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Posing after the Chamber legislative breakfast are (l to r) Del. Michael Jackson, Sen. Jack Bailey, Del. Jerry Clark and Sen. Mike Miller.



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Andrew Rappaport is sworn in as state's attorney



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Two rescue dogs to appear on Dog Bowl



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Things are cooking at CSM

"WE WANT TO BE BETTER EMPLOYEES OF CALVERT COUNTY GOVERNMENT."

-CAPTAIN KEVIN CROSS, DEPUTY JAIL ADMINISTRATOR, ON THE PROPOSAL FOR CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES.

WEEKLY FORECAST

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New Commissioners Hold First Meeting

Hutchins Sets 90-Day Agenda



Official photo of the new Calvert County Board of County Commissioners. They are (l to r), Buddy Hance, Mike Hart, Tim Hutchins, Kelly McConkey and Steve Weems.

By Dick Myers
Editor

The new Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), with three newly-elected members, held its first meeting Jan. 8. The meeting was relatively routine and quick, but the board did unanimously overturn a decision of the previous board (see separate story).

Commissioner President Tim Hutchins said that his board over the next 90 days, in addition to crafting the budget for the next fiscal year, would tackle two pressing issues: Route 231 and the opioid epidemic. He said the board would have public briefings on both issues.

For the Route 231 traffic and safety issue, he said his board would not only invite state and local transportation officials, but also representatives of law enforcement and emergency management.

Regarding the opioid epidemic, he said, "When you are talking about losing people, that becomes serious business." He said the problem was a regional one that crosses county lines, so the board would treat it as such.

Hutchins made his comments during the time set aside at each meeting for the board to make comments on whatever is on their minds. He deferred first to Commissioner Steve Weems, who is entering his third term, and thus is the board's senior member. Weems quipped, however, "I may be the senior member, but I am also the youngest member."

"I want to convey my enthusiasm for this new board," Weems said.

Several of the commissioners noted that they had attended the legislative dinner the previous evening for the Calvert County Farm Bureau. Earl "Buddy" Hance, himself a farmer, encouraged everyone who had attended the dinner to be involved in the issues. "We represent you," he said of all of the citizens of the county.

New Vice President Kelly McConkey thanked staff for helping him learn the ropes. He noted he has been trying for 10 years to get on the board. "I never gave up," he said.

As part of the routine meeting, the commissioners made assignments to boards that they sit on. Hutchins will represent the county on the Maryland Association of Counties legislative committee.

And, a security wall may be a contentious national issue, but the new board unanimously agreed to reject a bid for construction of a security fence at the detention center.

They did approve a bid for a study on behalf of the Calvert-St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization of alternate modes of travel, including bus, pedestrian and bicycle access, to and from the Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

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New Board Supports Sheriff on Correctional Deputies



Sheriff Mike Evans

By Dick Myers
Editor

The new Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), in their first full official meeting (see separate story) overturned a decision by the previous board not to support the sheriff's request to make his correctional officers "correctional deputies" instead. The move gives the sheriff hiring authority and puts disciplinary actions with his

department instead of in the county personnel system, under a civilian board.

The previous commissioner board had supported a Correctional Officers Bill of Rights, similar to what police officers have, but rejected the proposal for correctional deputies, on a 2-2 tie. Then Commissioner President Evan Slaughenhoupt, Jr. was not in attendance to break the tie vote.

At their initial meeting on Jan. 8, the new board overturned the denial. The vote was 4-1, with Commissioner Steve Weems initially voting against, saying he had more questions. When the vote on the entire five-item legislative package came up, Weems asked for assurance from Sheriff Mike Evans that the change would have no fiscal impact. Evans assured him it wouldn't add any additional cost, at which time Weems switched his vote in favor.

Before the vote, Evans and several of his correctional officers spoke in support, "This is long overdue," Evans said.

"We just want to be on the same page, Evans said, referring to the fact that most other counties had gone the same route.

Captain Kevin Cross, deputy administrator of the detention center, said, "We want to be better employees of Calvert County Government."

Commissioner Mike Hart spoke strongly in favor of the proposal. He said he understood the concerns about police administering discipline for their own. But he said, "There is no question about the integrity of the sheriff's office. We trust them with our lives and safety."

Cross insisted that disciplinary action aimed at law enforcement officers should be administered by law enforcement officers who know better what's involved.

Commissioner Buddy Hance wanted to know if there would be any civilians involved in the disciplinary process. He was told they would not be.

With Weems' changed vote, the new board thus unanimously supported the five items in the legislative package

which in addition to the sheriff's two requests, includes:

- A request for an additional \$10.32 million in bond authority;
- Extend the authority to restrict access of disruptive and violent persons to public access beyond the day of the incident; and
- To extend the Length of Service (LOSAP) benefit of \$6,000 to the family of a volunteer who gives his or her life in the line of duty.

At the meeting with the county's legislative delegation last month, the only concern was raised by Del. Jerry Clark. Part of the bond authority will be used to acquire land for a new Solomons volunteer fire and rescue facility. The location would be closer to Lusby to help insurance rates. Clark wondered if that wasn't locating rescue service farther away from medical centers and assisted living facilities.

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Vision Outlined For 3rd Building at SMHEC

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Dr. Robert Caret, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland (USM), told community stakeholders last week that when his organization takes over the reins at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center in just a few months, the transformation will be a harbinger of innovation and prosperity.

The key piece to making that happen, he said, was the construction of the long-awaited third building at the higher education center (SMHEC) that will be a hub for research and development for unmanned and autonomous systems that can be transferred to the commercial market.

The aim, Caret said, speaking at SMHEC Jan. 4, was to diversify the local economy and provide a place where local defense industry talent could find a home rather than looking to other communities

for the next challenge.

"This will become our third regional center," Caret said, adding that such centers were far more than places for academic study, they were centers for entrepreneurship.

He said the centers USM currently runs are responsible for between 300 and 400 inventions a year created by students that result in about 50 patents a year.

What's more those same students are encouraged in starting businesses that apply these innovations to the marketplace.

"A lot of exciting things are related to technology transfer," Caret said to a full conference room at SMHEC. "A lot of this is being done by students themselves."

The new research hub at SMHEC would also help serve the needs of the defense related work force already in the region by providing skilled employees and new technologies related to cyber security and data analytics, among other



Dr. Robert Caret, USM Chancellor speaks with Calvert school board member Dawn Balinski

in-demand skills.

Dr. Darryll Pines, head of the USM A. James Clark School of Engineering, said the third building could become a center for technological revolution.

"It's to develop skills for people in the region to go out and change the world," Pines said. "That's how I see the vision for this building."

Pines estimated that the unmanned and autonomous technology base represented a \$2.5 billion market in Maryland with more than 2,000 jobs.

Observers at the meeting said the sheer number of officials, from the USM on down to elected leaders, helped to dispel concerns that the third building might never be constructed.

Both Sen. Jack Bailey and Del. Brian Crosby attended as well as a significant number of leadership from USM.

Many from the defense industry came as did others from educational institutions.

Glen Ives, a member of the SMHEC Board of Governors, said the move to

bring USM to St. Mary's started 10 years ago with bringing in the unmanned vehicle test site next to the county airport.

Thereafter, Ives said, the momentum began to build for the USM to move more fully into the county.

"It made a lot of sense... with what we believed SMHEC could do," Ives said. "It's incredible to see where we are today."

"[USM] is a \$6 billion enterprise coming down to St. Mary's County; that has to be a good thing."

The coming of USM with the third building could provide another economic engine to compliment the naval air station.

"They are that engine," Ives said. "They're that fuel to take us to that next level."

"The University System of Maryland has been on board since the beginning; there shouldn't be any doubt in anyone's mind that they are committed to this."

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Calvert's New States Attorney Takes Over



Andrew Rappaport recites the Pledge of Allegiance with his family at his swearing in as Calvert State's Attorney



Deputy State's Attorney Jennifer Morton took the oath of office Jan. 7.



Judge Robert Riddle speaks at Rappaport's swearing in ceremony about what he can expect on the job.



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Hoyer, Bailey, Brown Tour Pax River

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) on Jan. 2 toured Naval Air Station Patuxent River with Congressman Anthony Brown (MD-04), who serves on the House Armed Services Committee, and State Senator-Elect Jack Bailey. During the visit, the group met with Vice Admiral Dean Peters, Commander of Naval Air Systems Command; Rear Admiral John Lemmon, Commander of Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division; and Leslie Taylor, Executive Director of Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. They also visited the Air Combat Environment Test and Evaluation Facility, including the anechoic chamber and manned flight simulators.

"I appreciated the opportunity to visit Naval Air Station Patuxent River this morning and learn more about how Congress can support the important work being done in Southern Maryland," said Congressman Hoyer. "I've been proud to advocate for and deliver funding necessary for facilities, including the large anechoic chamber, that ensure that Pax River continues to be the premier facility for research, development, testing, and evaluation of naval aviation. The men

and women who serve their country daily at Pax River play a vital role in strengthening our national security, and I thank them for their service. I look forward to working with Congressman Brown and Senator-elect Bailey to support them and their important mission."

"Pax River plays a key national security role as a home for some of our military's newest technology and training for our warfighters," said Congressman Anthony Brown. "Without it, our men and women in uniform would be less safe; the personnel at Pax River have a critical ongoing mission that Congress must continue to back. I am looking forward to continuing to work with my good friend Steny Hoyer to support the base, the men and women who work there, and the surrounding communities in Maryland."

*Press Release from
Office of Rep. Steny Hoyer*



Water, Sewer Billing Transfers to Public Works Department

The Calvert County Department of Public Works, Water & Sewerage Division, will take over the water and sewer billing services from the Department of Finance & Budget effective Jan. 7, 2019. The organizational change was approved by the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners in September 2018.

Previously, billing services were provided by the Finance & Budget Department, but the integration of billing into the Water & Sewerage Division will allow the division to identify service issues quicker, decrease response time for meter and service problems, and provide greater segregation of duties between billing, adjustments, receipting and preparation of financial statements.

While the organizational change should be transparent to most customers, walk-in customers will now need to visit 150 Main St., Suite 206 in Prince Frederick for assistance.

Quarterly water and sewer bills will continue to be mailed the first business day of January, April, July and October.



Please call the customer service office at 410-535-1600, ext. 2211 to request a copy of your bill if not received by the 10th of the month. Payments are due at the end of the month and can be made by check, credit card, through online bill pay or automated billing direct from a checking account. Visit online for more information about bill payments and options.

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Chesapeake Beach Provides Details on Fishing Creek Dredging Funding Increased by \$1.26M from Original Allocation



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has delivered its Fiscal Year 2019 Work Plan for the Army Civil Works program to Congress. The Fishing Creek dredging project in Chesapeake Beach, originally allocated only \$10,000 in FY2019 budget, will now receive \$1.36M under the Army Corps of Engineer Work Plan.

The Fishing Creek channel serves over 6,500 public boat ramp accesses annually. The channel is accessible to the public through 6 public boat ramps with over 70 boat trailer parking spaces for general public use owned by the Town. The Fishing Creek channel serves over

20 commercial charter boats capable of chartering over 300 patrons at a single point in time and serves as a vital point of access and a Federal navigation channel for the United States Navy.

