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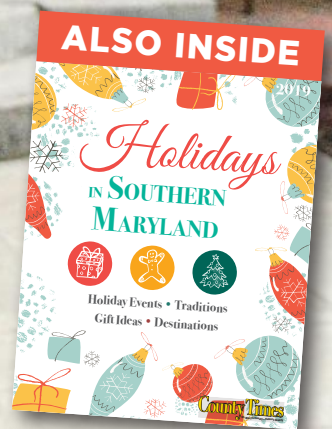
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# Redevelopment Comes to Prince Frederick

## Planners Approve Three Projects

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Prince Frederick will be undergoing a flurry of redevelopment. At its Nov. 20 meeting, the Calvert County Planning Commission gave approvals to three projects that fall into that category. They are:

- Demolition of the Stoakley Road Professional Center and building of a new Chase Bank.
- Demolition of the existing McDonalds and building a new one.
- Expansion of the Calvert Village movie theater.

All of the approvals were unanimous and with little comment.

The McDonalds approval was for screening to hide the drive-thru window. The Prince Frederick Town Center Architectural Review Board had recommended a brick wall for the drive-thru screening similar to what was voluntarily constructed at the Taco Bell next door.

The developer appealed to the planning commission to allow for plantings instead. The plantings would grow to about four feet in height according to a representative for the developer. The planners went along with their request,

bypassing the architectural review board's recommendation.

The new Chase Bank will be 3,558 square feet, replacing the existing medical office building at the strategic intersection of Routes 2/4 and Stoakley Road, across from the CalvertHealth Medical Center entrance.

The new bank will have a right in only entrance off Routes 2/4 and two entrances off Stoakley Road.

The expansion to Calvert County's only movie theater involves a 9,148-square-foot addition to the existing 13,550-square-foot building.

According to the staff report on the project: "The existing site has 31,883-square-foot impervious area. The proposed addition and re-configuration of the parking will decrease the impervious area to 31,347 square feet.

The planning commission administrator has approved a reduction in the front set back to zero because the adjacent property is under common ownership.

Also, "The proposed building height is 31.7 feet. The applicant requested a setback reduction to accommodate the addition; it is proposed to be 27.6 feet away from the common boundary line with adjoining Parcel 595."



Site plan for Calvert Village movie theater expansion.

Also at the meeting, the planners approved the new warehouse for End Hunger in Calvert on the grounds of Chesapeake Church in Huntingtown (see to-

day's feature story for more details on the warehouse).

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Existing medical office building to be demolished for a new Chase Bank.



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# Calvert Teachers Intensify Their Concerns Curriculum Development Plan Under Fire

By Dick Myers  
Editor

For the fourth meeting in a row, the Calvert County Board of Education was barraged by concerns from teachers, parents and students about violence in the classrooms from disruptive students. At the Nov. 21 meeting, more than 55 people spoke during the public comment session, eclipsing the more than 40 who spoke a month earlier.

The concerns about disruptive students also included a parallel issue at the Nov. 21 meeting -- the rollout of a curriculum development program called "Learning Focused." The program is touted as a way to close the achievement gap for some students, including minorities and those with special needs. At times the two topics seemed to intersect during the public testimony, with speakers saying the new lesson planning was taking away from their other many duties and the program was failing to help students who are some of the discipline offenders.

Cynthia Hance, a science teacher at Huntingtown High School, said, "Learning Focused lesson plans are not the answer for closing the achievement gap and will likely have the opposite effect. All teachers in this county have a bachelor's degree. We know how to make a lesson plan. Completing Learning Focused lesson plan takes many hours. If you require us to write these plans, you'll take the time away from our other duties. We will not have time to grade assignments so students will get less feedback. We will not have as much time to create rigorous activities and we will just have to accept whatever we find on the internet or what's in our textbook. They're simply [is] not enough time in our 45 minutes to do everything that's required."

She said she won't put her son in the county's schools. "It's an embarrassment that I do not want him in this school system," she said, adding, "I want to make it very clear that this is not because the teachers do not know how to plan a lesson. It's because

of the policies that you've put in place that allowed children to beat up their teachers and destroy their classrooms. What about the education of all the other students in the classroom?"

Hance congratulated Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry for being chosen State Superintendent of the Year, but she added, "that was chosen by your peers, but what the teachers under you really see is a school system that's falling apart."

