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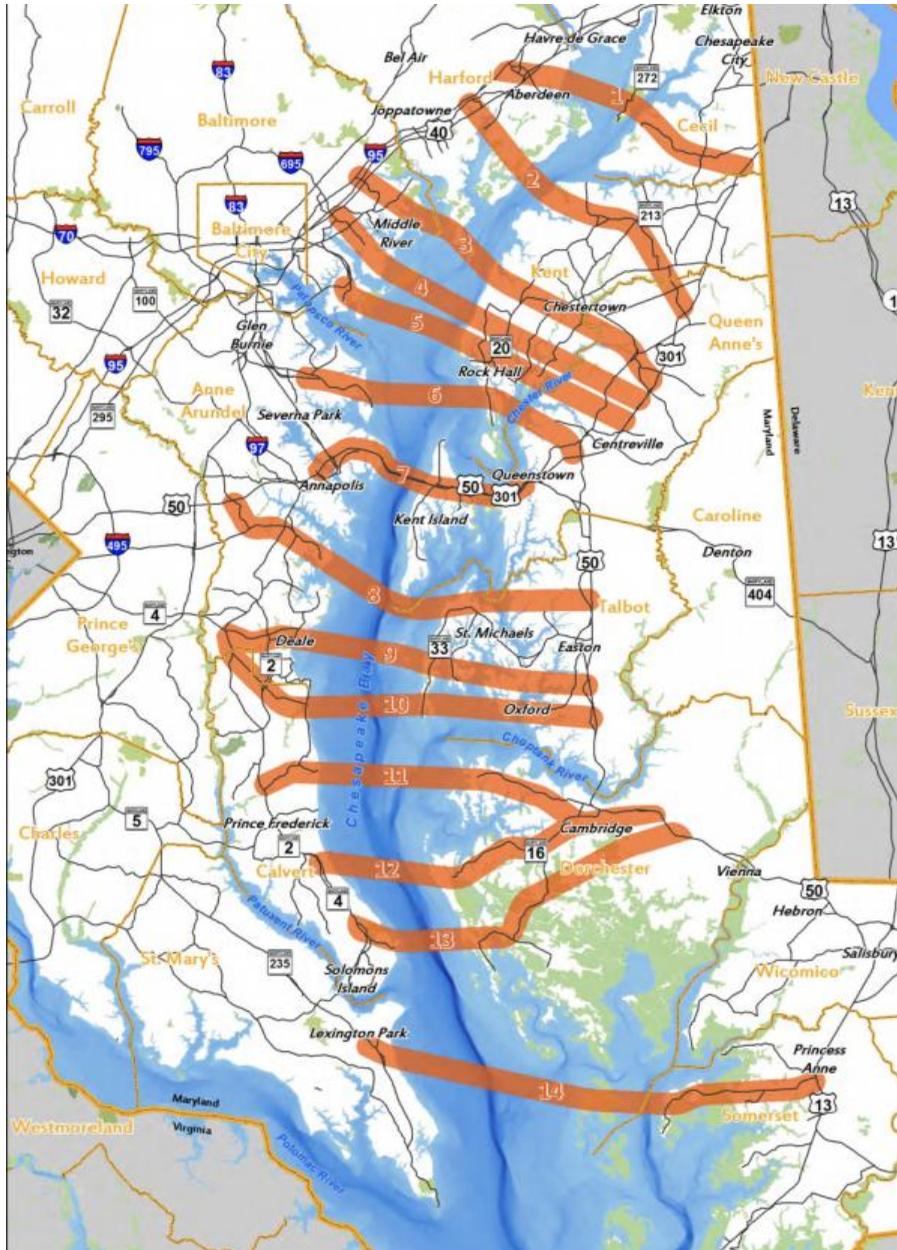
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Bill Gives Counties Right to Refuse Toll Crossing



By Guy Leonard and Dick Myers
Staff Writers

Bills entered in both houses of the Maryland General Assembly expand the requirement to Western Shore counties that the state receive the express consent of a county government before building a new toll road, toll bridge or toll highway in their jurisdiction.

The bill targets efforts to build a third Chesapeake Bay toll bridge crossing to augment the current aging span. The bills come of the heels of release of a map showing four potential crossings in Calvert County and one in St. Mary's.

The commissioners of both counties stand firmly opposed to any crossing in their jurisdiction. The new Calvert County Board of County Commissioners in a letter to the Maryland Transportation Authority, which would build any toll bridge across the Bay, reaffirmed their opposition.

The letter says: "We have great concerns over the potential Chesapeake Bay Bridge crossing located in Calvert County. It is inconceivable that a small, rural County, like Calvert, would even be considered as a possible location due to the lack of connectivity to major com-

merce and homeland security transportation corridors. Having a Chesapeake Bay Bridge located here would draw a tremendous amount of pass-through traffic to our small county, adding more stress to our already extremely busy and sometimes treacherous main artery, MD Route 4.

"Calvert County has worked hard to retain our rural character. Adding a Bay Bridge crossing, we believe, would have a detrimental impact on our ability to keep any sense of rural character intact. While we understand our location is potentially prime to your project, we feel it is imperative that you understand the absolute negative impact it would have on the lives of the 90,000 residents of Calvert County. Calvert County earned the title 'Charm of the Chesapeake, because of the quality of life here; we do not want to see that quality of life tarnished in any way. A bridge such as this would, in our opinion, destroy the standard of living as we know it today."

Del. Mark Fisher (R: 27C) equally has concerns and says he has consistently been opposed to a crossing in Calvert. He said the proposed bills giving more strength to the commissioner authority makes sense.

Fisher doubts anyone over 40 will ever see a new Bay crossing simply because of the astronomical cost. "The state doesn't have that kind of money," Fisher said.

Fisher insists a crossing would destroy the county's quality of life. And he said he is the only one raising another concern – national security, noting the close proximity of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant and the Dominion Cove Point LNG plant to any Calvert crossing point.

"There is no way it can happen," Fisher insisted.

The bills have received broad support so far, including St. Mary's District 29B Del. Brian Crosby.

The counties on the Eastern Shore already have the consent requirement and have expressed willingness to veto a new span that impacts their counties.

The bill does not allow counties to prevent a bridge being built if it has no tolls attached to it.

Crosby discounted the map and its alleged crossings, saying that he knew of no efforts to put in crossing from St. Mary's.

"There are no discussions on that," Crosby said. "This is just so they couldn't slap a toll on us without our consent.

"A bridge from Lexington Park makes

no sense especially since we don't have a new Thomas Johnson Bridge. This just expands our rights."

Meanwhile, state projections show the current Bay span will continue to worsen under increasing traffic burdens; a 2015 report stated that by 2040 the average traffic on the bridge will increase by about 31 percent to 92,800 vehicles each day. That figure is expected to jump to 94,300 vehicles by 2020 during Fridays in the summer season.

A new, single, eight lane bridge, to replace a demolished older span, is estimated to cost \$25.34 billion, according to state figures.

The bills introduced into the Maryland General Assembly were drafted with the aid of consultant Gary Hodge, former executive director of the Tri-County Council and a former Charles County commissioner. Hodge is president of Regional Policy Advisors of White Plains, which has been working with Calvert and St. Mary's to develop strategies to oppose the Bay crossing in their backyard.

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Capital Plan has \$351 Million Price Tag

Commissioners Ponder Six-Year CIP

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners has a big decision ahead of them involving a big chunk of money. At their Feb. 12 meeting staff presented a six-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) with a price tag of \$351.6 million, of which almost \$40 million is proposed to be spent in the next fiscal year (FY 2020).

The proposed CIP for the next fiscal year is \$36 million less than was on the approved six-year CIP last year. That is largely due to the move of construction of a new county administration to FY 2021 and 2022. Just over \$17 million is included in the plan for each of those two years for the administration building.

A decision on the location of the administration building has not yet been made by the new board. The previous board voted to locate the building at the site of the old National Guard Armory, and secured almost \$50 million in bonding authority from the Maryland General Assembly last year over opposition from Del. Mark Fisher (R: 27C).

"It's a big waste of money," Fisher told The County Times, saying he hoped the current board would rescind the previous board's decision.

The other major projects on the six-year CIP include the completion of the Northern High School project, the Beach Elementary School replacement, new facilities for Solomons and St. Leonard volunteer fire



The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners

departments and rescue squads, development of the Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park, the new Twin Beaches library in North Beach, and improvements and expansion of the detention center.

Deferred past the six-year time frame for the plan are the Calvert Marine Museum Paleontology Center, a Fairview branch library and the North Beach volunteer fire department and rescue squad replacement.

Commissioner Mike Hart said during the discussion at the Feb. 12 meeting that he would like to see

the addition of the Chesapeake Hills clubhouse into the plan and the Solomons and North Beach facilities accelerated.

The staff recommended budget will be presented at a public hearing on March 19. The public hearing for the commissioners' budget which will evolve after the first hearing is scheduled for May 21. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for their June 4 meeting.

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What's Coming to Calvert



The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their Feb. 20, 2019 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. Those meetings are now being held at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick.

1) SPR-2017-266, **Calvert Hills**, located on the west side of North Prince Frederick Boulevard and Radio Road in Prince Frederick on five parcels consisting of 22.57 acres, zoned PFTC, Village

District. The proposed five new buildings contain 96 apartments, a maintenance building, required parking, utilities and recreation area. The project is on public water and sewer. The submittal was accepted September 27, 2017. Agent: Bay Engineering

2) SPR-2018-285, **Maryland Self Storage** located at 8400 Nursery Road in Lusby on an 8.3 acre parcel, zoned Rural Commercial. Proposed 75,500-square-foot development for self-storage units and office space. Phase I was submitted as a change in use to the existing building previously used as a contractor supply store to office space. Phase 2 and 3 will -expand the proposed use within the existing area previously used as contractor supply storage area to self storage units. This project is on private well and septic. The submittal was accepted December 19, 2018. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates

3) SPR-2018-286, **Calvert Gateway, Lot 4**, located at 10825 Town Center

Boulevard in Dunkirk on a 4.3- cre lot, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 15,890- square-foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted December 19, 2018. Agent: Bay Engineering

The following Major Subdivision Proposed Project List for Upcoming Review was also submitted at ten same meeting:

1) SD-2017-047, **Shoppes at Apple Greene, Lots 1 & 2, and Outlot 3**, lo-

cated on Dunkirk Way within the Shoppes at Apple Greene Shopping Center, on a parcel consisting of 15.47 acres, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Submittal accepted July 26, 2017. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates

2) SD-2017-48, **Calvert Hills**, located on Prince Frederick Boulevard in Prince Frederick. Zoned Town Center (TC), 22.57 acres; three lots. Submittal accepted September 27, 2017. Agent: Bay Engineering.

Information provided by Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning

Calvert Cliffs Refueling Outage Powers Local Economy

A Thousand Workers Come to Calvert County



Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant

Operators at Exelon Generation's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant removed Unit 2 from service just after midnight Sunday, Feb. 17 to begin a planned refueling outage, capping a best-ever run of 715 consecutive days of power generation. Work completed during the refueling outage will help the unit deliver zero-emission, reliable power to almost a million homes and businesses during the next two-year operating cycle.

