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Deputy Director Elevated to P&Z Head Cook to Replace Willis at the Helm

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has announced the appointment of Mary Beth Cook as the county government director of Planning & Zoning. Cook's appointment was effective Jan. 6, 2020.

Cook, who was most recently the deputy director/zoning officer in the Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning, has worked for county government for more than 26 years. Cook replaces Mark Willis who was promoted to county administrator effective Jan. 6.

Cook began working for the county government in April 1993 as an engineer and was quickly promoted to a project engineer in the Department of Public Works. In 2008, Cook was appointed the deputy direc-

tor for Planning & Zoning.

During her career with the county government, Cook has been an integral part of county planning projects including master plans and the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Working closely with the Planning Commission, Cook has recommended and managed the adoption of text amendments to the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance. As Zoning Officer, she has oversight of Zoning Code Enforcement. Additionally Cook oversees the Division of Inspections & Permits.

"Mary Beth's background in engineering combined with her years of service to our community make her a perfect fit as director of Planning & Zoning," said BOCC President Kelly McConkey. "We are

confident that she will excel in this position and we look forward to many more years of her service and leadership."

"I am both grateful and excited to have been selected to represent the county as the next Planning & Zoning director," said Cook. "My years of experience in public service has provided me the privilege of understanding how the work I do impacts the lives of county citizens. My goal moving forward is to fulfill the vision of our community."

Cook holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering technology from the University of Pittsburgh and is a graduate of Leadership Maryland, class of 2019, and is also a graduate of Leadership Southern Maryland, class of 2017.

Cook holds certificates in supervisory development through Calvert County Government, College of Southern Maryland Continuing Education Course, Delegating & Accountability, Rockhurst University Certificate of Continuing Education, and Management & Leadership Skills for First Time Managers.

She is actively involved in the Academy for Excellence in Local Government, the American Planning Association, Calvert Hospice and Maryland Association of Counties.

Cook has raised her three sons in the county and resides with her husband in Port Republic.

Press Release from Calvert County Government



Mary Beth Cook

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY:
Dr. Jason Johnson
(professor, political analyst)

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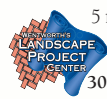
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Two New Judges Officially Sworn In



New Circuit Court Judge Andrew Rappaport speaking as (l to r) Judges Mark Carmean, Sheila Adams and Mark Chandlee look on from the bench.

By Dick Myers
Editor

There were twin investitures in Calvert County on Monday, Jan. 6. Investitures don't happen every day in the county. They are defined as "the formal bestowal, confirmation, or presentation of rank, office, or a possessory or prescriptive right, usually involving the giving of insignia or an official title."

In this particular case it was the formal swearing in of Calvert County's two new circuit court judges, Mark Carmean and Andrew Rappaport. And although the occasion was formal, it was filled with accolades from colleagues and joy from the family and friends of the two new jurists.

Their positions became available for appointment by Gov. Larry Hogan by the retirement of Judge Marjorie Clagett and the ascendency to the Court of Special Appeals by Judge Gregory Wells.

The vacancies left Judge Mark Chandlee with the sole responsibility of a court that handles more than 3,300 yearly cases. Needless to say

he told those assembled in the circuit courtroom and watching on TV in an overflow courtroom that he was glad to have reinforcements.

On hand was the presiding judge for the occasion, Administrative Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit Sheila Adams.



Retired Judge Larry Lamson

Up first for investiture was Carmean. He was introduced by his former law partner, retired Judge Larry Lamson. He told of Carmean's leaving a prestigious D.C. law firm for Calvert County to improve his family's quality of life. Initially he practiced with his mother-in-law before joining Lamson.

After being sworn in by Calvert County Clerk of

the Circuit Court Kathy Smith and being helped to put on his new robe by his wife Erika, new Judge Carmean thanked Lamson for his mentorship.

"He pushed me to be a better lawyer and person," Carmean said of his former partner.

Rappaport was introduced by his brother-in-law James Tanavage, who is set to be sworn in on Friday, Jan. 10 as a new district court judge in St. Mary's County. He quipped that Rappaport will always be able to hold over him that he is the senior judge.

Tanavage said of Rappaport, "He's really good at whatever he does. It really is an annoying trait."

After his swearing in by Smith and robing by his wife Stacey, Rappaport, who just a year ago was victorious in a contested state's attorney's race, thanked those who had supported him.

He said he learned from all the current and former judges who attended the investiture when to speak and when to listen. He said what he hoped the legacy he would earn was "the respect of the people."

The two new judges had been informally sworn in last month so they could begin their training, but the Jan. 6 investiture formalized it.

Because they were appointed they will have to stand for election to a 15-year term in the next gubernatorial election in 2022.



Mark Carmean being sworn in by Clerk of the Court Kathy Smith.

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Commissioners Review Capital Budget

Northern Middle School, Armory Debated



Calvert County Board of County Commissioners

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) got their first look Jan. 7 at a pared down six-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that included more than \$55 million in reductions from department wish lists. The total CIP now stands at \$307 million. There are 88 projects in the FY '21 schedule alone.

The commissioners spent almost two hours going over the plan and were unable to finish it. They deferred a discussion on the Parks and Recreation portion of the plan until their Jan. 14 meeting.

The most discussion at the meeting was over the plan to begin either a renovation of or a new Northern Middle School in Fiscal Year 2023, overlapping the conclusion of construction of the new Beach Elementary School. Director of Finance and Budget Tim Hayden noted the propensity of the schools to have those overlapping projects rather than giving a funding breather.

Director of School Construction Shuchita Warner said of Northern Middle School, "This is a pretty dire situation at this point," noting the school was built in the 1970's with little work done since then.

Warner said the school system could consider delaying the project, but she noted that there were some health issues. She said the block building was subject to leakage that could result in mold and other issues. "These problems aren't going to fix themselves," she insisted.

Regarding the options of renovation versus a new building, Warner said a feasibility study would determine that, but she added, "We would likely replace the building."

Warner said the next school that possibly could be up to the plate was Mt. Har-

mony Elementary School. "It seems like it never stops," responded Commissioner Mike Hart.

It was agreed that a special work session was needed to further discuss the school system's portion of the CIP, which also includes 16 HVAC projects over the next six years. Commissioner Tim Hutchins suggested that the school board come along with Warner for that work session.

The other controversy which prompted a decision for a separate work session was on what to do with the existing armory, part of which is now temporary quarters for the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Company while their new firehouse is being constructed. The BOCC was told that project should be completed by the end of the year.

Hutchins is proposing the use of the old building as a service center for veterans and their families. But Commissioner Buddy Hance said he for one has heard no citizen outcry for the building to be renovated.

For now, there is \$750,000 in the CIP for work such as asbestos remediation. Hayden said the intent of that funding would be to stabilize the building for some future needs.

The building will not be used for a new county administrative building, Hutchins insisted. More than \$17.8 million is in the six-year plan in Fiscal Year 2024 for the new building but its location still has not been determined.

The plan also includes the addition of more than \$5 million for repairs to the Solomons boardwalk and causeway. That is planned to begin in Fiscal Year 2025. The county is seeking federal grants to help defray the cost.

Commissioner Hance noted at the beginning of the discussion that only the decisions in the next fiscal year were cast

in stone because anything in future years can always be removed.

But Hart noted once monies are allocated to a project, that does make it difficult to remove.

The CIP will be included in the staff recommended budget that will go to the first public hearing on the budget.

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Hogan Applauds Boost in Bay Funding

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“We successfully fought last year to restore federal funding for the Chesapeake Bay, and we are proud to have worked with our regional partners to protect critical bay funding once again this year,” said Governor Hogan. “Maryland is fortunate to be home to countless natural assets, but for us, none is more important than the Chesapeake Bay, which is truly a national treasure. Our administration has committed an historic \$5 billion toward wide-ranging bay initiatives, and

as a result of our collective efforts, the bay is the cleanest it has been in recorded history.”

Earlier this year, after the federal administration proposed cuts to Chesapeake Bay restoration, Governor Hogan called it a “total betrayal.” As chairman of the Chesapeake Executive Council, Governor Hogan led a bipartisan coalition of Chesapeake Bay watershed leaders—including Governor John Carney of Delaware, Governor Tom Wolf of Pennsylvania, Governor Ralph Northam of Virginia, Governor Jim Justice of West Virginia, and Mayor Muriel Bowser of Washington, DC—urging Congress to approve \$85 million in the final funding measure that goes to the president’s desk.

Governor Hogan also wrote directly to congressional leaders, pushing them to boost federal funding for the Chesapeake Bay Program: “I ask that Congress heed our call to action and preserve and increase the federal commitment to restoring this national treasure.”



