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Commissioners Hear Plan Update Concerns

Record Open Through May 6

By Dick Myers
Editor

Sue Apple of Prince Frederick was the 30th of 32 speakers at the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) April 30 public hearing on the proposed update of the county's comprehensive plan. By the time Apple approached the microphone, it had become clear that most of the audience at the Calvert Pines Senior Center had concerns about the plan. Apple put an exclamation point on that by asking the attendees to raise their hands if they favored the BOCC closing the record and adopting the plan presented by the planning commission. No one raised their hand. She then asked who wanted changes. The room was filled with raised hands.

"I believe in democracy," Apple said, imploring the commissioners to listen to the people.

At the end of the hearing the BOCC voted to keep the record open until midnight on Monday, May 6. Commissioner President Tim Hutchins then presented a list of concerns that he said he had heard personally and at the hearing; he asked

planning staff to begin to work on them. They included:

- Town center build-out number
- Why town center expansions are needed
- The town center designation (major vs. minor)
- Maryland Route 231
- Potential Bay Bridge crossing in Calvert
- Development rights programs
- Water and sewer funding sources
- The county's aquifer water supply
- Alternative energy sources, including waste-to-energy and solar
- Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance
- Public safety including paid paramedics
- A tech park/incubator.

"We need you," Hutchins said. "We are working through the process and ask for patience and continued guidance."

Hutchins added, "We are all in this together. We are One Calvert County."

Hutchins made the idea of a tech park in Dunkirk a campaign promise. But during the testimony Greg Bowen, former planning director, debunked it, saying "location, location, location" is what



Charlene Kriemelmeyer

Greg Bowen

Dunkirk Area Concerned Citizens Association President J.P. Sherkus

wins the day for business site selection. He said Calvert being on a peninsula fails the test. He said what will work is taking advantage of the county's natural resources, such as with agri-tourism.

Representatives from American Chestnut Land Trust, Calvert County Farm Bureau, Calvert County Historical Society and Keep Calvert Country, all members of Sustainable Calvert Network, spoke on the need to address land preservation and supporting the farming community.

"Tools for land preservation are not included in the plan," said Jerry Lowe of American Chestnut Land Trust.

Former county commissioner and Maryland agriculture secretary Hagner Mister touted the historic success of the Transfer of Development Rights program, which speakers said the plan ignored. "I am proud of the people here

tonight," he said.

Several speakers praised the downgrading of Dunkirk to a minor town center, although some expressed skepticism that would hold and others saw it as just a change in name only.

Dunkirk Area Concerned Citizens Association President J.P. Sherkus listed several concerns including holding off on a decision until the transportation plan is concluded and holding off on expanding town centers until their master plans are completed.

Echoing many comments that followed, Charlene Kriemelmeyer said the proposed plan was for the benefit of developers. "The system has failed us," she insisted.

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Schools Ponder What to Do About Vaping



By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) are trying to figure out what to do about the increased use of e-cigarettes by students. The school board was told at their April 25 meeting that the number of “tobacco-related incidents” including vaping has almost tripled so far this school year over all of last year. There were only 30 incidents two years ago and then 79 last year. So far this year there have been 217.

“It’s become a big issue in our school,” said Huntingtown High School Principal Rick Weber during a briefing to the board. He said the use of e-cigarettes has led to fights and other incidents.

“This is an alarming change from one year to the next,” Weber observed. “These things are really dangerous,” said Calvert High School Principal Dr. Steven Lucas, noting that they can lead to use of other narcotics.

One of the problems the principals said is that the e-cigarettes can be laced with other harmful drugs without the user knowing it.

Weber said students are taught about the dangers of e-cigarettes in 9th Grade health class. He says the school resource officer helps teach the classes.

Weber says when students are caught vaping, they have a class for them to help them understand the dangers.

The e-cigarettes are marketed as a safer alternative to regular cigarettes, but except for the absence of smoke and odor they are equally addictive

and contain all the health dangers normally associated with nicotine.

Weber said, “The biggest thing we have to do is continue to educate,” and that particularly includes parents. He said the message about then being safer is – “That is not the case.”

Director of Pupil Services Kim Roof said there have been many reported cases of seizures from vaping. She said one in four high school students have vaped and one in 10 middle school students. And, she also noted there was a safety factor from fires started by discarded vaping devices.

“It has gotten to be a serious issue in high school,” she said, adding that the problem is now migrating to the middle school level.

Board member Pmnela Cousins said what she has heard is that some students are leery of going into bathrooms because of the vaping that is occurring in there.

Weber said they patrol the bathrooms but it’s hard to detect because of lack of smoke. He said it’s easy for a student to vape in a bathroom stall.

Weber said he has discussed the issue with the other principals, and they have all concluded they all have a problem.

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Commissioners Pore Over \$43 Million Capital Budget

By Dick Myers
Editor

More than \$43 million was at stake, so the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) took more than three-and-a-half hours pouring line by line over the proposed Capital Improvement Plan for the coming fiscal year and for the next six years. The meeting on April 29 was followed by another on April 30 in which several unresolved issues were still on the table.

At the beginning of the meeting BOCC President Tim Hutchins said the unusual night meeting “was about public accountability. It is about transparency.”

Juggling anticipated work at both Dunkirk District Park and the planned Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Area nearby consumed a lot of the conversation. Several of the commissioners insisted that improvements to Dunkirk District Park should be completed before work was begun on the Ward Farm project. Development of Ward Farm will come in part from monies allocated by the Maryland General Assembly in a fund earmarked for youth recreation.

Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller spearheaded an effort to extend the sunset provision for the fund, but County Administrator Terry Shannon said the state wanted to see some progress at Ward Farm.

In the end the board agreed to advance the tennis court relocation at Dunkirk District Park along with new playground equipment and a splash pool. They also agreed to keep \$2.5 million in the next fiscal year for roads to Ward Farm, three ballfields and parking along with planning for a pier and nature overlook. Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal argued that the fields were needed in the area. Additional funding at the new park may however be delayed until Dunkirk park’s work is completed.

The BOCC voted 3-2 to allow \$1.5 million originally allocated for land purchase for a new Beach Elementary School to be used to begin the design of the new school at its existing location. The school board recently decided to go that route, although

the exact configuration of the new school has not been decided.

There was also considerable discussion about a proposed new HVAC system for the Hall Aquatic Center. The \$2 million project is scheduled for Fiscal Year 2023 although design funding is scheduled for next year. Nazzal and Director of General Services Wilson Freeland argued that the existing system is in need of constant repair and a newer system would be more energy efficient. The project remained in the budget after much discussion.

Nazzal also succeeded in keeping monies in the budget for a rest room facility upgrade and a concession stand at Hallowing Point Park. It would hook up to the water and sewer system at the adjacent industrial park.

Throughout the lengthy meeting, Commissioner Mike Hart was especially vocal about some of the proposed spending. At one point Commissioner Steve Weems appeared to try to rein in the discussion, calling it akin to a filibuster. The comments didn’t stop Hart, however.

He was particularly vocal on wanting the new buildings for both the St. Leonard and Solomons volunteer fire and rescue companies completed before his term in office is up. Monies are included in the upcoming fiscal year to purchase land for the new Solomons facility, but the St. Leonard facility is scheduled to be built first, in Fiscal Year 2023. Solomons isn’t scheduled until Fiscal Year 2026.

Freeland noted the difficulty of his department overseeing two such construction projects at the same time.

The Fiscal Year 2020 funding survived intact, but staff agreed to relook at the timing of the two buildings.

About the current timetable, Hart said, “It is unacceptable. I don’t have anything else on my brain that is more important than these facilities.”

The commissioners need to finalize their recommended operating and capital budgets by May 14 so documents can be prepared in time for the May 21 public hearing on it.

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Planners Approve New Connector Road

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Planning Commission has paved the way for the eventual creation of a new road from Prince Frederick Boulevard to the College of Southern Maryland. That will help ease congestion on part of Route 231, which is drawing increasing attention from the county and state.

The new road was approved by the planners from several lots in the new Calvert Hills subdivision. The road would extend from a new roundabout on Prince Frederick Boulevard, which is being constructed at the developer’s expense. Director of Public Works P. Rai Sharma told the county commissioners at their April 29 meeting that the developers’ transportation study said no road improvements were needed, but he required them anyway.

The county also has in its Fiscal Year 2020 Capital Improvement Plan improvements to West Dares Beach Road, which also could be extended to connect will the new road through Calvert Hills.

Commissioner Buddy Hance asked Sharma why the county, instead of the

developers, was paying for the West Dares Beach Road improvements, which are estimated to cost \$3 million over the next three years. He was told the county couldn’t require developers to pay for off-site improvements unless the county changed its adequate public facilities ordinance to require it.

A memo to the planners from Planner Olivia Vidotto said, “The proposed public right-of-way has potential to develop beyond this site as development occurs to ultimately provide a connection with the reserved area for a public right-of-way from Baythorne Road in the College Station subdivision.”

Several other intervening properties would also have to be developed, including those owned by Osprey Development and the Gott Company in order for Route 231 bypass to come to fruition.

State highway representatives recently met with the county commissioners to explain planned improvements to Route 231. They included adding a third, middle lane for left turns in each direction, but no additional traffic lights were in the plan.

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Liquor Board Imposes Fines for Underage Sales

One License Gets Suspension After No-Show

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Boards of License Commissioners (Liquor Board) delivered a clear and expensive message to one of their licensees at their April 25 meeting – if you are scheduled to appear before them for a violation hearing, you'd better be there or pay the consequences. Thursday's Bar and Grill in Owings learned that lesson the hard way.

The establishment was one of five scheduled to appear to answer charges of selling alcohol beverages to an underage police operative. The other four licensees admitted guilt and were apologetic. They each received \$500 fines and one-day suspensions, but the board suspended all but \$100 of the fine and abated the suspension altogether on condition that they don't have another violation in the next year.

When Thursday's license holders failed to appear, the board imposed the same penalty, but did not suspend any of it, meaning the expensive lesson will be an additional \$400 fine and a one-day suspension.

