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IN SIX YEARS**

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Database: Millions of Opioid Doses Flooded Calvert Officials Cite Progress Since Data Compiled

Dick Myers
Editor

The federal database that required opioid distributors to log just how much of the drugs they were selling in local communities, recently revealed to the public, paints a staggering picture of prescription opioids inundating Calver.

The ARCOS database, which collates data from the Drug Enforcement Administration, showed that between 2006 and 2012 there were 35 million dosage units distributed by pharmacies in Calvert County. The database lists the pharmacies and the manufacturers who supplied the drugs. It was released after a court order.

Data was released for every county in the country. Although Calvert is the smallest of the three Southern Maryland counties, its numbers were in the middle of the pack: higher than St. Mary's (with 32 million doses), but lower than Charles (with 45 million doses).

Officials who The County Times contacted feel the data is outdated and doesn't show some of the recent strides being made in the community to combat

over prescribing of opioids by physicians and unnecessarily choosing addictive drugs when those that aren't addictive were available.

Calvert County Health Officer, Dr. Lawrence Polsky said, "We have become much more aware over the past four or five years." Polsky said many physicians were trained in an era when prescribing painkillers, most notably opioids, was an accepted practice. In recent years, with the flood of news about opioid deaths and nonfatal overdoses, physicians and pharmacies have become more aware, local officials say.

Calvert Memorial Hospital, now CalvertHealth, established an opioid task force in late 2015 and now calls that the Opioid Stewardship Committee, according to its co-chair, Kara Harrer, the director of pharmacy at CalvertHealth. Harrer, who has been with the hospital for 19 years, said, "We saw that at the time there was an increased opioid use in Calvert County, and we realized that this was also statewide and nationwide."

She said the goal of the team was to "ensure that opioids are used safely at CalvertHealth." She added, "Safe and



CalvertHealth Director of Pharmacy Kara Harrer.

appropriate pain control was one of the highest priorities and we were committed to following national best practice guidelines. The opioid Stewardship Committee optimizes critical outcomes, while minimizing the risk of overdose and addiction."

From their initial concern about safe disposal of opioids, she said, "The other initiative was looking at best practices from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines as well as looking to go what was called Dilaudid-free at our

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organization. It's a very potent opioid. If you've never been on opioids before, we'd like you to try something else. The non-opioid first and if you do need an opioid, you'd want to use something less potent."

Harrer feels the efforts have been highly successful. She had not seen the data, but she said, "I do know everything that we've done as a county, a nation as well as statewide where you put a lot of focus in our hospitals as well as the health department on reducing opioids in the community."

The data produced by CalvertHealth, she said, shows "We reduced our opioid

usage from when a patient comes in the emergency room by 26 percent. We've reduced our Dilaudid use by 94 percent within the last 16 to 18 months. We've looked at our discharge prescriptions leaving the emergency department or patients who are on controlled substances and we're less than 10 percent. If they are given controlled substances, they're given less than 15 tablets and we've had a 95 percent decrease since October of 2016. So, when patients come to the ER, we use non-opioid alternatives first. If they do require a controlled substance or an opioid, they will only get less than 15 tablets until they can get to the next pro-

vider to be assessed."

Harrer said that CalvertHealth's efforts are getting the attention of other institutions and she and her committee co-chair, Dr Drew Fuller, are being often called to speak elsewhere.

They're also part of a video that is receiving widespread distribution.

On the video, Harrer said, "You can't do this overnight. It's a lot of education. It's partnering with everyone around you and not just working yourself because if you do something by yourself, and if we just did that in the emergency department and we didn't reach out to our community providers and we didn't

reach out to the health department and we didn't reach out to our surgeons, then they wouldn't know what we're trying to do in the hospitals. I think often in healthcare, people are hesitant to start an initiative fearing that there will be physician resistance and that's really not the case."

Dr Polsky would like to see newer data. He said it's generally accepted that there's been a significant reduction in the prescribing of addictive pain medications. He said he has lobbied members of Congress for more research into alternative, non-addictive pain medications.

On the CalvertHealth video, Dr Fuller said, "Physicians are eager to engage in best practices and help move this forward. Our physicians were actually very glad they now finally have some structure and some guidance on how to move forward. We believe that utilization of opioid medications and dependence and overdoses really belongs along the spectrum of patient safety. And to make sure that we are prescribing the medications in the safest, most reliable, scientific way possible. In my heart, I want to see less addiction. I see a lot of families going through the pain of having a family member that's addicted, and if we can help decrease that addiction, we've helped a family. We've helped a life."

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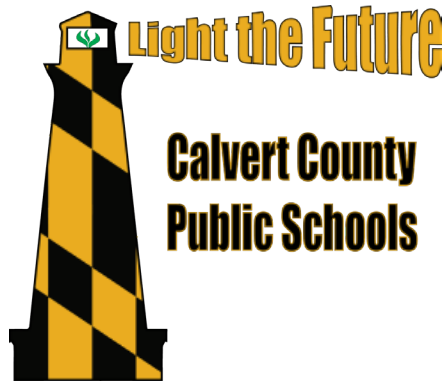
Calvert Schools Maintain High Ranking

Calvert County Public Schools maintained its high ranking among Maryland districts on the 2019 administration of the Maryland state assessments in mathematics and English language arts.

Complete results of the assessments were released last week in a presentation before the Maryland State Board of Education. Maryland assessments are scored on a 650 to 850-point scale, which is divided into five performance levels, with level 1 set as not meeting expectations and level 5 set as exceeding expectations. Performance level 4 or 5 is considered 'proficient' on the assessment by the Maryland State Board of Education.

The performance of Calvert students at the high school level was particularly strong. Calvert ranked first in English language arts 10, with 73 percent of students earning a 4 or 5 on the exam, and third in Algebra 1, with 51 percent of students scoring a 4 or 5.

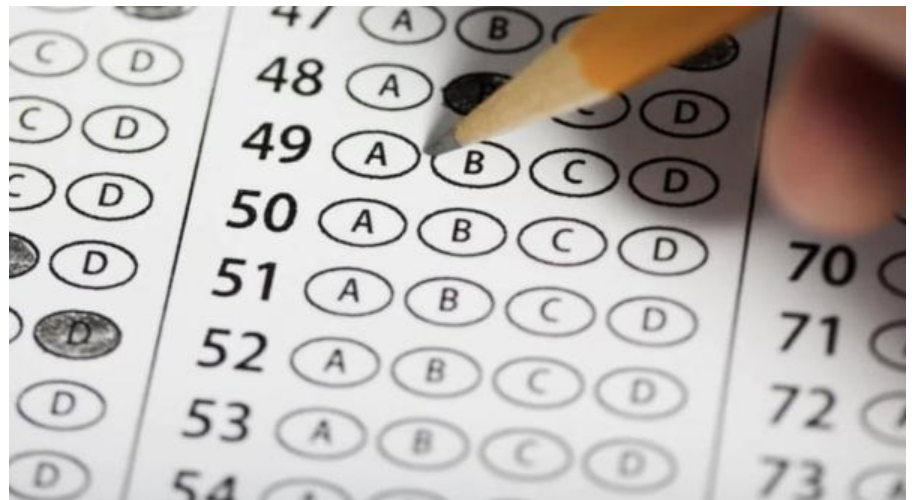
Calvert also ranked third in mathematics at the elementary and middle school levels. Consistent with a statewide decline in mathematics proficiency, Calvert showed a modest decrease at both the elementary (from 58 percent to 56 percent proficiency) and middle (from 41 percent to 40 percent proficiency) levels. Ac-



According to the Maryland State Department of Education, a major emphasis in analyzing math results has been initiated at the State level.

