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Planners Approve \$30 Million Dominion Expansion



Site plan of the project with the warehouse and parking garage in the foreground.

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Planning Commission quickly and unanimously at their Jan. 16 meeting approved a \$30 million expansion at the Dominion Cove Point liquified natural gas facility in Lusby. The project was fast-tracked by county government because of its economic impact.

According to Principal Planner Rachel O'Shea the project is described as a maintenance facility and parking garage. She said, "The project consists of an 81,485-square-foot, three-story maintenance building containing office space on the second and third floors (37,425 square feet) and shop space on the first floor (44,060 square feet), a three-story, 116,345-square-foot, 320-space parking garage and a 5,500-square-foot storage building to support the LNG Plant expansion project that was completed in April 2018. The facility expansion and export project increased the number of employees from 107 to 200 employees that are currently working in the existing administrative office building as well as temporary shop trailers and maintenance tents. The project proposal will provide permanent work space for the 200 employees."

The Calvert County Department of Economic Development (DED) designated this project as a "Fast Track" via letter received by Planning & Zoning (P&Z) dated November 13, 2018, as well as a memo dated January 2, 2019.

The site plan was initially submitted on November 8, 2018 and accepted by the Technical Evaluation Group (TEG)

on November 14, 2018, with comments due November 30, 2018. The second site plan submittal was received on December 12, 2018 with comments due December 27, 2018. The staff report was based on Plan No. 2 and the agency review comments received.

O'Shea reported that the entire parcel owned by Dominion is "1,014 acres, most of which is preserved within Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) easements. The LNG plant uses roughly 126 acres. The proposed project area (10.5 acres) is located outside of the sound walls on the southeast corner of the LNG Plant, but within the security fence. The project area is over 229 feet back off Cove Point Road, and meets all setbacks."

O'Shea said the project needed a waiver from the planning commission because Dominion was proposing not to do landscape plantings around the foundation of the maintenance building, because it was not within view from Cove Point Road.

Dominion engineer Joe Kadjeski of Collinson, Oliff and Associates said there was a treed buffer between the project area and the road. He said he didn't believe they technically needed a waiver from the planners, that it could be done administratively.

But, Planning Commission Administrator Carolyn Sunderland said she wanted the commission to vote on it so it didn't set a precedent for any future industrial buildings.

The planners granted the waiver in their motion to approve the project.

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Buehler Says He'll Sue the Ethics Commission



Pat and Maria Buehler

By Dick Myers
Editor

Former Calvert County Commissioner Pat Buehler says he is going to sue the county's Ethics Commission and the person who filed the complaint with them regarding his daughter Maria's actions as a member of the planning commission.

The County Times reported in last week's edition that a letter dated Dec. 14 from Commission Chairperson Jennifer Mazzur, started, "At the November 20, 2018 meeting of the Calvert County Ethics Commission, members voted unanimously to issue a reprimand for your conduct, which resulted in the appearance of

a conflict of interest, which is based exclusively on the facts and circumstances provided to us"

The Ethics Commission investigated two specific, alleged instances of conflict of interest in violation of the Ethics Code. These are:

"I. That you took official action with respect to a proposed renaming of "Minor Town Centers" to "Villages," while owning commercial property within the St. Leonard Minor Town Center whose value was known by you to be affected by the outcome of the decision."

"II. That you took official action with respect to a zoning issue (eliminating the one-mile radius around Minor Town Centers), while you and your father each owned commercial property within a Minor Town Cen-

ter whose value would – to your knowledge – be reduced by eliminating the one-mile radius."

Buehler noted that the Ethics Commission quoted a letter he sent to them saying he was opposed to any down zoning of rural commercial property. Buehler insisted neither he nor his daughter own any Rural Commercial property in St. Leonard, although they do own their family business, a liquor store, and lease out the grocery store that they formerly operated.

The Buehlers had appeared before the liquor board last summer saying they had sold their businesses and requesting a license transfer. But Pat Buehler told The County Times after last week's article that the sale fell through and he and his daughter continue to come into the liquor store every day and continue to lease out the grocery store.

Buehler said, however, that he along with others have a stake in some "Rural Commercial" property in Lusby, which was not the subject of the complaint against his daughter.

The letter of reprimand to Maria Buehler does not mention the complainant. Pat Buehler, however, says that person is affiliated with the Keep Calvert Country advocacy group, which he said is a lobbying group that has failed to register as such.

Buehler said that Mariam Gholl, a former planning staffer who is affiliated with Keep Calvert Country, has applied for his daughter's position when her term is up.

Buehler said both he and his daughter own properties in St. Leonard that have been in the family for generations. His goes back to his grandfather in 1915. He said the properties could only be subdivided into seven lots, but he added that they had no intention to sell them. He said his daughter's vote had no effect one way or the other on what they can do with their properties.

Maria Buehler has not responded to The County Times request for comments. She was out of town last week and did not attend the Jan. 16 planning commission meeting.

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Stoney's Kingfisher Honored for Success, Service



Comptroller Peter Franchot and Commissioner President Tim Hutchins present proclamations celebrating Stoney's Kingfisher Restaurant's business success. General Manager Andrew Melvin, front is joined by his staff.

Breakfast Speaker on MLK: 'He showed up'

Attendees Urged to Show Up Too



Dr. Keith Snipes at the 33rd Annual Calvert County MLK breakfast.

By Dick Myers
Editor

MC Malcolm Funn said MLK Day was not necessarily a day of celebration. "It's a time of reflection about where we are and where we should be." Funn was speaking at the opening of the 33th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the Calvert County Branch of the NAACP and the College of Southern Maryland at the Rod 'N Reel in Chesapeake Beach.

The guest speaker put the event quickly on that course of reflection. Keith Snipes from Baltimore is an actor, narrator, poet, lyricist and vocalist. But he also is a 61-year-old man with some ailments including a broken ankle and bronchitis that was affecting his normally booming baritone voice. So, on the coldest morning of the winter he said he was concerned about making it because of the weather. "Nonetheless, I showed up," he said.

"That's what Dr. King did. He showed up. And, I think that is all he expects of us," Snipes said, noting that we often "create this kind of mystique around him," that accents his accomplishments but leaves out his flaws.

Snipes said when Dr. King arrived in Montgomery, Alabama to lead a church as a young man, "that was all he was interested in doing." Then along came Rosa Parks and everything changed for him.

What happened was the older leaders of the black community, the ministers, said, "I've been here for a while. I'm established. People know who I am. I do not want to compromise what I have built. So, my answer to this call is an unequivocal no, I am not going to show

up."

Snipes said, "So they called on Dr. King and Dr. King showed up, but he showed up reluctantly. That's the part we always miss. He did not walk into a room full of people and knock them down with beautiful words and just forge ahead from there. He went home after he had a very heated discussion with these older men and he sat at his kitchen table over a cup of coffee and he asked God to guide him."

Snipes said for Dr. King that was a purification process. "So, after going through that purification process, God told him to show up. So, he showed up, which is all that he would expect us to do. So why do we need to show up? What's the point? Look at where we are now."

At this point Snipes pointed the finger at President Donald Trump as to why the diverse group of breakfast attendees needed to show up themselves, as Dr. King had. He said, "I think that Dr. King would say, 'We got some difficult days ahead and it really ought to matter to us now.'"

Snipes said part of the purification process involved looking at one's own ugliness. "It's very difficult for us to look at the worst of ourselves. What are our biases? What are our prejudices? Who is it that we regard as less than us and for what reason and how do we change that so that we can be a better human being?"

Snipes asked, "Are we going to go forward. You think about what is going on. You think about the government shut-down -- 800,000 people. That's a whole lot of human beings who a whole lot of other human beings depended on."

He said, "They are being held hos-

tage. That's one thing you think about the rise in hate groups" He said someone once said that there were good people on both sides. But Snipes insisted, "Good people don't join hate groups. That is a dichotomy. That is cognitive dissonance. I'm good, but I hate you. It doesn't even make sense no matter how you verbalize it."

Snipes then went on to talk about the number of young, black men involved in killings, particularly in his city of Baltimore. He said what is happening now has a connection with history.

"Either they are natural born killers or there is something systemic going on," he said, and concludes it's the latter. He quotes a poem written by Dr. King about slavery as the historic connection. "It began at a time that seems long since forgotten, when black bodies were tracked on battlefields of cotton. These just vile and vast plantations fertilize the roots of the prayed upon, the fixations that gave rise to a culture that gave birth to a nation that held black hands in subjugation."

Snipes said of the guns in the streets today, "I believe these things would concern Dr. King. There is no way in the

world that this is what he saw when he visualized the promised land." He said part of the problem is focusing on material goods: houses and cars.

He concluded, "With us, with the history that we have been handed, we have a much higher calling than what we are showing up for. Don't go through what we went through just to get a big house in a nice car. We have a responsibility to do what Dr. King did to make this country live up to its promise and we are uniquely qualified to do it. We've seen the worst of this country. We've seen the worst of humanity. No one can deny that, but we've also seen the best.

"So now we have to make a choice. Which one do we want to see going forward and the only way that we are going to be able to determine that is to go through that process of purification, to look at our own ugliness and figure out what am I doing? How can I make things better? What will I do to respect and recognize the legacy of Dr. King? He was reluctant, he was afraid, but he showed up."