“This timely boost in funding will help all of the states and the EPA prevent more pollution and monitor the pace of our progress upstream and downstream,” said Maryland Department of the Environment Secretary Ben Grumbles. “The Chesapeake Bay Commission and our Congressional Delegation should be commended for listening and responding to our call to action.”

The Hogan administration has made record investments to conserve, enhance, and protect our natural environment, including fully funding Program Open Space for the first time in more than a decade and fully funding the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund for the first time in state history.

Press Release from Office of Governor Larry Hogan

It's a Girl!



Congratulations to Johnathan and Bailey Bradshaw, of North Beach, on the birth of their daughter, Autumn, on January 1. Born at 8:33 a.m. and weighing 7 lbs. 5.5 oz., Autumn was the first baby born at CalvertHealth Medical Center in 2020.

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During the week of December 23 – 29 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 997 calls for service throughout the community.

Theft: 19-74391

On December 25, 2019 Deputy R. Shrawder responded to Dowell Road in Solomons for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 7:30pm and 9:30pm on December 24th, an unknown suspect(s) stole their purse from the back of their chair. The value of stolen property is \$120.

Theft: 19-74518

On December 26, 2019 Deputy Mason was notified of a theft that occurred at Southern Branch Library in Solomons. The complainant advised that on December 21st they entered the library for a short time, leaving their backpack outside. When they returned, an unknown suspect(s) had stolen their medication from inside the backpack.

Theft: 19-74741

On December 27, 2019 Deputy Sturdivant responded to Walmart in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that an unknown male suspect entered the pharmacy area of the store and took a marijuana drug test kit from the shelf, then entered the bathroom with the drug test kit and used it without paying for it. The value of stolen property is \$12.63.

Arrests:

On December 24, 2019 Deputy Wilson was notified by Calvert County Emergency Communications of a vehicle entering Calvert County displaying a stolen Maryland registration. Deputies located the vehicle at the BP Gas Station in Dunkirk and made contact with the driver, **Jon Robert Letcher (55)**, who



was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Theft Less Than \$100.

On December 27, 2019, Deputy Crum responded to Dad's Garage in Owings for the report of a motor vehicle theft. The complainant advised that a female subject entered the rear business lot and attempted to enter a vehicle without authorization. Upon arrival, deputies made contact and detained the female subject, **Taasha Selena Johnson (19)**. Johnson



used bolt cutters to remove a steering wheel lock in an attempt to drive the

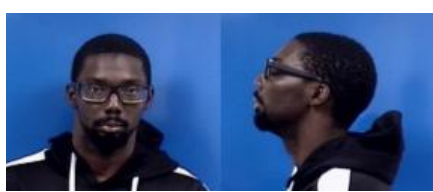
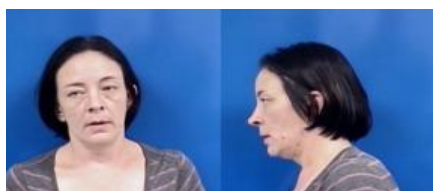
vehicle off the lot. Johnson was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Unlawful Taking of a Motor Vehicle, Theft: \$25,000 to under \$100,000, 4th Degree Burglary, and Malicious Destruction of Property Valued < \$1,000.

On December 28, 2019 Deputy Crum conducted a traffic stop on Southern Maryland Boulevard at Lyons Creek Road in Dunkirk. The occupants were removed from the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in a syringe and a blue bottle cap with suspected Heroin residue. A search of the passenger, **Charles Melvin Gross (65)**, was



conducted which resulted in a syringe containing suspected Heroin, a bottle cap with burn residue, a small plastic bag containing suspected Heroin and two Q-tips with burnt residue on the ends. Gross was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, and CDS Possess/Distribute Administer Equipment.

On December 28, 2019 Deputy Rzepkowski responded to the 7-Eleven on Old Town Road in Huntingtown for a suspicious vehicle and possible CDS activity. Upon arrival the subjects, **Crystal Kay Sweeney (38)** and **Nathan Oliver White (38)**, were standing outside the vehicle



and a search was conducted which resulted in a copper wool pad and a glass vile with suspected PCP inside. A search of White resulted in glass smoking pipe with suspected crack cocaine residue, three white rock-like substances suspected to be crack cocaine and a glass vile containing suspected PCP. White was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. Prior to entering the facility, Correctional Deputy Windsor conducted a second search of White which resulted in a plastic baggie containing suspected crack cocaine. White was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, and Possession

of Contraband in a Place of Confinement. Sweeney was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

During the week of December 30 – January 5 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,277 calls for service throughout the community.

Arrests:

On December 31, 2019, Deputy Freeland responded to HG Trueman Road in Solomons for a warrant service. **Stephon Larry Reed (37)** was taken into



custody by St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office for an active warrant in Calvert County. Deputy Freeland took custody of Reed and conducted a search of his person. Reed advised, when asked, that he was not in possession of any illegal contraband. Reed was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where Correctional Deputies conducted a second search which resulted in a small amount of marijuana from Reed's coat pocket. Reed was served with his warrants and was charged with Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement.

On December 31, 2019, Deputy S. Naughton responded to Lusby Liquors in Lusby for the report of a disorderly subject. Upon arrival, Deputy Naughton observed **Darrius Linard Speight (24)**



arguing with the cashier. The cashier advised they refused to serve Speight and asked him to leave the store, Spei-

ght became irate and refused to leave. Deputy Naughton advised Speight outside the store that he had to leave which Speight ignored. After refusing multiple commands to leave the property from multiple law enforcement officers on scene, Speight entered his vehicle but refused to leave the parking lot. Deputy Naughton advised Speight he was being placed under arrest, at which time Speight resisted by locking the car doors and shutting Deputy Naughton's arm in the window. Speight was removed from the vehicle, placed under arrest, and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespassing on Private Property, Obstructing and Hindering, Resisting/Interfering with Arrest, and 2nd Degree Assault of a Law Enforcement Officer.

On January 2, 2020, Deputy Gott responded to Cordova Drive in Lusby for the report of a suspicious vehicle. Upon arrival, Deputy Gott observed a vehicle parked in front of the house and made contact with the driver, **James Lionel Medley (35)**. Medley advised that he was



at the house waiting to pick up a friend. Calvert County Emergency Communications advised Deputy Gott that Medley had an active warrant through St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office. Medley was detained and a search was conducted which resulted in a metal smoking device containing suspected cocaine residue. A search of the vehicle resulted in an additional pipe containing suspected cocaine residue, as well as a folded up receipt containing a white rock, suspected to be crack cocaine. Medley was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

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Calvert County's 34th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 20. It will be held this year at Bethel Way of the Cross Church, 5445 Cherry Hill Road in Huntingtown starting at 8:30 a.m.

Sponsors of the annual event are the National Congress of Black Women (NCBW) of Calvert County, the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Calvert County Branch.

Event organizers say it is intended to honor the memory of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., remember his message and legacy and inspire everyone to continue Dr. King's trailblazing activism & vision for a just America.

Guest speaker this year will be Bishop Eugene Sutton, Episcopal Bishop of Maryland. A convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland held at St James

Episcopal Church in Baltimore elected Sutton as bishop on the first ballot. He was consecrated at the Washington National Cathedral on June 28, 2008, where he had served as canon pastor. The first African American bishop for the Diocese of Maryland, Sutton was installed in the Cathedral of the Incarnation (Baltimore) on June 29, 2008. He grew up in Washington, DC.

At the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast there will be musical performances by Alan Reed, Choral and Drama Director at Fairmont Heights High School and LaTrice Jordan, a member of Chamber Choir and Music Theater at Calvert High School.

Tickets are \$40 in advance (purchased by January 13th) and \$50.00 at the door. For more information contact Sheila Moore, (240) 210-5245; Gladys Jones, (410) 586-8305; Joyce Freeland, (410) 535-0413 or naacpcalvert@gmail.com.

