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# School System Attempts to Muzzle Critics

## Lawyer Issues Cease and Desist Order

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Calvert County Public Schools have retained a lawyer to defend themselves against what they say are “unlawful, unsubstantiated, false, misleading and/or defamatory statements” by a St. Leonard couple. John and Katherine Blevins have been on the warpath against administrators and some teachers at Southern Middle School in Lusby, School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry and some school board members for about two years.

The issue is over alleged abuse of their daughter while at Southern. The family pulled their daughter out of school and later their two sons, all of whom are now attending Calverton School, where the family says they are thriving.

The Blevins, in an email, said they received a certified letter on Dec. 23 ordering them to cease and desist. The letter from Prince Frederick attorney Nicholas Ferrante said, “Our firm

has been retained by Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) to address misrepresentations you have made and publicized regarding CCPS employees in correspondence and online.”

The letter goes on to say, “As our client assesses the damages caused by your actions, you are hereby directed to immediately and permanently cease and desist from making any further unlawful, unsubstantiated, false, misleading and/or defamatory statements about any CCPS personnel. Failure to comply will result in further legal action to achieve these ends.”

The Blevins have circulated emails, appeared at school board public forums and created a website [www.calvertedudocs.com](http://www.calvertedudocs.com) on which they have posted numerous correspondence gathered through Freedom of Information (FOI) requests in the summer of 2018 after they pulled their daughter from school.

Their criticisms escalated when they claimed they had



John and Katherine Blevins with their daughter and two sons in a family photo from 2018.

not received all the information they had requested and had been overcharged thousands of dollars for it. John Blevins is a computer technical expert and the family claims the school system has been stonewalling their requests.

The Blevins have also been especially caustic in their comments about Curry, calling him names in public, questioning his integrity and concerns for children and the school system. They allege he threatened a suit against them charging them with truancy for pulling their daughter out of school and home

schooling her until she entered the private school in the fall of 2018.

John and Katherine Blevins did not take the cease and desist order to heart. They fired back a lengthy retort to Ferrante in a letter dated Christmas day in which they repeated many of the allegations they have previously aired.

After Curry was chosen Superintendent of the Year in Maryland, they said, in their response letter to Ferrante, they sent a letter to the selection committee for national superinten-

dent opposing his selection and repeating to them many of the allegations about him that they have made locally.

In the letter to Ferrante, the couple wrote: “we are telling the truth and will disregard any cease and desist communication, but that does not mean we will not address them.”

They added, “We will not be intimidated. Does it strike you as odd that we have not received any prior cease and desist communications, given what we have been alleging and insinuating for so long? We regard your letter as one more of Calvert County Public School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry’s pathetic efforts to silence us to conceal his and other’s abuses”

Ferrante did not return The County Times call for comment. The school system’s offices were closed for holiday break, so Curry was not available for comment prior to press deadline.

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<p><b>Annual Reeves Lecture with Jeffrey Hammond</b></p> <p>“The Snow Woman: Some Reflections on Masculinity, Morality, and Art”</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 12, 4:45 P.M.</b> Daugherty-Palmer Commons</p>	<p><b>Presidential Lecture Series</b></p> <p>Featuring Jay Williams <b>MARCH 26, 7:30 P.M.</b> Auerbach Auditorium, St. Mary's Hall</p>
	<p><b>The Twain Lecture Series on American Humor &amp; Culture</b></p> <p>Featuring Janelle James <b>MARCH 28, 7:00 P.M.</b> Michael P. O'Brien Athletics &amp; Recreation Center Arena</p>

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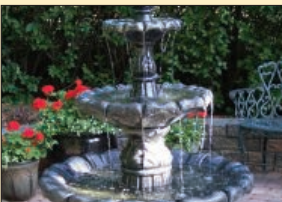
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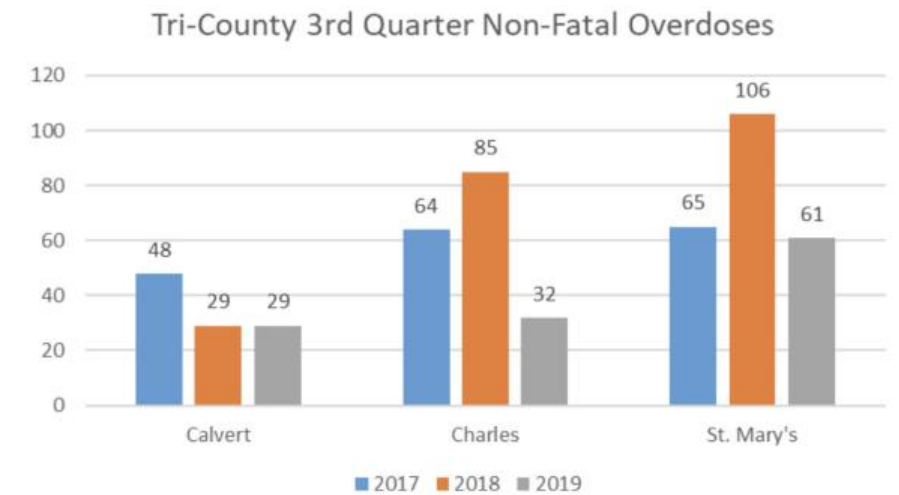
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# Opioid Overdose Data Remains Fairly Flat

Seven Fatalities Reported in Third Quarter



By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) received a quarterly report on the opioid epidemic that is plaguing the country, and which hasn't spared Calvert. The numbers were relatively steady when compared to the third quarters of the previous two years, but they are still elevated enough to cause alarm and continue the focus to reduce them.

When Tim Hutchins was elected president last January, he vowed to put the problem front and center on the BOCC's list of priorities, and he asked for quarterly updates. The Dec. 17 briefing was given by the Director of the Department of Community Resources Jennifer Moreland and Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse (CAASA) Coordinator Candice D'Agostino.

Fatal overdoses in the third quarter of the calendar year showed Calvert with seven, compared to five last year and six the previous year. Calvert tied with Charles with the highest number of fatalities in that period in Southern Maryland. St. Mary's had two.

Non-fatal overdoses in Calvert reached 29 in the quarter, the same as last year, but

down from the 46 in 2017. Calvert has the lowest amount of non-fatal overdoses in the region, compared to 32 in Charles and 61 in St. Mary's.

According to the report, "98 percent of documented overdose deaths are fentanyl related. Fentanyl continues to be an issue due to its availability on the dark web and its use as a cutting agent for heroin and other fake prescription drugs."

The report also says, "35 is the average age of those who overdose in Calvert County; 81 percent are Caucasian; 18 percent African American; 1 percent other. 76 percent are male; 24 percent female.

Other conclusions from the quarterly report:

- Due to the wide distribution of Narcan in the community and no requirement to report use, it is not possible to provide statistically reliable data that shows the relationship between the use of Narcan and the reduction of overdoses.
- 65 trainings; 390 people trained; 780 doses of Narcan distributed
- Local law enforcement and EMS do not track Narcan doses administered to those not suffering from an opioid overdose.

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# County Sued Over Adoption of Comp Plan Court Asked to Overturn the 3-2 Decision

By Dick Myers  
Editor

A suit was filed Dec. 24 in Calvert County Circuit Court seeking to overturn the adoption of the update of the county's comprehensive plan.

Four citizens are plaintiffs in the suit: Susan Dzurec and Myra Gowans of Huntingtown, Phyllis Sherkus of Dunkirk and Michael King of Prince Frederick. They are members of a newly formed citizens group called Calvert Citizens United (CCU).

The defendants in the suit are Calvert County and the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland. (BOCC)

The citizens group had ear-

lier filed a petition for judicial review seeking to overturn the plan. The suit filed Dec. 24 formalizes that request and could prompt a court hearing.

The suit alleges two flaws in the commissioners' 3-2 decision to adopt the plan update. It says that Commissioner Kelly McConkey, now commissioner president, should have recused himself on the 3-2 vote that placed two pieces of property he owns in Huntingtown into an expanded Huntingtown Town Center. The suit said that violates the county's Ethics Ordinance (a complaint has also been filed with the ethics commission).

The suit alleges he "voted on a matter of which he had a material interest and knowledge

of that interest." The suit alleges the vote could for the two properties "potentially dramatically increase their real estate value."

The suit says there was not an exemption for McConkey to vote under state law because there were enough remaining votes available to constitute a quorum.

In the case of McConkey's properties, the vote would have then been 2-2, which would have reverted the decision back to the planning commission's recommendation, which was to only include the high school in the expanded town center.

The suit alleges a second fatal flaw in the commissioners' vote. After the final public hearing, the BOCC voted

to add a provision in the plan which stated individual town center master plans were subsumed by the overall master plan.

The suit argues another public hearing should have been scheduled and because it wasn't, "it violated the state statute governing the adoption of the comprehensive plan."

The suit seeks the declaration from the court that the comprehensive plan "was illegally adopted because the board did not conform to the requirements of the Maryland law."

The suit seeks "such further relief that may be necessary and appropriate."

