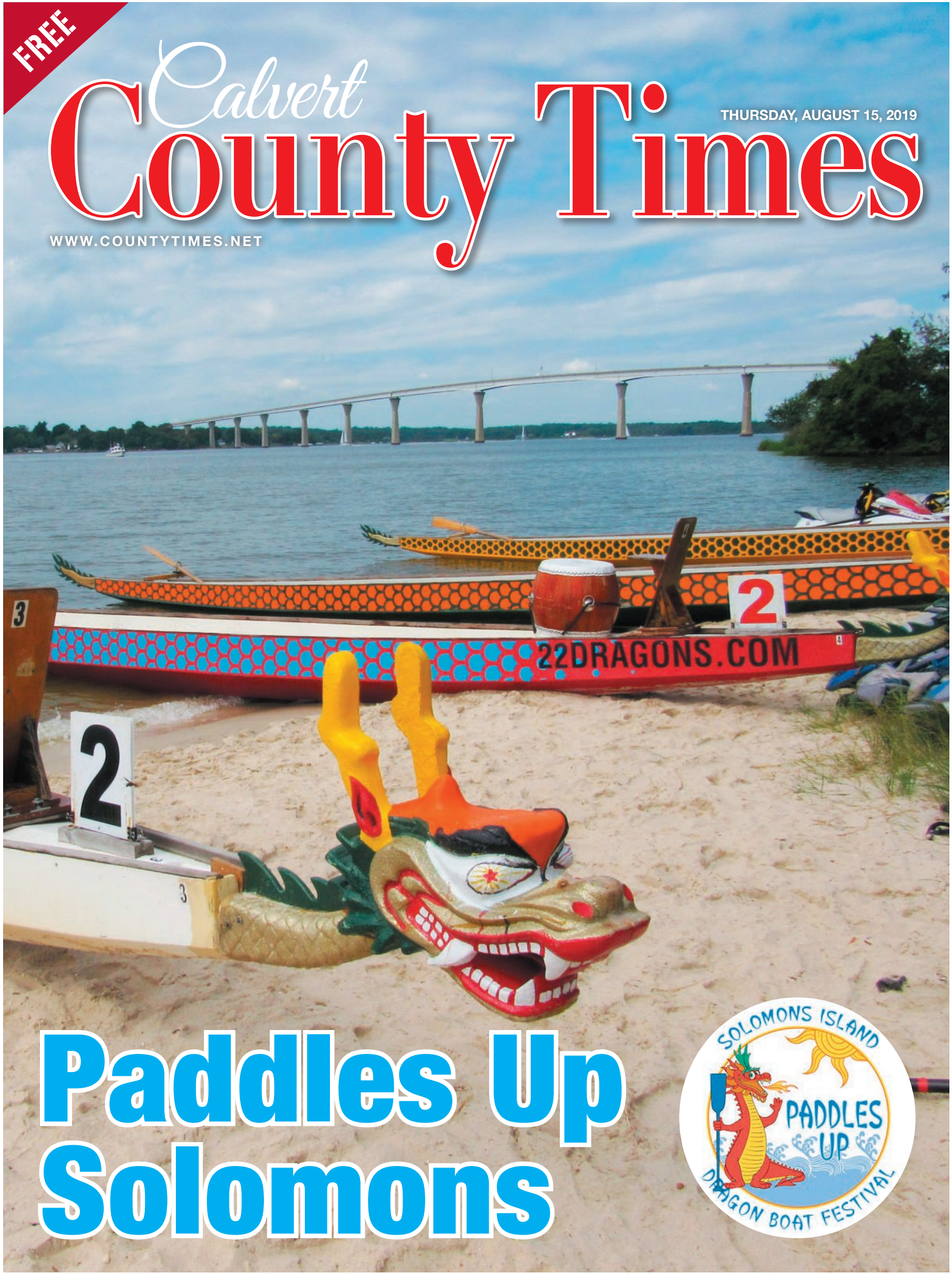


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McConkey Defends Town Center Vote Activist Threatens Suit Over Vote

By Dick Myers
Editor

Before the ink was dry on the ordinance enacting the new Calvert County Comprehensive Plan, citizen activists were threatening a lawsuit over it. The 3-2 vote at the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Aug. 6 meeting was quickly followed by the public comment section at which Myra Gowans of Huntingtown said the county could anticipate the lawsuit.

Gowans said the vote was flawed because Commissioner Vice President Kelly McConkey should have recused himself from the vote to extend the Huntingtown Town Center to include two pieces of property he owns.

McConkey, in an interview with The County Times, said he had every right to vote on the matter. He said he did not recuse himself in the earlier 2-2 tie vote before the plan public hearing. He said instead he abstained from voting. "There's a big difference between the two because I wanted to get more informa-



Calvert County Commissioner Vice President Kelly McConkey

tion together."

McConkey said he purchased one parcel eight years ago and the other four-and-a-half years ago, all before he was elected to the BOCC

He said one parcel contains a building that has been commercially-used for decades, originally as a TV repair shop. He now leases that building to a boutique bridal shop.

The second parcel is zoned "Rural Residential," he said and continues to be a nursery which he operates.

McConkey contends that the planning commission voted in an "emergency-type meeting" to re-

move those parcels at the Cox Road intersection and only expanded the town center to include the high school, when two members were not present who would have supported the properties being included.

"I felt that doing it when everybody was there and there was no emergency to do that, they could've certainly held the meeting when everybody was in town," he asserted.

McConkey said the advice articulated by the county attorney in public session validated his vote. That advice, McConkey said, was: "The comprehensive plan does not change the value or the zoning of anybody's property, but that the comprehensive plan directly or indirectly affects anyone that lives in the county that has real property. So he basically told us that we had an obligation as elected commissioners to vote on the comprehensive plan."

The BOCC did not meet this week. Their next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 20.

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Hutchins Assesses Board's First 200 Days

Next: Zoning, County Office, Armory Square

By Dick Myers
Editor

A press conference called and led by Calvert County Commissioner President Thomas E. "Tim" Hutchins took place Aug. 8 at the Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center in Prince Frederick. The conference room was packed with county department heads and other administrators. But it was mostly Hutchins' show as he went through a Power Point presentation touting county government's accomplishments during his board's first 200 days in office.

Hutchins said he sent a memo to all department heads the day after the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Aug. 6 passed, on a 3-2 vote, the update of the county comprehensive plan. Hutchins read that letter at the start of the press conference.

It said, "Each morning marks a new day and this one is special in Calvert County, as it marks the first day after the adoption of the 2040 comprehensive plan. It is likely one of the most significant pieces of legislation that this board will produce in its tenure. By the nature

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of the strategic initiative, it will guide the county for two decades. As with any strategic initiative, each subordinate element will require just as much focus to map it out, to map out the individual objectives of that plan. These various plans will form the execution pieces of the comprehensive plan.



Commissioner President Tim Hutchins at the Aug. 8 press conference.

“The two largest of these pieces will be the town center master plans and the accompanying zoning ordinance. Other parts will require more frequent reviews than have been done in the past. For example, the transportation plan, water and sewer, et Cetera, which will require biennial reviews in order to stay abreast of those trends, which may fluctuate more

rapidly. Timely review and evaluation of these types of factors will enable the county to be agile in its position and in its response, much like an individual reevaluating their retirement portfolio on a frequent basis. The end state is the larger plan, but the fluidness of the market in that case requires frequent rebalancing to achieve the various objectives. To that end your efforts, meaning you, and most of your various staff elements are to be highly commended for the contribution and the accomplishments of their mission to which they were part, culminating yesterday in the adoption of the ordinance with the comprehensive plan.

“It was a significant moment on behalf of all people

in Calvert County when I signed that document. Three years of intense effort. It does not come without a cost, not just monetarily, but more importantly in terms of human investment. The public gives its input, but also the unseen staff throughout every element of Calvert county government, which has expended time, energy and emotion to bring this comprehensive plan to closure in one sense and in a new beginning and another on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. And I thank you. Please extend our thanks to your families as well as they are the ones who bear the most cost. On a personal note, I'm most grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of this significant joint endeavor along with the previous board. And I feel certain this morning as they learn of the adoption of this plan, they too are very grateful to you all.”