With a fifth-place state ranking in elementary and middle school English language arts, Calvert maintained a proficiency rate of 54 percent in elementary and increased from 56 percent to 58 percent in middle.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel D. Curry, said, "While we are pleased with our relative performance, we plan to work this year to increase our overall proficiency, especially among student groups that have traditionally not scored as well. Our schools are focusing on enhancing our quality instruction and fostering a positive climate so that all of our



students can be successful."

Scores on the assessments are used for school system and school-level accountability purposes as part of Maryland's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan. Several other academic and non-academic indicators are included in the State Report Card's school score, which will be updated later this year.

The 2018-2019 school year was the final year that state assessments utilized materials developed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers. Beginning with the 2019-

2020 school year, students will be assessed under the new Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP). The MCAP assessments will focus on the same academic content standards in English language arts and math as previous years, but with new items developed by Maryland educators. These assessments are designed to provide students, parents, and teachers with an understanding of student progress toward graduation and workforce readiness.

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County to Launch Its Own Cable Channel

Budget for Staff of Nine Approved

Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved a significant new responsibility for their Communications and Media Relations Department and has given them the money to carry it out.

Immediately after an Aug. 27 public hearing at which no one spoke, the BOCC approved the budget adjustment of \$237,409.74 for creation of a Public Broadcast Bureau within the department to operate Comcast Cable's Channel 6 effective Sept. 30.

The takeover of the Public, Education and Government Channel (PEG) was part of an agreement reached between the county and Comcast that was included in the new 10-year Cable Franchise signed on Dec. 11, 2018.

Information provided at the public hearing indicated the new bureau will have a staff of nine. The commissioners were briefed on the staffing plan by department director Linda Vassallo at a May 14 work session, at which said described the mission of the channel. She

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DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR LINDA VASSALLO

said, "Calvert County Cable will serve the citizens of Calvert County by providing diversified programming that informs, educates and entertains."

At that workshop she listed some potential programming areas, including:

- Responsive, Accountable County Government
 - Monthly open forum town halls where community members discuss topics with commissioners
- Civics and Community
 - Educating the public about the local community (history, events, etc.)
 - Coverage of county government is-

- issues such as land use, public safety, health and education
- Strong and Inclusive Economy
 - Public relations program for local farmers, business owners, etc., to showcase their passions and products
- Childhood Development
 - Educational programming to support Calvert County's diverse population
- Current Events
 - Multi-generational programs where diverse community members discuss local, regional and worldwide current events



Communications and Media Relations Director Linda Vassallo.

The budget adjustment was approved 4-1. Commissioner Buddy Hance opposed the motion. Commissioner Vice President Kelly McConkey, who was not in attendance, voted in favor over the phone.

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Ribbon Cut for New Fishing Creek Bridge

Replaces Aging Structure Built in 1940



Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat Mahoney speaks at the Fishing Creek Bridge dedication. MDOT SHA District Engineer Coren Johnson is seated at left.



Maryland Senate President Mike Miller spoke at the bridge ribbon cutting at the Northeast Community Center.

Dick Myers
Editor

It was a perfect spot to visually observe what several speakers verbally observed during the ribbon cutting for

the new Fishing Creek (Bayside Road/Route 261) Bridge in Chesapeake Beach. The bridge unites the two parts of town. On one side is the town's largest shopping center, a major, expanding resort and a famous crab house. On the other

side is the town hall, Northeast Community Center, Kellam Field and the Chesapeake Beach Water Park. The bridge is at the epicenter.

The Aug. 28 dedication took place on the second-floor porch of the community center with the new bridge straight ahead and with the Fishing Creek charter boat fleet and the new parking garage for Chesapeake Beach Resort and Spa as a backdrop. The event brought together local and state officials to commemorate the \$27.9 million project.

According to a press release from Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA), "The new bridge offers a wider, safer bridge for travelers. The original bridge, constructed in 1940, was one of 69 previously identified by the Hogan Administration's Investment in Highways and Bridges in 2015. MD 261 serves as the main route into Chesapeake Beach and serves motorists, pedestrians and cyclists across the bridge as well as marine vessels traveling below."

"We recognize the growth in tourism and economic development that Chesapeake Beach has seen in recent years and are excited to deliver a bridge that will benefit all travelers – motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists," said SHA Administrator George Slater. "The bridge will continue to support the town and all it has to offer, while promoting safety and accessibility for tourists and local residents alike."

Construction began on the project in Fall 2014. Crews increased the width of the bridge to include wider 12-foot lanes and added a left-turn southbound lane onto Mears Avenue, five-foot ADA-compliant sidewalks, and five-foot bicycle-compatible shoulders. The bridge also is four feet higher and provides more clearance for marine vessels.

The contractor, GA & FC Wagman,

Inc. of York, Pa., opened the bridge to traffic in June and currently is completing landscaping within the area.

"Fishing Creek is the economic engine that drives the Twin Beaches and Northern Calvert County. With over 6,000 recreational boaters accessing the Town of Chesapeake Beach public boat ramps, the new bridge provides improved safe distances within the channel. Traffic to our shopping center, restaurants, resort, public library and recreational facilities will be a smoother, safer and quicker ride for local families as well as visitors," said Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat Mahoney. "The bridge's pedestrian pavement is a major addition to the Town's goal of being a 'walkable community' connecting citizens to the town's center. We appreciate the state's partnership in navigating a challenging project and bringing such an improvement to the Town of Chesapeake Beach."

Also speaking at the ceremony was Maryland Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller who lives a short distance south of the bridge. He is one of the beneficiaries, as he travels over the bridge every day on his way to Annapolis.

MDOT MVA District Engineer Coren Johnson, who oversaw the construction project, praised the cooperative effort between the state and the town.

Currently, the average daily traffic across the bridge is more than 16,000 vehicles and is projected to increase to more than 27,000 vehicles by 2040. MDOT SHA also announced an upcoming sidewalk project along MD 260 (Chesapeake Beach Road) between Cox Road and MD 261 to upgrade ADA intersection ramps; that work will be complete by the end of September.

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Zoning Change Made for Agritourism



Running Hare Vineyard

Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved changes in the county's zoning ordinance aimed at helping the agritourism business.

The amendments permit sales of alcohol not produced on the farm for events held at "Farm Breweries, Farm Distilleries and Farm Wineries."

According to Principal Planner Rachel O'Shea, in the staff report to the planning commission, "A request for a zoning ordinance amendment was submitted by Mr. Scarborough, owner of Running Hare Vineyard."

The text changes are in a section of the zoning ordinance that deals with "Agritourism, Ecotourism and Heritage Tourism."

The proposal added a condition of health department approval for such sales in addition to being consistent with state and county alcohol laws. That addition was requested by Calvert County Economic Development Advisory Commission and the health department.

The changes also require board of appeals approval of a variance "if the use does not have direct access to a public road or if the business owner(s) of the property where the use is located does not have sole ownership of the right-of-way."

The proposal did not have universal support from all the agencies that re-

viewed it. For instance, the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board (APAB) wrote, "The APAB voted to recommend denial of the application. Further it is the opinion of the APAB that the proposed text amendment does not serve the purposes of furthering agriculture or the preservation of these landscapes."

Also, the Calvert County Farm Bureau opposed it. President Jason Leavitt wrote: "The Calvert County Farm Bureau is not in favor of Text Amendment 19-03 as worded. There appears to be little to no benefit to the agricultural community as presented. If the wording was changed to include products created utilizing local grapes or grains, it may be supportable. As written, it also seems likely to adversely impact the establishment/sales of locally produced beverages using local inputs in the future."

However, when it came time to weigh in on the proposal at a Aug. 20 joint hearing of the planning commission and the county commissioners, no one stepped forward to testify.

The planning commission then unanimously recommended approval to the county commissioner board sitting next to them and then the BOCC also voted to support. The motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Hance and carried 3-0. Commissioners Hart and Weems were not in attendance.