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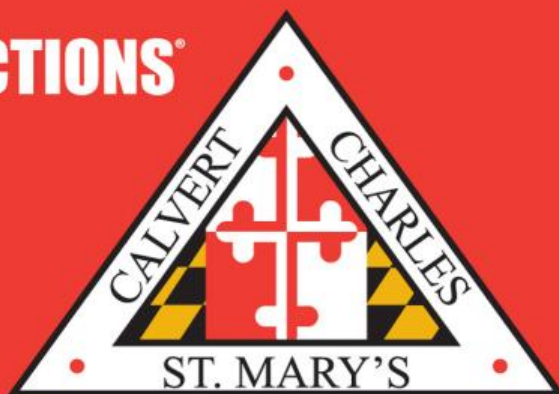
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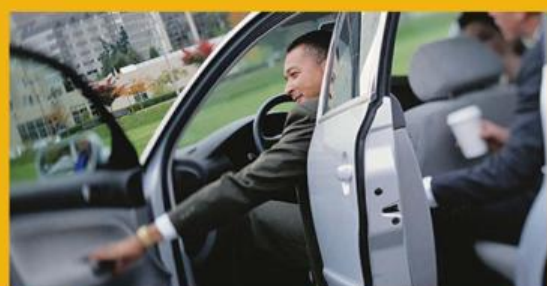


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TIPS TO AVOID PROBATE

When you die, if you are holding property in your sole name, the only way that property can get to your loved ones is through the probate process. The only way to avoid probate is to create a Revocable Living Trust. By placing your assets into the name of your trust, when you die you will not have assets held in sole name and therefore, no probate.

Many people want to avoid putting their beneficiaries through the probate process. They don't like the fact that the filings in probate are publicly available or that it takes 8-12 months to close a probate. Or, that legal fees in a probate proceeding can be expensive. Additionally, they don't want their loved ones to have to sort through their assets in order to make the probate filings. They seek to make it simple. But, they don't want to spend the money to create a Revocable Living Trust.

What can be done? It is possible to minimize the number of assets that have to go through the probate process.

Since probate applies only to property held in your sole name when you die, you can transfer title of the property to someone else during your lifetime. Or, if you want to continue to maintain some control your property, you can transfer title to yourself and someone else. If you re-title the asset with someone else so that each of you are holding the asset jointly with "right of survivorship", then when one of you dies, the other will inherit ownership of all the asset and there will be no probate.

Keep in mind that if your property is the subject of a mortgage, the mortgage company may restrict your rights to transfer your ownership.

Most commonly, a husband and wife will hold an asset like their primary residence in joint name with right of survivorship (also termed "tenants by the entirety"). This means that when one spouse dies, the other takes ownership of the entire property and there is no probate of the asset since it was held in joint name. Of course, when the survivor dies, there is probate of the asset.

Suppose you own a house and your spouse is deceased, meaning you own 100% of the property in your sole name. You have one child and want to add that child to your title to the property. Can you add another person, like a child, to your title to the property? Yes, that can be done with a deed. But, there are consequences you must think about before you re-title any property.

The first issue is a tax issue. When you buy a house, your cost is your tax "basis" in the house. Suppose you buy a house with

your husband forty years ago for a price of \$20,000 and the house is paid off. Today that house is worth \$200,000. If your husband is deceased and you own the house and add a child to your title, that child receives the property at your tax basis or \$20,000. When you die, if the child wants to sell the property, the child is going to have to pay capital gains tax on \$180,000, being the difference between your tax basis of \$20,000 and the market value of the property, \$200,000.

That tax can be avoided by passing the property to your child through your Will or Trust. A Will or Trust provides a "step up" in basis so the child or beneficiary takes the property at the market value. If the child then decides to sell the property, there is no tax since the child inherits the property at a value of \$200,000 and sells it for the same amount.

The other issue to be faced with putting a child on your title is whether the child has or will have creditors. Once you place property in the name of the child, their creditors become your creditors.

Another option to avoid probate is to use what is called "payable on death" forms at your bank. Every bank will have a "payable on death" form you can fill out indicating who will take the money in your accounts when you die. By filling out this form and designating a beneficiary to take your accounts, the accounts are not held in sole name and there is no probate on those accounts when you die. For investment accounts, you can designate beneficiaries to take the accounts when you die and avoid probate. These forms are called the "Transfer on Death" forms.

The best approach to probate is to focus on organizing your assets now so that your loved ones will not have to search through years of paperwork to try to find out what you own, where your accounts are, what insurance policies you have, etc. Believe me, your loved ones will love you even more if you leave them with very little to do in a probate proceeding.

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Lyn Streigel

Leadership Southern Maryland Selects Class of 2020

The Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of 24 Southern Maryland professionals for its inaugural Emerging Leaders Program (LEAP) - the Class of 2020.

From Calvert County

- Maile Bowen, integrated logistics support manager, Manned Transportable Robotics Systems for Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head EOD Technology Division
- Bailey Casselman, general manager for Cherry Cove/Home2Suites by Hilton, Lexington Park
- Ashley Greely, business retention analyst for Calvert County Department of Economic Development
- Juree Greer, cybersecurity analyst for Technology Security Associates, Inc.
- Ronald Marney, rural planner III for Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning
- Julie Mashino, family network coordinator for Calvert County Local Management Board
- Letita Pinkney, lead career counselor for Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland
- Randall Utz, realtor for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices McNelis Group Properties/VR Group LLC

From Charles County

- Nicole Brien, wealth management associate for the Rosenfield Group at Morgan Stanley
- Marc Collazo, lead internal affairs officer for Blueline Security Services

From St. Mary's County

- Rebecca Clements, operations research analyst for NAVAIR Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Office
- Andrew D. Fisher, operations research analyst for NAWCAD Strategic Acquisition Team
- Lawrence Forte, junior analyst for WBB, Inc.
- Hillary Tess Goldwasser, assistant branch manager, youth services for St. Mary's County Library
- John Sterling Houser, associate attorney for The Law Offices of Baldwin, Briscoe & Steinmetz, P.C.
- Basia Kenney, team lead, Architecture Management Integration Environment and the Common Development Environment for NAWCAD
- Derek Kitchen, systems engineer for DCS Corporation
- Phillip Melton, electrical engineer for Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head EOD Technology Division
- Danielle Moulds, engineering psychologist for NAVAIR Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Office



- Ashley Raley, performance & quality specialist for Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland
- Brady Spatola, engineer for MIL Corp.
- Lauren Y. Zimmerman, winemaker for Port of Leonardtown Winery

From Baltimore County; however, works in Calvert County

- Joseph Denton, grounds supervisor for Calvert County Buildings & Grounds

From Prince George's County; however, works in St. Mary's County

- Destiny Allen, economic development specialist for St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development

Leadership Southern Maryland's Emerging Leaders Program (LEAP) provides educational programming opportunities to new or emerging leaders in our region. Through a series of six "experiences", young leaders will facilitate, foster, and refine their individual leadership understanding and abilities via structured course curriculum and a focus on self-discovery, teamwork, and networking. These sessions will conclude with a capstone project and graduation in June. Experts from across the region and state representing business, government, education, and the nonprofit community will serve as panelists and guest speakers. "It's very exciting to see this program launch and the idea of helping new leaders grow their skills is very rewarding," said Tom Jones, LEAP chair and 2019 LSM graduate. "It's important that we invest our time into expanding our communities' leaders and I'm confident LEAP will be a great asset."

Founded in 2008, LSM has successfully graduated over 350 regional leaders from its Executive Program. LSM is an independent, educational leadership development organization designed to broaden the knowledge base of public and private sector executives and emerging leaders. Leadership Southern Maryland is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Press Release from LSM

Senator Miller Prepares for a New Role

Legislators Talk Kirwan and Business

By Dick Myers
Editor

Maryland Senator Thomas V. “Mike” Miller has often in the past noted he had dual responsibilities: to Calvert (and Charles and Prince George’s) as their elected state senator and to the entire state of Maryland as its long-time Senate President. As he returned to Annapolis Jan. 8 for the 441st session of the Maryland General Assembly, the burden of the latter will be removed from his shoulders.

The country’s longest serving senate president at 32 years, Miller announced late last year that he was stepping down. He has been battling prostate cancer for the past year. He talked about it at the annual Calvert County Chamber of Commerce Pre-Legislative Breakfast Jan. 6 at the Holiday Inn in Solomons. He said he has also recently been battling shingles and that has been at times worse than the cancer battle.

“Cancer causes fatigue and these days I can’t travel the state like I used to. But I’m going to continue to finish up my term as a senator representing Calvert, Charles and Prince George’s,” he said. And to help his district and the county in which he lives (Calvert) he put himself in a more favorable position before leaving the presidency appointing himself to the influential Senate Budget and Taxation Committee. That will allow him to bring home funding for organizations like the local volunteer fire and rescue departments and Calvert Marine Museum, he said.

Miller said his priorities in his new role were “cooperation, cooperation, and cooperation. I’m very close to the governor. I’ve known him since he’s a young man. I think we’ll go to the Ohio State game (with the University of Maryland basketball team) together. My job is to kind of work with the legislature and the executive branch to make things happen.”