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Commissioner President Kelly McConkey

# Chesapeake Beach Proposes Smoking, Vaping Ban Would Apply to Parks, Other Public Places

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Town of Chesapeake Beach is proposing to follow Calvert County's example and ban smoking and vaping in parks and other public places in town. At the Dec. 19 town meeting an ordinance was introduced by Mayor Pat Mahoney to institute the ban. A public hearing on the proposed ordinance will be held at the next town meeting, Jan. 16,

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) enacted the county ban on Oct. 22 after a long and arduous process that began in 2012, according to one of the ban's most vocal advocates Beth Bubser of Dunkirk in a letter to the editor that appears elsewhere in this week's edition.

According to a memo from Chesapeake Beach Town Administrator Holly Wahl, their neighbor North Beach approved an ordinance on Oct. 22 last year banning smoking on town property.

The proposed ordinance says: "Medical studies have shown that exposure to second-hand smoke from tobacco causes illness and disease, including lung cancer, heart disease and respiratory illness and the Town Council recognizes that tobacco smoke poses a grave and substantial threat to the public health, safety and welfare and causes annoyance and discomfort to many members of the public."



The ordinance describes "vaping" as "the heating of nicotine, cannabis or flavored aerosols, the active ingredients in which are vaporized and then released to the air in a fine mist created by a vaporizer device."

The proposed ordinance lists the following places in which smoking, and vaping will be prohibited:

- Bayfront Park;
- Kellans Complex, including the field, playground, and all parking areas;
- Public boat ramps;
- Chesapeake Beach Water Park;

- Veteran's Park;
- Chesapeake Beach Boardwalk;
- Town Hall; and
- Pocket parks throughout town.

The proposed ordinance carries a \$50 fine for violation of it.

The ordinance, if enacted, would become effective 20 days later or seven days after the last required publication.

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# 2020 Census Preparations Underway

Calvert County is planning for the 2020 Census in order to ensure every resident is counted once, only once and in the right place on Census Day, April 1, 2020.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that a census of the population be conducted once every 10 years. Census data is used to reapportion congressional representation among the states and determine how \$675 billion in federal funds is distributed to states and local communities every year for services and infrastructure, including health care, jobs, schools, roads and businesses.

Calvert County saw a 76 percent response rate in 2000 and 80% in 2010. The U.S. Census Bureau, who conducts the census, estimates that each adult and child not counted equates to about \$1,825 per year in lost federal funding – a total of \$18,250 per person over 10 years.

“Calvert County is invested in helping every resident be counted so our citizens can get the public services they need and deserve,” said Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) President Kelly D. McConkey. “The information collected in the census is vital to planning for public health and safety, schools, transportation projects, obtaining grants and funding for public programs, and ensuring equal representation in Congress and state and local districts. The 10 minutes it takes to respond can have far-reaching



At their Nov. 21 meeting at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center, members of the Calvert County Complete Count Committee continued collaborative outreach planning to lead the county to a successful 2020 Census count.

impact.”

The BOCC voted in May to establish a complete count committee representing a broad range of community interests. The committee is collaborating with the Maryland Complete Count Committee and the U.S. Census Bureau to educate the public and motivate Calvert County residents to complete the census questionnaire.

The Calvert County Complete Count Committee is led by Committee Chair Dr. Sudha Haley, board member for the Calvert County Commission on Aging

and the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, and vice chairs Janet Bellizzi, representative for the League of Women Voters of Calvert County, and Stacy Milor, town clerk for the Town of North Beach. The committee held a kick-off meeting in September and meets monthly.

“Calvert County is our little piece of Paradise on Earth, and we want everyone to be counted and help shape the future of our community,” said Haley. “Responding to the census is easy, confidential and secure, and important to pro-

viding our children, families and neighbors with much-needed resources for the next decade.”

The committee launched a Calvert County 2020 Census webpage at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Census](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Census) for citizens to stay up to date with upcoming census-related events in the community, as well as information on when and how 2020 Census information will be collected, its impact on the local community, why participation matters and more.

*Press Release from Calvert County Government*

## Governor Announces \$130 Million Education Investment More Slated for Pre-K Expansion, Other Priorities

Governor Larry Hogan, following his recent announcement to launch the next chapter of education reform in Maryland, has committed another \$130 million in additional education spending, including pre-kindergarten expansion and Concentrations of Poverty Grants. The governor will also introduce new legislation to expand access to Advanced Placement (AP) tests for low-income students.

“I believe very strongly that every single child in Maryland deserves access to a world-class education, regardless of what neighborhood they happen to grow up in, and that commitment must begin with our youngest Marylanders,” said Governor Hogan. “Education has been, and will continue to be, our administration’s highest priority. With this funding, we are reaffirming our commitment to provide increased investment for our schools, more accountability for Maryland parents, teachers, and taxpayers, and most importantly, better results for our children.”

### Pre-K Expansion

More than \$100 million will be dedicated over the next two years to expand access to early support and interventions for young children and their families, including access to high-quality, full-day prekindergarten for three- and four-year-olds. In Fiscal Year 2020, \$31.7 million in Pre-K Supplemental Grants provided funding for more than 8,000 four-year-olds in full-day Pre-K.

The governor also committed more than \$30 million over two years to fund Concentration of Poverty Grants to provide full-time coverage of health care practi-

tioners and community school coordinators. The funding would also include wraparound services for extended learning time, safe transportation to school, and additional social workers, mentors, counselors, and psychologists. This investment would allow the state to provide funding for a total of 309 local schools.

Since taking office, Governor Hogan has invested a record \$32 billion in K-12 education and committed over \$420 million above the current funding levels required by legislatively mandated formulas. Additionally, this year the governor released \$255 million for the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education’s Fiscal Year 2020 spending plan.

### AP Opportunities Act of 2020

Governor Hogan committed to fund over \$1 million with the AP Opportunities Act of 2020 to provide low-income students in Maryland access to AP tests free of charge. This legislation would cover the costs of over 25,500 AP exams.

“With this important legislation, we are giving deserving Maryland students from low-income families the opportunity to take AP exams free of charge,” said Governor Hogan. “We are excited to expand access to the AP program, which gives high school students the chance to pursue college-level studies, allows them to learn skills that are essential to college and career access, and provides students with an opportunity to save time and money through college placement and credit-granting policies.”

*Press Release from Office of Gov. Larry Hogan.*





# Auto FineFix Program Enrollment Now Open

A new state program launched in September has helped over 9,000 eligible Marylanders reduce their outstanding uninsured auto fines, eliminating a significant hurdle to registering and insuring their vehicles. FineFix is a partnership between the Uninsured Division of Maryland Auto Insurance and the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA). This program gives eligible Marylanders the opportunity to pay 20% of their outstanding uninsured auto fines and have the remaining 80% forgiven.

Program eligibility is limited to those who have uninsured auto fines that were delinquent prior to December 31, 2016. To take advantage of this program, participants must enroll online at [FineFix.Maryland.gov](http://FineFix.Maryland.gov) and make their first payment by December 31, 2019.

The goal of the program is to lower the number of uninsured drivers and expand job opportunities for individuals and employers. "FineFix enables you to get back on the road and back to work," said Maryland Auto Executive Director Mark D. McCurdy.

FineFix participants who have their MDOT MVA uninsured auto flags lifted may be eligible to register any vehicles they own. Those unable to obtain auto insurance coverage for those vehicles in the standard market are guaranteed coverage from Maryland Auto.

Additionally, FineFix has partnered with insurance providers, community groups, Tag and Title services, and other trusted advisors across the state to assist consumers in enrolling in the program.

For more information on the program or to enroll, visit [FineFix.Maryland.gov](http://FineFix.Maryland.gov).



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## Virginia Murder Suspect Arrested in Chesapeake Beach

On December 29, members of the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force apprehended Ryan Thomas Walker, who was sought in connection to the murder of Yusuf Ozgur and the malicious wounding of a second man that occurred at a Denny's restaurant located in Manassas, Va. on December 26.

Walker was located at the home of an acquaintance in Chesapeake Beach, Prince William County Police reported, where he was arrested without incident.

Calvert County Sheriff Mike Evans said the U.S. Marshals contacted his agency about the fugitive.

"We worked together and made the apprehension," Evans told The Calvert County Times.

The first suspect, Jordan Anderson, was located by members of the Prince William County Special Investigations Bureau and ATF following a vehicle stop in the Newington section of Fairfax County. A search warrant was subsequently conducted on Anderson's vehicle and his residence in Manassas where additional evidence was recovered.

The investigation revealed that the two armed suspects entered the Denny's where one of the men brandished a handgun while the second suspect was armed with a baton. The men ordered the patrons of the restaurant and employees to



Ryan Thomas Walker

the ground while demanding their cell phones and wallets. The men further demanded money from the business. As the suspects were leaving, the suspect armed with a handgun shot a 34-year-old man who was being cooperative while sitting on the ground as initially demanded. The suspects also encountered a second male victim, who was walking into the Denny's and unknowingly held the door for the suspects as they exited. The suspect armed with the baton struck the victim in the head then the second suspect shot the victim. The suspects then fled on foot.

