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Planners Forward Comprehensive Plan Update Ball Now in County Commissioners' Court

By Dick Myers
Editor

The update of the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan is now officially in the hands of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). The planning commission at its March 20 meeting voted to forward the controversial document to the commissioners. The decision came on a 4-2 vote, with John Toohey and Rob Reed opposing and Chair Greg Kernan abstaining (he only votes to break a tie).

The decision came with no discussion less than a month after a public hearing at which dozens of citizens expressed concerns about the plan in its current

form. But that was a plan that had earlier been approved by the planning commission with just one dissenting vote – Toohey.

What was known as the third draft of the comprehensive plan update that went to the public hearing was the culmination of more than two years of intense work by the commission, planning staff and the consultants hired to craft it. Judging from the majority of the more than three dozen comments from the packed house at the Calvert Pines Senior Center in Prince Frederick, they felt the planners still had some work to do.

It has been reported that more than 1,000 comments had been received by

the planning commission and that flow of citizen response wasn't cut off until the commission officially closed the record just before the vote to send the document to the commissioners.

At the public hearing less than a half dozen people who testified showed even some support for the plan. The bulk of the opposition centered around fears the plan will allow for too much additional development with expanded town center boundaries. And there were multiple speakers who felt the plan should not proceed until completion of a transportation plan and town centers shouldn't be expanded until work is done on the individual town center master plans, so citizens there have a say.

The opposition has coalesced around the organization called Keep Calvert Country, but their website has been silent so far on the planning commission decision.

The motion to forward the third draft to the commissioners was made by Vice Chairman Steve Jones, who normally is not one of the more vocal members. But after the vote he used the occasion to blast the plan opponents, and particularly those responsible for bringing ethics



violation charges against member Maria Buehler to the Ethics Commission, which after review reprimanded her.

Buehler's father, former county commissioner Pat Buehler, also was mentioned in the Ethics Commission decision. He was in the audience at the March 20 meeting and Jones took notice of his presence, adding, "I stand shoulder to shoulder with Maria Buehler, Mark Willis and every county employee." Jones said Buehler and her father and planning director Willis were treated unfairly by the plan opponents.

"They didn't deserve this," Jones said, adding that Pat Buehler was "a good man."

The county commissioners will now deliberate on the plan and eventually hold their own public hearing.

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Town Councilman Enters Plea in Felony Case

Cumbo Will Receive Probation Before Judgment

By Dick Myers
Editor

Chesapeake Beach Town Councilman Stewart Cumbo has entered a plea to charges brought by the State Prosecutor's Office for violating Maryland's wire intercept laws, a felony which carries a potential 5-10-year jail sentence.

According to Cumbo's attorneys, he entered an "Alford Plea" to the charges in exchange for a recommended disposition of probation before judgement, which would not give Cumbo a criminal record. An Alford Plea means the defendant doesn't admit guilt but concedes the state has enough evidence for conviction.

According to a press release: "State Prosecutor Emmet C. Davitt announced today (March 21) that Stewart Cumbo, a former Maryland State police officer and current member of the City Council for the Town of Chesapeake Beach, was charged in the Circuit Court for Calvert County with illegal wiretapping. The Criminal Information alleges that between July and November of 2018, Cumbo made approximately 275 unlawful recordings without notifying the person he was speaking with that they were being recorded. The statute that Cumbo was charged with is a felony under Maryland's wiretapping laws."

Cumbo, through his attorneys Joseph Greenwald and Leake, issued the following statement by way of explanation "In recent years I have used one of the phone apps available on Google and I-Tunes to record some of these calls. I did this because as I have gotten older, I have experienced some memory problems. Most of the calls involved family and friends. I did not share these recordings with anyone or use them to harm anyone."

"The use of these phone-recording



Chesapeake Town Councilman Stewart Cumbo

apps is legal under Federal law and the laws of 38 states, but Maryland is not one of them. Using this app was an honest mistake on my part for which I apologize. I never intended to break the law or hurt anyone."

"I have accepted full responsibility for my mistake. I am grateful that the Maryland State Prosecutor has agreed to recommend community service and probation before judgment, so I can later have my record expunged. In my 65 years, I have never had a blemish on my record. This has been very embarrassing for my family and me."

"I am proud of my service for the last 18 years on the Chesapeake Beach Town Council. The recommended disposition of this case will allow me to continue to serve on the town council, but that the voters of Chesapeake Beach will ultimately make that decision. I hope they will accept my apology and allow me to continue to serve them in the future."

Cumbo, during his tenure on the town council, served as president of the Maryland Municipal League (2007-2008). He did not attend the most recent town council meeting on March 21.

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TJ Bridge Still Calvert's Number One Road Priority

St. Mary's Takes Bridge Off List

By Dick Myers
Editor

At a recent staff meeting County Commissioner Steve Weems wondered out loud whether the replacement of the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge should continue to be the county's No. 1 transportation priority.

Later in the day, during the commissioners regular meeting, Weems explained: "What I was conveying was a manifestation of the frustration of nothing happening." Weems said he still supported the bridge being the top priority in the annual letter the commissioners send to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, although he said maybe the emphasis should be shifted to getting the work done on Route 4 in St. Mary's County, which is considered part of the overall bridge project.

Although the bridge has been the county's and region's first priority for years, there still is no money for it in the state budget and because of its cost its chances appear farther and farther from reality.

Calvert and St. Mary's have been lockstep in their ranking of the bridge.

But, not any more. Realizing that there would likely never be a replacement for the aging span that connects St. Mary's and Calvert counties in the foreseeable future, the St. Mary's County Commissioners shifted their focus on transportation priorities to clearing up the intersection at Route 5 and Great Mills Road. That is a traffic bottleneck for commuters to Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

They voted unanimously to send a letter to the State Highway Administration outlining their new priorities at their March 19 business meeting.

"If the Secretary of Transportation [Pete Rahn] says it's not going to happen, it's not going to happen," said St. Mary's Commissioner Todd Morgan.

St. Mary's Commissioner Eric Colvin said: "Everybody realizes the importance of that bridge. "But making the Great Mills intersection the No. 1 priority is a big deal."

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said much would depend on freshman Del. Brian Crosby's ability to ensure funding was included in the state capital improvement budget to work on the beleaguered intersection at the end of the Great Mills Road corridor



On the same day that the discussion in St. Mary's occurred, the Calvert commissioners noted the importance of the bridge to many residents who live in Calvert and work in St. Mary's and have to fight the traffic twice a day. Commissioner Mike Hart said, "It is a safety issue." He added, "The state says it isn't a priority. I am starting to get a little impatient," expressing Weems' frustration.

The commissioners did decide to tweak the annual letter to the state in two ways. They decided to highlight the recent state plan for improving Route 231. And they also decided to soften the letter's mention of long-range widening of Route 4 from Prince Frederick to the Anne Arundel County line.

Earlier in the meeting, during public comment time, David Fleury of Breezy Point said the language could open up the floodgates of anticipated develop-

ment by showing the county's willingness to accept it.

Weems suggested that sections may be needed instead of the whole route, with an emphasis on the town centers, like Huntingtown and Dunkirk.

The commissioners asked Director of Planning and Zoning Mark Willis to tweak their letter to reflect those two changes.

The Tri-County Council annually sends a letter as well listing the top regional priorities. Calvert wants the bridge to also be the top regional priority. Despite the St. Mary's downgrade, the bridge still remains the top regional priority, according to a council spokesman.

Reporter Guy Leonard contributed to this story.

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School Board Tackles Racial Discrimination

By Dick Myers
Editor

On the heels of the Big Conversation on racial equity in the schools, the Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) staff and the school board are beginning to bore into the subject. Part of that is a revision of the language of the code of conduct in the CCPS policies. During a wide-ranging, hour plus discussion of the subject at the school board's March 21 meeting, Director of Student Services Kim Roof said of that policy review "This year it seems to have been a little different to the point where we felt as if we were getting ready to prepare for this and even during the course of school year that maybe we weren't doing a very good job of presenting to the students what our expectations were of them, of how we expected them to treat one another."

At the beginning of the discussion Board of Education President Dawn Balinski said, "It's an unfortunate fact that incidents of hate speech and discriminatory behavior are increasing in the public realm in general, but also in schools. As a board, we've asked to hear about what's happening in our school system because we want not only to start the conversation across our entire system about how we're handling these types of incidents as they happen, but also, we want to know that Calvert County Public Schools are being proactive and intentional in eradicating such behavior. Our number 1 job as a school system is to ensure the safety of children in our buildings. We believe that we can make good progress in this area by keeping discriminatory behavior out of our schools."

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Diane Workman said the issue is introduced to students as early as Pre-K and kindergarten. She said the school system had instituted a program called "Second Step." She said at the early ages they don't necessarily deal with cultural diversity. "We start with handling name calling. We have to think what is age-appropriate for students and

what they are able to take in and comprehend."

Workman said Second Step is at every grades level. "There was at least one unit that can be applied to understanding differences, understanding different perspectives, being calm, being kind, character education."

Workman added, "And then as you go up through the grades, social justice and social standards are integrated in different curriculum."

Roof said, "I think there were a lot of things that are occurring in our schools that do not get reported. Whether students don't know how to, whether they're afraid to, whether they don't want to because they're not comfortable. I'm not really sure. But we just didn't feel like we are getting to the masses of our students to really explain to them what is acceptable behavior when it comes to the tolerance and the understanding of their peers."

During the discussion, board member Bill Phalen said it was difficult for him to get a handle on the problem without data. But member Pamela Cousins, who is African-American, said often the situation is obvious: "When the child has been called a racial slur, for example the 'N' word is used, then that's pretty blatant. You can't get more blatant than that. So, in that regard, what's taking so long to investigate it?"

Cousins added, "That's my rub, that we're not swiftly addressing it when it happens. It should not (need for there to) be evidence of it happening 25 times." She added, "So for me it's enough and we need to denounce it from the top down."

Cousins said, "It's already happening. It's been happening in all the schools on school buses and parents have been saying it to me for years. And I think with the implementation, we have the policy, right? We have procedures, we have code of conduct. So, I think we have the minimum required documentation to support it."

It was noted that incidents of racial discrimination are reported on the same form as bullying. Diversity

Director Dr. Sandy Walker said, "If you look at the bullying form, the definition of bullying is threatening, repetitive, negative behavior. So repetitive is part of that. What I think is that we've lost our focus on the discrimination piece of this because it's all bundled up together."

Beach Elementary School Principal Dr. Michael Shisler said as a white man it was difficult for him to understand what blacks go through every day. He said, "My friends who are black say it goes on multiple times every day. I'm also of a mind that we can't policy our way out of this issue."

Calvert High School Principal Dr. Steven Lucas said, "I think Dr. Shisler hit on the key thing and that's the relationships and it does start in the classroom because about 90 percent of everything we do starts with the classroom teachers."

He said at Calvert they've started "a monthly advisory program that's completely student led and we recruited student volunteers to come in and we adopted a program that each month is different, like this month is love your neighbor and another month might've been based on appreciating your fellow classmate."

Cousins said, "I feel like it's a culture that's been adopted. Not maybe deliberately, but it's a culture that exists that until we deliberately, intentionally deal with it is going to continue. And we're going to be a phenomenal school system from the 10,000-foot level because of the academic performance of a small echelon of students. But then students that are impacted, special needs, socioeconomic groups are still being impacted. We're not dealing with it."

New board member Inez Claggett, who is also African-American, said, "We do need to call this thing a thing," referring to racial discrimination, noting that everyone should know it when they see it.