“The Town of Chesapeake Beach is honored to receive increased funding for Fishing Creek providing its continued use as a vital channel within the Town, the State and the Nation. This allocation of funding would not be possible without the support of Congressman Steny Hoyer, Senator Chris Van Hollen and Senator Ben Cardin, who have worked to keep Chesapeake Beach on the list of

priorities to support maintenance, and related activities, at the Nation’s most heavily used coastal ports and inland waterways,” Chesapeake Beach Mayor Patrick J. “Irish” Mahoney stated in appreciation.

According to the Town’s Engineer, Paul Woodburn, “If the dredging were not to occur, Fishing creek would not be passable for nearly all boats; including recreational boats, commercial charter boats, the Fire Departments life safety boat, the Navy pier boats and the creek would no longer be a “safe harbor” for our citizens during major storm events.”

A partial dredge of the channel was completed in 2017 moving approximately 2,260 cubic yards of dredge yield to the Town’s permitted containment facility. The 2017 partial dredging of the channel was primarily funded by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Waterway Improvement Fund with a portion of the funding contributed by the Town of Chesapeake Beach.

According to Captain Drew Payne, who has operated his charter business out of Fishing Creek for most of the last 20 years, news of the incoming Federal monies earmarked for Fishing Creek dredging has been well received by

all Captains. During the Fall of 2018, Captain Drew’s 52foot charter boat ran aground in the Fishing Creek entrance more than a few times during winddriven low tides. “My boat requires 5 feet of water to float, and not being able to sail creates an immediate impact on my business. I’m sure that all Captains operating out of this Creek will join me in thanking the Town Mayor and staff for their efforts in securing these dredging funds. Dredging Fishing Creek entrance can’t happen soon enough,” according to Captain Drew.

The town received a recent update from the Army Corp of Engineers Project coordinator regarding the plans for the FY19 \$1.36M in funds. The FY19 funds will be used for rehabilitation of the south jetty as the first phase of the dredging project to mitigate the urgency and frequency of dredging the creek. The FY19 funds remaining, after the first phase of the project, will go toward the maintenance dredging with additional funding considerations taking place for the FY2020 budget.

*Press Release from
Town of Chesapeake Beach*

Planning Commission Seeks Comments on Recommended Comprehensive Plan



The Calvert County Planning Commission is seeking agency and public comments on its recommended Calvert County Comprehensive Plan. The plan is recommended to replace the current Comprehensive Plan first adopted in 2004 and amended in 2010 and 2017. The Planning Commission’s recommended draft and support materials are available here.: <http://www.co.cal.md.us/futureCalvert>

The Planning Commission will consider comments on the plan and may make revisions before recommending the plan be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. A public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan will be held prior to plan adoption, but not before Feb. 26, 2019. The public hearing date, time and location will be released once the hearing details are finalized. Comments should be addressed to Mr. Greg Kernan, Chair, Calvert County Planning Commission. While written comments may be submitted any time prior to the public hearing or submitted

at the hearing, the Planning Commission is requesting comments by Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019. Please note that names, addresses/e-mail addresses and/or written comments become part of the public record and may be made available to the public upon request and posted to the county’s website.

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

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The Comprehensive Plan update process is now in its third and final phase. The first phase – identifying issues – included meetings and a series of public workshops in the summer and fall of 2016. Phase 2 – plan development – featured workshops, public meetings and open houses, along with the development and review of the first draft, published in October 2017. Phase 3 – the adoption process – began in spring 2018 with the publication of the second draft in May. The Planning Commission held monthly work sessions June through November 2018 to review public comments and make revisions to the draft plan.

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Calvert County Sheriff's Office Blotter

During the week of December 31, 2018 – January 6, 2019 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,485 calls for service throughout the community.

Burglary: 19-901

On January 4th, 2019 Deputy Ridgely responded to Bayside Rd in Chesapeake Beach for the report of a Burglary that already occurred. The victim stated sometime between 7:25 am and 7:15 pm, an unknown suspect(s) smashed her window paned door and stole multiple items from her home. The value of damaged and stolen property is approximately \$1,070.

Damaged Property: 19-47

On January 1, 2019 Deputy S. Naughton responded to Daryl Drive, Lusby for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between December 31st at 4:00 PM and January 1st at 7:50 AM an unknown suspect(s) busted out the back window of her vehicle. The estimated value of damaged property is \$500.

Theft: 18-71336

On December 31, 2018 Deputy Sampson responded to Plum Point Road, Huntingtown for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between December 27th at 9:00 PM and December 31st at 4:20 PM an unknown suspect(s) scratched her vehicle and stole a dog kennel from the front porch.

Theft: 19-97

On January 1, 2019 Deputy Spalding responded to area of Olivet Rd and Rousby Hall Rd, Lusby for the report of a theft. The victim advised sometime between December 31 at 4:00 pm and January 1, 2019 at 11:30 am an unknown suspect(s) stole from a pile of asphalt millings on his property. The value of stolen property is approximately \$60.

Theft: 19-158

On January 1, 2019 Deputy Wilson responded to Poplar Road, St. Leonard for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between December 30th and January 1st an unknown suspect(s) stole her 2016 F-150 from the driveway. On January 2nd the vehicle was located at Allens Fresh Run on Budds Creek Road in Charles County.

Theft: 19-839

On January 4, 2019 Deputy McDonough responded to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office for the report of a theft. The victim advised sometime between December 24th and January 3rd an unknown suspect(s) stole her medication from her vehicle on Doewood Rd, Lusby. The prescription had approximately 30 capsules of Adderall.

ARRESTS:

On December 31, 2018 Deputy R. Shrawder conducted a traffic stop on N Solomons Island Road at W Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick. The driver, **Shadeeka Wainright (47)**, had an ac-



tive warrant through Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. Wainright was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. A search of her purse revealed a Percocet pill. Wainright was served her warrant and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and Possession of Contraband in a Place of Confinement.

On December 31, 2018 Cpl. Wilson conducted a traffic stop in the area of the Thomas Johnson Bridge in Solomons. When asked for his license and



registration, the driver, **Eric Scott Shanholtz (27)**, refused to provide Cpl. Wilson with either. Shanholtz and the passenger, **William Am-**

brose Fenwick (29), were removed from



the vehicle and detained. A search of the vehicle revealed a grinder with marijuana residue in it, as well as two bags that contained over 60 grams of marijuana. Shanholtz and Fenwick were placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. Fenwick was charged with CDS: Possession of Marijuana > 10 grams. Shanholtz was charged with CDS: Possession of Marijuana > 10 grams as well as Obstructing and Hindering.

On January 1, 2019 Deputy Mohler conducted a traffic stop in the area of Deanne Avenue and Cassell Blvd, Prince Frederick. The driver and passenger were asked to step out of the vehicle. While speaking with the passenger, **Walter Gary Radtke (29)**, Deputy



Mohler smelled a strong odor of marijuana emitting from his breath. Inside his mouth was a large amount of green chunks of marijuana. Radtke admitted to consuming the marijuana because he saw Deputy Mohler and "panicked". Radtke was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Obstructing and Hindering.

On January 3, 2019 Deputy Mohler was investigating a disturbance that occurred in the area of the Southern Pines Senior Apartments in Lusby. Upon arrival Deputy Mohler made contact with **Bruce Artis Cobb (20)**, who stated he



was waiting for a ride and sent on his way. While trying to obtain information from another individual regarding the disturbance, Deputy Mohler noticed Cobb running towards a traffic stop that was being conducted by Cpl. Robshaw and Deputy Deleon. Deputy Mohler attempted to stop Cobb from interfering. Cobb ignored verbal commands from Deputy Mohler and continued toward the traffic stop. Cobb was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Obstructing and Hindering, Failure to Obey Reasonable/Lawful Order, and Disorderly Conduct.

On January 5, 2019 Deputy Flynt conducted a traffic stop on Southern Maryland Blvd at Ward Road in Dunkirk. While making contact with the driver, **Jose Luis Ortiz Velazquez (35)**, Dep-



uty Flynt detected the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed nine Suboxone strips, three small bags with white powder residue and a bottle with urine. A search of his person while at the Detention Center revealed a razor and two small bags with white powdery residue. Deputy Flynt checked his vehicle after transporting Ortiz Velazquez and found suspected Marijuana and Heroin where he was detained. Ortiz Velazquez was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, Possession of Contraband in place of confinement, Alter Drug/Alcohol test.

On January 5, 2019 Deputy Bowlan responded to Cove Point Rd in Lusby for the report of a dispute between two neighbors. The suspect, **Travis Allan Phifer (38)**, was heavily intoxicated and



uncooperative. Phifer was advised to go inside his residence multiple times, but failed to comply. Deputy Bowlan placed Phifer under arrest and transported him to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

On January 6, 2019 Deputy Bowlan responded to 7-Eleven in Prince Frederick for the report of a disorderly subject. Deputy Bowlan made contact with the suspect, **Brian Anthony Hill (38)**,



who was issued a Trespass citation for 7-Eleven for causing a scene and refusing to pay for his coffee. Hill crushed the citation and dropped it on the ground. Hill was told to leave the parking lot but refused, therefore, he was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Failure to Obey a Reasonable/Lawful Order.

On January 6, 2019 Deputy Freeland responded to the Giant in Lusby for the report of a disorderly subject. Upon arrival he made contact with the suspect, **Bruce Craig Bluteau (49)**, who was



hunched over the ATM screaming that he was God. Because a crowd started to gather around, Bluteau was detained. After detaining him, Bluteau refused to comply with Deputy Freeland's orders and continued to be disorderly. He was subsequently arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Resisting Arrest and Disorderly Conduct.

Arrest Made in Dunkirk Armed Robbery

On January 4, 2019 at 5:02 p.m. a citizen called 911 to report an attempted carjacking/armed robbery in the parking lot of the Walmart store in Dunkirk. As the citizen returned to her vehicle she noticed a male leaning on a silver sedan parked close to her vehicle. When she entered her car, the suspect opened the car door and claimed he had a handgun motioning to his hand inside of his hooded sweatshirt. The male suspect forced the woman into the passenger seat of her car and demanded her car keys. The victim began to scream for help at which time a witness noticed the commotion.



Justin David Geger

Off-duty and on-duty deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office located the victim still in the parking lot. Just prior to their arrival, a male suspect fled in a silver four-door sedan. A witness was able to obtain the tag number for the suspect vehicle and a description of the suspect. Deputies secured the area and immediately began attempting to locate the suspect. Detectives from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau arrived on the scene and determined the suspect was possibly headed to a residence in Chesapeake Beach Maryland. When deputies responded to the residence a vehicle matching the description was located in the driveway. The suspect, identified as Justin David Geger (28 year old male

from Chesapeake Beach), was located inside of the residence. He was interviewed and subsequently arrested and charged with Armed Robbery.

Sheriff Mike Evans would like to commend the citizens and deputies for working together to ensure this criminal was caught quickly before he could cause any additional harm in the community. He stated, "My hats off to those citizens, they were able to get a good accurate description of the suspect, which was key to law enforcement being able to catch him within minutes of committing the crime."

Anyone with any additional information is asked to contact Detective Mike Mudd at 410-535-2800 ext. 2469, or Michael.Mudd@calvertcountymd.gov.

