Hemp: Next Cash Crop?
Commissioners Approve Fiscal Year 2020 Budget
Income, Property Tax Rates Stay the Same

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) after two previous modifications, has approved a plan for the rollout of paid paramedics to supplement the county’s all-volunteer emergency medical services under the plan 25 paid emergency medical technicians will be hired for 24/7 coverage.

The staffing plan was a compromise settled upon at a special June 3 BOCC meeting that came at the 11th hour just before the BOCC adopted the county’s Fiscal Year 2020 budget the next day (see separate story). It supplanted the proposal presented by the commissioners at their budget hearing last month that reduced the plan to 12 paid staff and just 10-hour coverage at two locations (north and south).
The BOCC proposal had significantly reduced the plan in the staff-recommended budget, which was the one preferred by the county’s emergency services volunteers, who came out in force to oppose the commissioners’ plan. The staff-recommended budget called for 38 paid paramedics.

The plan eventually unanimously, chosen effects savings by not making the hiring until three months into the fiscal year and delaying some equipment purchases. Still, in the end Director of Budget and Finance Tim Hayden had to squeeze out an additional $500,000 in revenue to pay for the revised plan.

At the start of the special meeting, Director of Public Safety Jacqueline Vaughn presented a plan with 15 staffers at three duty stations for 10-hour daily coverage. That plan received no traction from the several volunteer representatives who spoke, still insisting that the original plan with 38 staff was the best compromise and the one that had been hammered out in two years of meetings by a workgroup headed by Billy Freesland, chairman of the Fire, Rescue and EMS Commission.

Freesland said, “There was a five-year period from 2013 to 2018 that we had decreased volunteer participation. The volunteers are not coming out like they used to. If we get a volunteer, we might keep them a couple of years.” He said the increased training requirements are a deterrent. He added, “This is not just related to Calvert county, it’s nationwide. The volunteer pools are just not there anymore.”

North Beach Volunteer Fire Department Chief Chris Mills said, “Over the last several years being at North Beach and seeing the response times and the units not able to get out on calls has affected me tremendously. It’s significant. It is significant that our citizens get the care and the help they need.”

Mills added, “I think it takes more pride for me to sit up here and ask you guys for the help that we need. The citizens need it and they deserve it. I just can’t guarantee that an ambulance will come out in North Beach.”

Deputy Chief of the Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department Joe Ford called the county geographically challenging, with Solomons bearing the brunt of that. He said units can be on the street for more than two hours transporting to the hospital. “We take a beating on that,” he quipped.

Ford said, “We do run about a third of the calls in the county. We were probably the leader in asking for help because we recognize that coming up here asking for help is kind of a shot to our pride. However, what the right thing is, is what’s right for your community, what’s right for your citizens.”

Chris Shannon, chief of the Calvert Advanced Life Support paramedic unit, said his unit has difficulty staffing at night, with as many as 30 percent coming from outside the county to get the practice. He said most people are busy during the day with their jobs and other chores. “What they’re not doing is sleeping and getting rested to come in tonight and run a 14-hour shift.”

Addressing his remarks to former Maryland State Police commandant and now County Commissioner President Tim Hutchins, Shannon said, “When you were in the state police, you remember when they were going to work night shift, most of them are at home sleeping. They’re preparing, getting ready, mentally getting ready for that game that’s going to happen tonight.”

Hutchins had advocated for the 10-hour shift plan to cover the busiest times. He said that worked for police agencies.

Katy Hassler of the Fire, Rescue and EMS Commission told the commissioners, “The system is very, very strong. It’s time to ask for help. We are tired.”

At the conclusion of the presentation by the volunteers, Hutchins said, “We’re trying to find is what’s double to start with and then evaluate it as we move forward.”

He said part of the transition is the assimilation of the paid personnel into the volunteer system. He said it will take management to accomplish. But he added, “I think with proper management and your guys’ assistance, this is very doable. It’s the right thing to do.”

The BOCC then quickly and unanimously adopted the revised plan with hiring of 25 paid paramedics to take place in the second quarter of the fiscal year.

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Chief Hartwell Says He Followed ‘Chain of Command’
Firing Upheld, Brother Resigns in Protest

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Editor

Northern High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) instructor Brandon Hartwell got the news directly from School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry. Hartwell, a retired Navy chief petty officer, had reapplied for the job after being notified by Northern High School Principal Stephen Williams that his contract would not be renewed. Hartwell said Curry told him two people applied and he would not be getting the job.

Hartwell told The County Times in a June 3 interview that he has thus concluded that the outpouring of community support would not succeed and that his next course of action was to hire a lawyer. He is contemplating suit against the school system for his firing.

Support for Hartwell was overwhelming (almost 30 people spoke) at a Calvert County Board of Education May 30 meeting. At that meeting Hartwell’s brother George Hartwell, a retired Navy commander and Huntington High School NJROTC instructor, spoke on his brother’s behalf. Brandon Hartwell said his brother had resigned in protest.

During the meeting Curry stated that Chief Hartwell had not followed the proper appeal procedure, saying, “you would think that people with military experience would understand chain of command.”

Hartwell said the comment when he heard it was like a figurative “bullet to the face.” He said he in fact did appeal the decision to Principal Williams and then to the school system’s Human Resources Department, at which a representative of the Calvert Education Association was also present. He said that appeal exhausted his rights.

Curry’s statement was strongly criticized in a letter to the school board by Northern parent Ronald Mattis, whose son is a NJROTC member. “This is a flat out lie to the board, parents and students,” Mattis wrote.

Curry told The County Times, “I stand by the statement.” Chief Hartwell said he left his wife and children behind in Virginia Beach to follow in his brother’s footsteps as an NJROTC instructor in Calvert County. “Family means everything to me,” he said about the gravity of moving away from them to take the position.

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COMMISSIONERS CONTINUE PLAN UPDATE
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**COMCAST**

**By Dick Myers**

**Editor**

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved allowing Comcast to close their Prince Frederick storefront office sooner than the cable giant’s 2018 franchise agreement calls for. That agreement set the closing date of Sept 30th of this year. Under the unanimous vote at the BOCC June 4 meeting, the commissioners approved allowing Comcast to close the office by July 12.

There is, however, a quid pro quo. In exchange for allowing the earlier closure, Comcast has agreed “to provide service to additional customers within the 300-foot right-of-way requirements in other areas of the county. Should the Board of County Commissioners agree to this compromise, Comcast will absorb the customer cost, up to $30,000, to extend service to an agreed upon area.”

Commissioner Buddy Hance was skeptical. “We are going to hear about this.” Hance said, when customers find they can’t return equipment locally. A Comcast representative said store traffic had declined with other online options available.

The company outlined those options in a memo to the BOCC:

- Customers wishing to make a payment:
  - By mail
  - By calling 1-800-XFINITY
  - Online at www.Comcast.com/myaccount

- Using the Xfinity My Account App

- At one of seven different 7-Eleven retail stores located in Calvert County
  - The company outlined those options available.

- In person at the Comcast service centers located in Waldorf (approximately 24 miles away) or Annapolis, (approximately 32 miles away).

- In person at the Western Union locations within Weis in Solomons, Safeway in Prince Frederick, Giant in Prince Frederick, Dollar General in St. Leonard, Lighthouse Market in North Beach, and Giant or Harris Teeter in Dunkirk.