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Former Commissioner Doug Parran Passes Away

By Dick Myers
Editor

Former Calvert County Commissioner John Douglas "Doug" Parran (66), died March 22 after a long illness. Parran was elected for one term in 1998 after two unsuccessful attempts. He then was defeated in 2002 by Jerry Clark, now a state delegate. He ran an unsuccessful campaign as an Independent in 2006.

Parran served on a majority Republican board that included David Hale, Linda Kelley, Barbara Stinnett and Bobby Swann. Swann remembered Parran for what he is most known for in the community -- his photography skills.

His obituary says, "Recognizing the cultural shift in the county, he felt it was important to document everyday events and honed his videography skills recording parades, car shows, concerts and events throughout the Calvert County and beyond. Notably, he created a video compilation for presidential candidate, Bob Dole. As well, his creative mind conceived and built one of the first on-line social dating platforms long before they became popular."

"He was a valuable member of the board," Swann said, noting that as a newcomer to public life it took him a while to get the hang of things, which is not unusual for anyone in that position.

"He was very interesting in his work with the board. I enjoyed working with him," Swann said, agreeing that Parran at times could be somewhat of a maverick.

Parran was an advocate for controlling the growth



Doug Parran (seated at right) with his commissioner board: (seated) Bobby Swann and Linda Kelley and (standing) David Hale and Barbara Stinnett.

that was emerging at the time in Calvert County, as were most of that board.

Parran passed away at the Burnett Calvert Hospice House on Sixes Road in Prince Frederick.

Family and friends are invited to attend historic Christ Church on Broome's Island Road, in Port Republic for an 11 a.m. service on Friday, March 29th.

Interment will follow in the family plot at the church. Afterwards, fellowship, music and food will be shared at Adam's Rib on Route 4.

For a complete obituary see page 17 of this issue.

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Chesapeake Beach Celebrates 125 Years

Year-Long Festivities Begin April 6



By Dick Myers
Editor

This year the Town of Chesapeake Beach is celebrating its 125th birthday. On Saturday April 6, 4-6 p.m., at the town hall the actual date of incorporation will be commemorated. It was officially April 3, 1784.

At the celebration there will be a running slide show of the history of the town from its inception to today presented by Joan Kilmon, branch manager of the Twin Beaches Library.

The Bayside History Museum will provide pictures from its archives showing Stinnett's Restaurant (formerly lo-

cated at 31st Street and Bayside Road). Chaney's Restaurant (formerly located at the site of today's Mamma Lucia By The Bay) and Camp Theodore Roosevelt (a former Boy Scouts summer camp).

Governor Larry Hogan and State Senator Mike Miller have been invited to join in the festivities. Free appetizers will be provided by Mamma Lucia By The Bay and refreshments will be provided by the town.

Then on Saturday, June 15, 7-9 p.m., the Steamboat Landing Tour aboard the Miss Lizzy will take place. On the moonlight cruise Dr. Ralph Eshelman will narrate the history of steamboats cruising up and down the Bay and their

contribution to development along the Bay and especially the Town of Chesapeake Beach. Tickets will be available at Town Hall for this event.

On Saturday, September 14 from noon to 5 p.m., the Third Annual Taste the Beaches will take place and there will be a special ceremony during this free event to mark the 125th Anniversary along with dozens of local vendors, food providers and entertainment MC'd by local musician John Luskey.

According to the town's website, "The Town of Chesapeake Beach began as the dream of developers of the late 19th century who planned a grand resort on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. The State of Maryland granted a charter to the Washington and Chesapeake Beach Railway Company in 1891, and in 1894 the W&CBR was granted a charter to incorporate the Town of Chesapeake Beach. The grand schemes of the W&CBR were never to be implemented, however. A new company, the Chesapeake Beach Railway Company, took up the idea in 1896. This company completed the railway, and on June 9, 1900, the resort staged its grand opening. As the years progressed, the adjacent community of North Beach continued to develop as a neighboring cottage community.

"From 1900 until 1930 Chesapeake Beach was a thriving independent community. People would mainly come for

day trips by railway and steamboats like "The Dixie" and "The Dreamland." Only 28 miles from Washington, D.C., people with more leisure time would flock to Chesapeake Beach for the cool breezes and salt water.

"Overnight visitors could stay in the luxurious Belvedere Hotel, which was built about 1900. It was located on the north side of 17th Street overlooking the bay before it was destroyed by a fire on March 30, 1923. The resort consisted of a boardwalk over the water and a pleasant park and picnicking area on the nearby land. On the boardwalk, one could find a bandstand, performing bears, games of chance, a carousel, casino, theaters, and many restaurants. A roller coaster, called "The Great Derby," was constructed over the boardwalk about 1900 and operated until the late 1920's.

"The Chesapeake Beach Railway brought people to the two-beach town until 1935 when bankruptcy forced the railway to close down its operations. Seaside Park opened in 1930 and all the amusements were moved to land. In the late 1940s the management of the Park once again changed and so did the name; the park would be known as Chesapeake Beach Amusement Park until it finally closed in 1972.

"The neighboring towns of Chesapeake Beach and North Beach grew up together in conjunction with the resort. Both towns supported popular bayside activities and entertainment as well as shops. For many years the fire hall for both communities was located in North Beach while the public school was in Chesapeake Beach. Seasonal and year-round homes were built in both communities, and the population of the area grew."

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Workshops Scheduled for Transportation Plan

The Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning is holding three public workshops as part of an effort to update the Calvert County Transportation Plan. The process will set a vision to integrate multimodal transportation planning with land use, historic preservation, open space and community facilities.

The first workshop on Tuesday, April 2, will feature a review of the plan and a discussion of current county transportation conditions with transportation plan consultants Sabra & Associates. Small group exercises will prioritize specific locations of concern and explore potential solutions by considering cost, environmental impacts and overall community benefit. The event will be held at Calvert Middle School, 655 Chesapeake Blvd., Prince Frederick, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Additional public workshops are scheduled for Monday, May 6 and Tuesday, June 4, with topics to be identified closer to the workshop dates. The Department of Planning & Zoning will seek public input following the release of the first draft of the new plan.

Visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/TransportationPlan for details about the transportation plan process or to view the current transportation plan.

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Burglary: 19-14984

On March 14th, 2019 Deputy O'Donnell responded to Chesapeake Ave in St. Leonard for the report of a burglary. The complainant advised sometime between March 12th at 7:00 am and March 14th at 4:23 pm, an unknown suspect(s) entered their residence and stole several prescription narcotics as well as a black house phone that had a value of \$30.

Burglary: 19-15046

On March 14th, 2019 Deputy Gott responded to H.G. Trueman Road in Lusby for the report of a burglary. Deputy Gott made contact with the complainant who stated they returned home from their neighbor's house and caught a glimpse of an unknown male with long, dark, shoulder length hair running down their hallway. The suspect fled after being caught and ran into the wooded area behind the residence.

Theft: 19-15125

On March 15th, 2019 Deputy Anderson responded to The Spot Thrift Store in St. Leonard for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 5 pm on March 14th and 9:30 am on March 15th, an unknown suspect(s) stole a black leather jacket with an estimated value of \$90.

Theft: 19-15349

On March 16th, 2019 Deputy Flynt responded to Game Stop in Dunkirk for the report of a theft. The complainant stated at approximately noon an unknown black male and an unknown black female entered the store together where they were both seen placing items inside a purse and down their pants. Both suspects exited the store without paying for items. The approximate value of stolen items is \$53.

ARRESTS:

On March 12th, 2019 Deputy Ridgely was dispatched to the area of Stamper Court in Prince Frederick for the report of a subject under the influence and possibly in possession of a stolen handgun. After canvassing the area with negative results, Sergeant Naecker observed an abandoned house on Tubman Drive in Prince Frederick. Sergeant Naecker and Corporal Morgan made entry into the house and located the suspect, **Dru Mathew Maguire (20)**, sleeping on a couch. Maguire was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Burglary- 4th Degree – Dwelling.

On March 12th, 2019 Deputy Mason and DFC Mohler responded to Fairground Road in Prince Frederick for the report of an individual with a warrant. Upon arrival, Deputies Mason and Mohler observed the wanted individual in a parking lot. The suspect, **Lemuel Mckinley Mackall Jr. (35)**, advised deputies he was unaware of the pending arrest warrant. DFC Mohler asked Mackall if he had any weapons on him and Mackall advised he had a pistol in his pants pocket. DFC Mohler and Deputy Mason were able to retrieve the unloaded handgun from his pants pocket without incident. Mackall was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Handgun on Person, Illegal Possession of a Regulated Firearm, and Firearm Possession with Felony Conviction.

On March 14th, 2019 Deputy Wilder responded to Shore Acres Way in Prince Frederick for the report of a trespasser. The complainant advised that the suspect had returned to the residence after being told an hour prior by Deputy Wilder she was not welcome there. Deputy Wilder placed **Valerie Mason (67)** under arrest and transported her to the Calvert County Detention Center where

she was charged with Failure to Obey Reasonable/Lawful Order and Trespass: Private Property.

On March 15th, 2019 Deputy Sampson conducted a traffic stop in the Fox Run Shopping Center located in Prince Frederick. Upon making contact with the driver, **Nicole Fant (33)**, Deputy Sampson observed her slurred speech and slow movements as well as green residue in her right nostril. A search of the vehicle revealed a purse containing a pill grinder with various shades of pill powder to include green, orange and white. Located throughout the vehicle were several prescription bottles with several pills missing, based on the dosage statements versus when it was originally filled. Fant was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. While at the Detention Center, a secondary search was conducted and Fant was found to be in possession of a folded \$1 bill with suspected pill residue. Fant was charged with CDS: Possession Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession Paraphernalia, and Possession of CDS While Confined/ Detained.