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Mayor Mahoney Issues State of the Town Report

By Dick Myers
Editor

Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat “Irish” Mahoney delivered his annual State of the Town message at the regular town council meeting on Jan. 17. He called the Power Point presentation and six-page written report “A Place to Call Home.”

In the report Mahoney noted that home ownership in the town has increased from 59.3 percent to 74.7 percent, the highest percentage increase in the county.

Regarding the town’s finances, the mayor pointed out:

- Reduction in the tax rate, adhering to the constant yield, with a goal of providing enhanced services to the community such as free Town resident access to the Town owned boat ramps;
 - Budgets are balanced with sufficient reserves; and
 - \$1.9 million in debt paid off in FY18;
- Here are some of the other highlights of the State of the Town Report:

Water/Sewer Services

- Upgrades to three wet wells with new clog free pumps and new control panels connecting all wet wells to the towns mass alert system reducing risks and downtime;
- Proactive processes for identifying

water leaks, on the Homeowners side, reducing waste and costs;

- Updates to meter pits with upgrades to over 250 MXU’s bringing more than 50 percent of residents online for remote reading rather than manual reads reducing costs and improving efficiencies;
- Increased safety during hazardous weather conditions through the deployment of salt brine equipment; reducing costs, increasing safety of the roadways and reducing damage to the roads;
- Conducted staff training at all facilities, led by our certified trainers at the Chesapeake Beach Water Park, to improve staff’s awareness of emergency health events to include CPR and Basic First Aid;
- Upgraded AED equipment at the Water Park;
- Received three “Exceed” designations, the highest achievable level, during safety auditing and inspections at the Water Park;
- New Deputy office in Town Hall with software to upload body cam imagery;
- Successful State Highway Administration (SHA) petition for review of safety concerns at the Richfield Station intersection that have resulted in



Mayor Pat Mahoney

the planning of a light at the intersection within the next 12 months;

- Upgrades to the flood gate structure and enclosure area to improve safety and access;
- Successful coordination between the town and the county to install emergency communication equipment ensuring emergency responders have coverage to access to all areas of town;
- Implementation of improved emergency egress measures at the water park.

Street/Sidewalks

Through the leadership and implementation of the Town’s Walkable Communities Committee by Councilman Favret:

- Sidewalk plans included in the Counties Program Open Space and priority letter to the state increasing funding opportunities;
- Identified and repaired approximately 1,000 linear feet of damaged, disconnected and hazardous sidewalks on the north side of town and installed ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps in Richfield Station, establishing a base for the sidewalk advisory committee future improvements;
- Facilitated the coordination of over 500 linear feet of sidewalks in the commercial area of the Chesapeake Station Shopping center and Rod ‘N Reel resort improving walkability and safety through a commercial and residential area;
- Coordination with the State Highway Administration to install road markings and signage near Bayfront Park to alert motorists of a dangerous roadway crossing;
- Identified and facilitated the expedited installation of cross walks and pedestrian crossing lights at the Mears Ave/MD 261 intersection;
- SHA Safe Routes to School sidewalk design is in progress and well under-

way incorporating sidewalks along MD261 from Chesapeake Village to Beach Elementary School and Old Bayside Rd.

On the administrative side, Mahoney said the town increased highway user revenue funding with a projected \$800,000 allocated for the town in the next five years. He said the town also implemented other measures to improve efficiency.

The town Planning and Zoning Commission is in the process of updating the town’s comprehensive plan. Mahoney reported the commission has had “interactions with over 300 residents during the initial planning process through surveys, work session, community forums and engagement of the town’s Economic Development Committee and the town’s Walkable Community Advisory Group.”

Mahoney also reported on economic development:

“Through the leadership and implementation of the Town’s Economic Development Committee by Councilman Jaworski and Councilman Morris:

- Successful execution of the second annual Taste the Beaches event with close to 2,000 attendees highlighting the Twin Beach businesses and vendors;
- Increased partnership with the Town of North Beach promoting Economic Development for the Twin Beaches;
- Introduction of the Veteran’s Park Summer concert series initiation showcasing military bands;
- Increased services to local businesses through coordination with the Calvert County Department of Economic Development;

He also reported on activities of the Twin Beach’s Opioid Abuse Awareness Coalition Committee led by Councilman Pardieck.

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Governor Hogan Announces Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Provides Record Investment in K-12 Education



Hogan at inaugural

Governor Larry Hogan announced major items in the administration’s fiscal year 2020 budget, which will be officially submitted on Friday, January 18. The governor’s budget fully funds not only the administration’s priorities, but also all legislative mandated spending programs without raising taxes, cutting services, or raiding dedicated special funds. The budget leaves \$1.3 billion in reserves and continues – for the fifth straight year – to fund K-12 public education at an all-time record level.

“Once again, we will provide historically high, record funding for K-12 education - our fifth consecutive budget to do so,” said Governor Hogan. “Not only will every single penny that every single jurisdiction anticipates from the state for education be fully funded at 100 percent, but every single school system in Maryland will again see increased investment by the state.”

The FY 2020 budget continues the Hogan administration’s legacy of fiscal responsibility, adhering to recommendations from the Spending Affordability Committee and maintaining structural balance while making vital investments in education, healthcare, and job creation. This budget also makes prudent use of what is likely a one-time surplus to both save for the future and make critical infrastructure investments. More than \$1.3 billion has been set aside to guard against any potential downturn in the economy while still investing \$3.3 billion in Maryland’s transportation network and nearly \$250 million for a wide range of improvements to facilities or projects that provide services to Maryland citizens, including \$63 million in critical maintenance funding to Maryland higher education institutions.

“As a direct result of our fiscal discipline, belt-tightening, and business-

friendly policies over the past four years, our state has had one of the best economic turnarounds in the nation,” said Governor Hogan. “We must remain vigilant about maintaining savings in order to be better prepared for those times when more flexibility is needed, while also making necessary, targeted one-time investments. That is what our budget has once again accomplished.”

The FY 2020 general fund operating budget totals \$19.5 billion, continuing to provide record investment in the administration’s top priority – education. This budget provides \$6.9 billion toward our public schools, going above and beyond the levels required by state aid programs. Aid to local schools grows by \$347 million, which is the administration’s largest increase to date. The budget also reserves \$200 million in state funding to implement the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission.

The governor’s proposed budget also includes the initial investment in the “Building Opportunity Fund,” a transformative and historic five-year, \$3.5 billion school construction program. Reflecting that, this year’s school construction budget totals more than \$438 million, the most ever in one year.

This budget continues our commitment to our world-class higher education system, providing a record \$1.45 billion in state funds for the University System of Maryland, a 4.2 percent increase over last year. This includes \$20 million, twice the level of last year, to develop academic programs in science, engineering, cybersecurity, and other critical areas. For the fourth year in a row, undergraduate tuition growth at Maryland’s public four-year institutions will be limited to 2 percent. In addition, this budget includes record funding for the 15 local community colleges funded through the

Cade formula and provides funding for the Community College Promise Scholarship and the Governor’s Promise Plus Scholarship. Further, the capital budget includes \$325 million for higher educa-

tion projects.

Since taking office, the Hogan administration has delivered on the promise to grow the private sector, be more friendly

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to both businesses and families, create jobs, and turn Maryland's economy around, going from losing 100,000 jobs to gaining more than 120,000 jobs, while delivering \$1.2 billion in tax, toll, and fee relief. New this year, in order to encourage investments in Opportunity Zones all over the state, the budget dedicates \$56.5 million toward attracting new or expanding businesses and developing our workforce.

The FY 2020 budget reaffirms Governor Hogan's commitment to environmental stewardship, once again fully funding important environmental programs including Program Open Space, the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund, and the Maryland Park Service, along with increasing incentives for zero-emission vehicles.

The budget also continues to ensure that Maryland's most vulnerable citizens have access to critical healthcare services and other important programs by containing nearly \$11.5 billion for Maryland's Medicaid program, which provides health coverage to nearly 1.4 million Marylanders, including more than 153,000 children through the Maryland Children's Health Program. The budget also includes nearly a quarter billion dollars for substance use disorder services, an increase of 20 percent over FY 2019.

This budget invests in Maryland's dedicated state employees, providing at least a 3 percent raise to every state worker. Further, in order to improve the recruitment and retention of vital correctional officers at state facilities, the governor has allocated \$13.1 million toward an additional 4 percent increase for these officers, along with \$7.6 million to extend a bonus program through the rest of the current year.

The FY 2020 budget also accounts for the governor's proposals for targeted tax relief, including expanding the More Jobs for Marylanders tax credit to include all 149 Opportunity Zones across the state, expanding the Hometown Heroes program, expanding the types of retirement income that are excluded from taxation, and to help all Marylanders make college more affordable, increasing the deduction for contributions to a 529 investment plan from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and increasing the permitted tax deduction on student loan interest to 100 percent.

Below are highlights of the FY 2020 Budget:

Investing in Education:

- For the fifth consecutive year, the Hogan administration is providing record funding for K-12 education. The FY 2020 budget includes a \$6.9 billion state investment in Maryland's public schools, fully funding state aid programs. Aid to local schools grows by \$347 million, the largest increase to date under Governor Hogan.
- The governor's education budget goes above and beyond required statutory funding formulas to ensure that every Maryland jurisdiction receives more direct education aid than in FY 2019. Baltimore City will receive an additional \$11.1 million and Cecil County nearly \$800,000.