## 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 1,388 calls for service throughout the community.

#### **Damaged Property: 19-72779**

On December 16, 2019, Deputy Payne responded to Penny Lane in Sunderland for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that an unknown suspect(s) had removed one of the AC units from the window of the residence damaging it, as well as four glass windows that had been broken along the side of the residence. The total value of damaged property is \$450.

#### **Theft: 19-72686**

On December 16, 2019, Deputy Freeland responded to the Shell gas station in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that they were scheduled to repair an air compressor at the gas station that had been damaged. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) had opened the air compressor and stole the coin collector from the machine. The value of damaged property is \$600 and the value of stolen property is \$300.

#### **Theft: 19-72948**

On December 17, 2019, Deputy Freeland responded to Lake Drive in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that an unknown suspect(s) stole a white in color, wooden sign reading "Community Meeting Drum Point Club House". The value of stolen property is \$100.

#### **Theft: 19-73067**

On December 18, 2019, Deputy Hardesty responded to St. Leonard Road in St. Leonard for the report of a theft and destruction of property. The complainant advised that they were scheduled to repair a damaged air compressor at the Fastop in St. Leonard. Upon arrival, the complainant observed the machine to be broken into, and the quarters missing from inside. The value of damaged property is \$6,000 and the value of stolen property is \$300.

#### **Theft: 19-73368**

On December 19, 2019, Deputy R. Evans responded to Yuma Trail in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup>, an unknown suspect(s) stole their 2019 Towmaster trailer that was parked at Running Hare Vineyard. The value of stolen property is \$9,000.

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**Theft: 19-73658**

On December 21, 2019, Deputy R. Shrawder responded to San Angelo Court in Lusby for the report of a theft that occurred at Giant in Lusby. The complainant advised that they lost their iPhone XR at Giant, and when they went back to look for it, it was gone. The value of stolen property is \$800.

**Theft: 19-73722**

On December 21, 2019, Deputy Anderson responded to Williams Wharf Road in St. Leonard for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 5:05pm and 5:12pm on December 19<sup>th</sup> an unknown male suspect driving a black Ford F-150 was seen parking next to the complainant's work truck, exiting their vehicle, and approaching the complainant's truck where they removed the truck's trailer hitch and leaves the scene. The value of stolen property is \$200.

**ARRESTS:**

On December 22, 2019, Deputy Barger responded to Woodland Way in Owings for a burglary. The complainant advised that the suspect was beating on the front door demanding entry. Upon arrival, Deputy Barger observed Deputy T. Buckler with the suspect, **Brandon Angelo Goncalves (24)**, on the front porch of the residence. Upon making contact with Goncalves, Deputies detected the strong odor of alcohol



Goncalves

emanating from Goncalves, he became disorderly, and Goncalves was placed in to custody. Goncalves was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Intoxicated Endangerment, and Malicious Destruction of Property Valued <\$1,000.

On December 22, 2019, Deputy S. Naughton responded to Buckets Sports Bar in Lusby to assist Deputy Rzepkowski with crowd control. A short time after arriving, Deputy Naughton observed a male, **Desam Neri Stewart (49)**, enter the DJ booth and begin to play loud music on and off multiple times before Deputy Rzepkowski advised him to turn the music off and pack up. Stewart



Stewart

ignored Deputies multiple commands to pack up his equipment, and was unable to answer questions he was asked. Deputies detected a strong odor of alcohol emanating from Stewart's person, and observed him to be heavily intoxicated. Stewart began to act disorderly and became argumentative and combative with law enforcement. Deputies placed Stewart under arrest and transported him to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

On December 22, 2019, Deputy Boerum responded to Walters Lane in Prince Frederick for the report of damaged property. Upon arrival, Deputy Boerum made contact with **Maxim**



Bartlett

**Nicholas Bartlett (21)**, who was sitting in the driveway of his residence, and was emanating a very strong odor of alcohol from his person. Deputy Boerum made contact with a female inside the residence who advised Bartlett got drunk and punched and kicked holes in multiple walls and multiple bedrooms. She advised Bartlett also ripped off two bedrooms doors and broke them in half, as well as caused damage to a garage door requiring it to be replaced. The total value of damaged property is \$13,500. Bartlett was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Malicious Destruction of Property Valued \$1,000+, Disorderly Conduct, and Intoxicated Public Disturbance.

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# Students Tour Nuclear Power Plant

## CSM Students Explore Career Paths



CSM students Chibueze Amos-Uhegbu, Joshua Riddle, Cory Swaim, Cory Svoboda, Cody Dean, Carson Bistline, Matthew Kenlon, Timothy White and CSM Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering Brian Warnecke recently toured Exelon's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in Lusby.

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Leonardtown Campus Engineering Student Club toured Exelon's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant (CCNPP) to learn about plant operations and career opportunities. The students received a presentation Nov. 8, about nuclear energy in general and on the operations at CCNPP, specifically.

"Plant engineers were

able to thoroughly explain the scale that makes Calvert Cliffs the largest source of clean energy in Maryland," said Club President Tim White. "The students took a tour of the control room, turbine deck and intake structures. They concluded the tour with an on-site luncheon with plant engineers for professional engagement and development allowing the students

to listen to the varying academic and industrial paths that the Calvert Cliffs employees had taken throughout their varying engineering backgrounds."

CCNPP's two nuclear reactors – the only nuclear energy reactors in Maryland – produce 1,756 megawatts of zero-emissions energy: or enough carbon-free electricity to power more than one million homes,



CSM students pose in front of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant containment building where power lines connect carbon-free energy to the high-voltage PJM electricity grid.

according to Exelon. The Lusby plant joins 95 other nuclear power plants to provide nearly 20 percent of all U.S. electricity. The nuclear energy industry creates lasting, high-paying jobs for people from a wide range of fields and educational backgrounds, according to the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI). Each nuclear power plant in the United States employs between 500 and 1,000 workers during normal operations and they earn salaries 20 percent higher on average than those of other electricity generation sources.

NEI also reports that the nuclear energy industry recruits from universities, community colleges, the military and the trades. From nuclear to systems engineering,

from mechanical to civil engineering – engineers make up a large part of the nuclear energy workforce. But there are also opportunities for accountants, analysts, information technology experts, occupational safety and other trained specialists in the field. Carpenters and construction trades workers, electricians, welders and equipment operators are also critical to the industry.

CSM students participating in the tour were both electrical and mechanical engineering majors.

Last year, CSM received a \$105,804 grant from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to provide scholarships to 15 students pursuing the college's Energy Systems Tech-

nology (EST) associate degree program. CSM was one of six community colleges in the nation and one of two academic institutions in the state of Maryland to receive NRC funding.

Since the EST's program's inception, Exelon has hired 21 students from the EST program. Those 21 CSM alumni have gone on to build careers with Exelon in the fields of electrical, instrument & control and mechanical maintenance, as well as in support of nuclear operations. CCNPP leadership also hosts a 10-week summer program for CSM student interns to rotate through numerous departments at the two-unit plant as part of the EST curriculum.

*Press Release from CSM*

## Pet OF THE WEEK

### MEET GALE



Gale is very friendly, extremely snuggly love bug but will let you know when she has had enough! She wants nothing more than to be held and have a petting session! Gale will lay on her back on the floor and will knead with her paws in the air, hoping for a belly rub! Curiosity adds to the enchantment of this big girl, as she just loves to check out and play with everything she sees! Being Pet of The Week, her adoption fee has been waived for all qualified adopters. Come meet her today!

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





# No Smoking, Vaping in Calvert County Parks

## To the Editor

This all began in the spring of 2012 when I witnessed three mothers standing right behind the dugout, chain smoking at my daughter's Little League softball game. When I asked if they could move away from the girls, I was not met with a courteous response. A small group of residents and I appeared in front of the Board of Calvert County Commissioners (BOCCC), to advocate for No Smoking in Calvert County Parks. The Board of Calvert County Commissioner's response to one of my letters read:

"Thank you for your correspondence bringing the smoking issue in County parks to our attention. On June 4, 2013, we directed staff to place signs in all parks requesting that smokers be courteous and smoke only in parking areas. It is our hope that these signs will bring the issue to the attention of smokers and that they will respond in a responsible and courteous manner."

To my utter dismay, the Commissioners refused to impose an outright ban on smoking at Calvert County Parks. Instead, the Commissioners simply asked that smokers be "courteous while smoking". Designated smoking areas do not work because separating smokers from non-smokers does not eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke. Furthermore, secondhand smoke cannot be contained; the smoke permeates throughout the park, forcing all Non-smokers, especially children, to smoke.

This past October, I was present at the Board of Calvert County Commissioners meeting when Shannon Nazzal, Director of Parks & Recreation, counted the five votes that were cast to remove smoking and vaping from the county parks. On October 22, 2019 No Smoking or Vaping in Calvert County Parks became official. Finally, it's bittersweet, and surprising that it took over 6.5 years. I am taken aback by how little support we received for such a serious health issue concerning the youth of Calvert County. I had contacted numerous organizations in the county to gather support for this policy change, but received no support. This all began years ago, when I contacted the head of the two largest Health organizations in the county, and was still met with no support.