Miller appeared at the breakfast with Senator Jack Bailey (R: 29th District) and Delegates Mark Fisher (R: 27C) and Jerry Clark (R: 29C). Delegate Michael Jackson (D: 27B) was ill and unable to attend.

The three Republicans talked about the tension between urban and suburban areas (most notably Baltimore city) and the rural areas like Southern Maryland for funding, including paying for the education reform initiatives of the Kirwan Commission. There appeared to be unanimous support for the commission’s goals but concern over the funding.

Before the breakfast, St. Mary’s County Delegate Matt Morgan (R: 29A) posted charts for the audience to review that showed for every \$100 that taxpayers from Baltimore city provide, the city gets back 82 cents while Calvert only gets back 35 cents.

Delegate Fisher said about the disparity in his closing statement: “There’s this huge sucking sound of money coming from the rest of the state and going into Baltimore. And we have the right to ask for the accountability. We have generation after generation that has been lost and in many cases incarcerated, because they don’t have opportunity. I’ve been thinking about this for a while as a native Baltimorean, and I really think that under the emergency powers of the governor, given what just happened with the record year of murders and this awful school system and a literally failing infrastructure, Baltimore can’t even account for their water bills, that it’s time for the governor to use his emergency powers and take over the city.”

He added, “It’s really the only way out, I believe.”

Bailey said his focus will be on the slogan “Southern Maryland Matters.” He admitted Baltimore can’t be



(l to r) Senators Mike Miller and Jack Bailey and Delegates Jerry Clark and Mark Fisher.

forgotten. “We have to focus on the opioid crisis that is plaguing us right now. And, that’s local and we need to work with that. But I look forward to working with all my colleagues in the Southern Maryland delegation and that we bring it home to Southern Maryland Matters,” he said.

Clark noted that Miller has been doing just that for years. “Mr. Miller always brings home what he said he’s going to bring home to Southern Maryland area. We’re spoiled in Southern Maryland. We went from Louis Goldstein to Mike Miller. What a combination!”

Regarding Kirwan, Fisher said the school he went to in Baltimore was failing then and still is. “One size doesn’t fit all. What works in Calvert County doesn’t work in Baltimore. They have completely different issues. And I know that because I used to take the bus, go downtown with my brothers, I was 11 years old, no parents, everything was fine. Would you do that now? Of course, you would have different issues. So, we need to have a debate and unfortunately we’re going to be drowned out in the House and I suspect in the Senate because the new Senate president is bought and paid for by the teacher’s union.”

Clark said, “Every child deserves a quality education. Just like anything else that goes on in this world, the sticky part is, to simplify this down a little bit. It’s kind of like the discussions I have at home. Sometimes at the dinner table, my wife tells me what we need or where we’re going. And I say, but how are we going to pay for it? She says, ‘You are.’ I mean, it’s kind of the same thing.”

Clark added: “The money’s going to come from the citizens of this state in some way, shape, or form, whether it’s an income tax, a property tax, taxes on things, sports betting, legal marijuana sales.”

Clark credited Dominion Energy for providing the funding that allows the county to continue to fund education at high levels.

Bailey noted his wife was president of the St. Mary’s school board and they have two children in their school system. “We want to make sure that we are not going to throw good money after bad the way that has been happening in Baltimore city. That is exactly what we have been doing. And we need to learn from the past and we need to have some accountability.”

Miller gave his take on Kirwan: “We have a challenge with schools. People moved here for the school system. But, right now a lot of people are complaining, the parents are complaining, the teachers are complaining, and we need to continue to address those issues.”

Miller debunked the notion that Kirwan funding would lead to higher taxes. “I promise you it’s not going to happen.” He noted one of his legacies was bringing gambling to Maryland and the promise that its revenue would go to education, while initially sidetracked, it’s now back on course. “We passed a lockbox in the last election guaranteeing what we told the public, that the money was going to be for education,” he said.

Miller conceded there would be some cost, which would have to be borne by the local school systems, but the bulk of the cost would go to the larger counties and Baltimore city. “The big boys are going to have to pay their fair share.”

And the result, Miller said: “We’re going to have pre-K for everybody in Calvert County. What it means is you are going to increase teacher salaries. It means we’re going to have lower classroom size, or what it means, you’re going to have more resources for education.”

Fisher responded about the well reported problems in the classroom by teachers afraid for their safety. He said, “Annapolis micromanages everything that local school boards and superintendents and teachers can and can’t do. So, a few years ago there was a bill that passed that the systems in Maryland had to keep kids in the classroom who were, in some cases, young children who were outright violent and they couldn’t be taught. And I voted against that bill. Obviously, it doesn’t make any sense because there are some children that can’t be educated in the standard classroom. So, the problems that we’re experiencing in Calvert County that we just mentioned were because of Annapolis.”

He said the bill had the full support of the state teacher’s union, but the teachers themselves didn’t support it.

There were several questions of the legislators about the prospects for business in the session. Miller said with the more progressive leaning legislature it will be hard to pass a business agenda, “but we need to do so because Amazon didn’t even look at us. They moved to Northern Virginia and they brought the jobs there.”

“We’ve got to continue to work to make the state more business friendly. And I think we can do that,” Miller said.

Fisher responded, “Senator Miller couldn’t have said it better. The Senate has shifted left, the House has shifted left and by left, I mean California left. So, you’re going to see a lot of anti-business bills, no doubt. It’s our goal in Economic Matters (his committee) to do our best to try to kill those bills.”

A View From The **BLEACHERS**

A President, a Hooky and a Plastic Bag

By Ronald N. Guy Jr
Contributing Writer.

What in the world? On Jan. 2, re-cluse Dan Snyder either crawled out of his dark, subterranean hole and into the light of day or begrudgingly descended from his insulated ivory tower into the realm of peons – choose your perspective – to announce the hiring of Ron Rivera as Washington's new head football coach. The socially accomplished and endlessly lovable Snyder started the press conference by offering everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving".

Happy what?

Theories on the bizarre reference? Snyder loves Thanksgiving – turkey, stuffing, yams, cranberries, etc. – and fixates on it frequently. This is understandable. Another angle: He meant "Happy New Year" and the Thanksgiving mention was an honest error by a guy whose modest public speaking skills have further atrophied after years of strategic seclusion. That's probably the real answer. But my preferred theory? Snyder mixed up the NFL's annual "Black Monday" – the day after the regular season ends when numerous coaches and front office executives are fired – with "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday," milestones synonymous with Thanksgiving.

Whatever the reason for the infamous Snyder-ism and awkward start to the Rivera era, the turn of the calendar always brings massive change in the NFL. Washington is just one of this year's NFL towns where unsuccessful regimes are getting whacked and change is creating uncertainty, excitement and hope. Officially, NFL stands for National Football League; unofficially, the acronym is sarcastically referred to as "Not For Long," a well-earned adaptation that perpetually looms over executives, coaches and players.

But the NFL, with its non-guaranteed contracts and structure supportive of quick turnarounds, is just the best example of sports' transience. Truth is, all professional sports teams ruthlessly cycle through players and coaches like mad chemists in some frenetic search for the magic (winning) formula. Down a level or two, eligibility limitations create recurring instability for college and high school teams. Similarly, age constraints make any experience in youth sports short-lived. It all comes and goes so quickly.

While that evidence concerning the rapid cycling of the sports world and athletic endeavors is factual, it is also metaphorical; I trust the faithful, veteran readers of bleacher views didn't miss broader reference to the pace and fluidity of, well, everything. And with that, we have reached the The Great Crescendo - the part when President Barack Obama, Ferris Bueller and a plastic bag meet in a sports article...

A convergence so odd it must be an introduction to a joke? Maybe, but for now it will stitch this meandering story together. First up, Bueller: Our favorite hooky, warned long ago that "Life moves pretty fast...if you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

President Obama, broached despair with this: "The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you."

Lastly, the plastic bag is from the movie "American Beauty." In a poignant scene, characters Ricky and Jane watch a video of an ordinary plastic shopping bag swirling in the wind. It remained airborne, whipping right and left, and up and down, depending on nature's whim. The bag appeared to dance to some magical, unpredictable and silent, but completely enrapturing beat.

Which is to say what about the speed of life? Well, a few things. That we all can and should occasionally press pause to absorb the fabulous madness (Bueller). That when the relentless pace threatens or derails progress, we must find the internal energy to move forward, to persevere, even if the direction is unsure and the destination unknown (Obama). And finally, that we are all tossing in the wind – operating with an uncomfortable (and unacknowledged?) lack of control – but that there are benevolent forces in the world to guide and that sometimes life's most beautiful aspects are found in its perpetual motion and unpredictability (plastic bag).