- This year's school construction budget totals more than \$438 million, the most ever in one year.
- Consistent with passage of the constitutional amendment establishing the education "lockbox," \$125 million in gaming revenues are dedicated to the following educational enhancements: \$65 million for school construction (including \$20 million to start a revolving loan fund to assist local jurisdictions), \$15 million for prekindergarten expansion, \$4.5 million for Learning in Extended Academic Programs (LEAP) to provide extended academic programming for at-risk students at schools, \$2.5 million for the Maryland Early Literacy Initiative, \$2 million for innovative Career Technology Education programs, \$250,000 to expand teacher recruitment and outreach, and \$35.8 million for future initiatives as determined by the Kirwan Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education.
- In addition, \$200 million in state funding remains reserved to implement recommendations of the Kirwan Commission.
- The budget includes \$300,000 to establish three new P-TECH schools in Maryland, bringing total funding for P-TECH schools to \$1.2 million.
- \$20 million in state funding is included to expand access to prekindergarten throughout the state, bringing total state enhancement funding to \$43.5 million. Under the Hogan administration, state funding to expand access to prekindergarten education has grown by 1,011 percent.
- The Hogan administration has taken great strides this past year to enhance the Child Care Subsidy program, raising subsidy rates by 8 percent, eliminating the waitlist, and doubling income eligibility requirements. The FY 2020 budget includes an additional \$34 million for the program to implement these policy changes and further increase subsidy rates.
- State aid for local Head Start programs grows to \$3 million in FY 2020, an increase of \$1.2 million compared to FY 2019.
- The Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program grows by \$3 million to \$10 million, fulfilling the governor's commitment to double funding for the program over three years. BOOST provides scholarships for low-income students from areas with underperforming schools to attend non-public schools, giving them the opportunity for a better education.
- The governor's budget includes a record \$1.45 billion in state funds for the University System of Maryland (USM), a \$58.5 million or 4.2 percent increase over FY 2019.
- Morgan State University receives \$100.9 million in state funds, a \$4.1 million increase from the current year. Nearly half of this increase will support deferred maintenance efforts to improve campus facilities and the remainder will be used for

accreditation efforts, laboratory facility enhancements, and conversion of contractual employees to regular employees.

- Statutory funding for St. Mary's College of Maryland grows by 3.5 percent to \$25.9 million.
- The governor's budget includes record funding for the 15 local community colleges funded through the Cade formula. The governor's FY 2020 budget includes \$268 million, a \$7 million or 2.7 percent increase over FY 2019, in formula and non-formula grant funding.
- Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) receives \$40.2 million in state support in FY 2020.
- The Sellinger program for Maryland's independent colleges and universities is funded at a record \$59.4 million, or \$3.2 million over FY 2019.
- For the fourth year in a row, growth in resident undergraduate tuition at Maryland's public four-year institutions is held to 2 percent.

School Safety and Accountability:

- The FY 2020 budget continues Governor Hogan's commitment to supporting school safety with \$10 million in capital grants to local school systems to make safety-related improvements to school facilities; an additional \$3.5 million is included for safety improvements at non-public schools.
- \$10.6 million is provided for local school systems to hire school resource officers and to implement other best practices; approximately \$400,000 is provided to support new school resource officers at the Maryland School for the Deaf.
- The governor's budget doubles to \$2 million the amount available for upgrades and security personnel for schools and child care centers in Maryland deemed at-risk for hate crimes.
- An additional \$1.4 million and 11 positions are included to support the newly created Education Monitoring Unit and Office of Compliance and Oversight, enabling the Maryland State Department of Education and the State Board of Education to evaluate and investigate allegations of misconduct and corruption in local school systems.

Creating Jobs and Expanding Opportunities for Businesses:

- As part of a series of initiatives proposed by Governor Hogan to further expand Maryland's Opportunity Zone program, the FY 2020 operating budget includes \$56.5 million in new funding to attract businesses and development and to continue to invest in Maryland's workforce.
- \$16 million is provided to create the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Fund under TEDCO, as part of a long-term plan to leverage more than \$500 million in planned investment over the next decade.
- An additional \$6 million in tax credits will be made available for companies that locate or expand in a Mary-

land Opportunity Zone - an amount increasing to \$24 million over time.

- \$3 million is being invested to establish "Opportunity Works," a job training program for businesses located in Opportunity Zones as part of the state's nationally recognized Employment Advancement Right Now (EARN) program.
- In addition to the \$3 million for Opportunity Works, the FY 2020 budget includes \$8 million for the EARN program, which continues as a leader of innovative and industry-led workforce development initiatives for the state.
- Governor Hogan's FY 2020 budget also includes \$8 million for tax credits for manufacturing employers that create jobs in qualifying high-unemployment zones, established under the More Jobs for Marylanders Act of 2017.
- The new public school construction initiative announced by Governor Hogan is estimated to create more than 27,000 new jobs during the five-year construction period.
- Governor Hogan's budget provides first-time funding of \$1 million toward TEDCO's Minority Pre-Seed Investment Fund, which provides financial and operational support for entrepreneurs from socially or economically disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Governor Hogan's budget maintains \$12 million for the Biotechnology Investment Incentive Tax Credit and \$2 million for the Cybersecurity Investment Incentive Tax Credit. In addition, businesses purchasing cybersecurity technology or services from Maryland companies will be eligible for up to \$4 million in tax credits in 2019.
- The governor's budget provides \$28 million in FY 2020 for the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund, the state's most powerful economic development tool, a \$3 million increase over the current year.

Tourism and the Arts:

- The Maryland State Arts Council grows by \$1.7 million, to \$24.4 million in total funds - an all-time high.
- In addition, Governor Hogan's budget provides an additional \$610,000 for the Tourism Development Board, bringing total funding to \$10.2 million.

Building for the Future - Transportation & Infrastructure:

- Investments in Maryland's transportation network totaling \$3.3 billion include almost \$1.7 billion for state highways, \$221 million for the Purple Line Transitway, and \$167 million in capital improvements for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).
- The FY 2020 budget includes \$255.9 million in Highway User Revenue funds to local jurisdictions, this is a \$24 million increase from last year.

Press Release from
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Maryland State Police Crime Report

Theft of Jack: On 1/14/19 at 12:46 pm, Trooper Marsch responded to Jim's Tool and Party Rental in Prince Frederick in reference to a theft of a transmission jack. Michael R. Essex rented the jack in October of 2018. Numerous attempts have been implemented to try to contact Mr. Essex unsuccessfully. Charges are pending for theft of the Jet Transmission Jack for Michael Essex.

Burglary / Destruction of Property: On 1/16/19 at 12:19 pm, Trooper Strong responded to the 6500 block of 13th St. in Chesapeake Beach for a reported burglary. The victim reported someone had broken into both of the sheds. There were visible signs of forced entry on both shed doors and the locks had been broken from the hinges. Although items inside the sheds had been moved, it appeared nothing was missing. Investigation continues.

Firearm Violation/Warrant Arrest: On 1/17/19 at 2:58 am, Trooper First Class Palumbo stopped a vehicle for traffic violations on Rt. 4 near Rousby Hall Rd. in Lusby. A check of the driver, Anthony E. Cherry, 31 of Great Mills revealed a caution code for armed and dangerous and a narcotics user. A K-9 scan was requested. K-9 Flip conducted a scan of the vehicle and gave a positive alert. A probable cause search revealed a loaded handgun and a metal grinder containing a trace amount of marijuana. An arrest warrant through Prince George's County Sheriff's Office

was confirmed.

Cherry was arrested and incarcerated at the Calvert County Detention Center.

Possession of Suboxone: On 1/17/19 at 6:10 pm, Trooper First Class Matthews stopped a vehicle on Rt. 4 prior to Rt. 402 for traffic violations. Upon making contact with the driver, Zachary B. Hansen, 33 of North Beach, observation of slowed and slurred speech, droopy eyelids and eyes were watery and bloodshot, a determination of possibly being under the influence of drug or controlled dangerous substances was made. A K-9 scan was performed by K-9 Benelli and gave a positive alert. The Standardized Field Sobriety Test was given and Hansen was found to be under the influence. A probable cause search revealed Suboxone. Hansen was arrested and incarcerated at the Calvert County Detention Center.

Stolen Vehicle: On 1/18/19 at 12:18 am, Trooper Stull responded to the 3100 block of Cox Road in Chesapeake Beach for a report of a stolen vehicle. The victim reported Donald O. Williams, 51 of Chesapeake Beach had taken the vehicle without permission and left a note stating he would be in touch. Her 2016 dark gray/charcoal Ford Fusion bearing Maryland Registration 8DK5470 has been entered into NCIC as a stolen vehicle. Case remains open, pending an Application of Statement of Charges for Mr. Williams.

Bridge Jumper Dies



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A 19-year-old Calvert County woman who jumped off the Thomas Johnson Bridge Jan. 20 on the St. Mary's County side has died according to Maryland State Police.

