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Calvert Teachers May See Early Christmas Present

State Grant Would Hike All Salaries

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County teachers may be getting an early Christmas present. And, the Santa Claus is the Kirwan Commission with an assist from the Maryland General Assembly.

The Calvert County Board of Education has applied for a \$1.5 million state grant to supplement teacher salaries for the coming year. The money was allocated to the county with the proviso that they show that the county is already contributing at least a three-percent salary increase, which they are, according to Executive Director of Administration Anthony Navarro.

Navarro told the school board at a special June 24 meeting that imbedded in the bill which began the implementation of the Kirwan Commission recommendations on education funding was the Teacher Salary Incentive Program. Part of that program is to boost starting teacher salaries for districts which are lagging in competitiveness. At a salary of \$45,495 last year, Calvert was behind competing counties.

So, Navarro said that 22 percent of the \$1,493,948 allocated to Calvert will go to starting salaries and to teachers in the first five STEPS. He said staff had negotiated that starting salary with the teacher union, the Calvert Education Association (CEA) to be \$50,000.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry was quick to inform the school board that starting sala-

ries are not part of the negotiated agreement with the teachers but are entirely the purview of the board.

From there, Navarro explained, "The second year starting salary was raised to \$51,541, that was an increase of \$3,564. STEP 3 is now at \$53,082, that was an increase of \$2,951; STEP 4 is now at \$54,623 and that was an increase in \$2,261; and STEP 5, that's actually \$56,164 and that's an increase of just at \$1,602. Just the grant alone affected those increases."

But the bulk of the grant, 1,162,000, will go to teachers above those levels (6 to 31) and everyone will benefit. Curry said, "It turns out to be a good year also for everyone who's six-years of experience or higher with the plans for STEP and the one percent already part of the existing contract and add to that one quarter. It's a pretty good year."

Once the grant is approved by the state, the changes in salaries will have to be ratified by the CEA membership. So far, the tentative decisions have been made by CEA leadership.

The school board will also have to ratify the \$50,000 starting salary.

The grant is good for only one year with the possibility of renew-

ing it for a second year. Curry said the extra monies will be built into a new teacher salary scale. If there is no additional state funding, the county would have to pick up the difference. By then the school system's negotiated agreement would have expired and a new one would have to be negotiated which could affect the continuance of the extra monies supplied by the state grant.

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Calvert County Public Schools Executive Director of Administration Anthony Navarro

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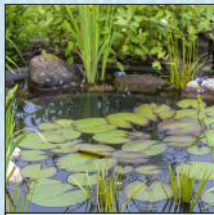


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Miller Speaks at Democratic Club



Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller was the guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Calvert County Democratic Club on June 25. He appeared healthy and energetic after a round of cancer treatments during the legislative session. The longest-serving state senate president in the country spoke on a wide range of political topics during the 40-minute talk.

Hoyer Announces Staff Changes

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) has announced the retirement of District Director Betsy Bossart, who served on his staff for more than 30 years. Congressman Hoyer also announced that Deputy District Director Terrance Taylor will take over as District Director and Stefanie Carey Barone will be promoted to Deputy District Director.

"It is with great sadness that I announce the retirement of Betsy Bossart, who has done an outstanding job serving the people of Maryland's Fifth District for more than 30 years," said Congressman Hoyer. "I have been so fortunate to work alongside Betsy, who has been a dear friend and close confidant over the years. Everyone in the Fifth District knows Betsy, and they know how closely I rely on her guidance and counsel. Wherever I travel, constituents tell me how helpful she has been in assisting with their casework and other challenges they face. She has played a critical role in ensuring constituents are heard and their concerns are addressed. She always goes above and beyond for the Fifth District, and her deep knowledge of our community and her commitment to service will be sorely missed."

"Betsy has been a trusted colleague to those on my staff, and she is a dear friend to all of us," continued Congressman Hoyer. "I wish her the best in her much deserved retirement, and I thank her for laying a strong foundation that will ensure my staff and I are able to continue effectively serving Fifth District families in Washington."

"I am pleased to announce the promotion of Terrance Taylor and Stefanie Carey Barone to serve as my new Dis-



trict Director and Deputy District Director," said Congressman Hoyer. "Their knowledge of the issues facing families in the Fifth District is invaluable, and I am confident they will continue to be outstanding representatives for my office in Maryland."

Terrance Taylor has served as Deputy District Director since 2010. Prior to that, he served as Director of Outreach from 2006 to 2010, and as a Field Representative from 2003 to 2006. Stefanie Carey Barone has served as Director of Constituent Services since 2018. She previously served as Constituent Services Liaison from 2009 to 2018.

Press Release from Office of Rep. Steny Hoyer.

Museum Board of Governors Budget OK'd

Funding Structure Perplexes Commissioners

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved the annual budget for the Board of Governors (BOG) of the Calvert Marine Museum. The decision was on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Steve Weems not in attendance. But it was not without controversy as the commissioners struggled to understand the museum's three-tiered revenue stream.

According to a memo to the BOCC from Calvert Marine Museum Director Sherrod Sturrock (who will retire next week; see separate story), "The BOG budget relies on earned income from admissions, donations, facility use fees, program fees, and an annual budgeted transfer of funds from the society budget"

The society, officially called the Calvert Marine Museum Society, Inc., is a non-profit fundraising arm of the museum, and provides one of those three revenue streams. Last year's society budget was \$2 million.

The society operates the museum store, solicits grants, and oversees memberships. And they have the

big responsibility of the museum's popular concerts, the most recent of which, Earth, Wind & Fire, occurred on July 3.

Calvert Marine Museum is a county-owned facility, having been so since the county took it over from the historical society in 1979. And, \$1.1 million of the overall \$4.8 million museum budget comes from the county. Almost 90 percent of the county contribution goes to salaries, including 23 full-time merit employees.

But employees also come out of the Board of Governors and society budgets, such as the volunteer coordinator from the BOG budget and the Marketing and Public Relations manager from the society.

All of which left Commissioner Mike Hart to quip, "We are here to accept a budget that I don't think I understand." He wondered why everything wasn't under the county since the county owned it.

"It works very well," Sturrock insisted. But she admitted, "It's complicated."

Sturrock was pressed as to the profitability of the concerts. She said it's uneven, with some making huge profits and some losing money. It depends on how well the acts are received and of course that big variable -- the weather.

Board of Governors President Steve Claggett said the museum is "much less dependent" on the

concerts than it has been in the past. And, Sturrock said overall the concerts do make money, even though they cost a lot to put on.

County Administrator Terry Shannon reminded the BOCC of the economic development benefit of the concerts. She said most of the concert goers are from out of Calvert County, and many of them stay in local motels and eat at restaurants while here.

Sturrock presented the following statistics to prove the county's positive return on investment from the museum:

- Visitors 87,589
- Memberships 3,200
- Volunteers 520
- FREE Admission 13,256
- Education

25,757 total participation in all programs
7,735 Maryland students participated in guided programs

764 Maryland students sailed on the Dee of St. Mary's

1,336 pre-schoolers participated in programs

"I feel very confident on where the museum is financially," Sturrock said as they embark on a fundraising campaign for a new Paleontology Center, which is part of an overall master plan that had earlier been presented to the commissioners.

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New Calvert Marine Museum Director Named

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) announces the promotion of Jeffrey Murray to director of the Calvert Marine Museum (CMM). Murray has been with CMM since 2017, serving as the museum's deputy director and education director. Murray's appointment is effective July 8, 2019.

Murray has a Master of Arts in history and a museum career spanning over 20 years. As deputy director of CMM, Murray oversaw the second phase of the exhibition hall renovation program, a project that expanded and renewed the education department's work, classroom and storage spaces on the building's mezzanine level. He also directed the education department, was highly involved in the development of a new site master plan and wrote successful grants to support new programs and exhibits.

Murray replaces the current director, Sherrod Sturrock, who retires this month after 29 years of service to Calvert County Government. During his tenure at CMM, Murray received notable training and mentoring by Sturrock.

"Sherrod has been an excellent leader and director, and she will be sorely missed," said BOCC President Tim Hutchins. "We are grateful for the significant work she has done to ensure Calvert Marine Museum is and remains a county treasure for many years to come and for the fact that Ms. Sturrock will continue to volunteer at the museum following her retirement this month."