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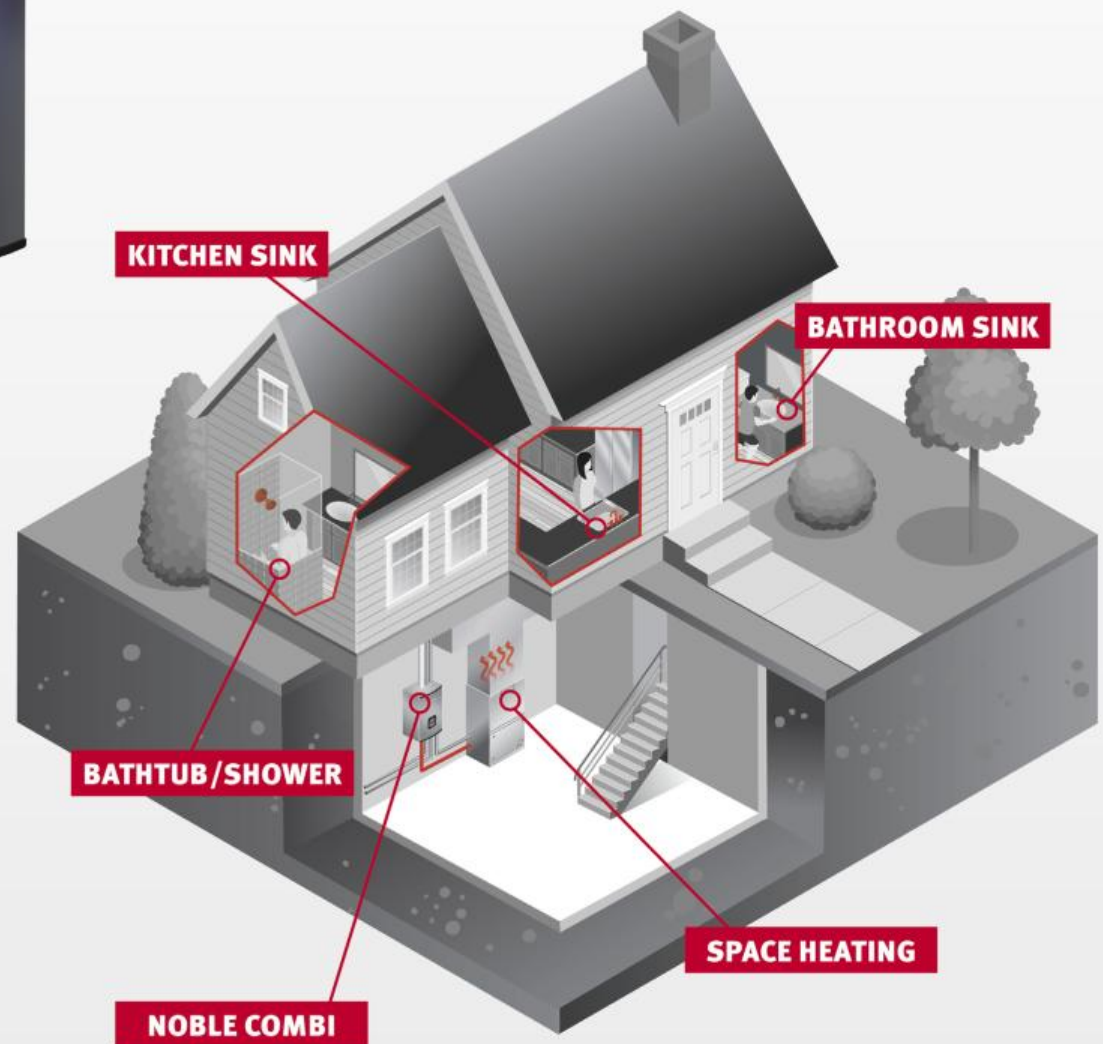
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Ryan Kile of Barstow Elementary School was the Calvert County Flag bearer during the Maryland Day celebration March 23 at Historic St. Mary's City.

Parks Return to Normal Summer Hours



The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation announces that all parks returned to their normal summer hours Saturday, March 16, 2019.

The summer hours of operation for Dunkirk District Park, Hallowing Point Park and Cove Point Park are 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., through mid-November. Other park hours will vary based on location

and amenities. Park hours are posted at the entrance of each county park or available online. Visit Calvert County parks and take advantage of the many features offered including playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, baseball fields and picnic areas.

Learn more about the Department of Parks & Recreation and its comprehensive program of recreational activities offered in community centers, aquatic facilities, the public schools and the county parks by visiting online at CalvertCountyMd.gov/ParksandRecreation.

Press Release from Calvert County Government

Help Welcome New Kittens at Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter

The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is holding a kitten shower to prepare for litters of kittens to be born in spring. The event will be held Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter located at 5055 Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick.

The shelter is taking donations of kitten milk replacer, kitten baby bottles, canned food, non-clumping cat litter, heating pads, blankets/towels, pet wipes and more. A full list of accepted items is available at www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com/shower.

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Press Release from Calvert County Government

New Family of Extinct Dolphins Named

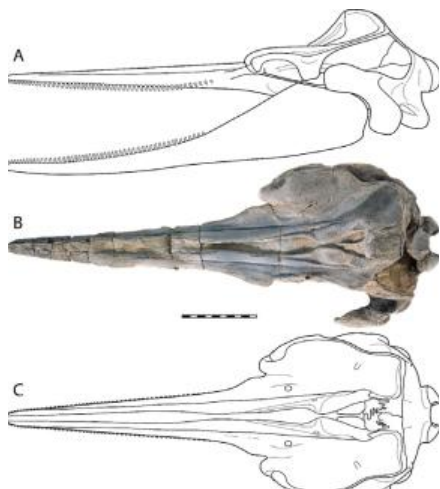


Figure 1. *Yaquinacetus meadi*, a new genus and species of archaic dolphin about 22 million years old from coastal Oregon. A. Restoration of the skull and lower jaw in a left lateral view. B. Photo of the skull (USNM 214705) in dorsal view. C. Restoration of the skull in dorsal view. Scale bar is 10 cm long (approximately 4 inches long).

A single nearly complete skull of a mysterious fossil dolphin (Figure 1) was collected by the late fossil-finder extraordinaire Doug Emlong (1942–1980) in March of 1969 from coastal Oregon (Lincoln County), south of the Yaquina River. Remarkably, this skull remained unstudied for nearly 50 years until a team of fossil dolphin enthusiasts from Belgium, the United States, and Australia “rediscovered” it in the vast collections of the National Museum of Natural History (The Smithsonian Institution). Fortunately, this beautiful skull representing a new family, genus, and species of extinct dolphin has now been brought to light. Consequently, our knowledge of the remarkable diversity of extinct dolphins continues to increase. This new ar-

chaic dolphin named *Yaquinacetus meadi* is approximately 22 million years old, and lived long before modern dolphins or porpoises appeared in the oceans.

Although not closely related, the skull of the ancient *Yaquinacetus* is similar in size and shape to that of the living spinner dolphin (*Stenella longirostris*). In life, *Yaquinacetus* would have been about 8' long (Figure 2). Its skull was equipped with approximately 160 pointed teeth - useful for hunting slippery fish or squid. *Yaquinacetus* is represented by only a single specimen. Imagine, of all the millions or billions of individuals of this kind of dolphin that ever existed, this one Smithsonian specimen is the only one of its kind known to science. We don't know how far and wide its habitat ranged, nor how long it lived on Earth, or if it had any descendants; but we know that it existed.

What we can say for sure is that the skull of *Yaquinacetus* is sufficiently different from other known archaic dolphins that together with one other extinct dolphin, *Squaloziphius emlongi* (also known from only a single specimen collected by and named in honor of Doug Emlong) from the early Miocene epoch of Washington State, they comprise a new family of toothed whales, the *Squaloziphiidae*. It is very exciting that a completely new family of dolphins has been named based on these exceedingly rare fossils. We expect that there are other fossil *squaloziphiid* dolphins out there or hiding in museum collections just waiting to be found. These discoveries confirm the northeastern Pacific as a center of diversification for several groups of archaic dolphins during the late Oligocene - early Miocene (i.e. 25 – 20 million years ago).



Figure 2. Life restoration of *Yaquinacetus meadi*. By Tim Scheirer, Calvert Marine Museum.

This publication is the result of collaboration between the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (Brussels, Belgium), the Calvert Marine Museum (Solomons, Maryland, U.S.A.), Museums Victoria (Melbourne, Australia), and the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution (Washington, D.C., U.S.A.).

How the new dolphin got its name: *Yaquinacetus*, a combination of Yaquina, for the Yaquina River (and the Native

American tribe formerly living in that region), that flows into the Pacific Ocean a few kilometers north of the locality where the skull was discovered, and *cetus*, whale in Latin. In addition, *meadi* (the name of the new species) honors Dr. James G. Mead (Figure 3, Curator Emeritus of marine mammals in the Division of Mammals at the Smithsonian Institution) for his life-long work studying and describing the anatomy and ecology of whales and dolphins.

The new dolphin's family name is “*Squaloziphiidae*”, because some of their cranial features are reminiscent to those in modern beaked whales (family *Ziphiidae*). This makes the dedication of the new species to Dr. Mead even more relevant. Indeed, Dr. Mead's principle research interest is beaked whales, on which he has published numerous scientific works, including contributions to the description of several new living species (an outstanding achievement for a specialist of such large marine mammals).

Press Release from CMM

American Legion Post Donates to Meals on Wheels Post 206 Makes Fundraising Contribution



American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206 on March 11 donated \$1,000 to Calvert Meals on Wheels at their monthly board meeting. The check was presented to the CMOW Board by Fred Bumgarner, American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206 Historian and CMOW Board Member, on behalf of Post 206 Commander, Les Griffith. The money was raised through fundraising efforts, including karaoke, breakfasts, dinners, dances and golf tournaments. The Post routinely supports projects such as CMOW to make a difference in the community.

About CMOW

Calvert Meals on Wheels mission is to help homebound citizens who have difficulties preparing meals to live more independently. CMOW delivers a meal and a smile five days a week. CMOW is a volunteer organization governed by a Board of Directors. In addition to drivers who deliver noontime meals, volunteer route coordinators manage eight delivery routes throughout the county. CMOW works very closely with the Cal-

vert County Office on Aging. This office delivers meals to designated locations for driver pickup, is the central contact point for new clients, and distributes monthly menus. CMOW is a United Way Agency and participates in the Maryland Charities and Combined Federal Campaigns.

About American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206

The Stallings-Williams American Legion Post 206, located in Chesapeake Beach, is Calvert County's largest Post. Since its beginning in 1946, the Post has hosted Memorial and Veterans Day services, decorated the graves of all known veterans at local cemeteries, hosted annual Flag Day events, and supported active duty military, Veterans, and Veteran families. The Post also awards collegiate scholarships and financially support many community projects and National American Legion Veteran and youth programs.

Press Release from Stallings-Williams American Legion Post 206

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The Knowledge from 12,000 Dental Implants Placed Leads Marylanders to Healthier Smiles

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK
Research Reporter

General dentist, Wayne L. O'Roark is one of the leading providers of comprehensive implant dentistry in Maryland. He is a clinical graduate instructor at the dental school at the University of Maryland. He is a Diplomate in both the American Board of Oral Implantology and the International Congress of Oral Implantologists. He has dedicated the past two decades to placing and restoring implants. Dr. O'Roark has successfully placed well over 12,000 implants since focusing his practice on this area of dentistry. Since 2006 he has been practicing out of Tidewater Dental in Lexington Park, Maryland and Tidewater Dental Solomons Island, Maryland.

Tomcsik: How did you get your start in Implant Dentistry?

O'Roark: Early on, when I got out of school I realized that the traditional prosthetics were not very good and I had the opportunity to listen to a lecture by one of the leaders in implant dentistry. From that I did extensive studying and incorporated implants in my general practice. I had experience in removable partial dentures, full dentures, crowns and bridges but I found none of them satisfied the need for replacement of a missing tooth or missing teeth, whether that be one tooth, a section of teeth, or a whole arch of teeth. The point is, it is important for these teeth and roots to be replaced to prevent bone loss. If you take the function away from bone by extracting a tooth, and you do nothing about it, you will lose bone and it will continue for a significant amount of time. If I can put that root back and keep the bone in function we will preserve the bone very nicely.

Tomcsik: What are you replacing the root with?

O'Roark: Most people don't have a good idea about what an implant is. So I like to call them root replacements. When you lose or remove a tooth you remove the crown, which is the part you see and the root which is under the gum and goes into the jawbone. What I do is

replace the root with my root; and my root is made out of titanium. Titanium has the incredible capacity to stimulate the bone to not only grow around it but to bond to it. Once you have integration, and bone biology requires ninety days for that to occur, you have a platform on which to build teeth or a tooth. This keeps the bone in function and helps to prevent loss of bone.

Tomcsik: Why replace a tooth with an implant rather than a bridge?

O'Roark: Conventional dentistry says, when you have a missing tooth, you put a cap on each tooth on either side of the open space and form a bridge over the gap where the missing tooth was. Well, in order to do this you must cut each healthy tooth down so that a prosthetic crown can fit over the existing teeth on each side of the space. You then have a fixed prosthetic bridge attached to each cap, filling the gap. So you've now involved two more teeth in the problem area by cutting them down to support the bridge. So what happens if one of the teeth used in making the bridge fails? Now the bridge fails and you have two missing teeth.