Hutchins then proceeded to enumerate the accomplishments of each department over the first 200 days:

Communications & Media Relations

- Launched two new websites: New county government website and Agriculture site
 - Revised organization and look/feel in response to citizen input
- Identifying areas to serve unserved areas for cable and internet capabilities

Community Resources

- Lead community services agency responding to the Chesapeake Beach fire
- New countywide housing diversity task force will address housing diversity in the community
 - Includes county staff with other agencies and advocacy groups
 - Group convened in July 2019 to set objectives and benchmarks

County Attorney

- Presently 49 open and active code violation cases where attempts to help persons attain compliance

outside court have not been successful

Economic Development

- Instituted the federal opportunity zones program in Calvert County
- Continue to maintain a strong focus on entrepreneurial opportunities in the county to focus on the next generation economic and employment environment
 - Relationship with entrepreneurial programs and workforce development in partnership with the College of Southern Maryland will continue to help diversify local community

Finance & Budget

- Reaffirmed AAA bond rating
- BOCC adopted a balanced Fiscal Year 2020 budget totaling \$312.9 million
 - Public school system receives 47% of budget
 - Includes 46 new positions countywide; most are related to public safety
 - Approved capital improvement plan budget to improve delivery of services and facilities for the public with no new taxes

General Services

- Paused the planned County Executive Building to reexamine use of the historic armory and analysis of all location options for the placement of a new building
- Demolition/construction of Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department
 - Begins August 2019
 - Company will relocate to Prince Frederick Armory in interim

Health & Environmental Services

- Continue to work on opioid crisis by joining lawsuit against opiate manufacturers and distributors
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Department of the Environment and Calvert County Health Department to identify areas for improvement

Human Resources

- Opened job opportunities in county government for internal and external applicants concurrently
- Improved health care efficiency in costs while maintaining best available delivery to employees and retirees

Parks & Recreation

- Deployed Breezy Point Beach & Campground rapid action team with near-term and long-term objectives to improve experience for local community and patrons
 - Alcohol restrictions begin on 8/22; an aggressive outreach plan will begin tomorrow
- Chesapeake Hills Golf Course clubhouse
 - \$3.55 million for the project is allocated in the FY20 Capital Improvement Plan

Planning & Zoning

- Comprehensive Plan adoption
 - Continues to focus on directing development to town centers while preserving rural areas
 - Town center expansions and updates are meant to foster strong economic development
 - Includes stronger adequate public facilities triggers
- Next steps: Town Center Master Plan updates begin January 2020; countywide zoning ordinance updates

Public Safety

- Started new Career Emergency Medical Services Division to address local demands and hired new EMS Division Chief to ensure smooth transition
 - 25 new employees
 - Will work in coordination with local volunteer fire/rescue/EMS services

- In the first of two testing phases for the 800 MHz public safety radio communications system

Public Works

- Transportation improvements to county roads and emergency response with ongoing repairs and response to spring/summer 2018 severe rain events, including a major culvert replacement at Pine Boulevard in White Sands
- Traffic safety of roadways remains a priority
 - 90-day assessment of MD 231 to include a safer intersection at Stafford Road
 - Increased focus on bridge capacity of the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge

Technology Services

- Cybersecurity efforts on county government network
 - Server upgrades for better threat monitoring
 - Regular employee training reinforces security efforts
- Technology upgrades will allow in-person credit card payments for the Treasurer’s Office; to be complete by the end of 2019

Some of the highlights of the question-and-answer session that followed Hutchins’ presentation were:

- Director of Planning and Zoning Mark Willis said the same consulting firm that worked on the comprehensive plan has been hired to work on the zoning ordinance, although they will provide a different team with expertise in that area. He said the consultants will have their first meeting with his staff on Sept. 11.
- County Attorney John Norris refused to respond to the question on whether he advised Commissioner Kelly McConkey on his vote on the Huntingtown Town Center after he had earlier abstained on the same issue.

- Hutchins said the investigation of what to do with the Armory Square property will not include the possibility of public use of the property.

- Director of Public Safety Jacqueline Vaughn said the county so far has lived up to its promise of having the new animal shelter be no-kill except for sick or dangerous animals not adoptable to the public.

- During the Power Point, Hutchins said he is getting the assistance of a contact of his when he was the state’s Director of Homeland Security to move the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge project forward. He said, “We’ve got to get it on the list and I think we will. Once we get it on the list we’ll have a better opportunity to get federal funding because to me it’s a DoD (Department of Defense) issue because a lot of folks that live here work at Pax River and the associated contracting companies around it. It is a homeland security issue from that standpoint.”

Hutchins said he would investigate the streaming of meetings of the Board of Appeals and liquor board.

Hutchins envisions the armory being used to provide services to veterans. He said, “Maybe it’s treatment, maybe it is job training, maybe it is drug and alcohol, maybe it’s family intervention. Those kinds of things are components that I want to see involved in a veteran’s-type center.”

Hutchins said he hoped to have similar press conferences more frequently, hopefully quarterly. He said during the next quarter the focus would be on the zoning to implement the master plan.

He also said, “The other issue is where we are with the infrastructure that will be coming up in the legislative session and we want to be able to capitalize on this legislative session more aggressively than we did the last legislative session.”

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School Board Adds a Day to Spring Break



By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education has added another day to spring break beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. The decision was made at the Aug. 8 school board meeting and overturns the recommendation of a committee chosen to tackle the often-difficult challenge of crafting the school calendar that sometimes feels like trying to put a square peg into a round hole.

The change was made after hundreds of citizen comments requesting a longer spring break. The decision was a compromise between an alternate suggestion to add two days to the spring break and having it straddle two weekends for family vacations.

To accomplish adding a day to spring

break, the board agreed with a proposal to change the traditional "school closed" day for the county fair and make it a professional development day. That would mean students would still have off, but teachers would have to report for duty.

To make up for the extra spring break day, the school board decided to make March 19, 2021, which had been only a professional development day, a school open day for everyone.

The spring break will begin Wednesday, March 31, 2021 instead of Thursday, April 1. Additionally, Tuesday, March 30 was made a two-hour early dismissal day to give families an opportunity to get away early.

The reluctance to add a second day to spring break came from reluctance to extend the end of the school year. For 2021 the year will end on Friday, June

11. School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry said attendance would probably be low and student interest for those who attended equally low if they had to come back on a Monday.

Another option was to start the school year on a Monday instead of Tuesday which would push back the 6th and 9th grade orientations to Friday. That was deemed not as desirable because the weekend would be intervening.

Calvert Education Association President Dona Ostenso said teachers would prefer the orientation on Monday. "It's a smoother transition," she said.

The eroding of the traditional day off for everyone for Fair Day, a Friday, could portend another attempt to do away with it. Board member Pamela Cousins, who led an earlier effort to eliminate it, warned it could be on the chopping block again.

The last attempt, several years ago, met with a full-court press from the fair board and also was opposed by then board member Kelly McConekey, now a county commissioner.

Cousins said that school children could just as easily go to the fair on Saturdays, which could become a new School Day. But board member Bill Phalen said that some people stay away from the fair on School Day because it is overrun with kids. Saturday is typically a busy day at the fair.



Calvert County Board of Education member Pamela Cousins

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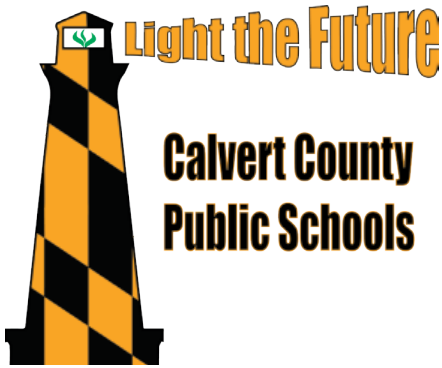
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Schools' Citizen Advisors Report on Volunteerism Changes Called for in School Systems' Policies



By Dick Myers
Editor



The Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) Citizens Advisory Committee says the school system could be doing a better job in engaging with the community. The committee presented the results of a year-long study to the school board at their Aug. 8 meeting. The report was presented for the committee by member Harry Wedewer.

The study revealed that there are inconsistent policies in dealing with volunteers from school to school. It was recommended that CCPS develop a handbook and training video for volunteering

and parental engagement.

Other recommendations include:

- Standardize security check process/requirements
- Central office volunteer coordinator and periodic coordinator meetings
- Volunteer coordinator at the building level
- Single school contact for PTA/PTSA/PTSO organizations
- Continuity
- Welcoming new/transferring parents
- Avoidance of a core group doing everything

- Challenge of coordinating efforts at the high school level
- Tracking volunteer hours

Committee Chair J.C. Hooker said volunteers were essential to the school system. To those who already do it, her message: "Please continue it."

She noted that those who are engaged with the child's schooling may also have their plates full so may be unable to attend meetings but may be willing to help out at a weekend school activity if asked.

The report recognizes the independence of the PTAs and PTSAs. It also recognizes a "no size fits all approach

and a balance between central office involvement and school autonomy.

The report also recommends a more user-friendly policy with a clearer message. Board President Dawn Balinski said, "It's a smart message to make it a more user-friendly process."

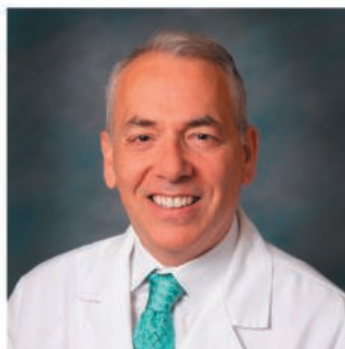
Board member Pamela Cousins suggested that school system staff review the Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations and bring them back to the board with possible suggestions for policy changes.