Sturrock began her career in Calvert County Government as the county's capital projects coordinator. She was hired as deputy director of CMM in 2005 and promoted to director in 2016. During her tenure at the museum, she initiated First Free Fridays, the Solomons Maritime Festival and the Maritime Performance



Former Calvert Marine Museum Director Sherrod Sturrock and new Director Jeffrey Murray during renovations earlier this year. Series, and expanded the museum's education department program offerings and participation. Sturrock oversaw the Discovery Room redesign, creation of the museum's estuarine biology exhibit, "River to Bay," the opening of the Benning Education Center and the museum's designation as the State Paleontology Collections and Research Center.

Established in 1970, CMM opened its current exhibition building in 1989. The museum is dedicated to the collection, preservation, research and interpretation of the culture and natural history of Southern Maryland. Through its exhibits, programs and activities, visitors learn about regional paleontology, estuarine life and maritime history of the tidal Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay.

CMM is a public, non-profit museum operated by Calvert County Government. Learn more about Calvert Marine Museum at www.CalvertMarineMuseum.com.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

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Mt. Harmony Elementary School collected Letters of Love. The school is Shannon O'Brien's alma mater.

By Dick Myers
Editor

You first heard about Shannon O'Brien of Owings in these pages a year ago in a story with the headline "Father's Death, Her Own Serious Accident Define Beauty Queen's Message of Hope."

The feature story in the June 7, 2018 issue told of O'Brien's quest for the title of Miss International as the reigning Miss Virginia. She was a top 10 finalist last year.

O'Brien is a stewardess and has thus lived in various spots in the country, most recently New York City, although she holds Calvert County very near and dear to her heart. This year O'Brien competed in and won the Miss New York contest as part of the same Miss International pageant.

O'Brien explained in last year's interview, "Miss International is a Christian-based pageant in which you have to have a platform. Forty-percent of your score is based on your platform and your interview." She said it encourages women to be involved in their community "in something they are passionate about."

Shannon says her goal is "to deliver love around the world through her platform, Letters of Love." That is an outreach initiative she founded that allows her to visit local students to "write letters of thanks to our military, share hope with hospital patients, and respond to special requests."

"Over the past six years, with the help of local schools and churches, hundreds of letters have been delivered to the USO, military bases, and the Trauma Survivors Network," according to a press release from Miss International.

She herself is a trauma survivor. While a student at Northern High School at the age of 16, she was in a car accident on Ward Road in Dunkirk. She was not wearing her seat belt. "Because I wasn't wearing a seat belt my body flew out of the back window of the car." Her cousin and two friends were in the car. Luckily no one was killed.

Dunkirk VFD responded, and she was flown to the world-famous University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore. The volunteers and the hospital saved her life. "They had to reconstruct my face," she explained.

The scar is still there. It goes through her eyebrow and down along the side of her nose. It's hard to see and easily covered with makeup. It's now part of who she is. "I love my scar," she said.

"The Miss International system has opened so many doors of opportunity for me to make new friends, volunteer in amazing charities, and showcase beauty and grace in local communities around the world," she told The County Times.

She went on to say, "As Miss New York International 2019 I reached my seventh continent and I'm beyond excited to continue pulling the curtains open to the world and promoting my platform, Letters of Love. With God all things are possible and with the army of support from my parents, family, friends, and sponsors, I am ready to find where the crown will take in the future as your Miss International 2019!"

O'Brien is Calvert County's biggest ambassador. "I have so much love for my hometown," she said, sharing a picture of her planting a county flag on that 7th continent.

Anyone interested in getting involved with her Letters of Love project can contact her at: (301) 801-6819.

She said she also models for Route One Apparel, a Maryland theme online clothing store. "I model the Maryland flag on my travels," she said.

"The Miss International Pageant will be held at 7:30 pm on July 27, 2019 at the Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences in Charleston, West Virginia. The exciting events and activities leading up to the Pageant will begin in Charleston on July 22nd. Tickets and livestreaming will be available on the pageant website," according to the pageant press release.

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Man Charged With Assault in North Beach Standoff

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A man who barricaded himself in his North Beach home June 27 in an armed standoff with law enforcement officers has been charged with first-and-second degree assault as well as reckless endangerment for pointing a weapon at two state troopers.

Joseph Schmidt remains incarcerated at the Calvert County sheriff's office detention center.

According to an application for a statement of charges filed against him in Calvert County District Court, Schmidt, who had been discharged from the U.S. Navy in May, sent a picture to a friend showing a naval uniform and a handgun next to it.

A message sent with the picture led the friend to report Schmidt as being possibly suicidal; law officers went to investigate.

The standoff lasted approximately six hours from about 12:30 to 6:30 p.m., law enforcement reports state.

Troopers from the state police and Calvert County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to Schmidt's home in the 9400 block of Seabreeze Court.

During the long standoff a state trooper saw Schmidt on the third floor through a window in his home point a rifle in the direction of two state troopers, charging documents state.

At sometime a shot was fired inside the home, charging papers stated, but law officers did not know where the bullet went.

An eyewitness to the incident said members of the state police tactical team, including an armored vehicle, arrived on scene by about 3p.m. after other officers had cordoned off the area so that

no vehicles could enter.

The tactical team spread throughout the immediate area, the eyewitness told The County Times.

"They scattered throughout the court," the witness said. "The court was very quiet."

By about 5p.m. the state police armored vehicle approached the suspect's home and began to communicate with him through a loud speaker, according to the witness.

"They asked him to come out," the witness said. "They said 'We don't want to hurt you and you don't want to hurt us.'"

The suspect approached the third floor window of the home, according to the witness and appeared to have what could have been a handgun.

"They told him to drop the gun," the witness said. "He finally threw down the gun."

The suspect then retreated from the window and returned with what appeared to be a long gun.

"He looked like he had a rifle," the witness said. "He opened the window and threw it down."

The witness said the suspect eventually came out of the house and was taken into custody by law enforcement officers.

The police response to the incident was heavy, including state troopers from the Prince Frederick barrack, Calvert sheriff's deputies, the state police crisis negotiation team, state police aviation command and the sheriff's office special operations team.

North Beach Volunteer Fire Department personnel also assisted at the scene.

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The suspect moving towards police.

Elderly Woman Injured in Lusby Accident

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Team were dispatched on Sunday, June 30 at approximately 11:22 a.m., to Rousby Hall Road and River View Drive in Lusby, MD for report for a motor vehicle accident.

Preliminary investigation revealed a 2013 Hyundai Tucson being operated by Mary Smith, 91 of Lusby, was attempting to make a left turn from Rousby Hall Road onto River View Drive. A 2013 Toyota Prius was being operated by Jessica Wolfrey, 31 of Hanahan, SC who was traveling northbound on Rousby Hall Road. As the Hyundai was making the turn, the driver failed to yield the right of way to the Toyota. The Toyota struck the Hyundai on the passenger side causing the vehicle to leave roadway and roll onto its side.

Smith was transported to Prince Georges Hospital Center by Maryland State Police Medevac where she is listed in stable condition.

Wolfrey was transported to Calvert Health by ambulance with minor injuries. A passenger in the Toyota, Scott Wolfrey, 31 of Hanahan, SC, refused medical treatment at the scene.

Preliminary investigation indicates that Smith's failure to yield the right of way contributed to this crash.

This crash remains under is under investigation. Anyone with additional information in regards to the collision is asked to contact the Calvert County Sheriff's Office at (410) 535-2800 or e-mail Sgt. T. Phelps at thomas.phelps@calvertcountymd.gov.

Press Release from Calvert County Sheriff's Office.

Sentence Imposed for Huntingtown Robbery

State's Attorney for Calvert County Andrew Rappaport announced that on July 1 Theodore Logan, 30, of Temple Hills was sentenced in the Circuit Court for Calvert County for a robbery in Huntingtown.

On July 25, 2018 officers responded to the Discount Liquor Store in Huntingtown for the report of a robbery. After an investigation by the Calvert County Sheriff's Office, Logan was later apprehended. After a two-day jury trial in April of 2019, Logan was convicted of robbery and theft.

Logan appeared for sentencing on July 1, 2019. The state requested a sentence of 15 years suspend o all but 10 years, which was above the sentencing guidelines of two to five years.