The board also delivered another lesson to one other licensee – if the board's

inspector orders you to do something, do it. The inspector had informed the licensees of the Lighthouse Restaurant and Dock Bar in Solomons that they needed to put their license under glass, which is apparently a rule of the Maryland Comptroller's Office. The board was told that the order had been given four times.

Establishment co-owner Nicholas Shriver said it was his understanding that inspector Mike Stevens had given him a month to comply. And besides, Shriver bluntly told the board he didn't think the alleged violation was that important.

When it was suggested by Board Chairman Robert Arscott that the same penalty be imposed for the Lighthouse that had been meted out for the sales to minor violations, Shriver became perturbed, wondering if his violation was of the same magnitude as selling alcohol to minors. He was reminded that he had been given four chances and ignored the order.

Board attorney David Weigel advised them that since Shriver thought he had a month to comply and all of the notices occurred within that month, that only one order could possibly be implied.

But the board wasn't convinced. Board



member John Smack suggested a \$500 fine with half of it suspended and then board member Frank Stull suggested a compromise of \$175 instead, which the three-member panel settled on, still \$75 more than the sales to minors violators netted.

The four licensees receiving the net \$100 fine were La Tolteca Restaurant in Prince Frederick, Adam's Ribs in Prince Frederick, Ledo's Pizza of Chesapeake Beach and Sakura Japanese Steak and

Seafood of Prince Frederick.

During the hearings several police officers were sitting in the audience but were not called to testify since all of those cited who were in attendance admitted the violation. Smack commented on the officers, "They are doing their job. If the licensees were doing their job it would be a much safer place."

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Senator Details Legislative Successes

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Sen. Jack Bailey, R-Dist. 29, said St. Mary's and Calvert counties fared well in this year's legislative session, his first, though some bills which passed could cost Southern Marylanders in the long run.

"I felt like we did extremely well when you look at the resources we brought back to Southern Maryland," Bailey told The County Times.

He pointed out getting the funding secured to begin construction of the unmanned systems and autonomous research center at the University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland, also known as the third building, a major victory.

"We're going to start the building this year," Bailey said. "It's an \$86 million project."

Bailey said \$11.9 million is currently available to begin construction.

The Kirwan Commission legislation, which seeks to increase statewide funding for education by \$4.4 billion over the next decade passed the legislature this year, Bailey said, but for at least the first year, counties do not have to worry about paying for the funding increases.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County have said they will have to raise taxes for the coming fiscal year in part because of the Kirwan legislation.

"There is not trickle-down mandate this year," Bailey said. "The Kirwan legislation was funded through the [state's]



Bailey

surplus this year."

A bill that also established more resources to help prevent veteran suicides "who are in a desperate time" was also a significant achievement for Southern Mary-

land given the large veteran community here.

Still there were failures.

A bill that would have extended the probation time for sexual predators, allowing them to be under greater scrutiny and providing penalties if they violated their probation, failed in the legislature he said, as did a bill that would have made opioid dealers open to charges of second-degree murder if buyers died from an overdose of narcotics they sold.

"I'm going to work to bring that bill back," Bailey said of the so-called fentanyl bill as well as the sexual predator bill.

A major defeat, Bailey said, was the passage of legislation that increased the minimum wage to \$15 by 2025, also known as the Fight for \$15.

"I've had business owners say they're going to close up here and move to other states," Bailey said. "Or they've said they won't be able to hire as many employees as they had planned."

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Region's Sheriffs Announce Crackdown on Distracted Driving

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Calvert Sheriff Mike Evans, along with St. Mary's Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron and Charles Sheriff Troy Berry announced Monday that deputies in the three Southern Maryland counties would refocus their efforts on curbing distracted driving and motorists who do not use their seatbelts.

Part of the effort, of which the Maryland Department of Transportation calls Buckle Up. Phone Down., seeks to educate drivers on the dangers of distracted driving and the risks of not wearing a safety belt.

The other pieces of the program are consistent monetary fines and points on licenses if motorists continue to disregard traffic laws, the region's sheriffs said.

Berry said between the years of 2013 and 2017 there were a total of 814 vehicle crashes on Southern Maryland roads that involved unrestrained occupants; those drivers could have been better protected if they had only taken a moment to use their safety belts.

"Buckling a seat belt takes just three seconds," Berry said, adding that motorists could expect to see greater levels of police presence on Southern Maryland roads.

Fines and points, he said, would be used to change behavior.



Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron, along with Calvert and Charles sheriffs Mike Evans and Troy Berry announce increased traffic enforcement this summer.

"In Maryland driving is a privilege, it's not a right," said Berry.

Evans said the increased enforcement period would last from April through August; fines for simply not wearing a safety belt while driving would be an \$83 citation.

"These laws save lives," Evans said.

Cameron said distracted driving, particularly the kind due to use of smart phones and other hand-held devices, was one of the greatest threats on the region's roads.

Between the years of 2013 and 2017, Cameron said, there were some 15,000 distracted driving crashes throughout Southern Maryland.

"The average time it takes to look at a text is five seconds," Cameron said. "That the equivalent of driving the length of a football field blindfolded for the same length of time."

"People continue to use these devices at an alarming rate."

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Man Sentenced for Lusby Home Invasion



State's Attorney for Calvert County Andrew Rappaport announced that on April 22 Ijaaz Butler was sentenced in the Circuit Court for Calvert County for a home invasion committed in Lusby.

On March 16, 2018 officers responded to a home in Lusby where it was reported that Butler had kicked in the front door of the residence and entered the bedroom where the victim was sleeping, armed with a shotgun. After realizing the person he was looking for was not at the residence, Butler fled the scene. After an investigation by the Calvert County Sheriff's Office, Butler was later apprehended. He entered a plea to the home invasion in February 2019.

Butler was sentenced by Judge Chandlee to 25 years Division of Corrections with all but 12 years suspended. He was given an additional five years for probation violations. Upon his release, he will be on five years of supervised probation.

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Appreciating Calvert's Minority Businesses

County Honors All Businesses May 6-9

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County's 14th Annual Business Appreciation Week is May 6-9, a week filled with events that highlight the importance of the business community to the overall fabric of the county. The week includes multiple visits to businesses by the county commissioners and several special events.

The kickoff event, on Monday, May 6 is sponsored by the Calvert County Minority Business Alliance (CCMBA) along with the county's Department of Economic Development, an indication of the significant role that minority enterprises play within the overall business infrastructure.

In recognition of minority businesses significance, The County Times sat down with three of CCMBA's leaders to discuss the organization and the role played by minorities in the business community. Current President Bryant Parker, immediate past president Dawn Tucker and one of their founders, Michael Moore participated in the April 29 interview.

Parker is a Calvert County native and a 1984 Northern High School graduate. He operates Elite Martial Arts Academy in Owings. "We started in 1992 here in Calvert County, as a martial arts center for kids, youth and adults. And we're still here," he said, noting it was his school that brought Taekwondo to the county. He said he is a protege of former county commissioner Pat Nutter.

"I got into business by accident," Parker explained. "I was teaching some friends here at Tri Fitness Center in Prince Frederick. Couple of parents would say, 'Hey, can you teach my kid while I work out?' And one, three kids led eight kids, eight kids led to 27 kids. And I said, let's look at this. So, I had a business opportunity."

That business opportunity led to "another location, and another location, finally wound up having five of them at one point. It was the Kickstarter that started it; once that entrepreneurial bug hit me, that was it. And this is what I want to do in my life. This is where I need to be. I can impact a lot of children's lives like this, doing what I actually love to do. I've never seen it as a job. It's just where I want to go and to do every day."

Moore started a barbershop in 1978, one of the county's first minority businesses. He was on the second floor of a building that had freezers downstairs in the old "locker plant" and he would expand to selling seafood from those freezers. From there he purchased the building, turning it into a business condo. Later he would sell it for a gas station.

He continued his barber shop in another location, and expanded into a formal wear rental business, both of which he has turned over to other operators and he is now semi-retired but continues to be active in the community that he served as county commissioner.

Moore was born in Calvert County but raised in Baltimore and attended school there. He moved back to the county after starting the barbershop and deciding he needed to be closer to his business. He said, "My wife taught at Calvert. I have two lovely daughters, five grandchildren, and they all went to public school. We were very satisfied with the educational system here in Calvert."

What is now called the Minority Business Alliance was called the Minority League when it was founded in 1981, Moore said.

Moore was president of the board while commissioner. "I was always an advocate of economic development and housing in this county," he said, noting that lack of affordable housing for workers is an impediment for employers.

Moore noted that the county lost out in the 1990's with the influx of defense workers to St. Mary's County and the lack of office space to accommodate them. "You could build a business park, or a tech park and you can reduce some of the traffic on the highways because people will



CALVERT COUNTY MINORITY BUSINESS ALLIANCE
SMALL BUSINESS IN A BIG WAY



(Left to right) Bryant Parker, Michael Moore, Dawn Tucker and Bryant Parker

take a job working locally." He said Dunkirk was the logical place for such a park.

Dawn Tucker's business is Lord and Tucker Management Consultants. "We primarily serve the federal government as a government contractor. Currently I am at what's called an 8A firm. That's a firm where you get certified to receive sole source directed contract awards as a business development program. So that allows you to grow your business. Being here in the area and so close to Washington DC, there was the opportunity to become a government contractor in DC and then also down at Pax River and Dahlgren and Indian Head, which is growing."

Tucker noted there are many training programs now available locally to assist budding entrepreneurs about procurement technical assistance programs. She said that was one of the reasons for the formation in 2005 of CCMBA as it currently exists. "We didn't have the resources. We would always have to go, if you're a business owner, to Baltimore or Washington."

The organization facilitated networking among the three Southern Maryland counties. Lord and Tucker has offices in Huntingtown and Waldorf. She noted, "An organization such as the Southern Maryland Minority Chamber of Commerce has come out of the ability to network across the county lines."

"We have to continue to educate our students who want to go into business and give them the tools and the resources and the information," Tucker insisted. In that regard CCMBA operates as a clearinghouse.