To support the refueling outage, approximately 1,000 additional workers will travel to Calvert for several weeks, filling nearby hotels to capacity and increasing foot traffic in restaurants and shops at a time when tourism is usually slow.

"The refueling outage at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant plays a large factor in our local economy every year; in 2019, we expect the same," said Thomas "Tim" Hutchins, president of the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners. "We welcome the influx of spending in our local economy. Our restaurants, hotels, B&B's, shops and even residential rentals see a significant uptick

when the refueling happens each year."

While the unit is offline, technicians will replace nearly one-third of the reactor's fuel and perform more than 7,500 inspections, tests, maintenance activities and modifications. Many of the tasks performed during the outage cannot be accomplished while the unit is online.

"We are proud to produce almost a third of Maryland's power with, safe, reliable, carbon free nuclear generation," said Calvert Cliffs Site Vice President Mark Flaherty. "Our outage investments in state-of-the-art equipment and new technologies will help ensure safe, reliable operations for years to come."

Calvert Cliffs is located on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay in Calvert County and is Maryland's only nuclear energy facility. The station is home to two pressurized water reactors capable of generating 1,850 megawatts combined, enough to power more approximately 30 percent of all homes and businesses in the state of Maryland.

Press Release from Exelon Generation

Benton Releases His First 'State of the Town'



By Dick Myers
Editor

North Beach Mayor Mike Benton marked his 90th day in office with the release of his first State of the Town message. The 30-page document was short on words and long on pictures with dozens of photos from town events during 2018. The report was presented at the Feb. 14 town meeting.

The report noted an increase of the net assessable property base from \$242,865,766 on July 1, 2017 to \$245,941,741 on July 1, 2018.

The report observed that the town snagged a number of grants during 2018, including a \$25,000 Healthy Living Grant from the Maryland Energy Administration for energy efficient appliances for needy families. At the Feb. 14 meeting Development Specialist Veronica Owens announced that the grant had been increased to \$1000,000 for this year. The grant's name has been changed to the Healthy Home Program.

Other grants secured throughout 2018 included two from the state Community Legacy Program: \$250,000 for the library and \$50,000 for lighting along Bay Avenue. The town also received a \$79,534 grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Parks and Playgrounds Program

Benton also noted the beginnings of a five-year utility infrastructure and drainage plan. Town staff are in the process of doing an inventory and as soon as that is completed the mayor will announce formation of a committee to establish priorities.

The State of the Town message also highlighted improvements to the town boardwalk, including:

- GEM electric vehicle
- Received handicapped wheelchair donation
- Added an additional handicap access area to the beach
- Installed cameras to the t-section of the pier.
- Completed the construction of the NB Shirt Shack and opened for the season
- Built a pavilion on the boardwalk
- Added four rocking chairs for public use under the pavilion

Other improvements around town included:

- Lighting on Chesapeake Avenue
- Banners on Chesapeake Avenue
- Sculpture in the garden at 1st Street/Boardwalk
- Trash cans on the pier, behind the Welcome Center and at Chesapeake/Chestnut Avenue

New businesses in town were reported:

- Hook & Vine opened May 2, 2018
- Long-time town business, Tan's Cycles and Parts, closed its doors and Triton's Garage opened in its spot
- Bay Arts Center (non-profit) located inside Chesapeake's Bounty offers a variety of art and music classes to all ages.

Of course, most of the improvements noted in the State of the Town occurred under the watch of then Mayor Mark Frazer, while Benton was a town councilman. The 2020 State of the Town will reflect the first full year of Mayor Mike Benton's tenure.

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Bill Would Increase Tri-County Council Funding

County Requirements Would Be Hiked

By Dick Myers
Editor

Southern Maryland's three state senators have introduced a bill that would increase the funding requirements for the Tri-County Council by the region's three counties. The bill introduced by senators Mike Miller (D: 27), Arthur Ellis (D: 28) and Jack Bailey (R: 29) would also increase the business makeup of the regional agency headquartered in Hughesville.

The current law has a minimum funding requirement for each county (\$9,000

for Charles and St. Mary's and \$7,000 for Calvert). Until two years ago all three counties were funding slightly less than \$100,000 each. Then Charles in a controversial move pulled back to its minimum requirement.

The bill as introduced would mandate that Charles contribute \$150,000 beginning in Fiscal Year 2021, in effect overturning that county's decision to pull back, although there have been some reports about the current commissioner board reconsidering.

The bill also would increase Calvert's minimum requirement to \$135,000 in

the next fiscal year and the St. Mary's requirement to \$165,000 in Fiscal Year 2022.

Any future funding change would require commissioner approval.

The bill also changes the membership mix by increasing from one to two at-large voting members from each county and requiring both to be members of the business community. They would be appointed by the county commissioners. The requirement of concurrence by the legislative delegation from the particular county has been removed.

The bill, Senate Bill 973, was intro-



duced Feb. 18 after the filing deadline, so it was referred to the Senate Rules Committee for consideration.

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Hoyer Speaks at Black History Breakfast



Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) on Feb. 16 attended the 38th annual Black History Month Breakfast, the theme of which was "Black Migration." He was joined by

keynote speaker Congressman Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08), chairman of the House Democratic Caucus; Congressman Anthony Brown (MD-04); and hundreds of Fifth District residents and community leaders. Below are his remarks as prepared for delivery.

"Good morning, and thank you Ivana for that warm introduction and for serving as our emcee today. And thank you, Congressman Brown, for being my partner in hosting the 38th annual Black History Month breakfast, a tradition that has grown tremendously and to which I look forward every year with great anticipation.

"Each year's Black History Month theme is deeply meaningful, and this one is very special indeed. Our 2019 theme 'black migrations' recalls the arrival of the first people of African descent to what is now the United States. We cannot forget the tragedy of those who were brought to Jamestown, Virginia, in chains – and the generations of suffering caused by the forced migration of Africans and their enslavement along with their descendants on this continent. That is the first migration we commemorate this year, one that was not one of choice.

"But the focus of our celebrations in 2019 is on another migration, this time one made mostly of choice: the great migration of the early twentieth century. Last year, we remembered the courageous African-Americans who served in the U.S. and French militaries during the First World War, like the Harlem Hell-

Fighters and the 450 African-American soldiers from Prince George's County.

"When many of them returned home, they had seen a different world full of opportunities. So they went on the move. Some returned to France, where Paris became an expatriate enclave of African-American art and literature. Many came north to the cities from which they had earlier embarked to the theater of war. They were joined by parents and siblings, spouses and children, and neighbors. Soon, cities in the North, Midwest, and West became centers of African-American culture and entrepreneurship.

"This period was epitomized by the Harlem Renaissance. Writers and thinkers like James Weldon Johnson and Zora Neale Hurston were redefining how African-Americans viewed their own history and role in American life. Artists such as Duke Ellington, Aaron Douglas, and Josephine Baker helped bring black culture to wider audiences. And trailblazers like Bessie Coleman and A. Philip Randolph were breaking down barriers and pushing against the limits of segregation and inequality.

"It was an era of great migration and great change. African Americans were on the move – not only opening new doors but opening minds. But all of these things were happening in an age where legal equality and full freedom were denied.

"One of the young minds influenced by this age of migration and transformation was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Born ninety years ago into an era where the children and grandchildren of the last enslaved Americans were reshaping our country's culture, Dr. King saw the injustices he would later give his life to correct and learned from giants upon whose shoulders he would stand.

"Today, in 2019, we stand on Dr. King's shoulders. But let us never forget the men and women who made his life and his struggle possible. As we make our way through a time of cultural and political transformation, I hope that we

can look for inspiration to the great African-American leaders and cultural contributors of the early twentieth century's great migration as we seek to shape the twenty-first century as an age of equality, diversity, and progress.

"Because African-Americans are again on the move as drivers of twenty-first century American culture and politics. This includes two of the major declared Democratic candidates for president and the new Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, whom I am about to introduce.

"Nine new African-American freshman Members of Congress helped Democrats win a new majority in November that is already putting the House back to work on issues like gun safety, raising wages, protecting the Affordable Care Act, and expanding access to voting. Among the fifty-two members of the largest Congressional Black Caucus in our history are five African-American Committee Chairs.

"They are leading powerful committees conducting oversight of the Trump Administration and advancing legislation to expand opportunity, promote equal justice, and make our communities safer for all. They are: Chairman Bobby Scott of the Education and Labor Committee; Chairwoman Maxine Waters of the Financial Services Committee; Chairman Bennie Thompson of the Homeland Security Committee; Chairman Elijah Cummings of the Oversight and Reform Committee; and Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

"House Democrats are drawing on these outstanding African-American leaders to help us chart a way forward. And the House Democratic Caucus as a whole is now being led by a dynamic former Whip of the Congressional Black Caucus, the second-ever African-American Congressman to serve in this important and distinguished role. I'm pleased to welcome him here today.

"Congressman Hakeem Jeffries represents the Eighth District of New York, which covers parts of Brooklyn and Queens. He was first elected to Congress in 2012 after five years in the New York State Assembly and as an attorney who served as President of the organization Black Attorneys for Progress. Congressman Jeffries served as Co-Chair of the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee during the last Congress and has now been chosen by his colleagues to lead the House Democratic Caucus at a critical time, when we are newly returned to the House majority. He has been a passionate fighter for civil rights and voting rights, leading the charge to ban sales or displays of the confederate flag at national parks, which was sadly defeated by Republicans.

"He led members of the Congressional Black Caucus in a 'hands up, don't shoot' protest on the Floor of the House in 2014. And Congressman Jeffries went to the Floor to denounce vociferously the Supreme Court's weakening of the Voting Rights Act in 2013. Along with his colleagues, he has been a leader in efforts to raise wages, create jobs, and make opportunities like health care and higher education more accessible to all Americans.

"Some have called Hakeem Jeffries the 'Barack Obama of Brooklyn,' and not only because they share the same birthday. He's an rising star for Democrats with a bright future in our party and our national politics. He's on the move.

"Now, I am pleased to welcome him into the ranks of President Obama, Congressman John Lewis, Donna Brazile, Attorney General Loretta Lynch, and others who have been our keynote speakers over the years."

Press Release from
Office of Rep. Steny Hoyer

Officials Break Ground on New Veterans Clinic



Officials hope the new veterans clinic in Charlotte Hall will open in spring of 2020.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After nearly 14 years of planning, getting funding and acquiring land the new community outpatient clinic (CBOC) to serve Southern Maryland is on its way to becoming reality.

Elected officials at the county, state and federal level as well as from the Department of Veterans Affairs ceremonially shoveled the first dirt to be overturned for the construction of the new 17,000 square foot facility located north of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on Route 5.

A CBOC currently operates at the veterans home in a building that is 60 years old and has constant problems

with heating and air conditioning as well as elevators. Veterans seeking advanced care often have to travel to Washington, D.C. for treatment.