Press Release from CCSO

Two Injured in Dirt Bike Collision

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded on Jan. 6 to the area of 4134 Ferry Landing Road in Dunkirk for the report of a collision involving two dirt bikes.

Upon arrival it was determined that a Yamaha dirt bike operated by Michael Paul Wolford, 18, of Huntingtown and a Suzuki dirt bike operated by Durelle Antawne Evans, 28, of Lothian collided.

Both operators sustained serious injuries. Wolford was flown from the scene to Prince Georges Shock Trauma where he is currently in critical condition. Evans

was ground transported to Washington Med Star hospital and is currently listed in stable condition.

Members of the Crash Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and are actively investigating the Collision. Anyone with information reference this collision please contact Dfc. J.M. Hardesty of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office at Jeffrey.Hardesty@CalvertCountyMD.Gov.

Press Release from CCSO

Maryland State Police Report

Possession of Oxycodone: On 12/31/18 at 7:59 pm, Trooper First Class Costello stopped a vehicle on Armoy Rd. near Fairground Rd. in Prince Frederick for traffic violations. The distinct odor of marijuana was emitting from inside the vehicle and a probable cause search was conducted. **Shoshoni L. Brooks, 26** of Prince Frederick was arrested for possession of oxycodone for which she did not have a prescription. She was incarcerated at the Calvert County Detention Center.

Possession of Heroin: On 1/5/19 at 6:29 pm, Trooper First Class Davis stopped a vehicle for traffic violations on Town Square Drive in Lusby. Several criminal indicators were observed and a K-9 scan was requested. K-9 Reaper from the CCSO gave a positive alert and a probable cause search was conducted. Heroin was located along with drug paraphernalia. **Darryl W. Icenhower, 26** of Lusby was arrested and incarcerated at the Calvert County Detention Center.

Press Release from MSP Barrack U – Prince Frederick

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Two Locals Make Super Bowl Weekend Cut

These Participants are Elderly and Four-Legged



Melissa Carnes (l) with Annie and Sharon Fhonkwiler, with Sherman

By Dick Myers
Editor

They are named Sherman and Annie and they've been chosen for the big event. Sherman and Annie are foster dogs with Sugar Faces Senior Dog Rescue of Southern Maryland. After auditioning in New York City, the pair will be seen on Animal Planet on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. on Dog Bowl, a one-hour special hosted by award-winning animal advocate, Jill Rappaport.

Dog Bowl II is a lead in to the popular Puppy Bowl, which is now in its 15th year and features the cute and never predictable antics of puppies joyfully playing with balls

According to a press release from Animal Planet, "Sherman and Annie, of Sugar Faces Senior Dog Rescue, are two of 63 competing in Dog Bowl, where the dogs range in ages from 2-16 years old and there are a variety of breeds and mixed breeds represented including a cocker spaniel, pug, German shepherd, basset hound, Pomeranian, chihuahua, bulldog, Pekinese, boxer, American Es-

kimo and many more!"

Sugar Faces was started by Melissa Carnes who observed a need in Southern Maryland for an organization concentrating on helping find homes for older dogs that are often harder to adopt. She started in animal rescue with the St. Mary's Animal Welfare League when she heard they were looking for help with intake for animals being transported from the area impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

Annie, 13, and Sherman, 12, are adorable dachshunds who will be on display during Dog Bowl and who are available for adoption. It's the chance to have a star in your own home. Carnes said her organization was contacted by Animal Planet last summer and were invited to come to New York to audition for the show. Sugar Faces volunteers paid their own way. They were selected, and the show was filmed in October, Carnes told The County Times.

Carnes views their participation as a way to tell a wider audience about the benefits of adopting an older dog. Information about the four-legged partici-

pants in Dog Bowl will be shown on the screen throughout the show.

Not to be outdone by the football competition, the Puppy Bowl will feature two teams, this year with brand new names: Team Goldies and Team Oldies.

This year's halftime show will feature DC Humane Alliance's 'Barktoberfest'

with senior wiener dog races and Jill Rappaport reporting on amazing dog adoption stories.

For more information on Sugar Faces Senior Dog Rescue, please visit www.sugarfacesrescue.org.

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Annual Photo Contest Now Taking Submissions

2019 Contest Runs Through Aug. 31

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is now accepting entries for its annual photo contest. Photographers, novice or professional, can enter for the chance to win cash and other great prizes.

Winning entries will be posted online, featured in an issue of the seasonal Maryland Natural Resource magazine, and placed in the 2020 wall calendar.

More than 4,300 photos were submitted by more than 800 photographers in the 2018 contest, shattering last year's record of 1,500 photos. Photographers from more than 16 states, including California, Florida, New York and Ohio entered the contest.

Entries can include images from anywhere in Maryland featuring birds, fauna, flora, insects, natural phenomena, outdoor recreation, scenic landscapes, weather or wildlife. Judges will choose first, second and third place winners for

each season; from among the first-prize winners, an overall grand prize winner will be awarded. Social media users will also be able to select a "Fan Favorite" via the department's Facebook page.

Photographers may submit up to three entries for \$10 with additional entries (no limit) at \$3 each between now and Aug. 31. All photos must be original and unpublished. The contest is open to residents and visitors alike, but only photos of Maryland will qualify to win.

The best overall photo receives a grand prize of \$500 cash, a one-year Maryland State Park and Trail Passport, a complimentary five-year magazine subscription and five copies of the 2020 calendar. First, second and third place winners also receive prizes.



2018 Photo Contest Grand Prize Winner, "Little Blue Heron Ready to Pounce" by Kevin Moore

Press Release from MD DNR

Community Support Raises Record Amount at Gala

Proceeds Go To Private Room Expansion, Renovation



The 2018 Harvest Ball Planning Committee has much to celebrate after this year's record breaking event. Since it began 30 years ago, the annual black-tie charity gala has raised nearly \$3.5 million.

The 2018 CalvertHealth Foundation Fire & Ice Gala, Igniting the Difference, was a huge success thanks to the extraordinary support from the corporate, community and individual sponsors that helped raise nearly \$775,000 toward largest expansion in CalvertHealth's almost 100-year history. Special thanks goes to Presenting Sponsors Curtis Investment Group, MedStar Shah Medical Group and Rod 'N' Reel Resort in addition to an anonymous donor whose \$250,000 donation that evening helped push CalvertHealth beyond its \$3 million fundraising goal in its Building on a Century of Care capital campaign - which was announced at the November gala.

"We are so grateful by the overwhelming support toward this project. This has been an extraordinary effort and we are humbled by the generosity of our community. Our patients and families drive every decision we make at the medical

center, and I am thankful for everyone who has made a monumental difference in our ability to provide the best possible care for our community," said President and CEO Dean Teague. He continued, "Every dollar counts in our mission to impact the community."

The path to the Foundation's \$3-million campaign success was paved with humble beginnings. In 2016, Samantha Walling, then age 10, kicked off the Building on a Century of Care Campaign with the gift of a single dollar. It was recorded as the first gift to the organization's largest-ever campaign.

"Every dollar makes a difference," says Lynette Entzian, Chair of the CalvertHealth Foundation. Entzian has played an integral role in the campaign's fundraising efforts stating that a family member's experience left an indelible impression on her about the urgency of this project. "I knew private rooms were important, but the magnitude didn't hit

me until I experienced it firsthand with my own loved one. My husband and I are proud to support this project, with our time and a financial commitment."

At the gala and in one of the evening's more emotional moments, three community members shared their stories about why privacy matters in a heartfelt video. At the conclusion of the video, Teague was standing on stage with his mother, Sue, who was featured in the video. Emcee Don Parsons noted that Mr. Teague was not on stage as the President and CEO of CalvertHealth - but as a son. Of his mother's recent stay in the medical center, Teague shared, "When I visited my mom, I was so grateful to see the wonderful care she was getting. I was also grateful to see that every patient -- across the hall, next door to my mom -- everyone was getting the exact same level of care. We treat every patient as if they were a member of our own family."

Foundation Board members Lisa Garner and Cindy Parlett co-chaired this year's event. Parlett said, "So many of us have been impacted by CalvertHealth Medical Center - we have been patients, we have been visitors, we have been volunteers or employees. Sharing a common thread, we are all advocates for quality health care."

CalvertHealth's Building on a Century of Care Capital Campaign will culminate in 2019 when the hospital celebrates its 100th anniversary. The campaign is helping to raise funds for the largest project in the history of the hospital. The three-story expansion project will house spacious, modernized private patient rooms, outpatient services, as well as areas for medical and support staff. This project will feature all private patient rooms on Level 2 and Level 3 of the medical center. The \$51 million expansion will allow CalvertHealth to provide

the community with a new standard of care. Since it began 30 years ago, the annual black-tie charity event is one of the most successful fundraisers for the hospital and has helped fund new medical technology, equipment and initiatives at CalvertHealth Medical Center.

The CalvertHealth Foundation wants to extend a special thank you to some of the sponsors who helped make the evening a success: Curtis Investment Group; Medstar Shah Medical Group; Rod 'N' Reel Resort; Associates In Radiation Medicine; Mamma Lucia - Mr. Sal & Mrs. Maria Lubrano; Plan B Technologies; Mr. Steve & Mrs. Sunny Keithley; American Radiology Services & American Radiology Associates; CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield; Dickinson Jewelers; Hargrove, Inc.; Mr. Dean & Mrs. Pam Teague; Power Solutions, LLC; Dr. Mahesh P. Shah; Wilson & Parlett; Emergency Medicine Associates; Bank of America Merrill Lynch; BuiltRite Home Developers; CNL & Holladay Properties; Exelon Generation; Garner Exteriors; Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman; HITT Contracting; Johns Hopkins; Locust Lane Farms; M&T Bank; Merrill Lynch; Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Diana Doswell; Ms. Marianne Harms; Twin Beaches Cosmetic Dentistry & Gentle Family Dentistry; Wilmot Sanz Architects; Windstream Enterprise; Adfinitas Health; Armstrong, Donohue, Ceppos, Vaughan and Rhoades; Baker Ober Health Law; Baldwin Law Group, LLP; Calvert Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center; Community Bank of the Chesapeake; Dr. Loyd & Mrs. Terri Wolfley; Idea Solutions; Leach Wallace Associates; MedStar Health; Mrs. Dixie Miller & Mr. Jim Ritter; Old Line Construction, Inc.; CMI General Contractors; The Columbia Bank and Pathway Investment Group.

Back to Annapolis for Another Legislative Session

Local Delegation Gives Preview to Chamber

By Dick Myers
Editor

“Annapolis is a different world.” The speaker knows what he is talking about. This week Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller, Jr. of Calvert County will be going to Annapolis for this year’s legislative session as he has done every year since 1974. He is the longest serving senate president in the country.

Miller was speaking Monday morning before the start of the session on Wednesday. The occasion was the annual pre-legislative breakfast of the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce at the Rod ‘N Reel in Chesapeake Beach.

“It’s an entirely different story in Annapolis from what you have presented here,” Miller said towards the end of the event. He observed, “When we go to Annapolis, we remember what the feelings are back here,” and he insisted the input like he had received at the breakfast was important to the process; such input at legislative hearings was deemed essential.