The early efforts related by Moore, Tucker said, "laid the groundwork for my business." She used the local assistance to parlay a federal career into her government contracting business.

Tucker's family was from Calvert, but she spent her early years in Baltimore. They returned when she was in kindergarten and she attended county schools, also graduating from Northern right after Parker.

Tucker said some of the impediments to minorities getting into business ownership in Calvert are the same as those facing everybody: information and access to resources. "Connecting the dots for people, helping people to connect the dots without having to go here and there to get the information when we could have it in a connected environment. Our economic development office is very good, but they don't have enough."

Moore adds that one of the components of building relationships is building trust. That includes building trust with

lending institutions for startups. "The minority community has to understand nothing is given to you. You've got to work for yourself, ask questions, go out of your comfort zone."

Moore agreed that some of those attitude adjustments need to start in the home. "That's the first step. The parents have to stimulate the mind, encourage them, let them know it's yes to get an education, but there is an alternative to own a business. People who are in business love to talk to young people, love to share their experiences and their resources." And he added that resources are readily available through the local Small Business Development Center.

Parker is around young people every day in his business. He tells them, "I don't want you to think traditionally, don't think: get an education, get a job, work for someone, buy a house, get a white picket fence and that's it. No, I need you to think beyond that. How about you slicing the pie instead of receiving a slice of it or how would you have the ingredients? You own it. You move forward. That is the only legacy you could actually leave with someone, is to own something, build it, establish it, and hand it down from generation to generation. We're taught you get an education, get a job and then retire. I don't like that. I've never conceded to that."

He said there are excellent mentoring opportunities available through CCMBA for those willing to seek it. He added, "I'm a true proponent of own-it entrepreneurship because if you own it, you're going to be responsible and you see that drive in the person and you want to see them accumulate and not just wealth, but influence in the community. And other people will follow that lead. If we teach our kids early, let me tell you about education and getting a job, but let me also, like I've done with my kids, say it is better to own it, operate it and move forward with it, because you make a definite impact in other people's lives."

The kickoff session sponsored by CCMBA and the county is Monday, May 6 at 9 a.m. at the Harriett Elizabeth Brown Community Center in Prince Frederick. Guest speaker will be Thomas Ellis, president and chief sales coach of EWC Consultants. He will discuss how to use LinkedIn for only 30 minutes a day to reap the many rewards of this platform. Topics to be covered include how to customize your profile, how to connect to potential new clients, powerful follow-up tips and more. Visit www.eCalvert.com/BAWkickoff for more information or to register.

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- Digging Shovel: A rounded-blade digging shovel is needed to plant shrubs and trees as well as to excavate areas in a landscape.
- Rake: A rake can be used to clear the ground, remove thatch and leaves from a lawn

and level soil in a garden bed.

- Hand Tools: Hand tools, such as a hand fork and trowel, are essential for small digging jobs, especially when working with flower pots or containers.
- Edging Spade: This flat-blade shovel is handy to have around because of its versatility. Edging spades can slice turf, edge gardens and cut through roots.
- Pruners: Sharpened pruners can cut through stems and branches effortlessly.
- Hose: Choose a high-quality hose that is lightweight and durable, as hoses will always be necessary.

Did You Know?



Using reclaimed timber when building or renovating a home benefits the environment in various ways. According to GreenBusinessWatch.org, building and renovating with reclaimed timber helps to preserve forests by greatly reducing the need to cut down trees. In addition, when using reclaimed timber to build or renovate a home, contractors and homeowners tend to use locally sourced reclaimed wood, reducing the need to transport wood from afar to complete the projects. That reduced reliance on transportation reduces fuel consumption and air pollution. Processing reclaimed timber is often less taxing on the environment than processing virgin wood. However, reclaimed timber

may provide more than just environmental benefits. Virgin timber typically comes from commercially grown trees that are not always afforded enough time to reach full maturity. Timber that is reclaimed from old buildings and vessels may very well have reached full maturity before it was cut down to use as building material. Reclaimed timber that grew to full maturity is likely stronger than virgin wood taken from commercially grown trees that were not given enough time to mature. Reclaimed timber also may prove more durable than virgin wood because the former has already dried out after years of contracting and expanding, making it less likely to warp and split than virgin wood that has yet to endure such exposure.

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3 Ways To Use Your Lawn To Improve Curb Appeal



Returns on home improvement projects vary. In its annual Cost vs. Value Report, Remodeling magazine notes the projects that yield the best returns on investment in a given year. But a host of factors, including the type of market (buyers' or sellers') and the region where the home is being sold, ultimately combine to determine if homeowners' investments in home improvement projects will provide the returns they were hoping for.

Though there's no way of guaranteeing a home improvement project will yield a great return, real estate professionals often cite improving curb appeal as an excellent way to attract prospective buyers and potentially get the asking price or more when selling the home. Improving curb appeal makes even more sense in today's real estate market, when many people do their own searching via real estate websites such as Trulia or Zillow. When using such sites, buyers will likely be less inclined to click on a listing if exterior photos of the property are not eye-catching.

Various projects, including tending to lawns and gardens, can improve curb appeal. An added benefit to focusing on landscaping to improve curb appeal is it promotes spending time outdoors in spring and summer. In addition, many lawn- and garden-related home improvement projects need not require professional expertise.

1. Maintain a lush green lawn. Lawns that fall into disrepair may not give buyers a correct impression about how homeowners maintained their homes. Lawns with multiple dead spots and grass that appears more brown than green may lead many buyers to assume that the home's interior was equally ill-cared for. Maintaining lush green lawns is not as difficult as it may seem. Applying fertilizer and aerating at the appropriate times of year (this varies by region) can promote strong

roots and healthy soil, making it easier for grass to survive harsh conditions like drought. When watering in summer, do so in early morning or evening so as little water is lost to evaporation as possible.

2. Address brown patch. Even well-maintained lawns can fall victims to brown spots. According to the lawn care professionals at TruGreen, lawns in regions with hot temperatures and high humidity can be infected with brown patch, a common lawn disease that is caused by fungus, which can produce circular areas of brown, dead grass surrounded by narrow, dark rings. Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences notes that removing dew that collects on grass leaves each morning, which can be accomplished by mowing or dragging a water hose across affected areas, can be an effective way to reduce brown patch. Homeowners without much lawn care experience can consult professional landscapers to address the issue. But those looking to sell their properties should note that buyers often walk the grounds of homes they are considering buying. So addressing any issues on the lawn should be a priority for sellers.

3. Confine dogs to certain areas. Dog owners may want to let their pets roam free in their yards. But homeowners about to put their properties up for sale may want to confine their four-legged friends to certain areas. That's because dog urine can be high in nitrogen. Nitrogen itself is not harmful to lawns, but in high concentrations it can contribute to yellow or brown spots. Also, highly acidic dog urine may even adversely affect pH levels in the soil.

Curb appeal can go a long way toward helping homeowners sell their homes, and a lush lawn can be used to catch the eye of prospective buyers.



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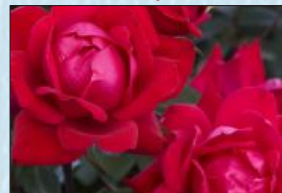
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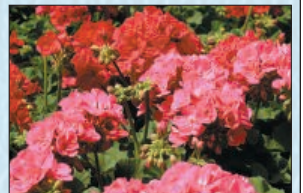
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Surviving A Home Renovation

Whether one is doing a large renovation or a small remodel, life may be turned upside down during the project. Furniture may be moved out of the room, walls may be demolished, water or electricity may be turned off, and appliances may be missing

or not hooked up. Home improvements often drum up dust and disarray. Such projects can try the patience of any homeowner, and things may get worse before they get better.

Even though remodeling can be



taxing, the end result is often worth it. Here's how to look forward to the silver lining and come out unscathed.

Discuss the project before it starts. All family members should be in agreement before the first hammer is swung. Decide on as many details as you can ahead of time and have a firm plan in place. Establish back-up choices for tiles or color schemes in case the items you want are out of stock. Trying to make decisions under duress may result in bad choices.

Do one project at a time. It's tempting to want to improve as much as possible at once to maximize motivation and renovation materials. However, having no place in which to escape the mess can elevate stress levels. Do not think about renovating kitchens and bathrooms all at once, or

you will not have any working fixtures for tasks like washing up.

Have everything in place. Before demolition even begins, have building materials bought and stored, contractors and subcontractors lined up, and see what you can do to minimize the time workers need to spend in your home.



Expect delays. In a world where things move at lightning speeds, renovations have not gotten the memo. Home projects take lots of time and will likely take longer if you are doing the work yourself in your free time. Build lots of extra time into the project so you are not disappointed when delays happen — even when you've done your best to avoid them.

Plan an escape zone. Construction environments can be messy, loud, smelly, and a host of other unsavory adjectives. The chaos that ensues when life is turned upside down can be overwhelming, particularly for the person who spends the most time in the home while work is being done. Build escape moments into the plan and make sure everyone else at home is on board. During the real grind of the project, a night or two at a hotel may be a welcome respite.



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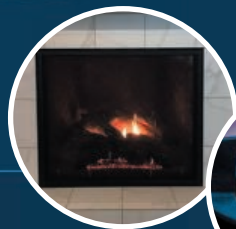
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Potential Indicators Of Roof Trouble

With regard to home repairs, homeowners may be able to delay some projects until the weather permits or they find room in their budgets. But other areas, including the roof, may demand immediate action.

Few homeowners give the roofs of their homes much thought until a problem arises. But learning to recognize potential indicators of roof trouble can help homeowners prevent potentially drastic situations down the road.

- Light: Homeowners with attics in their homes can inspect the ceilings inside the attic for signs of holes or leaks. Light peering through the top of the house indicates a hole or leak, as does stains or streaks on the ceiling.
- Worn shingles: Shingles should lie flat against the roof, so any that appear to be buckling or turning up are damaged and in need of repair. A single damaged shingle does not require a full roof replacement, but inspect all the shingles nonetheless. Another indicator of shingle problems can be found when cleaning



downspouts or gutters. If the gutters and downspouts contain lots of shingle granules, the roof may soon need to be replaced.