The new CBOC is designed to solve that problem. "There's little convenience in driving to Washington, D.C. from Southern Maryland," said Michael Heimall, director at the Washington, D.C. Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Heimall said the new CBOC should be finished and open by spring of 2020 while a new satellite CBOC for Lexington Park should begin operations by this summer.

"This represents our commitment to you [veterans], those who have borne the battle," Heimall said.

The services available at the new CBOC will include primary care, mental health, dental care, audiology, ophthalmology, nutrition services and social services.

Physical therapy and pharmacy services will also be available.

St. Mary's County Commissioner Todd Morgan, who also chairs the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland, said the new CBOC couldn't be finished soon enough.

"Everyone knows the hardships we've gone through... to get this done," Morgan said. "I expect everybody back in spring of 2020 to cut the ribbon."

George Owings III, Maryland's Secretary of Veterans Affairs and a Marine Corps veteran, said the new CBOC would be a welcome sight and would help many in the veteran-rich community of Southern Maryland.

He, too, had to get treatment at the aging CBOC. "I get to move from over there to over here for my treatments," Owings said. "If you don't think this is



An artist rendering of the new veterans clinic.

welcome, think again.

"Good things come to those who wait."

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, who once chided the veterans administration for taking too long on finalizing plans for the CBOC, said the new facility was what was owed to local veterans.

"It's never too late to get the right thing done," Hoyer told those assembled at the ceremony. "Veterans always tell me: 'the medical care we get at the VA is excellent, the problem is getting it."

"When Johnny and Janice come marching home, they should understand that their community is behind them; that's what this CBOC is all about."

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Young Person's Death Apparent Suicide

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The shooting death of an 11-year-old boy in North Beach last week was the result of the victim taking their own life, said Sheriff Mike Evans.

"It looks like a suicide," Evans told The County Times Monday.

Evans said investigators are still establishing the cause.

"There are no signs or signals it was due to bullying," Evans said.

The incident occurred Feb. 13; sheriff's deputies were called to Bedford Drive for a report of a shooting.

Evans said the young victim used a handgun that legally belonged to his parents.

Cathy Page, spokesperson for Calvert County Public Schools, said the deceased had most recently been a student at Northern Middle School and that emotional support staff had been assigned there after his death.

"We have support staff in the school where he was most recently enrolled and in his past schools," Page said. "We are supporting our students and our staff."

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St. Leonard Man Arrested for Shooting

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office were dispatched on Feb. 10 at approximately 12:51 a.m. to a residence in Lusby, Maryland for the report of a drive-by shooting. The suspect in this case was named by the caller and a lookout was given for the suspect and the vehicle he was operating. Once on scene responding deputies located several gunshot holes in the front of the residence.

Detective Livingston responded to the scene and began conducting his investigation. The victim walked Det. Livingston to her bedroom where he located a bullet lodged in a closet door. The vic-

tim's were interviewed and after obtaining statements from them Det. Livingston was able to confirm the suspect was James Gross of Long Beach, St. Leonard MD.

Calvert County Sheriff's Office patrol units responded to James Gross' address at approximately 4:56 a.m. and placed him under arrest for his involvement in the shooting incident. James Gross was processed accordingly and awaited his appearance before a District Court Commissioner.

Press Release from CCPS

Calvert County Sheriff's Office Crime Blotter

During the week of February 4th, 2019 – February 10th, 2019 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,333 calls for service throughout the community.

Arrests:

On February 4th, 2019 Deputy Gott conducted a traffic stop in the area of Route 4 and Dowell Road in Lusby. The driver, identified as **Ryan Ford Gallagher (41)**, nervously handed Deputy



Gott an open container of warm beer, to which the contents were poured out. A short time later, Deputy Childress and his K9 partner Flip conducted a scan on the outside perimeter of the vehicle which resulted

in a positive alert. Gallagher was later found to be in possession of an opened Zubsoolv package and stated that it was not prescribed to him. A search of the vehicle revealed a prescription bottle that contained one half of a white pill identified as Zubsoolv and two unopened packets of Zubsoolv. The prescription bottle found did not belong to Gallagher. Gallagher was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana.

On February 5th, 2019 Deputy Pounsberry responded to Silverton Lane in Chesapeake Beach for the report of a burglary in progress. The Calvert Control Center advised the subject was **Brandon Lovell Jackson (31)**. Upon arrival, Deputy Pounsberry observed Jackson's vehicle leave the area. An investigative stop was conducted on Jackson's vehicle and at that point he admitted that he had disestablished residency



from Silverton Lane several weeks prior. Witnesses stated Jackson was seen attempting to gain entry into the residence by tugging on the back door and screaming at the individuals inside. Jackson proceeded to rip the screen door off the hinges and threw several pieces of deck furniture causing damage. Jackson was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Malicious Destruction of Property less than \$1,000.

On February 5th, 2019 Deputy Crum conducted a traffic stop located at Apple Way and Route 4 in Dunkirk. While making contact with the driver, **William Eugene Estep Jr. (71)**, Deputy



Crum could detect an odor of Marijuana emitting from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed (3) clear plastic containers of suspected Marijuana in the amount of less than ten grams and a metal bowl tip pipe with black burnt residue. While searching throughout the vehicle a very strong chemical odor was emitting from the trunk. A search of the trunk revealed a wrapper containing a wet, brown filtered cigarette inside with suspected PCP. Estep was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession Paraphernalia.

On February 5th, 2019 Deputy Parks responded to Saint John Vianney Catholic Church for the report of a theft. The complainant advised they were contacted by their bank who stated a suspect, later identified as **Ronald Lee Russey-Thyes (19)**, had attempted to cash two checks totaling \$120 but was



unsuccessful. Deputy Parks canvassed the area in attempt to locate Russey-Thyes at which point he was located a short time later near KFC in Prince Frederick. Russey-Thyes was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Theft \$100 to under \$1,500.

On February 6th, 2019 Deputy Gilmore responded to the North Beach Town Center Senior Apartments for a trespassing complaint. The complex manager told responding deputies that the suspect, identified as **Michael Raymond Culligan (61)**, had been evicted from his apartment earlier in the day and was told by Deputy Jacobs he was not to return to the complex. At approximately 4 p.m. Culligan was observed entering the front door



of the apartment complex in attempt to gain access to the building. Culligan was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. After processing Culligan for trespassing, Deputy Gilmore was contacted by a Sergeant at the Detention Center and advised they located a cut straw with suspected cocaine which resulted in an additional charge of CDS: Possession Paraphernalia.

On February 8th, 2019 Deputy Pounsberry conducted a traffic stop located Old Town Road and

South Solomons Island Rd in Huntingtown. Upon making contact with the driver, **Deon Lamont Jones (28)**, Deputy Pounsberry could observe in plain view, a clear bag crumpled in the center console, a cut straw with a powdery residue around it, and a roll of US Currency. Jones was asked to exit



the vehicle, where a clear capsule containing suspected heroin was located in the driver seat. A further search of the vehicle revealed a clear capsule with suspected heroin and an opened capsule of suspected heroin. The Sheriff's Office advised the vehicle was not registered, that the registration belonged to another car and the vehicle did not have insurance coverage. The Calvert Control Center advised that Jones was on supervised release and his license was suspended. Jones was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

On February 9th, 2019 Deputy Crum conducted a traffic stop located at Route 4 and Chaneyville Road in Owings. The driver, identified as **Ronald De'Ageo Murray (22)**, was found to be operating



the vehicle under a suspended license and was issued the proper citations. A consent to search the vehicle was given at that time, where Deputy Crum located a backpack containing suspected Marijuana above 10 grams and a round scale. The passenger, later identified as **Brandon Scott Collier (20)**, had provided a false



name upon request to Deputy Crum. The Calvert Control Center advised that Brandon Collier had a warrant from Virginia for Failure to Appear. Murray and Collier were both transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where they were both charged with CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute, CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10 grams or more and CDS: Paraphernalia.

Luncheon Celebrates Outstanding Women and Girls



This year marks the 100th anniversary of women achieving the right to vote. With an historic number of women elected to the U.S. Congress last November, women are demonstrating leadership in all sectors of society, including those traditionally dominated by men. In Calvert County, the contributions and achievements of local women are recognized and celebrated at the Annual Women of the World (WOW) luncheon.

The Calvert County Commission for

Women and the League of Women Voters of Calvert County invite everyone to attend the 17th Annual Women of the World (WOW) celebration. The theme, "Be the Influence" reflects the groups' focus on a forward-thinking approach that empowers women and girls to continue to make strides in the areas such as economics, health, education and legislation. Continued progress in these areas will improve the lives of local women and girls and their families. "No year is better to recognize and celebrate the impact and leadership of women than this 100th anniversary of women's right to vote.

"Today women are at the forefront of every issue affecting our nation," said Commission for Women Chair Joan Winship. "We seek to recognize women's contributions and to inspire the next generation of female leaders to build on the achievements of their predecessors." As noted by Grace Mary Brady, League of Women Voters co-chair of WOW, "Calvert County has always been the home of committed and dedicated women who have made a difference in our

County's welfare. The WOW luncheon is a chance to recognize and celebrate their accomplishments."

The keynote speaker this year is Susan G. Esserman, international lawyer and former Ambassador, Deputy Director, US Trade Representative. She is also the Founder and Director of the University of Maryland Support, Advocacy, Freedom and Empowerment (SAFE) Center for Human Trafficking Survivors. In 2018 she was awarded the Justice for Girls award by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the iconic civil rights organization founded by Dr. Martin Luther King. She brings unique experience and insight on trafficking, leadership and empowerment.

Participating organizations who are honoring key women include not only the Commission for Women and the League of Women Voters, but also the Community Mediation Center, Calvert Collaborative for Children & Youth, Concerned Black Women, Calvert Historical Society and others.

The public is invited to join in this celebration on Saturday, March 16th to

honor the accomplishments and contributions of outstanding Calvert County women and girls. The event will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rod 'N' Reel Restaurant in Chesapeake Beach, MD. All are welcome.

This WOW event will begin with registration and networking at 11:00 a.m., and the luncheon and awards program will follow beginning at noon. The cost, which includes a scrumptious luncheon buffet, is \$32 for adults. There is a special \$20 rate for anyone aged 20 or younger.

Reserve your seat today by sending your name, the names of your guests, your email address, and a check payable to the League of Women Voters, PO Box 1510, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Or easiest is to go online to register and pay at <https://www.lwvcalvert.org/wow-event>. Deadline for registration is March 1st. The Commission and League look forward to seeing you on March 16th.

*Press Release from
Calvert County Commission for Women*

Nineteenth Annual Taste of Solomons Scheduled

Restaurants Offer Tastes of Fine Food and Beverages



New tastes abound in the historic Solomons Town Center as restaurants showcase selected food and beverages during the one-day food festival, The Taste of Solomons 2019 from 11am to 4pm, Saturday, March 23rd. The event is one of the yearly signature events designed and sponsored by the Solomons Business Association, with proceeds to benefit the association's annual July 4th fireworks display.