I'll now look forward to President Obama's feedback that a Commander in Chief has never been so honored by an association with a disobedient high schooler and a plastic bag. What? He's an avid reader. There's a chance he reads "The County Times."

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Hunters Harvest 27,000 Deer During Firearms Season

Weather a Factor in Final Numbers



Photo by John Gambriel

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced that hunters reported taking 27,088 deer during the state's most popular hunt, the two-week firearms season. The total harvest was 14% lower than last year's official count of 31,631. Bad weather on key weekends contributed to the decline in many parts of the state.

More than 2,000 deer were taken on the two Sundays during the season, representing 8% the total harvest. Sunday hunting is currently permitted on select Sundays in 20 of 23 counties.

"Rain, ice, and fog once again hampered parts of the firearms season this year," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. "Fortunately, deer hunters in Maryland have additional opportunities to fill their freezer with venison during the remaining hunting dates in December and January."

The harvest numbers were down in Calvert and St. Mary's but up in Charles. Calvert showed a 15 percent decline to 448. St. Mary's showed a 1.1 percent decline to 650. Charles showed a 10 percent increase to 948.

Hunters reported taking 10,249 antlered deer during the two-week season, down from last year's official total of 13,283. The antlerless harvest decreased from 18,348 last year to 16,839 this year. Sika deer represented 387 of the total antlered harvest and 507 of the total antlerless harvest.

Hunters in Region A – Allegany, Garrett, and western Washington counties – reported taking 2,186 antlered

and 1,102 antlerless deer. In the remainder of the state, hunters reported taking 8,063 antlered and 15,737 antlerless deer.

During firearms season, Maryland requires deer hunters and their companions to wear daylight fluorescent orange or daylight fluorescent pink in one of the following manners: a cap of solid fluorescent daylight orange or pink, a vest or jacket containing back and front panels of at least 250 square inches of fluorescent daylight orange or pink, or an outer garment of camouflage daylight fluorescent orange or pink worn above the waist and containing at least 50 percent daylight fluorescent color.

Hunters should carefully inspect all tree-stands and always wear a full-body safety harness while climbing in or out and while in the stand. The department strongly recommends using a sliding knot, commonly known as a prusik knot, attached to a line that is secured above the stand that allows the hunter to be safely tethered to the tree as soon as they leave the ground.

Maryland hunters are encouraged to donate any extra deer they may harvest to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. Hunters are reminded that they may claim a tax credit of up to \$50 for each legally harvested deer that is processed and donated to a nonprofit food sharing program. The maximum credit in any one tax year is \$200 per hunter. The approved form to claim this credit is available online.

Press Release from MD DNR

CSM Students Spread STEM Fun to Girl Scouts



CSM students Seth Johnson and Ben Mead hand the robotic controls over to curious Girl Scouts attending the Girl Scout Expo.

College of Southern Maryland (CSM) students traveled to Dulles Expo Center Nov. 16 to help Girl Scouts troops from the Nation's Capital Council learn about CSM's cyber and robotics teams. The Scouts who stopped by CSM's booth got hands-on practice and personal advice from members of CSM Talons, the college's competitive robotics team, and members of the CyberHawks, the college's competitive cybersecurity team. In addition, many Girl Scouts earned their cyber and robotics badges.

The Girl Scout Expo allowed for Scouts from all over the region to explore Girl Scout activities, with a focus on STEM, the outdoors, life skills and entrepreneurship.

The CSM Talons and Robotics Clubs promote the study of STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) including robot design and programming, competing at several VEX competitions, and volunteering at the competitions that CSM hosts for elementary, middle and high school teams. CSM is also a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense. This program has been designated as a Center of

Academic Excellence for two-year schools (CAE-2Y) by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

For information about CSM's cybersecurity program, visit <http://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/cyber-center>.

For information on the CSM Talons and Robotic Team, visit http://stem.csmd.edu/events_csmrobotics-VEX.html.

Press Release from CSM

CSM Offers Classes for Homeschooled Students

Registration Now Open for Spring Semester Beginning January 24

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) is now providing special opportunities for homeschoolers during the school year.

Known for its outstanding Kids' and Teen College educational courses during the summer months, CSM is offering multiple fall and spring semester courses that are designed for kindergarten through 12th grade homeschooled students. The first classes were offered this fall semester, and registration is currently available for the spring semester, which starts Jan. 24.

"The Kids' and Teen College's Homeschooling program saw a need in the community to provide homeschool students with opportunities to explore the fine arts, language arts and STEM courses in unique, fun and engaging ways on a college campus," said CSM Kids' and Teen College Youth

Program Manager Tony Warrick, who supervises the new program.

Seventeen courses are being offered for the spring semester, including introductory courses for Early Learners (ages 5-6) on painting, music, science and technology. Classes for Elementary (ages 7-10) and Middle School (ages 11-14) include painting, physics, coding and robotics and Spanish. Courses for High School (ages 14-17) include physics, Spanish, coding and robotics.

A Family Yoga for Homeschoolers class for ages 6-9 is also being offered as well as Basic Swimming for ages 6-14. All courses are held at the CSM's La Plata Campus.

For a list of available classes, visit www.csmd.edu/kidscollege.

"CSM is extremely excited about the new homeschooling program that has been developed," Warrick said. "It is giving

young people exposure to their own local community college and everything that it has to offer. Our goal is to fill in the gap for the homeschool families and instill a life-long love of learning."

Dr. Rachel Cezar-Martinez, who is an adjunct faculty member of CSM and a veterinarian, is one of the instructors who taught in the first semester of the homeschooling program. She taught two animal anatomy classes for the homeschoolers, one for 6- to 9-year-olds and the other for 10- to 14-year-olds.

"It has been a joy to teach the homeschool students about basic anatomy in humans and in animals," Cezar-Martinez said of her classes. "The students are very energetic and motivated."

Her classes met in the same lab where Cezar-Martinez teaches her veterinary assistant courses for the college.



CSM student and Talon team member Julia Czecha teaches robotics at the 2019 Girls Scout Expo.



CSM Adjunct Faculty Professor Dr. Rachel Cezar-Martinez, right, teaches animal anatomy to two students in the initial semester of CSM's homeschooling program.

Her younger students in the new program had the chance to use an incubator to hatch chicken eggs among other activities.

"I am happy to see CSM expanding these types of opportunities to the community and even

more excited I was able to be a part of this new beginning," Cezar-Martinez said.

Parents can register for the spring semester classes online by visiting www.csmd.edu/KidsCollege or by registering

on campus. For more on the CSM Kids' and Teen College programs, email awarrick@csmd.edu or call 301-934-7645.

Press Release from CSM

Carolina Blue to Make First Area Appearance

Album Makes Top 5 Billboard Debut

The 15th year of the Bluegrass concerts at the American Legion Post 238 in Hughesville will kick off 2020 with Carolina Blue on Sunday January 19th. Host and promoter, Jay Armsworthy has put together a series of some of the top names in Bluegrass music. Partnering with the Sons of the American Legion, the Legion Post 238 is located on the corner of MD Rt. 381 & 231 in Hughesville. Doors open at noon and the show starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and children under 12 are admitted free with a paying adult.

A 12-year overnight success was discovered just three years ago when Carolina Blue was playing local restaurants around their hometown of Chapel Hill, N.C. Since that time they have had shows all over the country, playing festivals and venues that they only dreamed about. By the glory of God they have turned their hobby into a career.

Bobby Powell and Tim Jones co-founded Carolina Blue in 2007. Their latest album, "I Hear Bluegrass Calling Me", has created a buzz within the bluegrass industry. The highlight of the band's success thus far came in 2019 when the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) nominated them for three awards: New Artist of the Year, Album of the Year, and Instrumental Recording of the Year.

What makes Carolina Blue's music stand out from many other bands? Seventy-five percent of their show is original tunes. Their mission statement is to present Bluegrass music like Bill Monroe intended it to be without being a Bill Monroe cover band that is by far, their biggest influence. There's a lot of heavy fiddlin' and mandolin work. They do a lot more three-part harmony than Monroe, but they also include some Bluegrass gospel quartet tunes with just mandolin, guitar, and four-part singing. You will find that Carolina Blue likes to engage with the audience immediately...they love to interact with them through questions, ask them to sing along and things like that.