- Moss: Moss on a rooftop may give a home character, but that added character is costly. Shady areas of a roof can be susceptible to the growth of moss and fungi because moisture can be trapped in such areas. If possible, remove moss or fungi from a roof with a stiff brush or hire

a professional to do the job instead. Moss may come back even after brushing it off, so homeowners should keep an eye on areas of their roofs that get little sunlight. In addition, trapped moisture can be very harmful to a roof, so it may be wise to exercise caution and have roofs with mold or fungi growths inspected.

- Age: Another indicator of roof trouble may be the age of the roof. Even if there are no visible signs of damage, homeowners

whose roofs have some years under their belt may want to consider replacing them. Asphalt shingle roofs typically have life expectancies of 20 to 25 years, while roofs installed over existing layers of shingles may need to be replaced after 20 years.

Recognizing minor roof damage before it escalates into a larger problem can save homeowners substantial amounts of money.



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The Benefits Of Water Features In Garden Landscapes



Many homeowners aspire to make their homes appear as beautiful and welcoming as possible. Exterior renovations may be high on homeowners' to-do lists, and landscaping is oftentimes a key component of those projects.

When planning gardens, homeowners may benefit by considering more than just flowers and shrubs while giving thought to other elements that can breathe vitality into their landscape designs. Water features can do just that, as such features provide more than just visual appeal.

- **Aesthetic appeal:** Water elements stand out against the greenery and foliage and can be used to create focal points around the garden or yard. A single fountain can draw the eye, while a trickling stream or waterfall can deliver water to various spots in the landscape.
- **Soothing sound:** Rain drops on a rooftop or waves lapping on a shoreline elicit feelings of harmony and relaxation. Water features can bring that gentle sound close to home, further enhancing the ambiance.
- **Brings texture:** Water has its own unique and fluid texture that can provide stark contrast to blades of grass or the hard lines of architectural elements, such as pergolas or retaining walls. A pond or fountain can soften lines.
- **Enhance the natural ecosystem:** Water features can

attract wildlife to a property. Birds may visit to take a quick sip, and dragonflies are sure to dart and hover over the shimmering ripples. Inviting natural wildlife to the yard can add hours of entertainment by enjoying the animals and insects.

- **Remedy problem areas:** Rather than fighting with the landscape, homeowners can adapt it. An area of the yard prone to soggy conditions or flooding can be transformed into a pond or waterfall to work with natural surroundings.
- **Foster a passion:** Many people turn to water features so they can explore the hobby of nurturing an outdoor aquarium. Koi ponds are relatively easy to install and maintain, and the vibrant fish add visual appeal.
- **Add a personal touch:** Water features are as unique as the homeowners who create them. To set landscaping apart from neighbors' homes, homeowners can add fountains, ponds or flowing water elements to their properties. Decorative water features also can be melded with pools and spas to help these manmade recreational areas seem like they were carved right out of the natural landscape.

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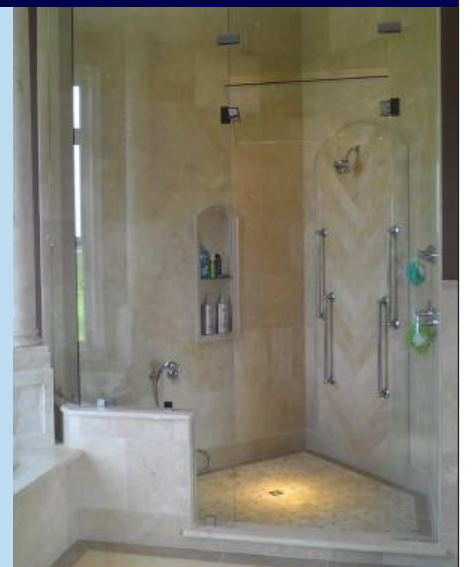
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Inaugural Southern Maryland Non-Profit Community 5k Program began April 27, 2019.

Four local Southern Maryland based non-profits (Bay Community Support Services, The Leatherneck 5K to benefit the Semper Fi Fund, Historic Sotterley and Patuxent Habitat for Humanity) have teamed up to create the first ever 5k Passport system. Run4ACause Southern Maryland Running Series has scheduled races every Saturday through May 18, 2019. The passport system promotes four great causes and encourages our community to come together, have fun, and support some very important causes! Everyone that registers for all four races will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize.

Patuxent Habitat for Humanity will be the last in the series of the Run4ACause program. Our Warrior 5K Fun Run/Walk is being held on May 18, 2019 on Solomon's Island. Since our inaugural race held in 2013 the Warrior Fun Run/Walk has raised over \$100,000.00 to help our local veterans with critical home repairs. With funding from grant money, individual and corporate donors, sponsorships and the 5K race, Patuxent Habitat for Human-

ity has been able to provide critical home repairs to more than 40 veterans and their families in St. Mary's County & Calvert County. Our Veterans Critical Home Repair Program is designed to help local veterans with low to median low income by offering critical home repairs and interior/exterior handicapped conversions. If you are a veteran or know of veteran that could benefit from this program please visit our website www.patuxenthabitat.org for more information. Sponsorship opportunities for our race are still available and information is listed on our website.

We encourage you to join us at the PHFH Warrior 5K Fun Run/Walk on May 18th on Solomons Island at 8:00 a.m. (for registration) or register early online at www.patuxenthabitat.org to help us support and celebrate our local veterans. Everyone deserves to age in place with dignity in their own home and community, especially our veterans!

Sincerely,
Laurie Walker
Logistics Coordinator
Patuxent Habitat for Humanity

Pet OF THE WEEK

MEET TURNIP & RADISHES

This week we have chosen two little hoppers, Turnip and Radishes, to showcase as our Pets of the Week! These two females are a bonded pair that would love to be homed together. Turnip is a 4 year old Mini Rex Rabbit and has a shiny velvety soft grey coat of fur! She is our very own "Velveteen Rabbit". Turnip is very friendly and loves to sit on your lap and snuggle. Radishes is her best friend and is a 2 year old Dutch Rabbit. She, like her sister, also likes to cuddle, but she is a little more independent. Both of them are super sweet and easy to handle! If you are interested in these sweet girls, please "hop" on in for a meet and greet today! Being Pet of The Week comes with special perks, so their adoption fees are waived for all qualified adopters!

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NEGOTIATING TIPS

Everyone negotiates something everyday. From trying to get your child to turn out the lights to getting a raise, all of us are always negotiating. Do you have any plans in 2019 to ask for a raise, change jobs, buy a car or make a major purchase? Those tasks require negotiation. How do you negotiate to win? Here are six simple negotiating tips:

SPEAK UP. You can't get a raise by keeping silent. If you think your work deserves more money, it is up to you to make the case to your company. Whining is not an approach. Comparing yourself to others is not an approach.

BE PREPARED. Be a detective. Make sure you have done your homework. If you are buying a car, have you checked out what the make and model of car you want is worth? Fortunately, today, there are apps for that and many other things. No matter what the negotiation, you must completely understand the situation you are in. That means understanding not only your own position, but the position of the person you are negotiating with.

LISTEN. How many times have you completely failed to get what you want because you have ignored the needs of the other side? I have a client with a teenage son who tells me her son is always angry at her. Apparently, her son just wants to get her out of his life. However, since she completely supports her son, this is difficult. Suppose, instead, she offers her son more independence (ie. using the family car) if he performs some specific chores around the house. That sounds like a win-win negotiation for both of them. To get to that point, my client had to know that the lack of independence was the sore spot with her son. She learned that by listening.

BE WILLING TO WALK AWAY. No matter what the negotiation, before you start, you must know what your "break-even" point is. In other words, what is the worst you will accept before you walk away. Do you have a clear idea of what you will accept and what you will not accept? Is there something else that the seller might want to make up for the fact you do not have more money? What if you wrote a letter to the seller telling them what good care you would take of the house even though you cannot increase your bid. Making that seller comfortable that you will take care of the house may make the difference in whether you are successful at buying it. If not, you must keep to your budget and walk away.

BE PATIENT. Sometimes, the only way to get what you want is simply to outlast the other party. Patience is a highly prized skill in negotiation—if you do not have it, get it. I recall negotiating with some Japanese bankers years ago. At that time, the Japanese were famous for agreeing with everything you said one day and refuting it the next. This had been going on for several weeks, with the late night calls to Japan wearing on all the parties, including me. No matter. I waited them out. I knew eventually they would agree to what we wanted and they did. I learned what was important to them—they learned what was important to me and, with time, we got there.

DON'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY. Negotiation is not a fist fight. It is not and never should be personal. Name calling, threats, being a bully, etc. all are childish responses not worthy of you. Successful negotiators show respect for their counterparts—especially if they want to do business with them again. Personality issues are side issues, having nothing to do with what you are trying to negotiate. Forget them and move on to important points that you can solve.

There are just some of the tips you can use to become a better negotiator. There are many "how to" books out there to assist you—all of them offer good insights and you can never get enough helpful suggestions on how to make your negotiations more successful. Here's to your successful negotiations in 2019!

Join me on Wednesday May 15th at 11am for a discussion of this and other matters, at my office at 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot. See you there.

Lyn Striegel

A View From The BLEACHERS Focused

The NFL Draft process is exhaustive. It appears to start as each season concludes and officially begins, in earnest, with the NFL Combine in early March. In reality, the genesis of draft day for teams can trace back years, sometimes to when a prospect was learning to drive and attending proms. For players, the trail can be even longer, back to a childhood dream and dusty backyards in neighborhoods nationwide.

NFL teams actually draft a fraction of the total prospects evaluated – each team is just one of 32 franchises. A far slimmer margin of kids harboring NFL aspirations, those who daydream through math class about what plays to run at recess, make it all the way to the league.

With that backdrop, it is no surprise that once a team is actually on the clock and finally calls out a name, executives in draft war rooms erupt with jubilant high fives and players, who have instantly fulfilled what is likely a life-long goal, are overcome with emotion.