Logan was sentenced by Judge Mark Chandlee to 15 years in the Division of Corrections with all but eight years suspended.

Upon his release, Logan will be on five years of supervised probation.

Press Release from Office of Calvert County State;s Attorney.



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The summer evening celebration will be set up farmers' market festival style on the grounds of the 362 acre working family farm, located directly off Route 231 in Calvert County. Spider Hall's Ice Cream Shop, Mrs. Moo's Corner, will be open during the event as well.

Event highlights include, food trucks with menus featuring locally sourced ingredients, a cooking demo by local chef Gywn Novak of No Thyme to Cook, live music

by the band Flyt (featuring John Luskey and Ryan Forrester), carriage rides with the magnificent Suttler Post Farm Clydesdales, pony rides by Mary's Go Round Petting Zoo, plus additional farm playground activities for the kids, and a raffle with donated prizes from the participating vendors. Ticket holders also receive an insulated shopping bag to keep their purchases cool "from farm to fridge".

Two Guys & A Grill food truck will be serving the "BLC Burger" a genuine old time farm raised burger, from WAG Meats Farm in St. Mary's County, featuring one 1/3rd of a pound, locally raised, 80% lean, all natural Charolais/Angus-cross beef, with no antibiotics or added hormones – come taste the difference!

Shore Thing Shellfish will be shucking fresh local oysters, and every guest gets one free oyster to taste with their ticket. Oysters from several local aquaculture farms will be featured, and additional oysters to eat can be purchased.

The Buy Local Challenge Celebration is a 'book end'

event for the statewide Buy Local Challenge Week (BLC) which takes place annually during the last full week of July (20- 28). Jointly promoted by SMADC and Maryland Department of Agriculture, the BLC encourages consumers around the state to purchase Maryland agricultural products during Buy Local Week.

The 2019 Buy Local Challenge Celebration event is proudly sponsored in part by MARBIDCO, Calvert County Economic Development, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Colonial Farm Credit, Rural Maryland Council, Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Maryland Farm Bureau, and Grow and Fortify.

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Press Release from SMADC



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Meet Louis and Ivan, they are one striking duo! Louis is white with two different colored eyes, one is blue and the other is gold. Ivan is a handsome Domestic Long Hair. They are best buds, that came into the shelter together. They both love attention! When petting they give several head butts to make sure they are keeping your full attention. Even though they are not fond of other cats, they love one another. They are constantly playing and giving kisses to each. We would love to see Louis and Ivan find a forever home together! Since they have been chosen for Pet of the Week, their adoption fee has been waived for qualified adopters! Come on in and meet with these two brothers today!

The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is located at 5055 Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick. We are open for adoptions Tuesday through Saturday. For more information about this week's Pet of the Week or any of our other adoptable pets please check out our website www.calvertcountyanimalshelter.com or give us a call at 410-535-PETS (7387). Please follow us on our Facebook Page @ Calvert County Animal Shelter and Instagram @ CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.



County Looking for Unsung Heroes Volunteer Awards Program Returns

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) announces that nominations are now being accepted for the annual Calvert You Are Beautiful Volunteer Awards. This program recognizes residents for their significant volunteer contributions to Calvert County and its citizens, and their work to change the community for the better.

Nominees might be a firefighter at a local fire and rescue station; a non-profit organization staff member; or the person who generously gives time to school programs, museums, hospice, parks, homeless shelters and other service-based agencies.

Nomination forms are available online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/cyab or by calling the Calvert County Department of Communications and Media Relations (CMR) at 410-535-2003. CMR

will accept 15 nominations. Completed nomination forms should be returned to CMR, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD, 20678, Attn: "Calvert You Are Beautiful." Applications must be post-marked or hand-delivered by Friday, July 12, 2019.

All nominees will be honored at a ceremony sponsored by the BOCC in September 2019. Learn about the 2017 Calvert County You are Beautiful award winners online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/cyab.

Press Release from Calvert County Government.





Animal Shelter Participating in Statewide Cat Adoptions

Maryland Shelters Waive Adoption Fee

To save and find homes for the thousands of homeless cats and kittens in Calvert County and across Maryland, the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is teaming up with 20 other shelters in the state to participate in the second annual Maryland 2,000 Saving Lives Across Maryland adoption event.

Through July 31, the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter will waive adoption fees for felines with the collective goal of finding homes for at least 2,000 unwanted cats and kittens throughout the state.

Cats of all ages and personalities will be available for adoption, including kittens born during the warm summer months, known as "kitten season."

"Kitten season is a busy time for animal shelters in Maryland," said Calvert County Director of Public Safety Jackie Vaughan. "It's critical that we find these cats and kittens homes so we can continue to take in others who need our help."

The Maryland 2,000 Saving Lives Across Maryland event is organized by members of the Baltimore Animal Wel-

fare Alliance, partnering shelters, Baltimore Animal Rescue & Care Shelter, Baltimore County Animal Services, Baltimore Humane Society and the Maryland SPCA.

Last year, participating shelters collectively surpassed the goal of the Maryland 2,000 and found homes for 2,395 cats and kittens during the inaugural year.

The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is an open admission animal shelter managed by the Animal Shelter Division of the Calvert County Department of Public Safety. The shelter is located at 5055 Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick.

Regular adoption procedures still apply. For more information about adopting from the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter or more information about the Maryland 2,000 Saving Lives Across Maryland, visit www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

It's 'Game On' at County Parks & Recreation

Summer is here, which means it's time to get out and explore the great things happening at Calvert County parks and recreation centers. This July, join in on the fun and games offered by the Department of Parks & Recreation as they celebrate Park and Recreation Month.

Activities are planned for residents of all ages and abilities throughout July. Many activities are free. Here's a sampling:

Try Out the Driving Range for all ages (fee required), July 7 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Chesapeake Hills Golf Course, 11200 H G Trueman Road, Lusby

Park Adventure Day Obstacle Course for ages 2 to 13 years, July 15 from 10-10:45 a.m. at Cove Point Park, 750 Cove Point Road, Lusby

Hunt for Sharks' Teeth for all ages (fee required), July 20 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Flag Ponds Nature Park, 1525 Flag Ponds Parkway, Lusby

Glow Dodgeball Fun for ages 12 to 17 years, July 25 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Southern Community Center, 20 Appeal Lane, Lusby

Make a Boat for ages 2 to 10 years, July 30 from 10-11 a.m. at Mt. Hope Community Center, 104 Pushaw Station Road, Sunderland

See the full calendar of Park and Recreation Month activities online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/PRmonth.

Park and Recreation Month is an initiative of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that all Americans have access to parks and recreation for health, conservation and social equity. NRPA encourages people that support parks and recreation to share why they think it's important with the hashtag #GameOnJuly.

To learn more about Park and Recreation Month, visit www.nrpa.org/July.

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CSM Trustees Approve Budget

In-County Tuition Up 2.7%

The College of Southern Maryland Board of Trustees at its June 20 meeting approved the college's Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) budget of \$66,256,202, which reflects a 0.7 percent decrease over FY 2019 and is based on projected tuition, and approved funding by the state and by Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's county boards of commissioners.

The college's FY20 budget includes funding for a one-time upgrade of its enterprise resource planning system (ERP) and the first phase of a three-year compensation equity adjustment resulting from a market comparison study to provide employees with a fair and equitable compensation system.

In approving the budget, the trustees set tuition with a 2.7 percent increase for Southern Maryland students, effective with the fall 2019 semester. Tuition for residents of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties will increase to \$131 per credit. The combined fee remains at 25 percent of tuition.

CSM's operating budget is supported by funding from the state, the three counties within Southern Maryland, and tuition and fees. Tuition and fees represent approximately 40 percent of the total budget, county appropriations at nearly 30 percent, and state funding at 27 percent with 3 percent from other sources. State funding is programmed at \$17.8 million, and the local three county support levels total \$19.8 million. Tuition and fees from credit and continuing education enrollment are anticipated at \$26.4 million.

"We have been diligent in managing our budget and developing our revenue projections from a fiscally conservative basis that continues to support the high degree of success we expect for our students. This includes strategic position management to accurately reflect the positions serving our students in helping them to achieve their career goals while also addressing aging infrastructure needs in technology," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy.

Murphy noted that the budget provides vital support for campus facilities, computer labs, campus and cyber security, as well as productivity enhancements within the college's academic and administrative infrastructure.

