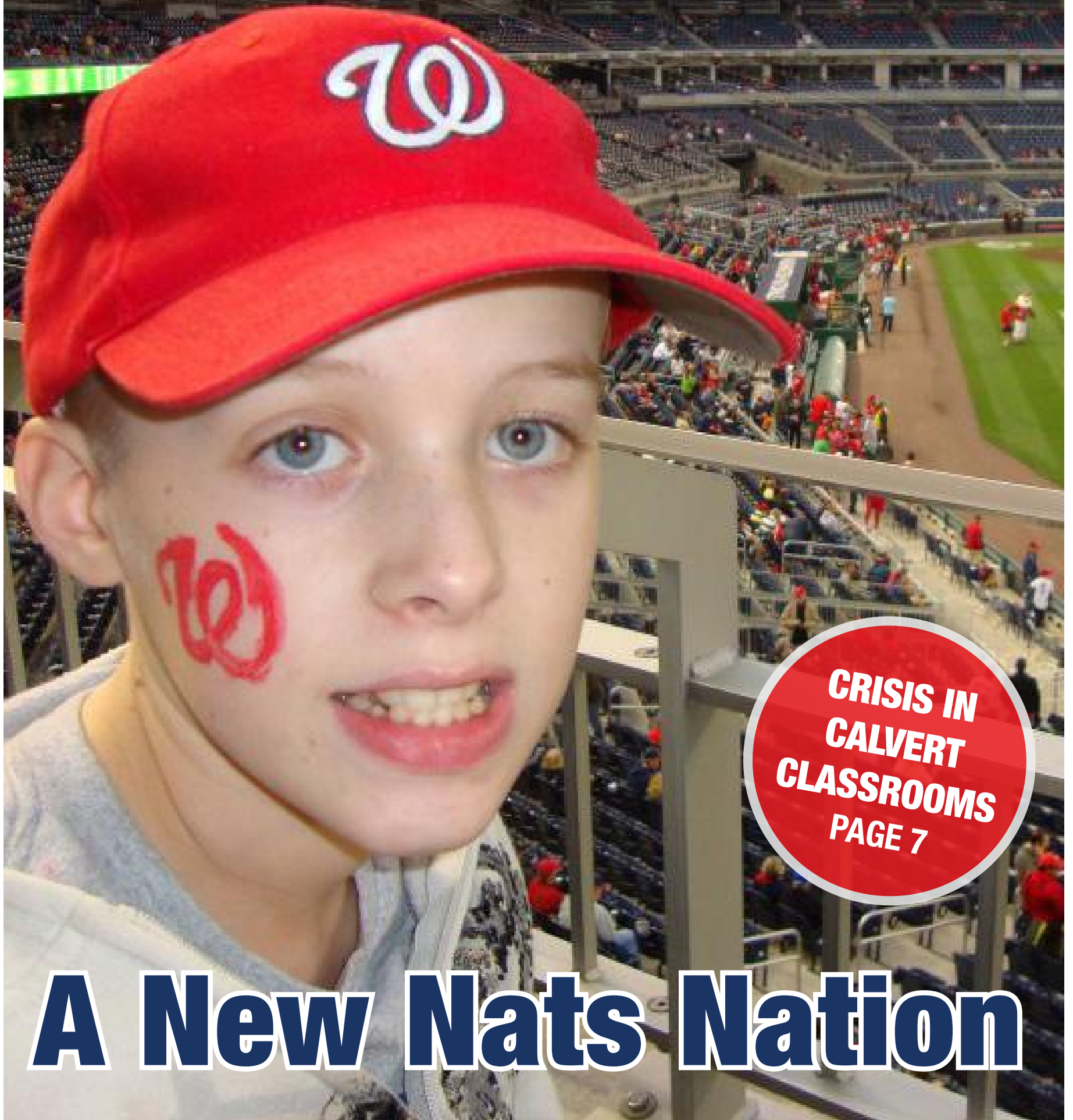


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State Road Show Pulls into Calvert TJ Bridge, Route 231 Touted

By Dick Myers
Editor

It's often called the "state road show" even though it's technically about all forms of transportation under the purview of Maryland Department of Transportation. Every year that department's staff visit every Maryland county to review transportation priorities, which in Calvert are largely road needs.

This year's visit to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) brought the agency's Deputy Secretary Sean Powell and an entourage of department staff. He said, "We conduct this tour of Maryland jurisdictions and it gives us a chance to see every corner of our beautiful state. We know issues are different in counties all across Maryland."

Powell noted one project not in Calvert that has an impact of every corner of the state – the \$27 million redecking of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. "It's a project that must be done to ensure the safety and most reliable use of the Bay Bridge for decades to come."



Calvert County Commissioner President Tim Hutchins

Powell said the Bay Bridge is scheduled to go with a cashless toll system after the decking is completed.

In Calvert Powell touted the completion of the Fishing Creek Bridge replacement in Chesapeake Beach and the Routes 2/4 proj-

ect in Prince Frederick, that is scheduled for completion next spring.

But towards the end of the meeting Commissioner President Tim Hutchins wanted the state officials to not forget the county's top road priorities. "The focus on Thomas Johnson Bridge going over to St. Mary's County remains on our radar screen. We understand the issues, with the money that had been allocated to reallocate it. But we want to continue to keep that on the long-term focus so we could make progress wherever that opportunity presents itself to do that. It is an issue as far as Homeland Security; it is an issue as far as Department of Defense," Hutchins said, noting the bridge's use by Patuxent River Naval Air Station commuters and as an evacuation route for the county's energy facilities.

Hutchins also pressed for attention to Route 231. "If you look at the Southern Maryland corridor, it's a triangle connection with 231 across the top, MD 2/4 going down the Calvert County side and MD 5/235 going down the Charles and St. Mary's side. So, 231 is a single-lane highway with tremendous volume of traffic and

heavy trucks, 72,000 pounds probably or more," he said, adding "It's a pretty deadly combination."

Powell noted the successes of both the Port of Baltimore and BWI Marshall airport.

And he also delivered some positive fiscal news to the county: "Governor Hogan has signed bipartisan legislation that increases the funding formula for the highway user revenues to local jurisdictions from 9.6 percent to 13.5 percent that runs through fiscal year 2024 after years of fighting to increase the formula and adding annual grants. The Hogan administration is now providing a predictable revenue stream you can rely on to fund your local transportation projects. This year, Calvert will receive a combined \$1.8 million in highway user revenues, including allocations for Chesapeake Beach and North Beach. That total is an increase of nearly \$148,000 over last year."

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Miller Steps Down as Senate President Intends to Continue to Serve as State Senator

By Dick Myers
Editor

In a meeting with the Senate Democratic Caucus on Oct. 24, Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., announced that he will not seek the Democratic nomination to serve as Senate President in the 2020 Legislative Session. President Miller will continue to serve the people of the 27th District, which includes part of Calvert County, and the State of Maryland as a member of the Senate, as he has for the last 45 years.

"I have been blessed to have the life and opportunities I have had, and the opportunity to work with hundreds of wonderful members of the Senate in my time as President. Serving the residents of the 27th district is a privilege, and serving my colleagues as Senate President has been the honor of a lifetime. I am grateful to my colleagues past and present for the faith they placed in me, and I am grateful to my family and friends for their support and sacrifices along the way," stated Miller. "I have done my best to make the Senate inclusive, collegial and productive, and to remind my colleagues that they swore an oath to the State of Maryland, not to a party or parochial interest."

Miller announced earlier this year that he is battling Stage 4 prostate cancer.

Senate President Miller was first elected by his colleagues as Senate President in 1987, and has been reelected every year since, making him the longest-serving Senate President in the country's history. In his time as President, K-12 education spending has grown by more than \$4 billion, Maryland's higher education institutes have received national attention, and protecting the Bay and fighting climate change have seen tremendous strides in Maryland.

"While I am announcing today that I will be stepping down as Senate President, I will continue to serve the people of District 27, with the greatest political title I will ever achieve – 'Senator,'" continued Senator Miller. "We still have work to do, and I am concerned, as many of my colleagues are that we have fallen out of the top ten school systems in the nation according to US News & World Report. The most important goal this session must be the implementation of the Kirwan Commission report, and I intend to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to move the ball forward on this critical issue."

As Senate President, Senator Miller worked with five Governors, four Speakers of the House, and numerous other leaders to improve Maryland's education system, clean the Chesapeake Bay, and provide health care coverage to millions of Marylanders. He is the recipient of many local, state, and national awards including the William M. Bulger Excel-

lence in State Legislative Leadership Award from the State Legislative Leaders Foundation, the W. Paul White State & Regional Leadership Award from the Council of State Governments, the Maryland Horse Breeders Association's Tesio Award, has been named Marylander of the Year by the Maryland Historical Society, and is the only non-athlete in the University of Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame.

Senator Miller grew up in Clinton, graduated from Surrattsville High School, the University of Maryland, College Park, and the University of Maryland, School of Law. He served as a member of the House of Delegates from 1971-1975, and has served in the Senate since his election in 1974. He has served as Chair of the Judicial Proceedings Committee, as President of the Senate Presidents' Forum, Chair of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, and has served on numerous state and local boards.

He lives in Chesapeake Beach with his wife Patti, and is the proud father of five children, and grandfather of 15 grandchildren.

Governor Larry Hogan issued the following statement: "On behalf of a grateful state, I want to sincerely thank Senate President Mike Miller for his 33 years of dedicated service as president of the Maryland Senate.

"As the longest continuously serving presiding officer in the nation, President Miller has been a strong, unifying leader for the legislature and the state. His steady presence and trademark humor will be deeply missed as President, but we are pleased to know that Mike will continue to represent the people of District 27 in the Senate.

"I have immense respect for Mike Miller. For the past year, he has shown all of us what courage and determination look like as he faces a very tough personal battle. As we celebrate his historic tenure as president of the Senate, Maryland's First Lady and I ask all Marylanders to join us in praying for him and his family."

Rep. Steny Hoyer (D: 5th District, MD) made the following statement: "I join my fellow Marylanders in thanking Mike Miller for his 32 years of service as Senate President. Mike is a consensus builder, artful politician, and an institution in our state. Throughout his distinguished tenure as Senate President, Mike has been a champion for Maryland families, for the health of Chesapeake Bay, for improving transportation in our state, and for equal opportunity and justice. As a fellow Terp, I have appreciated Mike's steadfast support and advocacy for the University of Maryland. He has fought to ensure that students across our state have access to quality education, from early childhood



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Rappaport, Carmean Appointed Circuit Court Judges

Governor Larry Hogan has announced he has selected Andrew Rappaport and Mark Carmean as judicial appointees for the Calvert County Circuit Court. The governor made the appointments after interviewing nominees submitted by the Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission.