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Ambulance Driver in Bridge Crash Has Manslaughter Convictions

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The driver of an ambulance from Solomons Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department that allegedly sped down the middle of the Thomas Johnson Bridge Aug. 26 in St. Mary's County has two convictions for vehicular manslaughter, The County Times has learned.

St. Mary's County sheriff's officials confirmed that the driver of the ambulance, Brian Patrick Bowen, was convicted of vehicular manslaughter in Calvert County in 2007.

A video taken by a motorist on the Thomas Johnson Bridge showed the ambulance Bowen was driving rushing down the middle of the bridge, so close that the ambulance crashed into a side mirror of another vehicle, tearing it off.

The ambulance's lights and sirens were activated on the apparatus, which is not allowed under policy for first responders coming across the bridge, sources close to the community have said.

Cpl. Julie Yingling, spokesperson for the sheriff's office, said Bowen was issued traffic citations for Driver of Emergency Vehicle Driving Unsafe and Enter Opposing Lane and Passing When Unsafe.

Calls to leadership at the Solomons volunteer company seeking comment for this story have gone unanswered.

Bowen was sentenced to 10 years in prison on the vehicular manslaughter charges but most of the time was suspended, on-line court records show.

Bowen completed 18 months of incarceration in the Calvert County detention center and was released with five years of supervised probation as part of his sentence, according to court records.



Screenshot of dashcam footage by Serena Dümhart

According to media reports at the time of the crash, Bowen was driving with three other people in his vehicle as he was speeding down Lowery Lane at nearly 80 miles per hour when he swerved to avoid crashing into another vehicle.

The car rolled several times and landed on its roof, prior media reports stated, and all of the occupants were ejected.

William Fabricante, 20, was pronounced dead at the scene while Megan Jackson, 16, later succumbed to her injuries.

The third passenger survived but was treated for injuries, reports stated.

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St. Leonard Man Dies in Motorcycle Collision

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Team responded Aug. 31 at approximately 12:35 p.m., to the area of MD Rt. 4 south of Parran Road in St. Leonard for a report of a motor vehicle crash involving a single motorcycle.

Upon arrival, units located a 2016 Yamaha motorcycle laying in the grassy shoulder of the southbound lanes of MD Route 4. The operator was identified as Kyle Eugene Joseph Mishou, 31, of St. Leonard.

Preliminary investigation revealed the driver of the motorcycle turned right onto MD Rt. 4 from Parran Road. Shortly after turning onto Southbound Rt. 4, Mishou lost control of the motorcycle. The

motorcycle proceeded to travel southbound and enter the grassy shoulder of the roadway. While traveling in the grass, Mishou and the motorcycle separated, at which point Mishou struck a tree and came to final rest in the grassy shoulder.

Mishou succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene.

At this time speed and driver error are believed to be contributing factors in the crash.

Anyone with information about the crash is requested to contact DFC. W. Beisel of the Crash Reconstruction Team at William.beisel@calvert-countymd.gov or (410) 353-2800 ext. 2131.

*Press Release
from CCSO*

It's Back to School for Resource Officers and Students

Sheriff Mike Evans and the Calvert County Sheriff's Office is thrilled to welcome three new School Resource Officers (SRO's) to the Calvert County Public School system.

This year Calvert County will have 11 specially trained, state-certified law enforcement officers who are assigned full time at each of the public middle and high schools during the 2019-2020 academic school year.

The SRO's are sworn law enforcement personnel responsible for safety and crime prevention in our schools who help to create a safer environment for both students and staff.

Calvert's SRO's include: Cpl. Glenn Libby- Supervisor, DFC Wes Beisel- Northern High School, DFC Dean Naughton- Calvert High School, DFC Derrick Clark- Huntingtown High School, DFC Marshall Trigg-Patuxent High School, DFC Joseph Ward- Northern Middle School, DFC Andy Clas- Windy Hill Middle School, Cpl. Andrew Woodford- Plum Point Middle School, Cpl. Jay Johnson- Calvert Middle School, DFC Kevin Hall- Southern Middle School, and DFC Ryan Spaulding- Mill Creek Middle School.

Calvert's SRO's, Calvert County public school students and staff began classes on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

The Sheriff's Office will have increased patrols throughout the county for the start of the school year to ensure the community's safety and security.

Sheriff Mike Evans encourages all motorists to be mindful of school zones and school bus safety. Drivers please reduce your speeds and be prepared to stop. Minimize all distractions inside your vehicle and in-



crease your awareness to help everyone stay safe.

Drivers must stop at least twenty feet from school buses when their red flashing lights are activated and stop signs are extended regardless of which direction you're approaching from. Failure to stop carries a fine close to \$600 or three points on a driver's license and other penalties for drivers or, even worse, cause a serious accident.

Maryland law also requires drivers to yield (stop) for pedestrians who are in a crosswalk. Failure to obey

these laws may result in a citation, but may also lead to an injury which could have been prevented.

Sheriff Mike Evans and the Calvert County Sheriff's Office would like to wish all students and faculty a safe and productive school year and for our county's athletic programs, best wishes for success and may your dreams of playing for and winning a state championship come true.

Press Release from CCSO

Knights, Ladies Charge for 153rd Time

Christ Church Hosts Annual Jousting Tournament



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Leadership Southern Maryland 2019 Class Announced



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The Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Executive Program kicks off with Orientation, September 9-10 at Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa. The LSM Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of 35 Southern Maryland leaders for its 12th class - the Class of 2020!

From Calvert County

- Donna M. Arnstein, director, Center for Family Birth Care for CalvertHealth Medical Center
- Dina M. Davis, deputy director for Calvert County Department of Human Resources
- Kathleen L. MacAdams, business retention specialist for Calvert County Department of Economic Development
- Judy J. Mackall, zoning planner for Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning
- Sandra V. Wobbleton, transportation division chief for Calvert County Department of Community Resources
- Melanie D. Woodson, deputy director for Calvert County Department of Human Resources

From Charles County

- Robert M. Branham, Jr., recreation division chief for Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation
- Evalyne Bryant-Ward, director of operations for University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Group
- Tara S. Landis, chief learning officer for Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head EOD Technical Division
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- David C. Vollmer, president of Reliable Marine
- Michael R. Wick, provost and dean of faculty for St. Mary's College of Maryland

From Virginia; however, works in St. Mary's County

- Phil A. Fickes, manager, global military business development, Lexington Park office for Bell Helicopter

Press Release from LSM.

Lusby Shuttle Bus Hours Extended

The Calvert County Department of Community Resources announces the Lusby shuttle bus will have extended hours beginning Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019. The change in hours is an effort to provide improved transit service for riders in Lusby.



Lusby shuttle hours of operation will be extended to Monday through Friday from 7:21 a.m. to 6:52 p.m. The new hours will continue bus transportation throughout the Chesapeake Ranch Estates to ensure commuters transferring from St. Mary's County at 5:25 p.m. on the Calvert County Connector route, and leaving Prince Frederick at 4:45 p.m. on the Southern Route, can get home from work. The new hours are possible through a \$42,552 grant from the Maryland Jobs Access Reverse Commute Program.

"We are excited to provide additional transfer opportunities for passengers trying to get home from work every day to densely populated residential areas like Chesapeake Ranch Estates," said Community Resources Director Jennifer Moreland. "Our department's biggest priority is to ensure a decent quality of life for all county residents, and this change in shuttle hours will make travel much more convenient for citizens."

For a full list of transportation bus schedules, visit online or contact Calvert County Public Transportation at 410-535-4268.

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CSM Introduces Seven-Week, Evening Terms *Designed to Accelerate Student Completion*

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) is meeting the needs of today's busy students by launching accelerated classes for most evening classes this fall. This new student success initiative builds on students' abilities to retain greater information within shorter structured time periods. In addition, CSM will offer the entire Business Management Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree program in an accelerated schedule making it possible for students to complete their Business Management degree in 18 months.