“We have a good team,” Sen. Miller said of the legislators sitting at the table with him: two Republicans, Sen. Elect Jack Bailey (Dist. 29), who was sworn-in on Jan. 9 and Del. Jerry Clark (29C) and Democrat Michael Jackson (27B). Del. Mark Fisher (R: 27C) did not attend.

Miller said the state was in good shape with its balanced budget and AAA bond rating, but he added, “We do have a structural deficit coming up.”

Miller talked about the spirit of bipartisanship with the Republican Gov. Larry Hogan and the Democrat-controlled legislature. He said he and Speaker of the House Michael Busch recently met with Hogan at the governor’s mansion and then again they chatted at the Ravens game. Throughout the morning there were issues that the legislators agreed on, but some that did split on party lines. One was the increase in the minimum wage to \$15.

“This is an issue that’s going to pass. How it’s passed, I am not sure,” Miller observed.

Miller said different methods had been tried in other states and he predicted one which would treat rural and urban areas differently, as is done in New York. He also predicted a phase in.

Bailey said the \$15 minimum “obviously would cause a burden on small businesses.” He said the best that the minority party could hope to accomplish was small, incremental increases “so that it doesn’t impact us all at one time.”

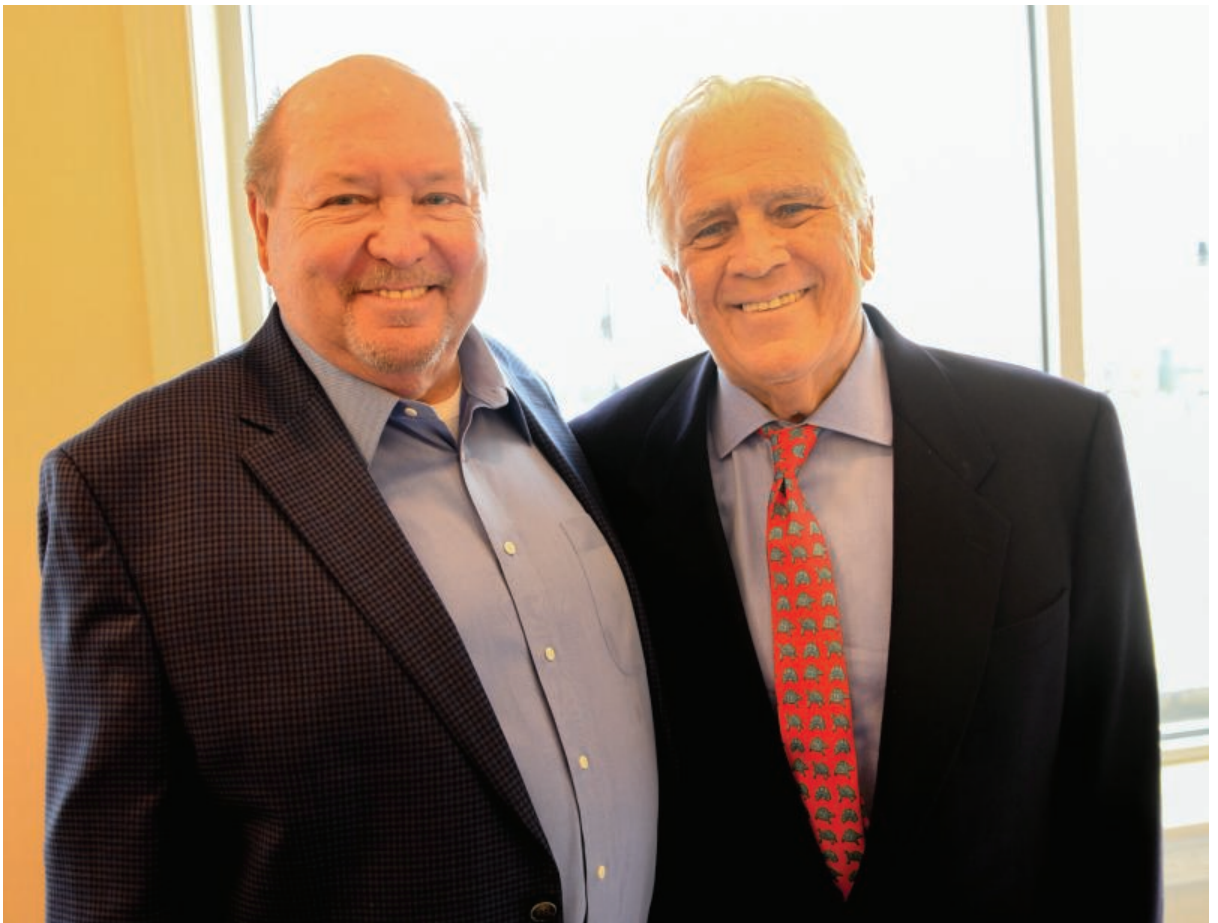
Clark said, “I have yet to have a government agent come in and offer to pay the electric bill at my small business.” He added, “How does government know what is good for you as a small business owner?” Clark noted that all of his employees at his liquor store make more than \$15 an hour.

He said he knows there are some small-business people who didn’t treat their employees fairly. “But let’s not throw the baby out with the bath water,” he said.

Jackson supports the \$15 hourly wage. He said he understands the impact, “But I also understand collaborative efforts.” He said if staging in the increase was the compromise, so be it. “But it’s high time that citizens can take care of their families.”

But there was no disagreement on allowing associations such as the Chamber to provide group health plans. “It’s a no brainer,” Miller said.

Bailey, the freshman of the group, in his opening statement talked about meeting with as many people as possible, attending training and waiting patiently to have his computer turned over to him after being sworn-in.



Chesapeake Beach Resort and Spa owner Gerald Donovan with Sen. President Mike Miller (right) before the Chamber of Commerce legislative breakfast.

“Up to this point the biggest thing we have learned is to respect the organization as it exists in Annapolis,” he said.

As a Republican, he said, “We have to work together with the moderate Democrats so that we can get things done.”

He said public safety and school safety are big issues. On the latter, he said, “We have to work so we can get some more money for what we can do for our schools.” Bailey’s wife Karin is chair of the St. Mary’s County Board of Education.

Clark will be serving his first year as an elected delegate after being appointed two years ago. He quipped, “Having won the election on my own I feel a lot more secure and a lot more feisty.”

Clark said in his committee there were predictions of “oyster wars” but instead he predicted fixes to the controversies over oyster cultivation.

Jackson arrived too late to give an opening statement.

The legislators were asked whether they favored restoring in Maryland the individual mandate of Obamacare. Miller called it a “complex issue.” He said the governor would see it as a tax and likely veto any such legislation.

“Being a Republican, obviously we do look at it as a tax,” Bailey said. But he added, to just say he would oppose it would be the easy answer. Instead, he said the legislators had to work together on a solution. “I go into this with open ears and open eyes and we are going to evaluate this as much as we can,” he added.

Clark doesn’t like mandates. He said last year he did support the one-year subsidy on the individual payer’s market, recognizing the need to address the rising cost of health care, “I do understand we need some answers to health care. The individual market out there is just brutal.”

There was a lively discussion about whether to reduce the corporate income tax from 8.25 percent to

its previous seven percent. Jackson supports it as does Clark. But Clark added, “I hate to beat a dead horse, but if you continue to pile all of these requirements on small business, you won’t have to worry whether it’s eight percent or seven percent. We are not going to be making any money, so we won’t be paying any taxes anyway.” Clark’s comments drew a collective chuckle from the crowd.

Miller turned the discussion, saying, “I support lowering the personal income tax.” He said local piggyback taxes on top of the state personal income tax brings the level higher than the corporate rate. “I pay higher than Lockheed Martin,” he explained.

Clark, upon hearing Miller’s proposal, added he agreed with him and if the rate could be cut for “hard-working people,” and for retirees, “so they can stay in Maryland,” he concluded, “That would be a tremendous thing and I would say leave the corporate rate alone.”

There was general agreement among the legislators about the need to clean up behind the Conowingo Dam at the point where the Susquehanna River flows into the Chesapeake Bay. Overflow is polluting the Bay.

And there was also general agreement that the suggestions of the Kirwin Commission on education funding had merit, but the big stumbling block was how to pay for them.

Miller said adequate funding for school staff in Calvert would have to come from the county. “I think they are going to treat the employees right,” he said of the new commissioner board and the school board.

There also was consensus support for the idea of introducing sports betting in Maryland, although Miller said it may have to be delayed a year and put on referendum in the next election, based on current state law forged with the agreement to put the MGM casino at National Harbor on referendum.

Huntingtown High Band Honored for a Winning Season



The Calvert County Public Schools Board of Education recently honored the Huntingtown High School marching band for a highly successful competitive season, the high point of which was a victory in the Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Championship in the Group 2 Open Division.

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, superintendent, said, "The Huntingtown High band has had an extraordinary year, and we look forward to recognizing them many more times in the future."

At the Tournament of Bands, the unit faced off against 18 of the finest competitive marching organizations from throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region. Huntingtown earned a season high score of 97.75 and captured special awards for Best Visual Design and Best Music. The Marching Hurricanes made history as the first Southern Maryland band to win the Atlantic Coast Championship and the first Maryland school to win since 1975.

Press Release from CCPS

CSM Students Tackle Real-World Cyber Threats

College of Southern Maryland (CSM) students recently participated in the launch of Cyber Fast Track Maryland, a new program established to help close a widening gap of job openings in the cybersecurity field. The free, one-day event was tailored for Maryland community college students to give them a chance to show off their skills and meet with cybersecurity experts from Cisco, IBM, GEICO, Vanguard and Fannie Mae, to name a few.

Cybersecurity Ventures in its Cy-

bersecurity Jobs Report for 2018-2021 predicted 3.5 million cybersecurity job openings by 2021. The company recently published an article by Brian Fonseca, of the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy at Florida International University's Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, who called upon educational institutions, industry and government to collaborate in addressing the "challenging skills gap that has caused a global shortage of professionals."

"For far too long the skills gap — or the mismatch between the skills employers are looking for and the skills potential employees have — has dominated conversations between higher education and industry," Fonseca wrote. "One thing is clear: To fill this need, our higher educational institutions, industry and government agencies must work together. If what we are doing is not working for our students — or the good of society — it's time to rethink education and how we prepare students."

That is where Cyber Fast Track Maryland comes in. During the event held at the Germantown Campus of Montgomery College, students from all over the state engaged in online games filled with hours of real-world cybersecurity challenges. As students worked through the levels, they tackled realistic examples of security tests and threats faced by cybersecurity practitioners in the field while professionals stood nearby ready to assist and answer questions. There were individual and team challenges rewarded with prizes throughout the day.

Students representing CSM at the Cyber Fast Track Maryland event were Aljan Tablizo, Myea Kelly, Jeremy Foster, Samala Howard, Netsanet Deribe, Jeremy Plum, Gage Beavan, Usaamah Al-Farooq, Cody Hight and William "Preston" Fouch.

"Cybersecurity professionals are in great demand," confirmed CSM Business, Technology, and Public Service Division Chair Bernice Brezina. "Programs like the Cyber Fast Track Maryland help us attract and support those students who have voiced interest in this exciting field."