Troopers from the Leonardtown barracks responded to the call and emergency responders pulled her out of the water, where she had been for a significant amount of time, said Det. Sgt. Jeffrey Linger.

"She died as a result of the incident," Linger said, noting that the exact cause

of death had yet to be determined.

Emergency responders reported that the female had been in the water for as much as an hour before she was found and taken to a local trauma center.

Just the day before, a male subject jumped from the bridge and landed in the parking lot under the bridge on the Calvert County side with serious traumatic injuries.

Sheriff Mike Evans said the subject was still alive as of Jan. 22, after being taken to Prince George's Shock Trauma.

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Cedar Point FCU Makes Community Donation



Clients of Center for Life Enrichment and employees of Cedar Point Federal Credit Union pose at Esperanza Bowling Lanes with a check for \$10,000 to Southern Maryland Community Resources.

By Dick Myers
Editor

Twenty employees of Cedar Point Federal Credit Union (FCU) branches in Calvert and St. Mary's counties went bowling last Friday (Jan. 18). Although they had fun, that wasn't their sole mission.

The credit union was one of the sponsors this year of the Solomons Dragon

Boat Festival, which is put on by Southern Maryland Community Resources (SMCR). Cedar Point donated \$10,000 last year to SMCR and \$8,000 the year before as part of their ongoing support of community organizations, supplemented by employee giving as well. They have stepped up to the plate this year as well.

Southern Maryland Community Resources, Inc. (SMCR) is a 501 (c) 3 non-

profit organization that helps to bridge the gap for individuals with developmental differences in our community.

According to their website, their mission is to "promote the inclusion of persons with developmental differences into the life of our community. We advocate for individuals with special needs, to recognize the inherent dignity that is theirs because they are members of our one human family. We promote social recreational and educational opportunities where individuals with developmental differences can contribute their unique gifts and develop their potential.

"We provide monthly programs to provide our members with social and recreational opportunities in order to enrich their lives. Members enjoy our programs at no-to-little cost through our partnerships with businesses and organizations throughout the community."

The financial support by Cedar Point

FCU was one very big thing (\$10,000 again this year), but in keeping with SMCR's mission, they also wanted their employees to be engaged with the people with developmental differences who SMCR serves. That's where the bowling comes in.

The credit union Marketing Director Kristen Kauffman-Beaver said the bowling was a way for the employees to interact with those who SMCR helps. So, on Jan. 18 they gathered at Esperanza Bowling Lanes in California to buddy up with clients of the Center for Life Enrichment to have fun together.

The credit union employees intend to make the bowling a regular outing every first Friday of the month.

And, everyone posed for a picture with a huge, blown-up copy of that \$10,000 check for SMCR.

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Correction

The story in our Jan. 10 issue about two dogs from the Sugar Faces Senior Dogs Rescue group appearing in the Animal Planet Dog Bowl misidentified one of their volunteers. Her name should have been Dawn Shonkwiler. The County Times apologizes for the error.

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Countians Participate in Cold-Stunned Sea Turtle Rescue



Each year hundreds of cold-stunned sea turtles wash up on the beaches of Cape Cod. This past December, a group of local volunteers led by Andy Brown, a Calvert County resident, traveled to Cape Cod, MA to participate and learn about Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary and rescue and rehabilitation efforts of cold-stunned sea turtles.

Sea turtles spend the summer feeding in the Gulf of Maine and start the migration south for the winter; however some get caught in the Cape Cod hook which delays their departure exposing them to colder water temperatures and thus be-

come cold-stunned.

Volunteers along with the Wellfleet Bay staff patrol the beaches of Cape Cod in search of cold-stunned sea turtles left behind by the receding tide. They then transport the sea turtles to the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife sanctuary where they are assessed, weighed, measured and are then taken to the New England Aquarium hospital in Quincy, MA. While at the hospital, they are rehabilitated, slowly rewarmed, and treated for any medical conditions such as dehydration, pneumonia, and other injuries. The surviving sea turtles are then flown to other sea turtle facilities in Maryland, Vir-

ginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Florida, and the Florida Keys for more rehabilitation. They are eventually released back in to the wild.

Aside from rescuing turtles, daily birding side trips were taken to see the numerous birds present in late fall on Cape Cod. Some of the bird highlights include sightings of the Common Eider, Razorbill, Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Mergansers, Harrier Hawks and a Merlin.

Andy leads many sea turtle and bird trips annually. If interested, please contact Andy at caretanaturetours@gmail.com.

Submitted Article

County Facilities Offer Warm, Dry Places



With freezing temperatures expected, there are several places residents can go to get warm. The county's community centers will be open during regular hours and safe drinking water will be available. Although warming centers are available, the county community centers, Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center and Calvert Library locations will be closed Monday, Jan. 21, in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Residents who need to get warm can go to one of the following locations:

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901 Dares Beach Rd.
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20 Appeal Ln.
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Open Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Sunday

Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center

130 Auto Dr.
Prince Frederick

Open Monday-Thursday, 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Calvert Library locations

Open Monday-Thursday, 9a.m.-9 p.m., Friday, noon-5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Sunday

During extreme cold weather events, the primary concern is the potential loss of heat, power, telephone service and a shortage of supplies if storm or weather conditions continue for more than one day. Residents are encouraged to consider family members or neighbors with special needs and assist them in preparing for the winter weather. Remember, if it's too cold outside for you it's too cold outside for pets. Please bring pets inside.

To stay informed on approaching weather events, residents should monitor local television channels, radio stations and the internet. For information on what actions to take when you receive a winter weather storm alert and what to do before, during and after a snowstorm or extreme cold, visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency website at www.ready.gov/winter-weather.

This time of year is a good time to sign up for Calvert ALERT, a notification system that can send messages by text, email, fax, land line and pager. Residents are urged to visit the county website and click the Emergency Alerts link to register for the notification service. Those without internet access can call 410-535-1600, ext. 2638, to sign up. Residents are also encouraged to keep abreast of local conditions and emergency information by downloading the free "Prepare Me Calvert" emergency preparedness mobile application now available for iOS (Apple) and Android devices through the Apple App Store or Google Play.

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The presentation time will be from 5:30-6:30 PM, we will be open from 5 PM on. This event is free with seating available on a first-come basis. For more info visit www.stmarysartscouncil.com or call (240) 309-4061. The audience participation Drum Circle featuring the SoMar Drummers will follow from 7-8 PM.

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This show runs from January 29 through February 24, and opening reception is "First Friday" February 1 from 5 PM to 8 PM. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Members and guests artists will be available to talk about their work. This annual show also includes the work of gallery members.

The North End Gallery is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sundays from noon to 4 PM and is located at 41652 Fenwick Street, Leonardtown, Maryland. For more information, call the gallery at 301-475-3130 or visit the website at www.northendgallery.org and on Facebook @ North.End.Gallery.Leonardtown.

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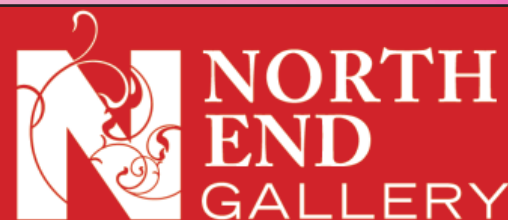
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New Northern High School Opens

As Construction Continues on Campus



By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County Public Schools Director of School Construction Shuchita Warner told the school board that it took a village to get the new Northern High School ready to open after the Christmas break. These “Village People,” not to be confused with the zany pop group famous for “Y.M.C.A.,” included the teachers and students who helped with the arduous move over the holidays and of course everyone involved with the project in the school systems’ staff and the Scheibel Construction firm.

Even though the new school is now open, the grounds remain a construction zone and will be so until the summer of 2020, when the project with so many moving parts will be completed, and the school system can finally do a dedication ceremony.

The old school still stands, set to be demolished soon. It was built in 1972 during an era in which open space classrooms were all the rage. The idea has long since been debunked. But up until the start of this month Northern teachers and students have been living with razor thin walls and a puzzling floor plan that sometimes required going through one classroom to get to another.

Northern High School Principal Stephen Williams feels giving teachers their classrooms back so they can concentrate on instruction is the biggest advantage so far that he has seen in the new school.

Williams said the transition has been relatively smooth with a few minor hitches. School board student member Thomas Ridenaur, who attends the school, said the new corridor flow was much improved but could be made better with additional signage.

When the new school opened it had a state rated capacity of 1,440 but there were already more students in it than that. Warner points out, however, that the school did not open overcrowded, that it was all in how the state determines capacity versus what its real capacity is. The old school had a state rated capacity of 1,223 students and was most assuredly overcrowded.

So, what remains to be done? When that old school is demolished, rising on the rear portion of that space will be a separate administration building. The current administration, including Williams, are spread out in spaces including the media center. Those spaces will then be available for instruction. Visitors will enter through the administration wing, which will be connected to the school with a covered walkway.

Warner has been the Village People conductor since the start of construction more than two years

ago, in the fall of 2016. She has been with the school system since 2006, first as supervisor for school construction and since early in 2016 as construction director.