Tomcsik: So what you're saying is you now have two healthy teeth that you are compromising to fill the space of the one missing tooth...

O'Roark: Exactly. Now that's not wrong, but you must keep in mind that those teeth are being compromised and if something should go wrong with either of those teeth supporting the bridge you will lose the bridge too and now your problem is larger.

Tomcsik: So let me understand something. In a single tooth replacement you've given me two options. One is a single root replacement called an implant with a crown that integrates into the system. The other option is a bridge where you've cut two teeth and you've bridged the gap between them with just a crown with no root replacement. Give me, if you will, a ten year prognosis of the patient in both scenarios. What does the patient look like in scenario 1 and scenario 2 in ten years?

O'Roark: The life expectancy of a fixed bridge can be anywhere from ten to fifteen years. On the other hand, since you've not replaced the root the bone underneath will continue to deteriorate. If the bridge is lost or one of the abutments (teeth that hold the bridge) is lost or damaged then your problem gets bigger. In the case of the root replacement, I have implants that have been in function for well over thirty years.

Tomcsik: So those people don't have bone retention problems. The implant is enough support to keep the bone from disappearing?

O'Roark: It's not so much that the implant is a support for the bone. Bone doesn't like to be put out to pasture. It doesn't like to have nothing to do. And when its function has been taken away from it, it will disappear. And it will disappear rather dramatically. With an implant the bone remains in function and has the potential to last indefinitely. The first implant I ever put in place in 1971, remained in function, in the patient's mouth until she passed away in about 2004. I will not put a timeframe on how long they'll last because they literally have the potential to last indefinitely.

Tomcsik: When you talk about putting an implant into the jaw bone that sounds like a pretty elaborate surgery. Can you elaborate on that?

O'Roark: Actually, the surgery to place the implant is very nominal. It's relatively painless. I operate under local anesthesia and oral sedation if you wish. If I put the root replacement in this morning, you can go back to work this afternoon. There will be no stitches. There is virtually no swelling. There's generally no pain. There's no bleeding and the procedure is quite innocuous.

Tomcsik: The other major concern I imagine people having about implant dentistry is the cost. How does that compare to other options?

O'Roark: The simplest thing to do is compare one missing tooth implant to a three unit bridge as discussed earlier. The cost of the implant/crown combi-

nation is very comparable to the price of the three unit bridge. This amplifies the fact that the value of replacing that tooth with a root replacement, not only does not involve adjacent teeth but it is comparable to the cost of a three unit bridge. I consider that as a number one advantage of doing the implant over the bridge.

Tomcsik: I see a lot of ads for periodontists, oral surgeons, general dentist that all claim to place implants. How does one decide who to go to if they need to get an implant?

O'Roark: You can ask for referrals from your friends and family. You can ask your general dentist for a referral or you can go to The American Board of Oral Implantology. They are the premiere source for finding highly experienced doctors doing implants. They will list for you the board certified doctors doing implants today. It's important to know the specialist cannot do the restorative work, whereas the general dentist that restricts their practice to specializing in implants will place the implant and restore the prosthetics for the implants.

Tomcsik: So when a specialist provides a quote, they are just quoting the root replacement or implant and not the tooth replacement or crown?

O'Roark: That is largely true. That's a very good point. If you get a quotation from a specialist you must make sure that he is being clear that the price he is giving you is for the implant and not the prosthetic part. One of the things that I have tried to do is restricting my practice to placing implants and providing the prosthetics for about 15 years now and have incorporated into my general practice for at least 35 years now. The important thing is that the continuity from the implant through the placement of the prosthetic is all done by the same person. There is a lot to be said for that because I can design your implant placement to accept the prosthetic results that we want as an end result, especially in complex cases.

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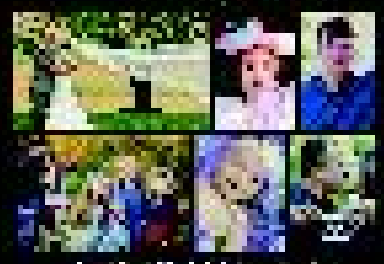
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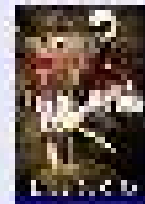
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Calvert Native Makes Her First Movie

Next Up: A Film in Southern Maryland

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County native and Patuxent High School graduate Victoria Fratz is well on her way to making a mark on the Hollywood film industry. Her production company Social House Films, which she co-founded with her boyfriend Aaron Fradkin, recently released a feature-length film called "Electric Love," which has been critically acclaimed at film festivals and now is available on several digital platforms including Amazon and iTunes.

Fratz, 31, hopes to bring the success she has had in Hollywood home soon to Southern Maryland.

Her path to Hollywood was a circuitous one pushed along by a confluence of three bad breaks at virtually the same time. After graduating from Towson University, she was living in Baltimore and doing brand development for a start-up company which downsized, putting her out of a job. She came home to Lusby for Thanksgiving and while there a fire in a neighboring house in Baltimore caused extensive damage to her rental unit and she lost everything. And, then someone ran into her car and totaled it.

It was time for a change and a time for her to pursue her dream that had a show business underpinning to it. So, she picked Los Angeles over New York and Miami and headed west, not knowing anyone there.

Fratz clearly remembers when she got the movie bug. She was 11 and she has it all on DVD, a family trip to Alabama. "It was a giant camcorder, the one that's over the shoulder. I was playing around with the video camera; I didn't have any editing software." So, she had to do everything in sequence. She started experimenting, panning around. "It kind of set the scene of where we were. And then I see my grandfather in the back and I'd go up to him and I say, 'how hot is it out here?' So, we have a little bit more of the setting being described."

She added, "So, I would say like at a very young age I was already trying to perform and that's once I got a camera in my hand. Before that I was always putting on little performances for my family. Little plays in the living room, with zero stage fright growing up."

Fratz started school at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Solomons, then on to Southern Middle School, Calverton and then graduated from Patuxent in 2005. Her father Jimmy works at Dominion and her mother Laura is a guidance counselor.

While at Calverton her mother enrolled her in summer theater camp. "Those were great programs. I always thought their theater program was fantastic there. And then also my writing teacher. Mr. Price is the director over at Patuxent."

But she never performed in school. "I was worried I wasn't going to make the cut, or I wasn't going to be cool enough. I was too nervous to go and audition." That continued to be the case at College of Southern Maryland and then on to Towson, where she majored in mass communications studies and communication studies. "So, I did a double concentration in PR and advertising," she explained.

She did build her confidence up while at Towson being a Red Bull energy drink ambassador. She said, "That was always a really good way to keep a little bit of creativity in there and being confident and talking to strangers or just speaking to people, it kind of builds confidence."

After retelling her early pre-Hollywood resume, she noted: "Every single lesson I learned, every job I worked absolutely is vital for every day of me being a successful producer here."

About that negative trifecta that prompted her move to Los Angeles, she said, "I felt annoyed, but I didn't feel

completely down in the dumps. It actually felt like, now that basically all my stuff was ruined in the fire. I don't have a place to live. I have family and friends. I was perfectly fine. I felt very content, but I was like, okay, I've been wanting to make a transition here for a while anyway, so why don't I try and move somewhere else."

Show business was in the back of her mind. "I think that was very present there. Growing up, I had never had any clue as to how to make a living in the entertainment business. And so that was what always prevented me from strongly pursuing it."

So, it started very slowly. "I was like a marketing consultant. I was picking up gigs here and there consulting for different companies, but on the side, it was like, let me start taking acting classes, let me start working on my social media and let me start short shooting these little videos. And so, I started just dipping my toe and became more and more comfortable until I started to see a path on where I could actually make a living and completely be in filmmaking."

She went to an audition for a rapper, WizKidz music video and that's where she met Fradkin, her boyfriend and co-producer. "I really liked his work. I looked at his work online before I went into the audition and I had a short film strip that I was looking for a director for."

They started working together. "I messaged him and we set a meeting and he mentioned that he needed a producer for an upcoming short film he was doing, and we had talked a lot about our professional abilities and so he brought me on as a producer and really started to just redirect skills that I had already had and show me where those could fit as a producer. Here's how you do a call sheet, here's how you assemble, here's how you hire crew. So, he was really the mentor for getting me started in this path."

At that point Fradkin was working on a draft of Electric Love. And, she would tell him, "I don't think that the girls would do this then. And I don't think that the roommates are talking like this. And so, then he would just move his laptop over to me and say, 'Well here, you write something for the girls' sides.'"

And that's how the collaboration developed that became Electric Love, which in a sense tells the story of Victoria and Aaron's dating relationship evolved. "We just became a team."

About the decision for independent production, she explained, "When we were writing we knew what money we had. We had a certain budget, and as we started reaching out to different crew members and other members of the team, we realized that we could make the movie within that budget. Trust me, we would love to go to a studio and have those meetings. But first of all, we didn't know anyone who we could really get the script in front of to actually make progress. And then even if we did that, we wanted to make a movie that was a little bit of like we'd written it. We spent all this time, let's make it as opposed to let's go take meetings and have somebody tell us when we can make it."

Once the movie was finished, they had some friends put them in touch with Gravitas Industries, a distributor, which came highly recommended for independent producers.

She explained the process begins with getting as many presales as possible from everyone they can contact. Then it's released either theatrically or in an on-demand mode, as Electric Love is now available.

She admitted there was still more prestige in a theater release. But she added, "I think that on-demand is a fantastic option because it really helps you immediately get into the home of millions upon millions of people and they can on an easygoing Thursday, Friday night decide to just watch your movie and then there you go. You have



Victoria Fratz

either a new fan or just a new viewer and a little bit of money coming in from that rental. So, I really liked that option because it's just helps; there's so much content out there. So, the fact that you are able to get in someone's home, I think that that's a great option."

Electric Love, she said, is about online dating in Los Angeles and follows Adam and Emma. They met on social media, she explained. "They're in, during the beginning, passion and excitement of a new relationship, but also the miscommunication and drama that comes with liking someone very quickly without paying attention to red flags along the way. And then we also explore their friends."

The cast included some "really talented acting friends." And one of those cast members was that shy girl from Calvert County, who plays a cameo role as the best friend of the leading man.

She said she thought it was a relatively small role until she heard from her father, grandfather and uncle, all independently, who messaged, "I didn't realize you had such a big role in it."

Fratz and Fradkin are working on writing their next project. She explained: "As soon as I really became a professional filmmaker, the first thing I wanted to do is go back to my hometown and make something great there because it's just so beautiful." They hope to begin filming here this summer, although several things need to fall into place first.

"I hate to say anything is absolutely happening until basically I'm there. It's every intention I have that this is the big goal of 2019 and I almost always just hit my goals. So, fingers crossed that we're there filming this movie and it's going to be great."

What's it about? "The story is a drama. It's kind of like a nice coming of age tale about a girl who's becoming the person that she wants to be and overcoming some obstacles. When we get there, I'm looking forward to calling on the businesses that I always remained friends with and hopefully I can include locals. We want to include local actors, local workers, local businesses, everything because it's really what adds a lot of magic to projects like this."

Where does she see her career going in five years?

"I would say that my strongest passion is producing. I really, really love the job of being a producer and so that's what I'm working on every single day. I also love writing. I just can't help myself. I love to jump in front of the camera every now and do a role here and there. It's something that I'd like to just keep my hand in and it's so much fun."