Cyber Fast Track is a SANS Insti-



CSM Professor Wendy Hayes and CSM student Usaamah Al-Farooq work through one of the many real-world cyber security challenges in the CyberStart Game, an online platform featuring hundreds of hours of realistic examples and threats faced by cybersecurity experts in the field.

tute program enabled by funding from the Maryland Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) EARN Program. Montgomery College and 13 Maryland employers are helping to make the program successful.

CSM is a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense. This program has been designated as a Center of Academic Excellence for two-year schools (CAE-2Y) by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). For information about the CyberHawks, email DaphneP@cmsd.edu. For information about CSM's cybersecurity program, visit <http://www.cmsd.edu/programs-courses/cyber-center>.

Press Release from CSM

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Baby is our pet of the week!
He is a Domestic Short Hair cat approximately 7 years old. He is a BIG green eyed love bug that just wants to snuggle. Since he was one of the very first cats to arrive at our new shelter we have made it our new year's resolution to find him his forever home. He is neutered and up to date on all of his vaccines. Baby is an indoor cat that loves attention. If you have room in your home for this special guy, please come in and meet him! His adoption fee is waived for qualified adopters.



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CSM Cooking Class: Going Beyond the Recipes

Demonstrating Classic Italian Traditions



CSM Italian Instructor Simonetta Baldassari shares age-old Italian traditions, recipes and meals with her students during her annual "Traditional Italian Christmas" cooking class.

Christmas is by far the most important holiday of the year in Italy with festivities that last from Dec. 8 through Jan. 6, according to College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Italian Instructor Simonetta Baldassari. And for that reason, sharing age-old Italian traditions are as much a part of the course as are the recipes and meals Baldassari imparts upon her students during her annual "Traditional Italian Christmas" cooking class.

The Liguria-born, adjunct faculty instructor joined 16 CSM students for a customary Italian gathering last month

at the Custom Kitchens showroom in La Plata with one goal – to create an atmosphere where it felt as if family and friends were reuniting to feast on delicacies and relive customs from long ago.

On the menu at the recent class were traditional favorites such as cocktail della casa, Sjabei (pasta fritta), Involtini d'asparagie e pancetta (asparagus and pancetta), Branzino al cartoccio (sea bass) and gnocci de patate (potato pasta). At the table were well-appointed place settings and decorations, all arranged with great detail. And in the air was a

sense of familiarity, warmth and fun, shared CSM Assistant Director of Personal Enrichment Shaunda Holt.

"She has such a beautiful personality," said Holt, of Baldassari. "She has a huge following because she is so informative and real. Students follow her from class to class."

Baldassari has been teaching cooking classes and Italian language classes for CSM since 2013. For those interested in delving into the taste of, or language of, Italy, below are a list of classes currently scheduled for the winter and spring of 2019:

Languages:

- PEP-8780-157441 Simple Italian - Language and Culture. Wednesdays, March 6 - April 17, 6:30-9 p.m. at the La Plata Campus.
- PEP-9000-157443 Intermediate Italian. Wednesdays, April 24 - May 29, 6 p.m.- 9 p.m. the La Plata Campus.

Cooking Classes:

- PEP-9140-157439 Couples Night Out - Italian Style. Thursday, Feb. 14, 6-9 p.m. at Custom Kitchens and Baths in La Plata.
- AAA-7590-157440 Marti Gras in Italy. Thursday, Feb. 28, 6-9 p.m. at

Custom Kitchens and Baths in La Plata.

- AAA-8050-157442 Limoncello - Liquid Sunshine. Thursday, March 14, 6-9 p.m. at Custom Kitchens and Baths in La Plata.
- PEP-8800-158738 Meet the Pasta. Thursday, March 28, 6-9 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Waldorf.
- PEP-8790-160129 Pizza School. Thursday, May 2, 6-9 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Waldorf.
- PEP-9270-158740 Italian Wines and Appetizers. Thursday, May 16, 6-9 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Waldorf.

Students can register for personal enrichment classes up until the day of the class, although earlier registration is encouraged because some classes have minimum registrations required to run. For information on non-credit, personal enrichment offerings at CSM, visit <http://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/non-credit/personal-enrichment/>. Registrants must be 21 years of age or older to register for cooking classes as wine is typically served with the meal.

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A View From The **BLEACHERS** **Marriage Counseling**

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

The Pittsburgh Steelers have had but three head coaches - Chuck Noll, Bill Cowher and Mike Tomlin - since 1969 and have been run by the Rooney family since the franchise's inception in 1933.

I've used those statistics in this column before, but that doesn't make them any less amazing. The three head coaches over five decades is particularly mind boggling, considering the transient nature of the career field. Professional coaches live out of suitcases in pre-furnished, rented apartments. Their families don't immediately uproot to move to their latest employment destination. They pay monthly storage fees in multiple cities. Absentee ballot has been their voting method since the Reagan administration. Papa was a rolling stone; wherever he laid his hat was his home. Ditto for professional coaches.

Except, of course, in Pittsburgh. Except, of course, for the Steelers.

Organizations talk about stability, establishing core values, brand creation and developing a symbiotic relationship with their city, the type that oozes into the pores of locals and, over decades, creates a nationwide fan base. Some succeed briefly or even for an era; most fail miserably and quickly. Coaches are then fired. Executives are run off. Organizational reboots follow.

Except in Pittsburgh. Except for the Steelers.

Until now?

What is going on in western Pennsylvania? First Le'Veon Bell - one of the top running backs in football - gets into the mother of all contract disputes and sits out this season. Now Antonio Brown - among the NFL's best wide receivers - essentially goes AWOL before a pivotal season-ending game and seems determined to finagle his way out of Pittsburgh for the contentment that apparently awaits in some other NFL locale. QB Ben Roethlisberger is doing damage control, head coach Mike Tomlin seems fatigued by the public drama and Steeler nation is likely befuddled by why Bell and Brown wouldn't want to join Jerome Bettis and Franco Harris and Lynn Swann and John Stallworth as fellow Steelers Hall of Fame running backs and wide receivers. The situation is hot mess, so much so that TE Jesse James likened the Steelers...the Pittsburgh Steelers...to the

Kardashians.

For D.C. football fans, this dysfunction, lack of logic and loss of direction is routine. The Washington football team has been a rudderless, overly dramatic and substance-lacking disaster for at least 20 years - a period coinciding with Daniel Snyder's ownership. Kirk Cousins's exhausting multi-year contract squabble and ultimate exit from D.C. is not identical to Bell's or Brown's situation, but it shares similarities. Like Bell, Cousins felt under-valued and never could reach a long-term agreement; like Brown, his relationship with the organization became irreparable. Cousins left for greener pastures - and a lot of greenbacks - in Minnesota. Bell's a free agent and on his way out of Pittsburgh. Brown, who remains under contract with Pittsburgh, doesn't seem far behind.

Business is business, but who's winning here? Minnesota, Washington and Pittsburgh all regressed this season. Cousins's performance fell far short of his \$26M price tag. Washington's fix at quarterback - Alex Smith - suffered a horrific injury and may never play again. Bell didn't earn a dime. Brown is laying waste to his Pittsburgh career and reputation. If Pittsburgh loses both Bell and Brown, the once impeccable Steelers organization deserves criticism. And none of them, neither the teams nor the players - are participating in the playoffs this year.

How all this came to pass is unclear. The suspects? Pride, ego and money - in spades. Maybe Cousins eventually plays up to his contract in Minnesota or Washington finds a better solution at quarterback. Pittsburgh might be better without the Bell and Brown distractions; a fresh start on a different NFL team may serve both players well. The bet, though, is that all of the above, soon or on some distant day, will wish they had of worked a little harder to make it work. Familiarity can breed contempt. Change can be seductive. But sometimes staying the course - and the character-building scar tissue, the relationships and the deep satisfaction it can yield - is worth the grind.

I'll stop there because this is starting to feel like marriage counseling...and that's way beyond my qualifications.

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New CSM Women's Lacrosse Coach Announced



Molly O'Friel, of Chesapeake Beach, is College of Southern Maryland's new Women's Lacrosse Coach.

College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) new Women's Lacrosse Coach Molly O'Friel found her passion for lacrosse during her freshman year at Huntingtown High School less than eight short years ago. Already she has found herself tackling several coaching positions throughout her octagon of experience.

Currently, helping to coach fall ball and the winter workout at her high school alma mater, the Chesapeake Beach resident said she was on the field with her hometown Hurricanes when she learned about the coaching opportunity at CSM and immediately inquired.

"It is a natural fit for me to lead the Hawks," O'Friel said. "When I met with the CSM athletic directors, it was clear we all have the same mindset. We want to turn this program around from a club sport mindset, to being one of a competitive force to be reckoned with in the Maryland Junior College Athletic Conference."

"We are thrilled to have Coach O'Friel take the reins," said CSM Assistant Athletic Director Sarah Williams. "Although our team is small in numbers, we are gigantic in heart. As soon as you meet Coach O'Friel, you can feel her positive and competitive energy. We are excited to have her lead the team."

Small in numbers, indeed. The CSM Women's Lacrosse team boasts a roster of 13 players - a far cry from the typical roster of 20-21. "Obviously everyone is taken back by how low our numbers are," O'Friel said. "We have to field the game with 12 players and these numbers

don't leave us any room for injuries or illness. We will have to play hard, and smart."

She said as coach, her job will include actively recruiting and she plans to visit Southern Maryland high schools to scout. She also acknowledges that the next few seasons will be 'groundbreaking seasons.'

"We all want to win," she said. "As long as everyone stays in that mindset - play to win, play to learn - then we'll make strides. I will give these women all of my time and all of my knowledge as long as they give me all of their hustle."

O'Friel's coaching positions have included tournament co-head coach at the FCA Lacrosse Tournament in New York, assistant coach for the Southern Maryland Cyclones Girls Lacrosse, lacrosse specialist at Camp Lokanda in Glen Spey, New York, coach at High Point University Prospect Camp in North Carolina and coach at Pfeiffer University Lacrosse Camp. She attended Pfeiffer, where she earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and earned the All Sportsmanship Award. She made First Team All-Conference twice while playing varsity Division II lacrosse.

The intercollegiate athletics program at CSM provides an educational and competitive physical experience for its student athletes integrating training for the mind as well as the body. Learn more about CSM Athletics at <http://athletics.csmd.edu/landing/index>.

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APPROACHING RETIREMENT

There are 10,000 baby boomers turning 65 every day for the next 19 years. And, many of those have no retirement plans in place. Why do you need a retirement plan? For the same reason you go to a doctor to solve a medical problem. Professional assistance to help you create a retirement plan you can achieve and live with is critical. There is no way most of us can understand all of the retirement investment options that are available or how those options might be put to good use in your retirement plan. Only those whose job it is to constantly review such options can give us the kind of advice we need. Here is the good news—your investigation of professionals will not cost you money, only time. Creating a retirement plan can be done at any age and at no cost. What is required is your commitment to doing it and your time and energy. Problems have solutions. You may not like the solutions you come up with as you create your retirement plan, but at least you will have solutions to review.

The time to start planning for retirement is now and that is true whether you are a baby boomer or in your 30's, 40's, 50's or wherever. Planning is not rocket science—it begins with a willingness to take a hard and honest look at your own financial situation.