Her family moved to the United States from India when she was 10. She said, “I pretty much grew up in Connecticut and I went to the University of Rhode Island. My degree is actually in industrial and manufacturing engineering, but when I graduated from college, the first job that I ended up by default on was a bridge rehabilitation project in Connecticut where I worked for the design engineer as a field inspector representing the interests of the design engineer on this project.”

Warner said, “I came from private industry. Prior to coming here, I had my own construction management firm, but before that I’ve had experience working for a large construction management firm/general contractor, Turner Construction International.”

She said, “I worked on a pretty large school initiative in Los Angeles for Los Angeles Unified School district as a construction manager for Turner. So, I had school experience and I had some hospital construction experience as well.”

Warner said construction is not typically a female profession, although there tend to be more women involved in school construction.

The Northern High School project has taken longer than most, she said, with planning starting about 10 years ago. And one of her biggest challenges was the delayed start in the fall of 2016 because of permitting issues, which put the school opening in the middle of the school year instead of at the beginning.

Before the decision to build a new school, there were original discussions about renovating. She said, “We have to have those discussions. That is a requirement.” Construction costs and life-cycle costs are considered. The conclusion -- “revitalization



Calvert County Public Schools Director of School Construction Shuchita Warner

doesn't really give you that bang for your buck. And in that instance, replacement was really the most economic option for us. And, we had space on site to be able to build a building." That decision was similar to the one made for Calvert High School.

In addition to the delayed start, the construction company ran into some bad soils that required reengineering.

But challenges lie ahead. "How do we finish phase two? We're coming to that challenge now because now Scheibel's site has moved to the middle of the campus and they've got a school that's occupied on the left side or the east side. And then part of it's occupied on the west side and students have to be able to traverse and they have to manage that construction. So that's certainly a challenge to the students and the administration during that phase."

The challenge includes absorbing functions in the new building that are really supposed to be in an administration building. "More cramped quarters. Yeah, that's a challenge. And the second challenge is just being able to move from the high school building to the Mary Harrison Center for class changes for any related arts." That requires going out of the building and around it.

Then, when they start doing demolition of the old building, "the pedestrian traffic flow for stadium attendance of games will have to occur from the track on up." The stadium will continue to use the old bleachers until new ones are constructed this coming summer.

Warner explained, "So at this point what happens is we are actually doing a little bit of site work in preparation of the demolition of the high school building. The water tower is feeding Northern Middle School and Mary Harrison Center. There is an existing well in Northern High School that currently

feeds the fire and domestic water for Mary Harrison Center and the middle school. We can't demo Northern High School until we extend waterlines from the new building over to the Mary Harrison Center and make that connection."

In addition to constructing the 11,000-square-foot administration building, there will be an addition to the Mary Harrison Center. Warner said, "We're giving it a face lift by creating a new entrance at the Mary Harrison Center because right now when the old high school gets demolished, you'll see the face of the Mary Harrison Center is quite plain and there's not really a distinct entrance. So, we're going to give it a distinct entrance." They also will be adding a classroom to the center for visual arts and photography.

Warner was asked what she has gotten the most personal satisfaction out of the complicated project. "One is the schedule. We were behind the eight ball to start with. That was certainly stressful. And number two, just trying to make sure that we can bring it in within budget." That has been accomplished.

"I think just kind of holding that line, this is sort of new for me to be in this role and trying to manage expectations." She said.

Has she been on the phone a lot with the construction company? "I think we have ups and downs. We have peaks and valleys of phone calls. Let's just say some days or some weeks, it's lots and lots of them and on other days not so much."

So, who are some of those Village People? "Scheibel has got a really capable team on the project," she said, including project manager, Matt Tesstier, "He really, really pushed the project." They also include project superintendent Gary Miller.

She also credited the school system's staff, "I would say our facility staff has been absolutely

phenomenal."

She also mentioned "the maintenance guys in general," and the technology department and also the Director of Procurement and Resource Management, Kevin Michael

She added, "It's just a big, phased construction project. It's a series of very long-range, planning-type chess moves is what I kind of liken it to. And you really, really have to see several steps ahead and the people that are there that can react in order to help you make those chess moves. I mean those are who the village people are."

And she said, "It been wonderful to work with the principal of Northern High. He just really had the right balance of patience and just keeping cool under pressure because this was a very, very high pressure move and just kind of making sure that his staff understood, communicating with the staff, making them feel comfortable that it was going to be okay."

Warner added, "I think everybody's very relieved that they are in the new high school because there were so many things that were deteriorating in the old building. But, because of the fact that there's still construction ongoing and it's smack in the middle of the site, I think that when everything is done 100 percent people will be very happy at the layout of the campus that they see right now. It's tough to really be able to picture what a beautiful, fully integrated campus it will be.

But I think by the time you get to summer of 2020 and you see this admin building and you see the plaza behind the building and how it ties to the football stadium, it's just going to be a beautiful, cohesive campus."

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Pundits refer to asset allocation as the "Rule of 92" meaning 92% of your success as an investor is directly attributable to whether you allocate your assets or not.

Ok, now we know that allocation is the way to go. But, one big problem with asset allocation is, how does an ordinary investor select the proper allocation of stocks versus bonds? The big mutual fund companies like T. Rowe Price, Vanguard, BlackRock and others think they have it all figured out. They do the allocation for you.

TARGET DATE FUNDS

Target date funds contain a mixture of stocks, bonds and cash. They have a future date in the title you can select to correspond to your retirement date. As you get older, the asset allocation within the fund changes and gets more conservative over time. The fund manager will put fewer assets into stocks which are inherently risky as you get closer to retirement. You do not have to take any action. The fund manager does that for you. You simply pick the date when you think you will retire. For example, suppose you will turn sixty-five in 2020. You pick the 2020 Retirement Fund. You can buy the fund at any age and with a minimum investment, but the target date is what matters.

The big boost for target date funds came in 2006 when pension laws changed so that employers could choose investments for employees who had not designated investments for their 401(k) plans. Target date mutual funds became the most popular investments for employers to offer and to use as a default if employees failed to designate anything else. Fidelity launched its target date funds in 1996; Vanguard in 2003 and T. Rowe Price in 2002—together, those three fund companies control about 75% of the market. Fees for the allocation are included the cost of the funds themselves.

LIFECYCLE MUTUAL FUNDS

Lifecycle funds include cash, stock and bonds and may include both U.S. and foreign securities. The percentage of funds in each asset class is determined by the fund manager who attempts to earn the highest return possible by switching portfolio weightings in each type of asset class by market conditions. Lifecycle funds generally include three or four "portfolios" with varying percentages of funds in each asset class. The portfolios are designed by fit investors of various ages or risk tolerance levels. For example, Vanguard has a LifeStrategy fund with four asset choices: income (lowest percentage of stock in the portfolio), conservative growth, moderate growth and growth (highest percent of stock in the portfolio). As with target date funds, fees for allocation are included in the cost of the funds.

ACTIVE MANAGEMENT

Active management involves the use of a portfolio manager who works directly with you on your investments. This clearly is the most custom tailored to your wishes. Your portfolio may include everything from securities to real estate. The manager in this case reviews all of your assets and your personal goals with you and selects those types of investments that will give you the most return for a risk that meets your expectations. The upside of professional management is that your strategy is tailored for you. No one except the portfolio manager is going to ask about the strategy you have to exit your small business, for example. That question, along with many others, should be asked by the portfolio manager in order to provide the best retirement approach for you. The fees involved will be a percentage of the assets and, as your assets grow, the fees will grow. This means at the very least that the portfolio manager has a vested interest in seeing your portfolios grow.

Whether you choose target date, lifecycle or active management, the principal is the same. Your success as an investor and an investor preparing for retirement will be directly attributable to whether you allocate your assets or not. As usual, I advise you to investigate before you invest. Take a look at all of the options available to you first, then decide. No one will protect you like yourself.

You are invited to attend a free seminar on estate planning—January 21st at 11am at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot. See you there.

A View From The BLEACHERS

A Washington Institution Crumbles

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

I have watched football with my dad for as long as I can remember. My earliest memories of Sundays include scanning the T.V. Guide to see what games would be covered and hoping the D.C. and Baltimore stations fed a strong signal into the funky, arrow-ish looking antenna on our roof.

Time has certainly improved the viewing experience. Cable television replaced the rusty antenna and birthed the ESPN era. High definition television followed. Now it's the RedZone channel, a spectacular guided tour of live NFL games. Ben Franklin once said, "Beer is proof God loves us and wants us to be happy." The RedZone channel is too.

Despite the changes, my dad and I have remained steady football consumers. Our viewing location is different, the television is bigger and the picture is sharper, but it's still father and son, barking at referees, cussing the Dallas Cowboys and rooting for our home team.

About that home team: Love of football aside, our deep affection for the 'Skins of Washington is what has brought my dad and me together on Sundays through all those years. Our relationship with the burgundy and gold is understandable. When George Allen took over as head coach in 1971, my dad was just 23-years-old. I was eight when Joe Gibbs took the reins and 20 when he retired from coaching (the first time) in early 1993. During this 22-season run, Washington enjoyed 18 winning seasons, 13 playoff appearances, five trips to the Super Bowl, three championships and universal respect throughout the NFL. Those teams ended up sending 11 people to the Pro Football Hall of Fame – eight players, two coaches and one executive.