Capitalizing on research that shows there are greater benefits in learning outcomes for students, especially working adults, CSM is shifting most courses meeting after 5 p.m. to seven-week mini-term classes. Evening classes draw the largest number of working adult students and the condensed format maximizes students' time in coursework, allowing students to complete a degree program in about 18 months, according to CSM Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Eileen Abel.

"Research shows that students who

accumulate more time learning a subject within a shorter period of time learn better," Abel said. "They are able to retain more of the information. We also know from national data that this kind of acceleration allows students to focus on one or two courses at a time, allowing the student to balance other responsibilities while still being able to complete credit hours toward the educational goal."

Most of the courses are offered in a hybrid format which combines the traditional face-to-face class contact twice a week with the remainder of the week's coursework completed online.

The accelerated Business Management AAS degree program will offer three courses at a time in seven-week mini-session term. In the fall, students will attend classes face-to-face on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at La Plata Campus from 5:45 to 8:35 p.m. while also taking one course on the web. In the spring, classes meet Monday and Wednesday evenings, with one course on the web.

"We are thrilled to be offering our learners this accelerated degree pro-

gram," said Professor Bernice Brezina, chair of the Business, Technology and Public Service Division.

This degree program prepares students who are currently employed as well as those without prior work experience to develop the skills required of managers in a variety of business settings. Beginning courses expand the students' skills in a number of disciplines, while upper-level courses and electives allow students to specialize to suit their career plans. The electives are pre-selected for students in the accelerated format.

"Shorter terms have been proven to improve success rates, especially for working adults," CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy confirmed. "It reduces the numbers of variables students are juggling and is much more forgiving should 'life happen.'"

Occasionally, an evening course meeting after 5 p.m. will be exempt from the mini-term approach, based on academic needs and evidence for the exception, Abel said. "We encourage students to work with their advisors and their professors to ensure their success in the

classes," Abel said.

Offering robust course options in mini-terms is a best practice of the college's Guided Pathways design. Additionally, this model mirrors similarly successful accelerated formats that are offered at CSM's partnering transfer institutions, such as UMUC, Southern New Hampshire University, Odessa College, Morgan State and others.

Becoming familiar with this format while attending CSM can help to ease the transition for CSM's students transferring to pursue a bachelor's degree. "Most institutions that cater to working adults use similar compressed formats with great success," said Murphy.

Learn more about the Business Administration Management AAS Degree Program by visiting the CSM online catalog at https://catalog.csmd.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=23&pooid=4077&hl=business+management&returnto=search

Press Release from CSM

Terrapins: 'Poster Child for Climate Change'

Turtle Show-and-Tell at CBL Open House

By Dick Myers
Editor

For many people, turtles are viewed as warm and fuzzy critters even though they are cold (blooded) and hard (shelled).

"A lot of people are interested in reptiles and amphibians, but the turtles are a representative of the reptile group that don't tend to attack or hurt people. They're slow and easy to catch. They're easy to observe. I think it's just kind of natural that people gravitate toward turtles when they're given the choice among the reptiles," said Dr. Chris Rowe of Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in Solomons. Rowe has made a career of studying reptiles including turtles, and especially the diamondback terrapin, a species of turtle common in the Chesapeake Bay region.

Terrapins are indeed interesting critters and their study has become increasingly important because of how impacted they are by the climate and what the climate change predicted for the Chesapeake Bay means to them and what we can learn from them about it.

Rowe called the terrapin: "The poster child for climate change that we've adopted here."

Rowe, who grew up in Pennsylvania, said, "I guess I was always one of those kids that was catching animals and snakes and turtles and bringing them home. So, it was kind of natural for me to become a biologist when I grew up." He has worked with turtles since the mid 1990's.

Rowe got his PhD from Penn State and then moved around to work at institutions such as Georgia Southern, University of Georgia, where he did his post-doctoral work, and University of Puerto Rico before coming to Chesapeake Biological Lab 20 years ago.

He hasn't worked exclusively with turtles over that time, but he explained, "It just happens that recently because of what's going on with climate change and everything, I've been focusing on the terrapins."

There are a wide variety of turtles and most of the conservation efforts have been for sea turtles. "A lot of people are really into sea turtles. They're also endangered." In the southeastern states thousands of volunteers passionately ensure that sea turtle nesting areas remain protected and that baby turtles find their way safely to the ocean.

Sea turtles don't normally make their way into estuaries. He explained, "That's why the diamondback terrapin is so unique because it's the only turtle in North America that lives in estuaries."

The word terrapin is derived from an Algonquin Indian name for turtles. The diamondback terrapins were commercially harvested in the Chesapeake Bay for turtle soup for more than two centuries, and that has only been banned for the past decade.

Rowe said, "The population that we have there today kind of reflects that long history of exploitation as well as other activities that we humans do that puts them at risk."

In Maryland, however, at this point the terrapins are not listed as threatened or endangered. "That doesn't necessarily mean that they're not. What it means is we don't know how many there are. So, unless we could get an actual census of the animals in the bay, we really don't know how their populations are doing."

He added, "There are some efforts we are conducting and other researchers also, that are protecting nests and trying to help the offspring make it at least out of the nest and get on their way. And that presumably will help the population over time."



An Eastern diamondback terrapin. Photo courtesy of Dr. Chris Rowe.

One of the difficulties in gauging how well they are now doing is that they have a long life span, probably about 40 years. He said, "And, they don't reproduce immediately. The females can go eight to 12 years before they mature. That means their generation turnover time is pretty slow. Which means that when there's kind of a rapid change in the environment, they don't have the genetic capacity to adapt to it."

Rowe explained their life cycle: "The way it works is usually from about late May, through late July or early August, the females that are carrying eggs will come up on shore. They'll find a good, sandy area to nest in. It's usually, on average, about 15 to 20 inches above high tide, which isn't that high. Which is one of the reasons we're concerned about sea level rise. So, they come up, they dig a nest, they lay the nest, then the female splits and she's gone, and she never sees the offspring."

He added, "In 50, 60, 70 days later, depending on the temperature, the eggs hatch, the babies crawl out. And then we don't know what happens to them, because they're so small, about the size of a quarter, they're too small to put transmitters on, so we can't track them during that period of their life."

Some evidence from New York could indicate the babies only travel a short distance in the sand, burrow themselves and reemerge the next spring and then go out into the water. There's other evidence that they may go initially into a marshy area.

But like all turtles, he said, they eventually "do their thing, disperse and they grow."

Males mature in four to five years, but females take about twice as long because they are bigger. "After she mates with the male, she stores his sperm in her body and may not use that until the next year to fertilize her eggs. And she'll mate with multiple males and store their sperm too and then she can use a little bit from each." They return to nest in the same general area that they hatched.

Unlike sea turtles, they don't seem to be bothered by light when finding their nesting areas because they normally nest during the day. But Rowe said they are bothered by "hardscaping, the landscaping people are doing on the shore," often to prevent erosion.

So, he said, "When we look at what's happening with sea level rise in the bay and the projections in 80 years that the water level in the bay is going to be over three

feet higher than it is today, anything under that level is either going to be gone or inundated."

And it's not just the hardscaping, he noted. "What's also occurring as the sea level's rising is that their preferred habitats, which are the estuarine marshes, are disappearing as well. With my colleague here, Ryan Woodland, we did a study a couple years ago looking at how terrapin habitats are going to change with sea level rise in it. It looks like nearly half of the marshes that we have today will be gone within 80 years."