Amy Cox, another Huntingtown High School teacher, spoke on behalf of the Calvert Education Association, which represents the teachers. She also sits on a school system committee aimed at closing the achievement gap. She said, "Teachers have not had one Learning Focused training that deals with explicit or implicit biases or cultural diversity and planning. As many teachers have said, everything we've learned so far, our activities and strategies we've used before, so I'm not sure how Learning Focused will help close the achievement gap."

According to the website of the company that supplies the program, "The LEARNING-FOCUSED Instructional Framework trains educators to apply the right research-based learning strategies in the right situations. That way, students can excel, test scores can rise, and schools can foster a culture of achievement."

One teacher testified that one classroom that fully implemented the Learning Focused framework scored lower than other classes in the same school that had not.

Another speaker said that the school system that Dr. Curry came from in Delaware was the only one in the state to adopt Learning Focused. His district contributed double the per pupil cost yet performed only slightly better.

But those discipline problems were on everyone's mind and speaker after speaker said it was occurring not only in the Behavior Development Program classrooms set aside for those troublemakers, but also in the general population classrooms.

Susan Cox, a retired



Calvert County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry

teacher who has become an agriculture educator in her retirement, said the focus should not be on those slow or gifted learners but those in the middle, "who do right all the time and focus on them. Teamwork, child, family, school, community. Understand the culture of community. Rebuild relationships, keep education and school community-oriented. Develop curriculum and policy from the ground up. Just like a plant from the ground up, not the current model which is top down."

Some speakers felt that inclusion, which has been part of public law since 1975, is now being misapplied. Teacher Nancy Cox quoted part of the law: "Students with severe behavioral problems such that they represent a serious physical danger to others are poor candidates for inclusion because the school has a duty to provide a safe environment to all students and staff."

Vicky Valentine perhaps got the most supportive response from the audience when she talked about suffering from repeated assaults in her Plum Point Middle School classroom. She then read a letter for her son, a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Calvert High School, who wrote: "There's

no reason in the world that my brother and I should have to worry about what our mom is going to look like when she gets home or where she was hurt this time".

Some of the solutions for the behavior problems mentioned included smaller class sizes, and more psychologists and guidance counselors.

After listening to the more than three-hour parade of speakers, School Board President Dawn Balinski said of what she heard: "It's powerful."

School board member Inez Claggett said, "We do have issues. I acknowledge them and will work with my colleagues to address them."

School Board Vice President Bill Phalen said, "I think this problem can be solved. They (the problems) can be solved if we work together."

Many speakers noted the classroom disruption when the classes are vacated for a disruptive student. Dr. Curry said that is being done to comply with the law.

Noting that it will take time to solve the problems, he said, "This stuff doesn't work fast." The school system is in the process of hiring additional staff to address the concerns.

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## Thanksgiving Day Schedules

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners announces county offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019 and Friday, Nov. 29, 2019, in observance of Thanksgiving. In addition:

- County senior centers will be closed and Meals on Wheels will not be delivered either day. However, participants will be provided shelf-stable meals in advance.
- There will be no county bus service Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29. Regular service will resume on Saturday, Nov. 30.
- Calvert Library locations will close Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 5 p.m. for the holiday and will reopen Saturday, Nov. 30 with normal hours of operation. Online services and electronic checkouts will be available.
- All community centers will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29.
- All recreation parks including Dunkirk, Hallowing Point and Cove Point parks will be open with normal hours.
- The Appeal Solid Waste Facility, including the landfill and transfer station, and all county customer convenience centers will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28. Normal operating hours resume Friday, Nov. 29.
- The Water & Sewerage billing and customer service office, and the Solomons Septage Receiving Facility, will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29. On-call crews will be available for water and sewer service emergencies only at 410-535-3491.
- Chesapeake Hills Golf Course will be open Thanksgiving Day until 3 p.m. Carts must be returned by 2:30 p.m.
- The Calvert Marine Museum will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28. The museum will reopen Friday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum Store will also be open from 10:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- The Solomons Visitor Center, located in the Calvert Marine Museum, will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29. Winter hours are Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Flag Ponds Nature Park will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and will reopen Friday, Nov. 29 at 9 a.m.
- Kings Landing Park will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29.
- Battle Creek Cypress Swamp will be closed and remain closed through spring while undergoing renovations to the nature center.
- Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and will resume normal hours Friday, Nov. 29.
- Breezy Point Beach & Campground is closed for the season.
- The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter and Animal Control Division will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29.