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A new residential development in the area required the developer to install the new partial traffic signal (southbound MD 2/4 only) and other intersection improvements, including a median acceleration lane with new guardrail delineation.

MDOT SHA will monitor operations at the intersection and reminds motorists to use caution when traveling through the area. Approximately 37,000 vehicles use this section of MD 2/4 each day.

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State Funding Provides Increased Teacher Salaries

Calvert County Public Schools received additional funding for the 2019-2020 school year based on the passage of Senate Bill 1030, also known as the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. The legislation established a priority to increase beginning/newer teacher salaries and to provide salary enhancements for teacher retention.

The Board of Education of Calvert County and the Calvert Education Association worked collaboratively to negotiate the utilization of the nearly \$1.5 million dollars of additional grant funding, and the parties agreed to the following for the 2019-2020 school year:

- The starting salary for Calvert County Public Schools first-year teachers with a Bachelor's degree will increase from \$45,951 to \$50,500. Starting salaries for advanced degrees will realize similar increases.

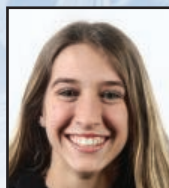
- Salaries for teachers with fewer than 5 years of experience will also see significant increases, commensurate with increases to starting teacher salaries.
- Salaries for teachers with more than 5 years of experience will increase an additional 1.25% (minimum). This increase, combined with prior negotiated salary adjustments for 2019-2020, will result in an overall average increase of 4.64% for teachers with more than 5 years of experience.

IA press release stated: "The Board of Education of Calvert County is committed to providing a quality education for the youth of Calvert County. As such, it is imperative that Calvert County Public Schools offers competitive salaries and benefits to attract and retain highly effective teachers."

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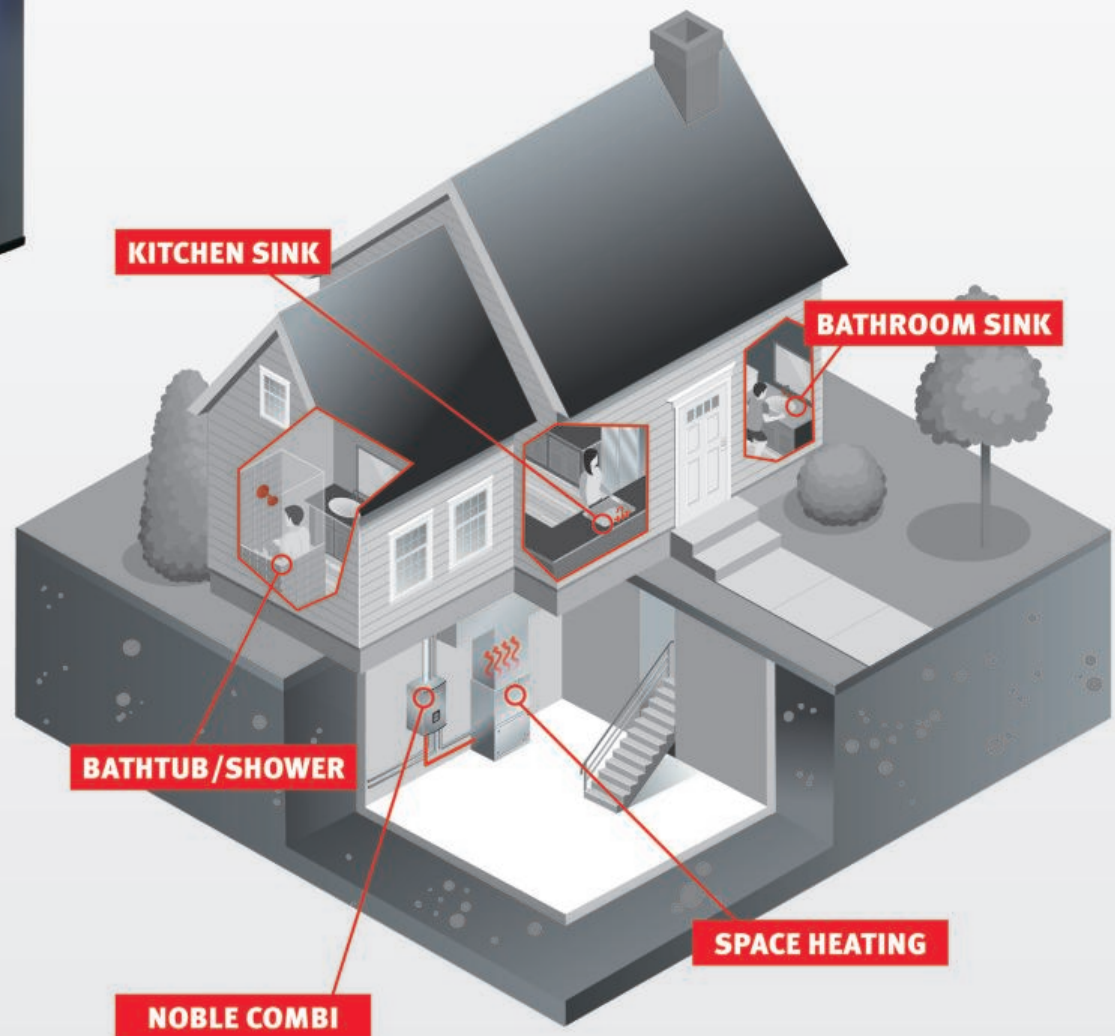
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Aquatic Center Closes for Annual Maintenance



The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation announces the Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center in Prince Frederick will be temporarily closed from through Sept. 2 to complete annual maintenance and cleaning. The center will re-open Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6 a.m.

During this time, pass holders may use Kings Landing Pool or Cove Point Pool. Kings Landing will offer extended lap swim hours from 6 a.m. to noon, Mon-

day through Friday, while the aquatic center is closed.

Participants may register for fall classes and activities in person at the Parks & Recreation main office in Prince Frederick, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by calling the Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center at 410-414-8350.

*Press Release from
Calvert County Government*

Animal Shelter Finds Homes for Felines Participated in Statewide Adoption Event

The Maryland 2,000 Saving Lives Across Maryland month-long feline adoption event has come to a close, with 51 cats and kittens adopted from the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter. In the event's second year, participating shelters collectively found homes for 2,765 cats and kittens during the month of July. The total exceeds the 2018 count of 2,590 cats adopted.

"We see a greater influx of cats and kittens in animal shelters this time of year," said Calvert County Director of Public Safety Jackie Vaughan. "Finding homes for these animals is critical as it enables us to take in others who need our help."

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners voted in June to waive adoption fees for cats and kittens to be part of the event. The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter was one of 20 animal shelters in Maryland to waive adoption fees for felines to help find homes for at least 2,000 cats and kittens in July.

"We are grateful to be in such a supportive community and are thankful to



elty to Animals.

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. To learn more about adoption and see animals currently available for adoption, visit www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com.

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Research Cruise Explores Deep Atlantic Ocean Solomons Scientists Investigate Carbon Cycle

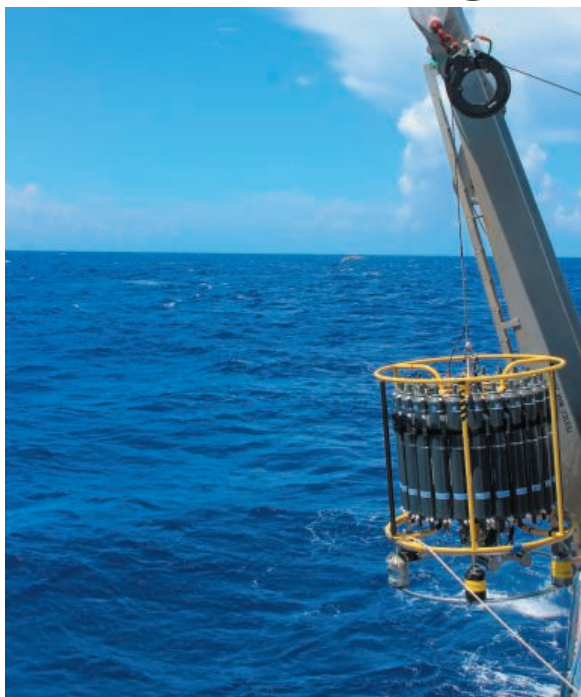
A University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science research cruise is headed to the deep Atlantic Ocean 50 miles southeast of Bermuda for a week of science at sea aboard the 171-foot R/V Atlantic Explorer. Scientists will be sampling the depths of the ocean and analyzing bacterial diversity and function to better understand the marine carbon cycle in the ocean.

"To fully understand the carbon cycle you have to understand what's happening in the ocean," said chief scientist Michael Gonsior at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science's Chesapeake Biological Laboratory. "80% of organics dissolved in the ocean are unknown on the structural level."