Customers have ways to contact Comcast, including:

- Speaking with a Comcast customer care representative toll-free at 1-800-XFINITY

- Online at www.comcast.com, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- Via our dedicated Digital Care team that communicates with customers on blogs, social media and Twitter

- In person at the Comcast service centers located in Waldorf, MD (approximately 24 miles away) or Annapolis, MD (approximately 32 miles away).

Customers have several options when it comes to receiving, installing or returning equipment, including:

- Calling 1-800-XFINITY to order a self-install kit, making it convenient for customers to add, install and activate Comcast services on their own schedules.

- Comcast offers early morning, evening and weekend in-home appointments, as well as two-hour appointment windows for professional installation.

- In person at the Comcast service center located in Waldorf, MD (approximately 24 miles away) or Annapolis, MD (approximately 32 miles away).

- Comcast has teamed up with The UPS Store (with locations at 136 West Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, MD and 10816 Town Center Boulevard, Dunkirk, MD) to offer convenient and free equipment returns. Comcast customers can bring their equipment directly to The UPS Store, where it will be processed, packed and shipped back to Comcast, free of charge. All equipment can be returned as-is, without wrapping or a box and customers will receive a confirmation of receipt and tracking information from UPS, eliminating any questions about the status of their return.

The company said in its memo to the BOCC, “All of these options are complimentary by Comcast’s Customer Guarantee, the Company’s written promise that we will hold our products, service and employees to the highest standards.” The Guarantee makes clear what customers should expect of Comcast and backs it up with a 30-day money-back guarantee on our services, and credits or complimentary services if we are late for an appointment or don’t fix a problem right the first time. Comcast is committed to making it easier for customers to do business with us on their own terms. “Comcast is the county’s sole cable provider.

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Camryn Beaver, a Sophomore at Northern High School of Owings, MD will be a Delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Lowell, MA on June 23-25, 2019.

The congress is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields. The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be physicians or medical scientists, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal.

Camryn’s nomination letter was signed by Dr. Mario Capecchi, winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine and the Science Director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent Northern High School based on her academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

Carolyn’s mother, Mika Cross said the family moved to Calvert two years ago from Charles County. She said they have been impressed with the quality of education her daughter has received since arriving at Northern. Cross said Carolyn’s guidance counselor Casey Buffenbarger has helped her enroll in a Bio Medical Science class next semester, which is in her field of interest.

In addition to pursuing her budding medical career at Northern, Carolyn is on the school basketball team and also plays with the Maryland’s Finest AAU Travel Basketball Team as a power forward and center.

During the three-day Congress, Camryn Beaver will join students from across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science Winners talk about leading medical research; be given advice from Ivy League and top medical school deans on what to expect in medical school; witness stories told by patients who are living medical miracles; be inspired by fellow teen medical science prodigies; and learn about cutting-edge advances and the future in medicine and medical technology.

“This is a crucial time in America when we need more doctors and medical scientists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially,” said Richard Rossi, Founder, National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. “Focused, bright and determined students like Camryn Beaver are our future and she deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give her.”

The Academy offers free services and programs to students who want to be physicians or go into medical science. Some of the services and programs the Academy offers are online social networks through which future doctors and medical scientists can communicate; opportunities for students to be guided and mentored by physicians and medical students; and communications for parents and students on college acceptance and finances, skills acquisition, internships, career guidance and much more.

The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists was founded on the belief that we must identify prospective medical talent at the earliest possible age and help these students acquire the necessary experience and skills to take them to the doorstep of this vital career. Based in Washington, D.C. and with offices in Boston, MA, the Academy was chartered as a nonpartisan, taxpaying institution to help address this crisis by working to identify, encourage and mentor students who wish to devote their lives to the service of humanity as physicians, medical scientists.

For more information visit www.FutureDocs.com or call 617-307-7425.

Press Release
Editor Dick Myers contributed to this story
Elected Officials Hail Progress on Potomac Sanctuary

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) entered their Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Final Management Plan for the designation of the Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary in Charles County into the Federal Register on May 31. Mallows Bay is set to be the first national marine sanctuary in the state’s history.

Republican Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, Congressman Steny H. Hoyer and U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen (all D-MD) praised the decision in separate press releases.

“Today, we are taking a very important step forward in the historic Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary designation,” Governor Larry Hogan said. “This continues our commitment to skilled stewardship, and puts us on a path to make this national treasure a marine sanctuary this fall. I want to thank NOAA and Charles County for working with us to craft a responsible agreement to protect our history, and boating and fishing opportunities.”

“Mallows Bay sits on the Potomac River only 30 miles downstream from our nation’s capital and is known for its diverse collection of historic shipwrecks, recreational opportunities, and scenic beauty,” Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio said. “We are incredibly excited that this unique Maryland treasure is on its way to becoming the first national marine sanctuary in the State of Maryland, and the first new designation in more than two decades, which will allow us to preserve the history and majesty of Mallows Bay.”

We are thankful to NOAA, the partners for Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary, the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, and the dedicated volunteers who have been focused on protecting Mallows Bay and expanding public accessibility of a unique national historical landmark. This designation will help protect Mallows Bay for future generations, spur tourism, and support local jobs and the economy. Nearby residents, historic preservationists, conservationists, local business owners and state leaders long have been united in their support for establishing a National Marine Sanctuary in Maryland’s Mallows Bay,” said the lawmakers.

Mallows Bay-Potomac River is a 14-square mile area of the tidal Potomac River, adjacent to Charles County, Md. Nearly 200 vessels spanning from the Revolutionary War through the present are found in the area, including the remains of the largest “Ghost Fleet” of World War I wooden steamships built for the U.S. Emergency Fleet, which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Mallows Bay is largely undeveloped and has been identified as one of the most ecologically valuable natural areas in Maryland, providing important habitat for fish and wildlife, including rare, threatened, and endangered species. Mallows Bay-Potomac River was nominated by former Governor Martin O’Malley in September 2014 and was endorsed by a diverse coalition of local, state, regional and national groups.

According to NOAA, the authority for natural resource management will remain with the State of Maryland and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission. Due to the area’s historical significance, NOAA, the State of Maryland, and Charles County would manage the national marine sanctuary jointly.

The FEIS will contain the environmental impact statement, sanctuary management plan, draft Memorandum of Agreement for joint management of the sanctuary, and the draft Rulemaking. The posting signals the intention by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to designate the sanctuary by the end of 2019.

The next step is for the Final Rulemaking and signed Memorandum of Agreement to be posted to the Federal Register, which is anticipated on or around July 8. Once the Final Rulemaking is posted, that will begin a 45-day review by both the governor and Congress.

For more information, please visit dnr.maryland.gov/mallowsbay.

Press Releases from Office of Gov. Larry Hogan and MSD Congressional Delegation

Student Debt Plan Launched for State Employees

Governor Larry Hogan today announced the launch of SmartWork, an important component of the administration’s overall college affordability and student debt relief package. The governor introduced SmartWork in 2018 as part of a comprehensive series of initiatives to make a college education more affordable and provide relief to Marylanders burdened by student debt.

The SmartWork component for state employees is now being launched following completion of negotiations with the state employee unions.

“Our administration is doing everything we can to ensure that all Marylanders have access to a college education, which includes making college as affordable and accessible as possible,” said Governor Hogan. “This innovative program will provide many of our hardworking state employees relief from the high levels of college debt that many families face.”