So, the rise of the Chesapeake Bay is one of the problems of climate change facing the terrapin. But another relates to an amazing quirk of nature. He explained, "Most turtles, not all of them, but for most of them the sex of the babies isn't determined by genes like it is in us. You know, we have x and y chromosomes. This is a female x and y as a male. There's no x's and y's in these turtles. What happens is the temperature of the nest during roughly the middle of the embryonic period determines whether it turns into a boy or a girl. And so, the warmer the nest is, the more females."

The research in the past few years and into the future will be monitoring the temperatures in the nests to determine the baseline. "And, we can start using our models to project ahead on what the temperatures will be like in the future."

He said, "It pretty much goes without saying that we're going to be producing more and more females as the temperature gets warmer." That could be a good thing in the short term as the males have more of an opportunity to mate with multiple females, since they don't live in a monogamous world. But he added, "As the temperature continues to increase and we produce more females every year, eventually we're going to hit a tipping point where they're out of whack and there just aren't enough males around to fertilize all the females."

So, the studies continue, but as with a lot of specialty research there is a lack of funding for everything they would like to do, so Rowe said if there's anyone out there who would like to contribute, they would welcome it.

Rowe is beginning another class of students interested in turtles and other reptiles. They do a lot of their research in the field although they do some in his lab. Now there are no live turtles there, so for the lab's upcoming open house they are borrowing some from Calvert Marine Museum, with whom they have a strong, ongoing relationship (the picture on this week's cover was taken at the museum with one of those borrowed diamondback terrapins).

The free, family-friendly open house is Saturday, Sept. 7, 1-5 p.m. at the lab at the end of Solomons Island. It will feature opportunities to drive an underwater robot; dockside tours of the lab's research vessel Rachel Carson; liquid nitrogen demonstrations; explore Chesapeake research and chat with scientists; and learn about oysters, dolphins, turtles; and much more.

Dr. Rowe will have on display, at the open house, extenders for crab pots to protect the terrapins from entering and becoming trapped. He is hopeful of encouraging recreational crabbers to attach the extenders on their crab pots at their piers on close to the shoreline where the terrapins live. You'll be able to sign up for the program at the open house.

For more information about the open house go to <https://www.umces.edu/events/cbl-open-house-2019>

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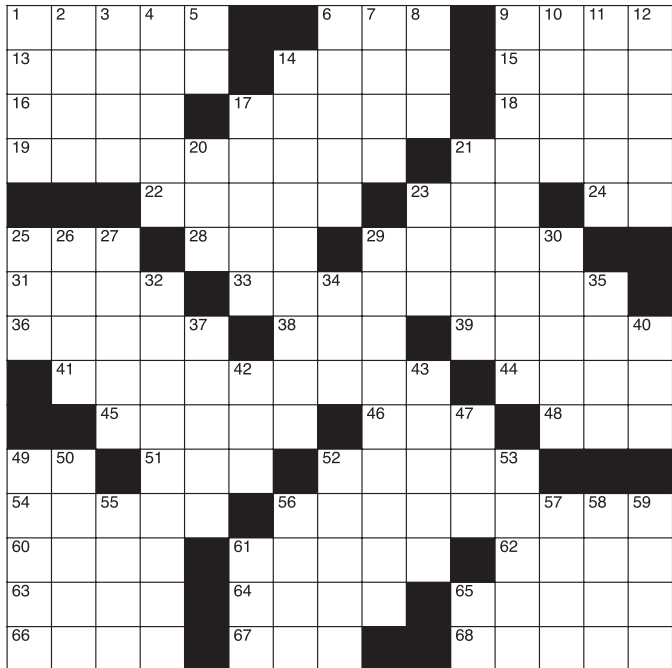
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- 1. Fertile desert spots
- 6. Married woman
- 9. Some animals travel in one
- 13. Fear
- 14. Hawaiian island
- 15. Fit to work
- 16. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 17. Former Senator Specter
- 18. Cambodian currency
- 19. Dave Matthews

Band hit

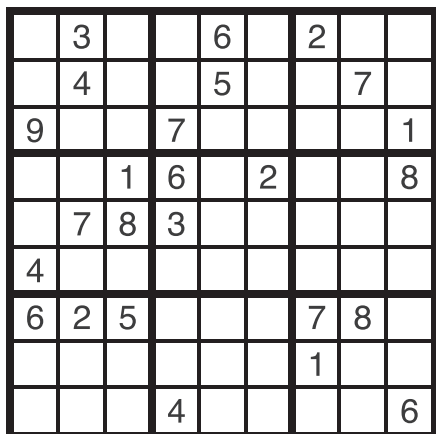
- 21. Lists ingredients
- 22. Endangered antelope
- 23. Jerry's TV partner
- 24. Blue grass state
- 25. Obstruct
- 28. Luke's mentor ___-Wan
- 29. Fencing swords
- 31. Oh, heavens!
- 33. Insensitive to changes in price
- 36. Hillsides
- 38. Brew
- 39. Gland secretion

41. A typical example

- 44. Get up
- 45. You put it on your pasta
- 46. Expresses surprise
- 48. News organization
- 49. Disorder of the lungs (abbr.)
- 51. One millionth of a gram
- 52. Some are of the "suit" variety
- 54. Group of organisms
- 56. Produces
- 60. Passage into a mine
- 61. ___ and cheeses
- 62. Semitic fertility god
- 63. Dry or withered
- 64. Religious ceremony
- 65. ___ Winger, actress
- 66. German river
- 67. Midway between northeast and east
- 68. Take something or somebody somewhere

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Lyric poems
- 2. Genus of saltwater clams



Non-Profit, Musician Unite to Save the Chesapeake



Dylan Galvin

As you read this, the largest rainforest in the world, the Amazon Rainforest, is burning away at about one and a half soccer fields per minute. Deforestation is an ever-growing problem everywhere you look these days. However, there is a very passionate battle going on all around the world to preserve and protect the forests and wildlife. The American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT) was formed in 1986 and bought its first property near the Chesapeake Bay in 1987 to preserve it from developers. They have been fighting this fight for Southern Maryland ever since.

When planning began for ACLT's annual "Sip & Save"— a beer-tasting fundraiser, staff went searching for a local Southern Maryland musician. Dylan Galvin's name popped up in the search results and he sounded perfect – he was a Southern Maryland native musician, a Berklee College of Music Graduate, he studied under John Mayer and Paul Simon, he's shared the stage with Sam Grow and Robbie Boothe and he's even the son of former Forest Ranger Mike Galvin, Director of SavaTree! It was a perfect fit. But it turns out although he's from Southern Maryland, Dylan now lives in Los Angeles, CA.

Miraculously, though, Dylan had scheduled a "return to his roots" tour and was scheduled to be in Calvert County on the exact date of the event! It must've

been meant to be, and Dylan agreed to perform. On September 14th, ACLT and Dylan Galvin will join together with the people of Southern Maryland to celebrate their shared grassroots and the fight for our wildlife, our bay and our home.

"Being raised in a small town on the East Coast right near the Chesapeake Bay and then moving to the polar opposite kind of place is very hard" says Galvin.

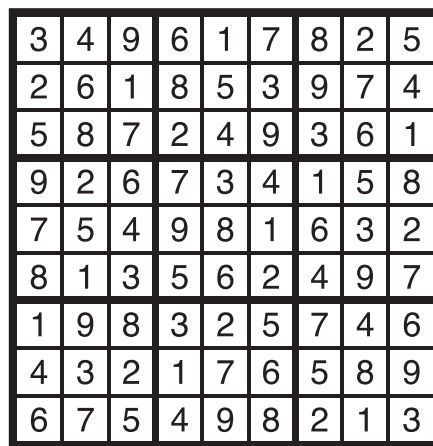
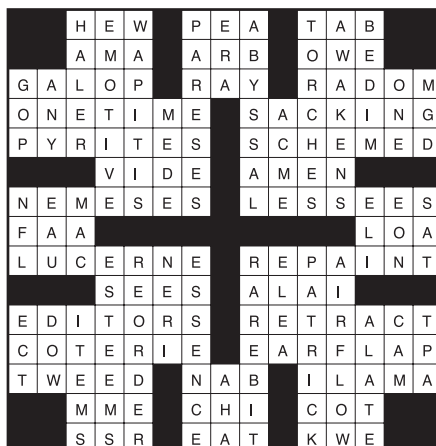
"You really don't get the warmth of the hometown feeling in a city of millions and millions of people. It's all just people grinding away, doing their own thing, day after day. So yeah, as much as I love playing music out there, this kind of career is always about the people who support you and most of my supporters are in Maryland."