It was the best of times. The 25 plus years since, a period with just eight winning seasons and two measly playoff wins, haven't been. The losing is, in a strange way, tolerable. It's the football incompetence, dismissiveness of the fan base and embarrassing social missteps – all hallmarks of owner Dan Snyder's "leadership" – that have scarred the team's faithful. And the world is watching – according to a recent Wall Street Journal poll, the Washington football team is the fifth most hated American company. Not just football team...company.

My dad and I often fill the losing vacuum by discussing the best organizations in the NFL; that's what you do when yours is mostly inconsequential by Thanksgiving. We talk about the Steelers, the Seahawks, the Packers and, of course, the Patriots. But the team we might discuss the most is the New Orleans Saints.

The Saints signed QB Drew Brees before the 2006 season, an acquisition that altered the course of perennial loser and created a unique love affair between city, team and player. When you think of New Orleans, the Saints are very much in the discussion with jazz, the cuisine, voodoo and the French Quarter. And if you've ever had the pleasure of being in a jubilant and united Big Easy after a Saints victory, count yourself fortunate.

That how it used to be in D.C. The 'Skins were once a binding force, one that dissolved the often stark differences in a diverse fan base. They were something to feel good about, something to take pride in. No more. Once the most elusive ticket in town, the team now struggles to sell out home games and FedEx Field is routinely overrun with fans from opposing teams. The team's name, for anyone with an inkling toward American history, is at least awkward, if not completely unusable. The Washington pro football team, a former bedrock franchise of the NFL, is now arguably the league's worst. The disintegration of a D.C. institution is complete.

It's hard to type those words. At this point, with no indication better times are ahead, I feel fortunate to have experienced that incredible run under Coach Gibbs. And I suppose, in football and in life, the suggestion of this story is to enjoy the best of times and use the memories to sustain you when life deals a losing hand, even if that just means a father and son maintain their relationship by steadfastly watching a gloomy football team.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

Observe 'Artists in Action' at Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons, presents Artists in Action: Temporary Studio Experience, now through Feb. 26, 10a.m.-5p.m. daily. Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center will serve as a creative retreat for over 20 artists for a few special weeks this winter, providing Annmarie guests the opportunity to get a glimpse into the creative process of artists as they work.

Fiber, painting, mixed media and ceramic artists will be participating in Artists in Action. Each week, up to four artists will be set up and working in temporary studio spaces in the main gallery at Annmarie Garden.

Visitors are encouraged to observe, ask questions and interact with the artists; and may have the opportunity to try their hand at a particular technique or contribute to a project. All ages are invited to visit during this program.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for guests to learn about the methods and materials that artists employ. In the past, artists have used this opportunity to experiment with new approaches or have found creative ways to collaborate with other artists in the program. Artists in Action can be full of surprises; we love it!" says Stacey Hann-Ruff, Director

For additional information call 410-326-4640 or visit www.annmariegarden.org. The details of each participating artist, where they are from, and the medium they work in, follows.

Artist in Action Schedule:

- Joan Wiberg, Warrenton, VA, Painting, through Jan. 25
- Diana Manchak, Ft. Washington, Ceramic. Through Jan. 26
- Jackie Clark, New York, NY, Painting, Through Feb. 3
- Julie Allinson, Solomons, Mixed media, Jan. 24 – 31
- Ann Preston, Hollywood, Painting, Jan. 24 – Feb. 2
- Linda Craven, Port Republic, Painting, Jan. 26 – Jan. 30
- Carrie Lee, Lusby, Mixed media, Jan. 28 – Feb. 7
- Wendy Schneider, Lusby, Mixed media, Jan. 31 – Feb. 4
- Felicia Reed, Upper Marlboro, Fiber. Feb. 1 – 8
- Corinn Pumphrey, Lusby, Painting. Feb. 3 – 5
- Carol Wade, Prince Frederick, Painting, Feb.4 – 10
- Barb Mowery, Lusby, Painting, Feb. 7 – 11
- Amy Hutto, Bath, NY, Painting, Feb. 9 – 17
- Karin Edgett, Washington, DC, Painting, Feb. 11 – 18



Billy Simms from Hamilton, Ohio is one of over 20 rotating artists setting up temporary studio space at Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center during "Artists In Action".

- Nancy Livengood, Atlanta, GA, Painting, Feb. 11 – 21
- Mary Blumberg, Solomons, Painting, Feb.16 – 22
- Ann Crain, St. Leonard, Painting, Feb.18 – 26
- Mick Grochowski, Norfolk, VA, Painting/Sculpture, Feb.18 – 26
- Maria Campagna, Morgantown, WV, Ceramic. Feb.19 – 26
- Elizabeth Eby, Washington, DC, Mixed media, Feb. 22 – 26

Press Release from Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

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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.

Sandra Lynn Button



Sandra Lynn Button, 66, of St. Leonard, MD passed away on January 20, 2019 in St. Leonard, MD.

Visitation will be Friday, January 25, 2019, 10-11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home - Port Republic 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic MD 20676. Memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 7500 Greenway Center Drive Suite 300, Greenbelt MD 20770; Phone: 301-982-2161; website: <http://www.cancer.org>

Fred Lewis King

Fred Lewis King, 97, of Solomons, MD passed away on January 19, 2019 at his residence.

Born September 1, 1921 in Providence, RI, he was the son of the late Fred Thomas King and Euda Marion (White) King.

Fred graduated from Central High School in Minneapolis, MN in 1939 and from Southeastern University in 1958. He married his wife Doris Lillian King



at Rosedale Methodist Church in Washington, DC on June 8, 1944. Fred was enlisted in the U.S. Army from 1945 until 1947 serving in Wurtzburg, Germany during WWII. He was a Machinist at the Naval Gun Factory, Washington, DC from 1940-1955. Fred retired from the Goddard Space Flight Center as a Computer Programmer in 1978 after sixteen years of service.

Fred is survived by his children, Nancy King of CO and Russell King of Anandale, VA; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris L. King on March 21, 2009; his siblings, Arthur F. King and Beverly E. Vaughan; his sister-in-law, Burnelle King; and his brother-in-law, James Vaughan.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 24, 2019, 2-2:30 p.m. at Asbury~Solomons Auditorium 11100 Asbury Circle, Solomons MD 20688. A Life Celebration Service will follow at 2:30 p.m.

Burial will be Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 9 a.m. at Cedar Hill Cemetery, 5829 Ritchie Hwy. Baltimore MD 21225

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 Abury~Solomons Benevolent Care Fund, Attn. Patrick O'Toole, 11100 Asbury Circle, Solomons MD 20688 or Alzheimer's Association, National Cap-

ital Area Chapter, 3701 Pender Drive, Suite 400, Fairfax VA 22030; website: <http://www.alz.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Susannah May Dresser Boss, "Susie"



Susannah May Dresser Boss, "Susie", 80, of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed away on January 19, 2019 in Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. She was born on March 8, 1938 in Prince Frederick, Maryland to the late Susannah Shelton and Joseph Robert Dresser. Susie worked for 24 years as a clerk for the Social Security Administration, 11 years at Bowen's Florist in Prince Frederick and as a greeter at Walmart for a couple years. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Prince Frederick. Beloved wife of William E. Boss, mother of Janie Russell and the late Joseph Boss. Grandmother of Christopher Boss, Marie Russell, William "Will" Russell and the late Lee Russell, great grandmother of Lucas Boss, Susie is preceded in death by her sisters Josephine Bowen, Harriet Chichester and recently Ruth Stange who passed away on Sunday, the day after Susie.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's Action Network, website: <http://parkinsonsaction.org>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Harrietta Estella Keller, "Jadwiga"

Harrietta Estella Keller, "Jadwiga", 90, of Lusby, Maryland passed away on January 15, 2019 in her home. She was one of thirteen children born to Victor and Johanna Zak in Chicago, Illinois on March 29, 1928. She was the Matriarch of her family, who loved her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren very much. She liked to crochet, do crafts, cook and tend to her plants. Harrietta was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church and the American Legion Post # 274. Beloved wife of the late Winfield Doyle Keller, she is survived by her



children: Winfield E. Keller, Bruce E. Keller, Gary V. Keller, Kevin M. Keller, Karen D. Ahern, Daniel D. Keller and the late Norman Weston. Grandmother of 16, great grandmother of 13, great great grandmother of three, she is also survived by her sisters Jean Larsen, Lola Windt and Mary Windt and a brother, Edmund Zak. The family will receive friends on Monday January 28, 2019 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at the Rausch Funeral Home, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, Maryland where funeral services will be held on Tuesday January 29, 2019 at 11 AM. Interment will follow in Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD at 1:45 PM.