SmartWork’s Student Loan Repayment Plan (SLRP) will offer Maryland state employees working in specified shortage areas—such as nurses, correctional officers, police, and IT workers—the opportunity to receive state assistance with student loan debt. Current state employees in eligible job classifications who are paying down their children’s student loans may also qualify for this benefit, for children age 25 and younger.

The explosion in student loan debt in the last 20 years is unprecedented. Student loan debt now totals $1.6 trillion, which has recently surpassed credit card debt in volume. With nearly 60% of Maryland college students graduating with student debt, averaging more than $27,000 per student, this massive debt is preventing Marylanders from buying homes and investing in their retirement.

Effective immediately, eligible state employees will be able to download an application and other documents verifying school(s) attended and loan payments that have been made by the employee during the repayment interval. The state expects demand to be robust and is preparing for a large volume of applications.

The maximum benefit is $20,000 over a ten-year period. The initiative is administered by the Office of Personnel Services and Benefits of the Department of Budget and Management. Additional information can be found at https://dbm.maryland.gov/employees/Pages/SmartWork.aspx

Press Release from Office of Gov. Larry Hogan
Calvert County Sheriff’s Office Crime Blotter

During the week of May 20 – May 26 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office responded to 1,562 calls for service throughout the community.

Burglary: 19-28422
On May 22, 2019 Deputy Rzepkowski responded to Ponds Wood Road, Huntingtown for the report of a burglary. The complainant advised sometime between March and May 22nd an unknown suspect(s) made entry into the residence through a window, however, nothing inside was disturbed. The approximate value of damaged property to the residence is $80.

Burglary: 19-28695
On May 23, 2019 Deputy Rzepkowski responded to Welchpool Court, Dunkirk for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between May 16th and May 23rd an unknown suspect(s) stole his 2005 Polaris Sportsman ATV from his shed. The approximate value of stolen property is $6,000.

Damaged Property: 19-29002
On May 24, 2019 Deputy Freeland responded to Maple Way, Lusby for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised his truck was damaged by juveniles who played basketball at the end of his driveway. The approximate value of damage to the truck is $1,500.

Theft: 19-28861
On May 24, 2019 Deputy Bowlan responded to Cattle Drive Lane, Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 3:00 AM and 6:45 AM an unknown suspect(s) broke the front passenger side window of his vehicle and stole his wallet from inside. The approximate value of stolen property is $400.

Theft: 19-28999
On May 24, 2019 Deputy Spalding responded to Catalina Drive, Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised her dog’s medication was supposedly delivered on May 17th at 8:00 PM, however, when she checked the mailbox the medication was not there. The total amount of stolen property is $67.48.

Theft: 19-29121
On May 25, 2019 Deputy Ridgely responded to the Sheriff’s Office for the report of a purse that was stolen from Buckets Sports Bar in Lusby. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) stole the purse from a bench outside around 2:00 AM that morning. The purse and its contents are worth approximately $1,500.

Theft: 19-29190
On May 25, 2019 Deputy Barger responded to Lafayette Drive, Owings for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM an unknown suspect(s) stole an Xbox One video game and a 1926 Peace silver dollar from his mailbox. The total value of stolen property is $36.

Theft: 19-29381
On May 26, 2019 Deputy Flynt responded to Giant in Dunkirk for the report of a theft. The manager advised an unknown female bypassed all points of sale and exited the store without paying for the merchandise. The female was stopped by management and the items were retrieved, totaling $193.18.

ARRESTS:

On May 21, 2019 Deputy Anderson conducted a traffic stop in the area of Main Street and Wilson Court in Prince Frederick. While making contact with the driver, Daniel Joel James Buckmire (21), Deputy Anderson noticed a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a baggie of suspected marijuana in the driver’s side door panel as well as a cut straw with a white powdery residue inside, which the driver stated was Oxycodone, Xanax, Suboxone and a large amount of suspected heroin. Abner was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia and multiple traffic citations for driving under the influence.

On May 24, 2019 Deputy Flynt conducted a traffic stop on Southern Maryland Blvd at Corland Lane in Dunkirk. While making contact with the driver, Ollie Rupert Collier (75), Deputy Flynt noticed the odor of raw marijuana emanating from the vehicle. As Deputy Flynt opened the driver’s door, Collier stepped out and kept his hand behind his back as if he was concealing something. Collier pulled away from Deputy Flynt and continued to resist until he was placed in handcuffs. Collier was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Resisting/Interfering with Arrest as well as Obstructing & Hindering.

St. Leonard House Fire Under Investigation

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A fire that destroyed a single-family dwelling in St. Leonard on Memorial Day is still under investigation by state fire marshals office investigators but the preliminary cause of the fire has been ruled as incendiary.

The fire on Lloyd Bowen Road was reported shortly after 10 p.m. on May 27 by a neighbor of the homeowner, fire marshals report stated. The fire was set in the front door of the home, fire marshals stated, and took 50 firefighters 40 minutes to get under control.

The primary responder was the St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department but units from St. Mary’s also responded to the blaze.

There were no smoke alarms or sprinklers in the home, fire marshals reported. There were no injuries as a result of the fire; the entire loss of the home was calculated at $115,000.

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Maryland State Police Report

Fleeing & Eluding and Failure to Obey Lawful Order: On 5/30/19 at 2:26 pm, Trooper First Class Stull located the lookout vehicle from a hit and run accident previously called out by Calvert Control Center on southbound Rt. 4. The vehicle turned onto Plum Point Rd and continued to travel on Plum Point Rd and failing to stop even after TFC Stull had activated lights and sirens. TFC Harrod arrived to assist and the vehicle eventually stopped on the shoulder of the road. The driver was repeatedly ordered to step out of the vehicle and failed to comply. TFC Harrod then opened the driver’s side door and removed the driver. The driver failed to put the vehicle in park and it then rolled forward and struck TFC Harrod’s vehicle. Justin GL Brown, 29 of Huntingtown was arrested and incarcerated at the Calvert County Detention Center.

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Lusby Woman Honored by Center for Environmental Science

Laura Lapham, Associate Professor at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science’s Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, was awarded the second annual Outstanding Faculty Mentorship Award by graduate students. Graduate Student Council Chair Christina Goethel and Graduate Student Drew Hobbs shared the award that recognizes faculty for their commitment to students beyond the classroom at UMCES’ Commencement exercises on May 23.

“Dr. Lapham has made mentoring a top priority in her program, and has employed unique opportunities to mentor both within UM CES and externally by bringing various aged students into the UM CES community,” said Christina Goethel, chair of the Graduate Student Council at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science.

Lapham is an aquatic biogeochemist with a focus on aquatic gas exchange, particularly methane emissions in environments including the Chesapeake Bay, freshwater Arctic lakes, and hydrocarbon seeps in the Gulf of Mexico. During her eight years at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, she has made mentoring a top priority in her program, including mentoring two high school interns, seven National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates program students, two undergraduate interns, and three community college students.

She has been awarded two Changing the Face of Stem grants to support the Tiny Bubbles Mentoring Project, a hands-on research experience for STEM students that she created at the College of Southern Maryland as part of an effort to change the face of science by advancing interest in first-year students at the College of Southern Maryland.

Students who nominated Lapham for the award commented: “Laura has realistically laid out the challenges of balancing work and home. For me as a young female scientist, it is great to have a mentor who is both a successful mother and scientist.” and “Simply put, Laura makes science fun even in the face of difficulty and adversity, and she makes it a priority to aid her students in their education and scientific development.”