“The appointment of qualified individuals to serve across our state’s justice system is paramount to upholding our responsibilities to the people of Maryland and the rule of law,” said Governor Hogan. “I have confidence that Mr. Rappaport and Mr. Carmean will be strong advocates for the law and will serve the citizens of Calvert County and the State of Maryland admirably.”

Andrew Simon Rappaport has served as the State’s Attorney for Calvert County since January 2019. He has been a pro-

secutor for almost 16 years. He began as an Assistant State’s Attorney in St. Mary’s County, where he primarily handled serious traffic and criminal cases in the District Court, as well as Circuit Court jury trials. He accepted a position as an Assistant State’s Attorney in Calvert County in 2007. In that position, he primarily prosecuted felonies, violent crimes, and major motor vehicle cases, and eventually became chief of the District Court Division. He received his B.S. from Elon College and his J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Mark Wayne Carmean has worked as a partner with the firm of Lamson & Carmean, LLC since 2008. He is a trial attorney whose practice includes criminal defense, family law, personal injury cases, and general litigation. After graduat-



Andrew Simon Rappaport

ing law school in 1997, Carmean worked in the Washington, D.C. branch of Piper & Marbury where he handled prod-

ucts’ liability, personal injury, telecommunications, and white-collar criminal cases in the firm’s commercial litigation division.



Mark Wayne Carmean

Prior to joining his current firm, he was a partner at Rath & Carmean, Ltd. He received his B.A. from Duke University and his J.D. from the University

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School Board Gets Earful on Student Behavior

Teachers Say Violence is Widespread

By Dick Myers
Editor

Several weeks ago, the Calvert County Board of Education heard from four people concerned about student behavior that has led to violence against teachers and other students. The speakers were local representatives of the teachers and support staff, the head of Maryland Education Association, which represents the state's teachers and the husband of a teacher whose jaw was broken by one of her students. The County Times story about the public forum at which the concerns were raised led with the headline "Classroom Crisis?"

The speakers at the school board's Oct. 24 evening public forum answered the headline's question with an emphatic "Yes!" And in case anyone thought that just four speakers didn't raise the level of concern, this latest public forum went on for a marathon more than two-and-a-half hours and featured more than 40 speakers, most of whom were teachers.

The public forum came immediately after a staff presentation to the board on the school system's Behavior Development Program (BDP). School officials have blamed the perceived escalating problem on special needs students in that program.

But several forum speakers said that was not the case. The first speaker, Michelle Parrott, a school health nurse at Barstow Elementary, said, "Our schools are supposed to be a safe place for not only our students to learn, but also for your employees to work. It is no secret that Barstow houses one of our county's BDP programs that is currently in crisis. Each of the children enrolled in this program have legitimate mental health and/or behavioral health diagnoses. While the majority of the assaults that I'm about to speak with you about tonight are perpetrated by these various students, please make no mistake, the violence we are seeing in our schools is much more widespread and not just isolated to the students in this program."

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dianne Workman explained to the board that BDP "is designed to support the students with extreme challenging behavior or social emotional learning deficits that negatively impact their academic performance. And all of these students have at one point been educated in their home schools and have interventions that have been tried within the homeschools and for various reasons have been found to be ineffective."

Supervisor of Special Education Dr. Jason Miller said that BDP is in Barstow and Mutual elementary schools, Plum Point and Southern middle schools and Huntingtown High School. Workman said the sites were chosen based on available space and proximity to students needing the program.

Miller said, "There are six total BDP teachers in the county. Currently we have a vacancy and that one is being temporarily filled by a teacher that we have moved to support those students."

Several forum speakers questioned the credentials of some of those teachers and their training to handle the situations that such students can bring about in and outside the classroom. Miller said three of the BDP teachers are experienced.

Director of Special Education Christine Harris said, "I do think it's really difficult with high turnover of special education teachers. We have a national shortage." She said it's especially difficult to recruit to Calvert because of its lack of social activities and shortage of affordable housing.



Miller noted, "I have noticed in the past four years, the needs of the students that we are seeing now are increasing with each year. So, as students come in their needs and the support we need to provide them are increasing every year. Right now, I don't have the answer to what's causing that, but I'm recognizing it as a pattern so far."

Harris, on questioning from board member Inez Claggett, agreed that more staffing and more staff training were needed. Which prompted Claggett to say to School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry, "Could you direct your staff to provide to you what they think we need to provide as far as staffing? Even if it's something that is unrealistic, if they could give us a true picture of what they feel that we need here in Calvert County to be able to support our teachers in the proper way, provide the staffing that is needed for the children that are attending schools here in CCPs."

Claggett was the main mover of the recent policy change on restraint and seclusion to require imminent danger to the student or others before those methods are used. That has brought criticism from teachers who say it makes it more difficult to control situations before they get out of hand. But Harris said, "Restraint and seclusion was never designed to control behavior, it was designed to protect students and staff from danger to self or others."

Speaker after speaker during the forum told of persistent behavior problems this year. Parrott said, "I am here tonight to ask that the board take notice and to work to create an expedited plan to react to students with documented incidences of violence against staff and students every single day since the beginning of this school year."

She said what many of the speakers after her said, "I'd like to tell you about the innocent children that get caught in the crossfire. These students have had items including desks and chairs thrown at them. They have been stabbed, bitten, punched, kicked and spat on. As a parent myself, I would be livid to learn that my child was injured by a student who was known to be violent and precautions were not put in place to protect my child. Lastly, let me talk about your staff. They are broken. It is the new norm for me to complete numerous incident reports, daily documenting injuries to staff members."

Kristin Morris, a second-grade teacher, said, "Today there are at least 10 such students on our campus at Windy Hill that are sucking the life out of our teaching environments. The board must take a stronger leadership role, engage your teachers on the front lines to learn firsthand what our challenges are."

A number of speakers criticized the program being instituted in the school system called "Learning Focused." Calvert Education Association board member Gary Clites said 63 percent of teachers do not support its usage.

Karen Hutchins, a classroom teacher at Plum Point Elementary School, said the problems there are in the general classrooms with "chairs being thrown, objects being thrown in classrooms and offices being torn apart." She added, "The trauma that we as a staff are witnessing and the trauma that our students are going through as they watch these episodes is overwhelming to many of us."

Hutchins said, "We are not asking to place students directly into behavior development programs. We are asking for the process to be faster when we have a student who is disrupting class on a daily basis, multiple times a day and we have seen the outbursts week after week."

Some of the teachers told off their own physical abuse. Lee Cox, a physical education teacher for 27 years, told of being assaulted eight years ago by a Plum Point third grader. "I live in physical pain every day from the repeated beating my body took."

Heidi Tracy, a school psychologist, advocated for more. She said, "Three years ago, a group of us met with Dr. Curry and individually with three of the board members. We advocated for increased staffing to support mental health and behavior concerns and lower school psych ratios to be proactive for our students' needs." She said the request fell on deaf ears.

Lauren Edinger, a special education teacher at Windy Hill Elementary School, said, "Things are beyond out of control and something needs to be done immediately to improve what was once a great school system. My husband and I moved to Calvert County 19 years ago in order to give our three children a great public education. I thank God that my children are grown and out of the school system before it became what it is today -- a very sad, failing, disappointing school system."

Sandy Weems Jones, a 27-year system veteran, said, "There has not been one day this year that our class has not had a behavior issue disrupting our class."

At the end of the speakers, Board of Education President Dawn Balinski said, "It's amazing and we have to have a lot of discussion and we will take this to heart." She added, "Thank you for what you do and I'm hoping so much we can work together. We'll solve this. We will start to solve this."

Calvert GOP Gathers for Annual Dinner and Awards

Guest Speaker Criticizes Impeachment Process

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County Republicans packed the Hall at Huntingtown on Oct. 23 for their annual Lincoln-Reagan Dinner. The event featured the bestowing of the Annual Republican Man of the Year and Woman of the Year awards.

The event capped a memorable day for Calvert County State's Attorney Andrew Rappaport in which earlier Gov. Larry Hogan announced his selection for one of the two vacant Calvert County Circuit Court judgeship positions, only to have him chosen for the prestigious Republican Man of the Year Award at the dinner.

Selected for the equally prestigious Republican Woman of the Year award was Judy Draheim, long-time party worker and former associate member of the Republican Central Committee. Draheim is the campaign manager for Sheriff Mike Evans, who joined her at the podium as she received the



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Republican Central Committee Chairperson Catherine Grasso

award.

Guest speaker at the event was Rep. Jim Jordan (R: 4th District of Ohio). He has served in Congress since 2006 and is considered one of its most conservative members. He is also a strong supporter for President Donald Trump in his impeachment fight.

Jordan spent most of his talk criticizing the Democratic impeachment process. Jordan especially highlighted what he called the unfairness of the process in which President Trump doesn't know the identity of the whistleblower accuser.

He said, "Now this guy Adam Schiff (D: CA) is running this whole

charade and I gave this speech on the House floor yesterday, the idea that we don't know who this individual is."

He added, "535 members in the United States Congress who represent over 300 million people in this great nation and only one of them knows the identity of the whistleblower."

Republican Central Committee Chairperson Catherine Grasso welcomed the attendees. Del. Mark Fisher (RL 28C) was master of ceremonies and Sen. Jack Bailey (R: 29) and Del. Jerry Clark (R: 29C) also spoke.

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Health Officer Issues Warnings on Vaping



By Dick Myers
Editor

Health officials all across the country continue to issue warnings about vaping, despite pushback from the growing industry. Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Lawrence Polsky is no exception.

Vaping was one of the main topics in his semi-annual meeting on Oct. 29 with the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) sitting as the Calvert County Board of Health.

Polsky showed statistics which he said were prepared two weeks ago and which he said are now already out of date. The chart showed 26 vape-related lung deaths. But he said that number had already climbed to 34.

"In all likelihood there's a combination of factors there," he said, adding that research is ongoing, and more information is likely to be released shortly.

Polsky said people not already addicted to nicotine should steer away from starting vaping. And he said those addicted to nicotine should do research before switching to vaping. The industry has touted vaping as a safe method for quitting smoking. He said vaping nicotine can be more addictive than smoking cigarettes.

Polsky provided a list of things people can do to protect themselves:

- Take the time to learn about the effects of vaping
- The nicotine in vape juice comes from tobacco
- There is no oversight on product labeling
 - Unlabeled chemicals may be going into your lungs
- Heavy metals, formaldehyde, benzene, etc. are in almost all vape products
- Until there is more research, vaping marijuana should be considered a



clear danger

- The effects of flavors on people's lungs have never been studied

He also provided a list of what parents can do:

- Most importantly, realize that every adolescent (even your child) is a potential user of vape products
- Make it a discussion, not a lecture
- Ask what your child knows about vaping and what's going on at their school
- Be prepared with some basic facts about risks
 - Addiction
 - Short-and long-term health risks are still unknown

And Dr. Polsky emphasized, "You don't need to be an expert to talk to your child."