It never gets old seeing kids celebrating their selections – the moment when dreams become reality. Awesome stuff. But the process is ridiculous. NFL Draft vernacular includes things like arm length, “base” strength, upper body “punch”, hand size, speed, shuttle and cone drills, bench presses and squats, vertical and broad jumps, fast twitch, mean streak and closing speed. Then there’s the psychological stuff – Wonderlic tests and interviews with questions that range from intentionally inflammatory to the completely unfair (and irrelevant).

But of more recent vintage is a fixation on “football players” and determining whether a young man “loves the game” (or, I suppose, just plays it because he can). More directly, teams want to know if a prospect has an unhealthy obsession with football and will forsake nearly all other things in life for it. If a kid has another interest – like Washington draftee Bryce Love (who wants to be a doctor) or Chargers draftee Jerry Tillery (a well-traveled young man living well beyond the football bubble) – NFL executives have commitment suspicions.

There might be something to it – greatness and a singular focus are frequently acquainted attributes. I watched a PBS documentary on Boston Red Sox legend Ted Williams recently. Dude was obsessed with hitting – studied it, cataloged information, filed and “boned” his own bats. Way ahead of his time...and one of the greatest hitters ever. Bruce Springsteen worked himself to exhaustion and laid waste to relationships, all in the (successful) pursuit of the best damn music he could create. Tiger Woods, fair to say, had an unhealthy, but historically successful, fascination with golf. Former Washington Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs notoriously slept at the team’s facility throughout the season (and burned out after 12 years). Masters of one thing they all were; jacks of many things they likely were not.

I laud (I think) any NFL prospect with such laser focus on the game. These times are the attention deficit era, set up, with 24/7 connectivity, to distract and multitask. How any 22-year-old football player is supposed to be completely consumed with his craft escapes me. Last weekend’s glorious weather had me struggling to focus on this piece.

Moreover, we Americans tend to be a restless lot. We are curious, adventurous and bold. Witness: Some of the best songs ever written are stories about youthful angst, daring exploration and challenges to social norms - Springsteen’s “Born to Run”, Marvin Gaye’s “What’s Going On”, Bob Dylan’s “Blowin’ in the Wind”, Sam Cooke’s “A Change is Gonna Come” and, one of recent vintage, Ed Sheeran’s “Castle on the Hill”, just to name a few. All football, all the time? In your early 20s? When we’re born to run? What’s going on indeed.

Nevertheless, many of the NFL’s latest additions are incredibly focused and fully committed to football (within reason). They wouldn’t have gotten this far otherwise. Are they myopic and otherwise ill-informed? Most probably are not. And good for them. Football is, well, just football. Developing well rounded, thoughtful and informed young men, who may soon achieve influential fame, is far more important. The NFL could stand to be more focused on that.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

Golf Course to Close for Controlled Burning

The Chesapeake Hills Golf Course will close Saturday, May 11 as the Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad & Fire Department conducts a controlled burn of the pre-existing clubhouse. Citizens are advised that smoke will be visible in the immediate area and there will be additional emergency vehicles stationed in Lusby during the burn. The clubhouse closed in 2018 after sustaining significant structural damage during a Janu-

ary snowstorm. A temporary structure is serving as the clubhouse.

Chesapeake Hills Golf Course is located at 11352 HG Trueman Road in Lusby, just minutes from historic Solomons Island. Learn more by visiting online at the link provided below.

Press Release from
Calvert County Government

The Tackle Box Fishing Report



John Emelenson landed this 40 inch, 26 pound rockfish near buoy 68 in the bay.

By Ken and Linda Lamb
Contributing Writers

The trophy season continued into its second week with big fish being caught everyday, but the action is slow with a lot of trolling producing only a few fish. The bite is the same in both the Potomac and the bay. Trollers are using tandems, parachutes, mo-jos, and umbrella rigs in a rainbow of colors, but the success seems to come to those who stick to it and put in the time, regardless of lure or color. As the spawn winds down and the water warms, we may get a spurt of activity. We can only hope we have our lures in the water when the bite turns on.

Boaters traveling to the salt islands found plenty of rockfish in the cuts, holes, and structures. The stripers are in the 14 to 28 inch category and have been carefully released. A 20 inch speckled trout was taken on a cast bucktail along with the hungry rockfish.

White perch and catfish are biting for bottom fishermen and shore casters. Some undersized rockfish have been caught off the beaches at Cedar Point and the mouth of the Patuxent. We can keep two rockfish per day with a minimum of 19 inches in mid-May (16th).

We await the first croaker, spot, and



James Ropczyński trolled a tandem rig north of the Gas Docks and landed this 47 inch, 49 pound rockfish.

bluefish of the year. The cool evenings when the temperatures drop into the 40's are not an incentive to the the summer migration.

Bass, bluegill, pickerel, and crappie are all active in ponds and St. Mary's Lake. The crappie love live minnows, and the bluegill will eat live crickets.

Regional MESA Winners Announced

Huntingtown High was filled with bridges, theme parks and games—all designed by Calvert County students—for the 2019 Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA) competition, held on April 10, 2019.

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, superintendent, said, “Congratulations to our students and their coaches. MESA is a great program that makes learning fun.”

Maryland MESA is a grade 3-12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative targeting students who are traditionally underrepresented in these fields, specifically minority and female students. Through participation in Maryland MESA, students develop academic and leadership skills, improve their academic performance, and gain confidence in their ability to compete professionally.

MESA participants are judged in four categories:

Elementary - Scratch, Wearable Technology, Storybook Theme Park, and Wood Bridge;

Middle - Alice, Wearable Technology, Wood Bridge, and National Engineering Design Challenge; and

High - Cyber Robot, Wearable Technology, Wood Bridge, and National Engineering Design Challenge.

All 1st place winners will proceed to participate in the Maryland MESA State Championship, which will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab.

Elementary Competition

- Basswood Bridge
- 1st Place -- Huntingtown
- 2nd Place -- Windy Hill
- 3rd Place -- Beach
- Wearable Technology
- 1st Place -- Windy Hill
- 2nd Place -- Huntingtown
- 3rd Place -- Barstow

- Interactive Game Design with Scratch
- 1st Place -- St. Leonard
- 2nd Place -- Windy Hill
- 3rd Place -- Huntingtown
- Storybook Theme Park Ride
- 1st Place -- St. Leonard
- 2nd Place -- Huntingtown
- 3rd Place -- Barstow

Middle School

- Basswood Bridge
- 1st Place -- Northern
- 2nd Place -- Southern
- 3rd Place -- Windy Hill
- Wearable Technology
- 1st Place -- Northern
- 2nd Place -- Calvert
- 3rd Place -- n/a
- Interactive Game Design with Alice
- 1st Place -- Southern
- 2nd Place -- Northern
- 3rd Place -- Windy Hill
- National Engineering Design Challenge
- 1st Place -- Southern
- 2nd Place -- Northern
- 3rd Place -- Calvert

High School

- Basswood Bridge
- 1st Place -- Huntingtown
- 2nd Place -- Northern
- 3rd Place -- Calvert
- Wearable Technology
- 1st Place -- Huntingtown
- 2nd Place -- Calvert
- 3rd Place -- Patuxent
- Cyber Robot (Python Programming)
- 1st Place -- Calvert
- 2nd Place -- Northern
- 3rd Place -- n/a
- National Engineering Design Challenge
- 1st Place -- Northern
- 2nd Place -- Calvert
- 3rd Place -- Huntingtown

Press Release from CCPS

Calvert Shines at LEGO Robotics Championship

Calvert County students showed off their engineering and programming skills at the 2019 Southern Maryland LEGO Robotics Championship, hosted by the College of Southern Maryland at the LaPlata Campus on April 6, 2019. The competition consisted of 31 elementary schools and 17 middle schools from the tri-county area.

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, superintendent, said, “Preparing for this competition is a fun way for our students to learn valuable STEM skills that will transition to higher-level courses.”

This year’s challenge theme was “Nature’s Fury.” Teams used LEGO Mindstorm/EV3 robotic systems to build robots and earned points for each task the robot successfully completed. In addition, teams completed a research project related to the challenge.

Elementary LEGO Winners

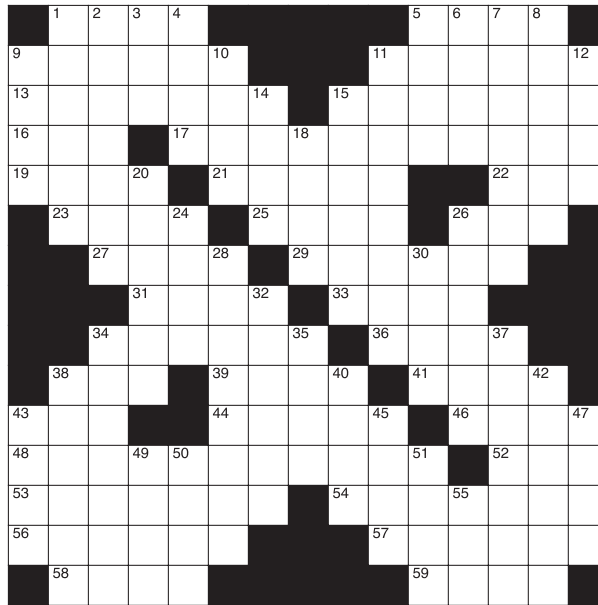
- Barstow Elementary, Team Fury, 10th place Robot Performance
- Barstow Elementary, Tornado Heads, 7th place Robot Performance
- Beach Elementary, Disaster Blaster, 2nd place Robot Performance and Presentation Award
- Beach Elementary, Terrifying Tornadoes, 3rd place Robot Performance and Project

- Award
- Calvert Elementary, Infernrobots, 6th place Robot Performance
- Sunderland Elementary, RoboRockers, 8th place Performance

Middle School LEGO Winners

- Calvert Middle, CMSH, Innovative Solution Award, Mechanical Design Award, Champion’s Award
- Mill Creek Middle, Volcano Rhinos, Team Work Award and Robot Design Award
- Northern Middle, A Team, 2nd place Programming Award
- Northern Middle, B Team, Rising Star Award
- Plum Point Middle, Breakers, Inspiration Award
- Plum Point Middle, Radical Robots, Strategy and Innovation Award
- Windy Hill Middle, Fantastic Floods, 1st place Robot Performance and Project Award
- Windy Hill Middle, Lego Knights, 6th place Robot Performance and Research Award

Press Release from CCPS.