“For me as a young female scientist, it is great to have a mentor who is both a successful mother and scientist. Despite the craziness of having energetic young children, she is a highly successful scientist and who continues to make an impact in her field of methane biogeochemistry, having published 21 papers in the past 10 years! In addition to all of that, she is our greatest champion, helping us to overcome our challenges and celebrating with us when we succeed.”

Lapham earned her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and a B.S. from Florida State University.

The University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science leads the way toward better management of Maryland’s natural resources and the protection and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. From a network of laboratories located across the state, UM CES scientists provide sound evidence and advice to help state and national leaders manage the environment, and prepare future scientists to meet the global challenges of the 21st century, www.umces.edu

Press Release from CBL

Students Showcase Talent for CalvertHealth Breast Care Center

Mamma Lucia restaurant on May 20 hosted the CalvertHealth Foundation Spotlight Series to support the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care. The audience was entertained by top talents from Calvert and Huntingtown high schools and Demetri Bedel, Band Director at Calvert High School. Foundation Board Trustee Dr. Ramona Crowley-Goldberg produced the show which raised more than $3,700 for the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care at CalvertHealth.

Patrons attend the musical series for variety of reasons; the most prevalent being support of the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care and to experience wonderful entertainment right here in Calvert County.

Director Ramona Crowley Goldberg remarked, “This is a way to celebrate my late husband’s good work and to embrace my deep love for music and for teaching students. It has been an honor to work with such talented and upstanding high school musicians. Each of them could not be more gracious and selfless with the giving of their time and talents for the benefit of others, and most especially, those who are served by our county’s Breast Center.”

Nominations Sought for Outstanding Child Advocates

Calvert Collaborative for Children and Youth, Inc. (3CY) honors local “Champions for Children” is recognizing exemplary child advocates in Calvert County. Honorees are chosen from the nominations we receive for the following four categories:

1. Educational Opportunities: given to an educator, community leader, volunteer, or group who has increased educational opportunities for children and families.
2. Healthy Children: given to a professional, community leader, volunteer, or group who has advocated for family/child friendly policies and programs, promoted children’s physical and emotional health, prevented child abuse, or improved the well-being of children and families.
3. Strong Families: Given to a parent, caregiver (including grandparents and foster parents), community leader, volunteer, or group who has advocated for family/child friendly policies and programs, strengthened families, promoted safe communities, or increased economic opportunities for children and families.
4. Closing the Achievement Gap: Given to an educator, community leader, volunteer or group who is involved in activities that are helping to close the achievement gap for students in our community.

3CY is currently accepting nominations for the 2019 awards. Nomination forms can be found at www.calvertkids.org. Nominations are due May 3, 2019. Contact 3CY at 410-414-8300 or calvertkids@outlook.com for more information.

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Hemp Could Be Next Cash Crop

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Since the federal government has removed hemp, a cousin of the marijuana plant, from a list of restricted crops interest has grown in several states, including Maryland, as a possible replacement for tobacco, the state's traditional cash crop.

While hemp has many uses such as a basis for biofuels and as a fiber-bearing plant that can be used in clothing and other items, it's most valued product is cannabidiol (CBD), which is an oil extracted from the plant that has medicinal properties.

It is currently being sold freely in Maryland as a pain reliever and even to reduce seizures in certain cases.

The Maryland Farm Bureau states also that hemp seed is high in both protein and fats, which could make it a viable alternative to soy products currently used as animal feed.

“The market for CBD oil has gone crazy,” said Ben Beale, senior agriculture agent with the University of Maryland’s Cooperative Extension in Leonardtown.

“The hemp movement started in Kentucky and then moved to Tennessee and Virginia as an alternative to tobacco.”

“There’s a lot of interest.”

Legislation recently passed in Maryland allows farmers to grow the crop if they partner with a state university or college conducting research on the plant for industrial growth purposes.

There are currently 13 farmers who have successfully applied to be a part of the University of Maryland’s pilot program, with one in St. Mary’s County.

The names of those farmers are being kept confidential, Beale said.

Agricultural officials said similar programs were underway with Salisbury State and Morgan State universities.

Under the current rules, hemp plants must have less than a .3 percent concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) which is the substance in marijuana that causes the narcotic high when smoked or otherwise imbibed.

“Any more than that and the entire crop has to be destroyed,” Beale said.

He added that the research being conducted on the plant will help determine the optimum conditions for producing CBD oil from the plant; a certain amount of environmental stress on the plant can lead to increased production of the THC substance.

This makes growing hemp in Maryland a risky proposition, he said, with the threat of crop destruction if too much THC is present.

President of the Calvert County Farm Bureau Jason Leavitt said he feels there could be a future for the growing of commercial hemp in the county.

He said the farm bureau supports ways for farmers to diversify production, although he said he is not aware at this time of any specific interest in Calvert for growing hemp.

Calvert County Commissioner Earl “Buddy” Hance served as Maryland’s agriculture secretary from 2009 to 2015. He said of Calvert’s involvement in hemp production: “We’re just trying to figure it out. When I was at the department, Colorado and Tennessee had passed some legislation allowing growing of hemp. They were struggling with it because of the connection to marijuana and all the regulations and requirements, trying to figure out how to regulate it. At that time, it was very preliminary.”

Hance said hemp production is different from what farmers faced with tobacco: “Yeah, completely, because it’s harvested by mechanical means. You can either combine it, or you can let it go to seed and you can use a combine and harvest the seed. You’ve cut it sort of like a hay crop.”

Hance said he doesn’t know of any farmers in Calvert who are participating in the experimental program with the University of Maryland.

“We have a tremendous problem with deer in the county; we’ll just have to wait and see,” Hance added.

Charlie Cox of Spider Hall Farm reminds everyone that farming is still the county’s largest industry. “It’s absolutely a business,” he said. Cox observed that the decision about whether Calvert County farmers would leap into a new business would consider such return-on-investment factors as the potential need to purchase a new combine or other equipment.

Cox said that labor is still a big impediment to getting into a new crop. Labor issues led most farmers to choose the tobacco buyout. Cox said perhaps the hemp seeds could be harvested by combine for their oil but harvesting the leaves for other uses could also be labor intensive.

Though there has been significant interest in the local St. Mary’s farming community, Beale said, there is already significant mounting competition around the nation to both grow and process hemp for its precious CBD oil.

“The entire US is looking at hemp,” Beale said. “And there are still questions like what is the feasibility of this crop, what’s the profitability?”

“We just don’t know that. We don’t have well defined markets at this time.”

Beale said hemp production for its fiber would take between 300 to 400-acre plots, large for local farms.

But CBD oil production could take place on a vastly smaller scale, just one-to-two acre plots.

The large plots could be harvested more easily with combine equipment, while the smaller plots of just an acre or more would require more intensive hands-on labor; the sort used to pick and process tobacco years ago before the nationwide tobacco buyout.

Local production, and its profitability, lies in the ability to create products ready to bring to market; that means processing the hemp locally to extract the CBD substance, said Andrew Ristvey with the University of Maryland’s College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Growers will probably maximize their profits if they work in the context of a value-added idea,” Ristvey told The County Times, adding that working on small, concentrated plots solely to extract the CBD oil for sale seemed to be the way forward for local growers, particularly with competition from around the nation growing.

“We’re behind the 8 ball,” Ristvey said. “We started late.”