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>

Carol Ann Bradford (Parsons)



Carol Ann Bradford (Parsons), 68, of York, PA and formerly of Chesapeake Beach passed away January 15, 2019. She was born January 21, 1950 to Clar-

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ence and Mae Lucille (Brady) Bradford. Carol primarily lived in Chesapeake Beach and North Beach until moving to York, PA in 2015. She was employed as a secretary with Perdue Farms in Lothian and as a cashier at Home Depot, retiring in 2015. Carol was a past member of the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and enjoyed playing BINGO, cards, cooking and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Carol is survived by her children Tiffany DeShong of York, PA and Leslie "Andy" Parsons and wife Jennifer of Dunkirk, grandchildren Seth, Addison, Brynlee, Jonathan and Thomas and many close friends. She was preceded in death by her mother and brother William Bradford.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Gloria Jean Hampton



Gloria Jean Hampton, 86, of North Beach, MD passed away January 12, 2019. She was born June 29, 1932 in Exeter, PA to Charles F. and Argentina (Dignani) Altobelli. She lived in Exeter until moving with her family to Washington, DC where her father operated a restaurant in the District. After graduating high school she worked at the restaurant, and also helped her family at home. She married John C. Hampton November 28, 1953 and they lived and raised their family in the District Heights area. Mr. Hampton passed away in 1982 and Gloria supported her family working for Naval Intelligence and at the Census Bureau until her retirement. She moved to North Beach in 1995, and became an active member at St. Anthony's Church where she served on the bereavement committee. She was active at the North Beach Senior Center enjoying line dancing, card games, and socializing with friends. She also enjoyed the beach, cooking, and spending time with

family, especially at holiday gatherings. Gloria was preceded in death by her husband John, and by a sister Catherine Cilinski. She is survived by daughter

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Assoc., P.O. Box 11454, Arlington VA 22312, website: <http://www.diabetes.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Oliver Walls "Ollie" Dove



Oliver Walls "Ollie" Dove, 56, of Newburg, MD passed away January 11, 2019 at George Washington University Hospital in D.C. He was born June 22, 1962 in Washington, D.C. to Oliver Harry and Emma Marie (Walls) Dove. Ollie was raised in Owings, and graduated from Northern High School. He then attended St. Mary's College and graduated from University of Maryland with a B.A. in history. He was employed by the State of Maryland as a court commissioner in Charles County. Ollie married his wife Inmaculada on July 16, 1983. He was a Third Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus Council 11484 in Issue, MD. In his leisure time Ollie enjoyed travel, fishing, hunting, and raising greenhouse plants and sweet potatoes.

Ollie is survived by his wife Inmaculada O. Dove and daughters Carmen Zheng and husband Paul of Englewood, NJ and Andrea Dove of Brooklyn, NY. He is also survived by a granddaughter Ava Zheng, his father Oliver H. Dove of Newburg, MD, brothers James O. Dove of Delta Junction, AK and Edward J. Dove of ME. He was preceded in death by his mother Emma M. "Dolly" Dove and a brother Benjamin L. Dove.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Alvin E. "Skeeter" DeAtley

Alvin E. "Skeeter" DeAtley, 99 of Lusby, MD passed away peacefully on January 15, 2019 at Solomons Nursing



Center. He was born on April 13, 1919 in Carbon Hill, AL to the late Eula Ann (Tucker) DeAtley and Norman Price DeAtley. He was the loving husband to Dorothy Marion (Gartner) DeAtley whom he married on July 4, 1939 in the 9th Street Christian Church, NE, Washington, DC and she preceded him in death on October 27, 1989.

Skeeter attended Eastern High School and went on to serve his country honorably with the United States Army

during WWII. He received a Good Conduct Medal, European - African - Middle Eastern Service Ribbon, and World War II Victory Service Ribbon. In 1962, Skeeter went to work for Mansfield Transfer Company, Washington, DC as a Truck Driver where he worked for over 46 years.

Skeeter is survived by his children, Dwight Edward DeAtley of Waldorf, MD and Dona Sue Moore of Lusby, MD; four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, daughter, Beverly Jean (DeAtley) Gibson, nine brothers and sisters, and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Friday, January 25, 2019 at the Rausch Funeral Home, Lusby, MD from 12:30 pm until time of funeral services at 2 pm. Interment will be at the MD Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD at a later date. The family asks for contributions to be made to the American Legion Post 274, Lusby, MD and / or Calvert Hospice.

To leave the family a condolence please visit www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.



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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

"On Watch" Memorial Statue

The Calvert County Department of General Services is coordinating the annual "On Watch" memorial brick campaign through April 30. The public may purchase bricks (\$100/ea., tax deductible) to memorialize those who served our country during World War II. They will be placed at the Veterans Patio, located at the World War II "On Watch" Memorial Statue in Dowell. Learn more: Melinda Donnelly at 410-535-1600, ext. 2565. Applications for memorial bricks: www.calvertcountymd.gov/onwatch

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 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 regular 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.

Friday, January 25

Winter Greens

Gateway Preserve, 2800 Grays Road, Prince Frederick

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Learn to identify evergreen plants. Explore the forests in search of ferns, herbaceous plants, and trees that are green in the winter. Ages 13-Adult. \$8. Register/directions. 410-535-5327. www.calvertparks.org

Tent of Many Colors

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
13470 Dowell Rd., Solomons

5:00 – 8:00 PM

A special Annmarie After Hours in our giant Communal Coloring Tent! Complimentary appetizers. \$5. Adults only, 21 and over. No reservation. 410-326-4640. www.annmariegarden.org

Chef's Choice Dinner

American Legion, Chesapeake Beach

5:30 to 7:00 PM

Informal dinner in the lower level dining room. \$12 includes side, salad, and beverage. Public Welcome. 410-257-9878. www.ALpost206.org

Saturday, January 26

Hand Knitting Scarf Workshop

Thursday's Bar & Grill, 1751 Horace Ward Rd., Owings

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Learn to hand knit a very easy 6" x 60" scarf; both classic and infinity styles are available! \$50/person includes all materials! Food and beverages not included. Space is limited. Registration is final. No refunds. www.beachknitdesigns.com

Annual Chili Bowl Cook-Off

Middleham & St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 10210 HG Trueman Road, Lusby

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Bring a pot of your secret recipe chili to share - any kind. Prizes awarded. Bread, condiments, salad, beverages, and ice cream provided. Do not need to bring chili to join this fun gathering of great food and fellowship. All are welcome.

Acoustic Music

American Legion, Chesapeake Beach

7:00 – 11:00 PM

For your listening pleasure in the Lower Level Lounge hear acoustic music by Ross Crampton. Public Welcome. 410-257-9878. www.ALpost206.org

Sunday, January 27

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.

Monday, January 28

Walk With Ease Program

Northeast Community Center, Chesapeake Beach
10:00-11:30 AM

Free evidence-based weekly walking program provides information about managing arthritis, basic stretching and walking. Sessions Monday, Wednesday

and Friday through March 11. Registration required. Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation at 410-535-1600, ext. 8210.

Tuesday, January 29

Jump Around

Northeast Community Center, Chesapeake Beach
10:00-10:45 AM

Many inflatables to play on. Ages 2-5. Call 410-535-1600 ext. 8210 and reference Activity # 310107 to register.

Transit Transfer Station

County Commissioners Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick

10:30 AM

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing to consider and receive comments on the proposed site of the new Transit Transfer Station site, located at parcel 769 on Armory Road in Prince Frederick. 410-535-1600 x2360.

National Puzzle Day

Northeast Community Center, Chesapeake Beach
4:00 – 7:00 PM

Join other enigmatologists and puzzle enthusiasts to enjoy different kinds of puzzles. Also, anyone who would like to donate puzzles and puzzle toys (in new or good) will be entered to win a prize.

410-535-1600, x8210

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 30

US Air Force Band Concert

Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way
7:00 - 8:00 PM

"Max Impact" will rock the library with popular, rock, Americana, country and more! Free concert! 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. CalvertLibrary.info.

Thursday, January 31

Behind-the-Scenes MAC Lab Tours

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, 10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

11:00 AM and 1:00 PM

Guided tour of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory (MAC Lab), a state-of-the-art facility that houses over 8 million artifacts, including collections from every county in Maryland. Get up close and personal with our conservators and our collections. Reservations: Ed Chaney 410-586-8554 or email: ed.chaney@maryland.gov. Visit www.jefpat.org

Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

Thursday, January 24

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

Drop in, hang out at Southern Branch - Super Moon! 6:00-8:00pm. Need a place to meet up with your friends (or meet new ones)? Come hang out, Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

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

Friday, January 25

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

Saturday, January 26

Books in Bloom Flower Arrangement Demo. 10:00-12:00pm. Calvert Garden Club will demonstrate the steps to create a book-inspired flower arrangement. Use your newly learned floral design skills and sign up to participate in Books in Bloom, March 4-7. 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.

Monday, January 28

Lawyer in the Library. 12:00-2:00pm. Need help with an expungement? Have civil legal questions? Meet briefly with an attorney at the library to get hands on help. We will also be offering JobSource help with resumes and job searching, information about treatment, recovery, healthy lifestyles, conflict resolution, youth intervention, vocational training and more. Partners include SoMD JobSource, Health Promotions and Healthy Beginnings from Calvert County Health Department, Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, Calvert County Community Mediation Center and Adult Basic Edu-

cation from College of Southern Maryland, Calvert County Family Network and HITTS (Helping Inmates Transition to Society). No cost. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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

Tuesday, January 29

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

Wednesday, January 29

US Air Force Band Max Impact Concert. 7:00-8:15pm. The US Air Force Premier Rock Band "Max Impact" will rock the library with popular, rock, Americana, country and more! Don't miss this free concert! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Happy Crafternoon! 1:00-1:45pm. Children enjoy books and language through short stories and create fun art projects using a variety of techniques and mediums. For 3 to 5 year-olds. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Thursday, January 29

How to Navigate eMaryland Marketplace with Success. 7:00-8:30pm. Cristen Ervin of eMaryland will present the following: understanding NIGP commodity/service codes, searching for bid opportunities, updating the company profile, eMM resources, and tips and tricks for bidding on county government opportunities. Partnership with Calvert County Department of Economic Development. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Shake it out. 10:30-11:00am. Shake It Out Music and Movement will create a rich environment that promotes social, emotional and physical skills. Come join us for some shake'n fun. An adult must accompany child. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

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.