The Taste of Solomons provides the community a way to sample and enjoy a waterfront town during the Spring season, according to Taste of Solomons Co Chair Charles Chappell.

Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased at any of the participating businesses. Each ticket can be exchanged for a sample of selected food or beverages.

Past Participating businesses have been: The Island Hideaway, The Ruddy Duck, Boomerangs Original Ribs, Captain Smith's Seafood Market, Angler's Seafood Bar and Grill, The Dry Dock at Zahniser's, Island Sushi, The CD Café,

Kingfishers Seafood Bar and Grill, carmen's Gallery, The Lighthouse Restaurant and Dock Bar, The Lotus Kitchen and Kim's Key Lime Pies, The Charles Street Brasserie, Solomons Island Winery, The Pier, and the Calvert Marine Museum.

Tickets will also be available at the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices McNeilis Group Properties office starting Wednesday, March 20th and during the event on March 23rd.

There will be an updated Participating businesses list released to the community in a few weeks.

For more information on the Taste of Solomons, call 410.610.6603 or 240.577.1002. For a map of participating restaurants and their offerings, or for information on activities, shopping, dining, and lodging in Solomons, visit www.solomonsmaryland.com.

*Press Release from
Solomons Business Association*

Animal Shelter Reaches Milestone 100th Adoption



Tobi and his new family.

The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter reached an exciting milestone recently after a local family adopted Tobi, a one-year-old black lab who is the 100th animal from the shelter to find a new home.

Tobi came to the animal shelter after a previous owner moved out of Maryland and was unable to take the dog. The owner wanted the best for Tobi and shared as much information as possible to help the shelter find him a good home. Calvert County Deputy Sheriff James Flynt visited the shelter and instantly matched with the animal.

"This is only one of 100 happy stories where animals entering our shelter have found loving homes through adoption," said Animal Services Deputy Director Crystal Dowd. "Every single animal deserves to be celebrated equally and we

are ecstatic to reach this milestone."

The nearly 13,000 square-foot facility, located at 5055 Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick, opened in November 2018 has the capacity to house an estimated 200 animals. The shelter has fenced-in play yards, cat condos, a cat patio, indoor and outdoor meet-and-greet areas for dogs, grooming and bathing space, an exotic animal room and a 1,380-square-foot barn to house livestock should there be the need.

For more information on the county's animal shelter, visit Calvertcountyanimalshelter.com or contact the shelter directly at 410-535-7387.

*Press Release from
Calvert County Government*

Foundation Helps CSM Build Resource Guide

Dominion Helps Connect Entrepreneurs

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) plans to build a robust online, 'how-to' map for entrepreneurs looking to start a business in Southern Maryland thanks to a recent \$7,300 grant from the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation. When complete, the Entrepreneurship Eco-System Map will provide an interactive, online catalog and guide for small businesses and entrepreneurs to share success stories and lessons learned; locate financial, marketing and conceptual support; and link to state and federal guidelines and grants.

"Dominion is a great corporate neighbor," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "As a Fortune 500 company, they understand what is involved with growing and maintaining a successful and competitive company. They also understand the need for new ideas and fresh perspectives to enter the economy. Dominion's gift will help us continue our commitment to help small businesses and entrepreneurs succeed by building networks, encouraging ingenuity and fostering a positive economic and training climate in Southern Maryland."

"This grant strengthens our ongoing partnership with CSM and our shared goal of preparing Southern Maryland students for successful careers," said Dominion Energy's External Affairs Manager George Anas.

This grant is timely, confirmed CSM Assistant Professor in Science and Engineering Division and Endowed Professor for Innovation John Short, who will oversee execution of the funding. The Maryland Department of Commerce last year funded CSM to devel-

op a web-based search engine – Southern Maryland Innovates – in conjunction with local and state economic development directors and non-profit economic development groups. Short said that creating the Southern Maryland Innovates web page was the first step toward the entrepreneurship resource map.

"Dominion's grant will help us take our efforts to the next level," Short said.

According to CSM Entrepreneur and Innovation Institute Director Thomas Luginbill, there is an abundance of resources that exist to support small businesses in Southern Maryland. This mapping guide will streamline searches and help viewers see how the resources are connected.

"The abundance of information can create 'analysis paralysis,'" Luginbill shared. "When a person is starting a new business, they are usually overwhelmed with start-up issues. When you get hundreds of hits while searching for information online – it's just too much to sort out, compare and understand."

There has been no shortage of inquiries lately from people looking into starting their own business, according to Calvert County Department of Economic Development Director Kelly Robertson-Slagle. Dominion's largest footprint in Maryland is the Cove Point LNG Plant located along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay in Calvert County.

"With one government shutdown still in the rearview mirror and the threat of another around the bend, the

national conversation has included discussions about how and when might be the right time to start a business," Slagle said. "What Dominion's grant is helping our partners at the College of Southern Maryland do is provide a comprehensive network of online resources for anyone to access and jump start the formation of their invention, idea or company. The Entrepreneurship Eco-System map is a great idea and we can't wait to partner with CSM to see it through."

Short said the next step will be for CSM to identify the content managers and contributors – such as Slagle and corresponding economic development directors in Charles and St. Mary's counties, as well as Chambers of Commerce, The Patuxent Partnership, the Southern Maryland Innovation and Tech (SMIT) Initiative and the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE), to name a few.

"The idea is to make entrepreneurs and small business owners stronger," Short said. "It is our vision to allow stakeholders to have a visual reference to everything, including what they may not have even thought about – such as training and business plan support," Short added.

"Basically, we said we have the business canvas, paint and brushes," Luginbill added in metaphoric terms. "And Dominion came along and said let's start painting."

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County Announces App Improvements

Changes Made to 'Prepare Me Calvert'

The Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, announces the launch of the improved Prepare Me Calvert mobile app. It puts critical, real-time information at users' fingertips in the unlikely event of a regional emergency and helps residents stay prepared. Some of the new app features include:

- A new "Submit a Tip" button for anonymous reporting to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office
- An emergency management blog with training information, preparedness tips and more
- A damage report that allows users to send storm-related dam-

age information to emergency management staff for situational awareness

- A calendar of training and public outreach events
- An "I Need Help/I'm Okay" button to allow users to send messages to loved ones – when phone systems are clogged in an emergency – letting them know their status during an emergency
- A shareable emergency plan
- Improved alerting

Citizens are encouraged to download "Prepare Me Calvert" now for iOS (Apple) and Android devices.

"Our primary mission is to minimize the effects of future disasters through prevention, mitigation,

planning, training and response efforts," said Calvert County Emergency Management Division Chief Al Jeffery. "We feel the Prepare Me Calvert app it is a great tool for our citizens to better prepare themselves and to stay informed."

For more information about the Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management, call 410-535-1600, ext. 2638; send an email to oem@calvertcountymd.gov, or visit online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/EmergencyManagement. Like county government on Facebook.



Press Release from Calvert County Government

Event to Honor Legacy of Lucille Clifton



Ashley M. Jones

The Office of the President of St. Mary's College presents "Nurturing the Compassionate Community: An Evening to Honor the Legacy of Lucille Clifton" on Friday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) in Daugherty-Palmer Commons. The event, co-sponsored by the VOICES Reading Series, is free of charge and open to the public. The evening will feature poetry readings and reflections to honor St. Mary's College's former Distinguished Professor of the Humanities Lucille Clifton.

Sonia Sanchez and Ashley M. Jones will perform original works of poetry during the event.

Sonia Sanchez is one of America's most acclaimed writers. She has published 12 books of poetry, seven plays and three books for children. Treasured not only for her poetry, but also for her outspoken advocacy of women and minorities, Sanchez was a major influence in the Black Arts and Civil Rights Movements of the 1960s. She was an active member in the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) as well as the Nation of Islam which she left in protest of their mistreatment of women. She continues to advocate for the rights of oppressed women and minority groups. Her work has been recognized with numerous awards, most recently, she is the recipient of the Wallace Stevens Award from the Academy of American Poets.

Ashley M. Jones received an MFA in poetry from Florida International University. Her poems have received numerous recognitions including a 2015 Rona

Jaffe Foundation Writer's Award. She was an editor of PANK magazine, and her debut poetry collection, "Magic City Gospel," won the silver medal in poetry in the 2017 Independent Publishers Book Awards. Her second book, "dark // thing," won the 2018 Lena-Miles Wever Todd Prize for Poetry from Pleiades Press. She lives in Birmingham, Alabama, where she is a faculty member in the creative writing department of the Alabama School of Fine Arts.

Mary Johnston, operations/customer service coordinator for the physical plant, will receive the President's Lucille Clifton Award. Nominated by senior students, faculty and staff of the College, the President's Lucille Clifton Award is given to employees who best embody the spirit of caring, compassion and nurturing that characterized Lucille Clifton's tenure at the College.

Lucille Clifton was one of the most distinguished, decorated, and beloved poets of her time. She won the National Book Award for Poetry and was the first Black recipient of the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize for lifetime achievement. Her honors and awards give testament to the universality of her unique and resonant voice. In 1987, she became the first author to have two books of poetry – "Good Woman" and "Next" – chosen as finalists for the Pulitzer Prize in the same year. She was named a Literary Lion of New York Public Library in 1996, served as chancellor of the Academy of American Poetry and was elected a fellow in Literature of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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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 or give us a call at 410-535-PETS (7387). Please follow us on our Facebook Page @ Calvert County Animal Shelter and Instagram @CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.

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The presentation time will be from 5:30-6:30 PM, doors will open at 5 PM. This is a free event with a door prize raffle to be held also, must be present to win. For more info visit www.stmarysartsCouncil.com or call (240)309-4061. The audience participation Drum Circle featuring the SoMar Drummers will follow from 7-8 PM, bring your own instruments or use ours—all skill levels and ages are welcome to attend.

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"Don't Mess with Fluffy!" at North End Gallery

Christina Allen - illustrator, farmer, fiber artist, and author will have a one-woman exhibition entitled "Don't Mess with Fluffy!" at the North End Gallery in Leonardtown, Feb 26 - March 31, 2019. This very special exhibit will showcase all the original Sunflower Squirrel Paintings, from newly released children's book...plus cats and rabbits...all things Fluffy!



The public is invited to the First Friday reception to meet the artist/author from 5-8pm March 1, 2019. Refreshments will be served.

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Carol Booker will be signing copies of Alone Atop the Hill: The Autobiography of Alice Dunnigan, Pioneer of the National Black Press on First Friday, March 1 from 5-7 PM.



In 1942 Alice Allison Dunnigan, a sharecropper's daughter from Kentucky, made her way to the nation's capital and a career in journalism that eventually led her to the White House. With Alone atop the Hill, Carol McCabe Booker has condensed Dunnigan's 1974 self-published autobiography to appeal to a general audience and has added scholarly annotations that provide historical context. Dunnigan's dynamic story reveals her importance to the fields of journalism, women's history, and the civil rights movement and creates a compelling portrait of a groundbreaking American.