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# Report Shows Black Students Disciplined Disproportionately

By Dick Myers  
Editor

While there continues to be an outcry about the increasing number of incidents of disruptive students, resulting in injuries to other students and teachers (see separate story on p. 5), the Calvert County Board of Education has received a report showing they are disproportionately meting out discipline to African American students. That means that the percentage of African American students being disciplined in various categories outpaces their percentage in the general school population – 12.7 percent.

Among the categories that show the discipline disproportionality are out of school suspensions at 10 days or less, according to the data presented at the Nov. 21 school board meeting by Director of Student Services Kim Roof.

The report was submitted by Roof and Director of Special Education Christina Harris. The report also looks at discipline handed out to special education students.



The report shows that the number of out-of-school suspensions for black students almost doubled, from 34 to 60, during the first quarter of this school year. Meanwhile the number of out of school suspensions for white students declined from 91 to 67.

Attacks on students and fighting garnered the highest number of out of school suspensions in the quarter, followed by drugs and other controlled substances, disrespect and disruption. The latter two and drugs and alcohol increased from last year, Roof said.

Roof said of suspensions, “10 days in school, 10 days out of

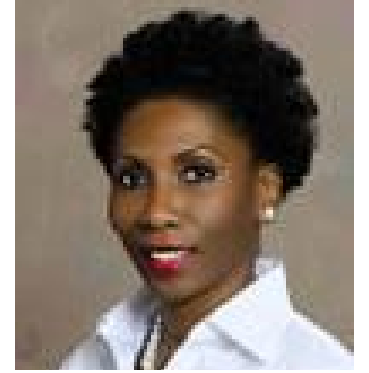
school is the max for any student without an IEP (special education plan)?” For those with an IEP, the maximum is 10 days total.

Roof was asked how subjective the administering of discipline is. She said, “The answer is, it’s very subjective. It’s objective from the point of the teacher, but it’s also subjective from the point of the administrator as they’re trying to weigh what has happened. And sometimes, the teachers don’t always have all the background on the student and don’t know all of the things that have gone on that resulted in whatever happens.”

She added, “I know that our

schools are trying very hard. I have conversations daily with administrators about things that are happening in the schools with regard to disruptions and disrespect and they walk a very, very fine line every day in trying to do that. And our teachers are certainly going through the training just as we are and it’s hard. It is a very, very tough call to make sometimes when, regardless of who the student is, when the behaviors are egregious, then there’s something has to occur.”

Board member Pamela Cousins, who is African American, said, “It’s just concerning that we continue to have the dispro-



Calvert County Board of Education member Pamela Cousins

portionate suspensions and incidents with minority students when they make up only 12 percent of the population. So, I know whatever answer, whatever action we need to take, we need to do that because that’s very alarming.”

Some of the ideas to address the disproportionality include the broad categories of prevention and intervention, identification, placement in restrictive settings and disciplinary action and removal.

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# 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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## Hogan Decries Kirwan Vote to Press for Billions in School Funding

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Last week the Kirwan Commission voted to send its recommendations to improve K through 12 education in Maryland to state law makers, setting up what is likely to be a contentious battle in the Maryland General Assembly this January over just how the state is going to pay for the \$4 billion in funding increases over the next decade the commission's report calls for.

Gov. Larry Hogan quickly sounded his displeasure at the commission member's vote without devising a method to pay for the massive increases in education spending.

"After more than three years of meetings, the Kirwan Tax Hike Commission has still failed to produce any plan to pay for its massive spending proposals, which will cost taxpayers more than \$30 billion," Hogan said in a statement. "Local leaders agree with me—they will not support the billions in crippling state and local tax increases that would be required. Some good ideas have been discussed, but the commission mostly focused on simply increasing spending, rather than real accountability measures and better results for our children."

Hogan said his administration would continue to make education a priority.

"I have made education the top priority of my administration, providing historically high funding five years in a row while leading the fight for more accountability in local school systems," Hogan's statement continued. "We pushed for and enacted the casino lockbox initiative to require a further investment of \$4.4 billion more for our schools."

"No governor in Maryland history has invested more in education. I will continue to focus on reforms that will produce better results for Maryland taxpayers, parents, teachers, and especially students."

The vote virtually guarantees a fight in the legislature, which is majority Democrat, many of whom are expected to support tax increases to fund the spending increases.

Sen. Jack Bailey (R-Dist. 29) stated the Kirwan Commission was in essence a carte blanche for spending.

"We need accountability, we can't write a blank check," Bailey said. "We [Calvert and St. Mary's counties] have good schools and educators compared to the big spenders inside the Beltway."

"We should not be throwing good money after bad; when it comes to funding accountability the Kirwan Commission lost its way."