At his shows, he will be performing his original song "The Chesapeake"; a dedication to his youth spent growing up on the very land the ACLT has been fighting to protect.

The Sip & Save Beer-Tasting Fundraiser is September 14, 1-5 p.m. at Parkers Creek Preserve, 676 Double Oak Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. For more information visit: www.acltweb.org

Press Release from ACLT

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



In Remembrance

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

Gary Griffin



Gary Griffin, 57, of Huntingtown passed away September 1, 2019. He was born January 6, 1962 in Washington, D.C. to Robert Andrew and Wilda Lorraine (Tusing)

Griffin. Gary lived with his grandparents in Bladensburg for many years before moving with his mother to Prince Frederick. He has lived in Huntingtown with his brother Ron and wife Laura for the last 10 years. Gary had multiple jobs over the years but was primarily employed with Safeway in Bladensburg and later with Bob Evans in Prince Frederick. He enjoyed singing, dancing, playing pool, playing the banjo and violin, laughing, and having a good time.

Gary is survived by his brothers Ronald Griffin and his wife Laura of Huntingtown and Jeffrey Griffin and his wife Janine of Broadway, VA, sister Karen Griffin of Baltimore, nieces Carli Martus and husband Jeff of Chesapeake Beach, and Stephanie May and husband Chad, Melissa Griffin, and Courtney Griffin, all of Broadway, VA and nephews Storm Griffin and wife Morgan of Edgewater and Jarrett and Clayton Griffin of Broadway, VA, as well as numerous great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert A. Griffin and Wilda L. Griffin-Wildman.

Memorial Service will be Fr0iday, September 6, 2019, 1-3 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Interment will be private.

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

The ARC of Southern Maryland, 355 W Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Kyle Eugene Joseph Mishou



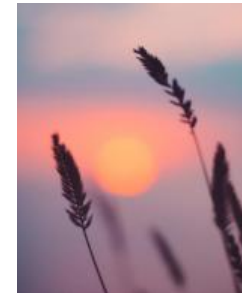
"I'm from Southern Maryland, not Maryland."

Kyle Eugene Joseph Mishou, 31, of Saint Leonard was born at Calvert Memorial Hospital on July 31, 1989 and passed, too soon, on August 31, 2019. The birth and death of this great young man, however, is not nearly as relevant as all the days and nights that he lived life to the fullest between those two dates. Kyle grew up in Saint Leonard; graduating from Calvert High School in 2006 and continuing on to receive his Associates Degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix. He was a licensed electrician actively participating in the apprenticeship Journeyman program while working for the IBEW Local 26 Union. Kyle was intellectually gifted, excelling in anything mathematics, and had tremendous natural athletic ability. He was a thrill-seeking avid lover of anything and everything outdoors. He grew up playing baseball, basketball, and football all day everyday with his brothers and all the neighborhood kids. His spare time was spent riding motorcycles, four wheelers, boating, fishing, playing video games with his son, traveling with the love of his life and family, and working out. He was also an avid fan of both the Washington Redskins and Pittsburgh Steelers and the Baltimore Orioles. Kyles greatest joy in life, which was also his greatest pride, was raising his son Kole as a devoted single father. He had a kind heart, quick wit, and smart mouth and will be dearly missed all who knew and loved him. Kyle is survived by his son Kole Mishou. Parents Gary Sr. and Diann Mishou of St Leonard, MD. Fiancé Angel Minnick and her two children Hayden and Mya

Minnick of St Leonard, MD. Brothers Chase Mishou and Tess Jones-Smith of Washington DC, Gary Mishou Jr. and wife Jennifer of Port Charlotte, FL, and Jacob Mishou and fiancé Courtney Miley of Mechanicsville, MD. Uncles and Aunts; Eugene Reimer Jr. and wife Susan of Yorktown, VA. Robert Reimer of Mount Holly, NC. Donald Reimer and wife Petchie of St Leonard, MD. John Reimer and wife Justine of Lusby, MD. Frederick Reimer and wife Patricia of Boca Raton, FL. Neil Reimer of Saint Leonard, MD. Aunts, Tinamarie Reimer and husband Sheldon Garner of Squirr, WA. Leslie Bollinger and husband Steven of Leesburg, FL. Joann Sheran and husband Robert of Lusby, MD. Nephew, Vincent Mishou of Port Charlotte, FL, and niece Adrianna Mishou also of Port Charlotte, FL. Cousins; Robert Reimer Jr. of CT, Geoffrey Reimer of NC, Michael Reimer of VA, Lauren Reimer of VA, Rachael Reimer of MD, Rebeca Reimer of MD, Steven Bollinger Jr. of FL, Daniel Bollinger of FL, Frederick Reimer Jr. of FL, Megan Mishou of MD, Michael Mishou of MD, Riley Mishou of MD, Dominica Knapp of MD, Paul Sheran of MD, and Michael Meehan of MD. Predeceased by paternal grandparents Harold Joseph and Virginia Mishou. Maternal grandparents Eugene and Anna Reimer. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Rausch Funeral Home at 4405 Broomes Island Rd, Port Republic, MD 20676. A viewing will be held on Thursday, September 5th at 10 a.m. with funeral service to follow at 12 p.m. The burial service will be held at St Paul United Methodist in Lusby immediately following the funeral. The family will then be gathering to host a celebration of life for Kyle at the St Leonard Volunteer Fire Company on Calvert Beach Rd in Saint Leonard.

Memorial contributions may be donated to the GoFundMe account set up for the surviving members of the Mishou family to help alleviate some of the financial burden of funeral expenses, etc.

Jody Lynn Kelly



Jody Lynn Kelly, 54 of Lusby, MD passed away on August 29, 2019, in Washington, DC. She was born on June 27, 1965, in Frankfurt, Germany to the

late Lois Ann McCoy and Thomas Keith McCoy. She was the loving wife to Melvin Michael Kelly, Jr. whom she married on May 27, 1989, and he preceded her in death on March 23, 2017.

Jody is survived by her siblings, Tracy McCoy, Tim McCoy, and Shannon Kelly; step-children; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 5, 2019, 11 a.m. to 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.

Gerald William "Jerry" Stevens



Gerald William "Jerry" Stevens, 73, of Owings passed away August 26, 2019. He was born August 22, 1946 in Washington, D.C. to William and Frances

(Gonterwitz) Stevens. Jerry was raised in Brentwood and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1964. He served in the United States Navy from 1964 to 1967, earning the National Defense Service Medal. He married Donna Jean Fowler on September 3, 1971 and they lived in College Park for 32 years before moving to Owings in 2010. He was

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RETIREMENT PLANNING TIPS

We have written about the need to create a retirement plan. The starting point for you is to create an income statement and a balance sheet. That way, you can see where you are in order to plan for the future.

Now, we want to take that income statement and balance sheet and project what it will look like in retirement. To begin, let's look at some of your retirement resources.

Everyone gets a social security statement. When was the last time you checked the accuracy of that statement? Is the income reported on your statement correct? Once you have verified the accuracy of the statement, you can see what the retirement benefit will be at various retirement ages. Take that income into account in your projected retirement income statement.