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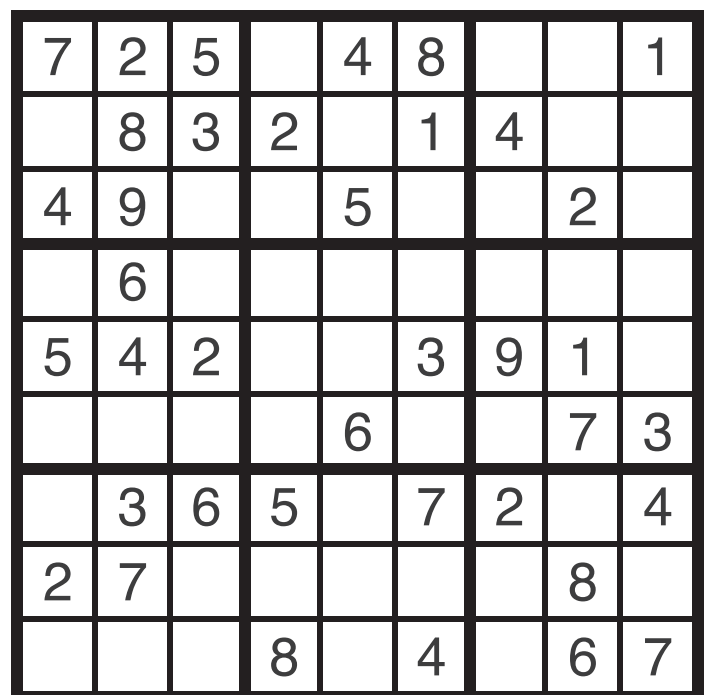
- 1. Type of fruit
- 5. Unit of time
- 9. Oil company
- 11. Benson’s “partner”
- 13. Fictional mob boss Tony
- 15. Visual record
- 16. Small constellation
- 17. Popular family TV series
- 19. Tough outer layer
- 21. Cut
- 22. Vietnamese offensive
- 23. Horizontal mine passage
- 25. Greek war god
- 26. Have already done
- 27. Six (Spanish)
- 29. Remarks for the audience
- 31. Relaxing spots
- 33. Prevent from seeing
- 34. Disguised

- 36. Comedian Rogen
- 38. Afflict in mind or body
- 39. Sour
- 41. People native to N. Mexico
- 43. No seats available
- 44. Ned ____, composer
- 46. A fit of irritation
- 48. Ability to move objects mentally
- 52. Luke’s mentor __-Wan
- 53. Herbal medicine ingredient
- 54. Oscar-winning director Bigelow
- 56. Likes
- 57. In a sound way
- 58. Part of a staircase
- 59. Exemptions from play

CLUES DOWN

- 1. How will it play in __?

- 2. Grows
- 3. Swiss river
- 4. Canadian flyers
- 5. Affirmative! (slang)
- 6. Root of taro plant
- 7. Large, long-legged rodents
- 8. Recycled
- 9. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
- 10. Sometimes it’s on you
- 11. Contrary beliefs
- 12. Remain as is
- 14. Spicy stew __ podrida
- 15. Play time
- 18. Italian monetary unit
- 20. Type of fuel
- 24. Portable conical tent
- 26. Yazoo and Mississippi are two
- 28. What people earn
- 30. Insect repellent
- 32. After first
- 34. Plays the viola
- 35. Not good
- 37. Esteemed guest
- 38. Where rockers ply their trade
- 40. Office furniture
- 42. Ancient Greek oracles
- 43. Quantitative fact
- 45. Missing soldiers
- 47. Minute
- 49. This (Spanish)
- 50. Maintain possession of
- 51. Knife
- 55. What to say on New Year’s Day (abbr.)



SEE PAGE 27 FOR 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.

James Bernard "Jimmy" Lindon, Jr



James Bernard "Jimmy" Lindon, Jr., 76, of Deale passed away April 28, 2019. He was born February 1, 1943 in Harrisburg, PA to James Bernard Sr., and Marie J. (Dolman)

Lindon. Jimmy was raised in Hyattsville and graduated from Northwestern High School. He was employed as a printer for the Printing Union Local 72 and worked for McArde Printing before retiring. Following his retirement, Jimmy owned and operated a food truck. In his leisure time, Jimmy enjoyed playing poker and spending time with his family and friends.

Jimmy is survived by his son William Patrick Lindon and his wife Cathy of Deale, and daughter Emily Lindon of Deale, grandchildren James Patrick and Cody Nicholas Lindon, 4 great-grandchildren, a sister Brenda Gasch and husband Tom of St. Leonard, and niece and nephew Tammy and Tommy. He was preceded in death by two sons, James Michael Lindon and Daniel Isaac Lindon.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 2, 2019, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Ln, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral service will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lakemont Memorial Gardens, 900 W. Central Avenue Davidsonville, MD 21035.

Robert T. McLaren



Robert T. McLaren of Harwood passed away 26 April 2019 in Edgewater. He was born 23 May 1936 in Staten Island, NY. Mr. McLaren graduated from Tottenville

High School and as a teenager hitchhiked around the country. He served in the U.S. Army, the Merchant Marines, worked for Consolidated Edison Company and obtained his Stationery Engineers License. In 1978, he moved to Maryland, worked at David Taylor Naval Research Laboratory in Annapolis, then transferred to the Naval Ordnance Station in Indian Head, as Director of Utilities and ended his career at the Department of Energy in 1998. Bob enjoyed sailing skipjacks on the Chesapeake Bay, attending Hobo Gatherings and traveling, especially making cattle drives in Montana. He was a Life Member of Project Liberty Ship as a volunteer crew member on the S.S. John W. Brown and past volunteer at the USO BWI.

Bob is survived by his wife Patricia O'Brien of Harwood, sister Jane Lutkenhouse of Allentown, PA, niece Anne Lutkenhouse and husband Shawn Welch of Hellertown, PA, brother Richard McLaren and wife Pattie of Spotswood, NJ and brother in laws Robert O'Brien and wife Gwen of Lothian and Michael O'Brien and wife Melody of Warrenton, VA. Also surviving are nephews Robert O'Brien of Davidsonville, Sean and Patrick O'Brien, both of Annapolis, and niece Erin Kadjeski and husband Joseph of Deale.

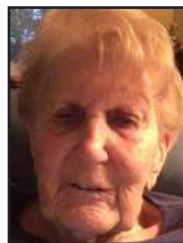
Memorial Mass will be Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 101 Owensville Road, West River, MD 20778. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122; 410-987-2003; Link: <https://www.hospicechesapeake.org/> or Project Liberty Ship, P.O. Box 25846, Highlandtown Station, Baltimore, MD 21224; 410-558-0646.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Lois Wellington McClain

Lois Wellington McClain, 94, of Chesapeake Beach and formerly of Fred-



erick, MD passed away April 23, 2019. She was born September 27, 1924 in Washington, D.C. to Joseph Worcester and Ina (Rand) Wellington. Lois was raised in Takoma Park and attended the University of Maryland. She married John E. McClain on February 16, 1945 and they lived in Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia. Lois most recently lived in Frederick before moving to Calvert County in 2016. Lois was a member of Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church and enjoyed flowers, gardening, dogs, reading, crossword puzzles, playing Scrabble, cooking and spending time with children and grandchildren.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband John E. McClain and siblings Ruth Mathias and Esther Monthey. She is survived by her children Barbara M. McKimmie and husband Tim of Huntington, Virginia L. Bumgarner and husband Fred of Chesapeake Beach, Kathleen J. Goodspeed and husband John of Punta Gorda, FL and John W. McClain and wife Heidi of Middletown, MD. She is also survived by her grandchildren Christine, Richard, Anne, Kelli, Kate and William and 10 great-grandchildren. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, 238 Merrimac Court Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-089; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Jane Barrett



Jane Barrett, 55, of Prince Frederick, MD passed away on April 22nd at her home with her husband, care taker and dog by her side. She was born July 1, 1963 in Prince Georges, MD to Herbert and Virginia (Bergling) Long. Jane grew up in Upper Marlboro,

MD. She graduated from Douglass High School in 1981. She married Richard Barrett on May 7, 1994 and they lived in Prince Frederick, MD for the past 25 years. Jane worked most of her career as a legal secretary. Jane enjoyed life and laughing with friends, rescuing dogs, cooking, relaxing outdoors at home, Myrtle Beach and traveling across the United States (visiting 46 states with her husband).

She is survived by her husband Richard H. Barrett and their dog Kaipo. Also surviving are her brother William Long and wife Toni, David Long and wife Terri, sister Beth (Long) Jensen, nieces Shawna, Jennifer, Kristen and Anna, nephews Joey, Will, Daniel and Nathan. Jane was preceded in death by her mother Virginia Mae (Bergling) Long, father Herbert Joseph Long, Sr and brother Herbert Joseph Long, Jr.

A very special thanks to Celeste, the nurse who was by her side almost everyday for these last two months and who will forever be my friend and part of my family, Calvert Hospice and the friends and family too numerous to mention by name that called, visited and sent cards that showed how loved Jane is.

Memorial contributions in Jane's name may be made to Calvert County Animal Shelter, 5505 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678; 410-535-7387 or Calvert Hospice, 238 Merrimac Court, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892.

Roberta Mary Merillat



Roberta Mary Merillat, 79, of Prince Frederick and formerly of Lothian passed away April 22, 2019. She was born June 20, 1939 in Bristol, MD to John Herman and Rosabelle (Wood) Sears. Roberta was raised in Bristol, now known as Lothian, on her family tobacco farm. She attended public schools and graduated from Southern High School. Roberta was employed as

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a bus driver with Anne Arundel County Public Schools and later went to work for Calvert County Public Transportation as a para transit bus driver. Roberta enjoyed people watching, watching Soap Operas and spending time with her family.