The team of scientists and graduate students will be collecting water samples at different depths from oligotrophic, deep blue water—every 200 meters all the way to nearly 5,000 meters—from a fixed point in the Atlantic Ocean. The incremental sampling will provide a diversity of marine organisms because the community will change depending on the depths. Then they will use next generation sequencing tools to sequence the genomes of bacterial communities. Their goal: to understand how cyanobacteria contribute to the marine carbon cycle.

The ocean plays an important role in the global carbon cycle. Nearly 50% of carbon dioxide generated by human activities, such as fossil fuel burning, is absorbed by the ocean. Carbon moves in and out of the ocean daily, but it is also stored there for thousands of years. The ocean is called a carbon "sink" because it takes up more carbon from the atmosphere than it gives up.

"This collaborative study will lead to a better understanding on the role of microbial carbon pump processing and transport of recalcitrant DOM into the deep ocean," said Gonsior. "It has the potential to fundamentally advance our understanding of a presumably important marine CDOM source as well as addressing key issues in marine carbon cycling. We are on the hunt to describe at the structural level the first rather stable



The CTD being carefully deployed off the starboard side of the boat. Two ropes held by technicians make sure the structure enters the water straight.

fluorescent organic compounds in the open ocean."

Scientists will be investigating a specific component of organic matter in the oceans called chromophoric dissolved organic matter, or CDOM, which stores some of the ocean's carbon and also plays a pivotal role in shielding creatures undersea from harmful ultraviolet radiation. In fact, the dark deep ocean holds a substantial amount of this colored material, even though the water appears crystal clear. Sources of this CDOM remain largely unknown, and this project provides a novel path for integrating the chemical property of CDOM with microbial structure and activity.

Preliminary research show that it's not all from land

sources or from the atmosphere, but tiny bacteria called picocyanobacteria may be releasing CDOM into the oceans as a result of a viral interaction. Once researchers return from the cruise, they will investigate how this organic material breaks down and effects microbial communities during this process. The bacterial communities in the ocean are changing, and researchers will be looking at how the changing conditions might be affecting populations and the rate of degradation.

"The goal is to try to understand how bacteria are involved in the degradation of this organic matter," said co-chief investigator Feng Chen of the Institute of Marine and Environmental Technology, who will be bringing the bacterial samples back to the lab and sequencing their genomes.

The team includes Associate Professor Michael Gonsior, post-doctoral research Leanne Powers and graduate student Madeleine Lahm of UMCES' Chesapeake Biological Laboratory; Professor Feng Chen and graduate students Daniel Fucich, Ana Sosa, and Menqi Sun of UMCES' Institute of Marine and Environmental Technology; and Assistant Professor Jacob Cram and research assistant Ashley Collins of UMCES' Horn Point Laboratory.

UMCES researchers will be joined by Professor Norbert Hertkorn of the Helmholtz Center for Environmental Health, Munich, Germany and Shannon Leigh McCallister, Associate Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, and researchers from the University of Delaware.

This is part one of the research project funded by the National Science Foundation. Next year researchers will be exploring what is happening in the Pacific Ocean and what the differences are between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

Follow along to learn about what happens on a deep ocean research cruise here: <https://science.umces.edu/science-at-sea/>

Press Release from UMCES

The Dragons: Bringing Both Sides of the Patuxent Together

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge links Calvert and St. Mary's counties, although the traffic at times seems to make it more of a barrier than a link. But an event coming up this weekend and now in its fourth year has created a true melding of the two counties both in those who participate but also for the charitable community organization that benefits from it.

The Solomons Dragon Boat Festival is part of a rapidly expanding phenomena in the United States and Canada that has its roots deep in Chinese lore. In China, a dragon boat festival was a traditional holiday occurring near the summer solstice. And dragon boat racing originated in southern central China more than 2500 years ago.

Dragon boat festivals have taken off as community events and fundraisers largely due to the handful of companies that provide the boats, which can weigh more than a thousand pounds fully equipped, and the expertise that makes it happen. The Solomons Dragon Boat Festival and the End Hunger in Calvert event in North Beach that takes place in May every year are both made possible by a company from Montreal, Canada called 22Dragons.

In Montreal, 22Dragons is a dragon boat racing club with 800 members. But it has expanded to provide the boats and personnel for more than 50 festivals yearly in Canada and the United States.

This year Lee Cerovac is the race manager for the crew provided by 22Dragons for the Solomons event. He also was in North Beach in May for the End Hunger dragon boat races. He epitomizes the range of people drawn to the dragon boats.

Cerovac, 74, is a retired lieutenant colonel with the United States Marine Corps, with 20 years of service. After retirement he owned two companies in California, sold them and went to work as manager of a Home Depot in El Monte, California. Then the horrific events of September 11, 2001 struck, and the Marine Corps called him back to duty because they needed his specialty -- an interrogator.

After a year-long deployment, the Marines released him., "So I bought an RV and started traveling around. My folks were going to move to The Villages (Florida), so they asked me to come down and check it out, went down there and bought a house the first day I was there," he recalled.

And it was in The Villages, a rapidly expanding retirement new town, that he became acquainted with dragon boats. "I started a team down there called the Leathernecks. The following year we went to nationals and then we qualified to go to the international. So, we went to Hong Kong, I took teams there, and then came back and just got more and more involved and worked for a couple other companies. 22Dragons is real picky who they hire. They want to watch you and they want to have lots of references first." They hired him.

Cerovac has been with 22Dragons for seven years. He may have joined the Marines to see the world, but he sure has seen a lot of the United States as far west as Louisiana during his travels which put him in a different place a week at a time. He usually works for a three-week stretch and then takes a week off. The season ends in October.

He explained, "I traveled in the Marines all the time. You live in a suitcase when you're in the Marines. Then when I owned my own businesses, I was always traveling to recruit more business for my people so we can keep the work on. So, I'm used to traveling."

He added, "I would like to do it maybe a little less than I'm doing it right now, but it really is enjoyable."

This week after putting the dragon boats in the water at Calvert Marina on Back Creek and then rowing them around to the Solomons boardwalk, he and his team were busy helping the teams practice for the big event on Saturday, August 17.



Dragon Boat crew with Lee Cerovac (left) at Calvert Marina.

The Solomons Dragon Boat Festival benefits Southern Maryland Community Resources (SMCR). They serve people with "development differences" in both Calvert and St. Mary's counties and the proceeds from the previous dragon boat festivals have enabled them to expand those programs.

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

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

Cerovac said, "The places where we go that need the money it really makes us want to do the work." He had just arrived from a festival that benefitted sexually abused children, and now this week it's for the people with "developmental differences" who depend on SMCR.

"Everybody's got something that is near and dear to their heart. So, they use dragon boating as a good way to make the money."

The crew with him comes from all over the country and many have participated on teams in national or international competitions. He added, "Some of them are really good with their local teams."

Everything doesn't always go smoothly. For instance, this past May in North Beach, the Chesapeake Bay was too rough for the races, so they did a modified tug of war. "We do that in Florida a lot as kind of just a fun thing. We knew we couldn't go out because our boats were sinking because of the waves coming in."

They tried it and it worked pretty well as an alternative. "I think they had a great time," he said.

And then there was the event in Knoxville, TN where there was no place to tie the boats and they had to anchor them with cement blocks in the river. "The wind came up that night and blew all our six boats away down the river with the cement blocks with them and everything. And we were pretty panicky. I went out looking for them and found them at somebody else's dock about a mile and a half down river all up against the dock, three on one side, three on the other. Perfect!" There was no damage.

Cerovac said of what he does, "It's extremely satisfying. I meet lots of really nice people. You don't really have grouches or anything. It's really nice. What I really get satisfaction out of is to take a team out and they're terrible going out and you tell them that they look terrible, they're going to be terrible, but you also promise them that when they're on their way in, they're going to be so proud of themselves because they're going to look so good. That transformation is really exciting to me."

So, the teams from both sides of the river, from schools, churches, businesses and non-profit organizations, get their chance at transformation this Saturday and while practicing this week under Cerovac's and his crew's able tutelage.

The festival weekend kicks off Friday night at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church with a 7 p.m. event called "Dotting of the Eye." It's a traditional ceremony to celebrate the opening of the festival during which the pupil of each dragon's eye is painted in so the dragons can see. With another stroke of a brush, paint is added to their tongues so the dragons can breathe, and the dragons are ready to race." Everyone can join in.

You can also adopt a dragon. They (the cute little stuffed toys) will also be available for purchase on race day, Saturday, Aug. 17, with all donations benefiting SMCR's programs for individuals with developmental differences.

Then on race day at shortly before the 9 a.m. start there will be a Parade of Teams followed by Presentation of the Colors.