I would like to thank the following people for their advocacy and support. Mr. David Culbert, neighbor and team parent, whose daughter played softball with my daughter, stood before the previous Board of Commissioners strongly advocating for No Smoking in Calvert County Parks. With no sleep, David came to the courthouse directly from work, exhausted, but proved to set a great example for his children Kaitlyn, Kelsey, and Kristen, ages 12, 10, and 7. The girls, along with my daughter Catherine, age 12, stood before the previous Board of Commissioners in their softball

uniforms advocating for No Smoking in Calvert County Parks. The girls made posters and were more excited about showing their No Smoking in Calvert County Park signs to the Board members than speaking. Upon entering the courtroom, the girls were notified posters were not allowed. They were very disappointed. I have kept these posters for all these years and distributed copies to each of the current Board members who voted for No Smoking and Vaping in Calvert County Parks.

Meg Oliff wrote letters to the media and Board of Commissioners strongly advocating for No Smoking in Calvert County Parks. Meg's granddaughter, 11 year old, Kayliann Peake who also played softball, stood up before the previous Board of Commissioners advocating for No Smoking in Calvert County Parks. These girls were very young when they stood and spoke to the previous Board of Commissioners advocating for the cause. Their voices went unheard.

Larry Hull, president of Northern Calvert Little League, was the first person to support and advocate for No Smoking in Calvert County Parks. Larry was instrumental in getting the petition up and running by allowing us to circulate several petitions for No Smoking in Calvert County Parks during softball evaluations and registration. Larry wrote letters to the media, the Board of Calvert County Commissioners, and attended meetings. Tammy Halterman, staff at the Health Department, was an excellent resource and a strong advocate for No Smoking in Calvert County Parks. She invited me to numerous meetings on the dangers of smoking and secondhand smoke.

Sheriff Evans strongly advocated for No Smoking of Vaping in Calvert County Parks. One of his responsibilities is to oversee the Drug Awareness and Resistance Education program, also known as DARE. The DARE program has been around since the 80's; its purpose is to educate students on good decision making skills and resist peer pressure when it comes to cigarettes, secondhand smoke, alcohol and illicit drug use. The county spends a lot of money on this worthy program; however we need to be consistent with our message. Preventing smoking and vaping in Calvert County Parks would be in line with the DARE Program.

We would also like to thank Brenda Tyrell, owner of Prime Time Children's & Youth Activity Center, in Owings, who took time from her busy schedule to write a letter to the Board of Commissioners and media supporting No Smoking in Calvert County Parks and circulated a petition around her center. Next is Peter Ervin who took time to write letters to the media, the Board of Commissioners, and attended Smoke Free meetings at the Health Department. Additionally we thank two Local Pulmonologist, Dr. Fears and Dr. Pirouz, who took time out of their busy schedules to



Present picture of Kristen Culbert age 13. Kristen at age 7 appeared in front of the BOC advocating for No Smoking in Calvert County Parks.

draft a letter supporting No Smoking or Vaping in Calvert County Parks. Thanks to Mark Stanley, former Calvert County Girls lacrosse League Coordinator, currently a High School and Club Coach, who strongly advocated for No Smoking and Vaping in Calvert County Parks, wrote Letters to the media, the Board of Commissioners and attended a meeting.

Thanks to Results Fitness, formerly known as World Gym, for granting permission to circulate a petition in both gyms advocating for No Smoking in Calvert County Parks. A special thank you to Front Desk receptionist Ruth, in the Dunkirk location, for encouraging members to sign the petition.

Thanks to Shannon Nazzal, Director of Parks & Recreation, who worked to get the No Smoking or Vaping in Calvert County Parks ordinance passed and Mary Bachar for her support and appearing in front of the Board of Commissioners.

Thanks to my husband John Bubser, who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes and is a strong advocate for No Smoking in Calvert County Parks, who has circulated petitions in his office.

Thanks to Dr. John O'Hara, the found-

er and President of the Maryland Group Against Smoking Pollution (MDGASP), started in 1975. As a Korean War veteran with a PhD in Electronic Engineering and Physics, he spent his working career in the US Intelligence Community. He has received numerous awards for his work in the intelligence community as well as his work in the tobacco control movement. Dr. O'Hara stood beside me attending every Board of Commissioners meeting, taking the time from his busy schedule advocating for No Smoking or Vaping in Calvert County Parks. His expertise and knowledge of the harmful effects of secondhand smoke and vaping was instrumental in removing smoking from our parks.

Lastly, thank you Commissioners for your vote for making our parks Smoke and Vape Free! Thank you for protecting the health and safety of all residents, employees, visitors and especially our children who cannot protect themselves from the death and disease that comes from unwanted exposure to secondhand smoke.

Beth M. Bubser  
Dunkirk



# Calvert County 2019

## The Second Six Months – Ju



Barbara Stinnett passed away



Beauty Queen Shannon O'Brien



Betsy Boessart, Steny Hoyer

By Dick Myers  
Editor

A new fiscal year began July 1 for Calvert County government with hardly a notice from average citizens who were too busy enjoying what summer brings to the county and looking forward to some fireworks over the holiday. But life as chronicled by The Calvert County Times marched on and here's a summary from our pages for the last half of the last year of the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

### July

**Calvert County teachers** may be getting an early Christmas present. And, the Santa Claus is the Kirwan Commission with an assist from the Maryland General Assembly. The school board applied for a \$1.5 million state grant to supplement teacher salaries for the coming year. The money was allocated to the county with the proviso that they show that the county is already contributing at least a three-percent salary increase, which they are, according to Executive Director of Administration Anthony Navarro.

The BOCC announced the promotion of **Jeffrey Murray to director of the Calvert Marine Museum (CMM)**. Murray has been with CMM since 2017, serving as the museum's deputy director and education director. He has a Master of Arts in history and a museum career spanning over 20 years.

The BOC announced the details of their **public hearing on their proposed update to the county's comprehensive plan**. The start time was 5 p.m. That detail drew criticism from Keep Calvert Country (KCC), the advocacy group that has persistently criticized the comprehensive plan update process and some of the details on that revised plan.

County Commissioner Presi-

dent Tim Hutchins said, "The 5 p.m. start time allows for our older population to weigh in earlier in the day and can help keep our constituents from having to stay late in the evening to have their comments heard."

The planning commission approved moving forward with two changes in **the process for reviewing proposed developments** and will take those changes for discussion with the county commissioners at a future work session. One of the changes would add a step to the site plan review process.

MD Secretary of Planning Rob McCord announced Greg Pierce as the new **Executive Director of the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (JPPM)** in Saint Leonard. Pierce holds a BA in Anthropology and History from the University of Arizona, an MA in Anthropology from East Carolina University, and a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Wyoming.

"It looks like it's full-steam ahead," was the way Board of Education President Dawn Balinski described the board's enthusiastic support for the **establishment of a School-Based Health Clinic (SBHC)** at Patuxent High School and Patuxent Appeal Campus (PAC) elementary school. The clinics, which would function like doctor's offices, although probably staffed by nurse practitioners provided by CalvertHealth, would be considered a pilot project with potential rollout to other schools at a later date. It is targeted to start with the beginning of the 2020 school year.

The headline read "There's No 'Love' on Northern Tennis Courts." Parents, coaches and students there are upset that they are getting **short-changed when it comes to tennis courts** at the new high school. They have complained to

the BOCC and the school board.

The record was closed and the BOCC appeared poised to act on **the update of the county's comprehensive plan**. The record was closed at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, just 27 hours after the conclusion of a three-hour public hearing at the Calvert Pines Senior Center in Prince Frederick.

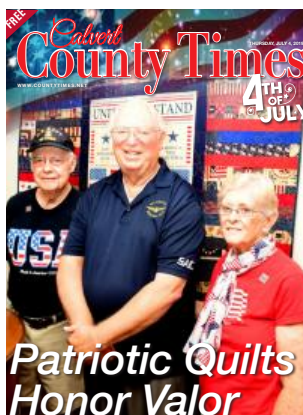
More than 60 people spoke, with only a half-dozen of them coming out on the side of the BOCC approving the plan. The bulk of the audience said the plan still needs more work and should either be sent back to the planning commission or staff. Calling for remand instead of adoption, speaker Kent Mumford said, "Don't do this!"

**Barbara Stinnett**, who served three separate terms as Calvert County Commissioner, passed away July 20 after a long illness. Former congressman and state senator Roy Dyson, for whom Stinnett worked, called her one of the most influential women in Calvert County's history.

### August

"We are going to vote on this plan," said BOCC President Tim Hutchins. He was speaking at the July 30 meeting just a week after they held their public hearing on the **proposed revision to the county's comprehensive plan**. The commissioner president's comments came at the end of a presentation by Planning and Zoning Director Mark Willis in which he listed eight criticisms of the plan heard at the hearing from the more than 60 speakers. He called them "What We Heard," and then went about refuting them.

The BOCC approved **two grants for new apparatus** for two of the county's volunteer emergency services companies. The grants were for St. Leonard Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company for \$678,000 for



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On Watch in Huntingtown



# 9: A Year of Change ly to December

an engine and the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department for \$124,000 for a brush truck.