Also during the meeting, the health officer released updated information about overdoses in the county. They showed the year to date deaths, 22, were the same as last year during that period. But non-fatal overdoses were down 29 percent.

Polsky cautioned against reaching conclusions about the numbers, since Calvert's yearly totals equal just a month in Montgomery County.

He also noted the onset of flu season and highly encouraged everyone to get their flu shots. He said the annual number of deaths attributable to flu exceeded the annual overdose deaths.

He said 43 million people annually get sick with the flu and 70,000 die from it.

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Pet OF THE WEEK

MEET JOSLYN

Joslyn is a beautiful black and white kitten awaiting her ticket to freedom. When Joslyn came into the shelter she hadn't had many interactions with humans, but after spending lots of time with staff she has warmed up quite nicely! She could sit at a window all day and watch the leaves begin to change. With Halloween approaching, Joslyn is looking for a "Boo" of her own to celebrate with! Since we have chosen Joslyn as Pet of the Week, her adoption fee will be waived for all qualified adopters.

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



Thousands in Southern Maryland pay for dentistry they never get done!

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK
Research Reporter

Statistically about 50% of the local population have dental insurance. Of that percentage only 50% of them properly use the dental benefits they are paying for. Most of them have no idea what benefits they have and how easy it is to lose them. To make the most of their dental benefits the consumer needs to understand how dental insurance works.

Dental insurance plans can be confusing. There are several components to a dental insurance plan. First there is the monthly premium that must be paid by the consumer, or in some cases their employer. There is the discount that is applied to all the dental codes that the insurance company negotiates with the dental offices. These discounts only effect "in-network" dentists and usually average about 30% off the usual and customary rate that a person without insurance would pay. Then there is the annual maximum. This is the amount that the insurance company is willing to pay on the insured's behalf per year. This typically ranges between \$1000 and \$3000 depending on the plan and how much the premium is per month.

While it certainly is a benefit to the consumer to have the lower fees that are negotiated on their behalf between the insurance company and the dental practices that are in-network, this discount doesn't make the cost of the annual fees worth the value. Those who have a healthy smile, would

likely never use the restorative benefit or at least not much of it. In other words, a 30% discount on something not being used or purchased doesn't hold any value.

Most of the insurance plans pick up the entire or at least most of the insured consumers' preventative maintenance. This is usually the procedures that are recommended to be done twice per year by your hygienist. This may include cleanings, x-rays, fluoride, exam, and the like. The insurance company would have you believe they are the hero for paying for these visits, but in fact, the consumer paid for them. They just allowed the consumer to spread the payments out throughout the year in monthly payments or weekly deductions from their payroll. Insured individuals that don't take advantage of their preventative visits by seeing their hygienist twice a year are literally throwing their money away. It would be the equivalent of paying for two nights in an upscale hotel in DC but never showing up for the stay! Who would do that? These dental visits are of equivalent value; but yet 25% of the insured public throws these visits they paid for away.

Regular preventative maintenance visits drastically reduce the likelihood of major restorative procedures in the future. It is a known fact that preventative dental care not only saves the integrity of the smile but it truly saves the patient from high cost restorative care in the future.

The dental insurance company wins when the patient waits to go to the dentist. Those

who pay for dental insurance every year but never go to the dentist are writing a free check to the insurance company. The insurance companies are keeping the money they've earmarked for preventative care as well as the entire annual maximum for those patients. Putting off dentistry until it hurts could easily escalate to \$5000 worth of treatment or much more in one year. The dental insurance company will only contribute \$1500 because that is the average maximum on any given plan which leaves the out-of-pocket due at \$3500 for the insured individual in this example. Whereas, had they gone to the dentist every year and had the work done as needed over the course of four years, their out-of-pocket may have been zero, as the \$1500 per year (\$1500 x 4 years = \$6000) would have covered \$6000 over the four year period.

But the insurance companies do not let annual maximums roll over. They have a strict use it or you lose it policy. One would think that the insured consumer would be able to accrue his or her benefits since they literally paid for them and did not use them. Not the case; leftover benefits become pure profit for the insurance companies. The insurance companies are in business to make money, not to save smiles.

Dental providers see patients every day who put off dentistry and then struggle to pay for the work they need to have done. It is very sad for both the dental provider who wants to help the patient and for the patient who is in pain or embarrassed by the condition of their smile. Dental providers want their

patients to see them as recommended but can't force anyone to do anything. This is why they try to educate them about the benefits that they have with their insurance company, so that when they need work, they understand how to best take advantage of their insurance.

Most dental plans end at the end of a calendar years. The average plan allows for a \$1500 annual maximum. Someone treatment planned today to have \$3000 in restorative treatment done, can start the procedures in November or December and finish them in January. This will allow them to take maximum advantage of the dental insurance they've paid for.

Call your dental office. Ask them if they are in-network with your insurance. If they are, schedule an appointment for a cleaning and a checkup. See if you have any dental work that needs to be done. Then ask your dental office what your annual limit is and how much remains. If you have work that needs to be done, use your annual benefit before the end of the year. Remember, if you don't use it, you lose it.

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JobSource Opens Prince Frederick Center

Southern Maryland JobSource hosted the grand opening of the Prince Frederick American Job Center on Tuesday, October 8 at 3:00 p.m. at the office of the Calvert County Department of Social Services, 200 Duke St., Suite 1900 in Prince Frederick.

Calvert County Commissioners, the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce, and state and local officials were in attendance at the event, which was a partnership between the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) and the Calvert County Department of Social Services.

"We're delighted to celebrate the opening of the Prince Frederick American Job Center," said Ruthy Davis, director, regional workforce and business development, TCCSMD. "This new center will be the go-to resource for job seekers and businesses seeking talent in Calvert County, and the support we've received from the county during the creation of this new center is truly memorable."

The Calvert County Department of Social Services also expressed satisfaction with the new job center. "We are proud to open the doors to the American Job Center at our local office," said Amye Scrivener, department director. "Our customers can conveniently job search, obtain employment resources, and receive job readiness skills in one location. Through our continued partnership with the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, we will provide these opportunities for residents seeking employment assistance."

The Prince Frederick American Job Center is now one of four job centers operated by Southern Maryland JobSource. Southern Maryland JobSource partners with local workforce development agencies to provide



(Left to Right) Terry Shannon, Calvert County Administrator; Calvert County Commissioner Earl "Buddy" Hance; Ruthy Davis, Director, Regional Workforce and Business Development, TCCSMD; Calvert County Commissioner Steve Weems; John Hartline, Executive Director, TCCSMD; Rachel Jones, Field Representative for Senator Ben Cardin; and Wilson Parran, Deputy County Administrator, Calvert County.

a full range of assistance to job seekers and businesses. Their job centers assist job seekers in reaching their employment goals by providing consultants to advise on all aspects of the job search and provide referrals to training programs and workshops.

Southern Maryland JobSource is a joint program of TCCSMD and the Maryland Department of Labor. TCCSMD serves as a forum for the discussion and resolution of issues affecting the Southern Maryland region.

To learn more about the Prince Frederick American Job Center and the Southern Maryland JobSource, visit

their webpage at <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/county/smd/>.

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) was formed in 1964, as a cooperative planning and development agency to foster the social and economic development of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties. The purpose of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland is to serve as a forum for the resolution of region-wide issues and the attainment of regional goals.

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Lusby Shooting Remains Under Investigation

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau on Sunday, Oct. 27 shortly after 3 a.m., responded to report of a shooting along Golden West Way in Lusby.

Units arrived on scene to discover an 18-year-old female victim that had been struck by a gunshot while sitting in a parked vehicle. The female victim was transported by ground to University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center where she remains in stable condition.

Preliminary investigation revealed that two adult males shot the victim and were subsequently arrested shortly thereafter.

The suspects have been identified as John Michael Anderson Wood, 19 of Lusby, and Dru Michael Sultzaberger, 19 of Lusby. Both suspects have been



John Michael Anderson Wood

charged with Attempted 1st Degree Murder, Attempted 2nd Degree Murder, Assault- First Degree, Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Felony and Reckless Endangerment and are being held without bond.

An application for a statement of charges filed in Calvert County District Court showed that the shooting was related to an altercation that had hap-

pened earlier that day.

The victims in the case Alexis Holland, who was shot in the mouth, Tronjay Washington and Jaelynn Thomas had gone to a Halloween party held on Sixes Road, police reported, where Sultzaberger was also, left and returned to Holland's residence on Golden West Way.

Court documents stated they stopped in Washington's car to smoke marijuana for about 45 minutes when they saw a car approach, turn off its lights and go down a dead-end street.

Two men soon after approached the vehicle and began firing into it, striking Holland.

Calvert detectives found the trio at a home on Tahoe Trail where the victims had called police; their investigation revealed that Holland's brother, Nicholas Griffith, who had also been at the Sixes Road party, had been in an altercation with Sultzaberger where Sultzaberger produced a gun and even



Dru Michael Sultzaberger

fired into the ground where the altercation took place, ostensibly to defend himself.

Later, Sultzaberger and his alleged accomplice Wood, according to court documents learned that a supporter of Sultzaberger's had been assaulted for defending him after he had left the party.

Court papers stated Sultzaberger became so angry that he went to Griffith's house and

intended to fire into a car that he believed belonged to Griffith or to someone associated with Griffith.

Both he and Wood allegedly fired into the car, Sultzaberger with a 9mm Glock handgun and Wood with a .40 caliber Glock pistol, though Sultzaberger denied knowing that the three victims were in the vehicle.

Anyone with information relating to this incident is asked to contact Detective Ted Yates at (410) 535-2800 ext. 2161 or by email at Edward.yates@calvert-countymd.gov.

Sheriff Evans stated, "The citizens of Calvert County should be proud of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office, particularly the Criminal Investigative Bureau and detectives that solved this case, they are second to none."

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Calvert County Sheriff's Office Crime Blotter

During the week of October 14 – October 20 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,507 calls for service throughout the community.

Theft: 19-59928

On October 14, 2019 Deputy Parks responded to the Sheriff's Office for the report of a theft that occurred on Maybrook Drive in Huntingtown. The complainant advised that an unknown suspect(s) stole a Police Badge from their purse while it was left unattended. The value of stolen property is approximately \$50.

Theft: 19-60469

On October 16, 2019 Deputy Boerum responded to Robinson Road in Huntingtown for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between 8:30pm on October 15th and 8:00am on October 16th an unknown suspect(s) entered their vehicle and stole a gold Invicta watch. The value of stolen property is \$150.