Powell (guitar and vocals) and Jones (mandolin and vocals), along with James McDowell (banjo and vocals), Reese Combs (upright bass and vocals), and Aynsley Porchak (fiddle, recipient of the 2018 IBMA Momentum Instrumentalist Award), are on the same page when it comes to music and lifestyle. They are all con-



Carolina Blue

servative Christians and they reflect that as a band, too.

One thing you will notice immediately is how the band dresses. Porchak's attractive headwear is a throwback to the 40s and 50s. Not to be outdone, the male members of the band have taken to that periodic style of dress with ties and hats to match. With respect to their audience, dressing nicely was an influence from their mentors in North Carolina, Roy Chapman and Joe Byers, who taught them to try to dress better than the folks who are paying money to see you.

And the name; a bluegrass band from the state of North Carolina and they love traditional Bluegrass music, hence Carolina Blue. They're proud to represent their home state.

There will be food and beverages available for a

separate price. To order tickets in advance, send check or money order to Jay Armsworthy, P.O. Box 741, California, MD 20619. Tickets will be held at the door. Although not required, non-perishable food donations are accepted for the Helping Hands Food Pantry. For more information, go to www.americanlegionbluegrass.com or call 301-737-3004.

The next shows in the series will be: February 16, 2020. Returning again with his traditional sound, Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers. On March 22 will be the Bluegrass group of side pickers, Sideline; and April 5 closing out the series is a fairly new group, Seth Mulder & Midnight Run.

Press Release from Jay Armsworthy

Concerns About the Patuxent

To the Editor:

I was honored to have the opportunity to sit down with former Maryland State Senator Bernie Fowler over the holidays and talk about the newly adopted Comprehensive Plan. Many of you know Bernie, as he asked to be called, for his Patuxent River Wade-In, held every year advocating for the health of the river.

Bernie, at 95 years old, has led a life of service for the citizens of Calvert County. After serving in the Navy, he returned to Calvert County and worked his way up to become our Hospital's Assistant Administrator.

He then served as a Calvert County Commissioner for 12 years (1970-1982) before becoming our Maryland State Senator (1983-1994).

Bernie explained that he always felt that he was elected by the citizens to represent them! He put together a task force to get contact information for every Citizens Association, Civic Group and Organization in order to get feedback from citizens on matters pertaining to their way of life and what they wanted for their county. What a joy that would be to once again have Commissioners that listen to the wishes of citizens.

During our conversation Bernie shared that though there has been a

significant improvement in the Patuxent River water quality, Bernie stated we should strive to meet the water quality present in the Bay and its tributaries as seen in the 1940s and 50s to achieve HIS goals. Goals such as this cannot be accomplished without the substantial implementation of limiting growth. He expressed anger and frustration with the Comprehensive Plan and the County's inevitable build out. In speaking about the actions of certain commissioners, he stated that he has not been this disappointed since he found out the truth about Santa Claus. This statement is staggering in that this amazing statesman lived approximately 90 years without being as

let down as he now feels by the three County Commissioners, McConkey, Hart and Hutchins, who voted for the Calvert County 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Calvert Citizens United Inc. would like to thank Senator Bernie Fowler for his ongoing support of the Citizens of Calvert County. We are forever indebted to you Senator Fowler, for years of service to our citizens. May the beacon light of your leadership be found once again in future generations.

*Susan Dzurec
Calvert Citizens United, Inc.*



WHERE TO FIND US?

ON NEWSSTANDS EVERY THURSDAY

SOLOMONS

Stoney's Solomons Pier
Calvert Marine Museum
Anglers Seafood Bar & Grill
Port of Call Liquors
Roy Rogers
Calvert Library Southern Branch
Holiday Inn Solomons
Fastop
CVS
Weis Markets
Pepper's Pet Pantry
Asbury Solomons
CITGO Gas Station
Annmarie Sculpture Gardens
Ruddy Duck Brewery & Grill

LUSBY

Sneade's Ace Home Center
Walgreens Pharmacy
American Legion
Fastop
Starbucks
Weis Markets
Giant Food
Dunkin' Donuts
Southern Pines II
Southern Community Center
Lusby Shell
Smile Food Pantry & Thrift Store
The Frying Pan
Vera's White Sands Beach Club

ST. LEONARD

Chesapeake Auction House
Fastop
Buehler's Liquors
Wemyss Liquors
SPOT Thrift Store

PRINCE FREDERICK

Adam's Taphouse & Grille
Jerry's Place Seafood
Vintage Value
Granados Tire Company
Patuxent Health Center
Safeway
Giant Food
Calvert Library PF Branch
Calvert Pines Senior Center
Wawa
Nick's of Calvert (*OUTSIDE*)
Weis Markets
Calvert Medical Arts Center
Fortune Cookie Chinese Restaurant

HUNTINGTOWN

Bowen's Grocery
Lord Calvert Bowling
Huntingtown Post Office

SUNDERLAND

Sunderland Wine & Sprits
Granados Tire Company

DUNKIRK

Harris Teeter
Calvert Library Fairview Branch
Dunkirk Hardware & Home Center
Giant Food
Dunkirk Post Office
Safeway

OWINGS

Owings Post Office
Sneade's Ace Home Center

DEALE

Christopher's Fine Foods
Deale Library
Deale Hardware & Home Center

NORTH BEACH

Town Senior Apartments
North Beach Post Office

CHESAPEAKE BEACH

Northeast Community Center
Fastop
Roland's of Chesapeake Station
Chesapeake Beach Post Office
Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch
Traders Seafood Steak & Ale
Abners Crabhouse



County Times

In Remembrance

The Calvert County Times runs complimentary obituaries as submitted by funeral homes and readers. We run them in the order we receive them. Any submissions that come to jenicoster@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

William Earl "Peanut" Smith, Jr.



William Earl "Peanut" Smith, Jr. of Upper Marlboro, MD, passed away at the age of 68 on Saturday, January 4, 2019 at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C. Earl was born on July 9, 1951 in Upper Marlboro, MD to William Earl Smith, Sr. and Dorothy Virginia Shumate. He graduated class of 1969 from Crossland High School in Temple Hills, MD, and soon earned his license as an electrician. Earl enjoyed going out to the racetrack, as well as spending time with his friends at the Upper Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department. He possessed a charitable nature throughout his life, and often made donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Earl is survived by his mother Dorothy Virginia Smith of Fredericksburg, VA, and 7 siblings; John Michael Smith of Upper Marlboro, MD, James Robert Smith of Prince Frederick, MD, Sandra Jane Tompkins of Huntsville, AL, Sharon Kay Ellis of Owings, MD, Paul Jeffrey Smith of Spring Hill, FL, Carolyn Marie Smith of Clearwater, FL, and Dorothy Virginia Wikle of Freder-

icksburg, VA. He was preceded in death by his father William Smith, Sr., and his brother Donald Smith.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105; Link: <https://www.stjude.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Charles Merle McClelland



Charles Merle McClelland, 84, of Dunkirk passed away January 2, 2020. He was born November 18, 1935 to Helen McClelland Olewine. Charles was raised in the Altoona, PA area and graduated from Hollidaysburg High School in 1954. He served in the United States Marines from 1954-1957 as a Filed Radio Operator and received the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He married Gloria Jane Kensinger on August 10, 1957, and they made their home in various places in Maryland since 1961. His working career has included various places, starting in his hometown of Altoona, PA at Puritan Sportswear from 1957 to 1961. Charles then worked at Wonder Bakery in Washington, D.C. from 1961 to 1964. He retired from the Washington Metro-

politan Police Department, serving from 1964 to 1984, and then served at the Library of Congress Police Department from 1985 and retired in 2002. He returned to work as a security officer at the Upper Marlboro Court House for Prince George's County Sheriff's Department from 2006 until his retirement in 2014.

Charles is survived by his wife of 62 years, Gloria, sons Craig Alan (Liz) of Lusby, MD, Curt Joseph (Evonne) of Harrisburg, NC, grandsons Logan, Rylan, and Colin of Harrisburg, NC, brothers Granton (Beryle) and James (Judy) both of Pennsylvania.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 9, 2020, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral service will be Friday, January 10, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Southern Memorial Gardens, 10155 Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754

Christopher Drew Trott



Christopher Drew Trott, 61, a lifelong resident of Galesville, MD passed away suddenly December 29, 2019 at his residence. He was born December 16, 1958 in Annapolis, MD to Jean (Siegert) and Calvin C. Trott. He graduated from Southern High School in 1976. He was a self-employed house painting contractor, and owned and operated Colourmasters house painting company. He loved antiques, especially finding, excavating and collecting old bottles, metal detecting, and he also enjoyed cooking.