Office on Aging Snow Policy

If the Calvert County Courthouse is open, the Office on Aging (OOA) will be open. Check the Calvert County Government website to see if county government offices are open. Some class

instructors have their own snow policy, so please check with them to find out about their snow policy. If Calvert County schools are closed or the Calvert County Government is delayed, staff prepared meals will be served. If schools have a delayed opening, the advertised meal on the menu will be served.

Legal Aid

Attorney services are available by appointment Thursday, February 7 for those aged 60-plus regarding SSI, benefit denials, disability payments, Social Security and SSI overpay-

ments, debtor and consumer problems, advance directives, and tenant issues. Appointments are taken between 1 and 3 p.m. at the Calvert Pines Senior Center. 410-535-4606.

Calvert Pines Senior Center (CPSC)

Join in on the fun as we paint a ceramic piggy bank to keep or give as a gift, Wednesday, January 30, 10 a.m.

Be sure to wear your favorite team attire as we relive famous Super Bowl moments, Friday, February 1, 11:15 a.m.

North Beach Senior Center (NBSC)

Spread the joy as we paint Kindness Rocks, Wednesday, February 6, 11 a.m. Share one with a friend who needs inspiration.

Instructor Suzanne Shelden will provide instructions on painting with acrylics with our Acrylic Painting Class, Thursday, February 7, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. All levels of experience are welcome to join. Fee: \$10 per class. Pre-registration required.

Southern Pines Senior Center (SPSC)

Join us for our Monthly Movie: Selma, Thursday, January 31, 1 p.m., the true story of how MLK led the campaign to secure voting rights.

Enjoy a special "Love is in the Air" Bingo, Thursday, February 7, 1 p.m. This is a Valentine's Day themed game. Wrapped prizes for the winners.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, January 28

Chicken Parmesan w/Tomato Sauce over Spaghetti Noodles, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Green Beans, Italian Bread, Fresh Orange Slices

Tuesday, January 29

Beef Tips in Gravy over Egg Noodles, Lentil Soup, Winter Squash, Dinner Roll, Plums

Wednesday, January 30

Meatloaf, Gravy, Mashed

Potatoes, Green Beans, Kale, Dinner Roll, Mandarin Oranges

Thursday, January 31

Baked Fish w/Herb & Lemon, Seasoned Brown Rice, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Seasoned Tomatoes & Zucchini, Dinner Roll, Pineapple

Friday, February 1

Baked Chicken Leg, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrots, Seasoned Greens, Dinner Roll, Fruited Jell-O

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

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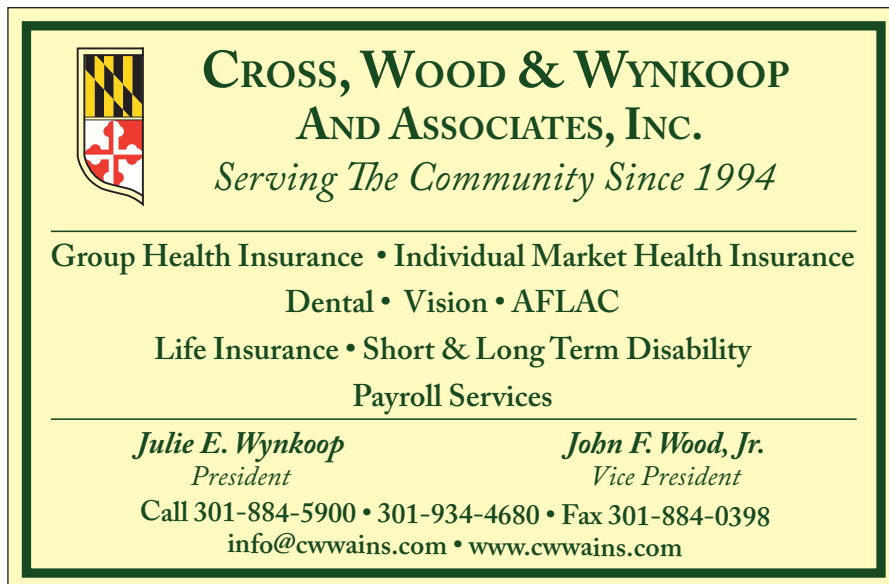
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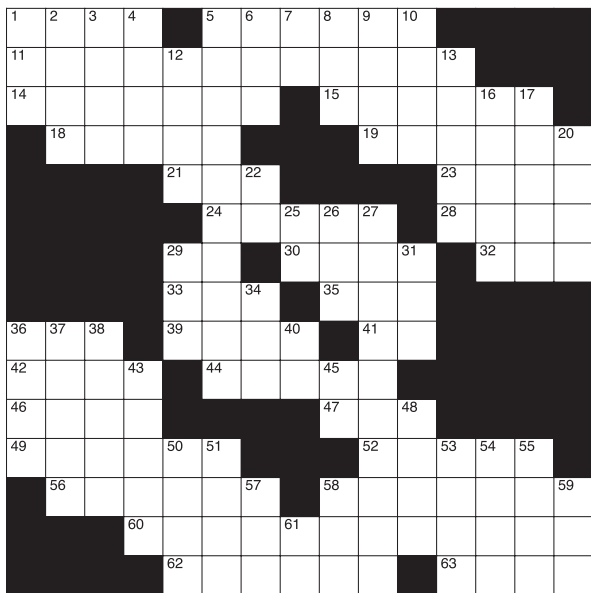
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Fun & GAMES



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sheep sounds
- 5. Turn up
- 11. Statements of support
- 14. Spells
- 15. Evildoer
- 18. One-time baseball stadium staple
- 19. Activities
- 21. WWII-era US President
- 23. Soft, flexible leather
- 24. Proverb
- 28. Wish (Hindu)
- 29. Injury treatment
- 30. Red Sox ace
- 32. "Deadliest Catch"

- captain
- 33. Baseball stat
- 35. Where marine life lives
- 36. Heartbeat test
- 39. Signs on the dotted line
- 41. Atomic #24
- 42. Bind securely
- 44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
- 46. Fragrant brown balsam
- 47. Where you were born
- 49. Sells a ticket for more than its price
- 52. Where goods are presented
- 56. Jewish salutation

- 58. Fruits
- 60. Poorly educated
- 62. Microorganism
- 63. Depicted

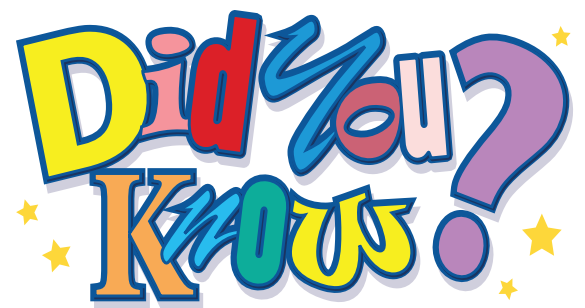
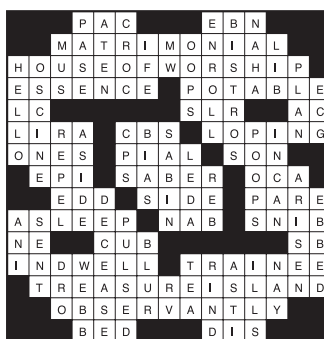
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Ballplayer's tool
- 2. Hairdo
- 3. From a distance
- 4. Belt one out
- 5. Revising a text
- 6. More (Spanish)
- 7. Beloved Spielberg alien
- 8. BBQ dish
- 9. Provoke
- 10. Within
- 12. Canadian flyers
- 13. Smugly smile
- 16. Buffalo
- 17. Lake in the Kalahari Desert
- 20. Grab
- 22. Rural delivery
- 25. Equally
- 26. It's sometimes passed
- 27. Citizens who are qualified to vote
- 29. Greek letter
- 31. Body part
- 34. Boxing result
- 36. Newts

- 37. Predatory semiaquatic reptiles
- 38. Cockatoo
- 40. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
- 43. Leguminous east Indian tree
- 45. News reporting organization
- 48. A nemesis of Batman
- 50. Legal term
- 51. Not all
- 53. A way to greet
- 54. Knot in a tree
- 55. Satisfy
- 57. Russian space station
- 58. A baby's mealtime accessory
- 59. Stitch together
- 61. ___ and behold

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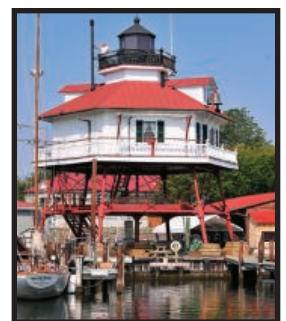
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