We are lucky to have a variety of resources at our disposal to educate ourselves about retirement. Where to start? How about looking at your own compa-

ny's 401(k) plan—you know, the one you signed up for when you joined the company. When was the last time you took a look at the investment options made available through your own 401(k) plan? Remember that the investment choices you make when you are young and able to withstand the downturns in the marketplace will not be the ones you need to choose when you are older and close to retirement. Take a look at what you have and if you do not understand the options made available to you, talk to somebody at the company or outside of it. Learn for yourself. By the way, while you are taking a look at that 401(k), please check your beneficiary designations. Are they up to date? Are your beneficiaries still your parents or have you updated to include your spouse and children?

Use all available resources to educate yourself. Today, the number and variety of free online investment education services is staggering. Every brokerage firm, insurance company and bank has a website full of learning tools, including retirement calculators, that will help you understand where you are and where you need to be. Or, if you prefer, your local library has hundreds of books available to you free of charge.

Imagine what you want out of your retirement and start getting organized. The huge home you had to raise your children, now gone, can be a troublesome burden at order age. Is it time to start looking to downsize? Have you planned

to move to another state to be closer to loved ones in retirement? What do you know about the cost of living in another state? Will your retirement plan cover those costs? Get your thoughts together and then seek a professional opinion about how to get where you want to be.

Why is it that we go to doctors for second opinions but most of us never bother to get a second opinion about our retirement plans? Never be afraid to meet with multiple advisers—you want to find the right fit for you and that may take time. When you meet with a professional, arm yourself with information about you, your finances and what you want to get out of your retirement.

If you have already been working with an investment professional and are not happy with the relationship, call them. Meet with them. Discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied, talk to others.

Never become obsessed with the daily financial news. You are thinking and planning for the long term and you do not want to get sidetracked by the ups and downs of the market. Once you have a retirement plan, stick to it. It's fine to watch the financial news but keep in mind this is entertainment, nothing more.

One thing is critical whether or not you are close to retirement. You need to plan for your loved ones. Get a will or a living trust. Make sure you have a current power of attorney, both medical and financial, so if something happens to you, someone you love will be able to take care of you. Make it easy on your

loved ones. Get all your documentation together in one place including insurance policies, car and boat titles, etc. Remember—"it's not an if, it's a when." When you die, leave behind a plan for your loved ones, not a mess.

Finally, while we all might think that having wealth is critical to happiness in retirement, it turns out that the most powerful predictor of satisfaction after retirement is the extent of a person's social network, not wealth. Maintaining your social networks, giving of yourself to others, these are the predictors of retirement happiness.

Talk to your friends and neighbors. How many times have you heard someone who is retired say they are busier in retirement than when they were working. That's because retirement can certainly be the time in life when you give back to others and that, in itself, will bring happiness. This is your retirement. To get the most out of it, you need to make it work for you. Good luck with your retirement!

I will be talking about retirement and estate planning on Wednesday January 16th at 11am at our offices, 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach and, through the Calvert County Commission on Women, at the Calvert County Library in Prince Frederick at 1pm on Saturday January 19th. My book, LIVE SECURE: Financial Planning for Women and the Men Who Love Them, 2019 edition, will be available. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your space—it's free and I'd love to meet you.

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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.

Eleanor Elizabeth "Teanie" Selig



Eleanor Elizabeth "Teanie" Selig, 83, of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed away at her home on January 4, 2019. She was born April 10, 1935 in Island Creek, Maryland to the late John Douglas and Nellie Hooper Ramsey. Beside her parents, Teanie is preceded in death by her siblings, Dorothy Elliott, Russell Ramsey, Page Ramsey, and Wayne Ramsey.

Teanie was raised in Calvert County and after graduating from Calvert High School, she moved to Annapolis to work as a telephone operator, living in the YWCA with some of her co-workers. It was there that she met and started dating Allen Robert Selig, with whom on October 29, 1954, Teanie eloped with and married. The wedding took place in Trinity United Methodist Church on West Street in Annapolis. After about a year, they couple moved to Calvert County to live with her parents, and Teanie went to work as an operator for Calvert Memorial Hospital, where she remained for about 20 years.

Teanie was an active member of Full Gospel Assembly of God Church in Prince Frederick. She loved Gospel and Bluegrass music and talking on the telephone. Teanie is survived by her loving husband of 64 years Allen Robert Selig, Sr.,

devoted mother of Allen Robert Selig, Jr. and his wife Sharon, Russell Wayne Selig and his wife Catherine, Patricia Lynn Vetterle and her husband Paul and Cathy Anne Sharkey. Grandmother of Jessica J. Adams and her husband Tom, Kristin M. Selig, Matthew A. Selig, Amber M. Selig, and Fallon B. Figueroa. Great Grandmother of, Austin, Brooklyn, Grady, and Susan, she is also survived by her brother J. Douglas Ramsey.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, 238 Merrimac Court Prince Frederick MD 20678; Phone: 410-535-0892; website: <http://calverthospice.org> or Prince Frederick Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 346, Prince Frederick MD 20678 or Full Gospel Assembly of God Church, 890 Solomons Island Road South, Prince Frederick MD 20678 ; Phone: 410-535-2446

James Joseph "Jimmy" Paddy, Jr.



James Joseph "Jimmy" Paddy, Jr., 70, of North Beach passed away January 3, 2019. He was born August 3, 1948 in Prince Frederick to James Joseph and Marilyn (Enos) Paddy. Jimmy was raised in Chesapeake Beach and attended Beach Elementary, and Calvert Junior and High Schools, graduating in 1966. He served in the U.S. Marines Corps., serving in Vietnam and earning the National Defense and Vietnam Service Medals. He married Karen S. Nich-

olson on August 24, 1974 and they made their home in North Beach. He was employed as a Carpenter with Washington D.C. Local 1145 Carpenter's Union. He was also active in supporting numerous veteran organizations. Jimmy enjoyed golfing, fishing, sport shooting, collecting tools and sharing his knowledge of carpentry. He also loved playing cards and KENO, socializing, and most of all spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Jimmy is survived by his wife Karen Sue Paddy, mother Marilyn Crider of Chesapeake Beach, daughters Michele R. Eslick and husband Eric of Centreville and Krystle M. Stone and husband James of North Beach. Also surviving are grandsons Carter James and Cooper David Eslick, brothers Donald Lee and William Earl Paddy and a sister Barbara Paddy, all of Chesapeake Beach and his furry companion Sarge.

Stephanie Michelle Greenwell



Stephanie Michelle Greenwell, 26, of Shady Side passed away January 2, 2019. She was born November 2, 1992 in Annapolis to Stephen Matthew and Crystal Lawrence Greenwell. Stephanie was raised in Shady Side and attended Shady Side Elementary and Southern Middle and High Schools. She worked as an intern at the Architect of the Capital, and was also a caregiver for her younger siblings. She enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, swimming, camping, skiing, music and most of all being with her family.

She is survived by her parents Crystal Lawrence-Greenwell and Stephen, Greenwell Sr., and siblings Stephen M. Greenwell, Jr., Kelsey A. Greenwell, Allison M. Greenwell, Laszlo "Endy" Graf, Jr. and Janine M. Graf. Also surviving are her grandmother Bonita A. Randall of Chesapeake Beach as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Stephanie was preceded in death by grandparents Marvin J. Lawrence, Judy and Thomas Greenwell and Donald Randall.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 12pm 2019, 2-3 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home - Owings

8325 Mount Harmony Lane, Owings MD 20736. Funeral service will follow at 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Barbara Arlene Williams



Barbara Arlene Williams, 80, of Lusby, MD passed away on January 1, 2019 in Bradenton, FL with her family by her side.

She was born in Beltsville, MD in 1938 to Henry Carl Vaught and Frances Evelyn Thompson. She was the first graduating class of High Point High School in 1955.

She married Paul J. Williams on August 22, 1959 in Beltsville, MD. They were married 59 loving years. In addition to her husband, Barbara is survived by her three children Arlene Morgan of Richmond, VA; Frances Folkee of Port Republic, MD, and John Williams also of Port Republic. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Friday January 11, 2019 from 11:30 AM ~ 1:00 PM at the Rausch Funeral Home of Port Republic, MD. A funeral service will follow starting at 1:00 PM. Interment will follow in the Chesapeake Highland Memorial Garden located in Port Republic, MD. Contributions in Barbara's memory can be made to The Wounded Warrior Project.

Arrangements entrusted to the Rausch Funeral Home of Port Republic, MD

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Thomas Wilson, 85, of Owings passed away January 1, 2019 at Washington Hospital Center. He was born August 6, 1933 in Raven, VA to WJ and Maud (Horton) Wilson. Tom was employed with GW Blanchards from 1965 until 1979. In 1979 he went to work for Stanley Black and Decker as an automatic door installer, retiring in 2000. Tom was known for his custom door fabrication, installing automatic doors in many high-end commercial buildings. Tom was a member of Dunkirk Baptist Church.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 60 years Phyllis Ann Wilson of Owings, son Thomas D. Wilson and his wife Renee of Huntingtown, granddaughters Tessa Wilson of Little River, SC and Faith Wilson of Huntingtown, brother Hubert Wilson of Takoma, WA and sister in laws Nancy Wilson of Raven, VA and Betty Nancy of Alpharetta, GA as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Winfred, Gaines, Otto, and Glen Wilson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dunkirk Baptist Church, 11275 Southern Maryland Blvd., Dunkirk MD 20754; Phone: 301-855-3555.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Herbert Lyons Nesbitt, Jr.



Herbert Lyons Nesbitt, Jr., 80, of North Beach passed away January 1, 2019 at

Calvert County Nursing Center. He was born April 27, 1938 in Cumberland, MD to Herbert Lyons, Sr. and Helen Geneva (Cook) Nesbitt. He graduated from Allegheny High School and later served in the U.S. Air Force. Herbert married Donna Rae Miller on November 25, 1961 and they lived in Cumberland until moving to Churchton in 1988, and to North Beach in 2004. He was employed as a factory worker in the textile industry in Cumberland, and also worked as a guard at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, retiring in 2003. Herbert was a member of the American Legion Post 206 in Chesapeake Beach. He enjoyed spending time at the beach, especially Ocean City, fishing, and being with his family especially his grandchildren.

Herbert is survived by his wife Donna R. Nesbitt, daughters Michele L Pennel and husband Gary Hamilton of Cumberland and Kelly S. Toepfer and husband Tim of North Beach, and a son John R. Nesbitt of North Beach. Also surviving are six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother J. Roger Nesbitt.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 12, 2019, 12-1 p.m. at Bayside Baptist Church 3009 Chesapeake Beach Road, Chesapeake Beach MD 20732. A Memorial Service will follow at 1 p.m. at the church. Interment will be private.

Raymond Michael Harkins

Raymond Michael Harkins, previously of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, passed away on December 30 at the State Veteran's Home in Kosciusko, Mississippi. He was born in Carthage, Mississippi on June 20, 1926, the son of James and Canie Harkins. He came to Chesapeake Beach after serving his country in the United States Navy and began working at Wesley Stinnett's Tavern. For more than 50 years, Raymond was the heart of Stinnett's, a local landmark for good food and hospitality. His patrons loved his Southern charm and



personality and he always stayed true to his Mississippi roots, spending at least a month every year in Carthage. Raymond served four years on the Chesapeake Beach Town Council and, later in life, he also sold real estate in Calvert County. He returned to Carthage at the death of his beloved wife, Shirley. He is survived by a host of nieces and nephews in Carthage as well as friends and family in Chesapeake Beach, all of whom loved this kind, gentle man.