Chris was preceded in death by his wife Eileen, his father Calvin, and a brother Stuart C. Trott. He is survived by a son Benjamin C. Trott of Chesapeake Beach and his fiancée Jessica Perkins, his mother Jean S. Trott of Galesville, a sister Bonnie Trott Chaney of Harwood, MD, and a step-daughter Airen Damico and husband Nick of Pennsylvania.

Visitation will be Friday, January 10, 2020, 10-11 a.m. at Galesville United Methodist Church, 4825 Church Lane, Galesville, MD 20765; Link: <http://>

galesvilleumc.org/. Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Interment will be private.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Frank Burhanna Brooks, Jr.



Frank Burhanna Brooks, Jr. 99 of Lusby, MD passed away on December 28, 2019, in Prince Frederick, MD. He was born on December 26, 1920, in Philadelphia, PA to the later Elsie Townsend Brooks and Frank. B. Brooks, Sr. He was the loving husband to Mariam F. Brooks who preceded him in death in 2000. He then married and is survived by Margaret M. "Peggy" Brooks of Solomons, MD.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 18, 2020, 1:30-2 p.m. at Asbury-Solomons Auditorium, 11100 Asbury Circle, Solomons, MD 20688. A Celebration of Life will follow at 2 p.m.

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

Frederick Ernest "Fred" Gerken, Jr.

Frederick Ernest "Fred" Gerken, Jr., 94, of Solomons, MD and formerly of Denville, NJ, passed away on December 31, 2019 at Solomons Nursing Center.

Born December 6, 1925 in Forest Hills, Long Island, New York, he was the son of the late Frederick Ernest Gerken, Sr. and Lillian (Fitzsimons) Gerken.

Fred graduated from Mt. Lakes High School in 1943. He married Gertrude (Hogan) Gerken on May 31, 1947 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Denville, NJ and was a loving, devoted husband for seventy two years. Fred served in the U.S. Army in WWII from March 16, 1944 until April 30, 1946. He was a Private 1st Class serving as a Tec 4 and Cannoneer with the 398th Regiment Infantry. During his service he received two Bronze Stars and a Victory Medal. Fred was the Owner/Operator of a Shell

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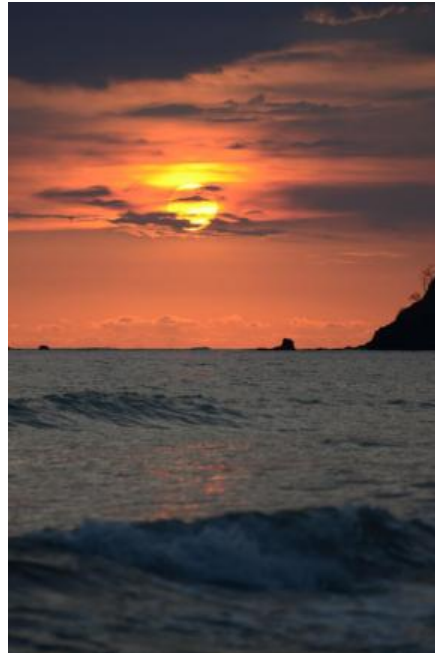
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**Dennis Joseph
"Denny" Finotti**



Service Station in Booton, NJ for over twenty five years. He and Gert moved to Calvert County from Denville, NJ in July 2018 to be closer to family.

Fred is survived by his wife Gertrude M. Gerken; his sister, Charlotte M. Smay of GA; nieces and nephews, Sharon Shirey (Bill) of VA, Robert A. Granzen, Jr. and family of MD, Christine Patton and family of (MD), John Granzen and family of (IA) Barbara Fallin and family of (MD) and Pamela Vahle (Tris) of MD. He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Gerken.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or the Solomons Nursing Center Activities Department, 13325 Dowell Road, P.O. Box 1509, Solomons, MD 20688.

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

Dennis Joseph "Denny" Finotti, 62, of Owings, MD passed away on December 8, 2019 at Calvert Health Medical Center.

Born January 23, 1957 in Washington, DC he was the son of the late William Russell Finotti and Cassie Ruth (Goodwin) Finotti.

Denny attended Suitland High School and moved to Calvert County in 2004. He was a Maintenance Mechanic for Aleut Management, retiring in January 2019. Denny was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 99, and the Calvert County Humane Society. He enjoyed fishing and scuba diving.

Denny is survived by his children, Darius Finotti of Glen Burnie, MD and Samuel Finotti of Lusby, MD; grandchil-

dren, Dylan Finotti and Joshua Finotti; brother, Russell Finotti of Chesapeake Beach, MD and sister, Diane Finotti of Fairfax, VA; and sister-in-law, Bobbi Finotti of Chesapeake Beach, MD.

A Memorial Service will be conducted by Deacon John White on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 8816 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714. A repast will follow the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to The Humane Society of Calvert County, P.O. Box 3505, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

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

**Steven Michael
"Steve" Bruce**



Steven Michael "Steve" Bruce, 63, of Lusby, MD passed away on December 28, 2019 at the University of Maryland

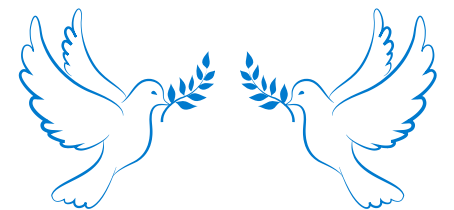
Medical Center.

Born October 20, 1956 in Baltimore, MD, he was the son of the late Arthur Clinton Bruce and Sadie (Glorious) Bruce.

Steve moved to Calvert County in 1961 and attended Calvert High School and Valley Forge Christian College. He married Myrna Loye Bruce in Baltimore, MD on May 2, 1981. He was a construction supervisor for 35 years. Steve was a man of God that loved his family. Loved the outdoors crabbing, hunting with his rabbit dogs and family. Steve has a huge family because you didn't have to be blood. Steve loved everyone, he enjoyed conversations with strangers, riding down the road in his truck waving to anyone. Steve left a inspiration impact on anyone that came across his path.

Steve is survived by his wife Myrna Bruce; his children, Sidney Loye Bruce of Leesburg, VA, Joshua Michael Bruce of Lusby, MD, Kurt Patrick Bruce of Lusby, MD and Sarah Catherine Bruce of Lusby, MD; six grandchildren; and brother, Gary Bruce of Mt. Airy, MD. He was preceded in death by his siblings, George Thompson, Florence, Barbara Bradley and Arthur C. Bruce, Jr.

All services are private. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Father's House, P.O. Box 828, California, MD 20619 or the Patuxent High School Athletic Department, 12485 Southern Connector Boulevard, Lusby, MD 20657.



REMEMBRANCES
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Community Calendar

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

Ongoing

ArtWorks@7th

January 9 - 26

ArtWorks@7th rings in 2020 with the January show "Darkness into Light".

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. The workshops are not library-sponsored programs.

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.

PWR!Moves

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/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/splash.html.

Saturday, January 11

Shoppes at Asbury Sale

Asbury Retirement Center; 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The sale will include nice clothing, books and furniture, housewares and miscellaneous items. All proceeds will benefit the Benevolent Care Fund. Contact 410-394-3466 for more information.

Pepper's Pet Pantry Adoption Event

Pepper's Pet Pantry; 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Pepper's Pet Pantry in Solomons will host a dog and cat adoption event with local Saint Mary's and Calvert County animal rescue groups. Pepper's Pet Pantry is located in the Solomons Towne Center behind CVS. For more information, please call 410-326-4006.

Tuesday, January 14

Opioid Awareness Meeting

Chesapeake Beach Town Hall; 6 p.m.

The Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Awareness Committee will be hosting a public business meeting. For more information, please visit <https://www.chesapeakebeach-md.gov/opioid-abuse-awareness-coalition>.

Thursday, January 16

PWR!Moves

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/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/splash.html.

CSM 2020 Winter Graduation Commencement

College of Southern Maryland, La Plata Campus, Physical Education Center; 2:30 p.m.

CSM will recognize its winter graduates. Tickets are required to the PE Building. Guests are asked to arrive at least 30 minutes before the start of the ceremony. All guests are subject to a bag check before entry. The college's nursing recognition will take place at 10 a.m. in the PE Building. graduation@csmd.edu, www.csmd.edu/commencement.

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

A program for children ages 3 to 5 years and their caregivers. This month's theme is "Things That Go Bump in the Night - Nocturnal Animals". Fee is \$5, CMM members are FREE.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Meet

Southern Pines Community Center; 1 p.m.

