resources Director to Retire



Paula Gray

Calvert County Human Resources Director Paula Gray announced her plan to retire following four and a half years of dedicated service as director of human resources, formerly the Office of Person-

nel, and 40 years of public service. Gray's retirement will take effect Jan. 10, 2020.

"Paula Gray has been a phenomenal human resources director; a great leader, a team player and a consummate professional," said County Administrator Terry Shannon. "Paula is compassionate and truly cares about her co-workers. It has been an honor and privilege to work with Paula; she will be greatly missed."

Gray's leadership of the Department of Human Resources has led to major improvements in the Calvert County Government including the implementation of cost-saving measures in health

insurance with minimal disruption to county employees and dependents; enhanced risk management/safety to ensure a safer work environment for employees; improvements to the performance evaluation system and a new off-boarding process for retirees.

"I am proud of the accomplishments and improvements that have been implemented by human resources over the years, but more than anything, I am proud of my team," said Gray. "None of my accomplishments would have been possible without the work of dedicated staff. I will miss them the most."

Gray began her career with Calvert County Government in 1979 as secretary II/office machine operator with the Department of Finance & Budget. The human resources function moved to its own department in 1986, where Gray worked in many roles until being promoted to personnel director for the Office of Personnel in 2015. Her job title was changed to human resources director in July 2017.

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Program: 8:00 A.M. (free)

Day of Service: 10:00 A.M. (free)

An Evening to Honor the Legacy of Lucille Clifton

FEBRUARY 29, 7:00 P.M.  
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Annual Reeves Lecture with Jeffrey Hammond

"The Snow Woman: Some Reflections on Masculinity, Morality, and Art"

FEBRUARY 12, 4:45 P.M.  
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Presidential Lecture Series

Featuring Jay Williams

MARCH 26, 7:30 P.M.  
Auerbach Auditorium, St. Mary's Hall

The Twain Lecture Series on American Humor & Culture

Featuring Janelle James

MARCH 28, 7:00 P.M.  
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# Hoyer Invokes Larry Hogan, Sr. in Impeachment Remarks

Congressman Steny Hoyer (MD-05) spoke on the House Floor Dec. 18 in support of the two articles of impeachment against the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump. Below are his remarks as prepared for delivery:

“Madam Speaker, I’ve had the honor of serving in this House for over thirty-eight years. I’ve served during six presidencies. I’ve been here through moments of tremendous progress and terrible tragedy. I’ve seen periods of rank partisanship and patriotic bipartisanship. I’ve seen our two-party system work, and I’ve seen it break down.

“Never, in all my years serving in this great institution and the people of my district, did I ever expect to encounter such obvious wrongdoing by a President of the United States. Nor did I expect to witness such craven rationalization of presidential actions, which have put our national security at risk, undermined the integrity of our elections, and defied the Constitutional authority of the Congress to conduct oversight.

“We’ve heard from Republicans that this impeachment really has to do with policy differences or concerns about the President’s temperament or that we simply dislike the President. They’ve alleged that Democrats have been itching to impeach him since he first took office. The facts say otherwise.

“Throughout the Trump presidency, Democrats have resisted pursuing impeachment even as we watched with dismay and disgust at a pattern of wrongdoing. That pattern included ordering federal agencies to lie to the public, firing the FBI Director for refusing to end an investigation of his campaign, siding with Vladimir Putin over our intelligence agencies, taking funding away from the military to put toward an ineffective border wall, and setting policies that have led to the separation of families and the caging of children. We have, to be sure, deep disagreements with the policies and actions taken by this president. But they are not reasons to pursue what Chairman Schiff has called, ‘a wrenching process for the nation.’

“In fact, Democrats rejected that process emphatically in three specific votes. In December of 2017, Democrats overwhelmingly voted against pursuing articles of impeachment, including the Speaker and myself. We did so again in 2018, with over sixty percent of Democrats rejecting that path. Again, in July 2019, just days before the infamous July 25 telephone call, we did the same, with sixty percent of Democrats voting not to proceed.

“It was not until there was clear evidence that the President was abusing his power to serve his own interests – at the expense of our democracy, our national security, and the safeguarding of our elections from foreign interference – that we were compelled to consider articles of impeachment. Credible witnesses, many of whom were appointed to office by President Trump, have corroborated the details and timeline of his abuse of presidential power, which forms the basis of the first article of impeachment in this resolution. I will not recount them here. They



have been laid out fully in the articles before us and by colleagues in their remarks.

“What I will do is remind Americans that the House provided President Trump every opportunity to prove his innocence. Instead, he ignored Congressional subpoenas for documents and for testimony by White House officials and ordered his subordinates not to cooperate. This itself is unprecedented. When Presidents Nixon and Clinton were asked to hand over documents and allow officials to testify, ultimately both complied. Because it is the law. Such actions of the President can be taken as further evidence of his obstruction and abuse of power. It is itself impeachable conduct, the subject of the second article in this resolution.

“These two articles before us concern two very profound Constitutional issues about the abuse of power in our republic. First, whether it is acceptable for the President of the United States to solicit foreign interference in our elections, undermining our national security and the integrity of our democracy. And second, whether it is permissible for the president to obstruct Congress and act as if he is above the law and immune from Constitutional oversight.

“On December 4, the Judiciary Committee heard the testimony of Constitutional law experts who weighed in on these points. One of them, Professor Noah Feldman, cautioned: ‘If we cannot impeach a president who abuses his office for personal advantage, we no longer live in a democracy. We live in a monarchy, or we live under a dictatorship.’

“The votes we are about to take concern the rule of law and our democracy itself. Let us not forget the words of the philosopher John Locke, so influential to the Founders of our republic. He warned: ‘Wherever law ends, tyranny begins.’

“This impeachment asks whether we are still a republic of laws, as our Founders intended – or whether we will accept that one person can be above the law. In America, no one is above the law, but only as long as we hold every person accountable for breaking the law – even a president. Especially a president.

“If the House does not act – if we wait

and delay – we run the risk of allowing the President’s misconduct to be repeated at the expense of the integrity of our elections, our national security, and our Constitutional system of separation of powers. Democrats did not choose impeachment. We did not wish for it. But President Trump’s misconduct has forced our Constitutional republic to protect itself.

“These votes we are about to take – and the process that will follow in the Senate – are not only an assessment of the President’s commitment to the Constitution or to his oath of office. It is, as well, a test of our own. Damning evidence of the President’s high crimes has emerged. Nevertheless, Republican Members of this House and of the Senate have continued to defend a President whose actions and statements are indefensible.

“All of us feel a sense of loyalty to party. It’s what makes our two-party system function. It’s what helps hold presidents and majorities accountable. But party loyalty must have its limits. And as evidence of the President’s impeachable offenses has mounted, it has become increasingly clear that the limits of partisanship have been reached and passed.

“Now, Democrats and Republicans together face a test before our constituents, our countrymen, and our Creator.

“The New York Times on October 18 summarized the question now posed to House and Senate Republicans: ‘Compromise by compromise, Donald Trump has hammered away at what Republicans once saw as foundational virtues: decency, honesty, responsibility. ...Will they commit themselves and their party wholly to Mr. Trump, embracing even his most anti-democratic actions, or will they take the first step toward separating themselves from him and restoring confidence in the rule of law?’

“Madam Speaker, we have seen Republican courage throughout our history, from the Civil War to the Cold War. In 1950, Margaret Chase Smith, the Senator from Maine, spoke bravely against the cancer of McCarthyism in her party, leading six of her Republican colleagues in a ‘Declaration of Conscience’ against their own leadership. ‘We are Repub-

licans,’ they declared, ‘but we are Americans first.’

“In 1974, one Congressman took the brave and principled step of becoming the first Republican on the Judiciary Committee to support impeaching President Nixon. He said to his colleagues and to the country: ‘... It isn’t easy for me to align myself against the president to whom I gave my enthusiastic support... on whose side I’ve stood in many legislative battles, whose accomplishments in foreign and domestic affairs I’ve consistently applauded. But it’s impossible for me to condone or ignore the long train of abuses to which he has subjected the presidency and the people of this country. The Constitution and my own oath of office demand that I bear true faith and allegiance to the principles of law and justice upon which this nation was founded. And I cannot in good conscience turn away from the evidence of evil that is to me so clear and compelling.’

“That Congressman’s name was Larry Hogan Sr. He represented the Fifth District of Maryland, which I now represent. His son is presently the second-term Republican governor of our state. When Larry Hogan Sr. died in 2017, every obituary led with praise for his great act of political courage. Who among us, many years from now, will receive such praise as a man or woman of courage? Who will regret not having earned it?

“When Rep. Justin Amash left the Republican Party, he admonished his colleagues that: ‘This president will only be in power for a short time, but excusing his behavior will forever tarnish your name.’ Rep. Amash, of course, is the only Member of this House who has no allegiance to either party. He is supporting both articles of impeachment.

“We need not ask who will be the first to show courage by standing up to President Trump. The question we must now ask is: who will be the last to find it?

“The pages of our history are filled with Americans who had the courage to choose country over party or personality. But, as President Kennedy wrote: ‘The stories of past courage ...can teach, they can offer hope, they can provide inspiration. But they cannot supply courage itself. For this each man must look into his own soul.’

“I urge my colleagues in the House and in the Senate: look into your soul. Summon the courage to vote for our Constitution and our democracy. To do less betrays our oath and that of our Founders, who pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. Let us neither turn away from the evidence, which is so clear, nor from our good conscience, which compels us to do what in our hearts we know to be right. Let us not allow the rule of law to end or for tyranny to find its toehold.

“With our votes today, we can ‘bear true faith and allegiance’ to the vision of our Founders. And we can show future generations what it truly means to be ‘Americans first.’”



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# Town Honors its 'Brightest'



The Barbara "Jo" Finch Brightest Beacon award went to the Szeszulski family at 7488 Cavalcade Drive.