Pull out your 401(k) statements or, if you have more than one, everything you have. The majority of working people have their retirement savings in 401(k) plans through their employers. Your employers give you investment choices. Make sure your current investment choices are those that meet your present circumstances and your retirement goals. What do I mean by that? Well, we have previously discussed the critical importance to all investors of the concept of "asset allocation." Basically, that means spreading out your investment risk across various types of investments—cash equivalent investments like money market mutual funds, equities that move with the market like mutual funds, corporate bonds that will pay you interest, etc. Your investment portfolio should look like a pie with many slices representing different types of investments. The theory behind this allocation of assets is simple—if one investment goes down, another may go up.

What do your investments look like in your 401(k)? If you are a young person, you can afford to take more risk with your investments because you have time to work and replace losses. But, if you are older and are getting ready for retirement, you do not want to take more risk. You want your investments to be more secure since you will not have the time to replace any losses. That's why evaluating your investments in your 401(k) is so important when you are getting ready to retire.

Once you have retired and left your employment, what do you do with your 401(k)? At that point, your 401(k) can be "rolled over" into another tax exempt vehicle like an IRA. And, you can obtain different investment options when you roll over. If employers have provided restricted investment options to you, your best course is to choose a roll over.

Of course, personal savings need to be taken into account in creating your retirement income statement. But, have you included inheritances in your numbers? The boomer generation will benefit from the largest inter-generational transfer of wealth in history—if you are anticipating an inheritance, list it.

Real estate is another retirement resource. Although the market value of real property has declined in recent years, you can anticipate some increase in property values over the coming few years. If you have more than one property, you may consider selling or renting that property. You also should look at the value of your current home. Refinancing to a 15 year as opposed to a 30 year mortgage may give you a paid off property at retirement. It is time to start looking at those options.

What about your small business assets? Did you know 90% of small business owners have absolutely no transition plans in place? Basically, that means when the business owners dies, the business dies. If that business has made income for you, how about figuring out how you and your family can continue to make income from the business after you retire and when you die?

Finally, don't discount the value of working after retirement. Even if you plan on working for lesser income, the income you do receive from continuing to work may be able to provide you with a much better retirement. The internet is filled with more information on retirement. Do your research and take steps to secure your retirement future.

Join me for a free seminar discussing this and other topics on the third Wednesday of every month at 11 am at our offices, 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your space. Looking forward to seeing you.

Lyn Streigel



employed as an appliance technician for many years and also owned and operated Quality Appliance Service, retiring in 2007. Jerry was an avid golfer and enjoyed the casinos, reading books, crossword puzzles, taking his dogs for walks, hunting for shark teeth and spending time with his family and vacations to the Outer Banks. Jerry will be remembered for his great sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Donna Stevens of Owings, son Danny Stevens and fiancé Christine of Westminster, grandchildren Sierra Stevens and Anthony and Abby Christner and siblings Ronald Stevens and wife Kathy of Burtonsville, Susan Johnson and husband Greg of Lanham, Mary Stevens of Greenbelt, Catherine Bland and husband Jim of Dunkirk, Christine Houchens of Riverdale and Michael Stevens of Mt. Rainier. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews and his beloved dogs Cali and Laci.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Animal Welfare League, 1040 Prince Frederick Boulevard, PO Box 1660, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-9300; Link: <https://www.cawlrescue.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Joseph Randall "Joe" Harrison, Sr.



Joseph Randall "Joe" Harrison, Sr., 53, of Owings passed away August 26, 2019. He was born March 9, 1966 to John Roger Sr. and Jean Marie (Hammer)

Harrison. Joe was raised in St. Mary's County and moved with his family to Dunkirk in 1975. He was longtime resident of Calvert County and graduated from Northern High School in 1984. Joe was employed as a steamfitter for Steamfitters Local Union 602. Joe enjoyed riding motorcycles, golfing, fishing, hunting, and NASCAR. He was also an avid Washington Redskins and Washington Capitals fan.

Joe is survived by his spouse Nancy Harrison of Friendship, son Joseph R. "Joe" Harrison, Jr. of Owings, daughters Kacey Lauer of Mechanicsville and Rachael Foss of Waldorf, grandchildren

Aubrie and Tyler Reid, Emma Wigglesworth and Kamryn Lauer, fiancé Kathleen Alderman of Owings, father John R. Harrison, Sr., mother Jean Marie Webb, siblings John R. Harrison Jr. and wife Kim of Chesapeake Beach, Jeanette Price of Myrtle Beach, SC, Justine Harrison of Owings, and Joyce Romba of Lusby, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe's name may be made to Children's National Hospital, 111 Michigan Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20010 Link: <https://childrensnational.org/> or Children's Diabetes Foundation, 4380 S. Syracuse Street, Suite 430, Denver, CO 80237

Link: <https://www.childrensdiabetesfoundation.org>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Skylar Raven Rodriguez



Skylar Raven Rodriguez, 26, of Lusby, MD and formerly of Klamath Falls, OR passed away on August 24, 2019 at her residence.

Born December 4, 1992 in

Berlin, Germany, she was the daughter of Patricia Ann (Toole) Rodriguez and Humberto Daniel Rodriguez.

Skylar graduated from Falcon Heights Academy in 2011 and attended Klamath County Community College. She moved to Calvert County from Klamath Falls, OR in March 2018. Skylar loved online gaming and her two dogs, Cookie and Dagger. She enjoyed experimenting in the kitchen with her own recipes.

Skylar is survived by her mother, Patricia Rodriguez of Lusby, MD; her father, Humberto Rodriguez of OR; sisters, Cheyenne Rodriguez of Lusby, MD and Camiel Rodriguez and husband Brian Blake of Klamath Falls, OR; and nephew and niece, Dante and Evelyn of Klamath Falls, OR.

All services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Calvert Animal Welfare League (CAWL), P.O. Box 1660, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

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



The Tackle Box Fishing Report



Kurt, Brady, and Troy Jordan with some of their Spanish mackerel from near Ragged Point in the Potomac

By Ken and Linda Lamb
Contributing Writers

The summertime fishing is still hitting on all cylinders.

Spot are everywhere. There are tiny spot up in the creeks. Medium and occasional jumbos in the rivers.

Catch a small spot and use him live to tempt a rockfish. The rock are everywhere eating the spot. So you have a good chance of catching them with live bait.

Perch fishing is excellent in the creeks and rivers. They will bite on moving tides, and early and late most everyday. They play hide and seek in mid-day heat.

Spanish mackerel are everywhere in the bay and rivers. The hard head custom bait spoons in pink and fluorescent

green have been hot.

There were rockfish in Cornfield Harbor this week where jiggers caught plenty. Boiling baitfish and a few birds showed the locations.

Trollers are getting cobia near the Target Ship. Orange or red surgical eel lures are hot. There are big bull reds taking big trolled spoons in the same area.

Chummers are getting cobia and channel bass (Red drum) to come in close enough to cast live eels (cobia can not resist eels) below the target ship and on the edge at marker 72A. Lure caster are using big jigs in bright orange or pink.

Bass fishing is reaching a peak in the ponds and lakes. Top water poppers will bring strikes at sun rise and sunset.

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A View From The BLEACHERS Focused

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

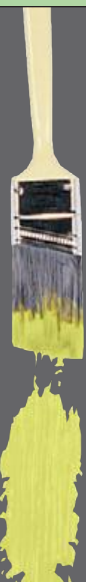
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2019 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SCORE
SEPT 6	LEONARDTOWN	7:00 PM	_____
SEPT 13	@ NORTHERN	7:00 PM	_____
SEPT 20	WESTLAKE	7:00 PM	_____
SEPT 27	HUNTINGTOWN	7:00 PM	_____
OCT 4	@ LACKEY	6:30 PM	_____
OCT 11	@ THOMAS STONE	6:30 PM	_____
OCT 18	MCDONOUGH	7:00 PM	_____
OCT 25	PATUXENT	7:00 PM	_____
NOV 1	@ LA PLATA	6:00 PM	_____



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SEPT 13	CALVERT	7:00 PM	_____
SEPT 19	@ LEONARDTOWN	6:00 PM	_____
SEPT 27	@ ST. CHARLES	7:00 PM	_____
OCT 4	CHOPTICON	7:00 PM	_____
OCT 11	@ PATUXENT	7:00 PM	_____
OCT 18	GREAT MILLS	7:00 PM	_____
OCT 25	@ HUNTINGTOWN	7:00 PM	_____
NOV 1	NORTH POINT	7:00 PM	_____

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Thursday, September 5

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

Friday, September 6

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.