Meet fellow federal employees and neighbors. There will be a presentation on "Calvert Parks and Recreation". This will be followed by a short business session. Also, join us for an early lunch at 11:30 this month at the SALSA Mexican in Lusby. Active and Retired Federal employees, current and prospective members, non-members and guests are welcome. For NARFE membership Information and Application, Call 410-586-1441 or email NARFE1466@gmail.com

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Thursday, January 9

Friends of Calvert Library Book Sale Members Preview Night. 5:00-7:00pm. Thousands of used books available at great prices! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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

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

Friday, January 10

Friends of Calvert Library Book Sale. 12:00-3:00pm. Thousands of used books available at great prices! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Tween After-Hours PJ Party! 6:00-8:00pm. Put on your most fun PJ's and come party at the Library after hours! Tech toys, book BINGO, cool crafts and maybe even a PJ contest! Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Saturday, January 11

Friends of Calvert Library Book Sale. 9:00-3:00pm. Thousands of used books available at great prices! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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

Ask a Gardener. 11:00-12:00pm. Thinking about your garden? Ask an experienced gardener for tips, hints and advice! Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Learn Mahjongg. 1:00-3:00pm. Want to learn Mahjongg? Games are a great way to keep your brain sharp while having fun! Join us! No registration. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Monday, January 13

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.

Calvert Eats Local Winter Potluck. 7:00-8:30pm. Join Calvert Eats Local in a giant potluck celebrating local food. Bragging rights to those who bring the dishes with the lowest # of "food miles." Bring your plate, utensils, cup and napkin for a truly green experience! Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Tuesday, January 14

Sextortion and Human Trafficking in Calvert County and Beyond. 7:00-9:00pm. Do these issues exist locally? How are women and girls vulnerable at the hands of those willing to abuse their positions of power and increasingly – online predators? Discussion to be led by Joan Winship, Executive Director (ret.), International Association of Women Judges and Chair Calvert County Commission for Women and Kathryn Marsh, Assistant Chief Special Victim's & Family Violence Unit State's Attorney Office Prince George's County and Treasurer Calvert County Commission for Women. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Wednesday, January 15

Advanced Facebook and Instagram Marketing Strategies for Businesses. 9:00-12:00pm. Sara McGuinn will provide a live interactive demonstration that will focus on setting up targeted ads, understanding social media insights that assist in identifying your target market and how to utilize your social media dashboards to track engagement. This is a no cost workshop provided by Calvert County Economic Development. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Happy Crafternoon! 1:00-2:00pm. Children enjoy books and language through short stories and create fun art projects using a variety of techniques and mediums. For 3 to 5 year-olds. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register. 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.

Holiday Closing

Calvert Pines, North Beach, and Southern Pines Senior Centers will be closed on Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Meals on Wheels will not be delivered.

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

Play an exciting game of Cozy Special Bingo in our fireplace lounge, Monday, January 13, 10:30 a.m.

Join us Tuesday, January 14, 10 a.m. to make a beautiful Snowflake Craft. All supplies included. Pre-registration required.

North Beach Senior Center

Bring your grandchild for Inter-generational Day, Monday, January 13, 9 a.m. Enjoy Winter Friends book and crafts.

Let your creativity run wild with Scribblers Creative Writing, Thursday, January 16, 1 p.m.

Southern Pines Senior Center

Learn about the largest snow-storm in Maryland history about the DC Snowstorm of 1922, Tuesday, January 14, 11 a.m.

Join us for Wii Snow Sports, Friday, January 17, 1 p.m. Who will be the SPSC champion?

Eating Together Menu

Monday, Jan. 13

White Chicken Chili, Carrots, Brown Rice, Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Roast Beef, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Dinner Roll, Apple Sauce, Chocolate Chip Cookie

Wednesday, Jan. 15

Baked Ham, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Stewed Tomatoes, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit Cup

Thursday, Jan. 16

Lasagna w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad w/ Dressing, Seasoned Kale, French Bread, Peaches

Friday, Jan. 17

Lemon Chicken, Whipped Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Apricots



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

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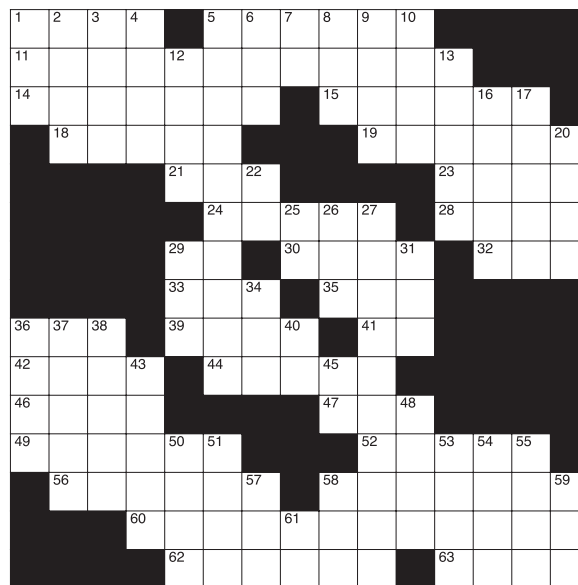
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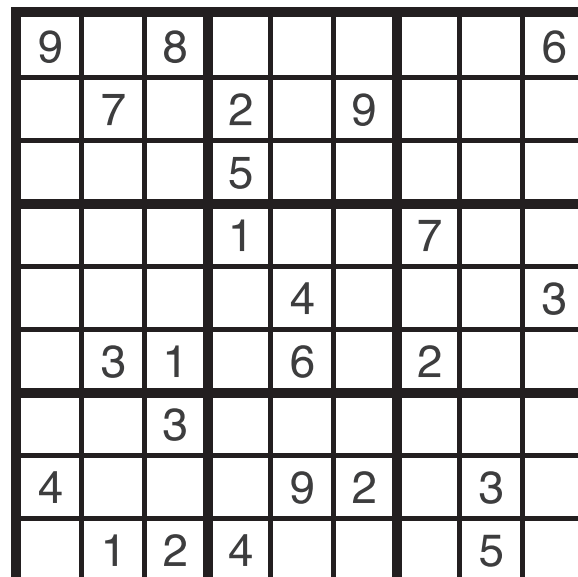
- 49. One-masted sailboats
- 52. Tropical Asian plant
- 56. Concurs
- 58. Latin term for charity
- 60. The number below the line in a fraction
- 62. Reddish browns
- 63. This (Spanish)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Belong to he
- 2. One time only
- 3. Parent-teacher groups
- 4. Puts in place
- 5. Editing
- 6. In the course of
- 7. Helps injured people (abbr.)
- 8. OJ trial judge
- 9. Resist authority (slang)
- 10. Formerly alkenols
- 12. "Cheers" actress Perلمان
- 13. Jewelled headdress
- 16. Viking Age poet
- 17. Vanuatu island
- 20. Wish harm upon
- 22. Unit of length
- 25. Blood type
- 26. Drain
- 27. Do-gooders
- 29. Advanced degree
- 31. Business designation
- 34. Chinese-American actress Ling
- 36. Performs on stage
- 37. Slang for money
- 38. Large Russian pie
- 40. The Mount Rushmore State
- 43. Narrow inlet
- 45. News organization (abbr.)
- 48. Scarlett's home
- 50. Micturates
- 51. Monetary unit
- 53. Any customary observance or practice
- 54. Sons of Poseidon
- 55. Facilitates grocery shopping
- 57. Standard operating procedure
- 58. Former OSS
- 59. Midway between south and southeast
- 61. The Wolverine State

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Beer ingredient
- 5. Popular FOX TV show
- 11. Recurring from time to time
- 14. Criticized severely
- 15. Musician
- 18. German urban center
- 19. Quenched
- 21. Human gene
- 23. Indian music
- 24. Accumulate
- 28. One who graduated
- 29. Atomic #109
- 30. Semitic fertility god
- 32. Sportscaster Patrick
- 33. Child's dining accessory
- 35. Payment (abbr.)
- 36. Guitarist's tool
- 39. Dabbling ducks
- 41. Commercial
- 42. Style someone's hair
- 44. Biu-Mandara language
- 46. Actress Spelling
- 47. Large hole in the ground



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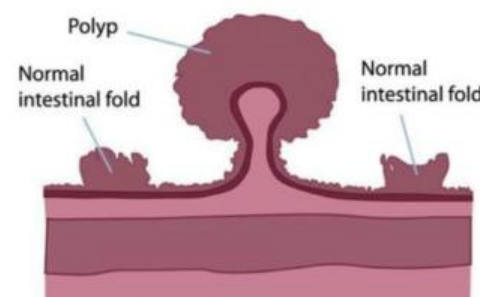
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