The Community Spirit Award went to the families at 8203, 8204, 8207, 8208 Hart Lane

By Dick Myers  
Editor

"It's what makes us so special and people who don't live here wish they did." That's how Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat Mahoney describes the annual holiday season lights display that blankets the town -- from the town hall to lining the town's streets to its houses, businesses and boats.

The annual contest to honor those who have gone all out is called the Barbara "Jo" Finch Brightest Beacon on the Bay contest after the town councilwoman instrumental in getting the contest going. This year's winners were honored in a ceremony at the Dec. 19 town meeting.

The grand prize winner, called the Barbara "Jo" Finch Brightest Beacon, were the Szeszulski family at 7488 Cavalcade Drive. In accepting the award, Mrs. Szeszulski said her husband, who was unable to attend, was the one most responsible for the display.

- Other winners were:
- Community Spirit Award: 8203, 8204, 8207, 8208 Hart Lane
  - Brightest Business: Marina West
  - Brightest Boat: "Fly-N\_Pig"
  - Honorable Mention: 3244 Cannoncade Ct.
  - 3rd Place Home: 3812 19th Street
  - 2nd Place Home: 8326 Harrison Blvd.
  - 1st Place Home: 6918 Donau Ct.
  - Brightest Town home: 7789 C Street
  - Community Spirit Award: 8203, 8204, 8207, 8208 Hart Lane

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## Clarification

As a clarification to our feature story on Country Administrator Terry Shannon in our Dec. 19 issue, she reports that her parents RAN Trueman Lumber Company; they did not *OWN* the company. The Country Times regrets the confusion.

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# Calvert County Sheriff's Office Crime Blotter

During the week of December 9 – December 15 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,387 calls for service throughout the community.

## Burglary: 19-71618

On December 10, 2019, Deputy Clark responded to Forest Ridge Terrance in Chesapeake Beach for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 2:00pm and 7:50pm on December 10<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) stole the garage door remote from their vehicle while parked in the driveway. The value of stolen property is \$50.

## Theft: 19-71347

On December 9, 2019, Deputy Burggraff responded to Perry Lane in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that on September 9<sup>th</sup> or September 10<sup>th</sup> an unknown suspect(s) stole a handicap placard from inside their vehicle while parked at World Gym in Prince Frederick. The value of stolen property is \$5.

## Theft: 19-71586

On December 10, 2019, Deputy Naughton was notified of a theft that occurred at Abner's Crab House in Chesapeake Beach. The complainant advised that they had inserted money to a slot

machine they were playing and stepped away briefly. An unknown male suspect is seen cashing out the complainant's remaining funds and taking the ticket to the bar to collect the funds before leaving the area. The value of stolen funds is \$193.50.

## Theft: 19-71659, 19-71660

On December 11, 2019, Deputy Cress responded to Ivy Lane in Chesapeake Beach for a Theft of a Motor Vehicle. The complainant stated that sometime between 5:30pm on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 4:45am on December 11<sup>th</sup> an unknown suspect(s) stole their 2015 Ford F150 with various personal belongings inside the vehicle. In addition, the complainant stated a second vehicle was broken into and the suspect(s) stole 3 pair of sunglasses, a credit card, earphones, and keys. The value of stolen property is \$22,043.

## Theft: 19-71707

On December 11, 2019, Deputy Flynt responded to Eagle Tire and Automotive in Dunkirk for the report of a theft. The complainant stated they left their vehicle at Eagle Tire and Automotive for service on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and when they returned to pick the vehicle up on December 11<sup>th</sup>, both tags were missing. The value of stolen property is \$20.

## Theft: 19-72195

On December 13, 2019, Deputy Sturdivant responded to Spot Thrift Shop in St. Leonard for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that two females entered the store and stole a blue and white antique petal bike, a plastic closet organizer, and two wooden rocking chairs. The value of stolen property is \$420.

## Theft: 19-72540

On December 14, 2019, Deputy Hardesty responded to Holly Drive in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that a package was confirmed as delivered to their house per the UPS tracking number, however the package was no longer at the front of the residence as the tracking number indicated. The value of stolen property is \$25.

## Arrests:

On December 10, 2019, Deputy Parks responded to Walmart in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised they observed **Paul Oburke (41)** take barcode stickers from his pocket and stick them to items he was placing in his shopping cart. While checking out, the complainant took the shopping cart from Oburke and observed the false barcode stickers on 6 of the items in the cart. Deputy Parks made contact with Oburke in the parking lot,

and observed several Walmart shopping bags on the passenger side of the vehicle. Oburke stated that he bought the \$1,110 worth of items for \$60 using the fake barcodes at the Walmart in Dunkirk, and was attempting to purchase additional items totaling \$2,269 from the Walmart in Prince Frederick using the false barcodes. Oburke was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Theft Scheme: \$1,500 to <\$25,000 and Theft: \$1,500 to under \$25,000.

On December 12, 2019, Deputy Bowlan responded to Great Clips in Dunkirk for a welfare check. The complainants advised a woman, **Theresa Sue Haley (53)**, was behind the store screaming that she was having a heart attack and would die if police got involved. They also advised that Haley was referencing the Marshall's store next door. Upon making contact with Haley and the Marshall's employees, it was determined that Haley attempted to steal a cart full of merchandise valued at \$483.96 and exit the back door of the store. When approached by employees, Haley fled from the store wearing a pair of shoes that she had also stolen. Haley was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Theft: \$100 to under \$1,500.

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## Volland Joins Regional Library



### Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, Inc.

The Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, Inc. (SMRLA) welcomes Mark Volland as its new communications manager. He joined SMRLA Dec. 2 and is charged with providing internal and external communications support to promote the association's role as a regional resource center for the public libraries in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties.

Volland, a Waldorf resident, comes to SMRLA from Calvert County Government where he was deputy director of communications and media relations. He has 24 years of experience in communications, marketing and media relations with a variety of Southern Maryland organizations.

"We are very pleased to have Mark on our team," said SMRLA CEO Sharan Marshall. "He brings to SMRLA a broad set of skills and experience that

will serve us well in meeting our vision to advance regional library excellence."

Formed in 1959, SMRLA supports the three Southern Maryland library systems through efficient, coordinated services that county libraries cannot adequately provide themselves. SMRLA operates the tri-county circulation and online catalog system known as COSMOS (Collections of Southern Maryland's On-Line System); provides access to downloadable books, ebooks, online research and information resources, and other free electronic services; runs the region's interlibrary loan system for books and materials; and organizes in-service training for library staff.

For more information about the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, visit [smrla.org](http://smrla.org).

*Press Release from SMRLA*

## New Parks & Recreation Fee Schedule Effective Jan. 1

The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation 2020 fee schedule will go into effect Jan. 1, 2020. The fee schedule includes an increase to admission rates for out-of-county residents using Breezy Point Beach, adjustments to facility and program fees based on operating costs and additional charges for future programs.

Fees and revenue supplement public funds to cover the cost of operations and enable Parks & Recreation to improve and develop programs and services.

The fee schedule sets charges for a number of new programs and adjusted fees for facility use. New and upcoming programs include an annual pass, which offers Calvert County residents one-year access to county pools, Breezy Point Beach and Flag Ponds Nature Park as well as discounts on facility rentals, programs and events. Other upcoming programs include an adopt-a-park program, food truck program and special event permits.

Many fees will remain the same as the previous year. Additional changes include the following:

- New athletic field rental fees and fees for field setup and lining. Field rental fees do not apply to approved youth sports providers.
- The rental fee for Wisner Hall at Kings Landing Park is set at \$500 per day; the rental fee for Kings Landing Park Pavilion is \$125 per day.
- The cost of Therapeutic Recreation camps will increase to offset direct costs, such as buses.
- Breezy Point daily admission will increase for non-county residents and daily entry season passes will be

offered to Calvert County residents only. Daily camping rates will increase by \$5 per night and there will be a \$20 per pump charge for septic pump out.

- Community center meeting room rental rates are set per 4-hour block. Small meeting rooms (50 people or fewer) are \$20 or \$10 for residents; medium rooms (51-100 people) are \$50 or \$25 for residents; large meeting rooms (101 people or more) are \$100 or \$50 for residents. An added fee for food and non-alcoholic drink allowance is set at \$30 or \$15 for residents.

Calvert County Parks & Recreation offers various forms of financial assistance. The department offers a standard 10% military discount on goods and services. Additionally, the department offers financial assistance through the Therman Gray Memorial Scholarship program for resident youth who wish to participate in Parks & Recreation programs or pursue a career in parks and recreation.

Individuals and organizations who are concerned about their financial ability to participate in programs and use parks and recreation facilities are encouraged to contact the Department of Parks & Recreation at 410-535-1600, ext. 2649 or at [parksandrecreation@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:parksandrecreation@calvertcountymd.gov).

The 2020 Calvert County Parks & Recreation fee schedule was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on October 29, 2019. The fee schedule can be viewed in its entirety at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/ParksAndRecreation](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/ParksAndRecreation).

## Bay-CSS Receives Donation



Maryland Knights of Columbus State Treasurer Chris Powers presents a donation for \$7,500 to Bay Community Support Services Chief Executive Officer Catherine Raines on behalf of the Maryland State Knights of Columbus. Bay-CSS has provided personalized services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Southern and Central Maryland for over 30 years. Chris and Catherine are surrounded by fellow Knights of Columbus, board members and staff.

## Recycle Live Christmas Trees at Convenience Centers

Calvert County residents can take their live Christmas trees, wreaths and garland to county convenience centers for recycling at no charge beginning Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019, through Jan. 31, 2020. After Jan. 31, residents looking to recycle their trees must take them directly to the Appeal Landfill and standard yard waste fees will apply. This program does not apply to businesses. Businesses must bring holiday greenery to the Appeal Landfill where standard yard fees will apply.

All decorations, including support frames, lights and metal stands, must be removed from trees, wreaths and garlands. Trees and wreaths may not be in plastic bags or cut up. All materials will be taken to the Appeal Landfill to be mulched and made available to county residents at no charge.



Wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, holiday cards and other paper are accepted at the convenience centers for recycling at no cost any time of the year. Cardboard boxes should be flattened and all packing materials, ribbons and Styrofoam must be removed for disposal.

Locations of the six convenience centers and their hours are listed on the county website at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Recycle](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Recycle). For more information, call 410-326-0210.

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# Patuxent Students Win Hoyer's App Challenge

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) has announced the winners of the Fifth Annual Congressional App Challenge for the Fifth District.

This year, Patuxent High School student Matthew Hunter won first place with his app, "The Art of Cryptography." Matthew's app aims to help individuals understand cryptography and allows users of the app to decode cyphers.

Karley Trinidad and Aubrey Zeltwanger, both from Patuxent High School, won second-place for their app, "Safer Together," which provides students, teachers, and administrators with specific instructions during various types of school emergencies.

Patuxent High School student Alyssa Mazzone and Gwynn Park High School student Kehniah Watts tied for third place. Alyssa's app, "Striving and Driving," is a memory challenge game. Kehniah's app, "NaxaNow," teaches students about the opioid epidemic and provides resources to help those struggling with addiction.

"I join in congratulating the winners and everyone who participated in the fifth annual Fifth District Congressional App Challenge," said Congressman Hoyer. "I was extremely impressed by the creativity displayed by students this year, as well as the hard work and dedication they put into each of their apps. I also applaud their efforts to address issues confronting our communities, such as public safety and opioid abuse. Congratulations to Matthew, Karley, Aubrey, Alyssa, and Kehniah for their winning apps, and I encourage all Fifth District students to consider participating in

next year's competition."

The Congressional App Challenge was established by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2013 as a nationwide event which invites middle and high school students from all participating Congressional districts to compete as individuals or groups up to four. Students work to create and present an original software application, or "app," for a mobile, tablet, or computer platform of their choosing.

The contest is modeled after the long-successful Congressional Art Competition and is designed to promote innovation and engagement in STEM education



fields. Students who live in or are eligible to attend public schools located in Maryland's Fifth Congressional District were invited to join the Fifth District App Challenge. The winning app will be placed on display in the U.S. Capitol alongside other winners from the nation. Additionally, the first-place winner will receive \$250 Amazon Web Services credits and receive an invitation to the #HouseofCode Capitol Hill Reception in Washington DC.

*Press Release from Office of Rep. Steny Hoyer*

# Calvert County 2019

## The First Six Months – January



By Dick Myers  
Editor

The last year of the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in Calvert County was a year of change and turmoil. The newly elected Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) with a brand-new majority brought on some of that with their own agenda. **Tim Hutchins** was elected to lead them and by year end **Kelly McConkey** was elected, on a 3-2 vote, to take the helm for their second year.

The update of the county's comprehensive plan was contentious throughout the first half of the year and when it was finally approved by the new board in late summer, that approval also was controversial and was challenged in court and through an ethics complaint over McConkey's vote on it.

Calvert State **Senator Thomas V. "Mike" Miller**, the longest running Maryland Senate president, announced early in the year that he was battling cancer. He continued to hold the position throughout the 2019 Maryland General Assembly session. By year end the county's most influential voice in Annapolis had announced he was stepping down as president but was continuing to serve as senator.

McConkey's replacement on the school board, **Inez Claggett**, jumped right in and became a force on the board, even as it came under increasing fire from teachers over discipline problems in the schools.

The year started with the county seemingly committed to putting a new administration building at Armory Square in Prince Frederick, though it had become a campaign issue in 2018. That plan quickly melted as the new board scrapped it and had not yet at year's end come up with an alternate plan. Meanwhile, Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department has taken

over the armory as temporary quarters while their new firehouse is under construction.

In April The Calvert County Times began a series of monthly feature stories on the county's volunteer fire and rescue companies. At just about the same time a budget proposal was advanced to begin a partial rollout of paid Emergency Medical Technicians. By the time all the companies had been featured, the hiring process had begun for a modified plan.

It was also a year in which the county lost several of its past leaders

Let's now take a month by month look at how things unfolded in 2019:

### January

The new Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), with three newly elected members, held its first meeting Jan. 8. Commissioner President **Tim Hutchins** said that his board over the next 90 days, in addition to crafting the budget for the next fiscal year, would tackle two pressing issues: Route 231 and the opioid epidemic.

"Annapolis is a different world." The speaker knew what he is talking about. That week **Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Jr.** was poised for another legislative session as he had done every year since 1974. He spoke at the annual pre-legislative breakfast of the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce. But he appeared weak and several days later we would learn why – he was battling prostate cancer.

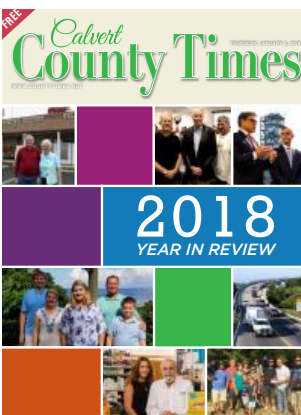
Calvert County Circuit Court Judge **Marjorie Claggett** begged the new commissioner board "I absolutely urge you to make a decision and get it done." The judge was speaking about the proposal to

build a **new county office building at Armory Square** in Prince Frederick. County staff spoke about the need to consolidate staff and services spread out among many locations and Claggett spoke of the crowded courthouse and the court's need for more space there. When she retired later in the year her wish would be far from reality.

The Calvert County Ethics Commission issued a reprimand against **Planning Commission member Maria Buehler**. The letter dated Dec. 14 from Commission Chairperson **Jennifer Mazzur**, started, "At the November 20, 2018, meeting of the Calvert County Ethics Commission, members voted unanimously to issue a reprimand for your conduct, which resulted in the appearance of a conflict of interest." Buehler's father Pat, a former county commissioner issued a strong protest.

The Calvert County Planning Commission quickly and unanimously at their Jan. 16 meeting approved a **\$30 million expansion at the Dominion Cove Point liquefied natural gas facility** in Lusby. The project was fast-tracked by county government because of its economic impact. The project consists of an 81,485-square-foot, three-story maintenance building containing office space on the second and third floors (37,425 square feet) and shop space on the first floor (44,060 square feet), a three-story, 116,345-square-foot, 320-space parking garage and a 5,500-square-foot storage building to support the LNG Plant expansion project that was completed in April 2018.

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) unanimously selected **Inez Claggett**, 44, of Owings to replace **Kelly McConkey** on the Calvert County Board of Education. McConkey served six years on the



# 9: A Year of Change

## January to June

school board before being elected in November to be a county commissioner. McConkey praised the selection. He said he knows her. "She has been very involved in the community."

More than 50 Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) elementary school teachers attended a roundtable discussion about **curriculum in the schools**. The roundtable discussion, which focused on math and English, was prompted by criticism of curriculum materials by members of the Calvert Education Association (CEA) at the school board's Nov. 29 meeting. Association President Dona Ostenson explained that the teachers still desire flexibility for decisions in the classrooms, but they also seek some consistency in what is being taught so that all students are on the same page.

### February

Calvert County Circuit Court Administrative Judge Marjorie Claggett presented her annual **State of the Circuit Court message** Feb. 5 to the county commissioners. When the judge, who is nearing retirement, said, "Mission Almost Accomplished," she was referring to the transformation of the courthouse, including some major renovations. But the final missing piece is the move of the BOCC out of the building.

The Calvert County Planning Commission set a Feb. 26 **public hearing on the draft of the update of the Comprehensive Plan** approved at the commission's Nov. 14, 2018 meeting. Dozens at the hearing opposed the plan update. The commission deferred their vote and kept the record open.

Towards the end of the two hours of public comments, Mariam Gholl of Keep Calvert Country asked for a show of hands of those

who opposed the plan or who felt more work needed to be done. Most of the audience raised their hands. "Please listen to the citizens," she said.

The Calvert County Board of Education on Feb. 7 approved a new replacement building for **Beach Elementary School (BES)** in Chesapeake Beach. If the project is approved by the state and is deemed feasible after design, it will be the first three-story elementary school in the county.

### March

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has proposed several improvements along **Route 231** in the county but they do not include a corridor-wide widening. The BOCC has been told the two-lane road with up to 20,000 vehicles a day is adequate with its two lanes and intersection improvements and with its existing 50-miles-per-hour speed limit. The SHA representatives presented findings of a SHA study at the March 5 BOCC meeting. The proposed improvements include a part-time light at Hollowing Point Park during busy use times, a longer and wider westbound bypass lane at Adelina Road and a center third left turn lane between Toye Lane and Mason Road. The BOCC opposes that light at the park.

On 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 area residents.

A proposal was presented that would cause a seismic shift in Calvert County's tradition of all-

volunteer emergency services. The Fiscal Year 2020 budget recommended by county staff includes **38 paid paramedics**, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and supervisory personnel at the cost of \$3.6 million. Additionally, \$1.5 million is in the capital budget for three new ambulances and two chase cars to support those personnel.

The **update of the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan** was sent to the county commissioners. The planning commission at its March 20 meeting voted to forward the controversial document. The decision came on a 4-2 vote, with John Toohey and Rob Reed opposing and Chair Greg Kernan abstaining (he only votes to break a tie). The decision came with no discussion.

**Chesapeake Beach Town Councilman Stewart Cumbo** entered a plea to charges brought by the State Prosecutor's Office for violating Maryland's wire intercept laws, a felony which carries a potential 5-10-year jail sentence. According to Cumbo's attorneys, he entered an "Alford Plea" to the charges in exchange for a recommended disposition of probation before judgement, which would not give Cumbo a criminal record. An Alford Plea means the defendant doesn't admit guilt but concedes the state has enough evidence for conviction.

Former Calvert County Commissioner **John Douglas "Doug" Parran** died March 22 after a long illness. Parran was elected for one term in 1998 after two unsuccessful attempts. He then was defeated in 2002 by Jerry Clark, now a state delegate. He ran an unsuccessful campaign as an Independent in 2006.