It could easily be called the number one issue of 2019 and the year's most important decision. What had been a three-year process involving more than 100 meetings and thousands of comments was finally over but remained controversial to the bitter end. The BOCC, at their Aug. 5 meeting, voted 3-2 on an **amended comprehensive plan update**. Commissioners Buddy Hance and Steve Weems voted against it.

One of the amendments voted on expanded Huntingtown Town Center by adding two properties on the opposite side of Routes 2/4 at the Cox Road intersection. Hance and Weems also voted against that. They favored just adding Huntingtown High School to the town center. Commissioner Kelly McConkey voted with the majority. He had earlier not voted on the issue which left a 2-2 tie. McConkey owns property in the affected area.

Before the ink was dry on the ordinance enacting the new comprehensive plan, **citizen activists were threatening a lawsuit** over it. The 3-2 vote was quickly followed by the public comment section at which Myra Gowans of Huntingtown said the county could anticipate the lawsuit.

Gowans said the vote was flawed because **Commissioner Vice President Kelly McConkey** should have recused himself.

McConkey, in an interview with The County Times, said he had every right to vote on the matter. He said the advice articulated by the county attorney in public session validated his vote.

The BOCC voted **not to reappoint Carolyn McHugh** to the planning commission. McHugh had served as chair of the commission during a transition period after the former BOCC fired planning

commission chair Maurice Lusby and vice chairman Michael Phipps. The decision on who to replace McHugh was contentious, with Michael Wolfemberger chosen over Stephen Olberg, who was favored by Commissioner Buddy Hance.

A press conference called and led by Commissioner President Tim Hutchins took place Aug. 8. Hutchins said he sent a memo to all department heads the day after the BOCC on Aug. 6 passed, on a 3-2 vote, the **update of the county comprehensive plan**. It said, "Each morning marks a new day and this one is special in Calvert County, as it marks the first day after the adoption of the 2040 comprehensive plan. It is likely one of the most significant pieces of legislation that this board will produce in its tenure."

Starting Aug. 12, the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) placed a **new traffic signal** on a three-day flash mode at the **southbound MD 2/4 (Solomons Island Road)/MD 506 (Sixes Road) intersection** to familiarize drivers with the new traffic signal. Full-color operation of the traffic signal was Thursday morning, Aug. 15.

The much anticipated first draft of the **Calvert County Transportation Plan** was posted online. Highlights of the plan were released at a "Public Participation Workshop" held Aug 14 at the College of Southern Maryland.

Detractors of the comprehensive plan as it evolved consistently urged that it be delayed until completion of the transportation plan. At the beginning of the workshop, Commissioner President Tim Hutchins said the transportation plan, like the town center master plans, were a follow up to the comprehensive plan process and subject to biennial review.

"I am real excited about what we are doing," Hutchins said about the transportation plan.

The BOCC approved a public hearing for proposed changes to the county **Animal Control regulations** regarding "Dangerous and Prohibitive Animals." The current regulations only have one category called "dangerous animals," but Director of Public Safety Jacqueline Vaughn said, "There are some animals that shouldn't be on the dangerous list."

Following the workshop on Aug. 14, a press conference was held Aug. 21 by Commissioner President Tim Hutchins and Vice President Kelly McConkey at which the **transportation plan** was defended. But critics of the just-completed comprehensive plan, Keep Calvert Country, quickly jumped in to allege the plan used "Fuzzy math, fuzzy maps, fuzzy conclusions."

One restaurant option is replacing another in Prince Frederick. The planning commission approved a site plan for a new **Panda Express** on Routes 2/4 to replace the **Ruby Tuesdays**, which will be demolished. The new restaurant will be 2,300 square feet with a drive-through window.

## September

The federal database that required opioid distributors to log just how much of the drugs they were selling in local communities, recently revealed to the public, paints a **staggering picture of prescription opioids** inundating Calver. The ARCOS database, which collates data from the Drug Enforcement Administration, showed that between 2006 and 2012 there were 35 million dosage units distributed by pharmacies in Calvert County. The database lists the pharmacies and the manufacturers who supplied the drugs. It was released after a court order. Although Calvert



Solomons 4th of July



Andrew Rappaport, Sheriff Mike Evans



Commissioner Buddy Hance

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Proposed North Beach commercial center



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ss the smallest of the three Southern Maryland counties, its numbers were in the middle of the pack: higher than St Mary's (with 32 million doses), but lower than Charles (with 45 million doses).

Officials who The County Times contacted feel the data is outdated and doesn't show some of the recent strides being made in the community to combat over prescribing of opioids by physicians and unnecessarily choosing addictive drugs when those that aren't addictive were available.

Calvert County Public Schools maintained its **high ranking among Maryland districts** on the 2019 administration of the Maryland state assessments in mathematics and English language arts. Calvert ranked first in English language arts with 73 percent of students earning a 4 or 5 on the exam, and third in Algebra 1, with 51 percent of students scoring a 4 or 5.

It was barely two months into the county's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 budget and already the BOCC was pondering what to do for **the fiscal year that doesn't begin until July 1, 2020**. "Today starts the process," said Director of Finance and Budget Tim Hayden at the Sept. 10 BOCC meeting. Hayden made an early estimate that the county will have \$7.6 million more to work with in crafting that budget. Of that increase, \$3.7 million can be attributed to the Dominion PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes).

Work is progressing on the design for the **new clubhouse at Chesapeake Hills Golf Course** in Lusby. An update was presented by Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal to the BOCC at their Sept. 10 meeting. Nazzal explained that the proposed design was intended to represent "a rural Calvert County feel" with its barn-like appearance and high-pitched roof.

The Town of North Beach will be losing use of its **largest visitor parking lot** on July 1 of next year. The town council has signed a one-year lease for the property known as 9060 and 9061 Chesapeake Avenue. The property is owned by RAR & Associates Development Group, headed by Ron Russo, and they plan to develop it.

The first phase, which is at the corner of Bay Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street,

sits on slightly less than an acre and will be called Shoppes on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. It will include a 13,285-square-foot, two-story building that will have a restaurant, food court and other retail space. The second floor will have a meeting space.

The second phase, which will come later, will include a 64-unit motel and parking garage. In the second phase, the existing old motel called Chesapeake Manor will be removed.

**Calvert County Administrator Terry Shannon** announced Sept. 24 her plan to retire following 11 years of service as county administrator and over 32 years of public service. In order to affect a smooth transition, the BOCC announced Mark Willis as the administrator selectee to succeed Shannon later this year. Shannon will advise Willis in the coming months. Shannon's retirement will take effect on January 3, 2020.

The process to update those seven **town center master plans** is about to begin. And, it too will be a lengthy process. Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning Brittany Waddell told the planning commission at their Sept. 19 meeting that each town center would have a 12-15 month, three-stage process. She said the hope is that all seven plans will be finished by 2024 because that's the time until the next mandated update of the comprehensive plan and if the town center plans aren't done they would have to be put on hold until the overall process is finished.

The first town center up to the place will be Prince Frederick, which Waddell characterized as "kind of a Guinea pig to get it right." The plan rewrite was to begin in January.

**Chesapeake Beach had a new town councilman.** The mayor and town council at their Sept. 19 meeting formally appointed L. Charles "Charlie" Fink to the council to replace Stewart Cumbo, who earlier this year entered an Alford plea for violating Maryland's wire intercept laws, a felony which carried a potential 5-10-year jail sentence.

Frederick destroyed a bottling and storage facility on the property, state fire marshal investigators reported, costing the business an estimated \$2.5 million in damages. There were no injuries in the fire.

A town hall meeting Sept. 29 at Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish Hall in Lusby drew more than 100 participants. The findings of the **Kirwan Commission** to improve education in Maryland were released earlier this year and have become politically charged, with Republican Governor Larry Hogan promising to fight them over the costs for implementing them and the legislature's Democratic leadership vowing to press for the changes. Some of the proposals to supplement teacher salaries have already been implemented. So, the appearance of the commission's chairman William "Brit" Kirwan was a big draw. He was accompanied by former state school superintendent (for 12 years) David Hornbeck.

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

The BOCC unanimously approved a **six-item legislative package** for submittal to the delegation for consideration for introduction in the 2020 legislative session. Among the proposals is a request to change the way that county commissioner salaries are determined. Currently a salary review committee is appointed to review the salaries of the commissioners and other elected officials and make recommendations for changes. Under the proposal submitted by the BOCC, the commissioner salaries would be tied to the salaries of the legislators.

The Maryland Department of Transportation is continuing with plans to install a **traffic light on MD 231 at the entrance to Halloween Point Park**. The BOCC is continuing to press that agency to change its mind. Commissioner Mike Hart said, "There is no way we can allow that traffic signal." At the BOCC's Oct. 8 meeting, Hart insisted, "Someone is going to get killed there."

Mutual Elementary School teacher Michelle Hillyer is recovering from a broken jaw she received when a student head butted her at

## October

An **early morning fire at the Running Hare Vineyard** in Prince





the school. Leadership of Calvert County's teachers and support staff had already planned to discuss the concerns about **staff safety** when the incident happened Oct. 8. The presentation at the school board meeting began a series of consecutive meetings at which the concerns were raised.