Wanna' Be Sailors and Boaters Invited to Open House in Solomons



Members and guests mingle during the 2018 Crew Listing Party at SMSA in Solomons. This year's Crew Listing Party is this Saturday from 4 - 6pm. Southern Maryland Sailing Association, SpinSheet Magazine, Buck Distributing, and MUSTO Apparel are the sponsors.

By Tim Flaherty
Staff Writer

SpinSheet Magazine, a sailing publication based in Annapolis, started hosting an annual "crew listing" party in an Annapolis boatyard back in 1996, the first full year of SpinSheet's existence. The original idea was to help local boat owners find racing crew for the active sailing scene in that city. The idea grew and grew.

Spinsheet now sponsors four annual Crew Listing Parties, including in Solomons. For the seventh year in a row, Southern Maryland Sailing Association will host and co-sponsor the SpinSheet Solomons Crew Listing Party presented by Miller Lite this Saturday, March 30th, at 4pm at the SMSA Clubhouse on Solomons Island.

"The whole idea is to get people on the water," says SpinSheet Associate Publisher Chris Charbonneau. "There's no experience necessary, just come out and meet boat owners." Charbonneau stressed the event isn't just geared to racing. "We want people to come out and meet cruising skippers, too. If you are really competitive, come on out. If you are looking for a laid-back boat to crew with, we've got people for you to meet as well."

There will be free heavy hors d'oeuvres, and SMSA will have its bar - with reasonably priced beverages - open for what is billed as an "open house" event. Sponsoring and hosting the party is an opportunity to promote the organization and its learn-to-sail opportunities to a wide community. The club hosts a popular summer kids sailing camp, as well as offering adult learn-to-sail weekends to new members, all at an affordable price compared to belonging to a traditional yacht club. Weekly racing is held in both large and small boats, and there is a complete schedule of cruising events offered through SMSA.

"We have something here for just about everybody," SMSA Commodore Jim Whited told The County Times.



SpinSheet Publisher Mary Ewenson introduces a sailing panel to the audience at last year's Crew Listing Party at Southern Maryland Sailing Association. This year's event is this Saturday from 4 - 6pm

"Learn-to-sail for all age groups, small boat racing, big boat racing, cruising just for fun, high school sailing. The Crew Listing Party enables us to have a festive open house where people can come by and ask questions and meet new friends. It give SMSA a chance to recruit new crew for our boats and recruit new members."

At least two boats and their skippers will be stationed at the end of the SMSA dock on Saturday for quick tours and Q&A with experienced sailors to answer questions and make new sailors feel at home.

Saturday's Crew Listing Party will also feature a panel discussion with boat skippers and crew members that will be moderated by Charbonneau.

MUSTO, a sailing apparel company, is a sponsor of the crew listing series. Similar parties are held in Annapolis, Baltimore, and Hampton, VA. Registering in advance for a party is not necessary, but it does automatically enter you in drawings for MUSTO shoes and a pricey MUSTO sailing jacket. Go to <https://www.spinsheet.com/crew-parties> to register for the Southern Maryland Sailing Association event.

The local beverage sponsor of the Solomons Crew Listing Party is Buck Distributing of Upper Marlboro, distributor of Miller Lite Beer.

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Alvey Flawless In Potomac Season Opener Quade Scores in Limited LM Feature



Darren Alvey wired the field to score his first win of the season in last Saturday nights 20-lap RUSH Crate Late Model main at Potomac Speedway. The win for Alvey, came in his trusty Alvey Brothers Farm Rocket no.30, and would be the 8th of his career with the RUSH Crates.

Alvey and class rookie Jeremy Pilkerton brought the field to green with Alvey booming into the race lead as the field scattered off turn two. As Alvey lead, fifth starting Logan Roberson emerged in second and went after Alvey. Two late race cautions bunched the field and gave Roberson an opportunity, however he was no match as Alvey drove to the win by three car lengths at the finish. "After the last practice session we found something on the car we didn't like and the boys worked hard all week to get it fixed." Alvey stated post race. "It's great to get a win on opening day and a big thanks to all our crew and sponsors this win is for them." Roberson held tough for second, defending track champion Chuck Bowie was third, Austin Bussler produced a career-best finish with fourth and Brad Rigdon would complete the top-five. Heats went to Chuck Bowie and Dale Hollidge.

Derick Quade scored a flag to flag win in the companion 20-lap Limited Late Model headliner. Quade shot from the pole and would lead the duration scoring his 14th career division win aboard his Black Diamond no.74. «It always helps to start up front, but we had a great race car tonight.» Quade stated in victory lane. «The new surface will take some getting used to, but it sure is good getting a win early in the season.» Defending track champion Tyler Emory was second with Billy Tucker, Jonny Oliver and Dale Murphy rounding out the top-five. Heats went Brandon Long and Dale Murphy.

In support class action Marty Hanbury, at 73 years young, took the win

in the 16-lap Street Stock feature, Greg Morgan came out on top in a wild finish in the 15-lap Hobby Stock feature with Stephen Suite scoring a convincing win in the nightcap 15-lap U-Car main.

RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish

1. Darren Alvey 2. Logan Roberson 3. Chuck Bowie 4. Austin Bussler 5. Brad Rigdon 6. Ben Bowie 7. Megan Mann 8. Jeremy Pilkerton 9. Jonathan Raley 10. Dale Hollidge 11. Donny Tepper 12. Harry Shipe III 13. Carl Vaughn 14. Ronnie Martin Jr. (DNS)

Limited Late Model feature finish

1. Derick Quade 2. Tyler Emory 3. Billy Tucker 4. Jonny Oliver 5. Dale Murphy 6. Matt Tarbox 7. Todd Plummer 8. Sam Archer 9. Richard Culver 10. Brandon Long

Street Stock feature finish

1. Marty Hanbury 2. Mike Raleigh 3. Paul Jones 4. Matt Randall 5. John Bal-lou DNS-Deuce Wright, Ed Pope Jr.

Hobby Stock feature finish

1. Greg Morgan 2. Jonathan Knott 3. Hilton Pickeral 4. Mikey Latham 5. Stevie Gingery 6. Dave Adams 7. Chris Cooke 8. Buddy Dunagan 9. Kyle Randall 10. Colin Long 11. Kyle Nelson 12. Robbie Kramer 13. Ray Bucci 14. Billy Crouse

U-Car feature finish

1. Stephen Suite 2. Cody Stamp 3. Billy Smith 4. Ben Pirner 5. Justin Knight 6. Larry Lamb 7. Dominic King 8. Ryan Quade 9. Owen Lacey 10. Tim Steele 11. Logan Aldeman 12. Mackenzie Smith 13. Stephanie Homberg 14. Joey Suite 15. Brad Saylor

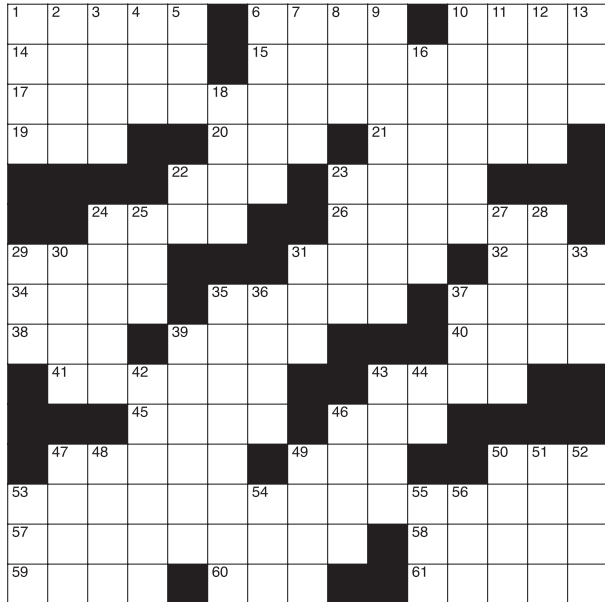
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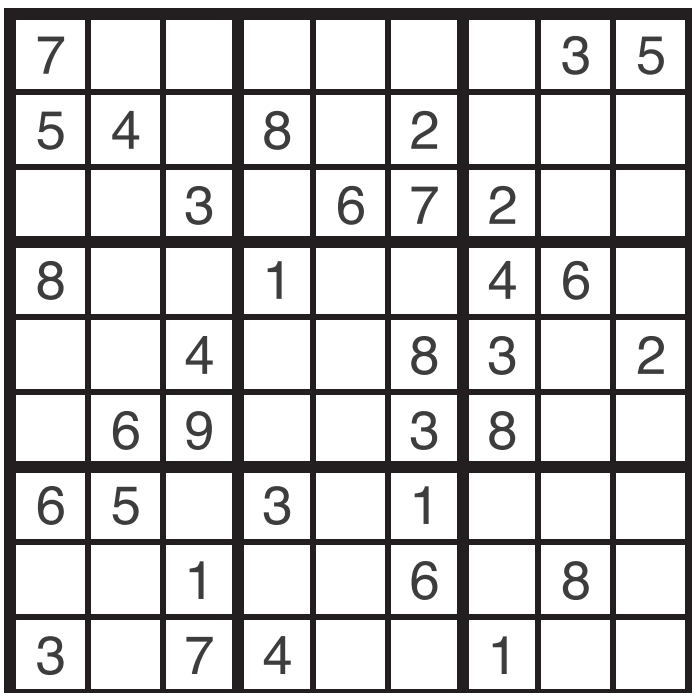
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- 6. A group of countries in special alliance
- 10. Stone
- 14. Move with a splashing sound
- 15. Can be fixed
- 17. Giving human characteristics to the nonhuman
- 19. Other side of yang (Chinese)
- 20. Consume
- 21. Gave it a go
- 22. One point north of due east
- 23. Fat used to make puddings
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Not awake
- 29. Not nice
- 31. Frighten
- 32. Political action committee

- 34. Skin problem
- 35. Type of music
- 37. Intestinal pouches
- 38. Eight
- 39. Emerald Isle
- 40. Interpret characters
- 41. Abandon
- 43. Felines
- 45. Energy and enthusiasm
- 46. Resembles a pouch
- 47. Relating to sense of smell
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Bradley Int'l Airport
- 53. _____ yonder
- 57. Tared and _____
- 58. Boyish
- 59. This (Spanish)
- 60. Male parent
- 61. Lounge chair

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- 1. Sports award
- 2. Monetary unit of Angola
- 3. Some animals live here

- 4. Former CIA
- 5. Global health group
- 6. Male given name
- 7. Opposite of right
- 8. Open Payment Initiative
- 9. Desert plants
- 10. A bird that cannot fly
- 11. Off-Broadway theater award
- 12. Lump of clay
- 13. Barbie's pal
- 16. Seldom
- 18. Noses
- 22. Denotes past
- 23. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 24. ___ Claus
- 25. Comes before two
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Nocturnal rodent
- 29. Chinese revolutionary
- 30. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 31. Enjoyable
- 33. Villain
- 35. Discussed
- 36. Waterfall (Scottish)
- 37. Old television part (abbr.)
- 39. Roughly chipped flint
- 42. Helps change channels
- 43. ___ Sagan, astronomer
- 44. Cooling unit
- 46. Uttered words
- 47. Small integers
- 48. Type of data
- 49. Inspired
- 50. France's first Jewish PM
- 51. Famed sci-fi novel
- 52. Body parts
- 53. Nigerian City
- 54. Amount of time
- 55. Coloring material
- 56. Type of constrictor snake



Southern Maryland Film Festival Coming in August



The Steering Committee for the Southern Maryland Film Festival (SMDF) is excited to announce that they are revising their date and revamping their venue for 2019. This year the Festival will be held the weekend of August 23rd in a single, indoor, air-conditioned location: Lexington Exchange Movies 12 in California.