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### April

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to go to a **bond sale** for up to \$23.25 million. The decision was made after a public hearing at the April 2 BOCC meeting. The monies received in the bond sale will be used to finish the new Northern High School, build the replacement Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, develop the Ward Farm recreation area and design the county administration building. The BOCC is still trying to decide where to put that new administration building.

A public hearing has been scheduled on a proposal to create a **sixth Special Taxing District (STD) in Chesapeake Ranch Estates (CRE)**. The new tax district would run from Fiscal Year 2020 to Fiscal Year 2023 and is proposed to have a yearly increase of \$25 over the current special tax of \$250 that was in STD 5 that ends this year.

The 4,800 parcels (13,000 residents) in the Lusby CRE community pay an additional \$460 yearly to their homeowners' association called Property Owners of Chesapeake Ranch Estates (POACRE) for operations and routine road maintenance, including snow plowing. The residents also pay county property taxes. The special tax is included on the property owner's tax bill.

Calvert County Democrats and party leaders gathered to honor their own at the **annual Louis L. Goldstein dinner**, and this time the state's arguably most powerful Democrat was the target of love, honor and much roasting by his comrades. Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, who is suffering from cancer, attended the dinner and was front and center at the main table; he was spared nothing. "Cancer has made him mean," said Charles County attorney Hamad Matin, the master of ceremonies for the event. "I felt bad for the cancer.

Miller took his roasting in stride but got some love from his friends; House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer praised him for his continued work in the Maryland State Senate.

The BOCC was told the community had raised \$30,000 to help families displaced in the **Chesapeake Beach fire that killed two people and displaced more than a dozen people**. The community set up an ad hoc grocery store in the Northeast Community Center as well as the American Legion in Chesapeake Beach to assist fire victims. Ches-

apeake Beach Mayor Pat Mahoney said the community came together quickly both during and after the crisis. "It was indeed a small-town tragedy. It was a sad day for Chesapeake Beach," Mahoney said.

The BOCC heard a mixed bag of comments from the more than two dozen people who spoke on the proposed new **Special Taxing District (STD) for Chesapeake Ranch Estates (CRE)**. The **public hearing** was held April 9. POACRE President Travis Scott gave a brief presentation on the more than dozen years of STDs and the current proposal. "Every dime that is collected for the STD goes right back into the roads," he said.

Speaker after speaker criticized past decisions by the county not to take over the roads because they aren't constructed to county standards. And several speakers criticized the previous commissioner board for denying the citizens the right to vote on forming a municipality. "With a municipality you could take care if it (the roads)," said past POACRE president Ed Harvey, who insisted the STD was needed.

Some speakers said they weren't so much against the STD as they were about how the money was spent, calling the road work inadequate. "It's an amateur operation," said Bob Conway.

"This is a sad day for me to be very honest," said Commissioner Buddy Hance. He was referring to the discussion the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) was having about **adding paid Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel to the county staff**. The board must decide what to do with the proposal to add 38 career staff and five vehicles at a cost of \$4.4 million in the next fiscal year.

Director of Public Safety Jacqueline Vaughn said, "An integrated service model where both volunteer and career personnel provide EMS will serve to enhance the health, safety, and general welfare of our citizens."

The Calvert County Board of Education has established a committee to review the controversial policy called **"Seclusion and Restraint"** in which students exhibiting behavior problems can be put in an isolation room and even restrained. The policy has drawn complaints from parents and interest from around the sta. Judging from speakers at the board's April 11 meeting, the policy seems to be most used for students with autism. Nine people spoke on the subject during the open forum at the meeting, and only one expressed support for the

policy.

**New Calvert County Board of Education member Inez Claggett** was already making her presence felt. At the school board's April 11 meeting, Claggett said the board needed to be more transparent in the budget process. "I know that it is a board priority for us to increase our community engagement and I feel as though we're a little limited in our community engagement when it comes to the budget process," Claggett said.

The presidentially appointed commission that oversees the Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved the **relocation of the Emergency Operations Facility (EOF) and Joint Information Center (JIC) for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant**. The decision was unanimous. The EOF and JIC are currently located at the Calvert Industrial Park in Barstow. They will be relocated to Coatesville, PA, near where Exelon also operates other nuclear power plants

### May

Sue Apple of Prince Frederick was the 30<sup>th</sup> of 32 speakers at the BOCC April 30 **public hearing on the proposed update of the county's comprehensive plan**. By the time Apple approached the microphone, it had become clear that most of the audience at the Calvert Pines Senior Center had concerns about the plan. Apple put an exclamation point on that by asking the attendees to raise their hands if they favored the BOCC closing the record and adopting the plan presented by the planning commission. No one raised their hand. She then asked who wanted changes. The room was filled with raised hands.

"I believe in democracy," Apple said, imploring the commissioners to listen to the people. At the end of the hearing the BOCC voted to keep the record open until midnight on Monday, May 6.

The BOCC during a marathon April 30 budget work session **significantly reduced the planned rollout of a paid paramedic staff** to supplement the current all-volunteer emergency-services force. The original plan submitted in the staff-recommended budget called for 38 paid staff.

During a briefing previous, Commissioner President Tim Hutchins suggested looking at just providing service from the paid crew during peak hours, which he said amounted to 10 hours a day. That was the plan that was essentially unanimously adopted by the commissioners. Under that plan only a



net of 12 positions will be added: eight paramedics, one office specialist, one division chief and two paramedic supervisors. Cost will be \$2.39 million, or a savings of \$3.4 million.

The (BOCC, on a 3-1 vote, approved at their May 9 meeting a **sixth Special Tax District (STD) for Chesapeake Ranch Estates (CRE)**. The vote allowed for the Property Owners Association of Chesapeake Ranch Estates (POACRE) to increase the annual fee for each lot owner in the Lusby community from the \$250 in the current STD to \$275 yearly. Commissioner Mike Hart, who represents the area that includes CRE, refused to vote for the \$25 increase and thus opposed the motion for the new STD. He said the commissioner board had been promised a plan where “there was an end in sight.” He said so far, he had not seen that.

The BOCC at a work session covered a wide range of topics on the **update of the comprehensive plan**, but most of their time was taken up by discussion on the future of town centers and whether there should be any distinction between major and minor centers.

Commissioner President Tim Hutchins and Commissioner Mike Hart said they believed distinguishing between major and minor town centers served to raise unwarranted concerns in the community about what development might or might not come to their locales, when town centers had always been centers for commerce.

After more than a year of being closed the **Tiki Bar on Solomons Island was set to open** and the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office would be there directing traffic and controlling crowds, said Sheriff Mike Evans. “We’ll do what we usually do,” Evans told The County Times. “We’ll have plenty of people down there.”

It looked like a fire and rescue convention. Vehicles lined the parking lot and street in front of Calvert Pines Senior Center. Volunteers gathered in groups to discuss what was about to happen inside, the **public hearing of the county commissioners’ proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget**.

And, the volunteers made their presence felt inside as one after another approached the microphone to criticize the revised plan for paid paramedics and call for return to the original plan that they had been instrumental in developing. They said the revised plan won’t work and won’t provide the needed service to the citizens.

The BOCC approved submitting an

\$800,000 grant request to be used for a \$3 million, 21,000-square-foot **commercial grade food storage and distribution center** at 6021 Solomons Island Road, in Huntingtown for **End Hunger in Calvert County (EHCC)**.

“I can’t tell you how humbled I am tonight,” the last speaker in a string of more than two dozen said during the public comment section of the Calvert County Board of Education’s May 23 meeting. **Brandon Hartwell** was speaking about all those speakers (almost 30) who came out to show their support for him. The Northern High School Junior Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) instructor’s contract has reportedly not been renewed by the school’s principal Stephen Williams.

### June

The BOCC after two previous modifications, approved a plan for the **rollout of paid paramedics** to supplement the county’s current all-volunteer emergency medical services. Under the plan 25 paid emergency medical technicians will be hired for 24/7 coverage. The staffing plan was a compromise settled upon at a special June 3 BOCC meeting that came at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour just before the BOCC adopted the county’s Fiscal Year 2020 budget the next day.

The BOCC approved a \$312.9 million operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020 that begins July 1. The budget holds the line on both property and income tax rates. It is \$15 million more than the current budget. At the June 4 commissioners’ meeting, the vote was 4-1 with Commissioner Buddy Hance opposing it. He said he was concerned about sustaining the spending levels into the future.

Northern High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) instructor **Brandon Hartwell** got the news directly from School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry. Hartwell, a retired Navy chief petty officer, had reapplied for the job after being notified by Northern High School Principal Stephen Williams that his contract would not be renewed. Hartwell said Curry told him two people applied and he would not be getting the job. Hartwell told The County Times in a June 3 interview that he has thus concluded that the outpouring of community support would not succeed and that his next course of action was to hire a lawyer. He is contemplating suit against the school system for his firing.

He walked out to a depth of almost

four feet before he lost sight of his sneakers. It’s known as **Bernie Fowler’s “sneaker index”** and for 32 years he has been wading into the **Patuxent River** with his family and friends to gauge the clarity of his beloved river by seeing how far he can go and still see his sneakers. He remembers as a child on Broome’s Island how clear the river was and how far he could walk using that tried and true measure.

At this year’s annual wade in at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, on a cool, dreary day for this time of year, Fowler once again thanked those who joined him in his crusade to save the river and “their determination to never give up.”

**Brandon Hartwell**, who has been told he will not be retained next year as Northern High School’s Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) instructor made another plea June 20 to the Calvert County Board of Education for reconsideration. He was joined at the public forum during the meeting by his brother, George, who has resigned in protest from his position as Huntingtown High School NJROTC instructor and his wife Christina as well as several students and parents.