Within the additional 5 percent in county funding of \$934,240 is included a one-time total allocation of \$812,700 by Charles and St. Mary's counties to support the ERP technology upgrade.

"Just as important is addressing fair and equitable compensation for the people who serve our students, and this budget begins a three-year phase-in to ensure we are taking care of our people," Murphy said. "It has been more than 10 years since the college has analyzed its regular benefitted positions, and the trustees and I believe strongly in aligning our compensation package with our compensation philosophy. This budget reflects that desire—to be competitive within our industry, retain the high caliber of employees that our students need, and to properly support our employees."

In presenting the recommended budget to the trustees, CSM's Budget Director Judy Mills advised that the FY20 operating budget provides a half-step increase to the base pay of 10-month and 12-month faculty and a 1.5 percent market adjustment for staff. Additionally, the reclassification of regular benefitted staff positions will impact approximately 300 positions with salary adjustments. Mills noted that these adjustments will be phased in over three years.

Mills noted that for an in-county resident enrolled in 15 credit hours, the tuition increase is estimated at an approximate increase of \$52.50 per semester. Out-of-county and out-of-state tuitions also increased to \$229 per credit and \$294 per credit respectively.

CSM's tuition and fees may be paid over four months through CSM's Tuition Payment Plan. Since this is a deferred payment plan, there is no debt, no credit search and



no interest. There is a non-refundable enrollment fee of \$50 per semester. For information on the payment plan, contact the Bursar's Office at paymentplan@csm.edu or 301-934-7712. To enroll in the plan, visit <https://www.csm.edu/costs-aid/credit-costs-aid/tuition-and-fees/Tuition-Payment-Plan/>.

Various resources are available for students regarding financial aid, grants, loans, veterans benefits or student employment. For information on financial assistance and the types of aid available to attend college, please visit <http://www.csm.edu/costs-aid/credit-costs-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/>.

Additionally, the college offers an online application that helps students to easily identify and apply for potential scholarships. The CSM Scholarship Finder is a quick, easy and free service that helps Southern Maryland students match their backgrounds and financial needs against more than 200 scholarships in a wide variety of academic programs. Every student must submit their FAFSA in order to apply for scholarships. To learn more, visit online at <http://www.csm.edu/costs-aid/credit-costs-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/scholarships-scholarship-finder/>.

For information on scholarships and financial aid assistance at CSM, call 301-934-7531 or visit <https://www.csm.edu/costs-aid/credit-costs-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/>.

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Quilts Say 'Thank You'



Quilts of Valor honorees (left to right): Dana Berman, Bruce Hocker, Mark Lysaght, Peter Laporte, Larry Owens and Preston Welch.

By Dave Spigler
Contributing Writer

With the Fourth of July holiday upon us, it's fitting to note that several local military veterans who fought in World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Viet Nam War, in Grenada, during Operation Desert Storm, and in Iraq and Afghanistan were recently recognized with a beautiful handmade quilt provided by the dedicated volunteers with the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

The foundation, a large national organization, began as a dream of its founder, Catherine Roberts in 2003, and has grown to more than 7,000 volunteers.

Its popularity spread rapidly throughout the continental United States and abroad thanks mostly to word of mouth combined with the magic of the internet. It has gained great popularity as a visual "thank you" and means to honor the service of these great Americans who answered the call to duty to defend our country during its time of need.

Roberts, the mother of a young soldier ordered to Afghanistan, had a vivid dream of seeing a young man sadly sitting on his cot one night, hunched over in despair while dealing with demons that had circled around him. Suddenly, she saw him wrapped in a quilt and his entire disposition became "one of hope

and wellbeing." To her, the quilt was the cause for this dramatic change. It provided comfort and warmth, protecting an individual both physically and mentally.

She realized that a quilt could be more than a piece of cloth. It had to be carefully hand sewn by volunteers who donated their time and materials. When finished, it had to be of a quality that reflects the love of the quilters. It would not be an inexpensive charity quilt to be handed out like magazines or cigarettes, or candy. She felt these quilts would be special and should meet high standards of excellence as they would be looked upon as awards rather than gifts.

She called these special quilts "Quilts of Valor" or QOV and they would carry the message of "Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor for serving our nation in combat."

The very first QOV was awarded to a young soldier who lost his leg fighting in Iraq in November 2003. He was being cared for at the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC at the time of the presentation.

The chaplain who was present at the ceremony immediately saw the real value of awarding quilts to the wounded as it also provided a message that someone cares. The chaplain's wife, a quilter herself, realized the comfort they provided and impressed upon her husband with the value these quilts add to the care for our returning heroes.

This QOV movement had its start in the Roberts home in Seaford, Delaware

and quickly gained interest across the country. One reason for its rapid popularity was due to its instant favor with the American public who remembered how poorly the returning veterans from the Korean Conflict known as the "Forgotten War" and those arriving home from Viet Nam, the "Unpopular War," were treated. Few, if any, of these heroes were thanked for their service.

Many combat veterans were even disrespected for their participation in this costly engagement that took nearly 50,000 American lives. They often met with criticism or were spat upon. There was little appreciation for their wounds, both physical and mental.

The quilt became a viable means for citizens to overcome the guilt that lingered long after the Viet Nam era ended. It was a perfect shot in the arm to cure the malaise and shame this long, unpopular war created and divided us as a Nation. It was definitely the "right thing to do at the right time."

The first batches of quilts were sent overseas to be placed on the stretchers of our men and women injured in Afghanistan and Iraq to keep them warm on their flights out of the war-torn battle zones. A small, but dedicated group of volunteers formed to assist Roberts with this undertaking.

The quilts took considerable time to make and prepare for shipment. And these extremely dedicated people had to use their own monies and material as there were no funds or donations to sup-

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port these early efforts.

As this movement grew, it became an all-volunteer, non-profit organization in 2005 with a small staff to help Roberts with the growing requests for these awards.

Eventually, in 2006, after attending several quilt presentation ceremonies throughout the country, her original idea of awarding a quilt to just-returning injured veterans of wars came into question; the quilts were becoming revered awards with more folks seeking them for family and friends who had been touched by war. It was decided any American warrior could receive the coveted QOV.

Additionally, due to living in close proximity to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, Roberts became familiar with the Air Force's Mortuary Affairs Operations there. It's the one place on the East Coast where all remains of deceased military members are brought back to from overseas. The scenes of our military members removing flag draped coffins off large Air Force transport planes with a solemn ceremony are often shown on the evening news.

She talked with the commanders and civilian staff of this unit and learned they all worked as a team for years and agreed that from then on, all those individuals, military or civilian, working at this military mortuary would receive their own QOV. This policy continues to this day.

In the 16 years of its existence, the Quilts of Valor Foundation has awarded more than 220,000 quilts to our special men and women. A small arm of this organization was formed here in Southern Maryland four years ago by Peg Gowen. It too is an all-volunteer, non-profit group located in St. Mary's County. It is named the "Pax Sound of Freedom." Last year, they awarded 28 QOVs to veterans in the local area and at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

To help offset the costs of making these quilts, they hold a few fundraisers every year; you may have seen them at fairs and festivals. Not only are they in need of donations, they also are in desperate need of additional volunteers to help meet a goal of 32 quilts to be presented this year.

Two of their most active participants are Gerry and Sylvia Lague, a retired Navy couple who moved to the area three years ago. Gerry is a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer. The two of them have been making QOVs for nine years and have awarded these beautiful symbols of a grateful nation to deserving veterans for the past eight years.

Recent Southern Maryland awardees of the Quilt of Valor are:

Warren Wince

Warren is a 99-year-old World War II veteran from Piney Point who came there from West Virginia in 1940 to work for the Navy to test torpedoes. He soon joined the Navy following the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 and served on active duty for six years. During the war he served on Navy supply ships in the Pacific. Once the war ended, he returned to Maryland and married a local girl and started a family. He spent many years employed by the Navy at Naval Air Station Patuxent River. In retirement he stays busy with the upkeep of his beautiful home and maintains his yard in perfect condition. He continues to be physically fit and he is known for his particularly sharp mind.