"It's an incredible opportunity for our filmmakers to see their movies with a live audience on a full size screen," says SMDF Operations Manager Theresa Wood. According to Wood, one of the movie theatre employees approached the Festival Committee with the possibility of showing movies on the big screen. "To our amazement David Campbell, general manager, and RC Theatres graciously offered to be our screening venue sponsor for this year, providing us an exclusive, dedicated screening room for the entire day of the event at Lexington Exchange Movies 12."

In the past the SMDF has been held in various locations throughout Leonardtown, along with two smaller fests in Indian Head and North Beach. Committee Secretary and Sponsorship Coordinator Heather Husk says that the Committee is grateful for the support they received early on from the Commissioners of Leonardtown, St. Mary's County Arts Council, and the local business community of the Tri-County area. "As the reputation of the Festival has grown, more local businesses are eager to lend their support," she adds.

Former Event Coordinator for the Commissioners of Leonardtown, Maria Fleming, continues to volunteer with the Steering Committee, citing that moving the Film Festival to a single indoor location will simplify logistics for the SMDF team as well as the attendees. Bill Stea and Alex David, the technical masterminds behind the film festival, are pleased that the theater has equipment that can handle multiple formats of digital movies, which may increase the number and quality of submissions.

The SMDF Steering Committee will be accepting movie submissions until July 1st, 2019. Filmmakers interested in submitting their movies to the event should review procedures and guidelines on the website at smdff.org. Questions for the committee can be submitted via email to SMDfilmfest@gmail.com.

Newtowne Players Present Neil Simon's Brighton Beach Memories

The Newtowne Players will present Neil Simon's Broadway hit comedy "Brighton Beach Memoirs" from March 29 to April 14. Performances will be Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 3:30 p.m.

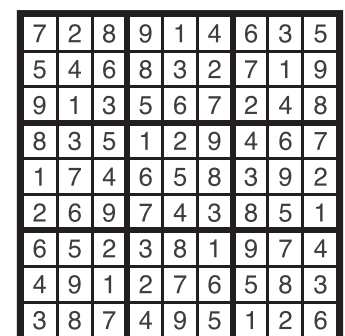
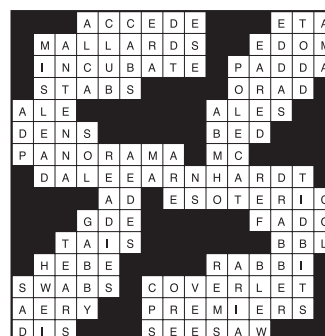
The play will be presented at the Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, LexingtonPark, MD 20653. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors, students and military; and \$10 for children age 12 and under. Thursdays only, all seats are \$10. All tickets may be purchased online at www.newtowneplayers.org, or by calling 301-737-5447.

"Brighton Beach Memoirs" is Neil Simon's autobiographical portrait of the writer as a young teen in 1937 living with his family in a crowded, lower

middle-class Brooklyn walk-up. Eugene Jerome, standing in for the author, is the narrator and central character. Dreaming of baseball and girls, Eugene must cope with the mundane existence of his family life: his formidable mother, overworked father, and worldly older brother Stanley. Throw into the mix his widowed Aunt Blanche, her two young (but rapidly aging) daughters and you have a recipe for hilarity, served up Simon-style. This bittersweet memoir evocatively captures the life of a struggling Jewish household where, as his father states, "if you didn't have a problem, you wouldn't be living here."

Press Release from Newtowne Players

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



In Remembrance

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

William Raymond "Bill" McCarthy



William Raymond "Bill" McCarthy, 80, of Leonardtown passed away March 23, 2019 at St. Mary's Nursing Center. He was born October 20, 1938 in Washington, D.C. to Dennis J. and Nellie L. (Sparshott) McCarthy. Bill was raised in D.C. and joined the United States Army, following high school. He was employed as a maintenance supervisor for various housing and apartment complexes. Bill was a people person who enjoyed fishing, music, playing harmonica, dancing and socializing.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife Joyce Marie McCarthy in 2008 and siblings Donald, Joe, Bob, Pat and Mary Ann McCarthy. He is survived by his stepdaughter Angela Lin "Angie" Dowell and husband Jeff of Hollywood, grandchildren Alyssa and Jeffrey Dowell, sister Geraldine Reszczynski, brother John McCarthy, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, March 29, 2019, 10-11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral Service will follow at 11 at the funeral home.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Nursing Center, 21585 Peabody Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650; 301-475-8000; <https://www.smnci.org/>

John Douglas "Doug" Parran

In the stillness before dawn on Friday, March 22, 2019, John Douglas "Doug" Parran peacefully passed from this life to the next. His unwavering faith in Jesus Christ supported him through his long ordeal and was an inspiration to all those who loved and cared for him. He spent the last 3 months of his life at the Burnett Calvert Hospice House on Sixes Road in Prince Frederick. They provided palliative care and his close circle of family and caregivers insured that during his final weeks, he was never alone.

Born October 21, 1952 in Washington D.C., to Thomas Parran Jr. and Addie Marie Bonner, he spent his early life



between Maryland and California, all the while maintaining close ties to the friends and families in both locations.

The third generation in his family to attend Charlotte Hall Military Academy in Charlotte Hall, Doug's education continued through diligent self-study in areas about which he was most passionate: Technology, vintage cars and music. Some will remember his aptitude at repairing early VCRs while he stayed at the family's farm in St Leonard. He also participated in the operations of the family's transportation business: Maryland Bus Line and Parran Limousines.

Recognizing the cultural shift in the county, he felt it was important to document everyday events and honed his videography skills recording parades, car shows, concerts and events throughout the Calvert County and beyond. Notably, he created a video compilation for once Presidential Candidate, Bob Dole. As well, his creative mind conceived and built one of the first on-line social dating platforms long before they became popular.

In 1998, he was elected as County Commissioner and served during a time of tremendous growth and change in the county until 2002. He greatly appreciated the opportunity to serve the people of Calvert County and worked very hard to serve them to the best of his ability.

Despite his dwindling health, he remained determined to stay in touch with his community of friends in Southern California. In August of 2018, to the amazement of his doctors, he galvanized the strength to return to welcome the newest grandchild in his best friend's family, in Oceanside, California.

John Douglas was preceded in death by his sister Linda, and his parents. He is survived by his older brother, Thomas Parran III of St. Leonard, and his first cousins: Anne Parran Sledge of Lusby, Edward Sledge of Baltimore, Elizabeth Wagner Kirkley of Charleston, South Carolina, and Robert Bond Wagner of Silver Spring, MD and their families and children.

Family and friends are invited to attend historic Christ Church on Broome's Island Road, in Port Republic for an

11:00 service on Friday, March 29th. Internment will follow in the family plot at the church. Afterwards, fellowship, music and food will be shared at Adam's Rib on Route 4.

In lieu of flowers contributions in Doug's memory to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick would be appreciated. They served him well.

Rosemary D. Harrell, 57, of Prince Frederick, MD passed away on March 21, 2019 in Prince Frederick, MD.

Rosemary Dornan Harrell



Rosemary Dornan Harrell, a long time resident of Calvert County, was welcomed into Heaven's Glory on March 21, 2019 at age 57. She bore her affliction with fortitude, grace, courage and remained, until the end, a pillar of strength for all who knew her. Her devotion to her family and firm belief and trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ, supported her in her time of struggle and ultimately gave her peace.

Born September 21, 1961 in Glasgow, Scotland. She immigrated with her family in 1967 at a young age aboard the U.S.S. United States and became a proud citizen of this country. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Dornan and the late James Dornan.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 36 years Mason Thomas Har-

rell; two sons Chason Thomas Harrell and Ethan Pierce Harrell; and daughter Emily Rose Harrell.

At the age of 14, Rosemary met the love of her life, Mason, on Christmas morning and they went through life inseparable. In her youth, Rosemary enjoyed all things outdoors – from time on the beach, sunbathing on the boat, and exploring historic sites. She enjoyed reading outside on warm sunny days, honey buns for breakfast, sitting by the pool with friends, and most of all spending time with her husband and children. Rosemary was a devoted mother and a loving wife, sister, daughter and friend.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday, March 28th, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Rausch Funeral Homes in Port Republic, MD. A funeral service will follow at 12 noon with Pastor Floyd Grissom officiating. Interment will follow in Chesapeake Highlands in Port Republic, Maryland.

JoAnn Adams



JoAnn Adams, 79, a longtime resident of Chesapeake Beach passed away March 20, 2019. JoAnn was born May 6, 1939 in Cumberland to Frank Leroy and Kathryn Florence (Skipper) Cranford. She was raised in Cumberland and grad-

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uated from Fort Hill High School. After graduating, JoAnn moved to Washington, D.C. and worked for C&P Telephone Company and in the accounting department at Peoples Drug. After moving to Chesapeake Beach in 1965, JoAnn was employed by the Calvert County Board of Education as a Teachers Aid at the North Beach Annex and Beach Elementary Schools. She later was employed in the Accounting Department of Safeway Stores and was an office manager for Cleary Construction.

Fulfilling her dream to work with those that needed assistance, JoAnn later worked for the Arc of Southern Maryland and most recently was the Director of On Our Own of Calvert, a wellness and recovery center in Prince Frederick. JoAnn had a lifetime commitment to the youth of Calvert County, especially in the Twin Beaches; she was both a Girl Scout Leader and Cub Scout Den Mother. In 1967 she founded the Chesapeake Beach Police and Recreation Club, the first of its kind in the Twin Beach area. She later founded the Twin Beach Majorette and Drum Corps, Legionette Majorette and Drums Corps and DajaVu Color Guard.

She was a member of Mt. Harmony United Methodist Church, The Red Hats Society, Maryland Originals Fife and Drum Corps and The American Originals Fife and Drums Corps. JoAnn loved to travel, as there usually was a packed bag ready at a moments notice. She traveled around the country and Europe performing with the Fife and Drum Corps. She also enjoyed many adventures with her family, Red Hat ladies, and friends traveling the US, Caribbean and Europe. JoAnn was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 206, Chesapeake Beach, MD and the Woman of the Moose, Chapter 653, Woodbridge, VA.

In 2009 JoAnn was the recipient of the Calvert County You are Beautiful Award and in 2010 she received the Maryland Governor's Volunteer Service Award for her unending dedication to her Community. JoAnn had a huge heart and loved reaching out and helping those in need.

She touched the lives of many people and will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her parents and a brother Gary Lee Cranford. She is survived by son Robert L. Brown and wife Connie of South Sterling, PA, daughter Leslie Brown Andrews and husband Kevin of Edgewater, grandsons Edward Condit Beall and wife Gina, Aleksander Joseph Andrews and Bradan Frank Andrews, brother Donald Cranford of Santa Monica, CA and nieces Stephanie and Stacey Cranford. She is also survived many dear friends and Red Hat members Maggie McLaughlin, Vera Wilkerson, Sandy Lubbes, Patsy Mitchell, Mary Ann Pearson, Grace James, Jean Pounds and Cathy Leufler, as well as the staff and consumers of On Our Own of Calvert.