The BOCC put their mark on the proposed update of the **county’s comprehensive plan**. That sets the stage for another public hearing on the plan, tentatively scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The biggest change during the final work session was to eliminate the distinction between minor and major town centers. They now will all be called just “town centers.” That decision came on a 3-2 vote, with Commissioners Steve Weems and Buddy Hance opposing the change. Weems was not in attendance at the June 25 meeting, but listened to the discussion by speaker phone and cast his vote.

The BOCC awarded a \$9.5 million contract for the **demolition of the existing Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department (PFVFD) firehouse and construction of a new facility**. The award has been delayed for quite some time. It triggered a temporary move of PFVFD to the former National Guard Armory site.

The decision caused angst among the county commissioners because the low responsible bidder, S.F. Davis Construction, LLC of La Plata, beat out the base bid of a Calvert County comp any by just \$18,000 and the total bid with alternates by just \$39,000. The losing bidder was J.A. Schiebel, Inc. of Huningtown.

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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](mailto:jenicoster@countytimes.net) after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

## Margaret Alverta Johnson



Margaret Alverta Johnson, 91, of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed away on December 23, 2019 at her home. She was born on October 10, 1928 in Anne Arundel County to the late William M. and

Laura Mae Sears Phipps.

Margaret retired from the Calvert County Board of Education where she was a cafeteria worker. She was a lifetime member of Mt. Harmony United Methodist Church. Margaret was known as "the Crab Lady", enjoyed the water whether it be eating crabs fishing or crabbing. Margaret also really enjoyed playing Bingo and truly loved her children and grandchildren. Margaret was preceded in death by her three husbands, William Thomas Dorsey, Sr., John C. Hutchins, and Arnold C. Johnson. Mother of James Melvin "Jimmy" Dorsey and the late William Thomas Dorsey, Sr. Grandmother of James Melvin Dorsey, Jr., Kristi Cawley, and the late William Thomas Dorsey, III, she is also survived by her Great Grandchildren, Jamie Becker, Devin Conklin, Zayne, Landon, and Canon Cawley and Great great grandchildren Dink Tayman and Link Becker. Sister of Cecil Howard, the late Mary Sears, the late William M. "Pete" Phipps, Jr. and the late Emily Dake.

Visitation will be Friday, December 27, 2019m 2-4 p.m., and 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676.

Funeral Service will be Saturday, December 28, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at 12 Noon at Central Cemetery, Rt. 231, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

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

## Richard Edward Elliott "Rick" Burbank



Richard Edward Elliott "Rick" Burbank, 66 of Lusby MD passed away peacefully on December 20, 2019 surrounded by his family at his residence. He was born on April 14, 1953 in Charleston, SC to the late Gladys Pauline and Ed-

ward Burbank. He was the loving husband to Angela W. Burbank and loving father to Leigh A. Burbank both of Lusby, MD.

Visitation will be Saturday, December 28, 2019, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Lusby, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657. A Life Celebration Service will follow at noon at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Animal Welfare League, 1040 Prince Frederick Boulevard, PO Box 1660, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-9300; Link: <https://www.cawlrescue.org/> or Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/>

## Patricia Louise Rosensteel



Patricia Louise Rosensteel, 86, of Sunderland passed away December 19, 2019. She was born June 2, 1933 in California, PA to Joseph and Elizabeth (Eagler) Sterback. She was raised in Pennsylvania and after high school attended business school. She married Gilbert Rosensteel and they lived in Export, PA and later moved to Uniontown, PA. She has lived in Calvert County for the past 15 years. Patricia was employed as a wholesale fundraiser, working with local schools, churches and youth organizations. She enjoyed feeding birds, going to flea markets and yard sales and most of all spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert. Patricia is survived by a daughter Cathy Robinson and husband David of Sunderland, grandchildren Nathan Robinson and Kelsi Windsor and husband Jacob and great-grandchildren Della and Lake Windsor.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 26, 2019, 5-7 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.nA Memorial Service will follow at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

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

## Ronald Michael "Bose" Denton

Ronald Michael "Bose" Denton, 37, of Sunderland, MD passed away December 18,



2019. Ronnie was born August 5, 1982 in Prince Frederick, MD, and was raised in Sunderland. He graduated from Northern High School in 2001, and was employed with the Calvert County Board of

Education, and later as a procurement supervisor at Pax River Naval Air Station and the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. In his youth Ronnie loved working in tobacco fields with his grandfather. He loved being outdoors, especially on the water crabbing. He enjoyed fantasy football, and was an avid Washington Redskins fan. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family, especially his children Colton and Emma.

Ronnie is survived by his father Carl R. Denton of Sunderland, his mother Joan Potter of Pennsylvania, his son Colton Denton and stepdaughter Emma Masters, and his grandparents Edna Viola and Carl I. Denton.

Visitation will be Saturday, December 28, 2019, 10-11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736, A Life Celebration Service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Chesapeake Highlands Memorial Gardens, 3270 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, 30 Duke Street, Suite 104, P.O. Box 2104, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-3733; Link: <https://www.co.cal.md.us/90/Calvert-Alliance-Against-Substance-Abuse>

## James Ronald Large

James Ronald Large, 76, of Huntingtown passed away December 18, 2019. He was born June 5, 1943 in West Virginia to Charles William and Lillie (Gobble) Large. James was raised in southern West Virginia and graduated from Gary High School. He moved to the D.C. area around 1962 and married Eleanor Farley on December 22, 1962. They moved to Calvert County in 1968 and Huntingtown in 1982. James was employed as a welder with the Stone and Marble Masons of Metropolitan Washington D.C. Following his retirement, James went to work for local car dealerships, including Winegardner GMC, Prince Frederick Ford, and Prince Frederick Dodge where he picked up and delivered vehicles. In his spare time James enjoyed boating, motorcycles, water skiing, dancing the jitterbug, fixing cars and talking to people.

James was preceded in death by his wife Eleanor E. Large in 2010 and sister Blanche Valach and her husband George. He is survived by his children Lisa L. Cutler of Lusby and John Large and wife Christie and Oakland MD, grandchildren Alexis, Carrie, Darren, and Jason and great grandchild Ezra.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

## John William "Johnny" Hudson, Jr.



Johnny Hudson, 87, of Plum Point Road in Huntingtown, MD passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on December 17, 2019. Born John William Hudson Jr. on February 18, 1932 to the late John William Hudson Sr. and Ethel (Simmons) Hudson, he was a United States Army veteran and served in the Korean War.

He married Nancy Ann Taylor on May 27, 1955 and together they had five children. Most will remember Johnny Hudson for his dedication to his life's work building Hudson's Sunoco and Mini-Mart at the bottom of Plum Point Road and Route 4 in Huntingtown, MD (from 1966 until he retired in 2009).

Mr. Hudson is preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Hudson, and sisters, Ethel Bowen and Sarah (Betty) Collins. He is survived by his brothers, Charles Hudson (Peggy) and Allen Hudson, his sisters, Shirley Clough and Iva Lee Gray, and his five children: Susan Tucker (Stan) of Dunkirk, MD, John W. Hudson III (Eileen) of Prince Frederick, MD, Michael Hudson (Vicki) of Owings, MD, Wayne Hudson (Sharon) of Port Republic, MD, and Joseph Hudson (Jennifer) of St. Leonard, MD. He also leaves behind nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren as well as his dear friend, Betty Hoots. Mr. Hudson also loved his dogs deeply and was preceded in death by Timber and Rocky and is survived by Petey. Special thanks to the staff at the Burnett House in Prince Frederick, MD who helped care for him in his final days.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678, 410-535-0892, Link: <https://calverthospice.org/>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Howard Mansfield Sparks, Jr.



Howard Mansfield Sparks, Jr. (87) of Rosehaven, MD died on December 16, 2019. He was born June 6, 1932 in Wilmington, DE to Ella Valeria Sparks (Warden) and Howard Mansfield

Sparks, Sr. Howard married Donna Lee Kurpuweit of Ainsworth, NE in 1954. The two met at a USO dance and had many adventures over 40 years of marriage before she preceded him in death. Howard later married Irene Christakos, who welcomed him into her Greek Community and brought a light back into his life. Irene also preceded him in death in 2012.

Howard was an Air Force veteran who flew reconnaissance missions in the Korean War. After serving his country, he became an accomplished Systems Analyst for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), working on many projects including GIS mapping solutions. He was an avid golfer and after his retirement from NOAA, opened Custom Clubs at the Glendale Country Club. For 27 years he made clubs, replaced grips, and was a beloved member of their golf community. Howard was also a member of the American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206 and a member of the Masonic Centennial Lodge #174 A.F. & A.M. He loved the Chesapeake Bay, an avid waterman who enjoyed boating, fishing and crabbing. He could often be found tinkering with a computer, a boat motor, or fixing things in his garage while whistling or listening to country music. Howard will be remembered as a generous man who always had an open door to family, friends and those in need. He was also known for his mischievous ways and pranks that built a lifetime of memories and laughter with his friends Guice and Steve known as the Three Amigos. Everybody has a memory of "that

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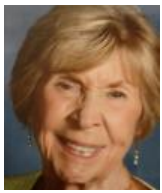
one time” with Howard. Those will be cherished, and he will be missed.

He is survived by brother Frank (Barbara) Sparks of Lewes, DE; Children: Karan and Tom Schwencer of Kenly, NC; Howard Mansfield Sparks III (Chip) and fiancé Cindy Steuart of Huntingtown, MD; and Deborah and Tony Boyd of Southern Pines, NC. Step-son: George (Dani) Christakos of Scottsdale, AZ. Grandchildren: Karrie (Jason) Browne, Tommy Schwencer, Natasha (Corey) Theosen, Michael Sparks, Andrew (Brigette) Boyd, Kyle(Ashley) Boyd, Chloe, Thomas and Paige Christakos. Great-Grandchildren: Krista, Sara, Jack, Luke, Maryn, Ava, Reece and Jillian.

Memorial contributions may be made to Crohns and Colitis Foundation, Crohns and Colitis Foundation, National Headquarters. ATTN: Final Operation, 733 Third Ave., Ste 510, New York, NY 10017; Link: <https://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funereal Home.