Alfred Iganemmo

Alfred is a 95-year-old World War II Navy veteran from Hollywood. He was born in Pennsylvania and was a member of a first-generation American family to enlist in the Navy in June 1941 at the age of 17. He later met his wife at a USO show in Baltimore. He completed a 30-year Naval career as an Aviation Mechanic and a Chief Electrician. He served on many aircraft carriers including the USS Ranger and the USS Lexington. He is a "plank owner" for the "Lady Lex" having been assigned to the original commissioning crew. During his 30 years of service, he spent time in the Philippines, Korea, and Japan. He retired in 1960.

He moved to Maryland and was employed at the U.S. Naval Academy as an air conditioning specialist for 15 years. He moved his family to St. Mary's City where he and his wife built a house and raised three sons. Alfred enjoys salvaging and fixing old toys and just about anything needing repairs. He remains very agile and stays active. Like Warren Wince, he is a member of a dwindling group of veterans from "the war to end all wars." The Quilts of Valor Foundation is honored to award these two gentlemen with their quilts.

Dana Berman

Dana is a career Navy man, enlisted in 1988 and retired in 2010. He served as an Aviation Ordnance Chief. He served aboard many Naval Air Stations including NAS Point Mugu, CA, NAS Atlanta, Georgia, and NAS Washington, DC.

Peter Laporte

Peter was a U.S. Air Force Captain assigned to F-111 fighter squadrons. He had tours of duty at Lowery AFB in Denver, Colorado, Kessler AFB, Mississippi, and Nellis AFB, Nevada. Peter moved to St. Mary's County from Portland, Oregon and currently serves as the Executive Director for the St. Mary's Historical Society.

Mark Lysaght

Mark is a 1985 graduate of the Naval Academy and received his Navy Wings of Gold as a Navy helicopter pilot. He served in Operation Desert Storm and was at the Pentagon when it was hit by the terrorists that took over the American Airlines passenger aircraft on 9/11. He served more than 20 years in the Navy before retiring here in Southern Maryland.

Larry Owens

Larry joined the US. Air Force in 1978 and stayed for 24 years, retiring in 2002. He spent considerable time assigned to the Pentagon and enjoyed a tour at Remi AFB in Puerto Rico. Upon retiring, he went to work for Gould Fiber Optics. He now is a resident of St. Mary's County.

Preston Welsh

Preston Welsh is a career United States Marine and spent 32 years defending our country in World War II and the Korean Conflict. In the latter days of WWII, he was stationed in the South Pacific building airfields in the Philippines as a bulldozer operator

Bruce Hocker

Bruce is a former member of the U.S. Army and lives here in Southern Maryland.

As you see, these veterans come from all walks of life and many different backgrounds, yet the one thing they have in common is their patriotism and willingness to volunteer to sign up and support the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic. Many gave some; some gave a lot. They all took the Oath to defend our country and they are outstanding models for all to emulate!

Thank you, sirs, for your great dedication and congratulations to each of you for receiving your award from the "Quilts of Valor Foundation" for your service! You make us proud!

For more information concerning the Quilts of Valor Foundation or learning how to become involved as a volunteer or a donor to this awesome nonprofit organization, contact Peg Gowen at peg-gowen@gmail.com or Sylvia and Gerry Lague at geryslague@aol.com.



A Quilt of Valor is awarded to 99-year-old Warren Wince.

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In Remembrance

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

Mary Ann Ring



Mary Ann Ring, 75, of St. Leonard, Maryland passed away June 30, 2019 in her home. She was born on December 10, 1943 in

Washington DC to the late John and Cecelia Finn Rowe. Mary and her husband David were the founders and chaperones of the Long Beach Teen Club in the mid Seventies. Mary loved her cats and dogs, was a great cook and an avid reader. Mary is survived by her husband, David Harrison Ring, Sr., mother of David H. Ring, Jr. and his wife Wendi, loving Nana of Kaitlyn Blush and Kamryn Ring. She is also survived by her sister Donna Hazes and brother John Rowe. The family will receive friends on Monday July 8, 2019 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at the Rausch Funeral Home, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday July 9, 2019, 11 AM at Waters Memorial United Methodist Church, 5400 Mackall Road St. Leonard, Maryland. Interment will follow in the Church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice. P.O. Box 838 Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org>

Jessie Jo Bowen

Jessie Jo Bowen, 93, of Huntingtown, MD., passed away on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at her daughter and son-



in-laws home, surrounded by family. Jessie Jo was born in Tiffin, Ohio on June 23, 1926. She was the 2nd child of four children, born to Harry & Mary Elizabeth Litzenberger. She lived on a large farm with her family until the age of 13 when they moved to Washington D.C. She graduated from Central High School in 1944 and began working as a Secretary at World News Report in D.C.

In 1946, on a trip to Calvert County with a friend, she met and later married the love of her life, Arthur Bowen. They raised two children, Bonnie and Jay, while living in Huntingtown. She returned to work as a Secretary for the Draft Board in Prince Frederick and then the Federal Government. Following that job she began her political career where she served as Treasurer for Calvert County for twenty years, having been elected five times to that position and as Judge of the Orphans Court for twelve years which was also an elected position. During those years she was actively involved in many civic and charitable organizations.

She loved her family and the Lord and served her church in many capacities. She enjoyed gathering with family and friends; being active whether it was playing cards, going to McDonalds, or anything that involved being around people. There wasn't a person she saw that wouldn't receive a big "Hello, I'm Jessie Jo".

Jessie Jo was preceded in death by her husband J. Arthur Bowen, son Jay

Bowen, grandson-in-law Kris McCarthy, sisters Anna Mary Lonning and Martha Jane Spalding, and a brother Harold Litzenberger. She is survived by her daughter Bonnie Bowen McGuffin and husband Ritchie B. of Huntingtown, daughter-in-law Terry Bowen of Huntingtown, grandchildren John McGuffin and Joy McCarthy, both of Huntingtown, and Lauren Bowen Holt and husband Chris of Rockville, MD., and great-grandchildren Morgan and Ryan McGuffin and Cole, Carson, and Carly McCarthy.

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.

Patricia Ann Dutcher



It is with sadness that the family announces the passing of Patricia Ann Dutcher who died on June 26, 2019 at home in Long Beach, Maryland. She was the daughter of Hillary and Kathleen O'Bryhim and wife of Ted Dutcher, who passed on September 16, 2018. She is survived by her two children Christopher Dutcher, Nissa Beth Dutcher-Terrell and husband Rick Terrell, she is also survived by her grandchildren Donovan Terrell, Enola Bates, and Aaron Terrell. Patricia's siblings include Kenneth E O'Bryhim, Pamela O'Bryhim, Kathleen O'Bryhim-Hennon and

husband JJ Hennon. Her nieces and nephews include: Tara and John Grim, Andrew and Melissa Harmdierks, Jaremy and Robin Morgan, Michael and Monica Morgan, Mary and Adam Damm. Great nieces and nephews include McKenzie, Chase, Zach, Paul, Mia, Dylan, Declan, Seth, Gabby, Colin (Buddha), AJ, and Sarah. A celebration of her life will be held in the fall. She is loved to infinity and beyond.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Daniel "Danny" Dixon



Daniel "Danny" Dixon, 73, passed at his home in Port Tobacco, MD on Wednesday, June 26, 2019. Danny was born in Washington, D.C. on Sep-

tember 2, 1945, the son of Albert Alexander and America Irene Dixon. He is survived by his brothers and sisters: Alice, Albert, Nancy, Tommy, Charlotte and David.

He proudly served in the Army and was stationed in Germany. He married Sharon in 1969 and had one daughter Gerri Lynn. He worked as a General Contractor and owned several business throughout his lifetime. He believed in hard work and loved construction.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, classic cars, going to auctions and spending time with friends. He was known for his generosity and helping friends and neighbors.

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He is survived by his daughter Gerri, son-in-law Donnie and granddaughter Graci Danielle.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 from 10-11 AM at the Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657, and Service will follow at 11:00 AM. After the services interment will be in MD Veteran's Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623, at 2:30 PM.

Contributions may be made in the memory of Daniel Dixon to the American Diabetes Association.

Judith Ann Brice



Judith Ann Brice, 78, of Lusby and formerly of Owings, MD passed away June 25, 2019. She was born December 27, 1940 in Washington, DC to Louis

Reinhardt and Alice Elizabeth (Taylor) Mittelstetter. Judith was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and sisters, her husband Charles J. "Charlie" Brice and son Mark Jennings.