While a regional processing facility, which does not yet exist, would help a nascent hemp industry in the region, growers could start on their own.

Ristvey said growers could begin the extraction process on their own using either a method involving carbon dioxide or alcohol.

Perhaps the most significant question about growing hemp here remains unanswered.

“We need to find out how well the crop grows in Maryland,” Ristvey said.

James Raley, a member of the St. Mary’s County farm bureau and board member of the state organization, said local farmers were interested but wary about hemp’s future in Maryland.

“It’s in the experimental stage right now,” Raley said.

“It’s a new crop.

“We’re not sure about it’s nutrient requirements or what pests its vulnerable to.”

Hemp has not been cleared for pesticide use in Maryland, according to the Maryland Cooperative Extension.

“Once it’s out of the research phase the next hurdle will be harvesting and processing,” Raley said. “We’ll have to see if we can use a machine versus labor by hand.”

There are many variables, Beale said, but hemp could still be a viable money maker for local farmers.

“It’s not at all mainstream yet,” Beale said. “But there’s potential.”

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Editor Dick Myers contributed to this story
The Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken and Linda Lamb
Contributing Writers

The Patuxent opened for rockfish last Saturday and trollers found the fish in good numbers and size. Many boaters trolling small to mid-sized bucktails found the stripers eager to bite from Sheridan Point to the mouth of Cuckold Creek. The fish are in the edges of the drop offs and oyster bars and most are about 20 inches with some close to 30 inches. White lures seem to be most productive. There were rockfish caught by surf casters at Myrtle Point Beach.

The Potomac has good rockfish from Point Lookout to the 301 bridge for trollers and chummers. The rock piles off Tall Timbers have been consistent in catches of mostly keeper rockfish. The St. Mary’s River had some catches of smaller stripers with the ratio so keepers to throwbacks about four to one. Chummers are setting up chumlines off St. George Island with success. There are some bigger fish hanging around the steep drop at Cornfield Point.

Bay fishermen are finding plenty of rockfish off the Gas Docks. Trollers found good fish at Buoy 76, the PR, and Hoopers Island Light. There are good catches out of St. Jerome’s Creek and Point No Point Light.

Cat fishing is still good most everywhere for shore fishermen including the Solomons Pier, Piney Point, Point Lookout, and most anywhere you care to drop a hook baited with fresh alewife.

We are still awaiting croaker and spot. The white perch are most everywhere and eager to take bait or lures on tide movement.

Two spanish mackerel were taken in pound nets in Cornfield Harbor this week, the first of the season. Cobia and redfish are in the mouth of the Bay near Cape Charles, hopefully heading our way.

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Archery Doubles in Potomac Limited Late Models
Lear Scores Career First in RUSH Crates

Sam Archer drove to his second win of the season in last Friday nights 20-lap Limited Late headliner at Potomac Speedway. The win for Archer, steering his family-owned MasterShit no.36, would be his overall 19th career feature win at Potomac. Archer darted from the pole to the lead and would eventually pace all 20-circuits, but would have to hold off current point leader and 8th starting Derick Quade to score the win. “This car was on a rail tonight,” Archer stated post race. “We don’t have any sponsors and I have to thank my dad and fiancé for the win they work hard the car and it’s great to get another.”

Tyler Emory, Brandon Long, and Dale Murphy would round out the top-five.

Kyle Lear drove to his first win in the season in the 20-lap RUSH Crate Late Model main. Lear, who lined up 2nd for the start, burst into the lead on the first lap and would lead the distance aboard his Rocket no.151 to collect his career first Crate score and overall 25th at the track. “We’ve been getting better every race and I knew I had to take advantage of starting up front tonight.” Said Lear. “My crew and sponsors stick with me through thick and thin and I couldn’t do this without them.”

Jereny Pilkerton was strong in second with current point leader Darren Alvey, Chuck Bowie and Megan Mann completing the top-five.

In support class action, Marty Hanbury drove to his 2nd win of the season in the 16-lap Street Stock feature. Greg Morgan tallied his 2nd of 2019 in a thrilling 15-lap Hobby Stock feature, Jeff Bloch took his first of the season in the 15-lap Strictly Stock event with Allen Griffith Jr. scoring his first win of the year in the 15-lap U-Car contest.

Limited Late Model feature finish

RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish

Strictly Stock feature finish

U Car feature finish

By Doug Watson for Potomac Speedway
Calvert Students Earn Maryland Seal of Biliteracy

Twenty-seven Calvert County students have earned the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy by demonstrating a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English.

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, superintendent, said, “We recognize that students who speak more than one language have an advantage when they graduate and begin a career or higher education. Some of these students are native speakers of other languages who have mastered English, and some have learned a world language in our schools. We are proud of all of them and look forward to seeing them wear their medals at graduation.”

To be awarded the Seal of Biliteracy, students must earn high scores on both the English Language Arts portion of the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) and on an Advanced Placement exam or another world language assessment that is aligned to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) proficiency guidelines.

The students who earned the Seal of Biliteracy and their language of proficiency are:

Calvert High
• Chinar Beknazaraa, Turkmen
• Jessica Misiorek, Spanish
• Shivin Parekhi, Gujarati
• Maaz Rahman, Urdu
• Umar Shah, Urdu
• Susana Soriaño, Spanish
• Paola Sotomayor Vegilla, Spanish
• Heydi Vasquez Saenz, Spanish
• Gabrielle Vicnudo, Tagalog

JingJing Xu, Chinese

Northern High
• Jenna Carpenter, Spanish
• Joseph Crunkilton, Spanish
• Sarah Donaldson, Spanish
• Logan Douglas, Spanish
• Mae Howlin, Spanish
• Jenna Meils, Spanish
• Gabriel Mignardi, Spanish
• Viena Rachel Oosorio, Spanish
• Haylee Plaudis, Spanish
• Victoria Plaudis, Spanish
• Samantha Plumley, Spanish
• Jenna Smith, Spanish
• Hannah Zwick, Spanish

Patuxent High
• Sabrina Rodriguez, Spanish

Additional students may qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy when Advanced Placement scores are received in early July.

Press Release from CCPS

Mt. Harmony Elementary Named Sustainable Green School

Calvert County Public Schools announces that Mt. Harmony Elementary School has earned the status of Maryland Sustainable Green School by the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education for the 2018-2019 school year. Dr. Daniel D. Curry, superintendent, said: “Thanks to our dedicated staff and students who make this a priority, Calvert County is a healthier place to live.”

After previously earning the status of Green School, Mt. Harmony was approved to be a Maryland Sustainable Green School, having demonstrated and documented a continuous effort to integrate environmental management practices, environmental education curriculums, professional development opportunities, and community engagement into their daily operations for the past fourteen years.

The Maryland Green School Program encourages educational opportunities for preK-12 schools that increase the students’ awareness and understanding of environmental relationships that have an impact on public health and the local community. The program is aligned with Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement 2014 goals and supports environmental literacy graduation requirements, as established by the Maryland State Department of Education.

The teachers and students at Mt. Harmony Elementary School dedicated administration, teaching staff, support staff, students, and community partners. Additional support is provided by the Departments of Instruction and School Facilities. This accomplishment is a testament that CCPS is moving towards a sustainable future."

Press Release from CCPS

STEM Group Highlighted in National Magazine

The Calvert County Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) continues to shine. The 2019 NSBE Convention magazine highlights the chapter and its accomplishments.