### Barbara Mae McCashin



Barbara Mae McCashin, lovingly known as “MeMe”, passed away December 16, 2019 at the age of 84. She was born September 17, 1935 in Raleigh, NC to Marvin D. and Frances (Blakely) Al-

len. Barbara was raised in Washington, D.C. and graduated from Eastern High School. She married Paul McCashin in 1954 and they lived in Takoma Park for many years. Barbara was employed with the Department

of the Navy and later as a supervisor with the Department of Agriculture in the Food Safety and Quality Service Department. Barbara was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. She was also an election judge in Takoma Park for many years. Barbara loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and was very involved in their lives. She volunteered with the Girl Scouts and Calvert Marine Museum. In her spare time, she enjoyed dancing, aerobics, yoga, playing Mahjong, traveling, going to the beach, and her dogs. Barbara also thoroughly enjoyed traveling to her family beach cottage in the Outer Banks and spending time with her close friends.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband Paul McCashin. She is survived by her children Patricia Kelly Chambers of Annapolis and Kate Dullnig of Reston, VA, grandchildren Elizabeth and Billy Chambers, brother Marvin Allen, Jr. and her companion Timothy Wakema

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Suite 120, Baltimore, MD 21220 800-227-2345; Link: <https://www.cancer.org/> or United Way of Calvert County-Barbara McCashin, m P.O. Box 560, 530 Main Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Link: <https://www.unitedwaycalvert.org/barbara-mae-mccashin-memorial>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Noelle Nicole Clark

Noelle Nicole Clark, 49 of Lusby, MD passed away on December 19, 2019 in Solomons, MD. She was born on March 29, 1970



in Prince Frederick, MD to Patricia A. O’Rourke and the late Paul J. Clark, Jr.

Noelle graduated from Calvert High School in 1988 and went on to attend St. Mary College.

She worked as a Human Resources Analyst for the Veterans Administration.

Noelle is survived by her mother, Patricia A. O’Rourke of Lusby, MD; sisters, Adrienne A. Schmidt and her husband Terry and Carin C. Read and her husband Kevin both of Lusby, MD. She was also the doting Aunt to eight nieces and nephews, Stephen T. F. Clark, Alyssa V. Schmidt, Kaelyn R. Terry, Bronte J. Schmidt, Kyle J. Randolph, Noah T. Randolph, Paul J. Schmidt, and Rhyannon A. Schmidt.

The family will receive friends on Friday, December 27, 2019 from 12 pm until 1 pm in the Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Solomons, MD where a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1PM with Fr. Ken Gill officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family ask for contributions to be made in Noelle’s name to the Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.rauschfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rauschfuneralhomes.com).

### Jerrold Eugene “Gene” Edwards, Jr.

Jerrold Eugene “Gene” Edwards, Jr. 76 of Port Republic, MD, formerly of Olivet, MD, passed away on December 17, 2019 in Prince



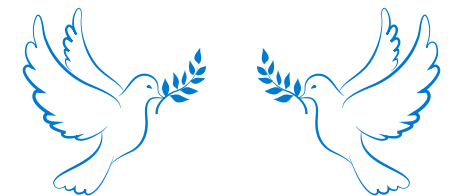
Frederick, MD. He was born on April 21, 1943 in Portsmouth, VA to the late Thelma and Jerrold E. Edwards, Sr. He was the loving husband to Donna Marie Edwards whom he married on October 7, 1967 in Olivet, MD.

Gene moved to Calvert County in 1946 from Virginia and graduated from Calvert High School in 1960. He joined the US Army on April 12, 1962 and was a Green Beret serving overseas in several missions. He was honorably discharged on March 30, 1965. He went on to work for the US Treasury in Cyber Security Oversight and retired in 2008 after 34 years of service. He was a member of the Olivet United Methodist Church where he served as a Lay Reader and was a member of the choir.

Gene is survived by his wife of 52 years, Donna M. Edwards of Port Republic, MD; son, Lewis Thomas Edwards and his wife Lesley Suzanne Edwards of Palmyra, NY; brother, Ronald Thomas of Baltimore, MD; three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers at the De3c. 21 funeral service at Olivet United Methodist Church, 13570 Olivet Road, Lusby, MD were Lewis Edwards, Shelly Wood, Benjamin Tilly, Jr., Ronald Schreiber, Jr., Brian Wood, Angela Kirby, and Ronald Schreiber, Sr. Rev. Linda Motter officiated.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.



# Community Calendar

To submit your event listing to go in our Community Calendar, please email [timescalendar@countytimes.net](mailto:timescalendar@countytimes.net) with the listing details by 12 p.m. on the Monday prior to our Thursday publication.

## Upcoming

### Charcuterie Workshop with Meredith Leigh

February 7, 9 a.m. & February 8, 3 p.m.

Westham Butcher Shop

SMADC and Southern Maryland Meats are thrilled to bring author and butcher Meredith Leigh to Westham Butcher Shop, the Amish owned and operated meat processing facility, in Mechanicsville for a two-day charcuterie intensive workshop focused on value-added pork production. In this two-day workshop, Meredith Leigh will introduce value-added meat products, from sausages and pates to fermented hams, and teach participants to confidently cure meats via salt, smoke, and dehydration.

### “Let’s Talk” Workshop

January 28, 6:30 - 8 p.m. & February 11, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Calvert Library Meeting Room 2

Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse is pleased to offer these “Let’s

Talk” workshops. These are free events with refreshments provided. Due to limited seating, reservations are required. To register or for more information, call 410-535-3733 or e-mail [CAASA@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:CAASA@calvertcountymd.gov). The workshops are not library-sponsored programs.

## Ongoing

### Winter Wonderland

November 6th - January 5th  
CalvART Gallery

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### Annamarie Garden in Lights

November 29th - January 1st  
Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Art Center; 6 - 9 p.m.

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, in Solomons, Maryland, presents its’ magical holiday light art show, Annmarie Garden in Lights. This dazzling

light art show is a magical journey along a protected path featuring spectacular installations and “light sculptures.” Each night, a different musical guest will be performing. Enjoy magical photo ops, holiday café, great shopping, and more! Admission at the door is \$7; free for children (2 & under); members free. For detailed information and a discount coupon, visit [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org) or call 410-326-4640.

## Saturday, December 28

### Motown Night at the Legion

American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206; 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

What’s your favorite tune? The American Legion will host a night with music by DJ Stephen Varney. Draft Beer and sodas are included with the \$10 ticket which are available at the door. The public is warmly welcomed. Please call 410-257-9878 or visit [www.MD-post206.org](http://www.MD-post206.org)

## Monday, December 30

### Boat Building

Calvert Marine Museum; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Summer time is for sailing boats, the winter is the time to work on them. Just like the real boat builders, you can build and decorate your own toy boat for the warmer days to come. Appropriate for children ages 5 and older. Free with museum admission.

## Thursday, January 2

### Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum; 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Free drop-in program for children 18 months to 3 years old and their caregivers. This month’s theme is wacky weather. Space is limited.

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## **A Toast to George Harrison**

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In 1970, shortly after the start of another long-ago decade, former Beatle George Harrison released his solo album "All Things Must Pass." The title undoubtedly references the end of The Beatles just months earlier, but in classic, unassuming Harrison style, it conveys neither bitterness nor excessive optimism; rather, "All Things Must Pass" is a matter-of-fact statement of the obvious – time moves on, people evolve, situations change, doors close and others open. The passage of all things isn't good or bad; it just is.

Now, at another transition between decades, Harrison's art is worth revisiting. The changes in Harrison's life during the 1960s are difficult to imagine, much less understand. Perhaps that familiarity with upheaval is why he confronted his post-Beatles life with an album carrying such a nonchalant summation. Ah, but such thinking would further underestimate the most underrated Beatle; more likely, he had a deep understanding of time, life and change.

Considering the last decade in sports, Harrison's prediction of fluidity held – mostly but not entirely, at least for now. When 2010 arrived, the NBA was a very different place. Kobe Bryant, now long retired, was on the verge of winning his final championship with the Lakers. The Golden State Warriors were bottom feeders and offered no indication that they would win three championships by the decade's end. LeBron James, the best player on the planet, hadn't yet won a championship 10 years ago; he has three now.

Talking baseball, the Cubs won the World Series in 2016, the team's first since 1908. 1908! Keeping it local, the Orioles started and ended the decade among MLB's worst but did manage a few 90-ish win seasons and playoff berths between the swoons. As for the Nats circa 2010, Stephen Strasburg was still months from his debut, Bryce Harper was about to be drafted, Anthony Rendon was a sophomore at Rice University and Juan Soto was...11 years old. Insane. From 69 wins in 2010, through much playoff heartache and eventually to a World Series championship in 2019, it was an epic decades for Nats nation.

The NFL you ask? Okay, fine. Tom Brady and Drew Brees, two 40-somethings, are still slinging it. Lamar Jackson was 12 in 2010; he's the NFL MVP now. Comparing Baltimore and Washington football, the Ravens were 12-4 and 'Skins 6-10 in 2010. Those Ravens were coached by John Harbaugh; he's still Baltimore's coach. Washington has had three head coaches in the decade and will soon have a fourth. So, in other words, nothing much has changed in a decade – Baltimore is a flagship NFL franchise and Washington remains astoundingly incompetent. Bah humbug.

After that channeling of Ebenezer Scrooge, let's end on a bright note: hockey. In 2010, the Caps won the franchise's first Presidents' Trophy – one of three in the decade – but, true to form, lost in the first round of the playoffs to the Canadians. It was just the latest entry in a multi-decade, seemingly never-ending, playoff horror film. More excruciating playoff losses followed. Then 2018 happened. The Caps won the Stanley Cup (never gets old typing that).

Who could have written that script? And as a ball sits perched in Times Square waiting to introduce a new year and a new decade, who could write the next? George Harrison already did, at least in abstract.