The following are some of the festival highlights:

- Free Admission, Free Shuttle from Free Parking Area, Accessible Event with Designated Accessible Parking Area.
- Dragon Dance, Music, Craft and Food Vendors, Fun Activities.
- The Dragonette's Nest: A family activity area for kids and adults with dragon face painting, a scavenger hunt and more.
- Parade of Teams.
- Awards Ceremony takes place at the Solomons Island Gazebo located on the riverwalk.

Festival organizers urge everyone to take some time to visit the vendors area located on the grounds of Our Lady Star of the Sea historic church, where you'll find loads of artisans, merchants, food vendors and fun activities. Don't forget to visit the "Team Village" to check out the team tents and costumes and be sure to visit the Dragonette's Nest for face painting and other kids' activities.

The boats launch in a beach across the street from the church with the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge as a backdrop, a reminder of that bi-county spirit.

To kick off the week's festivities, a reception was held Sunday, Aug. 11 at Holiday Inn. It was attended by Calvert County Commissioner President Tim Hutchins and Commissioner Buddy Hance and St. Mary's County Commissioner Todd Morgan.

Observing the attendees from both sides of the river, Hutchins said, "Everything we have here tonight is because Southern Maryland has come together."

Hutchins added, "I love to be around 'make it happen' people."

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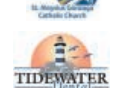
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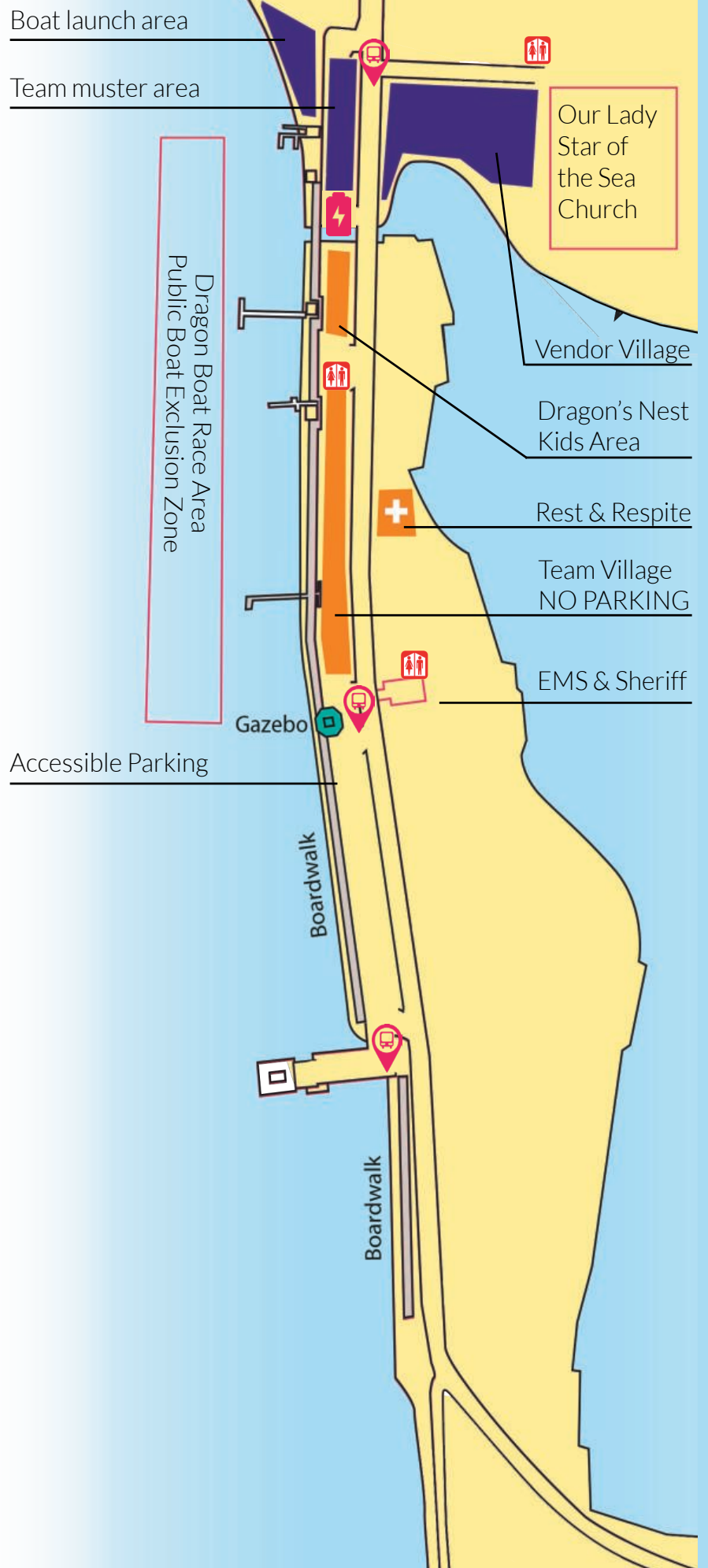
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Local Racer Pursues Dream Against Planet's Fastest Riders

McKay Competes in Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship

Southern Maryland's Eric McKay is chasing his dream of being a professional motocross athlete. The dirt-bike racer is competing in the Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship, the world's most prestigious off-road motorcycle series that travels across the country for 12 weekends every summer.

Over the course of this grueling championship, hundreds of riders and thousands of fans converge at some of the most picturesque landscapes in the U.S. Many of the events and the tracks the series is contested on carry upwards of four decades of history, making them legendary and iconic venues for the sport of motocross, just like landmark stadiums such as Wrigley Field and Fenway Park.

The Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship begins in mid-May and continues until late August and features two classes of competition – 250 Class and 450 Class. The 250 Class is where the sport's rising stars do battle, making a name for themselves in hopes of future success, just like in the NASCAR Xfinity Series. The 450 Class is the championship's premier showcase, where the biggest names in motocross like Ken Roczen, Eli Tomac, and Marvin Musquin showcase their talents in search of victory and a championship, just like NASCAR's Cup Series. Regardless of class, these competitors are some of the toughest, fittest, and most daring athletes on the planet as they battle their own physical and mental limits, an ever-changing track, a powerful 250-pound motorcycle, and 39 other riders. There's simply nothing like it.

All of motocross' most well-known names have left their mark on the Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship, including Ricky Carmichael, Travis Pastrana, Ryan Dungey and Jeremy McGrath. To win in this championship is distinguishing in the annals of the sport's history, but to even have the talent to compete against the world's best riders from around the globe is an incredible achievement in itself that deserves to be recognized. This is the most elite level of motocross and all its competitors can rightfully claim their position as one of the best in the world.

McKay talked to The County Times about his quest.

How many years have you been racing professional Motocross?

"In 2009, 10 years ago I began traveling the country racing professional motocross and supercross."

Have you raced at Budd's Creek Motocross before and what were your results?

"Budd's Creek is always the one race a local racer wants to make the mains in. Each year since 2009 I have competed in the Budd's Creek Pro National. Results have always varied. As a privateer it is very hard to compete against the top racers in the business. But for realistic results with what we are given I believe I have made great accomplishments only few will ever get the chance to achieve".

Describe the track and what will be the most fun and challenging parts of the course?

"Budd's is always a different track at the national. We can train and train through the weeks leading up to the race but come race day it demands a much higher level of commitment. The most challenging parts are actually the most fun. During a pro national the track will have deep ruts that make it a fast, but challenging course."

Your thoughts on the race and your goals for the event?

"My goals for Budd's is to place top 20 in my qualifying times. 7 weeks ago, I sustained an injury that



Local motocross racer Eric McKay

required surgery. Training and seat time have been minimal leading up to the event, but I feel strong and confident to be able to compete this year at the race."

What would you say to encourage people in the community to come and check out the motocross race who maybe have never before watched the sport?

"Motocross is a sport like no other. We aren't football or nascar. It is a physically demanding sport that requires each rider to live on the edge every single time we hit the track. When most people hear "dirtbikes", they think of regular trail bikes that buzz around the yard or through the woods. What make motocross different is the ever changing track, the obstacles, the racers elbow to elbow going 50/60mph around the track and through the air."

I got word you are from Hollywood, Maryland? How special is it for you to be able to race in front of family and friends and pretty close to home? Will you have a large contingency coming out to support and watch you race?

"I am from Hollywood, Maryland. My training compound is here and I have a fairly large, supportive following from the county. A race like this does usually bring out family and friends from all over, so it would be hard to even start to say how large the over whelming support will be. Most of the people who know me understand it is a very different lifestyle. Racing professionally comes with sacrifices most can't imagine. So to be able to have one of the 12 rounds at Budd's Creek each year is priceless to me and I couldn't be more ex-

cited to hit the dirt."

Anything else you'd like to add.

"I have to add a huge thank you to all of my sponsors including a few large local companies and individuals who have stepped up to help me get to the races and achieve my dreams.

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Round 11 of the 12-race Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship comes to Budds Creek Motocross Park at 27963 Budds Creek Rd. in Mechanicsville, on Saturday, April 17 for the Geico Motorcycle Budds Creek National.