The 2019 convention held in Detroit, MI on March 27-31, featured several competitive events, 5 of which this group competed in: The Whirl Winds, Wind Energy team; Next Generation Calvert Cruisers, Ten80 radio-controlled car team; Math Counts, Math πrates; TMal, Divide and Conquer; and FIRST Lego Jr League, Moon Legends, Inc.

Since conception in 2013, the chapter has achieved numerous awards and in 2018 won their second consecutive National Chapter of the Year from among 145 NSBE Jr. Chapters. Recognized as the Region II NSBE Jr. Chapter of the Year and the National NSBE Jr. Chapter of the Year in 2017, C.A.S.H. NSBE Jr. has continued to maintain a high level of member engagement and community involvement, resulting in recognition with the same honors in 2018. The chapter received its latest awards during the National Society of Black Engineers’ 44th Annual Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in March of last year.

The chapter activities for NSBE’s 2017–18 program year spanned several pillars: STEM engagement and engineering diversity, community involvement and cultural engagement.

STEM Engagement
• Participation in NSBE’s Region II Fall Terror Zone Summit and Region II Fall Regional Conference, with C.A.S.H. teams in multiple competitions: the Ten80 Student Racing Challenge (high school and middle school level), MATHCOUNTS and Try-Math-A-Lon.
• A Black History Month event in February 2018 featuring Christine Darden, Ph.D., profiled in Hidden Figures, is a retired NASA mathematician and aerospace engineer, as the keynote speaker. The Black History Month event emphasized the contributions of African Americans to STEM, was open to the community and was well-attended by students and adults, with 167 participants in total. C.A.S.H. NSBE Jr. partnered with other local organizations to present the event.
• A Makers Fair, which encouraged creativity in innovation. Nearly 40 chapter members worked in teams to come up with solutions to a wide range of challenges that could be solved by engineers. Teams selected materials from an assortment of items to build a prototype. Each team presented its solutions and answered questions about its proposed designs. Judges awarded prizes to the top teams.

Engineering Diversity
• A speakers’ series and hands-on activities. One session included speakers from Exelon Corporation, who provided insights into nuclear engineering careers for C.A.S.H. students, many of whom are familiar with Exelon’s Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant nearby.

Community Involvement
• Support of a local nonprofit, Calvert Collaborative for Children and Youth (3CY) in a number of events. C.A.S.H. NSBE Jr. participated in two 3CY Creative Resources Expos, which raise awareness of educational activities available to youth in the community, sharing information about the chapter and the learning opportunities available through its competitions. C.A.S.H. also participated in the 3CY Tree of Angels Book Drive by donating 394 new and gently used books during the 2017 Thanksgiving holiday.

Cultural Engagement
• Sponsorship of a visit for chapter members to the International Civil Rights Center and Museum in Greensboro, NC, in conjunction with NSBE’s Region II Fall Regional Conference. The visit was educational for the group and highlighted the impact that students had on the U.S. civil rights movement.

Press Release from Calvert County Chapter of NSBE
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Annemarie Garden Hosts Acoustic Music Assembly

Musicians & non-musicians alike are invited

The public is invited to the 4th Annual Southern Maryland Acoustic Music Assembly (SMAMA) to take place Saturday, June 8, 1:00-9:00pm at Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons, Maryland. The music-filled event will begin with afternoon song circles and acoustic jamming from 1:00–4:30pm throughout the Garden. Musicians and non-musicians alike are invited to come and play or just listen. Song circles include all musical genres and all abilities, so bring your preferred instruments and/or your favorite songs to share – or just come to listen. In the evening, enjoy a BBQ dinner and concert featuring quintessential Southern Maryland bluegrass, vintage pop & jazz standards, and rugged Americana music with performances by: Justus 2, The Domes, and David Norris & The Bad Examples. After the concert, stay for a traditional community dancing led by caller DeLaura Padovan & The Bushwood Mill Band. SMAMA is an opportunity to play, sing, dance, and enjoy different kinds of music – and to meet other musicians from Southern Maryland and beyond. Come for part – or all day! Attendees will have the chance to win fun door prizes courtesy of our event sponsors.

SMAMA is family-friendly, and is open to all ages, abilities, and acoustic genres. Activities will be held inside and outside taking full advantage of the beautiful venue. In the event of rain, all activities will be moved indoors. Light snacks, drinks, wine, and beer will be available throughout the day. A BBQ dinner (with vegetarian options) will be served in the evening. To make a dinner reservation, visit www.annmariegardens.org. Event admission, good for all day, is $5 for adults, $4 for seniors & military, $3 for youth; kids 5 & under are free. The event is co-hosted by Annmarie Garden and Calvert Library. For additional information call 410-326-4640.

EVENT SCHEDULE
1:00-4:30pm - Song Circles & Jamming
Order your BBQ dinner (or veggie option) in advance to ensure your place and enjoy a discount on dinner and admission! Visit www.annmariegardens.org to learn more about the dinner.

4:30-5:30pm - Dinner service

5:00-7:00pm - Evening Concert featuring quintessential Southern Maryland bluegrass, vintage pop & jazz standards, and rugged Americana music with performances by: Justus 2, The Domes, and David Norris & The Bad Examples

7:00-9:00pm – Traditional Community Dance – beginners welcome!
With caller DeLaura Padovan and the Bushwood Mill Band

SMAMA is presented by Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center and Calvert Library. The event is open to all ages, abilities, and acoustic genres, and is family-friendly. For additional information, email gruff@calvertlibrary.info or call 410-326-4640.

Press Release from Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
Kathleen A. “Kathy” Thien

Kathleen A. “Kathy” Thien, 75, of Chesapeake Beach, MD, passed away May 26, 2019 at Calvert Health Medical Center. She was born in Esther (Accelli) and Florenze Fiorelli on May 10, 1944 in Bronx, NY where she lived until moving to Long Island at the age of six. She later lived with her family in Jacksonville and Tampa, FL, Tucson, AZ, and Long Beach, CA. She married Nicholas Favata April 1, 1967, and they later were divorced. In 1981 Kathy began a residential cleaning service, Kathy’s Cleaners, in Rome, NY. She married Frederick “Fred” Thien on June 16, 1988, and they lived in Rome until moving to Chesapeake Beach in 2010. Kathy was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Rome. In her leisure time she loved shopping, animals, especially horses and dogs, and spending time with her grandsons.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents and a brother John Limone. She is survived by her husband Fred, her daughter Christine E. Favata, grandchildren Cody N. Favata and Trevor Kistner-Favata, all of Chesapeake Beach, and a brother Frank Limone. Memorial contributions may be made to Racing For Home, Inc.m DeCarli Equine Center, 189 Sadds Mill Road Ellington, CT 06029; Link: https://decarliequestriancenter.com

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Colonel Kermit Robert Dyke, USAF, Ret

Kermit Robert Dyke, 104 of Solomon’s, MD, formerly of Lusby, MD, and McLean, VA, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2019, in Solomon’s, MD. He was born on August 22, 1914, in Philadelphia, PA. He was adopted as a young boy by Nellie A. (Brumbaugh) Dyke and Hosmer R. Dyke. He was the loving husband to Barbara Williams Dyke whom he married on March 17, 1951, in Fl, Myers, VA. Kermit grew up in Los Angeles, CA, and went on to graduate from the United States Military Academy, West Point, in 1940. During his 22 year career in the military, he served first in the Army Air Corp and then the United States Air Force, flying more than 40 different planes at that time. During WWII, Kermit was Commander of Army Defense Sectors in Africa, Sardinia, South France, and Italy. Following the war, he was stationed at the Pentagon, and at AF bases in Canada, Missouri (Richards-Gebaur AFB), and Colorado (Ent AFB). Throughout his post-war military service, he was actively involved with The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD). Following his military career, Kermit became Director of Operations at Rockwell International until his retirement at which time he and Bobbie moved to Calvert Co., MD.