The title track of Harrison's classic album includes these lyrics: "Sunrise doesn't last all morning... sunset doesn't last all evening; darkness only stays the nighttime... in the morning it will fade away." Harrison, at least in song, predicted and found comfort in the permanence of impermanence. What awaits on the journey to 2030? Wins and losses, joys and sorrows or, as The Dude might say, "strikes and gutters" – all vague references to change and the unknown. The specifics? Stay tuned. Harrison's tip is to embrace it and know, good or bad, that all things must pass. Not could. Not might. Must. But his words are unmistakably hopeful, a feeling that permeates every New Year's. A toast then: to George Harrison, timeless advice, this moment, good fortune and quick sunrises to end any darkness. Happy New Year!

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## **12 FINANCIAL PLANNING TIPS FOR 2020**



This is for all you procrastinators out there. You know who you are. It's never too early or too late to start a financial plan. Every year I prepare a list of financial planning tips. In hopes of inspiring you to start a financial plan, here are 12 tips for your 2020 financial plan:

1. **Stash the cash.** The first step is to stash enough cash to give you breathing room if something terrible happens like an illness or job loss. At least 6 months and probably a year's worth of income will do it.
2. **Pay Yourself First.** If you own a small business, get yourself on the books too. It's tempting to pay everyone else before you, but by doing that you cheat yourself. Be kinder to you.
3. **No Credit Cards Allowed.** Think about it—twenty percent interest on your purchases? This is a terrible drag on your finances. Pay off those credit cards with a plan. Then, keep one for emergencies but otherwise buy with cash.
4. **Max Out the 401(k).** If your employer has a 401(k) and you do not participate, shame on you. Especially if the employer will match your contributions—that's free money to you.
5. **Get It All in One Place.** If you can't see it, you can't manage it. Get all your investment accounts under one roof with one statement a month.
6. **Allocate, allocate, allocate.** This goes without saying, but unless you allocate your assets across cash, stocks and bonds, you will not succeed as an investor. I always recommend investors consult a professional to allocate their assets—interview the professionals until you find one that responds most to your concerns.
7. **Let It Ride.** Compound interest is your friend. The more you can reinvest your interest or dividends, the better.
8. **NO News is Good News.** Following the business news to figure out how to make a plan is just foolish. The news cycle is not your investment guide. Turn off the 24-hour business

"news" and focus on making a plan to last over time.

9. **Savings Alone is Not Enough.** You've got to make investments to earn money on your money. Just keeping it in the mattress will not help defeat inflation. With interest rates rising, you now have a better chance of earning money on your investments.
10. **Social Security.** It's not enough to live on, but it is a safety net for you. Check out the benefits to which you are entitled and keep in mind that there are limitations under age 66 to the amounts you can earn if you receive social security.
11. **Beneficiaries.** You need to check on what beneficiaries you have designated for your accounts, retirement plans, insurance policies, etc. Make sure it isn't the ex-spouse or deceased parents. The latest dated beneficiary designation counts so keep these up to date.
12. **Required Docs.** You know I'm going to advise you to get your estate plan in order as a major part of your financial plan. You need a Will or a Living Trust, a Power of Attorney and a Living Will. Without these documents, you have no power to help your loved ones in a medical emergency and the courts will decide the distribution of your assets.

I hope you try these tips and have fun doing so. Let me know how you are doing on your 2020 plan and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

I have the honor of being associated with PROJECT ECHO, the Calvert County homeless shelter in Prince Frederick. The shelter folks do a great job for homeless men, women and children in our community. Please help them by going to [www.projectecho.net](http://www.projectecho.net). Our office will take donations for the shelter from M-Thursday.

As always, every month on the third Wednesday, we offer a free seminar on estate planning at 11am in our office at 8906 Bay Avenue in North beach. Call Pam at 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

Lyn Striegel

# Calvert LIBRARY Events

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## Thursday, December 26

**Teen Book Club.** 4:00-5:00pm. Drop-in book club that meets up on the fourth Thursday of the month – highlight your favorite parts, think of some discussion questions, or just come listen to what others think. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

**Adult D&D.** 6:00-8:30pm. Role playing game for adults of all experience levels. Fourth Tuesday of the month from 6-8:30. Registration requested. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

**Drop in, Hang Out Game Night.** 6:00-7:30pm. Need a place to play? Come hang out and geek out with our tech toys like the Switch and VR headsets, play board games, and PS4 on the big screen! Bring your best gaming friend. If you have a game or toy you'd like to show & tell, bring it! Pizza & snacks. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

## Friday, December 27

**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.

## Monday, December 30

**Green Crafting.** 1:00-5:00pm. 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.

## Tuesday, December 31

**Count Down to Noon Year!** 11:15-12:00pm. Get ready to make some noise for the New Year! Ring in 2020 with stories, activities and more. It'll all end with a big countdown to 12 o'clock- noon, that is- and an apple juice toast! Fancy attire optional. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Library closes at 5pm for New Year's Eve. 5:00-9:00pm. New Year's Eve.

## Wednesday, January 1

Calvert Library locations Closed. Web, streaming and downloadable resources available 24/7.

## Thursday, January 2

**Resume and Cover Letter Workshop.** 1:00-3:00pm. Need help with your resume? Join job counselor Sandra Holler in a small group to learn what makes a strong resume and cover letter. If you have one started, bring it with you so editing can happen on the spot. One printed copy helps. Please register. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

**Tech Lab.** 6:30-7:30pm. Join us as we use tech toys to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) concepts. Ages 5-8. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

## Friday, January 3

**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.

**JobSource Mobile Career Center.** 1:00-4:00pm. Stop by to visit the JobSource Mobile Career Center for your job search needs! Get job counseling and resume help, search for jobs and connect with Southern Maryland JobSource. No registration. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

## Saturday, January 4

**Brain Games: Mahjongg, Scrabble & More.** 12:00-3:00pm. Want to learn Mahjongg? Hope to make your Scrabble skills killer? Games are a great way to keep your brain sharp while having fun! Join us! Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

**Knitting, Crocheting & Portable Crafting Group.** 3:00-4:00pm. Open to anyone wanting to join in and share talents, crafting time or learn a new skill. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411

## Monday, January 6

**Monday Morning Fun.** 10:00-11:00am. Join us for dancing, stories, movies and fun. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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# Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

### Early Closing

Calvert Pines, Southern Pines, and North Beach Senior Centers will close at noon Tuesday, December 31. Lunch will be served at 10:45 a.m.

### Centers Closing

Calvert Pines, Southern Pines, and North Beach Senior Centers will all be closed on Wednesday, January 1 for the New Years. Meals on Wheels will not be delivered.

### Substitute Custodial Position Available

The Office on Aging is looking for a substitute custodian with reliable transportation who can work at all three senior centers in Calvert County. Call Ed Sullivan at 410-535-4606 for more information.

### Healthy Gains 365 Program

A registered nurse is at each senior center once a week. Southern Pines, Mondays, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Calvert Pines, Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.; North Beach, Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Our nurse is available to take your blood pressure and answer your questions.

### Ceramics

Make beautiful works of art with our instructor Pat Dinota. Southern Pines Senior Center, Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.; North Beach Senior Center, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.; Calvert Pines Senior Center, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m.

### Living Well with Diabetes

Play an exciting game amongst friends and staff with CREATE! Bingo, Monday, December 23, 10:30 a.m.

Drink a warm cup coffee on a cold winter day and enjoy our Morning Movie: A Christmas Story, Tuesday, December 24, 9:30 a.m.

### Calvert Pines Senior Center

It's time to toss out that holiday dessert. Join us for National Fruitcake Toss Day, Friday, January 3, 11 a.m. Let's see who can toss the cake the farthest.

Ring in the New Year and celebrate with a Musical show by Bruce Thomas, Wednesday, January 8, 10:30 a.m.

### North Beach Senior Center

Start the New Year off right playing amongst friends with an exciting game of Trivia Challenge, Friday, January 3, 9:45 a.m.

North Beach Town Eco Tourism Director, Lisa Garrett will be here to discuss animals that winter in Southern Maryland on Wednesday, January 8, 11 a.m.

### Southern Pines Senior Center

Express yourself through Creative Writing, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 11 a.m. Share your writing with others if you would like to.

If your New Year's resolution was to pick up learning an instrument or start playing again, join us on the 4th Wednesday of every month, 1 p.m. for Open Jam Music Session.

# Eating Together Menu

### Monday, Dec. 30

Meatloaf, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Pearl Onions, Black-eyed Peas, Spiced Peaches

### Tuesday, Dec. 31

almon Patty, Corn, Tossed Salad w/ Dressing, Stewed Tomatoes, Dinner Roll, Pineapple Cake. Lunch will be served at 10:45 a.m.

### Wednesday, Jan. 1

Seniors Centers closed for New

Year's Day. Meals on Wheels will not be delivered.

### Thursday, Jan. 2

Seniors Centers closed for New Year's Day. Meals on Wheels will not be delivered.