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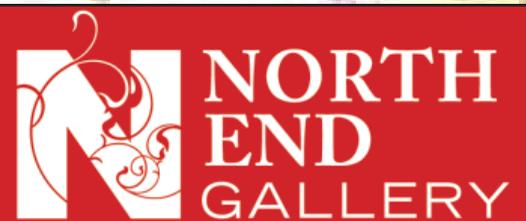
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Pets with Disabilities: Giving a New Definition to 'Normal'



Austin in his wheelchair.

By Dick Myers
Editor

The proclamation from the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners tells of the beginnings: "This amazing journey began when Michael Dickerson and Joyce Darrell expanded their family by adopting a vibrant young shepherd whom they named Duke, which unexpectedly changed their lives forever. On a warm spring day, an accident left Duke paralyzed. While they were advised to euthanize him, told he would not have a quality life confined to a wheelchair, they still saw vibrance in him — their selfless, kind, and generous act would change the lives of many others for years to come."

In almost 20 years what poured out of that personal act of kindness to their pet has evolved into the nation's preeminent organization for the rescue, care and adoption of disabled four-legged creatures. It's called Pets with Disabilities and it's located right here in Calvert County.

The family's decision to save Duke was followed by another act of kindness when a woman donated a wheelchair for Duke. And Duke lived and thrived with the wheelchair for 13 years, Darrell said in an interview with The County Times on Feb. 18 at their facility in Prince Frederick.

The old cliché about one thing leading to another is true for what happened next. The Pets with Disabilities website continues the story: "A few months later we heard about another dog in need named Misty, who had been living in a NY shelter for over five years. Nobody wanted Misty because she had hind leg problems, and also needed a wheelchair. Hundreds and hundreds of people passed her cage, not even giving her a chance. We went to NY and adopted her immediately.

"After experiencing the impact of Duke and Misty on our family and everyone they met, we soon realized there was NO support or education for dogs and cats with physical disabilities. We started a grassroots organization and called it Pets with Disabilities. It quickly took on a life of its own!"

Darrell had operated a fitness center for years in Prince Frederick. She quit it to devote full-time to Pets with Disabilities. Dickerson has a full-time job as an elevator repairman, but he also remains active fixing wheelchairs donated to them and providing transport.

"We saw there was a need and we didn't know how much of a need until we really started because the organization has kind of taken over me," Darrell said about how things transpired. She noted, "There's a lot of disabled animals, dogs in the world that need a place to go and



Michael Dickerson (holding dog) and Joyce Darrell received a proclamation Feb. 5 from the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners.

need vet care, where shelters can't really do all that kind of stuff for them."

The couple mortgaged their home to purchase an adjacent 17 acres and created a colony of buildings for various purposes. One serves as the main kennel area; another is used for adoptions and another houses cats and other animals. It is surrounded by several fenced areas for the animals' protection.

Darrell explained the early years, from 1999 to 2007: "Michael and I would just go from city to city and just do all these big pet expos." And they took disabled dogs like Duke with them. "We'd just tell people about the organization and then things started evolving. It was like a small grassroots thing that has evolved."

The property is not open to the public. Anyone interested in adopting must fill out an application and make an appointment. It is, however, open occasionally for school and scout groups to learn more about what they do.

The non-profit organization depends on a combination of regular contributions, some grants and four major fundraisers every year. Darrell's friend and long-time volunteer Kathy Delio helps with fundraising including the sold-out "Night of Entertainment and Bingo" on March 9 and the upcoming event for which tickets are still available, June 7 at Running Hare Vineyard. See their website for more details.

Contributions can be made to a specific animal under the organizations care or periodic contributions can be directed to the "Healing Hearts – Critical Care Team," for the organization's continuing needs.

Pets with Disabilities is truly an international effort, with supporters not only around the country but around the world, and also international adoptions and taking in dogs that need help from other countries.

Darrell said, "Luckily we got some major exposure back (in 2009) when we were on the (NBC) Today show. Obviously, that was huge for us. It really put us on the map." That show was arranged after word got out that they had taken in a disabled dog from Russia.

Darrell was asked if there was one particularly unusual case that sticks in her mind. She responded, "It was a dog from Texas that jumped out of the Jeep and splayed his front legs." His front legs had neurological damage and were useless. Upon learning about Pets with Disabilities the owner of the dog named Austin drove him to Maryland.

Austin was in horrible pain, but she could still tell his spirit wasn't broken. Both front legs were amputated by Dr. Oakley at MASH in Huntingtown, the first such op-



Lucy, who is blind, is Joyce Darrell's constant companion at the Pets with Disabilities sanctuary.

eration he had ever done. "He calls him the 'Incredible Austin,'" she said.

Getting Austin used to the wheelchair took some time and a lot of patience. His confidence was built up playing with another of their dogs, Lucy, who is blind. But the end result can be seen on their website in the form of the smiling faces of a couple who adopted him.

Adoption is always the end game for any animal rescue organization and Pets with Disabilities is no different. However, there does come a time when a decision must be made about whether the disability would make adoption difficult. Wheelchair dogs, for instance, are hard to adopt because of the disability challenges. Once that decision is made the animal then has a forever home with Darrell and Dickerson.

Some of the statistics about Pets with Disabilities are staggering considering their small size, including 600 wheelchairs refurbished (many donated to individuals with disabled pets), 500 adoptions and two dozen dogs and cats currently in their care.

They don't go to adoption events. "They come here, and they sit in this room and we talk, and I get to know the humans and then the dogs can come in here. It's kind of a neutral spot for these dogs here," she said of the adoption building where the interview was conducted.

"I have to make sure that the dog is going to be good for the person and they've got the right type of home. It's tough," she said.

Darrell admits, "I really don't like being in the lime-light at all, to be honest with you," and then reveals a little of why she does what admittedly is a difficult job: "Everyone has to do something in their life. It just happens to be something that we kind of fell into and we took it and rolled with it."

Delio, who had experience with disabled humans in her former job, added, "I love animals. I love what she does. I couldn't do what she does, but I can help her."

On the Pets with Disabilities website in the section that deals with ways to volunteer and help financially is a paragraph that also underscores their mission: "We look to you to help the dogs that are here waiting for those people that will take the time to see the unbroken spirit of our dogs. Our rescue stands alone in this regard. You cannot come and visit us and find a dog that isn't blind, deaf, in a wheelchair, etc. Although disabled to the unknowing eye, these animals are really just living their own 'normal'."

For more information on Pets with Disabilities go to: <http://petswithdisabilities.org/>

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Maryland Hunters Harvest 77,000 Deer

Sunday Hunting Accounts for More than Ten Percent



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The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reported today that deer hunters harvested 77,382 deer during the combined archery, firearms and muzzleloader seasons, from Sept. 7, 2018, through Jan. 31, 2019.

The statewide harvest included 29,699 antlered and 44,249 antlerless white-tailed deer; and 1,609 antlered and 1,825 antlerless sika deer. The harvest was 11 percent lower than the 2017-2018 total of 86,542 deer, as multiple rain and ice events on key Saturdays limited success for hunters this season.

Counts were lower throughout Southern Maryland from the previous year. In Calvert the total was 1,561, a 7.5 percent decline. In St. Mary's the total was 1,877, a 30.3 percent drop. And in Charles the number was 2,359, a 30.9 percent decline.

Although the total harvest was down, the number of antlerless deer taken this year represented 60 percent of the overall harvest. Also, the statewide harvest of

button bucks was down 25 percent this year, an important outcome for future buck hunting opportunities in Maryland.

"Poor weather dampened success on prime Saturdays, especially during the firearms season this year," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. "However, the addition of Sunday hunting in several counties offered an alternative day to effectively fill the gap for hunters and farmers who are often limited to weekend hunting days only. Nearly 8,500 deer were taken on Sundays this season, up nearly 20 percent from prior year Sunday hunt totals."

The harvest in deer management Region A (Western Maryland) decreased three percent, from 10,003 deer last year to 9,705 this year. Hunters in these counties reported 5,608 antlered and 4,097 antlerless deer.

Hunters in Region B — the remainder of the state — harvested 67,677 deer, down 12 percent from 76,539 deer harvested last year. A total of 25,700 antlered and 41,977 antlerless deer were reported in this region.

Frederick County led the harvest totals again this year with 6,545 deer, followed by Carroll County with 5,421 and Garrett County at 4,973. Washington and Baltimore counties rounded out the top five with 4,620 and 4,604 deer, respectively.

A View From The BLEACHERS

A Quarterback for the Doubted

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

Last June, Kyler Murray was selected by the Oakland A's with the ninth overall pick in the 2018 MLB Draft. He may have been picked higher except for one little wrinkle: After backing up Oklahoma QB Baker Mayfield, the 2017 Heisman Trophy winner and first overall pick in the 2018 NFL draft, Murray was slated to be the Sooners' 2018 starting quarterback.

This football thing didn't end up where it seemed headed last summer. Murray, who played sparingly as a freshman at Texas A&M in 2015, sat out 2016 after transferring to Oklahoma and saw only spot duty in relief of Mayfield in 2017, entered last season as a talented but unknown commodity. The likely scenario: he would have a nice season while running head coach Lincoln Riley's potent Sooners offense. As for the A's, the only real risk seemed to be an injury on the gridiron.

By season's end, Murray's resume included nearly 4,400 yards passing, over 1,000 yards rushing, 54 touchdowns (passing and rushing), a Big 12 championship, a berth in the College Football Playoff and a Heisman Trophy - a "nice" year indeed. More accurate descriptions include "amazing", "transformational", "unbelievable" and "generational" - pick one, they all fit.

Murray's performance created a dilemma - stick with the A's and baseball or jump to the NFL. Murray recently chose the latter and will enter the 2019 NFL Draft. He is projected as a top-15 pick. A no-brainer, then? Hardly. Murray's transition to the NFL will involve all the normal challenges as well as the negative perceptions of fault-finders.

At just 5'10" tall and under 200lbs, Murray lacks prototypical NFL quarterback measurables. The issue of Murray's size is further compounded by his athleticism and willingness to scramble; Riley, his former coach, called him Barry Sanders at quarterback. It's an alluring skill-set, but as Washington fans know, there is great consequence to a slight franchise quarterback running through NFL defenses.

It will matter little on draft day. Murray is the most fascinating prospect in the draft and quality quarter-

backs are in short supply; an early first round pick he will be.

Regardless of Murry's ultimate destination, I'm already a fan. Not because I have an affinity for Sooners football or even Murray himself; rather my affection is based solely in the fact that Murray is so unorthodox. The NFL likes its quarterbacks to be at least 6'2", have a cannon arm and possess just enough athleticism to extend plays. Having played only football since age 10 and only quarterback since age 14 is desired. And why not? Games are won by big quarterbacks, utilizing precision footwork and throwing mechanics, delivering throws mostly from the pocket.

That is conventional wisdom.