Kermit had many interests, a sharp wit and he was a natural-born leader. He was an expert marksmen and won countless awards as a member of various pistol teams (including at West Point). He was always an active member and leader of the community associations where the family lived, most recently in McLean and Lusby. Kermit was especially passionate about his involvement in West Point alumni affairs and was President of his class (Class of ’40) for many years. In May 2018, Kermit led the alumni parade as the oldest living USMA graduate. Kermit and Bobbie were also long-time members and very active with their beloved Solomon’s Island Yacht Club, forging many lasting friendships in their senior years.

Kermit was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Family gatherings were very important to him and he provided wonderful opportunities for family members to enjoy each other and stay connected.

Kermit is survived by his children, Kermit R. Dyke, Jr. (Marty) of Westfield, NJ, Robert L. Dyke of Alton, VA, Patricia D. Miller (Jeff) of Durango, CO, and Joanne C. Astin (Bill) of Mechanicville, NY; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, daughter Laurel (Dyke) Phillips, and sister, Gladys (Dyke) Glatkin.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 11 a.m. in the Aspen Solomons Auditorium, 11100 Aspenbury Circle, Solomons, MD 20688 with Rev. Charles Harrell officiating. Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for contributions to be made to the United State Military Academy “Long Gray Line Fund”, www.westpointaog.org/waystogive or the Benevolent Fund at Aspen Solomons. To leave the family a condolence please visit www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.

Donald Richard “Pap” Liming

Donald Richard “Pap” Liming, 94, of Chesapeake Beach, MD passed away May 19, 2019 at Calvert Health Medical Center in Prince Frederick, MD. Born August 18, 1924 in Washington, DC., he was the son of the late Oscar Dewey Liming and Esther (Mehlfelt) Liming. He enjoyed spending childhood summers with his grandparents in Colonial Beach, VA. In 1943 he joined the Navy and served in the 67th Naval Construction Battalion (SealBees) in the South Pacific on Tinian Island and Eniwetok. Don married Margaret Theresa Lowe in 1948 and they were together for 61 years until her passing in 2009. Don was a Highway Engineer for the DC Highway Administration for 35 years. He was incredibly hard-working and coached many championship little league teams, and his truck was full of kids who didn’t have a ride to practice and needed only be ready when he came by. He was a leader, very outgoing, and helped family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors with all manner of projects and endeavors, large and small. He loved the outdoors, fishing, crabbing, gardening, and growing beautiful flowers and plants, both outdoors and indoors.

Donald was preceded in death by his wife Margaret and eldest daughter Joanne Walton. He is survived by his daughter Diane Kavounis (George) and son Richard Liming (Fiona Chen); 6 grandchildren: Shelley Nuley, Cindy Coleman (Keith), Drew Kavounis, Nick Kavounis, Theodore Liming, Leo Liming, and six great-grandchildren: Kasey Coleman (Ashley), Lyle Coleman (Nicole), Matthew Coleman, Nolan Coleman, Rachel Nuley, and Damien Kavounis.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 6, 2019, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral service will follow at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at MD Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham, 11301 Grain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

John Joseph Cooper

John Joseph Cooper, 53, of Port Republic passed away May 24, 2019. He was born February 17, 1966 in Cheverly to Sharon Anderson and Joseph Meridith Cooper. John was raised in Upper Marlboro and graduated from Frederick Douglass High School. He was employed as a union electrician with Local Union 26 and worked for the Prince George’s County Government Office of Services. John enjoyed fishing, boating, gardening and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

John is survived by his children Rebecca Armour and husband John of Port Republic, Lauren Sylver and husband Jesse of Lusby and Megan Cooper of Prince Frederick, 4 grandchildren, mother Sharon Anderson Rendon, brother Daniel Cooper and girlfriend Dawn Lawson.

A Memorial Service will be Tuesday, June 11 at 1 p.m., at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Interment will be private.

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UPCOMING

Robin Hood
Presented by the Twin Beach Players, June 14-23, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM; Sunday matinees at 3:00 PM.

The Calvert Amateur Radio Association (CARA)
National Amateur Radio Relay League Field Day. Noon, Saturday, June 22, until Noon Sunday, June 24 at the Drum Point Clubhouse, 465 Overlook Drive, Lusby. CARA invites everyone for amateur radio demonstrations and to learn how to use amateur (ham) radio equipment, discover proper techniques in practicing emergency response, and how much fun amateur radio can be. Info/confirm a visit, go to k3cal.org or just join us at the Drum Point Clubhouse.

Moon Light Cruise on the Miss Lizzy
Saturday, June 15, 7:00-9:00 PM. Rod n’ Reel Dock, 4165 Mears Ave., Chesapeake Beach. Dr. Ralph Eshelman, specialist in maritime history of the Chesapeake Bay, will talk about many interesting things about the Bay. $32 person. Tickets online at chesapeakebeachmd.gov or at Town Hall 410-257-2230.

End Hunger Dragon Boat Races
North Beach Boardwalk
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
16-person crews race boats just off shore. All day party w/ street performers, food, craft vendors, and activities. www.endhungercalvert.org/dragonboat

Yard Sale
North Beach VFD, Rt. 260, Chesapeake Beach
8:00 AM - Noon
Hosted by the North Beach VFD Auxiliary 2nd Saturday each month thru October. Reserve table in advance. $15, two/$25. Diana, 410-231-1775, after 5:00.

Southern Maryland Acoustic Music Assembly
Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Dowell Rd., Solomons
1:00 - 10:30 PM
A day of song circles and acoustic jamming, followed by an evening concert, dinner, and contra dancing. Bring your preferred instruments and/or your favorite songs to the afternoon song circles—or just come to listen! 1:00-4:30 Song Circles & Jamming. 4:30-5:00: Dinner. BBQ dinner reservation: annamiegarden.wufoo.com/forms/southern-maryland-acoustic-music-assembly-2019/ 5:00-7:00: Evening Concert Jam with three bands: Justus 2, The Domes, David Norris & The Bad Examples. 7:00-9:00: Traditional Community Dance.

Country Dance
America Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206, Chesapeake Beach
7:00 - 12:00 PM
Upper level Ballroom. Teachers available for instruction 7:00 followed by dancing at 8:00. $15 person includes soft drinks or draft beer and light munchies. Info: 410-257-9878. Reservations: Lbloyer@verizon.net http://post206legionsites.com/

Saturday, June 8

Game and Go Fridays
Northeast Community Center, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach
Time for a quick game of pool or ping pong. Stop by and get your game on! Fridays in June, July and August. 410-535-1600 ext. 8210

Friday Night Farmers’ Market, Classic Car Cruise-In and Art Fair
North Beach, Bay Avenue, 3rd - 7th Street
6:00-9:00 PM!