Surviving are five children Barbara S. Gheen and her husband Michael of Mechanicsville, MD, Michael J. Hayes and his wife Renee' of Yantis, TX, Teresa L. Garner and her husband Richard of Huntingtown, MD, Debra Ridgell of Lusby, MD, and Dennis M. Jennings and his wife Rebecca of Shady Side, MD; seventeen grandchildren and twenty six great grandchildren, and a sister Helen Clarke of Fredericksburg, VA

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838 Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/> or

Calvert County Animal Shelter, 5505 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678; 410-535-7387.

Howard Orlando "Howie" Miller

Howard Orlando "Howie" Miller, 53, of Saint Leonard, MD passed away in Prince Frederick, MD June 25, 2019.



Howie was born June 1, 1966 in Prince Frederick to the late Ayers John Eugene "Buddy" Miller and Mabel Lena Miller of Chesapeake Beach.

Howard grew up in the town of Chesapeake Beach and graduated from Northern High School in 1984. He later graduated from Air Force basic training at Lockland Air Force Base, Texas. He proudly served 6 years active duty in the Air Force obtaining his A&P Mechanics certification and served a tour of duty in Desert Storm. He then joined the DC Air Guard and served a tour of duty in the Iran/Iraq War. Later he became a contract worker for the US Marines at AAFB.

He was a member of the American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206 in Chesapeake Beach and the Calvert Elks Lodge 2620 in Prince Frederick.

Howard is survived by his loving wife Karen and their beautiful daughter Jacklyn "Jackie", sisters Tina Schaeffer (Chip) and Teri Rice (Dan), nephew Colin Miller and nieces Courtney and Elizabeth Rice.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Post # 206, 3330 Chesapeake Beach Rd, Chesapeake Beach, MD 2073.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Brenda Kay Woods



Brenda Kay Woods, 77, of Huntingtown, MD passed away June 24, 2019 at Calvert Health Medical Center. Brenda, or B.K. as she was known to some, was

born on July 17, 1941 in Taylorville, IL to Marcel and Mary Ellen (Reed) Pallai. She was a self-described, "military brat" who travelled with her family as a child to stations in Hawaii, New Mexico, and finally to Andrews Air Force Base. She attended Frederick Sasscer High School, in Upper Marlboro. It was

there she met her future husband Allen C. Woods, and their marriage would last 54 years before Allen's passing. After high school, Brenda attended beauty school. Allen and Brenda were married and since Allen was in the army, they found themselves stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. It was there that their son Anthony was born. After three years in the service, they would return to Upper Marlboro and eventually move to Prince Frederick in 1976, St. Leonard in 1988, and Chesapeake Beach from 1993 to 2015, when she went to live with her son in Florida. She loved camping with her grandchildren.

Brenda was all about family. She was a good mom, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved having her family around. She was a mother and homemaker for many years and always took an interest in the lives of her loved ones. Thanksgiving and Christmas were special times, with big dinners with the family.

She loved to sew, quilt, knit, and crochet. She worked at Mr. Comb's Sewing Center and enjoyed the many friendships she made. She was an expert at making beautiful quilts and was a member of quilting guilds in Annapolis and Bowie. Do you remember the quilted Northern Bath Tissue commercials with the bears from a few years ago? She was quick to point out that those bears were not quilting. They were knitting!

She and Allen enjoyed many friendships and were involved with the Moose Lodge, American Legion, and enjoyed eating out at Duffy's and Traders. For many years, she and Allen helped raise money for the American Cancer Society by helping get sponsors for annual golf tournament fundraisers. Brenda loved sweet tea, especially from McDonalds and over the past few years would almost daily have her daughter Alisa pick her up a sweet tea or a mocha frappe from McDonalds, or an iced latte from WAWA.

After Allen retired, He and Brenda started a Home Inspection Company that they ran together for 15 years. The two of them were inseparable and she loved him dearly.

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents and step-mother Mae Pallai, half-brother Steve Pallai, husband Allen C. Woods and son Anthony A. Woods.

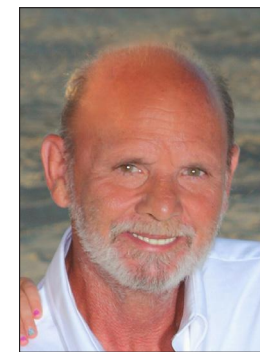
Surviving are her daughter Alisa Lambert of Huntingtown, MD; grandchildren Anthony A. Woods, Jr. and his wife Katie of Lakeland, FL, Megan E. Castellow and her husband Joel of El-

lenton, FL, Eric A. Smallenbroek of St. Leonard, MD and Clayton D. and Colton T. Lambert both of Huntingtown, MD; great grandchildren Adrian, Ella, Emma, Avery and Lucas, and a half-sister Sharon Merrill and her husband Vernon of Heyworth, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Prince Frederick Volunteer Rescue Squad, 755 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Link: <http://www.pfvrs.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

David P. Wilson, Jr



David P. Wilson, Jr., 66, of Lititz, PA, passed away at his residence surrounded by his loving family on June 24, 2019.

He was the husband of

the late Valerie K. Haupt Wilson, who passed away in 2009. Born in Cheverly, MD, he was the son of the late David P., Sr. and Annie Lee Mallonee Wilson.

Dave had worked for Amtrak in various positions in the C&S department from 1976 until he retired in 2015 as a Senior Signal School Instructor.

He was a US Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, serving from 1972 to 1975.

Dave was an avid Phillies fan, enjoyed going to the Outer Banks each year, and spending time in Florida in the winter. His family was his greatest treasure and he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He took great pride in taking care of his pool, which he always had ready for his granddaughters to enjoy.

He is survived by his daughters: Angela K. Wilson-Kost married to Edward Patrick Kost of East Petersburg, and Jayme L. married to Eric Ober of Lititz; his 5 granddaughters Jayna, Ella, Annabeth, Lizzie, and Lexie, and his sister, Ann Eustler. He was preceded in death by his brother, Larry Wilson.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in his memory to Cape Hatteras National Seashore at National Park Service, Outer Banks Group, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

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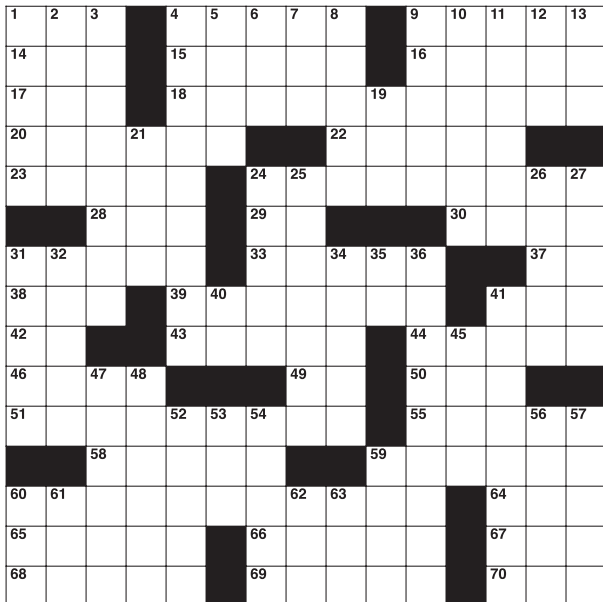
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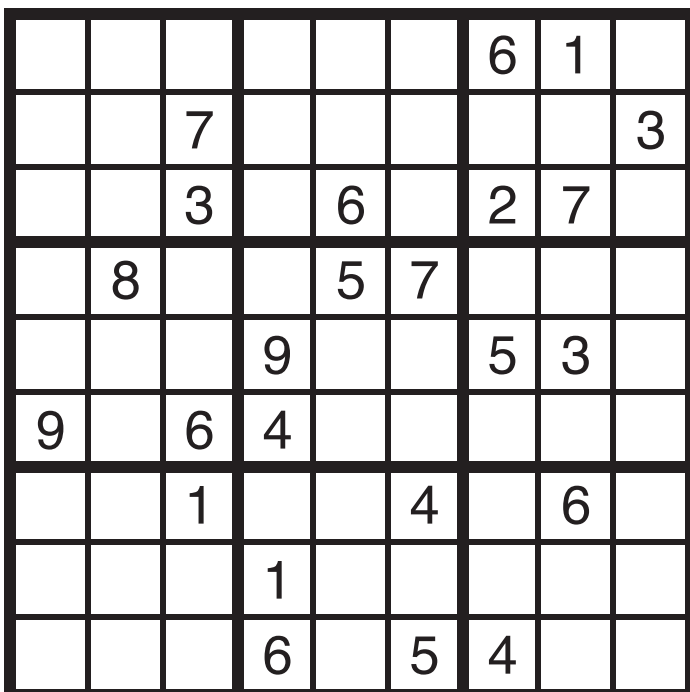
CLUES DOWN