Funeral services were held in Carthage, Mississippi on January 2.

Ronald Greg Van Tassel, Jr.

Ronald Greg Van Tassel, Jr., 42, of Lusby, MD passed away on December 29, 2018 at his residence.

Born July 6, 1976 in Annapolis, MD, he was the son of Ronald G. Van Tassel, Sr. and Denise A. (Parks) Van Tassel.

Ronald was raised in Calvert County, graduating from Calvert High School as an ROTC honor student. He was a third generation U.S. Navy Seabee serving from February 1996 until November 2001. During his service, Ronald received two Good Conduct Medals, a Navy "E" Ribbon and a National Defense Service Medal and two Sea Service Deployment Ribbons. He was with the NMCB5 The Professionals from 1995 until 2000 as an Equipment Operator Second Class Petty Officer. Ronald



served at various duty stations around the world. He was employed as a crane operator with Operating Engineers Local 77 from February 2, 2002 until his retirement on February 6, 2017. Ronald enjoyed NASCAR and football. He was known for always smiling and laughing and being a great guy. Not only did he touch the people and souls immediately around him, but he touched people around the world and will be so missed.

Ronald is survived by his parents, Ronald and Denise Van Tassel of Palm Coast, FL; grandmother, Shirley Parks of St. Leonard, MD; Uncle Devon and Aunt Stacy Van Tassel of Prince Frederick, MD; Uncle Lawrence, Sr. and Aunt Paula Van Tassel, of Prince Frederick, MD; Uncle Randy Parks of St. Leonard, MD; Uncle Monty and Aunt Erin Parks of St. Leonard, MD; and numerous cousins and friends from many states and around the world.

Memorial contributions may be made to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home 29449 Charlotte Hall, Charlotte Hall MD 20622; Phone: 301-884-8171; website: <http://www.charhall.org>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

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UPCOMING

Summer Camp

It's not too early to register now for Calvert County Parks and Recreation weekly camps in June and July!!

Register: online.webtrac.co.cal.md.us. Phone: 410-535-1600 x2649. Walk-in Main Office of any Community Center.

Chesapeake Beach Water Park

Now taking sign-ups for Orientations for all Positions for 2019 Summer Season. Age 14 and up. To sign up for the Orientation for the position of your choice visit: info@chesapeakebeachmd.gov.

ONGOING

Impacted by the Government Shutdown?

Will a few free groceries help during this time of not receiving a paycheck? The Ladies of Charity Food Pantry (8823 Dayton Avenue, North Beach) are here to help you through such emergency situations. Our regular Pantry hours are every Tuesday from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Clients receive food regardless of income. Please call us at (410) 286-7086 if you are unable to be served during our regular Pantry hours.

Calvert Marine Museum Closed

The Calvert Marine Museum and Museum Store, Solomons, is closed January and February for renovations.

Bayside History Museum

4025 4th St. & Dayton Ave., North Beach

1:00 – 4:00 PM, Sat. & Sun.

Visit the Chesapeake Beach Amusement Park, North Beach Fire Department history, natural history of the Chesapeake Bay region and the War of 1812. Free.

Thursday, January 10

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support

Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center, 901 Dares Beach Rd, Prince Frederick

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Tips and support from other caregivers. Facilitated by Jeannette Findley & JC Hooker. Please register.

410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Fri & Sat, January 11 & 12

Friends of Calvert Library Book Sale

Friday, 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Saturday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Thousands of used books available at great prices! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. CalvertLibrary.info.

Friday, January 11

Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Dinner

American Legion, Chesapeake Beach
5:30 to 7:00 PM

Informal dinner in the lower-level dining room

hosted by the Sons of the American Legion Stallings Williams Post 206. Includes all the trimmings, salad and beverage for \$12. Public invited. 410-257-9878

Sat & Sun, January 12 & 13

Winter Adventures Overnight

Flag Ponds Nature Park, Lusby
Overnight 9:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Explore the woods and the beach. Night walk in the winter woods. Indoor and outdoor activities. Dinner, breakfast and snacks. For ages 8-10. \$40/child. Register online: www.calvertparks.org. 410-535-5327

Saturday, January 12

Back to School - Supply Drive

Northeast Community Center, Chesapeake Beach

9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

The school year is half over; individual and classroom school supplies are becoming depleted. Support local schools and students by donating supplies to help our youth receive the best education possible. It takes a village to raise a child.

Dog and Cat Adoption

Pepper's Pet Pantry, Solomons Towne Center behind CVS

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Pepper's Pet Pantry host a dog and cat adoption event with local Saint Mary's and Calvert County animal rescue groups. 410-326-4006.

Meet and Greet

American Legion Post 220, Sixes Road, Prince Frederick

1400 – 1600 (2:00 – 4:00 PM)

All Veterans and Active Duty Military personnel from Calvert County are invited to join the Calvert County Council of the American Legion. Learn

about the American Legion and its many programs. Info: Pat Mccoy, Alt.NEC 443-871-0477.

Harlem Wizards/PHS Band

Patuxent High School, 12485 Southern Connector Blvd., Lusby

3:00 - 6:00 PM

The world-famous Harlem Wizards will play a game against a team of Southern Calvert County administrators and teachers. Proceeds benefit the PHS Band Program. Order tickets online www.patuxentband.com/fundraising.html or at the door.

Texas Hold'em and Cash Games

Julie Rogers Studio, 4120 Old Town Rd., Huntingtown

7:00

PM

Same price but more chips!!! Benefit the Patricia Leone Rogers Educational Scholarship Fund. Doors open at 6:00. Buy in \$80. Food, beer and sodas included!

Country Dance

American Legion Post 206, Chesapeake Beach

8:00 – 11:30 PM

For a fun time, come to the Upper Level Ballroom.

Teachers give instruction at 7:00 followed by dancing.

\$15/person includes soft drinks or draft beer and light munchies. 410-257-9878. Reservations at LBloyer@verizon.net

Sunday, January 13

All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast

American Legion Post 206, Chesapeake Beach

8:00 – 11:00 AM

Start 2019 with a yummy breakfast. Hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary in the upper level Dining Room. Adults \$10; kids 6-12 \$5; kids under 6 free. Bloody Marys available for a nominal charge. Public Welcome.

410-257-9878. www.ALPost206.org

Progress and Challenges in Our Schools

Patuxent High School, 12485 Southern Connector Blvd., Lusby

2:00 -5:00 PM

The Big Conversation Partnership for Dismantling Racism & Privilege in Southern Maryland invites you to attend a panel and community-wide civil conversation regarding perceived and actual needs and challenges in the public schools of Southern Maryland. 410-326-4948 or email at bigconmsp@gmail.com.

Tuesday, January 15

Support for Caregivers

SpringHill Suites, 75 Sherry Lane, Prince Frederick

8:00 AM

Calvert Hospice is pleased to provide educational seminars to our community. Presenter: Kim Burton, Director of Older Adult Programs for the Mental Health Association of Maryland. Learn about topics that impact end-of-life care for patients and their families. Refreshments. Free seminar. Please register. Peggy Braham, 410-535-0892 or pbraham@calverthospice.org. Register online: calverthospice.org/education-seminars

Steak Dinner

American Legion Post 206, Chesapeake Beach

5:30 – 7:00 PM

Particular about your Steak? Order it directly from the Grill-Master and you get what you order. \$17 includes sides, salad, beverage, and roll. Public welcome. For information call (410)257-9878. www.ALpost206.org

Auxiliary Membership Meeting

American Legion Post 206, Chesapeake

7:00 - 8:00 PM

All members of the American Legion Auxiliary Stallings Williams Post 206 are encouraged to attend the General Meeting in

the Upper Level Meeting Hall. Inquiries: President Choux 240-687-6746.

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, January 16

NARFE Chapter 1466

70 Church Street, Prince Frederick

12:00 PM

A special event, co-sponsored with the Calvert County Historical Society. Presentation by local historian Kenneth A. Schaaf on the research for his book "In Peril on the Sea, the Forgotten Story of the William and Mary"—an account of Dutch/Frisian immigrants coming to the US in 1853. Active and Retired Federal employees, spouses, other chapter members, non-members and guests are welcome. 410-586-1441.

Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

Thursday, January 10

Calvert Conversations. 10:00-11:00am. Some of the who, what, where, why and when of local history! We sometimes "meet up" at local places. Call 410-257-2411 for up-to-date information. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

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

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support. 7:00-8:30pm. Get tips and support from other caregivers. Facilitated by Jeannette Findley & JC Hooker. Please register. Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center, 901 Dares Beach Rd, Prince Frederick, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Friday, January 11

Friends of Calvert Library Book Sale. 12:00-4:00pm. Thousands of used books available at great prices! 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.

Family Game Nights. 5:30-7:00pm. Come and join us for some old fashioned and new fashioned family fun! Your choice of Minecraft, a variety of board games, Minute-To-Win-It and Sphero mini robots. Please register. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Saturday, January 12

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

MakePlayLearn. 2:00-4:00pm. Take building and creativity to a whole new level at the library. We provide the space, Legos® and other building materials. you provide the imagination. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Sunday, January 13

Big Conversation: Progress and Challenges in our Schools. 2:00-5:00pm. A community conversation on dismantling racism. Panel presentation featuring CCPS Superintendent Daniel Curry and

representatives of the SoMD community. Small group sessions to share our stories and make recommendations. Registration begins at 1:30pm. Patuxent High School, 12485 Southern Connector Blvd, Lusby, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Monday, January 14

Green Crafting. 2:00-4:00pm. Make crafts out of materials that would typically be thrown out. Crocheting, needlework, sewing, and simple tying techniques will be used. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Full STEAM Ahead. 6:30-7:30pm. Adult and child will interact with books, crafts and experiments while exploring the skills of science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM). Ages 4-8. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Book Discussion - Any book in the Capital Crimes Series by Margaret Truman. 7:00-8:30pm. Daughter of President Harry S. Truman, Margaret Truman's Capital Crimes series lets readers into the corridors of power and privilege, and poverty and pageantry, in the nation's capital. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Tuesday, January 15

Tweens Kindness Bombing in the Library! 6:30-8:00pm. Come spread some kindness! We'll write positive notes and "bomb" different book sections throughout the library. Make a difference in someone's life! Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Wednesday, January 16

Revisiting the Founding Era. 7:00-8:30pm. Dr. Chretien Guidry will lead a series of discussions using historical documents to spark public conversations about the Founding Era's enduring ideas and themes and how they continue to influence our lives today. Participants will engage in a discussion about how the past is linked with the present and is relative to the issues of today and tomorrow. Prepare by reading the first 2 sections of Revisiting the Founding Era (link <http://bit.ly/FoundingEra>). This program is part of Revisiting the Founding Era, a three-year national initiative of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History presented in partnership with the American Library Association and the National Constitution Center, with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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.

Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)

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

Calvert Pines Senior Center (CPSC)

New class! Acrylic Painting, Thursday, January 17, 9 a.m. Instructor Suzanne Shelden. \$10 per class. Beginners, and more skilled artists, are welcome to participate.

Join in on the fun for National Compliment Day Game, Thursday, January 24, 11 a.m. All supplies included. Pre-registration required by January 21.

North Beach Senior Center (NBSC)

The Senior Council would like to welcome you to share a slice of pie at our Annual Pie Social, Wednesday, January 16, 10 a.m. Enjoy this tasty treat amongst friends.

A representative from Twin Beaches Library will be here to discuss books and movies at our Winter Reads Program, Tuesday, January 22, 11 a.m.

Southern Pines Senior Center (SPSC)

Join us as Southern Pines Book Club will be discussing, The Silent Wife by Kerry Fisher, Wednesday, January 16, 1 p.m.

Create beautiful works of art for your memories with Drop-In Scrapbooking, Wednesday, January 23, 12:30 p.m.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, January 14

Chicken Curry over Rice, Carrots, Lima Beans, Dinner Roll, Tangerine

Tuesday, January 15

Pork Roast, Gravy, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Seasoned Greens, Dinner Roll, Applesauce

Wednesday, January 16

Hamburger w/Swiss Cheese on a Bun, L/T/O Slices, Oven Baked Sweet Potato Wedges, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Spinach, Peaches

Thursday, January 17

Baked Chicken in Cream Sauce over Egg Noodles, Carrots, Dinner Roll, Whole Baked Apple w/Raisins

Friday, January 18

Turkey & Swiss Cheese Club Sandwich, Minestrone Soup, Coleslaw, Citrus Sections

Lunches are served to seniors, aged 60-plus, and their spouses through Title IIIIC 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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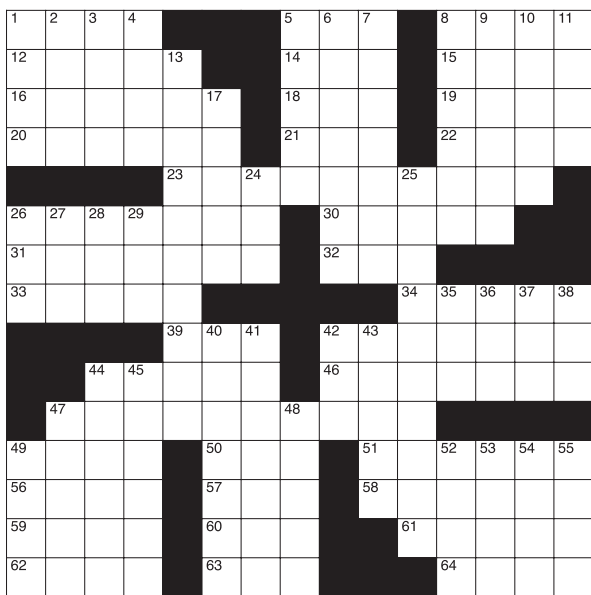
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Homestead
- 5. More (Spanish)
- 8. Type of notification
- 12. Approves
- 14. Mandela's party
- 15. "Mom" actress Faris
- 16. Predatory insects
- 18. Where honey goes
- 19. Canadian flyers
- 20. Of an earlier time
- 21. Indigenous people of Australia
- 22. Organize
- 23. All over
- 26. Made it through
- 30. Between-meals food
- 31. A quantity upon

- which an operation is performed
- 32. German mythological god
- 33. "Heavy" type of rock music
- 34. Pharmacy chain Duane ____
- 39. First responders
- 42. Mysterious
- 44. Leisurely stroll
- 46. Most naughty
- 47. Plant tissue
- 49. Small fish
- 50. Men's fashion accessory
- 51. Distant planet
- 56. Destroy
- 57. Location in Norse mythology

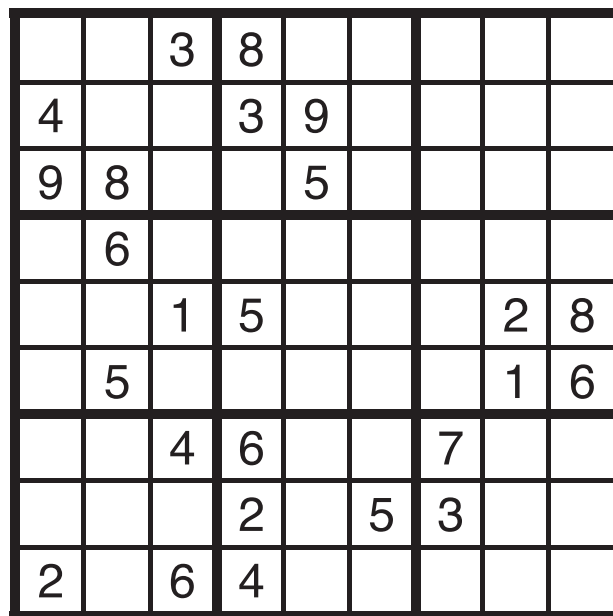
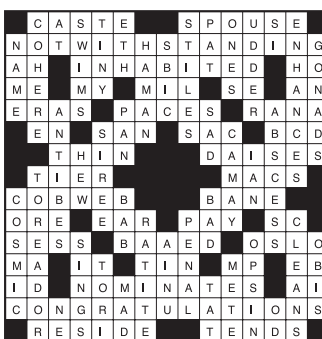
- 58. One who is deliberately cruel
- 59. ___ Romeo, car
- 60. Of the ear
- 61. Former name of Tokyo
- 62. Male children
- 63. French/Belgian river
- 64. Tide

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Grave
- 2. Alright
- 3. Sharp tooth
- 4. Bird genus
- 5. Important
- 6. One who studies carefully
- 7. Not very big
- 8. Astronomy unit
- 9. A way to open up
- 10. Trap
- 11. Handle of a knife
- 13. Indicates one from a part of W. Africa
- 17. Lucky number
- 24. Doctor of Education
- 25. Legendary Cubs broadcaster
- 26. Female parent
- 27. Mimic
- 28. Connects to the rim
- 29. Small

- constellation
- 35. Indicates near
- 36. Consumed
- 37. Criticize
- 38. Shock therapy
- 40. Type of cigarette
- 41. The fashionable elite
- 42. Shed tears
- 43. Arm or branch of a bone
- 44. Quell anger
- 45. Where rock and rollers play
- 47. "The Alchemist" author Coelho
- 48. Choppers
- 49. Lacks brightness
- 52. Port in Yemen
- 53. Brood of pheasant
- 54. Approves food
- 55. A type of sign

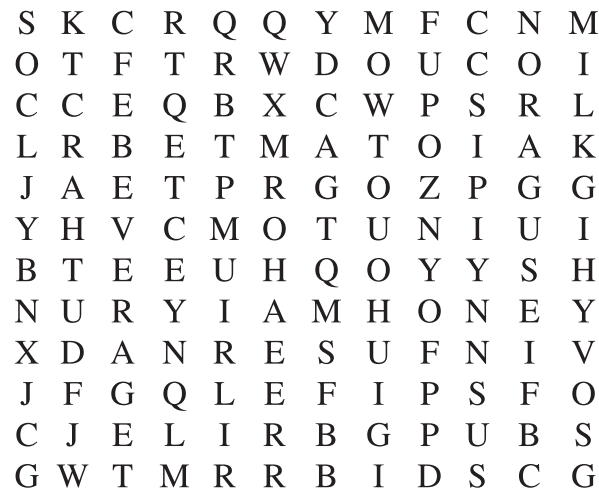
LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



Hot Tea Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

- BEVERAGE
- CUP
- HONEY
- INFUSER
- LEMON
- MILK
- SAUCER
- SOOTHING
- STEEP
- SUGAR
- TEA
- WARM



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Straight Talk on Straight Teeth

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK

Orthodontic braces and clear aligners such as Invisalign® are not just for straightening teeth and making your smile look better. In fact, a highly trained and skilled dentist will use orthodontic treatment to improve the function of the teeth which will result in a healthier, longer-lasting smile. While good looking teeth are attractive, the purpose of your teeth is to chew food. When teeth are misaligned, they can slowly damage opposing teeth during the chewing process. When they are in proper alignment, teeth break down the food they are chewing without damaging each other.

To help illustrate the point, think of a well working pair of scissors. When in good alignment the two blades come together and meet at a very precise point that makes them excellent at cutting paper. On the other hand, imagine one of the scissor blades had a slight bend or a ding in the metal. This imperfection would surely affect the scissor's ability to cut as well as when it was in perfect alignment. If the one blade is bent away from the other, there will be a gap between the points of contact that cause the cutting action. The result would likely be a failure

to cut effectively or efficiently. If the bend in the one blade is toward the other, it would cause the blades to scrape each other, making cutting difficult. More importantly to note, the blades scraping each other slowly destroy the cutting surface of both blades.

These same principles can be applied to your teeth. In any area of the mouth where your opposing teeth do not meet when you perform a chewing motion (meaning there is a space between the top and opposing-bottom tooth in any area of your mouth when your jaw is closed), like the scissor in the first scenario, it is rendered ineffective in the chewing process. On the other hand, if there are any teeth that are colliding with their opposing teeth, they are likely causing trauma to each other and slowly wearing down the enamel surface and eventually the tooth structure. This will likely lead to greater risk of decay and eventually risk the tooth's overall vitality.

Many people who have ongoing problems with decay or pain despite their efforts to keep their teeth clean, might be suffering from malocclusion issues that are causing the ongoing dental problems. The good

news is that orthodontics may be a solution to these problems, and a straighter, more beautiful smile is a bonus to the treatment, not the reason for the treatment.

If you're like most adults, the thought of braces is unnerving. Years in metal brackets and sharp wires is no-one's idea of a good time. If these thoughts are keeping you away from approaching your dentist about a straighter, more beautiful, better functioning, healthier smile, consider a clear aligner option such as Invisalign®. Invisalign® is a clear, removeable retainer that may achieve the same results as traditional braces in less time.

The fact that aligners are removeable means you can take them out whenever you eat. This makes eating more comfortable and cleaner as you will not have to worry about food particles being stuck in your braces. They also allow you to easily clean your teeth, where braces with wires make flossing and thorough brushing more difficult. The material used by Invisalign® is by far superior to all other aligners on the market. Not only is it the most invisible, it is also the fastest working material, meaning you will reach your desired outcome in a fraction

of the time to other safe orthodontic options.

Finally, with Invisalign® technology, your dentist can take a scan of your mouth and show you virtually what your results will look like, from the improved esthetics of your smile profile to the benefits of improving any occlusion issues that may be causing damage to your teeth.

The next time you go to your dentist, ask them if they are Invisalign® certified. Ask them if they can provide a virtual, digital smile makeover with the use of an iTero® scanner so that you can see your likely outcome. Also ask them if you have any occlusion issues during chewing and if orthodontics is right for you.

One of the biggest barriers to getting orthodontic treatment dentists hear the most is that it costs too much. Before you allow money to get between you and a healthy, beautiful smile, think about the amount of money you spent on your last car. That car will likely not be in your life ten years from now. The cost of braces or Invisalign® is a fraction of the cost of that car, and the results will last you a lifetime!

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