Memorial contributions may be made to On Our Own of Calvert, 24 Solomons Island Road South, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-7576; Link: <https://onourownm>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Jerry Allen Whittaker



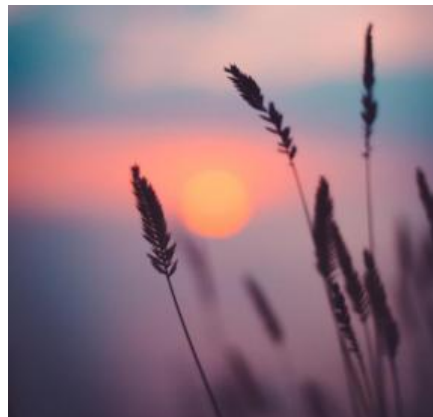
Jerry Allen Whittaker, 74, of Huntingtown passed away March 19, 2019. He was born September 30, 1944 in

Canebrake, WV to Morgan and Lovie (Gibson) Whittaker. Jerry was raised in Amonate, VA in coal mining camps. He moved to Washington, D.C. with his family when he was 14. Jerry was employed as a truck driver with HD Supply, delivering construction materials. He married Norma Lynne Weakley on May 25, 1996 and they lived in Huntingtown. Jerry enjoyed fishing, camping, boating and working in the yard.

Jerry is survived by his wife Norma Lynne Whittaker of Huntingtown, step-daughters Virginia Meadows and husband Alan of Huntingtown and Dawn Ohanessian and husband Aris of Harrisonburg, VA and grandchildren Robert, Steven and Tyler Meadows and Calla Ohanessian.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 217 E. Redwood Street, 11th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; Link: <https://www.heart.org/> Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Norman A. Hoerauf



Norman A. Hoerauf, 88, of Solomons, MD passed away on March 19, 2019 in Baltimore, MD.

Norman was born in Bay City, Michigan. He began dating Marie Schmidt when they were 16 years old, and they married July 12, 1952.

Norm graduated from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois with a Bachelor of Science Degree in education in 1953 and earned a Master's Degree in Education Administration from the University of Michigan in 1959.

From 1953 - 1956, Norm worked in Grand Rapids, Michigan, first as a teacher at Immanuel Lutheran School then as a teaching principal at Redeemer Congregation Christian Day School. In 1956, he became a teaching principal at Redeemer Lutheran School, Baltimore, Maryland, where he worked for eight years. In 1964, he moved to Hyattsville, Maryland, as Principal of Concordia Lutheran School, where he served for the next 30 years. Norm retired from the teaching ministry in August 1994.

During his professional life, Norm served as a member and chairman of the board for Christian Education for the Southeastern District, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod; chairman of the Na-

tional Capital Lutheran Teachers Conference; chairman of the Southeastern District Teachers Conference; and chairman of the Southeastern District Committee on School Improvement.

Norm and Marie were blessed with five children: Gail, Randall, Robert, David and Donald.

After retirement, Norm and Marie built a house in St. Leonard, Maryland. In June 2017, they moved to an apartment at Asbury Solomons. During their time in Southern Maryland, they were active members of First Lutheran Church, Huntingtown, Maryland.

Norm is survived by his wife Marie, five children, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 30, 2019, 10-11 a.m. at First Lutheran Church of Calvert County, 6300 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Huntingtown, MD 20639. Memorial Service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church.

Interment will be Saturday, March 30, 2019, 2 p.m. at Middleham Chapel Cemetery, 10210 H.G. Trueman Road., Lusby, MD 20657.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Lutheran Church of Calvert County 6300 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Huntingtown, MD 20639 or Lutheran Hour Ministries, 660 Mason Ridge Center Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Mary Ellen Renke



Mary Ellen Renke, 62, of Chesapeake Beach, MD passed away on Monday March 18, 2019 at Calvert Health Medical Center in Prince Frederick, MD. She was born on October 27, 1956 to Marvin August and Alverta Juanita (Chaney) Tulgetske. Mary Ellen was raised in Calvert County and attended public schools. She had a wonderful childhood. She married Kenneth Renke and they had a beautiful baby boy named Kenneth Renke Jr. on November 25, 1994. Mary Ellen worked for The American Legion, Dash-In, Rod N Reel, Roland's grocery store and Trader's. Through the many jobs she held over the years she met a



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lot of wonderful people who loved and adored her. In her leisure, she loved to go to the beach, to dance and go to parties. She loved to sit around with friends and chatting about life. She enjoyed walking on the boardwalk in North beach and she loved eating crabs! Mary loved to spend time with her family. She loved and adored her two sisters Barbara and Gloria (Jeannie) who she has now joined in Heaven. Mary had only one son Lil' Kenny whom she loved so much. She could talk about him for hours. Anyone she ever met heard about Lil' Kenny, she carried his pictures in her wallet (all of them) from the time he was born until he graduated high school, the love she had for him was unconditional. Mary also had so many nieces and nephews. She enjoyed spending time with her great-great niece Aalayah Jones who brought such love and light to her life. She was loved by so many and will be greatly missed.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Viola Verna Willey



Viola Verna Willey, age 88 of Laurel, DE passed away at her granddaughter's home in Lusby, MD on March 18, 2019, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Randolph, ME on April 24, 1930, and is the daughter of the late Dorothy Caton and Lester Mallory. Viola was preceded in death by her son, James R Willey Sr., granddaughter, Lisa Willey Dougherty, seven brothers, and two sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Alicia O'Dell and husband Curtis of Lusby, MD; daughter in law, Judy Willey of Bethel, DE; grandchildren, Carl O'Dell of Lusby, MD, James R Willey Jr. of Owings, MD, Sherri Bussler and husband William of Bethel, DE, Tabatha Willey of Lusby, MD, Misty Maag of Catonsville, MD, and Jamie Willey of Bethel, DE, step-grandson, Larry Woodruff of Norway, ME; many nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters, Anna Harper of KS and Priscilla Simington of ME.

Viola started working at a young age and retired in 1993 from the Federal Government. She loved being a Night Librarian at Crossland High School for

26 years. After retiring, she spent many hours volunteering at Jefferson Patterson Park and Battle Creek Nature Center until she moved to Laurel, DE in 2007. Viola enjoyed reading, watching Perry Mason, and lighthouses. Her most loved place to sit and read was out in her sun-room watching nature as the sun shined in. She loved being surrounded by her family and friends especially her grandchildren. Her kindness and generosity were one of a kind. Everyone she met could feel her loving, compassionate, and giving heart through her smile and laughter.

She will forever be in our hearts and truly loved and missed by many.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 30, 2019, from 10 – 11 am at the Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. A Celebration of Life Service will be offered at 11 am with Chaplain Bill Miller officiating. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions to be made to either, Jefferson Patterson Park, 10115 Mackall Rd., St. Leonard, MD 20685 or Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary, c/o Courthouse, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678. To leave the family a condolence please visit www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.

Frances "Fritzie" Gay Zidow



Frances "Fritzie" Gay Zidow, 77, of Lusby Maryland, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 16th, 2019. She was born August 10, 1941, in New Castle, PA to the late Clarence and Gay (Anderson) Snyder. She was a graduate from New Castle High School and went on to receive her master's degree in Special Education from Slippery Rock University.

Fritzie was a retired teacher from Patuxent High School. She devoted herself to providing for her family's future and inspired her children and grandchildren to pursue success in education and hard work. She was a loving and caring sister, mother, grandmother, and friend. She loved her family more than words could describe. She loved being surrounded by her family, as well as spending time with friends. Her passion was always to be on the water, and to learn to

sail. She also enjoyed gardening, traveling, antiquing, and collecting Shenango China. She was an active member of the community and a volunteer at the One Room Schoolhouse. Fritzie also was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Fritzie is preceded in death by her parents, her brother, John Snyder, and her husband, Robert Zidow. She is survived by her two sisters, Louise Snyder and Patricia Snyder, and brother, Joseph Snyder; her three daughters, Heidi (Jason)

Washell, Gaynell (Michael) Deinert, and Gretchen Schweitzer; ten loving grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service officiated by Rev. Walter Beaudwin will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 11000 H.G. Trueman Road, Lusby, MD 20657. A reception will follow in the activity center.

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

Remembering Harry Hughes

To the Editor:

The passing of Governor Harry Hughes and the outpouring of tributes for him in recent days bring back a flood of good memories. I am reflecting on how much the opportunity to work with him meant to me as the newly appointed 31-year-old Executive Director of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, nearly forty years ago.

During my first week on the job I met Governor Hughes at a gathering in Nanjemoy in October of 1980, the last month of that year's Presidential campaign, and attended a breakfast meeting with him and local elected officials in Solomons a few days later.

As a young person still in the early years of my career in public service I thought it was remarkable to find myself having a conversation with the Governor of Maryland—twice in one week. I had spent six years as deputy director of the regional council in Toledo but had never met or even seen the Governor of Ohio. So the first thing that struck me about Harry Hughes was how accessible he was—and willing to engage and listen carefully to ideas on their merits. I never recall a gauntlet of handlers or a façade of self-importance surrounding Governor Hughes.

Hughes paid attention to Southern Maryland and was a frequent visitor. He had forged lasting friendships in the Maryland Senate with two of our most important regional leaders—J. Frank Raley, Jr. of St. Mary's County and John Thomas Parran of Charles County, both mentors of mine. Together, with very different personalities and styles of governing, they changed Southern Maryland history, ending the slot machine era which had retarded the region's economic growth, developing modern institutions of higher education, establishing the Tri-County Council to push for State action on the region's priorities, building infrastructure like the Thomas Johnson Bridge to bind our counties closer together, strengthening the region's naval bases at Patuxent River and Indian Head, and working to restore water quality in our rivers and Bay.

I realize now the unique opportunity I had to work with the Governor on some of our important regional initiatives, early in the steady transformation of Southern Maryland during the 1980s, from one of the least competitive regions in the State to one of the most dynamic and prosperous.

Hughes put me on the newly created Patuxent River Commission, where I served for 14 years with Calvert County Commissioner and State Senator Bernie Fowler, and participated in the historic Patuxent Charette in 1981. The success of the Commission's advocacy for the River helped inspire

Governor Hughes to launch the Chesapeake Bay program. If seven counties could work together with the State to clean up the Patuxent River, he reasoned, why couldn't the six states in the Chesapeake Bay watershed do the same?

In these early years I also worked with Governor Hughes to organize the events celebrating Maryland's 350th Anniversary in 1984—seizing a strategic opportunity to share the heritage of our region of the State and its beauty with all Marylanders, and the residents of nearby metropolitan areas. Hundreds of thousands made their first trip to Southern Maryland during the Anniversary.

Hughes had a big impact in other ways. He was Maryland's first Secretary of Transportation, and in that role pulled together the State's previously independent administrative fiefdoms of highway, transit, aviation, port, toll authority, and MVA into one department under one Secretary—combining previously independent streams of revenue into a Transportation Trust Fund. In a testament to his character and integrity, Hughes resigned in 1977 as Secretary of MDOT after an attempt to force him to award a major contract for subway construction in Baltimore to a politically connected firm, instead of the most qualified firm submitting the low bid on the project. The nearly 50-year tradition of consultation, collaboration, transparency and accountability between MDOT and the State's counties began with Harry Hughes' leadership as Maryland's first Transportation Secretary.

After the disillusionment and pervasive distrust of government in the aftermath of Vietnam and Watergate, and the stain on Maryland's reputation left by Spiro T. Agnew and Marvin Mandel, Governor Harry Hughes was the leader of character and integrity we needed to restore the honor of our State. Money, fame and power held no dominion over him. His leadership style embodied the classic virtues of self-control and steady temperament. It was a privilege to know him and work with him.

No one could have predicted the election of Harry Hughes in 1978. At critical moments throughout American history, when the need has been greatest, the hand of providence has defied the odds and given us such leaders. May fortune smile on us again in the years to come.