A **smaller, new Beach Elementary School** is now on the drawing boards. The Board of Education, at their Oct. 10 meeting, agreed with a staff recommendation to reduce the size and the cost based on projected enrollment when the new school is scheduled to open in Fiscal Year 2023. Later in the year the project size was increased back to its original scale.

In the past it had been called the Anti-Bullying Summit. On Oct. 11, for its ninth year, it got a name change to "**Kindness Summit**." Supervisor of Student Services – School Psychologists and Social Workers Dr. Melissa Moore explained, "We wanted to change the name to the Kindness Summit in order to direct more positive attention to the act of prevention. We did not want to give accolades to bullying anymore."

After a full court press by parents, students and coaches for more **tennis courts at Northern High School**, they will be getting some of what they wanted. The Board of Education at their Oct. 10 meeting approved the **repair and refurbishment of two tennis courts at Northern Middle School** for use of the high school tennis team.

A proposal for a major change in the **development review process** in Calvert County is making its way through its own review process and should be ready for public hearing soon. Calvert is one of only a few counties in the state that does not require major developments to submit a preliminary site plan, although it can be voluntarily submitted in Calvert. Instead, the planning commission and other agencies get their crack at commenting on a project at the final review stage.

**Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO)** president and CEO **Austin J. Slater, Jr.**, submitted his retirement letter to the Board of Directors at the monthly board meeting held Tuesday, October 15, 2019. In his letter, Slater recounted his tenure as CEO for the

past 17 years as rewarding. "I have proudly worked for our cooperative for more than 33 years," Slater said.

This year's visit by representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation to the BOCC brought the agency's Deputy Secretary Sean Powell and an entourage of department staff. Towards the end of the meeting Commissioner President Tim Hutchins wanted the state officials to not forget the county's top road priorities. "The focus on Thomas Johnson Bridge going over to St. Mary's County remains on our radar screen. We understand the issues, with the money that had been allocated to reallocate it. But we want to continue to keep that on the long-term focus so we could make progress wherever that opportunity presents itself to do that."

The **Washington Nationals won the World Series** in exciting fashion and we noted how the county embraced the fever in a cover story with the headline "A New Nats Nation."

In a meeting with the Senate Democratic Caucus on Oct. 24, **Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.**, announced that he will not seek the Democratic nomination to serve as Senate President in the 2020 Legislative Session. President Miller will continue to serve the people of the 27<sup>th</sup> District, which includes part of Calvert County, and the State of Maryland as a member of the Senate, as he has for the last 45 years.

## November

The **College of Southern Maryland (CSM)** is seeking a change in the way the monies provided by the counties can be allocated. According to Calvert County Attorney John Norris, "Presently, CSM may only expend the county funds budgeted for it in the county providing those funds, with a few exceptions, such as indirect costs." Norris explained during a Oct. 29 BOCC work session with CSM officials: "**Budget unification** would allow CSM to use its funding more strategically in the fulfillment of its mission. Parity of contribution to expenditure at any one campus is assured through CSM Trustee oversight."

Although budget deliberations

for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 have not yet begun, taxpayers got a first look at what may be on the horizon – a **series of property tax rate cuts**. Director of Finance and Budget Tim Hayden presented at the Oct. 29 meeting of the BOCC a scenario in which the property tax rate was cut one half cent for every assessed \$100 of valuation in each of the next three years. That would reduce revenue \$600,000 in the coming fiscal year and by a cumulative total of \$1.8 million in Fiscal Year 2023.

For the third straight Board of Education meeting the issue of **escalating classroom disruptions and violence against teachers** was raised. At the previous meeting, more than 40 people, mostly teachers, spoke passionately of their concerns. At the Nov. 6 meeting, Calvert Education Association President Dona Ostenson spoke on behalf of all the teachers. Noting that in the intervening two weeks since the previous meeting there had been seven more incidents of violence in the elementary schools, she said, "This is not just a Calvert County Public Schools problem, a Maryland problem or even an East Coast problem, but a national problem."

In response to the teachers' concerns at that last meeting, School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry outlined some of the responses the school system is taking. He said one of them was a suggestion of the Special Education Department for the "employment or the contracting of a national BD (behavior development) consultant, an expert on behavior who will be collaborating with the special ed department and working directly with our BDP (Behavior Development Program) classes.

A veteran prosecutor has been selected to replace **Andrew Rappaport** as interim Calvert County State's Attorney. Rappaport was sworn in Nov. 8 as one of two new circuit court judges for the county. After that swearing in, Judge Mark Chandlee appointed **Jennifer Morton** to fill the state's attorney position until the next gubernatorial election in 2022. Morton will have to run for election if she chooses to remain in the position.

Rappaport and Mark Carmean were selected to be Calvert's new



Calvert County Fair



SMECO President Joe Slater retires



Running Hare Vineyard fire



CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy







Veterans Day ceremony at "On Watch" in Solomons



Longtime Chief of Prince Frederick VFD Vernon Horsmon



New Commissioner President Kelly McConkley



Senator Mike Miller at North Beach parade

circuit court judges by Gov. Larry Hogan after interviewing nominees submitted by the Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission. Carmean has been a partner with the firm of Lamson & Carmean, LLC since 2008. He was sworn in on Friday, Nov. 15.

There are 28 communities or areas within Calvert County with **failing on-site sewage disposal systems**. Most of them are waterfront communities. Those figures were compiled by the Department of Public Works, Water & Sewerage Division (WSD) and Calvert County Health Department. To figure out what to do about the problem, the BOCC approved a Countywide Wastewater Study.

The BOCC adopted changes to the county's **animal control regulations** to add a new category called "potentially dangerous animals." The unanimous decision came after a hearing at the BOCC Nov. 19 meeting at which there was no public testimony.

**Prince Frederick will be undergoing a flurry of redevelopment.** At its Nov. 20 meeting, the planning commission approvals to three projects that fall into that category. They are:

- Demolition of the Stoakley Road Professional Center and building of a new Chase Bank.
- Demolition of the existing McDonalds and building a new one.
- Expansion of the Calvert Village movie theater.

For the fourth meeting in a row, the Calvert County Board of Education was barraged by concerns from teachers, parents and students about **violence in the classrooms** from disruptive students. At the Nov. 21 meeting, more than 55 people spoke during the public comment session, eclipsing the more than 40 who spoke a month earlier. The concerns about disruptive students also included a parallel issue at the Nov. 21 meeting -- the rollout of a curriculum development program called "Learning Focused."

While there continued to be an outcry about the increasing number of incidents of disruptive students, resulting in injuries to other students and teachers, the school board received a report showing they are **disproportionately meting out discipline to African American students**. That means that the percentage of African American students being disciplined in various categories outpaces their percentage in the general school population -- 12.7 percent. Among the categories that show the discipline disproportionality are out of school suspensions at 10 days or less, according to the data presented at the Nov. 21 school board meeting by Director of Student Services Kim Roof.

## December

The citizens group that has filed a **petition for judicial review against Calvert County** over adoption of the comprehensive plan update says a major developer is poised to enter Calvert County once the zoning is in place to implement the plan and accommodate their desires. Calvert Citizens United (CCU) filed the petition in Calvert County Circuit Court asking that the entire master plan update be overturned.

The organization asks on their Facebook page -- "Is Calvert County slated to be like Loudoun County, VA with our involvement with the Peterson Group?" The Peterson Group is the major developer of National Harbor and CCU says they are only interested in big projects and have their eyes pointed towards Calvert County when the time is right.

What's in a name. Offsite Area A is hardly compelling. How does **Dominion Energy Regional Park** sound? That's the name voted on by the BOCC at their Dec. 3 meeting for the new regional park in Lusby. It will be on property dubbed Offsite Area A by Dominion Energy when they were using it as a staging area for construction of their Liquefied Natural Gas facility which is now operational. After no longer needing that 100 acres off Routes 2/4, they donated it to the county for a park. They have also agreed to pony up "\$4 million towards the development of recreational resources," according to Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal.

The BOCC will be requesting approximately an additional **\$45 million in bonding authority** when they meet with the county's legislative delegation. That decision by the BOCC at their Dec. 3 meeting came after **three projects were removed from the bonding authority** request that originally was \$52.4 million.

Director of Finance & Budget Tim Hayden reported to the commissioners: "The preliminary results of the fiscal year ending 06/30/2019 indicate a **surplus of almost \$4 million.**" After much discussion the BOCC, on a 4-1 vote, agreed to remove the proposed \$3.1 million new clubhouse at Chesapeake Hills Golf and Country Club from bonding and use those budget savings to pay for it instead.

Calvert County's legislators thought they were attending the yearly meeting with the county commissioners to receive the **county legislative wish list**. Instead, at the Dec. 10 meeting at the College of Southern Maryland, they were blindsided by a second agenda item -- a briefing on the Prince Frederick Town Center and the county's comprehensive plan and zoning update processes. After the 20-minute presentation from Di-

rector of Planning and Zoning Mark Willis, Sen. Jack Bailey (R: Calvert, St. Mary's) wanted to know if it was being made because there was some public "push-back" on the process. He told Willis he was "very defensive in your argument."