Murray can probably do stereotypical quarterback things, but he'll never be 6'5", he'll routinely use his legs and his mechanics will include a dash of baseball flavor, as needed. Every time he takes a snap in the NFL, coaches will question what thought they knew and fans will doubt the promulgated (and stale and unimaginative) "franchise quarterback" profile.

And I love it. I love that Murray played multiple sports and that he confronted his body and mind with diverse endeavors. I love that he will challenge NFL organizations to think differently and to recognize and adapt to the game's evolution.

Murray's not the first quarterback to put the NFL's groupthink on tilt. Russell Wilson and Patrick Mahomes are others with baseball backgrounds. Wilson, at 5'11", shares a similar vertical challenge. And league-wide mobility at the quarterback position might be at its highest ever. Still, Murray's specific profile - his overall size, athleticism and multi-sport background - still qualifies for unicorn status.

But that's just the football side of Murray's story; his NFL journey carries broader relevance. Murray will play for everyone who has ever been doubted or outright dismissed for being too much of one thing or too little of another. Be it because of race, gender, age or some other baseless or blatantly unjust qualification, Murray will play for those who didn't fit a pre-cast mold and succeeded anyway.

I'm rooting for him. How could anyone root against him?

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Public Schools to Begin Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Calvert County Public Schools will begin pre-kindergarten and kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year. The schedule is as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
April 4, 2019	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Huntingtown Elementary
April 9, 2019	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Plum Point Elementary
April 11, 2019	9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Mt. Harmony Elementary
April 16, 2019	9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Sunderland Elementary
April 17, 2019	9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Calvert Elementary
April 24, 2019	9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Dowell Elementary
April 25, 2019	9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Beach Elementary
April 30, 2019	9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.	St. Leonard Elementary
May 1, 2019	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Mutual Elementary
May 7, 2019	9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Patuxent Appeal Elementary
May 8, 2019	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Windy Hill Elementary
May 14, 2019	9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Barstow Elementary



If you are unavailable to register your child the specified day, please contact the school prior to June 1 to set up an appointment.

The following documents are needed to complete the registration process:

- Original birth certificate with official raised seal;
- Child's immunization records;

- Child's social security card; and
- Proof of residency.

Only the following documentation will be accepted:

- Deed;
- Incorporated Lease (Real Estate Lease);
- Non-incorporated Lease Agreement (Landlord provides proof of residency by producing a signed, notarized affidavit verifying that parents reside at that address); or
- Mortgage Statement.
- An approved multi-family disclosure application is required when child and parent reside in the home of another family. Please call the Department of Student Services at (443) 550-8460 to obtain further information regarding this process.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Pre-Kindergarten Age Requirement: Must be four years old by September 1, 2019.

Parents and guardians must first complete the application process and receive an eligibility letter before registering a child for the pre-kindergarten program. Pre-K applications for 2019-2020 will be available in all elementary schools and on the school district website (www.

calvertnet.k12.md.us) on March 1, 2019. Parents and guardians must complete the form for the current year.

Kindergarten Age Requirement: Must be five years old by September 1, 2019.

Details and information regarding early entry requirements can be found in Calvert County Public Schools Policy/Procedures #2915. Candidates for early entry to kindergarten must be five years old on or before November 1 of the school year for which they apply for entrance. As stated in the policy, the intent of the assessment for early admission, as specified by the State of Maryland, is to identify exceptional students, not simply students who may be capable of completing kindergarten work. Written requests for candidates to participate in the early entry to kindergarten assessment process must be received by Joyce Farrell King, Supervisor Primary Education, by June 1, 2019.

For more information, contact:

Dr. Cheryl Yates, Supervisor of Early Childhood & Title I Programs (Pre-Kindergarten), (443) 550-8040, yatesc@calvertnet.k12.md.us

Joyce Farrell King, Supervisor of Primary Education (Kindergarten), (443) 550-8025, kingj@calvertnet.k12.md.us



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In Remembrance

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

Winterson French "Winnie" Griffith



Winterson French "Winnie" Griffith, 84, of Lothian passed away February 14, 2019 in Davidsonville. He was born March 17, 1934 in Bristol to Harry and Lulu Elvira (Moreland) Griffith. Winnie was raised in Bristol and attended Southern High School. He married Sally Ann Nieman on February 27, 1954 and they lived and raised their family in Lothian. He was a lifelong farmer, and was also employed for over 30 years as an automotive parts manager with the Prince George's County Board of Education at the Brandywine garage. Winnie enjoyed hunting and baseball, country music, and most of all spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Winnie is survived by his loving wife Sally Ann Griffith and children Heidi Mudd and husband Ray of Deale, Julia Harmel of Churchton, Polly Rogers and husband Bill of Reidsville, NC, Anthony Griffith and wife Janet of Alexandria, TN and Janice Stallings and husband Mark of Amory, MS. Also surviving are thirteen grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, a brother Harry Lansdale Griffith and wife Pat of Germantown, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, 1010 Wrighton Road, Lothian, MD 20711 or Deale Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 114, 6007 Drum Point Road, Deale, MD 20751

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Margaret (Peggy) E. Jett



Margaret (Peggy) E. Jett, 100, of Broomes Island, MD, went to be with her lord on February 12, 2019. She was born on December 7, 1918 to Odie Buck Sr. and Mary Pitcher Buck. Peggy was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. Most of her life she worked as a store clerk and retired in 1974.

Peggy's favorite pastime was watching the Orioles, Redskins, and her grandsons play baseball. She was married to James Jett for 38 years until his passing. Peggy is survived by her sister Irene Fowler, her daughter Janice Kwiatkoski, grandsons Dennis (Bub), Lenny, Fred, Kenny, and granddaughter Tammy, great grandchildren Jessie, Samantha, Bambi, Billy, Reza, James, Ryan, Ty, Mia, Beth, Vicki, Austin, and 10 great-great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her daughter, Norma, son, James Jr., grandson Tony, sister Doris, and brothers Odie Jr., Leroy, and Rodney.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, 238 Merrimac Court Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/> Arrangements provided by Rausch Funeral Home of Port Republic, MD.

Linda Ann Giles

Linda Ann Giles, 62, of Prince Frederick passed away February 11, 2019 in Washington, D.C. She was born August 18, 1956 in D.C. to Robert Emil and Celeste (Brunori) Crickenberger. Linda



lived with her family in Hyattsville and Clinton and graduated from Surrattsville High School. She then received several Associates Degrees from College of Southern Maryland in communications, general studies and psychology. She was employed as a testing center manager with CSM in Prince Frederick. She married David John Giles on August 30, 1975 and they lived in Owings, Lower Marlboro and North Beach, before moving to Prince Frederick. Linda was a member of the Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Church in Sunderland. She enjoyed cooking, baking and most of all spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Linda is survived by her loving husband, David John Giles and children Jaime A. Abelitis and husband Jason of Martinsburg, WV, Melissa S. Murray and husband Matthew of Prince Frederick, Megan R. Smith and husband Michael of Springdale, AR and Corrine J. Bisbee and husband Will of Springdale, AR. Also surviving are grandchildren Daniel, Alyssa, David, Elizabeth, Ethan, Cameron, Devin, Madelyn and Lillian and a brother Robert Crickenberger and wife Brenda of Chesapeake Beach. Linda was preceded in death by children Melanie and David Giles.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

William Joseph Exner



William Joseph Exner, 83, of Chesapeake Beach, MD passed away on February 9, 2019. Bill was born on October 26, 1935 in Washington DC, to William and Edna Exner and was raised in American University Park neighborhood of Washington D.C. near Tenleytown. He graduated from St Johns High School in 1953. He went on to graduate in 1957 from George Washington University where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Business. Bill served in the National Guard for six years and spent many years working for Digital Equipment Corp.

Bill was a lifelong baseball fan, first the Washington Senators and then the Nationals. His nieces and nephews have fond memories of attending their first baseball games with him. Bill was also a big fan of the Redskins and Capitals as well as Notre Dame. He was also a weekly participant in the Sunday Waak basketball league.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William Exner and Edna Dyer Exner, and his brother, Donald Exner.

Bill is survived by sister, Patricia Exner Waak, and his nieces and nephews Stephen Waak (Mary Beth) of Columbia, MD, Sandra Waak of Chesapeake Beach, MD, Terrence Waak of Crofton, MD, Brian Waak (Diane) of Bowie, MD, Darren Waak of Bowie, MD, and Karen Waak of Boston, MA, and his great nieces and nephews Ashley, Stephen, Caroline, and Ellis.



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Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Jack Hugg

Jack Hugg, 91, of Solomons, MD formerly of Baltimore County, MD passed away at Asbury Solomons. He was born on August 6, 1927 in Baltimore, MD to the late Mildred L (Collison) Hugg and John A. Hugg, Sr. He was preceded in death by his parents and his two sons John A. Hugg, III and William B. Hugg. Jack is survived by his god-son Skip Blackburn and his wife Jill of Edgewater, MD and his cousin Karen Hoth and her husband Mark Connelly of Huntington, WV.

Jack was a loving, compassionate, and friendly man and had many passions. Jack enjoyed collecting stamps and coins for all of his life. He was also a fan of Dixieland Jazz, where he and Jean travelled the Country to attend festivals. Over the past six years, Jack spent almost every day with his very best friend, Maryellen Muldoon. They travelled together and took great care of each other throughout the years. They created a wonderful and loving relationship that was wonderful to see and be around.

His strength was evident when his sons were diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy as young boys. Jack and Jean worked with the MDA closely over the years and worked with Johns Hopkins research. The boys were kind, funny, intelligent and well thought of by their friends and classmates.

Karen Hoth, the daughter of Jack's cousin George, maintained a lifelong bond with Jack and Jean, visiting in the summers and communicating regularly with cards and notes. Her mother Kathy was especially close with them as well. Jack, Jean, Kathy and Karen enjoyed a special trip to Hawaii in the late 90's. Jack always held a special place in his heart for Karen.

Since his childhood, Jack made many friends, some he kept for over 80 years. Several included Dick Fulton, Pete Blackburn, and Skip Friend, all of whom he met on his first day at Friends School in Baltimore. Jack and Dick both had a love of the Chesapeake Bay and boated regularly.

Another life long relationship was with the Blackburn family. Pete's wife Lou and Jean became close friends and their children played together - Skip Blackburn is Jack and Jean's godson, with whom they have been especially close. Skip and his wife Jill have been like family over the years. Jean handmade special Christmas ornaments for their children every year, making Angels for Natalie and Santas for Drew. Jack and Jean have been included as family in all of the Blackburn's Holiday dinners and important milestones, always loved as family. They have traveled to Italy and Jazz Festivals together and enjoyed most holiday dinners. Skip has been by Jack's side through his heart surgery, Jean's illness and Jack's illness. He has been like a son.