1. Portuguese district
2. An assembly of witches
3. Having few teeth
4. The act of going across
5. Nepalese dynasty
6. "Bye Bye Birdie" actress
__-Margaret
7. What the princess found
beneath her mattress
8. Pennsylvania transit
organization
9. Winnie the Pooh creator
10. Riddle
11. Grads wear one
12. Body part
13. The top of a pot
19. A type of meal
21. Lake __, one of the
Great
24. Capital of Jordan
25. A type of logic
26. Khoikhoi peoples
27. A fixed time of prayer in
Christian liturgies
31. Arrives
32. Lemur
34. Small bodies of still
water
35. __ route
36. Breaks apart
40. A type of line
41. Caption that translates
45. Winged
47. Criticize severely
48. Leg bones
52. Monetary unit
53. 007's creator
54. Accumulate
56. Establish by law or with
authority
57. Breed of goat
59. Millisecond
60. Mock
61. Make older
62. Some don't want to be
given any
63. Wrath

CLUES ACROSS

1. Bridge building degree
4. Catches
9. A heavy type of music
14. Original "Twilight Zone"
host Serling
15. Rodent species
16. Finnish lake
17. Street (abbr.)
18. Home of the US Naval
Academy
20. It held a convention
once
22. Makes a loud, ringing
sound
23. Cave
24. Lessening of something
28. MJ's nickname " __
Jordan"
29. One's way of doing
things
30. Wings
31. Quotes as evidence for
33. Acts glumly
37. A man's title
38. It comes first
39. Edible mollusk
41. Resembles a pouch
42. He/she checks your
health
43. Nobel Prize-winning
biochemist
44. Stop momentarily
46. Formerly (archaic)
49. Commercial
50. White vestment worn by
clergy
51. Island people of the
Mediterranean
55. Prices
58. On a line at right angles
to a ship's length
59. Where boats are parked
60. One who values reason
64. It might be on your
driveway
65. Small Iranian village
66. Used to emphasize
67. Mathematical term
(abbr.)
68. Long necked birds
69. Eyeglasses
70. When you hope to get
there

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'Woefully Inadequate' Tennis Courts

To the Editor:

The Northern High School tennis parents have become aware that the plans for the new tennis facilities at the new NHS will only have four tennis courts, two less than previously

The tennis team is asking for a distribution of practice space at the new Northern High School comparable to the other sports. There are 14 starters on the Northern High School Varsity tennis team; four courts will not allow the 14 starters to practice at the same time. We need five courts for all starters to practice simultaneously. There is NO room for the JV team to practice. How do the coaches build a tennis program, if they can't build their JV team? The tennis teams needs 10 courts with lights: 5 courts for the Varsity team and 5 courts for the JV team.

NHS tennis facilities are woefully inadequate. During the NHS reconstruction the past three years the NHS tennis team had to practice and play at Dunkirk District Park which has four tennis courts. Practice was from 3-5 each day. My daughter started coming home around 6pm, sometimes later because she could not get quality practice time on a court during practice. She knew if she stayed late she would get quality practice time with the coaches.

The other Varsity sport teams do not have this problem. The Varsity lacrosse, football, baseball, and soccer all have a JV and Varsity team and practice separately. The Coaches are able to spend time building winning programs. The students who play other sports play a minimum of 2 hours every day during their season. The students who play on the tennis team do not get to play 2 hours every day. In fact, when all 32 tennis players are practicing simultaneously, they practice 30 minutes a day. The tennis team is not afforded the same opportunity as the other sport teams. Our coaches cannot build a tennis program simply because of inadequate tennis facilities.

NHS just completed one of its most successful tennis seasons: 2nd in SMAC, 2nd in Regionals and Girls Doubles State Championship.

The NHS tennis team has a combined girls' Varsity and JV team, and a boys' Varsity and JV team. NHS tennis team is four teams under one program. That is analogous to combining the boys' Varsity and JV lacrosse team, with the girls' Varsity and JV lacrosse team practicing and playing together on half a field.

Northern High School plays Division 3A; the closest 3A high school is Huntingtown High School which has 8 tennis courts and was built 15 years ago. The farthest 3A schools are North Point High School with 12 tennis courts and St. Charles with 8 built in 2005.

My husband and I walked the property of NHS recently. We noticed the football stadium has undergone a major refurbishment: a new announcer's booth, new bleachers, a practice field for the Varsity team including a field goal, a practice field for the JV players, a PA system and lights. The stadium is used during home games only.

NHS baseball team has a brand new fence, two sections of bleachers, batting cages and a concession stand with bathrooms.

NHS boys' lacrosse field has an irrigation system and gets watered daily. The athletic budget is not being dispersed equitably.

Tennis is comprised of singles, doubles and mix doubles, which means no more than four players on a court.

Practice for singles is not the same as practice for doubles. Therefore we cannot put extra players on the court for practices which has been done for the last three years because there were only four courts available at Dunkirk District Park.

In the NHS June Patriot Press newsmagazine, it states "they turned old NHS into a huge parking lot". The parking spaces have doubled. NHS does not need additional parking spaces. Northern High School needs to support the tennis team by providing adequate tennis facilities to accommodate the Varsity and JV tennis teams.

Every other NHS team that wins a States receives a ring. The fact that the Girls Doubles tennis team did not receive a ring shows that tennis is an afterthought for NHS. This needs to change.

Beth M. Bubser
Dunkirk, MD

Community Calendar

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

UPCOMING

New York Trip

New York City on your own! Shopping, sightseeing, Broadway show or fine dining. \$56.50. July 27.

Charter bus departs Prince Frederick at 7:00 AM. Departs NYC at 6:00 PM. Calvert County Parks & Recreation. 410-535-1600.

ONGOING

Honeysuckle Express Train Exhibit

The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum (CBRM) presents a new visitor-operated model railroad exhibit. It depicts the former rail line from Seat Pleasant to Chesapeake Beach and the beach resort as it was during the 1920s. The full line traveling from Washington, D.C. to the destination resort was known as the Honeysuckle Route. CBRM, 4155 Mears Ave., Chesapeake Beach, presents the history of the early 20th-century Chesapeake Beach Railway and the Chesapeake Beach Amusement Park through photos, memorabilia and artifacts. Open daily through August 31 from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. www.ChesapeakeBeachRailwayMuseum.com

Thursday, July 4

Fireworks

Solomons, 9:15 PM

Celebrate Independence Day with a view of fireworks over the Patuxent River.

Saturday, July 6

Sea Glass & Beach Craft Market

Anmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, 13480 Dowell Rd., Solomons

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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New Volunteer Orientation

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue, 7940 Flint Hill Road Owings, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

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Reception and Art Show

ArtWorks@7th, 8905 Chesapeake Ave. North Beach 1:00 - 4:00 PM

"Natural Beauty" featuring paintings by Pamela Callen and Iris Hall Willey, silver and stone creations by Candy Carr and ceramic works by Scott Hill. Continues until July 28. Hours: Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun - 11am - 6pm.

Texas Hold'em and Cash Games

Julie Rogers Studio of Dance, 4120 Old Town Rd., Huntingtown

7:00 PM

Same price - more chips!!! Benefit the Patricia Leone Rogers Educational Scholarship Fund. Doors open at 6:00, game starts at 7:00. Buy in \$80, \$20,000 in chips and blinds are 20 minutes each and start at 50-100. Early registration, extra \$1000 in chips. \$10 50/50 additional \$4000 in chips. Food, beer and sodas included!