Willis said he didn't believe that was the case. He noted, "I will say I'm passionate about it. There's nothing that I said here that's not actually in the law. So, it's not my agenda."

On a 3-2 vote, the BOCC had a **new president for 2020**. The board elected Vice President **Kelly McConkey** to replace Tim Hutchins to lead the board into the new year. McConkey took over running the Dec. 17 meeting, the last of the year, after the vote.

He was a legend within the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department (PFVFD) and indeed throughout the band of brothers and sisters who make up the ranks of the county's first responders. **Vernon Horsmon**, 93, the department's chief for 29 years, its chief emeritus and lifetime member for 76 years **passed away Dec. 12**.

A visitation and reception was held Dec. 20 at Huntingtown VFD. Horsmon was laid to rest at All Saints Episcopal Church cemetery in Sunderland.

For the fifth straight Board of Education meeting on Dec. 12 concerns were raised during the public comment section about **disruptive students**. This time only five people spoke instead of the more than 50 at the previous meeting, yet they left the board with much to ponder. Calvert Education Association (CEA) President Dona Ostenso posed a question to them: "What exactly is the job of a teacher?" The head of the union that represents the teachers then concluded, "Based upon what we have seen and heard over the past few months, it appears that we really don't know."

When Santa paid his annual visit to the county commissioners at their Dec. 3 meeting, County Administrator **Terry Shannon** sat on his knee and wished everyone a "Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Roaring 20's New Year." Her New Year's wish could have been anticipatory, as she is retiring officially on Jan. 3 after 32 years in Calvert County government.

At one point during The County Times interview Shannon admitted, "I'm not a political person, you know," which may attest to her longevity under six county administrators and several boards of county commissioners since becoming county administrator herself.

Like Shannon, The County Times wishes everyone a Roaring 20's New Year!

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# In Remembrance

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## Joseph "Joey" Francis Angle



Joseph "Joey" Francis Angle, 48 of St. Leonard, MD died Thursday at his home. He is survived by his wife, Rose Angle, his son Jimmy Angle and his sister Barbara Shaw (her husband Mark and daughter Kory), as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents Francis Harrington Angle and Barbara Jean (Masgay) Angle and a sister Karen Angle.

He was born in Leonardtown, MD, and grew up in Ridge, graduating from Great Mills High School in 1989.

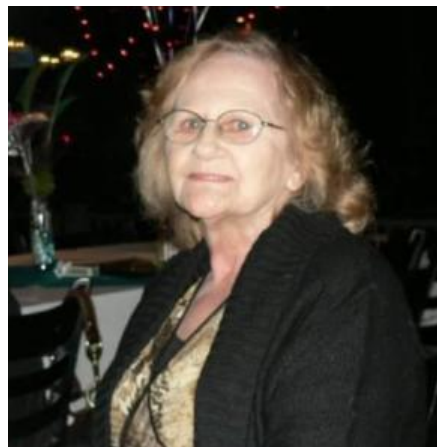
Joey was a proud first responder, starting at the age of 16, volunteering with the Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad, Ridge Volunteer Fire department, Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company, where he served as Chief, and Kentland Volunteer Fire Department. He worked in fire protection at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant until the early nineties when he left to pursue a career in law enforcement. He began his career in Alexandria as a deputy sheriff, transferred to the Calvert County Sheriff's Department and ended his career as a Sgt. With the Prince George's County Police Department. He was very proud of his squad.

Joey loved to listen to music and would often travel around the DMV to hear local bands. He loved his dogs and hanging out at "the spot" with his bro-

ther Sam Tiru.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 11:00 am at St. Michael's Cemetery in Ridge, MD. Flowers may be sent to Rausch Funeral Home 4405 Broomes Island Rd, Port Republic, MD 20676, in lieu of flowers donations may be made to Humane Society of Calvert County, PO Box 3505, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

## Kathryn Emma "Kitty" Henderson



Kathryn Emma "Kitty" Henderson, 84, passed away Thursday, December 26 at Solomons Nursing Center in Solomons, MD. Born on December 4, 1935 in Washington, D.C., Kathryn was the daughter of the late Joseph Hamel and Dorothy Tomlinson. Kathryn married the late Roland J. Henderson on February 16, 1952.

Kathryn loved shopping from her favorite programs such as QVC and HSN, and pampering herself with jewelry, makeup, and animal-print fashion. She also enjoyed listening to country music, gambling at the casino, watching various sports, especially the Washington Redskins, and the occasional glass of wine. She resided in North Beach, MD before moving to Lothian, MD where she spent many years with her companion, the late James Thomas.

Kathryn is survived by her three children, Sandra Moy (Robert) of Alexandria, VA, Sheila Peacock (Billy) of Huntingtown, MD, Steven Henderson (Theresa) of Greenbelt, MD, 5 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Joseph and Dorothy, husband Roland, and companion James, she was preceded in death by her daughter Kathy Henderson, and sister Betty Hilliary.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 5, 2020, 2-4 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Funeral service will be Monday, January 6, 2020 at noon at tge funeral home. Burial will be at akemont Memorial Gardens, 900 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville, MD 21035; (410) 956-3060.

## David E. Pardoe



David E. Pardoe, 58, of Broomes Island, Maryland passed away on December 25, 2019 in his home. He was born on January 27, 1961 in Prince Frederick, Maryland to the late Eugene L and Gladys Green Pardoe. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Geraldine Pardoe and a Great Niece, Arielle Bowen. David was a hard worker, and was the Owner/ Operator of Quality Landscape and Excavating for over 30 years. He had a lot of close friends and family that he enjoyed trips with especially snowmo-

biling in Michigan and camping. He was a thrill seeker. He loved his dogs, Rocky and Rusty, which he called his boys.

David is survived by a Niece, Kimberly Wall and her husband John, a Nephew, Steven Ostenso, Great Nieces and Nephews: Brittany, Branden, and Samantha Johnson and a Great Great nephew Noah Wills. David is also survived by his extended family, The Pitchers. Memorial contributions may be made to either Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter, 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102; Link: <https://alz.org/nca> or the American Heart Association 217 E. Redwood Street, 11th Floor Baltimore, MD 21202; Link: <https://www.heart.org/>

## Jean Clobert Elivert



Jean Clobert Elivert, 80, passed away December 25, 2019.

Visitation will be Friday, January 3, 2020, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 1601 W Mt Harmony Road, Owings, MD 20736; Link: <https://www.ccjgs.org/>. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 12:30 p.n. at the church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.



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**Mary Elsie Pardoe**



Mary Elsie Pardoe, 97, of Lusby, MD passed away on December 27, 2019 at the Calvert Health Medical Center.

Born October 11, 1922 in Baltimore, MD, she was the daughter of the late Clyde Elliott and Gertrude (Werch) Elliott.

Elsie moved to Calvert County from Baltimore, MD in 1939 and married Wyatt J. Pardoe on August 8, 1940 in Prince Frederick, MD.

Elsie is survived by her children, Howard Wayne Pardoe of Lusby, MD and Carolyn P. Ward (Jr.) of Dowell, MD;

grandchild, Jamie Ward; great-grandchild, Jessica Ward; and sister, Eunice Baldwin of Brooklyn Park, MD. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wyatt J. Pardoe; and siblings, Norman Elliott, Doris Elliott, Nancy Willey, Sharlene Ferger and Beverly Dewark.

Family will receive friends on Friday, January 3, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. until 120 p.m. with a Funeral Service conducted by Pastor Ruth Dixon to follow at 120 p.m. at the Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. Interment will follow in Middleham Chapel Episcopal Cemetery, Lusby, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department, 13150 H.G. Truman Road, Solomons, MD 20688.

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

**Richard Edward Elliott  
"Rick" Burbank**

Richard Edward Elliott "Rick" Burbank, 66, of Lusby, MD passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family at his residence, on December 20th 2019 after a year-long battle with ALS.

Rick was born in Charleston, SC on



April 14th 1953 to the late Gladys Pauline (Polly) and Edward (Eddie) Burbank. A lifetime resident of Calvert County, Rick graduated from Calvert High School, went on to an apprenticeship, and became a Journeyman Millwright. He also worked, for a time, at the Maryland Pilots' Association in Solomons, the State of Maryland at Jefferson Patterson Park, and St. Mary's College. In 1972, Rick met the love of his life, Angela (Ann). They were married in 1978, and they built an incredible life together. Their daughter, and the joy

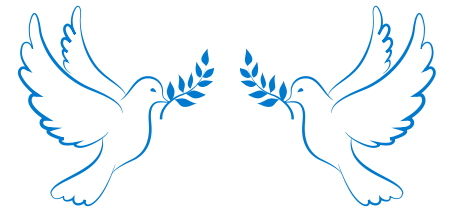
of Rick's life, Leigh, came along in 1990, and they were a pair to be reckoned with ever since.