Jack loved Dixieland Jazz Festivals and Cruises. With great zeal, they traveled many countries and waters enjoying their music. Several of their friends and loved ones accompanied them from time to time. They spent more than 10 years of their retirement enjoying the Jazz Festivals and many bands knew them, talked with them and played to them personally. Jean would make gifts for their favorite musicians. Skip and Jill Blackburn have some favorite memories of being with them at the Connecticut Jazz Festival as well as many other venues. Karen Hoth and Mark Connelly enjoyed attending a WV festival some years with them as well.

Jack will be missed, but his life is to be celebrated. His love for people around him and his intellect, talent and humor will be remembered by his many friends that loved him.

Should friends desire contributions may be made in Jack's memory to the Asbury Foundation, Inc., 5285 Westview Drive, Suite 200, Frederick, MD 21703 (301-216-4050).

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

YOUR SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS

Once you have made the decision to set up your own business and have chosen whether you want a limited liability company or a corporation, you need to focus on protecting your business. That is done through contracts and what you need depends on the type of business you have.

If you are a retail business, your primary focus will be on your suppliers. Each of them will likely have their own form of contract they want you to sign on behalf of your business. Make sure you read and thoroughly understand these contracts. How many times have I heard "I didn't know the contract required..." Read before you sign. Many suppliers will want your business to commit to purchasing a certain amount of widgets per month. Understanding what the supplier wants and what you can provide is key. Suppliers want to ensure they have a steady flow of customers so will offer you a discount if you commit to purchase certain amounts on a regular basis. However, that discount is meaningless to you if you do not have a good idea of how many widgets you really need to satisfy customer demand per month.

As a new business, you probably will not know how many widgets you will need to supply to your customers. Start small with the supplier until you have a good idea of the flow of widgets. Once you have a handle on how many you will need, then you can commit to purchasing over a period of time.

What about personal guarantees? Of course, this request from a supplier may be more than a request. Many suppliers do not want to do business with a new entity and the only way they will do business is if they have a personal guarantee that your business will be able to pay for the widgets they will supply to you. This supplier request is to be anticipated. Obviously your personal guarantee to back up your business purchase defeats one of the purposes of setting up as a company which is to avoid personal liability. But, since requests for guarantees are standard, you need to think about inserting terms in your contracts with suppliers that drop the demand for a personal guarantee after a period of timely payments to the supplier. If you can prove that your business is a reliable customer of the supplier and pay the supplier bills on time, the supplier anxiety should be reduced and you should be able to drop the demand for a personal guarantee.

That's a retail business. But suppose you have a construction business. That business is heavily dependent on contracts with customers. The contracts need to set forth the expectations of the customer and your ability as a business to meet those expectations. Suppose, for example, you agree to build someone a front porch. The important points of your contract are going to be when you will start and finish the project, how much it will cost, what guarantee you will give as to the workmanship and what payment terms you will need. Often, your request for a payment up front is based on your estimate of the cost of materials to complete the job. Too often, the cost of the labor to get the job started is forgotten,

leaving your business with paid for materials and no cash flow to handle labor costs. The entire project must be mapped out so you know, as the business owner, how much cash flow you need to complete each stage of the job.

Starting dates are usually not an issue. Finish dates are always an issue. However, weather can and does often interfere with the starting date and certainly impacts the finish date. Weather delays when working outside must be taken into account before you write the contract. Guarantees are easier. Your competition will offer guarantees of workmanship and you should too. You need to understand the implications of the guarantee. Under your contract, can you be called back after three years to repair something on that porch or will your responsibility last one year. There is a difference between the manufacturer's guarantee of the materials and your guarantee of workmanship. The roof materials for the porch may be guaranteed for twenty years—your workmanship cannot be guaranteed for that length of time unless you are independently wealthy.

Payment terms on the construction contract will usually follow the staging of the job. Keep this in mind. New construction is far easier to deal with than renovation. Builders have told me there is often no way to tell what is required on the renovation until walls are opened. Leave enough room for problems by using the "change order" concept. This means, when you run across an unanticipated problem, the customer approves your fixing the problem at an additional cost. Without the change order, your business could be stuck with any repairs to problems you did not anticipate.

There are many different types of contracts used for different businesses. Consulting contracts need to focus on deliverables—exactly what the consultant will do for the customer and when. Language is all important in any contract. Use of the proper language will protect your business no matter what the situation with your customer. Although you may use an attorney to draft your contracts, you as the business owner are critical to giving the attorney an understanding of how your business works and what critical points need to be included in your contract.

My best advice is to take your time. Think about the type of contract you need and focus on all the "imaginary horrors" that can happen to prevent you from completing the contract and/or your customer from receiving what they paid for and draft against these horrors. The time to enter into a contract with your customer is right up front, never after the fact. And, miscommunication is the primary reason customers sue businesses. The best protection you can have for your business is to make sure your contracts communicate clearly.

Join me for a discussion of this and other planning matters at our next seminar on Wednesday March 20th at 11am at my office at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach 20714. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot. I look forward to meeting you.

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

Rise Up!

A teen art exhibition program showcasing the talent, creativity, and perspective of today's teens. Through April 14 in the Kay Daugherty Gallery at Annmarie Sculpture Garden, Dowell Road, Solomons.

Food for Lovers

calvART Gallery, Prince Frederick Shopping Center (Rts. 4/231), Prince Frederick

Wednesday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Find passion for your favorite art --- pottery, still lifes, jewelry. Original and local flavor art! Show runs through March 3. 410-535-9252. www.calvartgallery.org

Bottle Caps/Tops Needed

All colors, sizes and shapes for upcoming Spring project at the Southern Community Center. Drop off at any Community Center. Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM. 410-586-1101, x4.

Thursday, February 21

Book Discussion

Asbury, Solomons

10:30 AM – Noon

Life in France by Julia Child. 410-326-5289

Calvert Toastmasters

Community Resources Bldg., 30 Duke St., Prince Frederick

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Celebrating our Hosts, the County Extension Office and 4-H office. Light lunch for all. Find out how we can help develop your speaking, listening, and leadership skills.

NARFE Meeting

Calvert Pines Senior Center, W.Dares Beach Rd., Prince Frederick

1:00 PM

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), Calvert County Chapter 1466.

Presentation by AARP on making your home "Senior Friendly." Followed by a short business session. Early lunch 11:30 at Dream Weaver, Prince Frederick. Active and Retired Federal employees, current and prospective members, non-members and guests are welcome. 410-586-1441 or email NARFE1466@gmail.com

Zumba Gold-Toning

Sunderland Elementary School

7:00 - 8:00 PM

If you love to dance, this is the fitness class for you. All fitness levels welcome; no experience is necessary. Register, Calvert County Parks & Recreation. 410-535-1600 x8200

Friday, February 22

Chef's Choice Dinner

American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206, Chesapeake Beach

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Informal dinner in the lower level dining room. \$12 includes side, salad, and beverage. Public Welcome.

410-257-9878. www.ALpost206

Kids Bingo Night

CSA Fieldhouse, 200 Bugeye Sq., Prince Frederick

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Bingo and access to Kids Open Gym. Guaranteed 10-15 games. Prizes for winners! Come early; limited seats. \$15. Get tickets. www.csafieldhouse.com/upcoming-events

Teen Movie Night

Harriet E. Brown Community Center, 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Enjoy an age-appropriate movie on our big screen. We'll have free popcorn and drinks for all who attend. Free. 410-535-7080

Saturday, February 23

Chesapeake Beach Zumba Gold-Toning

Northeast Community Center, Chesapeake Beach

8:50 - 10:00 AM

The Zumba party that you love at your own pace with a total body workout using light weights to shake up those muscles. Register. Calvert County Parks & Recreation. 410-535-1600 x8200.

Black History Month Presentation

Trinity Episcopal Church, 14515 Church Street, Upper Marlboro

1:00 - 2:00 PM

The Washington Revels, Jubilee Voices, perform songs and stories of the struggle of African Americans expressed through a cappella music. Hosted by Darnall's Chance House Museum. No reservation necessary. Free. 301-952-8010

Conversation on Opioids

Calvert Library Prince Frederick

2:00 - 4:00 PM

What should we do about this opioid epidemic? The library is collaborating with the Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Calvert County Behavioral Health Services, Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney's Office and Community Mediation Center to offer the opportunity to consider a variety of solutions. 410-535-0291

Motown Night

American Legion, Rt. 260, Chesapeake Beach

8:00 PM - Midnight

Music by DJ Stephen Varney. \$10 includes draft beer and sodas. Tickets available at the door. Public welcome. 410-257-9878. www.ALPost206.org

Monday, February 25

TR Tot Swim Time

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

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Therapeutic recreation for children with disabilities ages 2-5 years to have an open play time with a parent, guardian or caregiver in the leisure pool. \$5 includes one child and one parent, guardian or caregiver. Siblings welcome if registered and another adult attend for supervision. 410-535-1600 x 8205

Firehouse Zumba

Dunkirk Firehouse, Ward Road

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Focus on muscle conditioning, balance, range of motion and coordination. Drop in \$5. Active duty first responders free. 301-520-2338

Tuesday, February 26

Feed the Birds

Harriet E. Brown Community Center, 901 Dares Beach Rd., Prince Frederick

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Make a pine cone bird feeder for the birds. Take it home and enjoy watching the birds eat the bird seed! \$1. Ages 1½ - 10. 410-535-7080

Senior Billiards Tournament

Southern Community Center, 20 Appeal Lane, Lusby

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Test your skills in an 8-ball billiards tournament designed just for seniors. Prizes to the top winners!

410-586-1101

Zumba Toning Tuesday

Mt. Hope Community Ctr., 104 Pushaw Station Rd, Sunderland

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Focus on muscle conditioning, balance, range of motion and coordination in a party atmosphere. If you love to dance, this is the fitness class for you. Register, Calvert County Parks & Recreation. 410-535-1600 x8200.

Bingo

North Beach Volunteer Fire Dept., Chesapeake Beach

7:30 PM

Doors open at 5:00. \$1,000 jackpot. \$8/person. Food and drink for purchase. 301-855-0520.