Monday, July 8

Camp Jr. Sheriff

Cove Point Park, Lusby

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday-Friday

Campers interact with peers, law enforcement officers and volunteers in a criminal justice setting. Grades 6-8. 410-535-1600 x2649

Video Games Day

Northeast Community Center, Chesapeake Beach

Stop by and play one of our many Xbox, Playstation or Wii games.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Meeting

Solomon's Volunteer Fire Department

7:00 - 9:00 PM

United States Coast Guard Flotilla 23-02 monthly meeting to discuss recreational boating safety, boating education and other topics of a nautical theme. Prospective members are welcome to stop in and see what we are all about.

Tuesday, July 9

Topsy Turvy Toddlers

Mt. Hope Community Center, Pushaw Station Rd., Sunderland

10:00 - 11:00 AM

A non-structured activity that encourages little ones to interact freely and learn by having fun. Moon Bounce and more. Ages 1-5 years. Free. 410-257-6770

Bingo

North Beach VFD, Rt. 261, Chesapeake Beach 6:00 PM

Join friends and neighbors and support your local first responders. Games at 7:30. Food and drinks for purchase. Jackpot - possible prize \$1,000.

Bay Breeze Concert

Chesapeake Beach, Railway Museum

7:30 - 9:30 PM

The Dixie Ramblers' toe-tapping bluegrass style is always entertaining.

Wednesday, July 10

Jump Around

Northeast Community Center, Chesapeake Beach

9:30-10:15 AM and 10:45-11:30 AM

Many inflatables to play on. For ages 2-5 years. Free.

Thursday, July 11

Teen Spades Tournament

Southern Community Center, Appeal Lane, Lusby

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Bring a partner and your skills. Spades game competition. Prizes to top winners. Free. 410-586-1101

St. Mary's County Camera Club

Patuxent Naval Air Museum (building behind the new museum), 22156 Three Notch Rd., Lexington Park 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Bring 3 digital images on an SD card or USB flash drive that you would like to have reviewed for suggestions to improve, or just sit back and listen. Visitors welcome. email smccc1998@gmail.com or visit www.smccc.org.

CSM Fall Registration

Registration opens for non-credit courses this fall at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM). Continuing education students can choose from an expanding array of quality programs designed to help meet professional and personal learning goals. www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/non-credit

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Friday, July 5

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.

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

Saturday, July 6

Brain Games: Mahjongg, Scrabble & More. 12:00-3:00pm. Want to learn Mahjongg? Hope to make your Scrabble skills killer? Games are a great way to keep your brain sharp while having fun! Join us! Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Monday, July 8

Monday Morning Fun. 10:00-11:00am. Join us for dancing, stories, movies and fun. We now have text reminders. If you would like to get reminders about certain special events for this class, text @mmfpf to the number 81010. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Book Discussion - What Have You Read Good Lately?. 7:00-8:30pm. Annual summer event where we chat about books we've read! Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Tuesday, July 9

Summer Fun--Didgeridoo Down Under. 10:00-11:00am. Didgeridoo Down Under provides "edu-tainment" at its best! The didgeridoo serves as a gateway to learning about Australia, Aboriginal culture, geography, history, science, vocabulary, literacy, character building, environmentalism and more. Come experience the didge's unique and captivating sound. All ages. A Choose Civility event. Sponsored by Institute of Museum and Library Services. Hosted by Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch at Northeast Community Center, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Summer Fun--Didgeridoo Down Under. 2:00-3:00pm. Didgeridoo Down Under provides "edu-tainment" at its best! The didgeridoo serves as a gateway to learning about Australia, Aboriginal culture, geography, history, science, vocabulary, literacy, character building,

environmentalism and more. Come experience the didge's unique and captivating sound. All ages. A Choose Civility event. Sponsored by Institute of Museum and Library Services. Hosted by Calvert Library Fairview Branch at Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department, 3170 West Ward Road, Dunkirk, 410-257-2101.

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

Wednesday, July 10

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.

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

Fairview Teen Night. 6:30-8:00pm. Teens! It's time for a game night! Bring your favorite board game and hang out over games & pizza! Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Book Discussion - (Lotus Cafe). 6:30-8:00pm. Recurring monthly book discussion held at Lotus Cafe. This month is "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane," by Lisa See. Hosted by Calvert Library Southern Branch at Lotus Cafe, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

Intergenerational Summer Day Camp Ages 5-11

Grandparents and their elementary aged grandchildren are welcome to join us for our annual summer camp, July 8 - 12, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Calvert Pines Senior Center. Arts and crafts, games, public safety, a magic show, and reptiles to see! \$50 per grandparent/grandchild, \$25 each additional person. Call Ed Sullivan at 410-535-4606 for more information. Pick up a registration form at your local senior center. Deadline to register is July 3.

Fitness Facilities

Each Senior Center has a fitness room with treadmills, ellipticals, exercise bikes, and weights. Call any senior center for more information. Free for seniors.

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. Appointments are taken between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Thursday, July 11 at Southern Pines Senior Center.

Calvert Pines Senior Center

The Calvert Pines Senior Center will host Intergenerational Summer Camp July 8 - July 12. All recreational activities are

cancelled. The center is open for informational assistance.

Join us and have fun amongst friends with Special Bingo Tuesday, July 16, 10:30 a.m.

Local artist Suzanne Shelden welcomes beginning painters or advanced painters for Acrylic Painting, Thursdays, July 18 and 25, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. learn how to paint or enhance your ability. Fee: \$ 10 per session.

North Beach Senior Center

Join us for our Puppy and Kitten Toy Animal Shelter Craft, Tuesday, July 9, 11 a.m. Make toys for animals at the Linda Kelly Animal Shelter. All items will be given to the shelter staff when they visit in August.

Interact in real life discussions with Real Conversations, Tuesday, July 9 and 30, 10 a.m. Topics will be provided.

Paint beautiful works of art on rocks with Rock Art, Wednesday, July 10, 11 a.m.

Southern Pines Senior Center

Representatives from the Linda Kelly Animal shelter will be joining us Tuesday, July 9, 11 a.m. for a special presentation.

Continue celebrating animals with our movie: Animal Reunions, Tuesday, July 9, 1 p.m.

Join us during our Open Jam Sessions, the second Wednesday of each month, 1 p.m. Bring your instruments or just yourself to sing and play along.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, July 8

Herb Lemon Fish,
O'Brien Potatoes, Tossed
Salad w/Dressing,
Seasoned Kale Dinner
Roll, Fruited Jell-O

Tuesday, July 9

Chicken Salad in a
Pita, Lettuce and Tomato
Slices, Fresh Carrots and
Cucumber Slices,
Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday, July 10

Egg Salad Sandwich,
Lettuce and Tomato
Slices, Tossed Salad w/
Dressing, Pickled Beets,
Fresh Seasonal Fruit

Thursday, July 11

Pulled Pork Sandwich
on a Bun, Cole Slaw,
Fresh Seasonal Fruit

Friday, July 12

Meatloaf, Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes,
Broccoli, Lima Beans,
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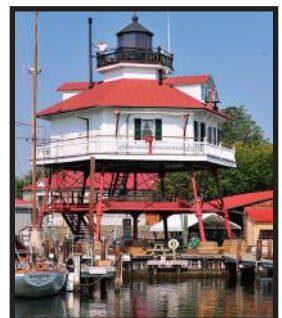
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LETTER TO EDITOR

Uncontrolled Development

To the Editor:

Calvert County is set to be run over by development!

We voted for Commissioners Hutchins, McConkey and Hart because they assured us during the election that they wanted to control growth. These three Commissioner, along with the Department of Planning and Zoning, now want to abandon the current Comprehensive Plan and open Calvert County up to uncontrolled development.

In the draft Comprehensive Plan that is scheduled to go to public hearing on July 23rd, there will no longer be a distinction between Major and Minor Town Centers. Right now, the density in parts of Prince Frederick is 24 units per acre and super big box stores containing almost 200,000 square feet are permitted. If adopted, this means that such development will be allowed in Huntingtown, Owings, St. Leonard and Dunkirk, which are currently Minor Town Centers. That is unacceptable.

The Comprehensive Plan also proposes to expand Huntingtown to include land owned by Commissioner McConkey thus increasing its value many times over. Huntingtown will be a huge bottleneck if the land is allowed to be developed on the east side of Route 2/4.

We need everyone who voted for these Commissioners to let them know that what they're doing is unacceptable and we will not stand for it! Write to the County Commissioners and attend the hearing on July 23rd (check newspapers and County website for date and time). Our future way of life in Calvert County depends on your participation.

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