Theft: 19-60648

On October 17, 2019 Deputy Flynt responded to 6th Street in North Beach for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime on October 16th an unknown suspect(s) stole a black Big Tex utility trailer with wooden sides. The value

of stolen property is \$2,800.

Arrests:

On October 14, 2019 Deputy Wilder conducted a traffic stop on South Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick. Upon making contact with the driver and passenger, it was determined that the vehicle was not currently registered or insured, and the driver's license was suspended. A search of the vehicle was conducted prior to the vehicle being towed from the scene which revealed a prescription bottle belonging to the passenger, **John Edward Smith IV** (40), containing pills not indicated on the bottle. Smith was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was searched upon entry by Correctional Deputy Jones. CD Jones located a small baggie containing a white powder residue suspected to be Heroin. Smith was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, and Possession of CDS while Confined/Detained.

On October 16, 2019 Deputy R. Shrawder conducted a traffic stop on Route 4 at Southern Connector Boulevard in Lusby. After making contact with the driver, **Cassandra Bechas** (57),

it was determined that the vehicle belonged to a friend and did not have current registration. Bechas' was also driving on a suspended license. A search of the vehicle was conducted which resulted in a cigarette pack containing a black pipe with copper wire inside, belonging to the passenger of the vehicle. A search of Bechas and her belongings resulted in three cut straws with residue, two unlabeled prescription bottles containing various medications and a pill grinder. Bechas was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where a secondary search was conducted which resulted in a small baggie and cut straw, both containing Oxycodone residue, in addition it was discovered she was in possession of urine used for altering a drug/alcohol test. Bechas was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, Altering a Drug/Alcohol Test, and Possession of CDS while Confined/Detained.

On October 16, 2019 Deputy Boerum responded to Safeway in Prince Frederick for a male who was slumped over outside. Upon arrival, Deputy Boerum observed the suspect, **Joseph Frank Partonen** (56) who ap-

peared to be passed out near the bushes with a 12 pack of beer. Upon making contact with Partonen, Deputy Boerum noticed an open beer in his hand and the strong odor of alcohol emitting from Partonen's breath and person. Partonen was previously issued a lifetime ban from the shopping center in August of 2013. Partonen was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespassing on Private Property.

On October 18, 2019 Deputy R. Evans and Corporal Robshaw conducted a traffic stop on Madeline Drive in St. Leonard. Upon making contact with the driver, Deputy Evans noticed the odor of alcohol emitting from her person. While attempting to conduct the investigation, Deputies were approached by **David Jeremy Craft** (39), who was questioning what was happening. Craft was advised multiple times to step aside and let the Officers conduct their investigation and return to his residence, but Craft would not comply and continued to interfere. Craft was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Obstruct-

ing and Hindering and Failure to Obey a Reasonable and Lawful Order. The driver of the vehicle was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where it was determined **Jennifer Elizabeth Turpin** (44), provided a false name on scene and was charged with False Statement to Law Enforcement and multiple traffic citations.

On October 19, 2019 Deputy Wood responded to the Park and Ride on Lower Pindell Road for the report of a vehicle theft. The complainant advised that they observed a truck belonging to Cobb Island Fire Department parked at the Park and Ride. The truck was sent to a repair shop in Huntingtown on North Solomons Island Road by the Fire Department for service and was stolen from the repair shop lot. The suspect, **James Michael Rogers** (34), was seen parking the truck at the Park and Ride at approximately 10:30pm and leaving in a dark colored pick up truck. Deputies located Rogers, placed him under arrest and transported him to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Theft > \$100,000 and Unlawful Taking of a Motor Vehicle.

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Falling for Fall Classic Magic

By Ronald N. Guy Jr
Contributing Writer

In the immortal words of Buffalo Springfield, “There’s something happening here and what it is ain’t exactly clear.” But by the time you read this, the verdict will be in - the Washington Nationals will have won the World Series or have fallen painfully short - and I...we... will have lived, for better or for worse, what was previously unknown.

Crazy statement: The outcome doesn’t matter.

Some context...

I worked with a Yankees fan in the early 2000s. A keen eye will recognize the timeframe as a glorious, multi-championship era (the Yankees won four championships between 1996 and 2003) and question my colleague’s authenticity. No need - “Bob” arrived in Southern Maryland from New York and the shadows of Yankee Stadium. He wasn’t a Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera bandwagon fan; the pin-stripes were in his bones.

At the time, I had never had a baseball team of my own - the Nats wouldn’t arrive until 2005. I casually rooted for the Orioles as a kid, but once Cal Ripken Jr. retired, I abandoned them and Peter Angelos, their curmudgeon owner, altogether. Me and the O’s? There was never any love.

This is relevant because loving a baseball team is different from other sports. Baseball is beautifully antiquated, a unicorn of sorts in this otherwise instant and over-

stimulated age. It forces us to slow down, to contemplate, to think carefully and notice little details normally smudged by life on fast-forward. During the regular season, sitting in the park on a beautiful summer day offers a therapeutic calm; during the playoffs, watching this untimed sport filled with mind-racing dead-time can torment like no other.

Bob and I worked together for about three years and his beloved Yankees made the playoffs every fall of our



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professional overlap. Sometimes things went the Yankees’ - and Bob’s - way, and sometimes they didn’t. Whatever the outcome, the games were usually long, dramatic affairs with an emotional, anxiety-inducing crescendo with every pitch.

I loved talking to him the morning after epic games (easier if the Yankees won). The outcome wasn’t my primary interest; instead, I was intrigued to hear from a true, diehard fan, what it was like to root for a baseball team - your beloved baseball team - during a deep October run to the World Series.

Bob had a light-up-the-room, beaming smile that was typically accompanied by a warm chuckle. I remember pressing him once after a particularly epic Yankees playoff game, “Bob what was it like for you watching that...pitch after pitch, inning after inning?” Bob grinned and said, “Ronnie, you can’t understand...it is like misery and joy at the same time.”

Bruce Springsteen is known to scream, “Is anybody alive out there?,” before ripping into his song “Radio Nowhere.” It’s a rousing pulse-check, just to make sure his audience is appropriately frenzied. his October, as the Nationals marched to the World Series, obsessive pacing, sweaty palms, guttural screams of joy and anguish and a permanent knot in my stomach

became evening norms. Sleep...was in short supply. At all points, I felt very much alive. Or was I accelerating toward a premature, stress-induced demise? Maybe both?

Regardless, and like Bob earlier this millennium, I wouldn’t have had it any other way. The Nats didn’t just inject my October...our October... with adrenaline, they brought us together in a way that few things other than sports can. We rallied behind the excellence of Juan Soto, who just turned 21, the irresistible story Ryan Zimmerman, the 35-year-old, lifelong Nat, and “Baby Shark,” the Gerardo Parra walk-up song that galvanized Nats Nation. It was all highly contagious, memorable stuff.

Whatever the ending, we rallied together and shared much - ups and downs, hope and doubt, joy and anxiety. Curly “W’s became our trademark; wearing red, white and blue represented more than patriotism; and starting workdays with discussions of baseball was certainly more fun than, you know, actual work. D.C. in the fall of 2019 transformed into the New York that was described to me so many years ago. What a time to be alive.

Wherever Bob is, I picture him smiling while he whispers, “Now Ronnie understands”.

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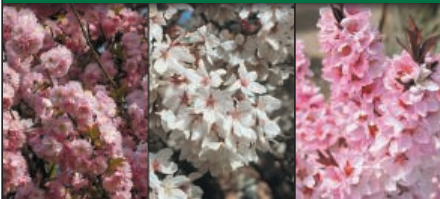
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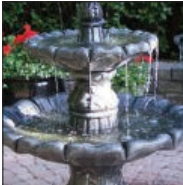
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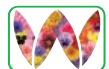
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Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha

The College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) La Plata Campus is one of six November stops in the One Maryland One Book tour featuring author Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha as she discusses her book, "What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City." Hanna-Attisha will speak and sign copies of her book Nov. 4 as part of this year's One Maryland One Book program. The book chronicles Hanna-Attisha's efforts to uncover the contamination of Flint, Michigan's drinking water.

The One Maryland One Book effort aims to bring together diverse people in communities across the state through the shared experience of reading the same book. Created by Maryland Humanities, readers are also invited to participate in book-centered discussions and related programs at public libraries, high schools, colleges, museums, bookstores and community and senior centers around the state. According to Maryland Humanities, "What the Eyes Don't See" is the inspiring story of how Hanna-Attisha—accompanied by an idiosyncratic team of researchers, parents, friends, and community

leaders—proved that Flint's kids were exposed to lead and then fought her own government and a brutal backlash to expose the truth to the world. Paced like a scientific thriller, this book shows how misguided austerity policies, the withdrawal of democratic government, and callous bureaucratic indifference placed an entire city at risk. And at the center of the story is Hanna-Attisha herself—an immigrant, doctor, scientist, and mother whose family's activist roots inspired her pursuit of justice.

"I'm humbled and psyched that What the Eyes Don't See has been selected as the 2019 One Maryland One Book," said Hanna-Attisha. "I am looking forward to engaging with Maryland readers about the many timely issues that the book magnifies including poverty, race, industrial decline, inequality, toxic stress, austerity and immigration. I'm especially happy that the committee recognizes that environmental justice fits neatly within this year's theme of 'nature.' In Michigan and Maryland – states with an abundance of natural beauty – the burden of environmental harm does not fall equally."

Hanna-Attisha is a pe-

diatrician, professor, and public health advocate who spearheaded efforts to reveal, publicize, and fix Flint, Michigan's water crisis. In 2014, a change in the city's water source resulted in astronomical amounts of lead leaching into the drinking water, causing irreversible damage to Flint's residents. As a local pediatrician, the poisonous levels of lead in the water terrified Dr. Hanna-Attisha, and she was shocked that the government ignored complaints, protests, and reports from citizens, journalists, and experts. She knew that the only way to stop the lead poisoning would be to present undeniable proof on a national platform.

Editor's note: Portions of this story are reprinted from the Maryland Humanities webpage with permission.

Press Release from CSM

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Battle Creek Sanctuary and Nature Center to Close for Renovations

The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation announces Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary and Nature Center will close temporarily beginning Tuesday, Nov. 12 for major renovations to the nature center's reception center, classrooms and office space. The work is expected to take approximately four months.

The renovations will improve visitor experience by providing an updated space for programs, with conversion of the center's multipurpose room into a classroom and small meeting space. The nearby Gatewood Preserve and Biscoe Gray



Heritage Farm will be open dawn to dusk for those seeking an outdoor winter hike. Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary is a 100-acre nature sanctuary located at 2880 Grays Road in Prince Frederick.

"Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary is well loved in Calvert County and the wear and tear to the nature center makes that evident," said Calvert County Parks & Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal. "We are excited to

have some much needed roof improvements completed as well as updates to the lobby and classroom space to improve the flow of the center and services provided to visitors. We look forward to the community joining us in spring when the renovations are complete."

For updates on Parks & Recreation services, park availability, field closures and more visit Parks & Recreation at www.Facebook.com/CalvertCountyParks.

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Listening Session Hosted on Selling Farm Products Aimed at Sales to Schools and Institutions

The Maryland Food for Maryland Institutions Legislative Task Force, chaired by Senator Katie Fry Hester and Delegate Lorig Charkoudian, is hosting a Listening Session in Southern Maryland for farmers and small business owners to voice their expertise and opinion on how to facilitate better farm-to-school and farm-to-institution sales.

The session will be held on Wednesday, November 6th, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the SMECO Auditorium, 15045 Burnt Store Road, Hughesville Maryland.

The Maryland Food for Maryland Institutions Legislative Task Force is made up of farmers, agribusiness, agricultural non-profits, legislators, and government representatives that are focused on finding stronger markets for farmers through

local purchasing within Maryland's institutions (schools, prisons, government buildings, etc.). The Task Force has been convening for the past year and is looking forward to presenting their findings and proposals to the farm community, and to receiving feedback.

The task force is also working towards the possibility that a Bill regarding this issue will be presented at the coming 2020 Legislative Session.

Farmers, and purchasing agents involved in institutional food procurement are encouraged to attend the meeting, and to lend their voice to this issue.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please RSVP to info@smadc.com

Press Release from SMADC

Thousands Raised in Breast Cancer 54K Walk/Run



Many groups participated in honor or memory of a loved one. Tribute signs were placed along the course to encourage and inspire participants.

The 10th Annual CalvertHealth Breast Cancer 5K Run/Walk was a huge success thanks to the nearly 1,000 runners, walkers, survivors, volunteers and extraordinary support from the community and corporate sponsors that helped raise \$44,500 toward the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care, providing care right here in Calvert County.

Noting that it was the largest crowd ever in the race's 10-year history, Associate Vice President of the Foundation Theresa Johnson told the crowd, "Today is about courage, color and celebration!" Johnson shared that the event has raised more than a quarter of a million dollars since its inception.

Renowned breast surgeon and CalvertHealth Chief

Medical Officer Dr. Ted Tsangaris thanked the crowd for choosing to be a part of this special day. "Your support has helped make a difference in the work we do at CalvertHealth," said Tsangaris, who joined CalvertHealth in September after a prestigious career at some of the country's most well-known medical centers including Johns Hopkins, George Washington and most recently, the Jefferson Breast Care Center in Philadelphia. He added, "This event provides the community with an opportunity to come together to pay tribute to breast cancer survivors, patients and those we run in memory of today." This year's race had many organized teams, the largest team from Asbury Solomons running in honor of loved ones. Another team ran in memory of Amanda Odom Wilkins who lost her battle with breast cancer this past June.

The annual 5K Run/Walk is one of the most successful fundraisers for the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care, named in honor of the late Dr. Sheldon E. Goldberg who helped bring comprehensive breast care to Calvert County more than 10 years ago. Today, the breast center remains true to its vision and CalvertHealth is proud to be the first in Southern Maryland to provide a center with coordinated care.

This year's sponsors included American Radiology Services, Asbury Solomons, A&W Insurance, ChoiceOne Urgent Care, Exelon Generation – Calvert Cliffs, Dr. Ramona Crowley Goldberg, Myriad Genetics, REMAX/One, The Brenda White Group of REMAX/ONE, Results Fitness, Sneade's Ace Home Center, Southern Maryland Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and World Gym.

Several organizations and local schools donated their time including the Solomons Volunteer Fire Department, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Patuxent HS Volleyball, Huntingtown HS Rising Stars and the Boy Scouts. In addition, Northern High School POMS performed for the crowd before the start of the race and the Patuxent High School Panthers cheerleaders cheered on participants during the event; both teams worked together to hand out medals to everyone crossing the finish line. The warm-up was generously led by the Results Fitness Center team.

Press Release from CalvertHealth

American Legion Bluegrass features The Grascals

Nashville Group Cutting-edge bluegrass sound



The 15th year of the Bluegrass concerts at the American Legion Post 238 in Hughesville, MD, continue on Sunday November 3 with The Grascals. Host and promoter, Jay Armsworthy has put together a series of some of the top names in Bluegrass music. Partnering with the Sons of the American Legion, the Legion Post 238 is located on the corner of MD Rt. 381 & 231 in Hughesville, MD. Doors open at Noon and the show starts at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and children under 12 are admitted free with a paying adult.

The Grascals is a group of talented musicians that not only formed as a band, but formed a bond of personal friendships, shared professional resumes and an appreciation for the innovative mingling of bluegrass and country music that has been a hallmark of the Nashville scene for more than forty years. To date they have 10 recordings and 6 other collaborations with other artists.

Their cutting-edge modern bluegrass is delivered with a deep knowledge and admiration for the music's founding fathers. The Grascals make music that has a unique sound that has earned them three Grammy® nominations and two Entertainers of the Year awards from the International Bluegrass Music Association. They also received national media attention with appearances on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Fox & Friends, and The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson, and CBS' The Talk, as well as 200 performances on the Grand Ole Opry. Honors also include performing twice for President George W. Bush and at President Barack Obama's inaugural ball at the Smithsonian.

As their records prove, The Grascals' musical empathy gives them an ear for

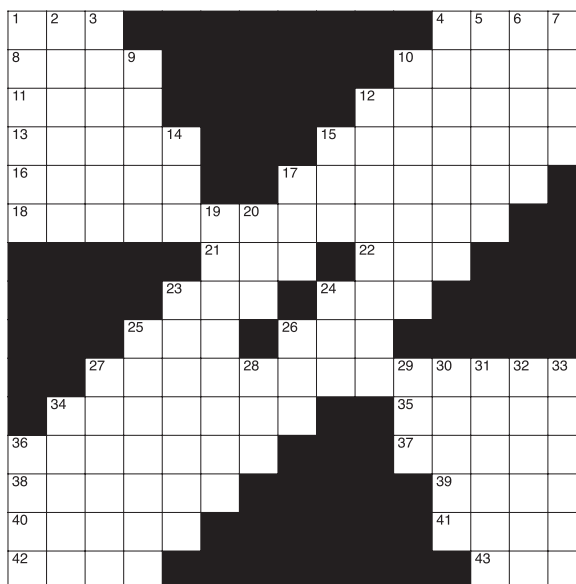
just the right touch to illuminate each of their original songs or reworking a bluegrass classic or a pop standard. Take for instance, fan favorite, "Last Train to Clarksville." Non-bluegrass listeners enjoy a new take on a familiar song, while diehard bluegrass audiences who may have never heard the Monkees classic, respond in-kind, not even realizing that the song has been Grascalized.

And Grascalized is how they will present their cutting-edge modern bluegrass sound on Sunday November 3 at the American Legion in Hughesville, MD. The show starts at 2:00 pm and the doors open at Noon. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. There will be food and beverages available for a separate price. To order tickets in advance, send check or money order to Jay Armsworthy, P.O. Box 741, California, MD 20619. Tickets will be held at the door. Although not required, non-perishable food donations are accepted for the Helping Hands Food Pantry. For more information, go to www.americanlegionbluegrass.com or call 301-737-3004.

The next shows in the series will be: December 1, 2019 ~ the Larry Stephenson Band; January 19, 2020 ~ Carolina Blue; February 16, 2020 ~ Returning again with his traditional sound, Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers; March 22, 2020 ~ The Bluegrass group of side pickers, Sideline; and April 5, 2020 ~ Closing out the series is a fairly new group, Seth Mulder & Midnight Run.

Press Release from American Legion Post 238

Fun & GAMES



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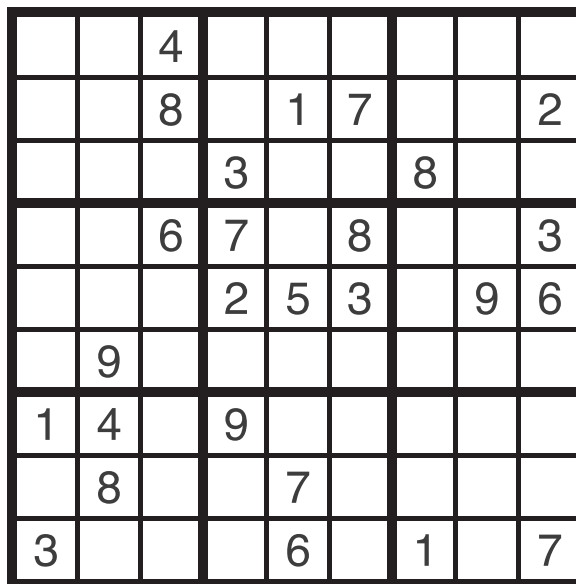
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- 4. This (Spanish)
- 8. Goals
- 10. Something to do lightly
- 11. "Great" North Sea Empire legend
- 12. Iced or chilled drink
- 13. Weight units
- 15. Immune system response

- 16. Groundbreaking German pharmacologist
- 17. Milk-supplying companies
- 18. Enjoyable distraction
- 21. Doctor of Education (abbr.)
- 22. Type of submachine gun
- 23. Curved shape
- 24. Brew
- 25. The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet

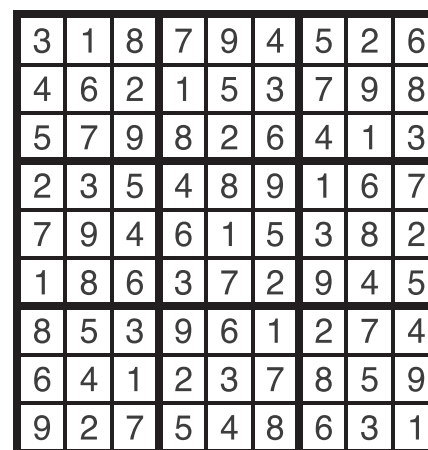
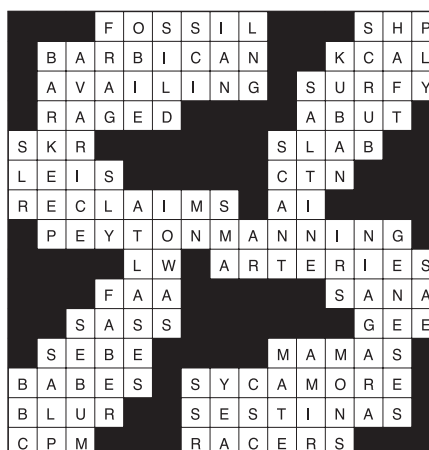
- 26. Advanced degree
- 27. Shock rocker
- 34. Enthusiast
- 35. Quiet's partner
- 36. Hijacked
- 37. TV's once needed them
- 38. Brings together
- 39. Narrow piece of wood
- 40. Paths
- 41. Monetary unit
- 42. Wings
- 43. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Gear
- 2. Outer part of a bird's wing
- 3. Good luck charm
- 4. Removing from memory
- 5. Group of seven people
- 6. Records
- 7. German river
- 9. "Last of the Mohicans" actress Madeleine
- 10. Ancient Greek war galley
- 12. Nonsensical speak
- 14. Title of respect
- 15. Cast out
- 17. Have already done
- 19. Wood-loving insects
- 20. Analog conversion system (abbr.)
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. Waiver of liability (abbr.)
- 25. Sea cow
- 26. Protein coding gene
- 27. Where boats park
- 28. The top of a jar
- 29. Fitting
- 30. German city
- 31. Martens
- 32. They're all over the planet
- 33. One that nests
- 34. Coming at the end
- 36. Croatian coastal city



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



CSM's Academic Innovations Support Student Learning

Academic innovations at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) are making an impact in a big way by guiding students toward success and in meeting their goals.