### Friday, Jan. 3

Baked Chicken Leg, Lentil Soup, Carrots, Seasoned Greens, Dinner Roll, Fruited Jell-O

Lunches are served to seniors, aged 60-plus, and their spouses through Title IIIC 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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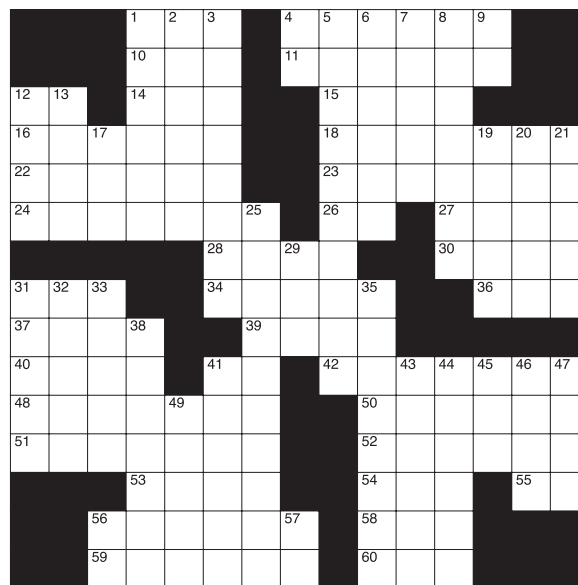
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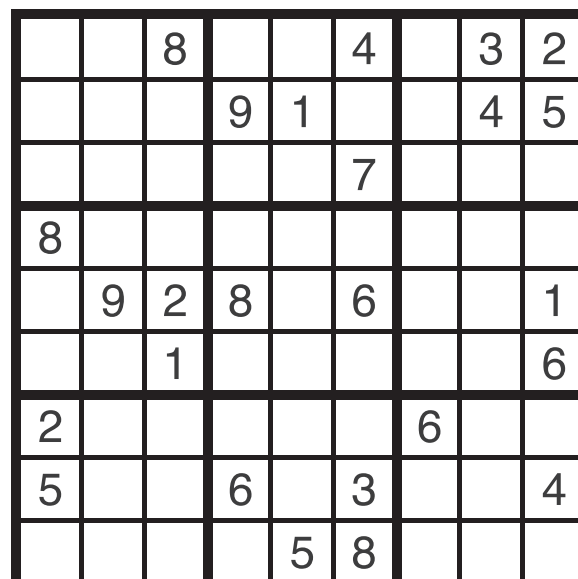
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58. Leisure time activity  
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60. Sun up in New York

**CLUES DOWN**

1. More cloudy
2. Main course
3. Protect with plastic
4. Equally
5. Rebukes
6. Friend to a salesman
7. Warms up
8. Overshadow
9. Interior lineman in football
12. San Antonio hoopster
13. Comedian Cook
17. Time zone
19. First PM of India
20. Performing perfectly
21. A way to hide
25. Former NBA commissioner
29. Peter's last name
31. Outlying suburb of London
32. Used to cut steak
33. Deep inlets
35. Type of tree
38. Done openly and unashamedly
41. Indigenous person of N. Africa
43. Confessed openly
44. A way to separate with an instrument
45. Influential journalist Tarbell
46. Manning and Roth are two
47. One who cares for horses in India
49. Something to believe in
56. Form of "to be"
57. Atomic #73

**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Hair care product
4. Looped
10. It's present in all living cells
11. Choose
12. South Dakota
14. Cash machine
15. Of the pia mater
16. Ancient Egyptian documents
18. Layers at the back of the eyeballs
22. Not perceived
23. Look over
24. Improve a tire
26. Time zone
27. Main branch of Islam
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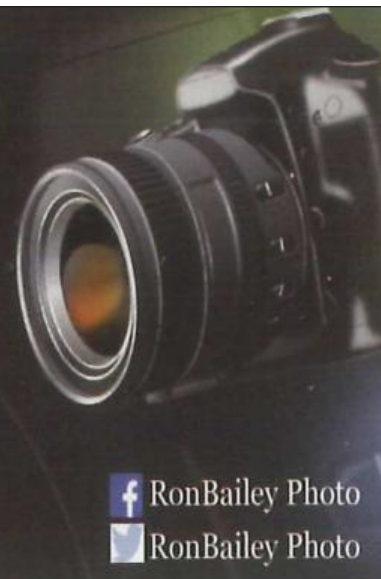
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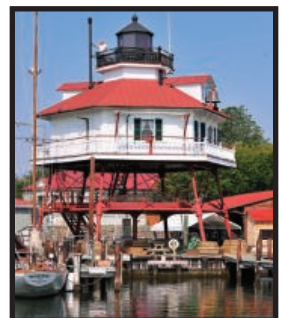
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# The Knowledge from 12,000 Dental Implants Placed Leads Marylanders to Healthier Smiles

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General dentist, Wayne L. O'Roark is one of the leading providers of comprehensive implant dentistry in Maryland. He is a clinical graduate instructor at the dental school at the University of Maryland. He is a Diplomate in both the American Board of Oral Implantology and the International Congress of Oral Implantologists. He has dedicated the past two decades to placing and restoring implants. Dr. O'Roark has successfully placed well over 12,000 implants since focusing his practice on this area of dentistry. Since 2006 he has been practicing out of Tidewater Dental in Lexington Park, Maryland and Tidewater Dental Solomons Island, Maryland.

**Tomcsik:** How did you get your start in Implant Dentistry?

**O'Roark:** Early on, when I got out of school I realized that the traditional prosthetics were not very good and I had the opportunity to listen to a lecture by one of the leaders in implant dentistry. From that I did extensive studying and incorporated implants in my general practice. I had experience in removable partial dentures, full dentures, crowns and bridges but I found none of them satisfied the need for replacement of a missing tooth or missing teeth, whether that be one tooth, a section of teeth, or a whole arch of teeth. The point is, it is important for these teeth and roots to be replaced to prevent bone loss. If you take the function away from bone by extracting a tooth, and you do nothing about it, you will lose bone and it will continue for a significant amount of time. If I can put that root back and keep the bone in function we will preserve the bone very nicely.

**Tomcsik:** What are you replacing the root with?

**O'Roark:** Most people don't have a good idea about what an implant is. So I like to call them root replacements. When you lose or remove a tooth you remove the crown, which is the part you see and the root which is under the gum and goes into the jawbone. What I do is

replace the root with my root; and my root is made out of titanium. Titanium has the incredible capacity to stimulate the bone to not only grow around it but to bond to it. Once you have integration, and bone biology requires ninety days for that to occur, you have a platform on which to build teeth or a tooth. This keeps the bone in function and helps to prevent loss of bone.

**Tomcsik:** Why replace a tooth with an implant rather than a bridge?

**O'Roark:** Conventional dentistry says, when you have a missing tooth, you put a cap on each tooth on either side of the open space and form a bridge over the gap where the missing tooth was. Well, in order to do this you must cut each healthy tooth down so that a prosthetic crown can fit over the existing teeth on each side of the space. You then have a fixed prosthetic bridge attached to each cap, filling the gap. So you've now involved two more teeth in the problem area by cutting them down to support the bridge. So what happens if one of the teeth used in making the bridge fails? Now the bridge fails and you have two missing teeth.

**Tomcsik:** So what you're saying is you now have two healthy teeth that you are compromising to fill the space of the one missing tooth...

**O'Roark:** Exactly. Now that's not wrong, but you must keep in mind that those teeth are being compromised and if something should go wrong with either of those teeth supporting the bridge you will lose the bridge too and now your problem is larger.

**Tomcsik:** So let me understand something. In a single tooth replacement you've given me two options. One is a single root replacement called an implant with a crown that integrates into the system. The other option is a bridge where you've cut two teeth and you've bridged the gap between them with just a crown with no root replacement. Give me, if you will, a ten year prognosis of the patient in both scenarios. What does the patient look like in scenario 1 and scenario 2 in ten years?

**O'Roark:** The life expectancy of a fixed bridge can be anywhere from ten to fifteen years. On the other hand, since you've not replaced the root the bone underneath will continue to deteriorate. If the bridge is lost or one of the abutments (teeth that hold the bridge) is lost or damaged then your problem gets bigger. In the case of the root replacement, I have implants that have been in function for well over thirty years.

**Tomcsik:** So those people don't have bone retention problems. The implant is enough support to keep the bone from disappearing?

**O'Roark:** It's not so much that the implant is a support for the bone. Bone doesn't like to be put out to pasture. It doesn't like to have nothing to do. And when its function has been taken away from it, it will disappear. And it will disappear rather dramatically. With an implant the bone remains in function and has the potential to last indefinitely. The first implant I ever put in place in 1971, remained in function, in the patient's mouth until she passed away in about 2004. I will not put a timeframe on how long they'll last because they literally have the potential to last indefinitely.

**Tomcsik:** When you talk about putting an implant into the jaw bone that sounds like a pretty elaborate surgery. Can you elaborate on that?

**O'Roark:** Actually, the surgery to place the implant is very nominal. It's relatively painless. I operate under local anesthesia and oral sedation if you wish. If I put the root replacement in this morning, you can go back to work this afternoon. There will be no stitches. There is virtually no swelling. There's generally no pain. There's no bleeding and the procedure is quite innocuous.

**Tomcsik:** The other major concern I imagine people having about implant dentistry is the cost. How does that compare to other options?

**O'Roark:** The simplest thing to do is compare one missing tooth implant to a three unit bridge as discussed earlier. The cost of the implant/crown combi-

nation is very comparable to the price of the three unit bridge. This amplifies the fact that the value of replacing that tooth with a root replacement, not only does not involve adjacent teeth but it is comparable to the cost of a three unit bridge. I consider that as a number one advantage of doing the implant over the bridge.

**Tomcsik:** I see a lot of ads for periodontists, oral surgeons, general dentist that all claim to place implants. How does one decide who to go to if they need to get an implant?

**O'Roark:** You can ask for referrals from your friends and family. You can ask your general dentist for a referral or you can go to The American Board of Oral Implantology. They are the premiere source for finding highly experienced doctors doing implants. They will list for you the board certified doctors doing implants today. It's important to know the specialist cannot do the restorative work, whereas the general dentist that restricts their practice to specializing in implants will place the implant and restore the prosthetics for the implants.

**Tomcsik:** So when a specialist provides a quote, they are just quoting the root replacement or implant and not the tooth replacement or crown?

**O'Roark:** That is largely true. That's a very good point. If you get a quotation from a specialist you must make sure that he is being clear that the price he is giving you is for the implant and not the prosthetic part. One of the things that I have tried to do is restricting my practice to placing implants and providing the prosthetics for about 15 years now and have incorporated into my general practice for at least 35 years now. The important thing is that the continuity from the implant through the placement of the prosthetic is all done by the same person. There is a lot to be said for that because I can design your implant placement to accept the prosthetic results that we want as an end result, especially in complex cases.

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