Gary V. Howdge
President
Regional Policy Advisors
White Plains, MD

Community Calendar

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

ONGOING

Free Mixed Wood

The Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, offers free mixed wood to Calvert County businesses and residents. Available for pick up Monday through Friday at the Appeal Landfill, 401 Sweetwater Road, Lusby. Info: call 410-326-0210 or visit www.calvertcountymd.gov/recycle.

Broad Perspective

A Photographers' Show. Eclectic styles and visions! A symphony of nature, Americana, wildlife, abstracts, and digital photographic art. Show runs through April 7. Wed-Sun, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. calvART Gallery, Prince Frederick Shopping Center. 410-535-9252

Rise Up!

A Teen Art Exhibit showcasing the talent, creativity and perspective of today's teens. Exhibit runs through April 14. Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Dowell Road, Solomons.

UPCOMING

Certain Souls

The Twin Beach Players will be presenting this collection of eight monologues written by playwright Ken Jaworowski directed by Jeff Larsen. These monologues take us down an all too familiar path we seem to face in life. Adult language and content. Limited seating. Reservations: www.twinbeachplayers.org/tickets. April 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 8:00 PM. April 7 and 14 at 3:00 PM. Boys & Girls Club, 9021 Dayton Avenue, North Beach. 410-610-2157

Backyard Buffers

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources and Calvert Master Gardeners are offering free tree seedlings to help improve water quality in Calvert County. Residents can choose from two mixes of trees and shrubs. Requests must be received by April 10. Liz Laher, email llaher@umd.edu. 410-535-3662

Thursday, March 28

Where the River Meets the Bay

Calvert Marine Museum, Harms Gallery, Solomons
7:00 PM

The Long Road to Chesapeake Bay Clean Waters: History, Tough Issues and Recent Successes. Presented by Dr. Walt Boynton. The first in a series exploring the history and natural environment of the unique and colorful region in which we reside. Free. 410-326-2042.

www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Spring into Fashion

Northeast Community Center, Chesapeake Beach
7:00 - 9:00 PM

1st Annual Spring Fashion Show! Watch or show off your impeccable fashion sense. For ages 11-17. Register. 410-535-1600 ext. 8210 or 410-257-2554

TBT Zumba Gold-Toning

Sunderland Elementary School, 150C Jones Rd.
7:00 - 8:00 PM

The Zumba party you love at your own pace with a total body workout using light weights to shake up those muscles. All fitness levels welcome. No experience necessary. Register. Calvert County Parks & Recreation. 410-535-1600 x8200

Friday, March 29

Spring Dinner

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

6:30 - 9:00 PM
Appetizers 6:30. Sit-down dinner 7:00. Main course Surf & Turf. Wine/Beer included. Silent Auction. Live Entertainment. Minimum donation \$65/person. Advance purchase required: 410-326-4948

Teen Takeover

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, 13470 Dowell Road, Solomons
7:00 - 10:00 PM

A free event for high school teens. High School Teens Only! No parents. No siblings. 410-326-4640, www.annmariegarden.org

Saturday, March 30

Mulch Sale

Huntingtown High School
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
EZ-Carry 2 cubic foot bags shredded hardwood mulch —black, red, brown, and natural. Ready for delivery or pick-up. Delivery for 15 bags or more within HHS district. HHS Band—Marching Hurricanes. Leave voicemail 443-550-8833.

Spring Craft & Vendor Fair

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 25 Church St., Prince Frederick
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Support the Therapeutic Summer Day Camp at Barstow Acres Children's Center. Lunches available for sale, bake sale table, and raffles. Email baccoutreach@gmail.com.

Kitten Shower

Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter, 5055 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The shelter is taking donations of kitten supplies to prepare for the litters of kittens to be born in spring. A full list of accepted items at: www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com/shower. 410-535-7387.

Glow Basketball - Middle School Edition

Northeast Community Center, Chesapeake Beach
8:00 - 10:00 AM

An epic evening for ninth-12th graders. Rims and basketballs light up. Music, pizza and drink. \$5. 410-257-2554. Calvert County Parks & Recreation. 410-535-1600 x8200.

Motown Night

American Legion Post 206, Chesapeake Beach
7:30 - 11:30 PM

The Sons of the American Legion Stallings-Williams Post host music by DJ Stephen Varney. \$10 includes draft beer and sodas. Tickets at the door. Public welcome. 410-257-9878. www.ALPost206.org

Monday, April 1

Sweet Frog Night

Sweet Frog, Prince Frederick
4:00 - 9:00 PM
Benefit the animals at the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter.

Tuesday, Apr 2

Animal Care Training

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, 2880 Grays Road, Prince Frederick
9:00 - 11:00 AM

Calvert Stewards volunteer opportunity. Learn to clean cages, feed the animals and handle them. For ages 10+. 410-535-5327. CypressSwamp@calvertcountymd.gov

Fitness Mania

Mt. Hope Community Center, 104 Pushaw Station Road, Sunderland
10:00 - 11:00 AM

Bring the children and their friends for exercise set to upbeat music. Obstacle course is fun and not too challenging for everyone involved. Free. 410-535-1600, x8220

Screech Owl Care and Training

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, 2880 Grays Road, Prince Frederick
1:30 - 3:30 PM

Calvert Stewards volunteer opportunity. Learn about the care and handling

of screech owls. Gain experience to handle them on your own. For ages 15+. 410-535-5327. CypressSwamp@calvertcountymd.gov

Transportation Plan Workshop

Calvert Middle School Cafeteria, 655 Chesapeake Blvd., Prince Frederick
6:30 - 8:30 PM

Review plans and studies conducted over the past decade and transportation conditions that exist today. Participate to prioritize specific locations of concern and potential solutions. www.co.cal.md.us/index.aspx?nid=2408

Tiny Bubbles Mentoring

Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, Solomons,
7:00 - 8:00 PM

For community college STEM students. At this public Science for Citizens seminar, Dr. Lapham will discuss a program to encourage students to get involved in STEM. Free. Seating first-come, first-served. www.umces.edu/cbl/science-citizens

Zumba Toning Tuesday

Mt. Hope Community Ctr., 104 Pushaw Station Rd., Sunderland
7:00 - 8:00 PM

If you love to dance, this fitness class is for you. No experience necessary. Register. Calvert County Parks & Recreation. 410-535-1600 x8200.

Wednesday, April 3

National Walking Day

National Heart Assoc. & Calvert County Parks & Recreation (CCPR)

Take a 30-minute walk with a friend. Wear comfortable clothes and drink plenty of water. Email a picture of you and your peers walking to sports@calvertcountymd.gov and CCPR will upload it on Facebook!

Get to Know St. Leonard Creek

Flag Pond, 1525 Flag Pond Parkway, Lusby
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Learn about the health of St. Leonard Creek and how you can make a difference! Relax, connect with community members, and engage in a little trivia! Snacks provided. Free event. Registration required: app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/AmericanChestnutLand-Trust/friendsofstleonardcreek-1.html. 410-414-3400

Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

Thursday, March 28

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

"I Can" series: The Trades. 6:30-8:00pm. Women can have any career. Middle and high school young women are invited to come meet women in non-traditional careers, learn about their career path and ask questions. Co-sponsored by Calvert Commission for Women and Career and Technology Academy. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Friday, March 29

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, March 30

Garden Smarter: Bad Bugs: Control Them Without Chemicals. 10:00-11:30am. Less than 10% of insects are truly harmful and destructive. Learn who their natural predators – the Good Guys – are and how you can entice them to your garden. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Money Smart Week: Financial Planning. 2:00-3:00pm. Join Lyn Striegel and Calvert Library to discuss the need for financial planning. Lyn will also present her book, "LIVE SECURE: Financial Planning for Women and the Men Who Love Them." Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Monday, April 1

Dyslexia for a Day Simulation. 6:30-8:30pm. It is likely you have a friend or family member with dyslexia. Have you ever thought about the challenges they face daily? Come experience five simulations that will let you experience what it is like to have dyslexia. This is a repeat of our February dyslexia simulation. "I think this experience has given me a whole new level of understanding of what my son experiences every day. And, I definitely think I will be much more patient with him and just realizing how hard he is working." - Kathleen, parent. Registration requested but not required. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or

301-855-1862.

Tuesday, April 2

Writers by the Bay @ the Library. 7:00-8:30pm. Looking for a writers' group? All writers and would-be writers are welcome to come for critique & camaraderie. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Prepare for Investing: Getting Your Financial House in Order. 7:00-8:30pm. Learn to track expenses, estimate cash flow, trim expenses, manage debt, start an emergency fund, set financial goals and know your net worth. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Wednesday, April 3

How to Get SSI & Medical Assistance, Go to Work..and Live to Tell About It. 6:30-8:30pm. If you have a son or daughter with a disability who is applying for or receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, you probably have lots of questions, such as: Who is eligible for SSI? What are the financial limits? How much should my child receive? How can I make sure my child gets the maximum benefit? What medical benefit will my child get with SSI? How do we apply for SSI, and what are some tips to get approved more quickly? How do we appeal if we are denied? How does paid work affect SSI? How do "work incentives" help protect SSI when you work? What is Social Security Disability, how do you get it, and how does work affect it? This workshop will answer all these questions and more. In partnership with ParentConnections and Calvert County Health Department. Presented by Michael Dalto with High Note Consulting. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Thursday, April 4

Teen Movie Club! 6:00-8:00pm. Watch a movie about a Yeti who believes that smallfoot really exists! Watch a cool movie, hang out with your friends! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

AARP Tax-Aide Program

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

Legal Aid

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

Living Well with Diabetes

The Calvert County Office on Aging will host a Living Well with Diabetes class on Mondays, beginning April 15, at Southern Pines Senior Center. This free class will help you manage your condition. Call 410-535-5400. Ext. 357 to register.

Calvert Pines Senior Center (CPSC)

The 2-4-U band and The Vocal Vessels will be with us, Friday, April 12, 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion about Essential Oils, Thursday, April 11, 11 a.m.

North Beach Senior Center (NBSC)

Join us for an education program that offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles fit them. Schedule your appointment to meet with the CarFit technicians for a 20 minute check to ensure your vehicle is comfortable and safe, Thursday, April 4, 10 a.m. This event is a co-sponsored by AAA and AARP.

Learn about Uber, Lyft, other transportation options, and apps for the elderly and how to use them, Friday, April 5, 11 a.m.

Southern Pines Senior Center (SPSC)

The Calvert Health Mobile Unit will be visiting us Monday, April 1, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Have your blood pressure taken and medical questions answered.

Join us for line dancing, Wednesday, April 3 and 10, 10 a.m.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, April 1

Beef Stew, Tossed salad w/Dressing, Broccoli, Yeast Roll, Pineapple

Tuesday, April 2

5-Spice Chicken, Parslied New Potatoes, Zucchini & Tomatoes. Dinner Roll, Apricots

Wednesday, April 3

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Italian Bread, Baked Apple Slices

Thursday, April 4

Sweet & Sour Pork over Brown Rice, Lima Bean Soup, Spinach, California Blend, Dinner Roll, Pineapple

Friday, April 5

Tuna Fish Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato Slices, Coleslaw, Pickled Beets, Citrus Fruit Cup


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



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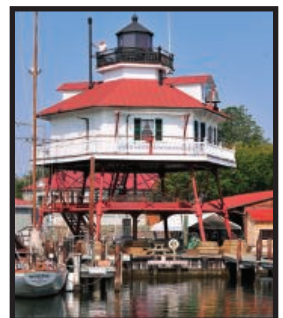
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