"At the College of Southern Maryland, our passion is transforming lives, and our focus is on our students," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "For 60 years, we have been a pillar in the community, helping students to succeed, and Southern Maryland succeed, socially and economically."

Student success is the first pillar of CSM's three strategic priorities for meeting the college's mission and serving its students. Integral to student success is how the college can improve student progress and ultimately their course, degree or certificate completion, according to Murphy.

CSM is working to serve all levels of students with initiatives that include academic planning, first-year seminar, revised developmental English and math, and revised curriculum to help students more seamlessly navigate their programs of study and transfer requirements.

"Our students want to succeed," Murphy added. "They work hard but don't always have the tools they need. Many come to us not knowing where they want to go, or how to get there. So, we've developed the simple guided approach of Guided Pathways to help them figure it all out."

In addition, CSM is increasing advising opportunities to help students stay on track, according to Murphy. "And, we've introduced a seven-week, mini-term hybrid schedule that will greatly benefit our adult learners to finish faster," she said.

Several of these initiatives are well underway and proving their worth.

Guided Pathways

To help focus students as they begin their coursework at CSM, the college's 92 programs have been placed within six program clusters. Called 'Guided Pathways,' this approach helps simplify the process for students to identify the credit or non-credit program that's right for them by grouping similar programs.

The six pathways include: art and humanities; business and information systems; education and public service; health; science, technology, engineering and math; and, trades, transportation and energy.

Guided Pathways are coupled with a front-end career assessment—or Career Coach—to help students understand where their skills and interests are strongest.

"Guided Pathways is working at other colleges but only if we provide students with intense advising and coaching services to get them started and keep them on their academic journey," Murphy said.

First Year Seminar – "A Game Changer"

Introduced during the Fall 2017 semester, First Year Seminar (FYS) has already proven successful in making a difference to help students stay on course. An interactive course described by its creators to students as "one of the most important and engaging courses you will take," FYS is designed to foster skills in time management, studying, communication, career exploration, self-awareness, critical thinking and appreciation of collaboration and diversity.

Murphy reports that retention, persistence and successful completion rates for students who participate in FYS are dramatically higher than those who don't.

"Fall-to-fall retention for students who have taken FYS is about 8 percent higher than for those who haven't taken this course," Murphy said. "For African American students, the percentage is almost 14 percent higher. We are trying to find a way to require this course for all first-time college students; it's a game-changer."

Through FYS, students are given the tools to navigate college, from when they begin at CSM, to when they complete their studies at CSM and move onto a transfer institution.

Seven-Week Evening Terms

A student success initiative that launches with the Fall 2019 schedule involves a mini-term hybrid course option that builds on students' abilities to retain greater information within shorter structured time periods.

Capitalizing on research that shows there are greater benefits in learning outcomes for students, especially for those who are 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 will maximize students' time in coursework, allowing students to complete a degree program within 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 will be offered in a hybrid format which combines the traditional face-to-face class contact once a week with the remainder of the week's coursework completed online.

"Shorter terms have been proven to improve success rates, especially for working adults," 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. In addition, CSM will offer a self-paced "success in the hybrid environment" course for students, which will be available later this spring.

Offering robust course options in mini-terms is a best practice of the college's Guided Pathways design. Additionally this accelerated 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," Murphy said.

Faculty Advising: "The Power of Good Advice"

Many of these initiatives underway depend on strong ad-

vising to support students. Faculty advisors are among those who can be coaches for students. Piloting a faculty advising initiative at CSM are 18 faculty members who were trained during the Fall 2018 semester to advise students. Another 34 faculty members are completing training during the Spring 2019 semester.

"Our faculty members have really stepped forward to provide this advising support for our students. Depending on degree programs, the faculty advisors are working with four to six students each," said CSM Special Projects Chair Andrea Ronaldi. "Research shows that faculty advisors can help students learn more about their programs as a whole and strengthen student connections to CSM."

Richard J. Light of Harvard University has reported that "good advising may be the single most underestimated characteristic of a successful college experience" which can have a "profound impact on (students) as learners, citizens, and human beings."

The collaboration between faculty advisors and advising, career, and transfer services staff has been "a vital part of this initiative and a good example of teamwork," Ronaldi said. "Not only was the advising team part of the planning, they attended the training with the faculty members, and were the first points of contact with the students to introduce them to their new faculty advisors."

Ronaldi added, "Each CSM faculty member brings their particular expertise about their courses and curriculums, making them valuable allies in helping students during their college experience."

Accelerated Developmental Education

Initiatives addressing how to accelerate the time students may be involved in developmental coursework has also met with great success through piloted courses in English and math.

Abel said that math and English faculty have piloted college-level courses that provide extra support for students testing below college ready. "The success rates have been very good," she said.

"Some of our students come to us unprepared for college work in English, math, or both," Murphy said. "It's demoralizing for students to learn that they won't be able to earn college-level credit until their second semester, or even later." As a result, beginning in fall 2019 nearly all new students will be placed into college-level classes or college-level classes with extra support.

Moving the Needle in Student Success

"CSM remains on the cutting edge of moving the needle in student success through the dedication of many staff and faculty members who are working in concert to see that positive changes occur in student outcomes," Murphy said.

"These initiatives are opportunities for CSM to meet the challenges of today's higher education student and continue to serve our students in a positive way," Murphy added.

For information on these initiatives and more on how CSM supports student success, visit www.csmd.edu/

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In Remembrance

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

Valerie Schultz Eagen



Valerie Schultz Eagen was born in Washington, D.C. on October 24, 1947 and passed away at home in Prince Frederick, MD on October 26, 2019.

Valerie was the daughter of the late Dr. George N. Schultz and Grace Dibitto Schultz. She is survived by her husband of 49 years Francis C. Eagen, Jr., her children Daniel and Bridget, her brother Christopher M. Schultz (Kathy) in Pearland, Texas and her nieces Rachel Schultz in Chicago, and Kristen Lavere (Philip) in Houston, Texas.

She retired in 2004 from the Charles County Board of Education as a Guidance Counselor at Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf after 34 years of service. She loved to read and listen to audio books; she did needle point and other crafts when she was younger. Valerie was always outspoken and straightforward. She could always make people laugh. She will be missed by many.

The family requests that no flowers be sent; if so inclined please make a donation to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, 801 Roeder Road, Suite 1000, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Link: <https://phassociation.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Emilene Thornton Good

Emilene Thornton Good, 91, of Solomons, Maryland passed away on October 26, 2019 in Solomons, MD. She was born on July 20, 1928 in Mt. Rainer, MD to the late Lingan Dow and Alice Haller Soper and is also preceded in death by her husband Paul Lorenza Good Jr. and a daughter Darlene Kay Good Lyons. Emilene worked at various jobs in her



lifetime but her favorite job was being a wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. She was a member of St. Mary's Garden Club and was happiest when she was gardening, cooking, baking, and shopping. She is survived by her daughters: Deborah Ann Miars and Dianne Lee Dryman and sons; Paul Lawrence Good and Gary Wayne Good. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Saturday November 2, 2019 at the Rausch Funeral Home, 4405 Broomes Island Rd. Port Republic MD from 10 until the start of the Memorial Service at 11 a.m.

Michael Anthony Maguire



Michael Anthony Maguire, 53, of Broomes Island, Maryland passed away on October 23, 2019 at his home. He was born on October 18, 1966 in Washington, D.C. Michael graduated from Northern High School in 1984. After graduation Michael was an Apprentice Carpenter with George Hyman Construction Company. After a few years in the construction business, Michael decided to change professions and follow his dream of becoming a chef. He enrolled and attended Baltimore International Culinary College. After leaving

culinary school, he worked in a few local restaurants before relocating to Jacksonville, Florida to accept a position as Executive Chef at Sawgrass Golf and Country Club; the home of The Players Championship Golf Tournament. Here he cooked meals for Tiger Woods and other well-known professional golfers. He was with Sawgrass Golf and Country Club for about eight years before deciding to return to Maryland where he took a position and worked for several years for Stoney's Restaurants. Several years later, Michael left the restaurant business and went to work for Silva Contracting, a company that specializes in Healthcare Construction. With this company, Michael served as a Superintendent overseeing the revamping and refurbishing of medical buildings. When not working, Michael enjoyed watching the Redskins, the Nationals, and just about any other sport. He also enjoyed crabbing and fishing; but his real passion was spending time with his daughter, Katie.

Michael is survived by his daughter, Katelynn Nichole Maguire, his parents, Jack and Adele Maguire and his long-time girl-friend, Tammy Bowen Beck, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert S. Maguire, who passed away in 2015.

A Memorial service will be held on Thursday October 31, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Christ Church, 3100 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Katelynn Nichole Maguire Scholarship Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please make checks payable to Katelynn Nichole Maguire, and forward to M&T Bank, 510 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

John Daniel Bateman



John Daniel Bateman, 79, of Prince Frederick, MD passed away on October 23, 2019 in Prince Frederick, MD. John was born on July 6, 1940 in Washington, DC. He graduated from Archbishop Carroll High School and then began his career in plumbing and heating in the family business, Bateman & Son, Inc. until 1996. Finding he was not ready to retire he went to work with Magnolia Plumbing until 2004, when he retired for the second time.

John is preceded in death by his daughter, Michelle Marie, his parents Joseph & Anna Bateman; sister, Joanne

Bateman; and brother and sister in law Joseph & Jacquelyn Bateman.