Saturday's schedule is as follows:

8:30 a.m. -- Practice & Qualifying
12:30 p.m. -- Opening Ceremonies
1:00 p.m. -- First Motos (250 Class & 450 Class)
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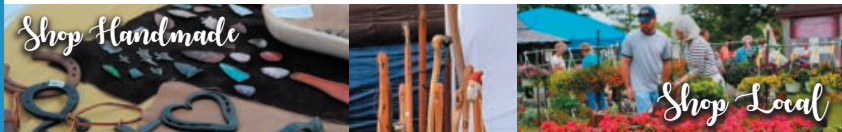


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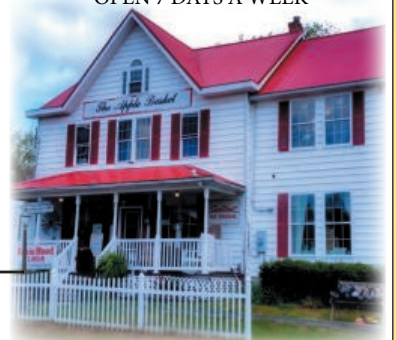
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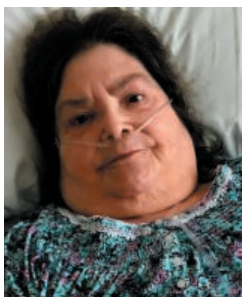
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Maria Concepcion "Chi-Chi" Shugart



On Sunday, August 11, 2019, Maria Concepcion "Chi-Chi" Shugart, age 80, a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully at the Burnett Calvert Hospice House in Prince Frederick, Maryland.

Maria was born June 7, 1939 in Washington, DC to Luis and Anne Granados and was the youngest of six children. Maria attended St. Anthony's Catholic High School in Washington, DC and in 1958, married Bruce C. "Buzz" Brown, Sr. As Buzz was in the Air Force, they lived in many areas, to include Maryland, Texas, California and Germany. In 1972, she married Joseph V. Shugart and they made their home in St. Leonard, Maryland where they raised six children.

Maria was a talented seamstress, crafting many quilts for her family. She even made beautiful wedding gowns for two of her daughters. Maria also enjoyed cooking, reading and watching her PBS shows. She remained sharp as a tack her entire life and entertained family and friends with her quick wit.

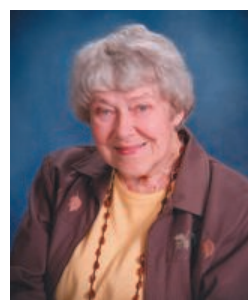
Maria was predeceased by her parents, husbands, grandson Bruce J. Brown and siblings Luis Granados, Jr., Elizabeth "Anita" Lartigue, and Robert Granados. She is survived by her beloved children, Bruce C. Brown, Jr. (Janis) of Foley, AL, Mary Catherine Brown (Robin) of Sidney, ME, Julie A. Andrewlevick (Michael) of St. Leonard, MD, Anita M. Stevens (Michael) of Owings, MD, James M. Brown of London, England and Robin L. Morgan (Jeffrey) of Lusby, MD, beloved grandchildren Patrick Brown, Angelic Allen (Nick), Nicholas Langley, Jana Nietmann (James), Michael Stevens (Amanda), Daniel, Jillian,

Landon & Riley Flanary, and Johnny Finch, beloved great-grandchildren Payton & Maxwell Stevens, Damien Allen, James Nietmann, Jr., and twins Zane & Damien Dodson, and beloved brothers, Joseph Granados (Micki) of Venice, FL and Francis (Star) Granados of California, MD. Maria is also survived by her devoted caregiver, Connie Brooks.

Visitation will be Saturday, August 17, 2019, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., at Rausch Funeral Home–Lusby, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657. A Life Celebration will follow at noon at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Burnett Calvert Hospice House, 4559 Sixes Road Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

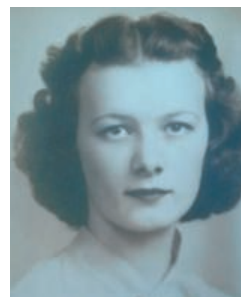
Betty Lynn Roberts, "Sandy"



Betty Lynn Roberts, "Sandy", 93, of Port Republic, Maryland passed away on August 6, 2019 at Asbury-Solomon's Health Care Center. Sandy was born on November 2, 1925 in Washington, D.C. to the late Lawson Sanderson and Belva A. Lynn. Sandy grew up in Carroll County, MD and attended the University of Maryland where she graduated in 1947. Her first employer was the Central Intelligence Agency where she worked until she retired in 1962. She then went on to teach school in Fairfax County, VA until retirement in 1978. Sandy became a Calvert county resident after she and her husband retired and built a home here in 1974. She became totally involved in volunteer activities, including becoming an active member of the Retired Calvert Teachers Association which sponsored the One Room School. She also volunteered at Calvert Marine Museum, Flag Pond Nature Center, and Battle Creek Cyprus Swamp where she devoted countless hours.

Sandy was a true country girl. She loved everything about Calvert County, the farms, fields, forestry and the Chesapeake Bay. She was often accompanied on the beach by many of her pet dachshunds searching for fossils and sharks' teeth. Predeceased by her husband the late John Fenna Roberts, Jr. Sandy is survived by her son John Fenna Roberts, III and his wife Debra. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday August 15, 2019, 11:30 a.m., at Christ Church, 3100 Broomes Island Road Port Republic, Maryland. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends following the memorial service in the church hall. Memorial contributions may be made to either Calvert Marine Museum, Att: Pam Patterson, P.O. Box 97 Solomon's, MD 20688 or Friends of the One Room School House, P.O. Box 431, Port Republic, MD 20676.

Evelyn H. Hedgman



On Tuesday, August 6, Evelyn H. Hedgman, 99, of Prince Frederick MD, formerly of Hyattsville MD passed away peacefully with her family at her side. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Mary Harden, sister Marion Payne, and grandson Alan Rogers. Evelyn was the matriarch of five family generations. She is survived by a sister, Carol Woodhouse, daughter, Sally Brown, son, John G. (Jack) Hedgman (Nuray), two grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. Evelyn worked for the U.S. Dept. of Commerce for several

years, and was an accomplished painter of oils, loved dogs, and was an avid reader of books to the end of her life. Graveside services will be held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Washington D.C. at a to be determined date in September.

Ian Maclaren French



Ian Maclaren French, Sr., 96, of Lusby, MD, and formerly of West Northfield, MA, passed away on July 20, 2019 at his residence.

Born January 11, 1923 in Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Aiden French, Sr. and Georgiana (Bruce) French.

Ian graduated from Northfield High School in 1941 and received a Masters Degree from George Washington University. He served in the U.S. Marines during World War II and was a School Teacher at Suitland Junior High retiring in 1969. Ian moved to Calvert County from Suitland, MD in 1984. He enjoyed baseball, horseshoes, reading and crossword puzzles.

Ian is survived by his son, Ian M. "Scott" French, Jr. of Lusby, MD; granddaughter, Martha Brooks of Lusby, MD; and great-grandson, Deryk T. Brooks of Lusby, MD. He was preceded in death on November 3, 2010 by his wife, Rosabelle B. French whom he married on February 20, 1949 in Hinsdale, NH; his daughter, Elizabeth Gelestino; grandson, David M. Brent; and siblings, Dorothy, Gladys Shaddock, Georgie Holton, Thelma Miller, Ruth Hurlbet, Abbie and Aiden "Bud" French, Jr.

Services are private.

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Bowens Grocery Robber Sought



The Calvert County Sheriff's Office is requesting any information into the burglary of Bowen's Grocery Store.

On July 26, 2019, at approximately 4:48 a.m., the Bowen's Grocery Store, located at 4300 Hunting Creek Rd, Huntingtown, MD, was entered thru a broken front window. The suspect (pictured here) is described as a light skinned male, wearing a gray sweatshirt, light colored pants and tan work boots.

If anyone has any information in reference to this burglary please contact Det Livingston at (410) 535-2800 ext. 2596.

Press Release from CCSO

Cruise from Baltimore

Cruising from the Port of Baltimore is a convenient alternative to crowded south Florida cruise ports. Instead of adding the time and expense of traveling to Florida you can easily access your hometown port and choose from over 110 sailings in 2020.

Cruise Maryland offers year-round cruising to the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada/New England and the Caribbean. Royal Caribbean International's Grandeur of the Seas will offer 46 cruises with a choice of 5, 7, 8, 9, 11 & 12 Nights. Carnival Cruise Lines' Pride will offer 50 that are either 7 or 14 Nights. American Cruise Lines offers 14 exciting River Cruises. You will save money by cruising from Maryland and you can also take advantage of resident priced cruises that are offered from time to time.