Roberta was preceded in death by her husband Bob Merillat, son Ricky Parks and brothers John Sears and his wife Lorraine and Herman Sears and his wife Mary Jane. She is survived by children Billy Parks of Salisbury, Patti O'Donnell and husband David of Huntingtown and Larry Donnelly of Prince Frederick, grandchildren Billy, Sarah, Christopher, Tiffany, Ricky, Russell, Cassie, David, Jr., Brandon, Dylan and Justin and her twin sister Rebecca Bransby and her husband Wayne of Salisbur

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Joan Lee Scrivener



Joan Lee Scrivener, 73 of Prince Frederick, MD passed quietly at home on April 21, 2019 after a brief illness.

She was born in Prince Frederick in 1945. Joan graduated from Calvert High School and immediately went to work as a secretary for the government in D C. Her career and accomplishments were many during her 35+ years. She was always professional, diligent and very organized. Her love of family had her visiting most weekends to lend a hand wherever needed on the farm. Upon retiring she returned home to be a care taker for her Father. Joan loved the flowers in her gardens and gathering fresh vegetables from the overabundance of planting. Sharing gave her great joy. She was a lifelong member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Guy S. Scrivener and Virginia Rawlings Scrivener, siblings, Pauline Quade and Richard Scrivener Sr.

She is survived by a sister, Linda A. Baker, numerous nephews and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 90 Church Street, P.O. Box 2142, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Virginia Lee Romero



Virginia Lee Romero, 75, of Prince Frederick, MD passed away on April 20, 2019 in Annapolis, MD. Virginia was born in Cleveland, OH to Parnell and Helen Porter in

1944. Virginia was predeceased by her parents and her husband George Romero. She is survived by her children Par-

nell J. Romero, of Prince Frederick, MD and Elena E. Simms of Odenton, MD. She is also survived by her grandchildren Tyler, Elijah, Eden, Josiah.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Stephen Joseph Hudson



Stephen Joseph Hudson, 70, of Solomons, formerly of Carroll County Maryland, passed away on April 17th, 2019 at Washington Hospital Center. Born on October 5th,

1948, in Baltimore Maryland, he was the son of Charles Hudson and Josephine Hudson (nee Hodek). Stephen was a devoted husband to JoAnne (nee Bloom) and a loving father to their son, Brian Hudson. He is also survived by his sister Ceal Rascovar (Barry). In 1966, Stephen joined the consulting engineering firm of James Posey Associates as a draftsman. Over a career spanning 48 years, he rose to become its fourth president in 2005. Retiring in 2013, Stephen continued to serve the industry, in a volunteer capacity and was honored by Calvert County public schools as their 2018 volunteer of the year.

Visitation will be on May 2 at 10 am followed by a funeral mass at 11 am at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 225 Alexander Street, Solomons, MD 20688, reception to follow from noon-2pm at Asbury-Solomons, 11100 Asbury Circle, Solomons, MD 20688. Interment on May 4 at 11 am, Meadow Ridge Memorial Park, 7520 Washington Boulevard, Elkridge, MD 21075, reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Asbury Benevolence Fund, 11100 Asbury Circle, Solomons, MD 20688, and/or Our Lady of the Star of the Sea Catholic School, P.O. Box 560, Solomons, MD 20688 would be appreciated.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

George Henry Bliss, III



George Henry Bliss, III, 81 of Solomons, MD passed away on April 16, 2019 at the University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, MD.

Born September 7, 1937 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late George H. Bliss, Jr. and June (Thomas) Bliss.

George graduated from Montgomery Blair High School in 1955 and from National Labor College in 2004. He served in the U.S. Army from August 28, 1957 until August 27, 1959 receiving the Good Conduct Medal and continued his

service in the U.S. Army Reserves until August 6, 1963. He was the Director of Training for the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters for 38 years, retiring on April 1, 2005.

George is survived by his wife Diane G. Bliss whom he married on September 23, 1956 in Kensington, MD; his children, Holly J. Bliss of Chesapeake Beach, MD, Robin Bliss Josefowicz of Urbana, MD and Glenn H. Bliss of Huntingtown, MD; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and brothers, James O. Bliss of Lusby, MD and John T. Bliss of FL.

A Memorial Service will be conducted by Rev. Charles Harrell on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 3 p.m. at Asbury-Solomons Auditorium, 11100 Asbury Circle, Solomons, MD.

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

Michael "Mike" Paramore Darbie, Jr.



Michael "Mike" Paramore Darbie, Jr., 55, of Solomon's Island, MD passed away April 23, 2019. He was born January 7, 1964 in Washington, D.C. to Michael Paramore, Sr. and

Linda Anne (Owens) Darbie. Mike graduated from Thomas Stone High School in 1982.

Mike was a sales associate at Flooring Max in Leonardtown, MD. Mike was a born salesman, selling everything from homes to boats during his career. He was the life of every party and could be found on any given weekend cooking "Sunday dinner" for his Solomon's Beacon Marina family or taking over the dance floor at Anglers or the Bluefish Pub. Mike will be remembered as a generous and caring man who loved his family and friends with all his heart.

Mike is survived by his children, Madelyn S. Darbie and Benjamin P. Darbie of Stevensville, MD; his father, Michael P. Darbie, Sr. and stepmother Barbara A. Darbie of Mechanicsville, MD; brothers, John T. Darbie, Sr. and Patrick J. Darbie, Sr. of Mechanicsville, MD.; and stepsiblings Duane D. Underwood, of Mechanicsville, MD, Tracie L. (Mike) Gardiner, of Mechanicsville, MD, and Tereena I. Little, of Port Tobacco, MD. He was

preceded in death by his mother, Linda Anne (Owens) Darbie.

Family and friends will be received Friday, May 3, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 4, at 3 p.m. at Anglers Bar and Grill at The Beacon Marina in Solomon's Island, MD.

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

Edward William "Bill" Dekdebrun



Edward William "Bill" Dekdebrun, 85, of Lusby, MD passed away on April 20, 2019 at the Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall, MD. He was born on May 16, 1933 in Buffalo, NY

to Edward Francis and Cecilia Cleary Dekdebrun. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War as a Gunners Mate aboard the USS Tarawa. After discharge he attended Erie Technical Institute and was employed by Moog Inc., an international corporation based in Buffalo. Bill later represented the company in London, England and California. In the late 1960's he moved to Calvert County, MD to be near his father and sister. On October 30, 1971, he married Patricia Bowen Buckler becoming a father to her children, Debra, Pat, and Bill. He founded Action Extermination and operated it as a successful pest control company for many years before passing it on to Bill Buckler. He then worked for several years for Ace Hardware at their Solomons and Lusby locations. After the death of his wife, Bill became a resident of Southern Pines, Lusby, MD.

Bill is survived by his step children Debra Whelan (John), Patrick Buckler (Rhonda), seven grandchildren, a niece, Jeanine Burkman, and Shirley Ross, a devoted friend. He was predeceased by his parents, a sister, Norma Dove and step son, Bill Buckler.

Services and burial will be private. Donations in his memory may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 2142, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

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

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.

UPCOMING

A Night on Broadway

The Newtowne Players present a fourth edition of "A Night on Broadway: Sight, Sound and Song." May 10-19, Friday-Saturday at 8:00, Sunday at 3:30. Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park. \$18 adults; \$15 seniors, students and military; and \$13 age 12 and under. Purchase online: www.newtowneplayers.org, or call 301-737-5447.

Fri. - Sun., May 3 - 5

Pro-Am Sportfishing Tournament

Rod-n-Reel, Chesapeake Beach
Fishing tournament on the Chesapeake Bay. \$10,000 Grand Prize. 800-233-2080. www.rodnreeltournament.com

Friday, May 3

Ribbies Dinner

American Legion Post 206, Rt. 260, Chesapeake Beach
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Dinner in the lower-level dining room includes all the trimmings, salad, and beverage for \$12 Public invited. 410-257-9878. www.ALpost206.org

Sat. & Sun., May 4 & 5

Antique & Flea Faire

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Dowell Road, Solomons
Sat. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Sun. 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
Indoor and outdoor booths. Antiques and collectibles. Appraisal Fair. Demos and talks. Rain or shine; no pets. 410-326-4640. www.annmariegarden.org

Saturday, May 4

MayFest Indoor Yard Sale

Middleham & St. Peter's Parish, 10210 H.G. Trueman Road, Lusby
6:30 AM - 12:30 PM
White elephant selection of antiques and collectibles, jewelry, baked goods and more. Proceeds help fund the ministries of the parish. Breakfast and lunch available. 410-326-4948.

Birds in Your Back Yard

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, 10515 Mackall Rd, St. Leonard
7:00- 9:00 AM
A morning walk to see which birds you can spot in the St. Leonard Creek watershed! Snacks provided. RSVP 410-414-3400.

Spring Yard Sale

Christ Episcopal Church, 204 Owensville Road, Rt. 255, West River
8:00 AM - Noon
Rain or shine. Neat stuff and treasures. Refreshments available. Benefit Christ Church and Emergency Baby Pantry. 410-867-0346 or sfjennings@comcast.net.

Master Gardeners Spring Plant Sale

Community Resources Building (parking lot), 30 Duke Street, Prince Frederick
8:00 AM - Noon
Unique plants and help for your home garden from the Calvert County Master Gardeners. Perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs and plants. Rain or shine. 410-535-3662.