John is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Jeanne. He is also survived by his sons William (Mary Kate) of Catonsville, MD and James of Prince Frederick, MD; grandchildren Eric Bateman of Catonsville, MD and Kelly Bateman of Chesapeake, VA. In addition to immediate family John is also survived by nieces Barbara Smirardo, Charlotte Poe, Kathryn Shambleffer, and dearest friends.

Per John's request all services are private and donations may be made in his memory to St. John Vianney Food Pantry, Holy Family Ln., Prince Frederick, MD and/or Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Donald Edward Hutchins "Sonny"



Donald Edward Hutchins "Sonny", 79, of Prince Frederick, Maryland, passed away on October 22, 2019 at his home. He was born in Prince

Frederick, on January 30, 1940 to the late Donald Henry and Esther Upton Hutchins. He is also preceded in death by a sister, Constance Ward.

Donald lived his whole life in Calvert County and like many others, he was a farmer and also worked full time for the US Government, retiring from the US Postal Service in 2004. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Prince Frederick, enjoyed playing soft ball, and watching his favorite ball team the Boston Red Sox games. Donald was just like his father in that everyone was his friend, he could walk up to a complete stranger and start a conversation and leave with them being good friends. He had a positive outlook on life and nothing ever shook him. He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and was very patient with them.

Donald is survived by his wife of 59 years, Madeline G. Hutchins, father of Donald Todd Hutchins, and Sonja Gattton and her husband David. Grandfather of Jessica Jackson and her husband Conner, Nicole Helmkamp, and Lauren McCammon and her husband Jonas, great grandfather of Rylee McCammon, Teagan McCammon, Kinleigh Jackson and Caiden Jackson., he is also survived by a sister, June Prodoehl, and a brother Wayne Hutchins and his wife Gregg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838 Prince Frederick, MD 20678;

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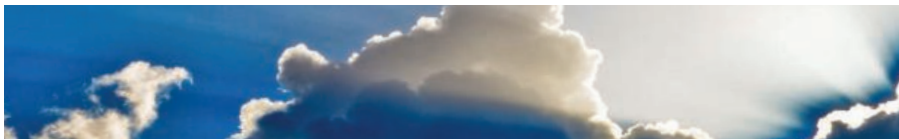
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Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Ruth Elizabeth "Ruthie" O'Donnell



Ruth Elizabeth "Ruthie" O'Donnell, 95, of Prince Frederick, MD and formerly of Cincinnati, OH, passed away on October 14, 2019.

Born October 22, 1923 in Bromley, KY, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Manz and Lilly (Efker) Manz. Ruth was an Assembler at the American Standard.

Ruth is survived by her son, Donald L. Smith of Solomons, MD, and grandson, Jordan Smith of Solomons, MD. She was preceded in death by her husband Howard O'Donnell in 1984 and her siblings, Dorothy Glover, Rita Tragessor and Mary League.

Interment was on October 22, 2019 in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Cincinnati, OH.

Arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home, P.A.

Beverly Ruth Barrett



Beverly Ruth Barrett, 90, of Solomons, MD, and formerly of PA, passed away on October 22, 2019 at the Burnett Calvert Hospice House.

Born June 15, 1929 in Uniontown, PA, she was the daughter of the late Henry Ray Mitchell and Alma Jean (Doyle) Mitchell. Beverly Graduated from Our Lady Star of the Sea High School and moved to Calvert County from PA in 1943. She married Carl Thomas Barrett in 1947 in Lusby, MD. Beverly worked at the University of Maryland Chesapeake Biological Laboratory and was a member of the Eastern Star and the Calvert County Lions Club. Her greatest joy was her great-grandchildren.

Beverly is survived by her children, Brenda Walton of Fenwick Island, DE, Carla Barrett of Virginia Beach, VA and Debra Butler of Dunkirk, MD; grandchildren, Corisa Brzozowski, Thomas Lankford and Daryn Barnes; great-grandchildren, Curran Lankford, Barrett Lankford, Luke Brzozowski, Jack Brzozowski and Andrew Brzozowski; and sis-

ter, Janet Strickland of Daytona Beach, FL. She was preceded in death by her husband Carl T. Barrett on October 13, 2006.

A Funeral Service was conducted Friday, October 25, 2019 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 11000 H.G. Trueman Road, Lusby, MD. by Reverend Walter Beaudwin. Serving as pallbearers were Daryn Barnes, Carter Warfield, Tom Lankford, Tom Brzozowski, Skip Barrett and Steve Strickland.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

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

Thelma Kramer



Thelma Kramer, age 72 of Wake Forest passed away Tuesday October 8th 2019 from cancer. She was born in Calvert County, MD, No-

vember 29th 1946. She grew up not far from the beach with her 3 sisters and 1 brother. Attended Calvert County Public Schools. And went on to get her GED. Aside from being a hard working woman she enjoyed bowling, bingo & Nascar. In 1976 she moved to North Carolina, for 27 years she was an employee at Square-D before they shut down. She is survived by her Children, Bryan Humphreys, Dana Cooley & James O'Dell. Her grandchildren William Cooley, Alicia Inscoe, Amy Deck & Katie Humphreys. 4 great grandchildren. Siblings Gail Austin, Sharon Sweeney & April Anderson. And many nieces and nephews. As well as her best friend Sheila Brown. Predeceased by her husband, Larry Kramer, her mother & father Betty & Andrew "Beck" Grierson and her brother Larry Grierson.

A memorial service will be held at oak level Christian Church on Monday, October 14 at 1:30 PM followed by a reception. Food items are welcome. A special thanks to Transitions LifeCare & First Cremation Society. She will be missed by many.



DUE DILIGENCE

If you have heard the term "due diligence" and are confused about what it means, don't be surprised. When I was a young attorney starting my first job at a large New York law firm, I was given an airline ticket to the Midwest and told I would be doing "due diligence" on a company. I was terrified I would completely fail at the job since I didn't know what "due diligence" was. I learned pretty quickly that due diligence described a process of investigation. In the context of my legal work, this meant I needed to learn everything there was to know about the company I was investigating.

Due diligence doesn't need to be confined to legal work. In fact, the investigative process of due diligence is a very handle tool to use in life. You probably use it all the time—another phrase for the process would be "using common sense".

Suppose you want to buy a car. Your process would be to look at all the new cars and their features, figure out what you liked and why, probably test drive a vehicle, and do comparison shopping on price. You may do some research on the type of car you want on the internet or through a "Consumer Reports" magazine. Armed with all of your "due diligence" you will approach a seller of the vehicle and use all your newfound facts about the car to engage in negotiation over price. That's the kind of process involved in due diligence investigations.

The unfortunate fact is, however, that even though most of us understand how to do a due diligence investigation, we often do not use our knowledge when we are making major life decisions. I have seen more attention paid by clients to picking a new couch than to picking an attorney to handle their estate planning, an accountant to handle their taxes or an investment advisor to help them manage their assets.

Why? Perhaps it is that we feel more comfortable with our ability to investigate a couch than an attorney, accountant or investment advisor.

My advice is DO NOT BE INTIMIDATED by subject matter. After all, if you can investigate a couch, you can investigate an attorney, advisor, accountant or any other professional. Think about this process in the same way.

Start by looking for professionals who work in your area. Ask your friends and neighbors, your banker, your insurance agent and anyone else involved in finance whether they have heard about the professional and what they have heard. Read all about the professional. Check out the online reports on the professional to see if anyone has ever made a complaint against them—these are all available free

to you. Meet with the professional, but not for the purpose of signing up to anything. Meet for the purpose of furthering your due diligence investigation. Your goal is to get some answers about how the professional approaches their subject area and, most importantly, how they communicate with you. Communication is critical.

Ask about the professional's experience, the types of clients they have (especially in your age group), the approach they use; the processes they have in place to communicate with you on a regular basis. You want to hire the professional who can explain what they do in terms you understand. Anyone who is condescending to you should immediately be stricken from your list. Anyone who makes wild promises to you about results should also be checked off your list.

Although you may not leave your consultation with a complete understanding about exactly how the professional can help you, you ought to be able to become comfortable that the professional will act in your best interests. Never hire a professional with whom you do not feel comfortable.

The due diligence approach can be used for any other life events. Suppose you decide to open a business. Before you commit, you need to do a due diligence investigation of your idea for a business. If the business involves food service, for example, what experience do you have in that type of business? Do you know what it costs to set up a food service business; how to hire and manage employees or how many you will need; how to arrange for suppliers and who to select; where the business will be located, what terms of lease you are willing to agree to, what advertising costs will be required, etc. The reason professionals recommend you have a business plan for any new or existing business is so that the plan will answer all of these (and more) due diligence questions.

See how simple the concept is? The next time you meet with someone, whether buying a couch, a car or seeking a professional, tell them you just have a few questions to complete your "due diligence" process, step back and let your common sense guide you. Spending time learning about the professional you will work with is important to achieving a good result for you. Take the time to learn first, then commit to working with someone you like.

Join me for a free seminar on this and other topics on the third Wednesday of every month at 11am at our office at 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve a spot.

Lyn Streigel

Community Calendar

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

Upcoming

NAACP, Calvert County Branch Luncheon

Rod 'n' Reel Restaurant, Chesapeake Beach, Saturday, Nov. 9, 11:30 a.m.

Commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first Africans in Virginia (hear personal reflections of the re-enactment of this event and how it continues to shape us as a people), recognition of veterans and entertainment by last summer's Community Day talent search contest winners. For tickets or more information, call: (410) 474-9420, (410) 535-0413 or (443) 968-1152; Website: calvertnaacp.org

Ward Virts Concert Series: Southern Maryland Chamber Players

College of Southern Maryland (CSM), Prince Frederick Campus, Building B, Multipurpose Room, 115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick, 3 p.m., Nov. 10

The Southern Maryland Chamber Players will perform. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Free. www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/music/ward-virts-series/index.

Ongoing

Spider Hall Farm

Fall attractions open Saturdays and Sundays through November 2. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

Admission includes corn maze, hayride, etting zoo and more. \$10 ages 4-13. \$8 ages 14+. Free under age 3. 3915 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick. 410-610-0094. www.spiderhallfarm.com

All Things Exotic

Nationally recognized artist Carmelo Ciancio presents his exquisite scratchboards at Artworks@7th Gallery, through October 27. Gallery hours: Thu., Fri., Sat., Sun. 11:00-5:00. 8905 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach.

Lost a Loved One?