Wednesday, February 27

TR Warm Water Stretching

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

12:00 - 12:45 PM

Therapeutic recreation designed for individuals with various physical limitations or impairments. Utilize the warm water to improve physical well-being, endurance, strength, flexibility and enhance functional ability and quality of life. Feb. 27, 28 & Mar. 1 & 2. \$20. 410-535-1600 x 8205

Thursday, February 28

Pre-Schoolers Fitness Trail

Northeast Community Center, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach

11:00 - 11:45 AM

Age-appropriate fitness challenge featuring running, jumping, tumbling, balancing and coordination. For ages 2-5. Free. Pre-registration required. 410-535-1600 ext. 8210

Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

Thursday, February 21

Family Night Goes to Outer Space. 7:00-8:00pm. Kids K-7 and their parents learn space by experts and hands-on interactive experience. This week: conducting a cosmic survey. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Friday, February 22

On Pins & Needles. 1:00-4:00pm. Bring your quilting, needlework, knitting, crocheting, or other project for an afternoon of conversation and shared creativity. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Saturday, February 23

Garden Smarter: Planting for Hummingbirds & Butterflies. 1:00-3:00pm. Learn which plants attract butterflies and hummingbirds and have a nature show in your own back yard. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

National Issues Forum: What Should We Do About The Opioid Epidemic? 2:00-4:00pm. National Issues Forums (NIF) is a nonpartisan, nationwide network of locally sponsored public forums for the consideration of public policy issues. It is rooted in the simple notion that people need to come together to reason and talk to deliberate about common problems. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Monday, February 25

Monday Morning Fun. 10:00-11:00am. Join us for dancing, stories, movies and fun. We now have text reminders. If you would like to get reminders about certain special events for this class, text @ mmfpf to the number 81010. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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

Tuesday, February 26

Garden Smarter: Ospreys on the Patuxent. 6:30-8:00pm. Learn about Ospreys, the often-seen "fish hawk" of local rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. Greg Kerns, MNCPPC Naturalist, will cover Osprey biology on the Patuxent River, the provision of nesting platforms, ef-

orts to increase their numbers, his banding program with the public, re-introduction efforts, satellite tracking of migration and other interesting facts. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Wednesday, February 27

Mobile Health Center from CalvertHealth. 10:00-1:00pm. The Mobile Health Center travels to under-served areas of the community to bring essential primary care services, dental, prevention and wellness programs to residents who may not have easy access to traditional health care. For more information, to view the full schedule, or view an online tour of the vehicle visit them online. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Song Circle / Jam Session. 6:30-8:30pm. Singer-musicians trading songs, taking turns in choosing and leading a group of musicians. It's a sing-along with space for learning from each other and trying new things. A range of playing abilities and experience can be expected. Public is welcome to participate or just observe. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Happy Crafternoon! 1:00-1:45pm. 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.

Summer Camp Fair 2019. 6:30-8:00pm. Come explore the variety of summer camps offered in our area. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Thursday, February 28

JobSource Mobile Career Center. 1:00-3:00pm. Stop by to visit the JobSource Mobile Career Center for your job search needs! Get job counseling and résumé help, search for jobs and connect with Southern Maryland JobSource. No registration. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Building Bridges. 7:00-8:00pm. For parents and their children with differing abilities to get together and interact with toys, books and technology. This month Spheros. Please register. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

AARP Tax-Aide Program

Certified Tax-Aide Counselors will be available Monday, February 4 through Friday, April 12, 2019 to prepare individual federal and state tax returns at no cost or low-to-moderate income senior citizens aged 50-plus. You do not have to be an AARP member. All individuals on the return must be present and provide identification (SSN card and photo ID). Senior centers will begin taking calls Monday, January 28. Please call for more information. Calvert Pines, 410-535-4606, North Beach, 410-257-2549, Southern Pines, 410-586-2748.

Legal Aid

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

Calvert Pines Senior Center (CPSC)

Join us and enjoy Lunch and a Movie: Marshall, Wednesday, February 27, 11:15 a.m. Young Thurgood Marshall faces one of his greatest challenges working as a lawyer for the NAACP.

We are going to step it up a notch and see who can be the champion of the Cranium Crunch Challenge, Monday, March 4, 10:30 a.m.

North Beach Senior Center (NBSC)

The Book Club featuring Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen, Diane Keaton, and Mary Steenburgen will be our Morning Movie, Tuesday, February 26, 10 a.m.

Volunteers and their pets will be visiting us with Pets on Wheels, Friday, March 8, 11 a.m. See just what a little stress relieving puppy love can do!

Southern Pines Senior Center (SPSC)

Inspired by the history of Motown Records and the Supremes, our Monthly Movie: Dreamgirls provides us with both insight and joy, Thursday, February 28, 12:45 p.m.

Help us raise money for programs at the center with our Delicious Senior Council Bake Sale, Thursday, March 7, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Donate or purchase homemade treats.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, February 25

Fried Liver & Onions, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad w/ Dressing, Carrots, Dinner Roll, Pineapple

Wedge Salad, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit Cup

Tuesday, February 26

Spinach Baked Fish, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Peaches

Thursday, February 28

Meatloaf, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Kale, Dinner Roll, Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday, February 27

Baked Ham, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Tomato

Friday, February 29

BBQ Chicken Leg, Baked Beans, Dilled Carrots with Snow Peas, Dinner Roll, Fruited Jell-O

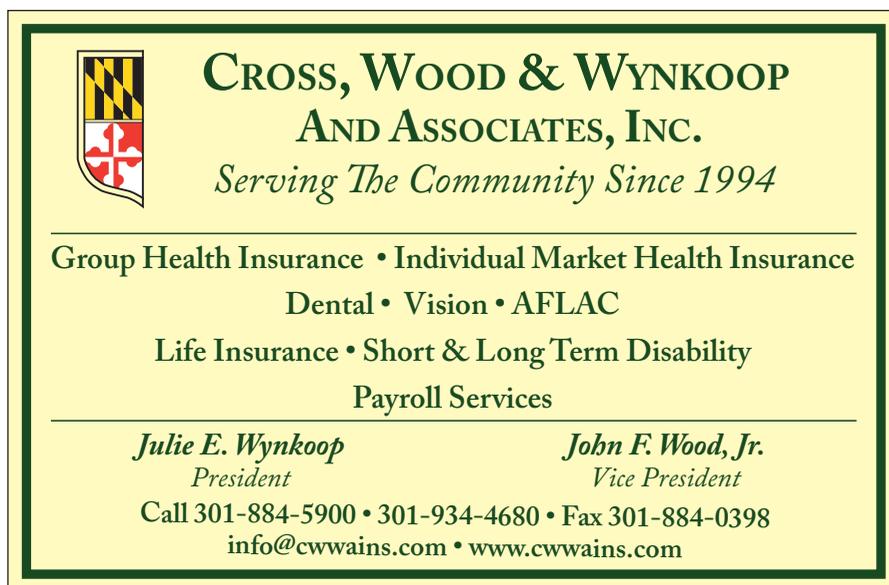
Lunches are served to seniors, aged 60-plus, and their spouses through Title III-C of the Older Americans Act. Suggested donation is \$3. To make or cancel a reservation call: Calvert Pines Senior Center at 410-535-4606, North Beach Senior Center at 410-257-2549, or Southern Pines Senior Center at 410-586-2748.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

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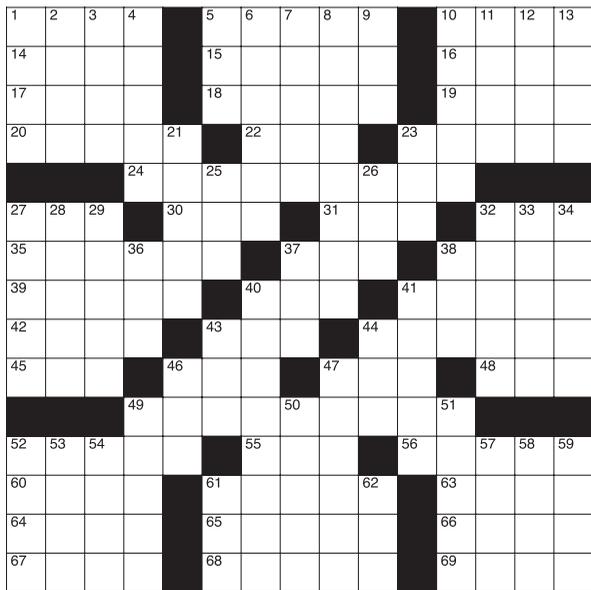
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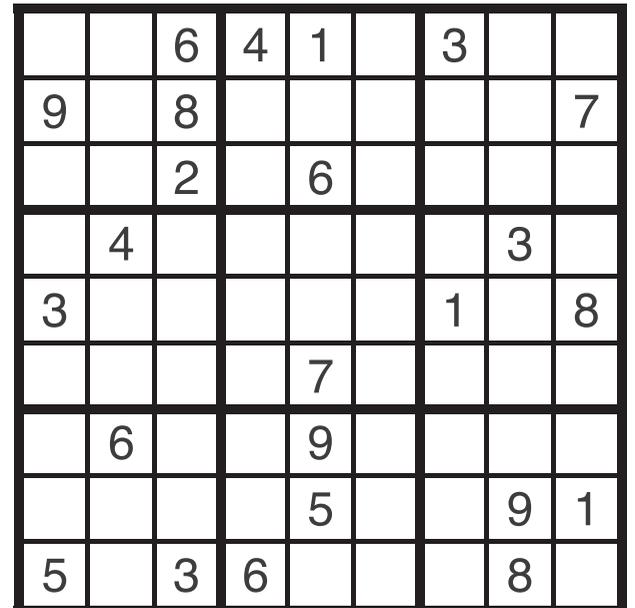
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- 46. Military title (abbr.)
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- 50. Something you win
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- 52. Town in Galilee
- 53. Polite interruption sound
- 54. Italian Seaport
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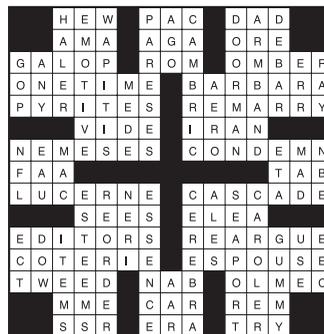
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- 6. Split
- 7. Having wings
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- 9. Midway between northeast and east
- 10. Daughter of Acrisius
- 11. Periods of time
- 12. Rapper Ice __
- 13. Any of several candies
- 21. Units of loudness
- 23. Central nervous system
- 25. Resinous secretion of insects
- 26. 007's creator
- 27. Separate from
- 28. Exposes to view
- 29. Harsh squeaking sound
- 32. Fishing vessel (Naut.)
- 33. Western Ukrainian city
- 34. The sea
- 36. Unhappy

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- 1. Civil rights organization
- 5. Cause to lose courage
- 10. Outside entertaining area
- 14. Botswana currency
- 15. Comedic Actor Tim
- 16. Barbary sheep
- 17. German river
- 18. Take
- 19. Catches
- 20. Eating houses
- 22. Consumed
- 23. Lawyers try them
- 24. Hugh Jackman character
- 27. Basics
- 30. No (Scottish)
- 31. Duct
- 32. Athlete who plays for pay
- 35. Unit of distance
- 37. Female bird
- 38. Predatory reptile
- 39. Regions
- 40. Dishonorable man
- 41. Dry white Italian wine
- 42. A way to understand
- 43. Actors' organization
- 44. Beach hut
- 45. Disappointment
- 46. Police officer
- 47. Digital audiotape
- 48. Western Thai people
- 49. Of a polymer
- 52. Secret political clique
- 55. Sound unit
- 56. Cavalry sword
- 60. Whale ship captain
- 61. Eastern Austria spa town
- 63. Holds food
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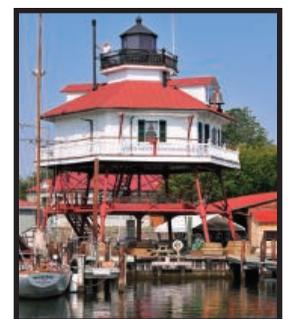
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