Car and Bike Show

Bethel Way of the Cross Church, 5450 Cherry Hill Rd, Huntingtown
8:00 AM
Fellowship, food, and fun! \$20 per car or bike; Spectator \$5. bethelwotcc.org for information

Boater Yard Sale

West Marine parking lot. 389 Deale Rd, Tracys Landing
8:00 AM - Noon
Marine and nautical themed. All things boating-related including boats. www.herringtonharbour.com/events

Birding by Ear Hike

Flag Ponds Nature Park, Lusby
9:00 - 11:00 AM
10 years old-adult (children under 18 accompanied by an adult). Beginners bird hike focuses on identifying birds by their songs and calls. \$8 person. Register: www.calvertparks.org/event-3158397/Registration

Car & Motorcycle Cruise In

Huntingtown High School, 4125 N Solomons Island Rd. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
For the whole family. Trophies awarded. Cruise In entries inquire at hartwellg@calvertnet.k12.md.us

Craft & Vendor Fair

Huntingtown High School, 4125 N Solomons Island Road, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
In front lot. Crafters and vendors indoors and out. Food, Music & Raffles. Rain or Shine. Crafters apply at cascierol@calvertnet.k12.md.us.

Tennis Free for All Event

Hallowing Point Park, 4755 Hallowing Point Road
10:00 AM - Noon
All-ages event features tennis instruction and demonstrations from local tennis instructors. Hosted by the Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation. Register: 410-535-1600, ext. 2649.

Solomons Maritime Festival

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
10:00 - 5:00 PM
Celebrate Southern Maryland traditions! Something for all the family! Museum admission required. 410-326-2042. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Freedom Horse Rescue New Volunteer Orientation

7940 Flint Hill Road, Owings
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Open to new volunteers interested in helping out with the horse rescue and learn more information.

National Train Day

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Celebrate the advantages of railway travel and the history of trains. Free train-themed crafts and games! 410-257-3892. www.cbrm.org

Sunday, May 5

Bike Blessing

Bethel Way of the Cross Church, 5450 Cherry Hill Rd, Huntingtown
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Visit bethelwotcc.org for information.

Patuxent Voices Concert

Christ Church, 3100 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Hear the women of Patuxent Voices in their spring concert, Expressing joy, sorrow, worship, and love through glorious a cappella singing. All ages. Free. www.patuxentvoices.org

Mon., Tue. & Thu., May 6, 7 & 9

DNR Boating Safety Classes

Calvert Executive Plaza, 150 Main Street
6:00 - 10:00 PM
Coast Guard Auxiliary Drum Point Flotilla teaches the Maryland Natural Resources safe boating classes. \$20. Course satisfies requirements for operating a vessel on Maryland waters. Details/pre-register: R.T. West, 410-535-2035 or wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=054-23-06

Tuesday, May 7

Business Paper Shredding Event

Calvert County Fairgrounds, Barstow
9:00 AM - Noon
Businesses must present proof of Calvert County occupancy and are limited to five banker boxes of paper. Free. Hosted by the Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division. Free. 410-326-0210. www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/recyclingevents.

Sea Squirts - Terrific Turtles

Calvert Marine Museum
10:15 - 10:45 AM
Free drop-in program for ages 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers. Also on May 9 and 15. Space limited. 410-326-2042. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Public Hearing: Southern Pines II Senior Housing

County Commissioners Hearing Room, 175 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Prince Frederick
10:30 AM
The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners will consider and receive comments on the progress of Southern Pines II Senior Housing in Lusby. 410-535-1600 x 2202

Steak Dinner

American Legion Post 206, Chesapeake Beach
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Order your Steak direct from the Grill-Master. \$17 includes all the trimmings and a beverage. Lower-level dining room. Public welcome. 410-257-9878. www.ALpost206.org

Let's Talk Mental Health and Your Teen

6:30 - 8:00 PM
Learn about the importance of mental health in a child's development and signs that a child is struggling. Presenters from Maryland Coalition of Families. Free. Call 410-535-3733 for location and register.

Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

Thursday, May 2

Teen Movie Club! 6:00-8:00pm. Watch a cool movie featuring Spiderman, hang out with your friends! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Storytime. 6:30-7:15pm. Join us for Stuffed Animal Sleepover Storytime as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Children's Book Week. Children will enjoy a sleepover themed Storytime before leaving their animals at the library for a slumber party with the librarians. Please bring one stuffed toy or doll per child. If your child has a special friend they rely on at bedtime, we recommend selecting a different toy to bring to the library. Optional pajama attire! *Plan to pick up all toys upstairs in the Children's Department the following day on Friday, May 3 from 12-5. Drop by the Storytime room to view a slideshow of what your pal was up to while you were asleep! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Friday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 4

Be a Scientist - Beeping Circuits. 2:00-3:00pm. Ages 5 - 10 make circuits using accessible design, especially for those with low vision or blindness. Presented by FutureMakers with support from the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and Rural Maryland Council. Adults must attend with child. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Taste a New Book Dressed as Your Favorite Character! 2:00-3:00pm. Become a character from your favorite book and take part in a book tasting or emoji art to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Children's Book Week! Please register. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Monday, May 6

Monday Morning Fun. 10:00-11 Green Crafting. 2:00-4:00pm. Make crafts out of materials that would typically be thrown out. Crocheting, needlework, sewing, and simple tying techniques will be used. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Tuesday, May 7

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.

Wednesday, May 8

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

Dyslexia Expert Panel Discussion. 6:00-8:30pm. Five experts who specialize in studying and supporting the different ways that Dyslexia impacts children and families will be on hand to share information about the latest knowledge and best practices to thrive with a Dyslexia diagnosis. Registration is encouraged but not required. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Teen Space Grand Opening. 7:00-8:30pm. Drop by to visit our fun new teen space at Fairview! Bring your friends! More information coming. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Thursday, May 9

S.T.E.A.M. PUNKS: Artting Around. 6:30-7:30pm. Question, Discover and Explore! Get artsy as we explore with different mediums to create our own masterpieces! For artists in grades K - 7. Please register. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Read Woke discussion. 6:30-8:00pm. Join student panelists from Calvert, Huntingtown, Patuxent and Northern High Schools as they share a book talk detailing their selection in the Read Woke reading challenge. Following the book talks, moderator Sandy Walker will lead a discussion on diversity and equity in literature. Food will be provided. Space is limited. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

Health Coordinator Job Opportunity

The Calvert County Office on Aging is looking for a part-time Health Coordinator. Position will rotate throughout our three senior centers, two or three days a week. \$25 hour/grant funded. Contact Ed Sullivan, Program Manager for more information at 410-535-4606, ext.121.

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, May 9 at the North Beach Senior Center.

Trips

Take a trip to Toby's Dinner Theater Wednesday, July 17 to see Grease, a revival of the greatest high school rock musical ever written. Fee: \$90 (Includes transportation and dinner theatre).

Enjoy the musical South Pacific, at the Riverside Center Theatre, Wednesday, August 28. This award winning musical features such well-loved songs as "Some Enchanted Evening", "I'm Gonna

Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair", and many more. Fee: \$93(Includes lunch, show and transportation). Call 410-535-4606 for more information.

Calvert Pines Senior Center

A Mother's Day Purse Sale will be held Wednesday, May 8, 9 a.m.

The AARP Driver Safety Class will be held Tuesday, May 14, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The fee for a class is \$15/AARP members and \$20/non-members. Members must show AARP Cards. Call to register 410-535-4606.

North Beach Senior Center

Join us for good time and take home a painted flower pot, Tuesday, May 7, 10 a.m. Register at the front desk. Limited seating available.

Spring has sprung! Get creative making beautiful Mother's Day gifts you can keep or give to someone special at Krafting with Karla, Thursday, May 9, 10 a.m. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$5.

Southern Pines Senior Center

Join us Tuesday, May 7, 10 a.m. for our Ask the Expert - Nurse Program. Have your blood pressure taken and medical questions answered.

A Mother's Day Purse Auction will be held Wednesday, May 8, 9:30 a.m. Enjoy mini massages and fruit kabobs during the day. Drawings take place at 1 p.m.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, May 6

Pulled Pork on a Bun, Coleslaw, Corn, Cubed Cantaloupe

Wedges, 3-Bean Salad, Bread, Watermelon

Tuesday, May 7

Fish Patty on a Bun, L/T/O, Marinated Cucumbers & Onions, Mediterranean, Chick Pea Salad, Applesauce

Stuffed Pepper, California Blend, Corn, Dinner Roll, Strawberries

Wednesday, May 8

Chicken Salad Platter w/Hard Boiled Egg, Lettuce Slices, Tomato

Tuna Salad Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato Slices, Tossed Salad w/ Dressing, Carrot/Pineapple Slaw, Banana

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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Is Your Dental Office Safe?

Untreated waterlines in the dental office can affect your health.

The next time you go to your dentist's office, before you let them spray water in your mouth, ask them how, and where their water lines are treated.

The Problem: The flexible lines that go from the water pipes in your dental office to the delivery system at the chair-side are made of materials that are the perfect environment for the growth of biofilm. Biofilm is made up of bacteria colonies that adhere to the inner walls of the dental hosing. When not properly treated, these water lines and valves become coated with bacteria that grows exponentially at room temperature and contaminates the water that is used to irrigate and rinse your mouth. This water can be unsafe!

City water, often considered to be safe for consumption, reaches the dental office in potable form. Dental offices, aware of the need for added water quality and safety may even have a water treatment system at the source where

the water enters the building. While this proactive measure helps reduce risk, what most dentists don't realize is that the water that sits in the lines for long periods of time, such as over a weekend, will still grow this dangerous bacterium.

The Risk: Microbacterium Abscessus, a bacterium with a distant relation to the ones that cause tuberculosis and leprosy, can cause infections in patients when contaminated water supplies are used to irrigate the mouth. A simple google search of "dental practice, water, illness" will result in many articles about lawsuits and unfortunate outcomes to patients including children in Georgia, New Jersey, Virginia, and California.

The Solution: It is not enough to treat the water lines in a dental office as the bacterium can still grow after the fact. Each dental operator must be treated at the instrumentation that is used on the patients to ensure safety. One such

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Proof: It is your dental office's obligation to ensure all measures are being taken to assure your safety while in the care of your dental provider. Dentists are to follow guidelines on safety, sanitation,

standard of care and product quality. It is your right to know what your dentist is doing to assure your safety. Don't be afraid to ask your dentist how they treat the water in the office. Ask them where it is treated (at the chair and/or at the utility hook-up). Ask them if they test their water for consumable quality and how often. They should be able to supply test results.

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