Rick enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, boating, fishing, camping, shooting skeet and sporting clays, playing with his dog, picking crabs on the front porch, and riding around in his golf cart.

Rick is preceded in death by his parents and his best furry friend, Hershey. He is survived by his wife Angela Burbank of Lusby, his daughter Leigh Burbank of Lusby, and an amazing family of friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Calvert Animal Welfare League, P.O. Box 1660, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

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# Community Calendar

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## Ongoing

### Winter Wonderland

November 6th - January 5th  
CalvART Gallery

Visit the CalvART gallery to experience different types of art including; jewellery, paintings, photography, woodcraft, ceramics, glass, and more! Visit [calvartgallery.com](http://calvartgallery.com) for more information.

## 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.

## Saturday, January 4

### PWR!Moves - Free Demo Class

Harriet Brown Community Center

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

PWR!Moves is a dynamic exercise program created for people living with Parkinson’s disease and helps seniors, and people with neurological disorders and physical disabilities including stroke and MS. Classes are fun and engaging with challenging activities that change with each class and include endurance, flexibility, strength, and balance. To register call Emily Sullivan at 410-535-1600, ext. 8205 or the Maryland Relay for the Hearing and Speech Impaired at (800) 735-2258 or online at [webtrac.co.cal.md.us/wbwc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html](http://webtrac.co.cal.md.us/wbwc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html).

## Thursday, January 9

### 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.

### Maryland in the Age of Sail Lecture Series

Calvert Marine Museum

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join Mark Wilkins, Curator of Maritime History at the Calvert Marine Museum, as he explores “Maryland in the Age of Sail.” This lecture will explore the need for European nations to explore the oceans and seas of the world. Due to shrinking internal commerce, sea traders ventured far and wide to import new goods to their native lands—infusing their economies with exotic goods from faraway places. Lectures are FREE and open to the public.

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# Calvert LIBRARY Events

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## 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.

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, January 7

Flying Needles. 6:00-9:00pm. Knitting, crocheting and portable crafting group open to anyone wanting to join in and share talents, crafting time or learn a new skill. No registration. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Writers by the Bay @ the Library. 7:00-8:30pm. Looking for a writers' group? All writers and would-be writers are welcome to come for critique & camaraderie. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

## Wednesday, January 8

DLLR Veteran Assistance. 9:00-12:30pm. Representative from DLLR Disabled Veteran Outreach Program will be available from 9-11 am to meet with veterans seeking employment. Registration encouraged, but not required. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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

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

MD Workforce Exchange Boomers and Beyond Workshop. 1:00-3:00pm. If you have ever thought of changing your career direction and getting the kind of job you have always dreamed of, join us for the Baby Boomer & Beyond workshop. This workshop is targeted to the experienced, seasoned jobseeker who is tired of the same grind and wants to step into a new role. We will cover going after the dream, making your skillset fit into a new career path and most importantly working around those subtle and not-so-subtle age and over-experience barriers. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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

# Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

## Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)

MEAP assists eligible individuals and families with a one-time-per-year grant to help pay heating and electric bills. Grants are usually applied to accounts beginning in December. You must be income-eligible to apply. Appointment are being scheduled at each of the senior centers. If eligible, please be prepared to provide the following for every person in the home: proof of all monthly income, a social security card, and a photo identification card. You will also need a current heating bill, electric bill, and lease (if renting). For more information, call: Calvert Pines Senior Center: 410-535-4606; North Beach Senior Center: 410-257-2549; Southern Pines Senior Center: 410-586-2748.

## 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

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

The Center for Vein Restoration will hold a presentation on Friday, January, 10, 11 a.m. Learn about vein health.

## North Beach Senior Center

Get all the facts and questions answered about the census with our 2020 Census Presentation, Wednesday, January 8, 11 a.m.

Join us for our Morning Movie: The Peanut Butter Falcon, Thursday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m.

## Southern Pines Senior Center

Make beautiful pottery works of art with Pour-a-Pot, Wednesday, January 8, 10:00 a.m. Register in the front office.

Warm up and expand your knowledge of our centers activities and programs with Latte and Learn, Friday, January 3, 10:30 a.m.

# Eating Together Menu

## Monday, Jan. 6

Beef Stew, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Broccoli, Yeast Roll, Pineapple

## Tuesday, Jan. 7

5-Spiced Chicken, Parslied New Potatoes, Zucchini & Tomatoes, Dinner Roll, Apricots

## Wednesday, Jan. 8

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Spinach, Italian Bread, Baked Apple Slices

## Thursday, Jan. 9

Tuna Fish Sandwich w/Lettuce & Tomato, Lima Bean Soup, Cole Slaw, Pickled Beets, Citrus Fruit Cup

## Friday, Jan. 10

Sweet & Sour Pork, Brown Rice, Carrots, Dinner Roll, Spiced Pears



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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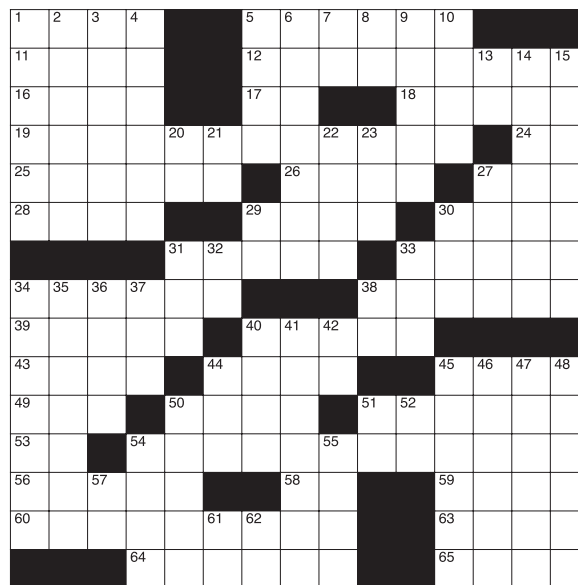
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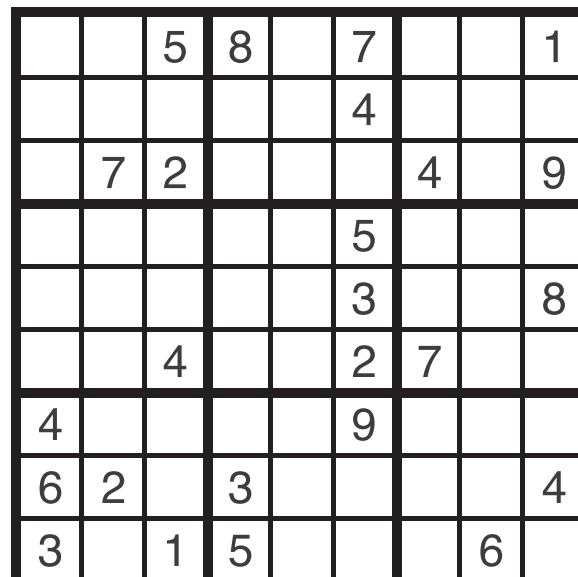
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Restaurant item
- 51. Intense unhappiness
- 53. Unit of loudness
- 54. Increase in velocity
- 56. Mesoamerican religion
- 58. Early multimedia
- 59. Forearm bone
- 60. An unprincipled person
- 63. Swarming with
- 64. Shellfish
- 65. Root of taro plant

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. More silly
- 2. Adult beverage
- 3. Iron used for lofting
- 4. Noses
- 5. Smile
- 6. One who examines closely
- 7. Lethal dose
- 8. Denotes past
- 9. "This Is Us" actor Fitch
- 10. Dabbling ducks
- 13. Polish beer
- 14. A type of cat
- 15. Shows respect for
- 20. Of I
- 21. Commercial
- 22. Chai and chamomile are two
- 23. Lodging option
- 27. Geological times
- 29. Unit of electrical inductance (abbr.)
- 30. Where G-men work
- 31. Hot beverage
- 32. One of the six noble gases
- 33. Southern constellation
- 34. South American nation
- 35. Suitable for use as food
- 36. The back
- 37. I (German)
- 38. Blood group
- 40. Fit to stand trial
- 41. Praise excessively
- 42. Female's title
- 44. EU predecessor
- 45. Acutely insightful and wise
- 46. Disguised
- 47. Improved the appearance of
- 48. Generator
- 50. The real \_\_, the genuine article
- 51. Male's title
- 52. Home of the Hawkeyes
- 54. About aviation
- 55. At all times
- 57. Military peace officer
- 61. College degree
- 62. Indicates position

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Database management system
- 5. Soft blue-gray mineral
- 11. Algerian coastal city
- 12. A healthy redness
- 16. El \_\_, border town
- 17. Part of the mind
- 18. Female body part
- 19. Atrocities
- 24. You can call Paul Simon this
- 25. Copyread
- 26. Large integers
- 27. Large, flightless bird
- 28. Bread and whiskey are two
- 29. Indicate pain or discomfort
- 30. Worry
- 31. Wild goats
- 33. Belittle
- 34. More supernatural
- 38. Wakes up
- 39. Intestinal pouches
- 40. Popular dance
- 43. American state
- 44. CSI actor
- 45. Having a keen enthusiasm for



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