Sunday, June 9

Patuxent River Wade-In
Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, 10351 Mackall Road, St. Leonard
1:00 PM
Bernie Fowler dons his white sneaker and overalls and wades into the water to see how far he gets before his sneakers disappear in the murky water. The Sneaker Index is our cultural yardstick for the river’s health. Free. 410-586-8501. www.jefpat.org

Monday, June 10

Movie Mondays
Northeast Community Center, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach
Visit Mondays during the summer and watch a flick to beat the heat and cool you down. 410-535-1600 ext. 8210

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Meeting
Solomon’s Volunteer Fire Department
7:00 - 9:00 PM
United States Coast Guard Flotilla 23-02 monthly meeting discussing recreational boating safety, boating education and other topics of a nautical theme. Prospective members are welcome to stop in and see what we are all about.

Tuesday, June 11

Topsy Turvy Toddlers
Harriet E. Brown Community Center, 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Non-structured activity to encourage ages 1-5 to interact freely and have fun! Moon bounce and more! 410-535-7080

Sea Squirts
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
10:15 - 10:45 AM
This month’s theme is Mommies and Babies of the Bay. Free drop-in program for ages 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers. Space is limited; if the session is full, another program will be offered at 11 a.m. Also, Thursday, June 13; and Wednesday, June 19. 410-326-2042. calvertmarinemuseum.com

Yoga with Frannie
Corbin Pavilion, Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
6:00 - 7:00 PM
All experience levels welcome! Tuesday nights, through August 27! Bring your yoga mat, water bottle and hand towel. $10/class, cash or check. 410-326-2042. calvertmarinemuseum.com

Bingo
North Beach VFD, Rt. 261, Chesapeake Beach
6:00 PM
Join friends and neighbors and support your local first responders. Games at 7:30. Food and drinks for purchase. Jackpot - possible prize $1000.

Sons of the American Legion Meeting
American Legion, Chesapeake Beach
7:00 PM
All Members of the Sons of the American Legion Stallings Williams Post 206 are encouraged to participate in the monthly meeting at in the Upper Level Meeting Hall. Commander Ward, 410-610-7217. www.ALPost206.org

Wednesday, June 12

Kid Fit
Southern Community Center, 20 Appen Lane, Lusby
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Hoop games and Relays. Ages 6-12 years. Free. 410-586-1101

Planning Your Future Seminar Series
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
2:00 - 3:00 PM
Wills & Estate Planning presented by Amy Lorenzini, Esq. of Cumberland & Erly, LLC. Free; pre-registration required. Contact Pam Paterson, CMM Director of Philanthropy, at 410-326-2042 ext. 13 or Pamela.Paterson@calvertcountymd.gov

Thursday, June 13

Community Cash Mob at the Museum Store
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
The Community Cash Mob mob the Museum Store! A group of employees coming together at a local business to spend money and shop local. Community Bank of the Chesapeake giving out a limited number of vouchers to shoppers towards their purchase. 410-326-2042. calvertmarinemuseum.com

ONGOING

Glory Days of Bayside History
Bayside History Museum, 4025 4th St., North Beach
1:00 - 4:00, Wednesday-Sunday
Threads of families, activities and places over the past 130 years presented in a quilt of fun, tradition and culture. 410-610-5970. www.baysidehistory-museum.org

Virginia Dragon Boat Festival
On the Severn River near downtown Annapolis, Maryland
Saturday, June 1
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Event information: www.dragonboatfestival.com

Thursday, June 6

D-Day
June 6, 1944
Allied Forces invasion of the Nazi fortified coast of France’s Normandy.

First Free Friday
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
5:00 – 8:00 PM
The museum is open and free to the public. Entertainment provided by the Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition, starting at 6:00 in the Harms Gallery. The Drum Point Lighthouse and Museum Store will be open. 410-326-2042. calvertmarinemuseum.com

Events for Non-Profit Organizations
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.
Friday, June 7

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

Tuesday, June 11

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

Wednesday, June 12

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

JobSource Mobile Career Center. 1:00-4:00pm. Stop by to visit the JobSource Mobile Career Center for your job search needs! Get job counseling and résumé help, search for jobs and connect with Southern Maryland JobSource. No registration. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Southern Maryland Acoustic Music Assembly (Annamarie Gardens). 10:00-4:00pm. Chart’er bus leaves Sunderland Park’n’Ride promptly at 10am for Hillwood Estate in Washington, DC. Hillwood, the grand estate of Post Cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post, featuring extensive gardens, a world renowned collection of Russian and French decorative arts, and special exhibitions. Tickets are $35 and include guided mansion tour and bus fee. Tickets must be paid in cash or check when registering at any Calvert Library. Guests are encouraged to bring a packed lunch to enjoy in the gardens, a limited selection of food is also available for purchase on site. Registration is required. Sorry, no refunds. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Southern Maryland Acoustic Music Assembly (Annamarie Gardens). 10:00-9:00pm. Join us for a day of song circles and acoustic jamming, followed by an evening concert, dinner, and contra dancing. Bring your preferred instruments and/or your favorite songs to the afternoon song circles – or just come to listen! In the evening, dinner will be available along with music. The evening contra dance will feature a live band and caller (beginners welcome). Entry fee required. See website for details. Calvert Library Southern Branch at Anne Marie Gardens, 410-326-5289.

Monday, June 10

JobSource Mobile Career Center. 1:00-4:00pm. Stop by to visit the JobSource Mobile Career Center for your job search needs! Get job counseling and résumé help, search for jobs and connect with Southern Maryland JobSource. No registration. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chanevyille Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Wednesday, June 12

Eating Together Menu

Monday, June 10

Pork Roast, Gravy, Baked Sweet Potato, Cabbage, Lima Beans, Dinner Roll, Strawberries

Tuesday, June 11

Fish Patty on a Bun w/Tartar Sauce, Green Beans, Banana

Wednesday, June 12

Hot Dog on a Bun, Coleslaw, Potato Wedges, Cubed Watermelon, Pound Cake w/Cherry Topping & Whipped Cream

Thursday, June 13

Meatloaf, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Dinner Roll, Mandarins Oranges

Friday, June 14

Turkey, Gravy, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream, Carrots, Bread, Applesauce

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

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.

Young at Heart

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Calvert Pines Senior Center

Join us for a 911 Presentation by a member of our county’s Emergency Communications Team, Tuesday, June 11, 11 a.m. Calvert Pines Senior Center will be open Wednesday, June 12. Services will be available. No exercise class or lunch. Enjoy a musical flashback with American Soul. The Music of Motown, Friday, June 21, 12:30 p.m. There will be singing, dancing and a choir. The youth choir will be singing popular songs.

North Beach Senior Center

The North Beach Senior Center will be closed on Wednesday, June 12 for the Red, White & Blue Picnic at the Calvert County Fairgrounds. Celebrate Father’s Day with us by enjoying a delicious root beer float. Friday, June 14, 12:30 p.m. Take a look back with a blast from the past with 1970’s Music Videos with Kathy, Wednesday, June 19, 11 a.m.

Southern Pines Senior Center

A Father’s Day Pool Tournament is being held Tuesday, June 11, 9 a.m. Enjoy a continental breakfast and afternoon snacks. Pre-registration required. The Southern Pines Senior Center will be closed on Wednesday, June 12 for the Red, White & Blue Picnic at the Calvert County Fairgrounds. Calling all musicians! Bring your instruments and join us for an Open Jam Session, Wednesday, June 19, 1 p.m. Celebrate World Music Day with us.
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