Perhaps the biggest myth is that most people think cruises from Baltimore only have ports of call in the Bahamas or Bermuda. Ports of call include Antigua, Aruba, Barbados, Bar Harbor, Bermuda, Boston, Charleston, Curacao Haiti, Halifax, Martinique, Nassau, Nova Scotia, Port Canaveral, Portland, San Juan, St. Croix, St. John, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Maarten, St. Thomas, Tortola, Turks & Caicos and everyone's new favorite, Perfect Day at Coco Cay.

River cruising is a fast growing segment of travel. The Port of Baltimore offers this unique experience and most people do not even know these river cruises exist. American cruise lines will offer 14 cruises from Baltimore in 2020 on three different ships. Choose from 6 Night Chesapeake Bay Roundtrip, 10 Night American Revolution & Chesapeake Bay Roundtrip and there are two, 14 Night East Coast Inland Passage Cruises from Baltimore to Jacksonville.

Ports of call for these River Cruises include Annapolis, Beaufort, Cambridge, Charleston, Crisfield, Fernandina Beach, Hilton Head, Kitty Hawk, Jacksonville, Jekyll Island, Moorehead City, Mt. Vernon, Norfolk, St. Michaels, St. Simmons Island, Washington DC, Williamsburg & Yorktown.

American Cruise Lines was proud to announce the newest addition to the expanding fleet of small cruise ships, the American Constitution. Designed with elegance in mind, this brand-new coastal cruise ship will carry a capacity of just 175 guests and is uniquely designed to navigate the inland coastal waterways of the East Coast. This is one of the three ships sailing from Baltimore next year and has six sailings. You will experience a captivating exploration of American history with suites ranging from 250 to 900 square feet, the staterooms are the largest in the small cruise ship industry and offer all the amenities of a fine hotel, including full-size bathrooms, a roomy sitting area, and large closets. There are unique lounges, an exquisite culinary program, breakfast room service, cocktail hour each evening, award-winning enrichment programs and Wi-Fi throughout the ship.

There are differences between small ship and mega-ship sailing. River Cruise staterooms are sold at higher price points than ocean cruise lines. Those higher prices are more inclusive and include things like shore excursions, drinks, and other perks that would be a la carte if you were to book a base ocean cruise fare. Shore excursions are generally included in river cruising. Most river cruise ships have some sort of spa services onboard and have one to two restaurants, with lighter meals served in a

lounge or on a sundeck. River cruises don't ban children, but there's not much to keep children entertained onboard. Most cabins and suites only sleep two people but, some can sleep three. All ships offer single cabins without a single supplement.

Baltimore is one of four Mid-Atlantic cruise ports. It is the closest East Coast drive-to port from Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Chicago, and is within a three-hour drive from the New York City metro area. The Cruise Maryland Terminal is 2.5 miles from Baltimore's world-famous Inner Harbor, 10 miles from BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, and within 1.5 hours of two other major airports. The Port is also within a six-hour drive of 40 million people.

There are many hotels near the cruise terminal. Several are in the Inner Harbor area and others offer "park and cruise" packages. Consider staying in the city to take in Baltimore's attractions.

The other attractions to check out are American Visionary Art Museum, Orioles Park at Camden Yards, and Baltimore Aquarium. Come early or stay late and experience Baltimore's historic charm, world-famous Inner Harbor, quaint neighborhoods and exquisite restaurants.

Perhaps next year you will consider taking a cruise from the Port of Baltimore. Now is the time to plan your vacation, family reunion or group cruise.

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Community Calendar

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

ONGOING

Calvert County Farmers Markets

Tuesdays in Prince Frederick, 2:30-6:30 PM, CalvertHealth Medical Center parking lot. (until Nov 19) Thursdays in Dunkirk, 3:00-7:00 PM, Dunkirk District Park. (until Oct 24) Fridays in North Beach, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Bay Avenue between 5th and 7th Streets. (until Oct 5) Saturdays in Lusby, 8:00 AM - Noon, Sneade's Ace Hardware. (until Sep 7)

Birds, Bees and Blossoms

The CalvART Gallery presents Gail Chenevey, Mickey Kunkle and Mary Blumberg. A colorful, light hearted mixture of the whimsical and traditional, the old and new. Runs through September 8. Prince Frederick Center, Rts. 4/231. Wednesday through Sunday 11:00 AM -5:00 PM. www.calvartgallery.org. 410-535-9252.

August Show

ArtWorks@7th is featuring the eclectic talents of multimedia artist, Lonnie Harkins with works in photography, scratch board, painting, wood, and glass. The show continues through August 31. 8905 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach. Thursday-Sunday 11am - 6pm.

Summer Public Art Project

S.O.S—Save Our Seas, Scavenge Our Shores. Daily through September 3. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Solomons. Designed to call attention to the growing problem caused by plastics in our oceans. The public is encouraged to drop off collected beach plastics to add to the mural. A unique mural depicting the Thomas Johnson Bridge will be displayed at Artsfest 2019 in late September. 410-326-4640 www.annmariegarden.org

Thursday, August 15

CSM Open House

College of Southern Maryland, Prince Frederick Campus, Bldg. B, Multipurpose Rooms 103-105, 115 J.W. Williams Road, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Learn how to get started at CSM with less debt, meet faculty, learn about financial aid and scholarships, receive transfer information, talk to current CSM students and find out about athletics and other CSM clubs and organizations. www.csmd.edu/apply-register/credit/campus-open-house

Friday, August 16

Bad Art Night: H2 Oh No!

Annmarie Garden, Dowell Road, Solomons 6:00 - 9:00 PM

It's BAAAAAAAACK! Another outrageous night of BAD ART MAKING. An adults-only evening of bad art inspired by the EBB & FLOW: THE POWER OF WATER, exhibit in our main gallery. If you're looking for a unique and fun-filled evening with some outrageous art, this one's for you! Bring a friend, come with a group, or come alone and meet new people and join the fun. Music by "DJ Slayer," junk food, and a cash bar. \$5, must be 21 & older.

Karaoke

American Legion Stallings Williams Post 206, 3330 Chesapeake Beach Road East, Route 260, Chesapeake Beach

8:00 PM - Midnight

For a good time come to the Lower Level Lounge. No cover charge. Public welcome. 410-257-9878. www.MD-post206.org

Legion Membership Meeting

American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206, Chesapeake Beach

7:00 PM

All members are encouraged to attend the regular meeting in the Upper Level Meeting Hall. 410-257-9878. <http://www.MD-post206.org>

Saturday, August 17

Fossil Field Experience

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Explore the fossils of Cove Point with a trained museum educator. Learn where to find fossils, how to identify them, and the secrets they hold about Earth's prehistory. Return to the museum after lunch for tours of the paleo hall and fossil prep lab before exploring the rest of the museum at your leisure! Ages 8 and up. \$20. Pre-registration required; bit.ly/CMMfossils to register.

Village Day: Stone Tools

Jefferson Patterson Park, 10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

From axes to hide scrapers, stone tools were an important part of Native American life. Drop in and try your hand at using and creating different stone tools. Free. 410-586-8501

Calvert Photography Club Monthly Meeting

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

10:00 AM

Presentation on portrait photography—natural light as well as flash. Candid Photograph. For those interested in helping to produce better pictures, as well as to educate, encourage, and expand photographic knowledge and capabilities. calvertphotographyclub.com or facebook.com/calvertphotography.

Texas Holdem and Cash Games

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

7:00 PM

Same price but more chips!!! Benefit the Patricia Leone Rogers Educational Scholarship Fund. Doors open at 6:00; game starts at 7:00. Buy in is \$80. Early registration before 6:45 gets extra chips. Food, beer and sodas included!

Sunday, August 18

Scott Kirby Concert

Southern Maryland Sailing Association Clubhouse, 14490 Solomons Island Rd S, Solomons

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Scott Kirby—Singer/Songwriter returns for his annual concert. Doors open at 3:00. Non-member \$20. Members \$15. Purchase tickets: smsa.com or email: scottatsmsa@gmail.com or call 301 481-7474.

Monday, August 19

Red Cross Blood Drive

Padua Hall, St Anthony's Church, 8816 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach

1:00 - 7:00 PM

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Calvert Council 7870.

Movie Monday

Northeast Community Center, Chesapeake Beach

8:00 - 10:00 PM

Beat the Heat! Catch a quick flick to cool down a little. Free.

Tuesday, August 20

Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Awareness Committee Meeting

Chesapeake Beach Town Hall

6:00 PM

Public business meeting of the TBOAA Committee.

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.

Auxiliary Members Meeting

American Legion Auxiliary Stallings Williams Post 206, Chesapeake Beach

7:00 PM

Want your voice heard? All members are encouraged to attend the General Meeting. Inquiries: President Penny VanDyke, 301-873-2323. <http://www.MD-Post206.org>

Wednesday, August 21

Healthy & Fun Kids Snacks

Southern Community Center, 20 Appeal Lane, Lusby

10:30 - 11:15 AM

Get creative in making healthy and fun snacks kids will love to eat and make themselves. \$3. Pre-registration required! 410-586-1101

Thursday, August 22

Lunch & Learn

Chesapeake's Bounty, Bay Ave., North Beach

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Conservation Conversations at our local fresh produce store! Free program offered by the Town of North Beach, Lisa Garrett, Director of Ecotourism. Lgarrett@northbeachmd.org or 301-855-6681.

Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

Thursday, August 15

Drop In, Hang Out for Teens. 6:00-8:00pm. Do crafts, play games, or just hang out! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Friday, August 16

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, August 17

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. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons. 1:00-4:30pm. Meet up the 3rd Saturday of each month. Players of all levels and interest welcome. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Monday, August 19

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.

Calvert Eats Local. 7:00-8:30pm. Encourage local agriculture, discover ways to eat locally, and share resources, energy, good ideas and great food! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Manga Creator's Night. 7:00-8:30pm. Teen and tween fans of Japanese comics and anime are invited to come, draw and catch up with other enthusiasts! Meetings are 3rd Mondays (except for October) from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Registration is requested. Text @tbmanga to 81010 to sign up for text message reminders. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Tuesday, August 20

Board of Library Trustees meeting. 4:00-7:00pm. Calvert Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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.

Thursday, August 22

Asbury Book Discussion. 10:30-12:00pm. A lively book discussion every other month on the 3rd Thursday. The book for August is *The Heart* is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers. Next book to discuss is decided by the group. Hosted by Calvert Library Southern Branch at Asbury, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

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

Friday, August 23

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.

Monday, August 26

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, August 27

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, August 28

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.

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

National Senior Citizens Day

Each year on August 21st there are various events and activities held across the United States in recognition of National Senior Citizens Day. This day was created as a day to support, honor, and show appreciation to our seniors and to recognize their achievements. Please take time to spend with seniors, and listen to their stories of wisdom and experience. Gain from their hard-earned knowledge. The Office on Aging is honored to assist and serve our senior citizens.

State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

Office on Aging staff are available to provide information and assistance for Medicare beneficiaries which include: Medicare Parts A and B; Medicare Part D – Prescription Drug Plan; Medicare Part C – Advantage Plans; Medicare Supplemental Insurance/Medigap Plans; Medicare Saving Plans; Detecting Fraud and Abuse. Contact your local Office on Aging for more information to make an appointment.

Living Well with Diabetes Classes

Free Living Well with Diabetes classes will be held at all three senior centers throughout the next few months to help manage your condition. Calvert Pines Senior Center, Mondays August 12 – September 23, 9 – 11:30 a.m.;

North Beach Senior Center, Fridays, August 16 – September 20, 9 – 11:30 a.m.; Southern Pines Senior Center, Mondays, August 19 – September 30, 1 – 3 p.m.

Calvert Pines Senior Center

Join us and play some Contract Bridge, Thursday, August 22, 10 a.m. If you are interested please contact Program Specialist Kristy Alleva at the center.

Play an exciting game of Closest to the Pin, August 23, 9:30 a.m. Using whiffle balls and golf clubs. A friendly and fun competition for beginners or veteran golfers.

North Beach Senior Center

If you struggle with hearing on the phone, join us Wednesday, August 21, 11 a.m. for a presentation on Caption Phones with a representative from Clear Captions.

Join us for an exciting Bingo Marathon, Friday, August 23, 10 a.m. Play with friends and staff and test your bingo skills!

Southern Pines Senior Center

Join us for our Monthly Movie: *The Proposal*, Thursday, August 22, 1 p.m. Have a good laugh as we enjoy one of our favorite senior citizens of all time, Betty White.

Enjoy a lesson in history with (H)Our History Presentation: *Hiroshima*, Tuesday, August 27, 11 a.m. Barry will be discussing the events surrounding the dropping of the first atomic bomb.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, August 19

Turkey & Swiss Cheese Sandwich, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Lettuce & Tomato, Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday, August 20

Chicken Salad in a Pita, Lettuce & Tomato, Fresh Carrot & Cucumber Slices in Lite Italian Dressing, Fresh Seasonal Fruit

Wednesday, August 21

Beef-a-Roni, Tossed Salad w/

Dressing, Collard Greens, Lima Beans, Italian Bread, Fresh Seasonal Fruit

Thursday, August 22

BBQ Chicken Leg, Baked Sweet Potato Wedges, Dilled Carrots, Bread, Pears, Brownie

Friday, August 23

Breaded Baked Fish, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Tropical Fruit Cup

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

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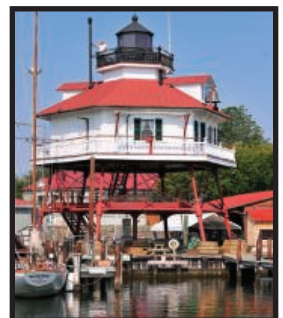
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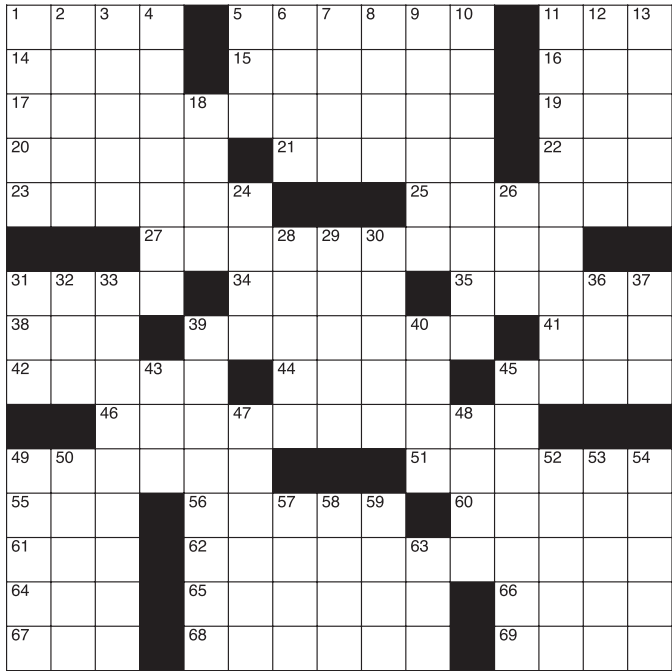
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- 6. One who earned his degree
- 7. Dislike
- 8. Flowering plant
- 9. Nova __, province
- 10. Inhabited
- 11. Breathing
- 12. Partner to pains
- 13. Immature insects
- 18. The back
- 24. Heavy club
- 26. Edible fish
- 28. Lament for the dead
- 29. Woody climbing plants
- 30. Small rooms for prisoners
- 31. Ottoman military commander
- 32. "The Crow" actress Ling
- 33. A way of lopping off
- 36. Cigarette (slang)
- 37. Helps little firms
- 39. Member of small discussion group
- 40. Copyread
- 43. V-shaped open trough
- 45. Pokes holes in
- 47. Beloved "Captain"
- 48. Resume
- 49. On a line at right angles
- 50. Light up lamps
- 52. Part of the psyche
- 53. Leeward Island
- 54. 1960s counterculture activist
- 57. Edible seaweed
- 58. Imitator
- 59. Look at and comprehend
- 63. Root mean square (abbr.)

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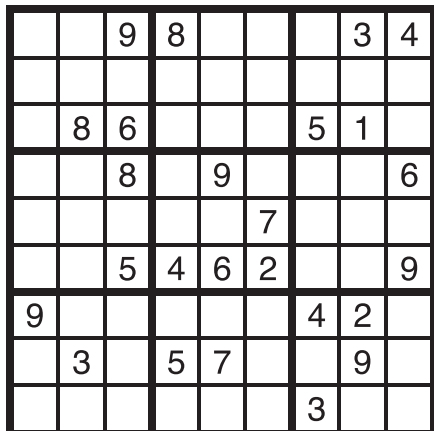
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- 11. Type of music
- 14. Variety act
- 15. Half-conscious state
- 16. Discontinued European money
- 17. Formal declaration
- 19. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 20. A way to express concentration

- 21. Airline
- 22. Goes well with a carrot
- 23. Length of pant leg
- 25. Mark with a cut
- 27. One who destroys completely
- 31. Greek sophist
- 34. Thomas Hobbes's "De ___"
- 35. Copyreads
- 38. Talk
- 39. Endangered
- 41. Snag

- 42. Comedienne Tyler
- 44. Castrate a male animal
- 45. Taj Mahal site
- 46. Tending to concede
- 49. One who accepts
- 51. Albanian capital
- 55. Takes kids to school
- 56. About Moon
- 60. ___ Seamounts: underwater volcanoes
- 61. ___ Lilly, drug company
- 62. Not working
- 64. Alaska nursing board
- 65. Howl
- 66. Muslim ruler title
- 67. Famed arena
- 68. Back again for more food
- 69. Cheek

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- 1. Raccoonlike animal
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- 3. Separates
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