Grief Share, 13-week program. Sundays, 2:30 PM. Bayside Baptist Church, 3009 Chesapeake Beach Road, Chesapeake Beach. 410-257-0712. www.griefshare.org

CSM Hawk Feeder Food Drive

During October, donation boxes to collect non-perishable food items to assist students who lack reliable access to sufficient quantities of food will be set up at all CSM campuses. Prince Frederick Campus, 115 J.W. Williams Road, Lobby, Bldg. A. <https://www.csmd.edu/student-life/campus-dining/hawkfeeder/>.

Friday, November 1

CSA Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Chesapeake Hill Golf Course, Lusby, MD, 8 a.m.

For adult teams to help raise money for the club. Registration fee is \$125 a person (4 to a team). Price Includes: range balls, cart per team, awards, food & drinks, and more! 8am registration opens, 9am shotgun start. For more information and to pre-register: calvertsoccer.msyalive.org/Fundraiser

Murder Mystery Dinner: A Dance With Death

Running Hare Vineyard, 150 Adelina Rd., Prince Frederick; 6-9 p.m.

This 1950's prom is a doo wop disaster! When a death on the dance floor makes this prom night a party foul, it is up to you to figure out whodunit and get this dance back on track. Fundraiser produced by the Community Mediation Center of Calvert (CMCC) and the Murder Mystery Company. Tickets are \$60 each and can be purchased online at: www.calvert-mediation.org/events-1 or by mailing a check payable to CMCC at 28 Duke Street, P.O. Box 1842, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Call CMCC at 443-295-7456 for further information.

Special Needs Night

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons; 5-7 p.m.

The museum is open exclusively for individuals with special needs and their families or caregiver to visit for FREE. Enjoy the many museum exhibits, 30-minute cruises on the Wm. B. Tension (weather permitting), and have fun in a supportive environment. A model train display will be set up, courtesy of the Chesapeake Beach Model Railroad Club. CMM is partnering with Calvert County Parks & Recreation Therapeutic Services for this event.

Beer in a Rag Dinner

American Legion Stallings Williams Post 206, Route 260, Chesapeake Beach 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an informal dinner in the lower-level dining room. The dinner includes all the trimmings, salad, and beverage for \$12 Public invited. Call for more information 410-257-9878 <http://www.MD-post206.org>

Saturday, November 2

101st Annual Ham & Oyster Dinner

Historic Christ Church parish hall at the corner of Rt. 255 & Owensville-Sudley Road, West River, 1-5 p.m.

Enjoy a meal of fried Chincoteague oysters and country and baked ham, homemade succotash, potato salad, and applesauce, as well as rolls, coffee, tea and dessert prepared by parishioners. Church and cemetery tours 3-5 p.m. Silent auction. Dinner and baked goods

carry-out available. Cook out in the yard with hot dogs and hamburgers for the kids! Dinner: \$25.

Halloween Extravaganza

Mt. Hope Community Center, 104 Pushaw Station Road in Sunderland. 12-3 p.m.

Event was originally scheduled for Oct. 27 at Hallowingf Poinr Park but rescheduled because of weather. This FREE fall fun event includes pet costume fun walk at noon. Dress your pet up for the occasion and compete for prizes for the spookiest, funniest, and most original costumes. From 1 to 3 p.m. there will be games, face painting and inflatables for the whole family to enjoy. Don't miss the hayride and be sure to visit the pumpkin patch. To learn more, call 410-535-1600, ext. 8202.

Christ Church Craft and Vendor Show

Christ Church, 3100 Broomes Island Rd Port Republic; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

It's time once again to start your holiday shopping! Join us and enjoy the fabulous items so many of our local crafters and vendors have to offer.

Annual Craft Fair

Huntingtown High School, 4125 N. Solomons Island Road, Huntingtown 20639; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Meet Santa & Mrs. Claus. Free Kids Make & Take craft area. Over 50 vendors, food, music & more. One of the largest in the area.

New Volunteer Orientation

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue 7940 Flint Hill Road Owings, MD 20736; 1-3 p.m.

Open to new volunteers interested in helping out with the rescue and to learn more information about us.

Texas Hold-em and Cash Games

Julie Rogers Studio of Dance, 4120 Old Town Rd., Huntingtown, MD 20639; 7 p.m.

To benefit the Patricia Leone Rogers Educational Scholarship Fund. Buy in is \$80 and gets you \$20,000 in chips and blinds are 20 minutes each and start at 50-100.

Model Train Display

Calvert Marine Museum, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Harms Gallery.

The Chesapeake Beach Model Railroad Club will host a model train display. Museum admission required.

Holiday Open House

ArtWorks@7th, 8905 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach MD 20714; 1-4pm.

"Small Wonders" shows and receptions on Saturday, November 2 and Saturday, December 7. Gallery hours: Thurs - Sun, 11am-5pm.

Sunday, November 3



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Bluegrass Show

American Legion Post 238, Hughesville. 2 p.m.

Featuring the Grascals from Nashville, TN. Tickets are \$20/person; children under 12 admitted free. Food and drink will be available for sale. For more information call 301-737-3004 or go to WWW.AMERICANLEGIONBLUEGRASS.COM

Monday, November 4

One Maryland One Book Author Tour

College of Southern Maryland (CSM), La Plata Campus, the Fine Arts Center (FA Building), 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mona Hanna-Attisha will speak and sign copies of her book "What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City." It was selected as the focus of this year's One Maryland One Book discussions, a program of Maryland Humanities. The book chronicles her efforts to uncover the contamination of Flint, Michigan's drinking water. Free and For more information, visit <https://www.mdhumanities.org/programs/one-maryland-one-book/2019-one-maryland-one-book/>.

Tuesday, November 5

Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons, 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

FREE drop-in program for children 18 months to 3 years old and their caregivers. This month's theme is Dino-Power: the Mighty Dinosaurs. Space is limited.

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Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

Thursday, October 31

Teen Halloween Party. 6:00-8:00pm. The most fun holiday is definitely Halloween! Join us for costume contest and prizes, scary movie, make freaky treats, snack on pizza, tell a ghost story, & play games with candy! Bring a friend. Costumes optional. Grades 6-12 welcome. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Friday, November 1

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, November 2

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.

On the Go: The Library of Congress. 1:00-5:00pm. The Library of Congress is a work of art worthy of housing the immense knowledge that it holds. Visit beautiful reading rooms, the Great Hall, and other areas of the Jefferson Building. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote by visiting the Library of Congress's special exhibit which tells the story of women's suffrage. Charter bus leaves the Sunderland Park N Ride promptly at 1pm and returns at 5pm. \$10 bus fee must be paid in cash or check when registering at any Calvert Library location. A half mile walk will be required from the bus to the library and back. Sorry, no refunds. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Monday, November 4

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.

Green Crafting. 1:00-5:00pm. 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, November 5

Kids' Cinema: Up! 6:00-8:00pm. Kids- come watch the Disney Pixar movie featuring a 78-year-old balloon salesman who ties thousands of balloons to his house to fly UP and away to fulfill a lifelong dream. Learn some important financial lessons while you munch on popcorn! Thinking Money for Kids was developed by the American Library Association Public Programs Office in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, whose support made this exhibition possible. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Wednesday, November 6

Happy Crafternoon! 1:00-2:00pm. Children enjoy books and language through short stories and create fun art projects using a variety of techniques and mediums. For 3 to 5 year-olds. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Book Discussion - (Lotus Cafe). 6:30-8:00pm. Recurring monthly book discussion held at Lotus Cafe. This month is "The Great Alone," by Kristin Hannah. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Thursday, November 7

Teen Movie Night! Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. 6:00-8:00pm. Watch a cool movie, hang out with your friends! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Movie and Discussion. 6:00-8:30pm. Join us to watch and discuss Emilio Estevez's celebrated film based in a Public Library. "An act of civil disobedience turns into a standoff with police when homeless people in Cincinnati take over the public library to seek shelter from the bitter cold." Let's talk about the role of public libraries in community. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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. This month's topic: Please register. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

Day Light Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed Saturday, November 2. This is a great time to check or change the batteries in your smoke detectors. If your battery-operated smoke detectors are over 10 years old, they must be replaced with newer models.

High Dose Flu Shots Available

The Office on Aging is collaborating with the Calvert County Health Department to provide flu shots. Appointments are required. Medicare is accepted. If you do not have Medicare, there will be a \$55 fee. The following are the places and dates flu shots will be available. North Beach Senior Center, November 4; Calvert Pines Senior Center November 18; Southern Pines Senior Center November 25. Call your local senior center for an appointment.

Become a Tax-Aide Volunteer!

The AARP Tax-Aide program, sponsored by the Calvert County Office on Aging, is looking for volunteers to serve as tax counselors to prepare, review and file 2019 tax returns at each of the three senior centers in 2020. All Tax-Aide volunteers will be required to pass the IRS and Maryland certification tests. Training will be offered in late 2019 and/or early 2020. If this volunteer opportunity interests you, contact Patti Ryon at the Office on Aging, 410-535-4606.

Calvert Pines Senior Center

Learn to maintain your skills behind the wheel with AARP Driver Safety Education & Training, Tuesday, November 5, 9 a.m. \$15/AARP Member, \$20/Non-member. Pre-registration required.

Stuff the Turkey and not yourself! Learn healthier choices this holiday season with Nutrition Education Healthier Holiday Choices, Thursday, November 7, 10:30 a.m.

North Beach Senior Center

Join us for our Morning Movie: Our Souls at Night, Tuesday, November 5, 9:45 a.m.

What's the difference between listening to music and playing a musical instrument? Join us for Piano Music and the Brain "Fountain of Youth" Friday, November 8, 11 a.m. We will explore the answer to these types of questions and more with piano teacher Amy Deal.

Southern Pines Senior Center

Join us as we recognize community veterans, and present a few individuals with Quilts of Valor, Thursday, November 7, 10:30 a.m.

Loss comes in many forms and can become more difficult around the holidays. Please join us for Grief & Loss Support, 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, November 4

Chicken, Shrimp & Sausage Gumbo, Tossed Salad w/Chick Peas & Dressing, Seasoned Kale, Dinner Roll, Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday, November 5

Roast Beef, Gravy, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream, Spinach, Dinner Roll, Peaches

Wednesday, November 6

Pork Chop w/Cinnamon Spiced

Applesauce, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Dinner Roll, Pineapple

Thursday, November 7

Bratwurst on a Bun w/Mustard, Seasoned Oven Fried Sweet Potatoes, Mandarin Orange & Spinach Salad, Honey Baked Apple, Cupcake

Friday, November 8

To be announced.

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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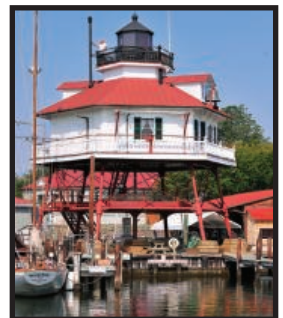
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