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

Saturday, September 7

Garden Smarter: Cut Flowers Workshop. 10:00-11:30am. Discover plants that will bring color into your home and ways to preserve the flowers for future enjoyment. Registration required - 410-535-3662. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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, September 9

Monday Morning Fun. 10:00-11:00am. Join us for dancing, stories, movies and fun. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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 Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Green Crafting. 2:00-4:00pm. Green crafters will meet on Mondays to make crafts out of material that would typically be thrown away. Crocheting, nee-

dlework, and simple tying will be used. Teens welcome. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Monday Night Fun. 6:30-7:15pm. Wind down with us as we share stories, songs, movement, and fun in the evening time. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Tuesday, September 10

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, September 11

DLR Veteran Assistance. 9:00-11:00am. Representative from DLR 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.

Song Circle/Jam Session. 6:30-8:30pm. Singer-musicians trading songs, taking turns in choosing and leading a group of musicians. It's a sing-along with space for learning from each other and trying new things. A range of playing abilities and experience can be expected. Public is welcome to participate or just observe. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Thursday, September 12

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

S.T.E.A.M. PUNKS: Robot Rumpus! 6:30-7:30pm. Question, Discover and Explore! Build and program robots made from LEGOs, using LEGO WeDo kits! For engineers in grades 1 - 7. Please register. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

MakePlayLearn. 6:30-7:30pm. Take building and creativity to a whole new level at the library. We provide the space, Legos® and other building materials. You provide the imagination. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

Christmas in April

Christmas in April* Calvert County, Inc. **will be accepting applications through September 30, 2019** for Christmas in April 2020. This volunteer, non-profit organization makes home repairs and improves the homes of low-income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly, disabled, and have families with children. There is no cost for the homeowners who are selected to be part of this program. The goal of Christmas in April is for persons to live in warmth, safety, and independence. Homes must be located in Calvert County and all homeowners must live in the home. If you wish to refer someone other than yourself, please first obtain that homeowner's consent. Applications are available at the senior centers, libraries, and churches. Call

Christmas in April at 410-535-9044 to request that an application be mailed to you, for more information, or to learn how you can volunteer. Applications are also available on the website: www.christmasin-aprilcalvertcounty.org and may be submitted online.

AARP Driver Safety Education

A Driver Safety Class will be held at North Beach Senior Center, Thursday, September 12, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. \$15/AARP members, \$20/non-AARP-members. Members must show AARP cards. Please call 410-257-2549 to register.

Diabetes Prevention Program

In collaboration with the Calvert County Health Department, the Office on Aging is offering free diabetes prevention classes in September. Call 410-535-5400, ext. 357 for more information.

Calvert Pines Senior Center

The Calvert Pines Senior Council is now accepting new or gently used purses from smoke free environments. We are open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Fall Purse Sale will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Be sure to stop by and treat yourself or gift one to another.

Ever wondered how to read Braille? A Braille Educator will teach you the basics, Friday, September 6 and 20, 12:30 p.m.

North Beach Senior Center

Make a Halloween Mason Jar Craft, \$15 fee, Thursday, September 12, 10 a.m.

Join in on the Fall into Reading Book Club beginning Wednesday, September 11, 11 a.m. when we will choose our first book.

Southern Pines Senior Center

Enjoy a historical and beautifully filmed six-part series that explores our National Parks beginning Thursday, September 12, 1 p.m.

Create beautiful works of art with the Card Stamping Group, Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, September 9

Meatloaf, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Asparagus, Dinner Roll, Spiced Peaches

Tuesday, September 10

Beef Tips in Gravy over Buttered Egg Noodles, Honey Glazed Carrots, Dinner Roll, Citrus Fruit Cup, Yellow Cake w/White Icing

Wednesday, September 11

Salmon Patty, Tossed Salad w/ Chick Peas & Dressing, Corn,

Stewed Tomatoes, Dinner Roll, Pineapple Chunks

Thursday, September 12

Egg Salad in a Pita w/Lettuce & Tomatoes, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Pickled Beets, Fresh Orange Slices

Friday, September 13

Baked Fish w/Herb & Lemon, Rice, Spinach, Dinner Roll, Tropical Fruit

Lunches are served to seniors, aged 60-plus, and their spouses through Title III C 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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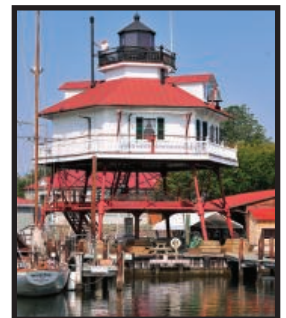


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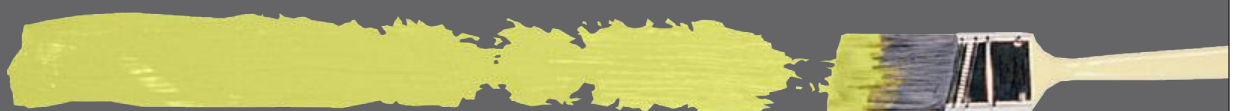
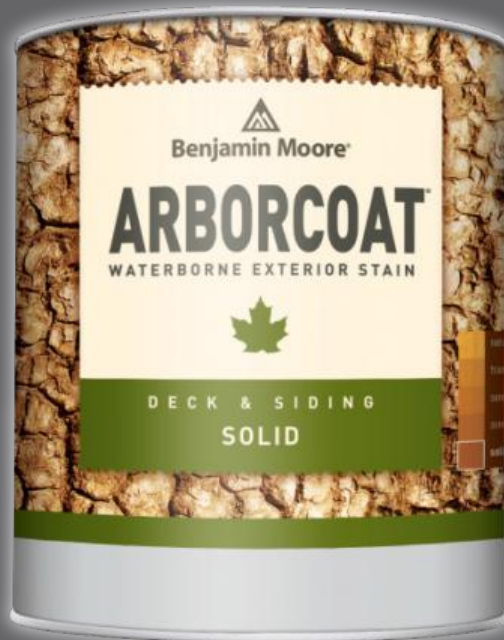
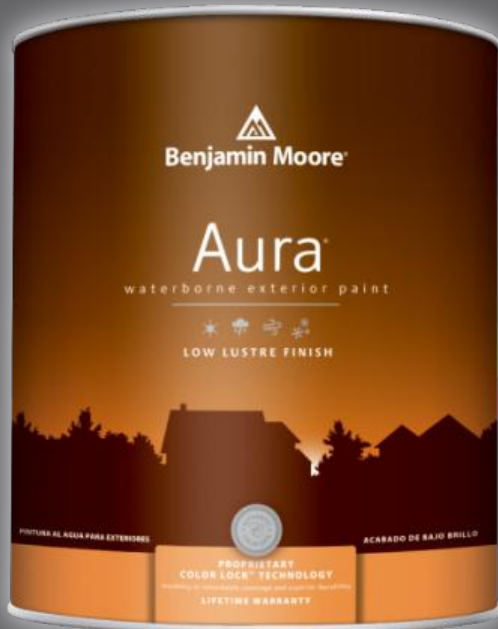
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