The leader of the state teacher's union lauded the vote of commissioners, which was 19-3.

"This is a potentially game-changing moment for our students and our state—a once-in-a-generation opportunity to expand career and technical education,



William Kirwan

hire more educators and increase their pay, provide additional support to struggling learners, and create lasting educational equity and a more prosperous future for Maryland," said Baltimore County elementary school teacher and MSEA President Cheryl Bost.

"Educators applaud the hard work of the Kirwan Commission and the leadership of Dr. Kirwan and look forward to working with the General Assembly to pass a new funding formula to ensure that every student in Maryland can attend a great public school. We must act during the 2020 legislative session because our kids can't wait for the adequate and equitable school funding that they deserve."

Increasing teacher pay is one of the main areas of improvement in the Kirwan Commission's goals.

But the chief economist at the Maryland Public Policy Institute, Stephen K. Walters, said of the Kirwan plan: "It won't work and it will break the bank."

He criticized the Kirwan Commission for not providing more school choices, such as charter schools and that Maryland schools are not making gains in student achievement despite major increases in school funding.

"The latest National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) makes clear that Maryland's public schools are doing less with more. As of 2017, the latest year for which nationwide census data are available, Maryland spent 22 percent more on a per-pupil basis and paid its teachers 28 percent more than the national average," Walters stated in an opinion piece published in the Frederick News Post. "From 2012 to 2017, the state increased per-pupil spending nine percent; meanwhile, its NAEP scores have been in steady decline. Fourth-grade reading scores, for example, have plunged 11 points since 2011, while fourth-grade math scores are down seven points."

Walters has opined that the actual costs of the Kirwan Commission's recommendations could be closer to \$30 billion rather than the commission's stated \$4 billion price tag.

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## How Big Should Beach Elementary Be?

By Dick Myers  
Editor

After deciding on Oct. 10 to request a smaller new Beach Elementary School, the school system was back before the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Nov. 19 with a request to revert to the school's original 578-student size.

The decision in October to scale down the school to 490-500 students was based on enrollment projections. But Director of School Construction Shuchita Warner told the BOCC, "The current seven-year enrollment projections anticipate a maximum state funding participation of about 525 students." The difference in state approved and school system requested size will allow the schools to accommodate a bubble of students projected to go through adjacent schools, particularly Windy Hill, which "right now is at 92 percent and is projected in five years to be at 111 percent."

Warner also noted the potential implications of the Kirwan Commission recommendations for universal pre-K and the space requirements for that.

Commissioner Buddy Hance was skeptical that population growth would occur at the pace to achieve those numbers. But Warner said the school populations aren't necessarily a result of overall population growth. She said, "We see this bubble that's going through some of these schools and we can estimate up to within five years, because obviously a child that's born today will be entering kindergarten in five years."

Warner said the budget implications of sticking with a 578-child school: "The local cost share would have to increase to \$15.8 million keeping the soft costs and site improvement contingency at \$5.4 million, then that essentially trans-



Commissioner Buddy Hance

lates to a budget of \$21.2 million." The county would be hit with a price tag of more than a million more with that larger school.

Hance suggested that if the school board wants a larger school, perhaps they should come up with the extra money from their own reserve.

Hance asked Director of Planning and Zoning Mark Willis, soon to become country administrator, to drill down on the population numbers and report back. Warner said the school system would like an answer from the BOCC by early next year to make their submittal to the state.

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## Carmean Sworn In as Judge



Mark Carmean was sworn in as the county's newest circuit court judge by Clerk of the Court Kathy Smith during a Nov.15 ceremony in the courthouse.



# Town Honors First Responders



Chesapeake Beach's mayor and town council and the governor's office recognized at the Nov. 21 town meeting the first responders to the April 2019 fire in town. The council expressed special thanks to the North Beach VFD and Twin Beaches deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office for their continuous protection in town.

# Visit Calvert County Facebook Page Launched



The Calvert County Department of Economic Development has launched a Visit Calvert County tourism Facebook page to promote local attractions, restaurants, shopping, arts and culture, events and more. Citizens can visit [www.Facebook.com/VisitCalvertCounty](http://www.Facebook.com/VisitCalvertCounty) for tourism related information and updates.

The new page will feature scenic spots to hunt fossils and shark teeth, tips on the best shopping to find locally made treasures, exciting community events and up-to-date information on a wide variety of things to do in Calvert County.

"Our new tourism Facebook page will be a great informational tool to help further promote the year-round tourism opportunities available to people visiting Calvert County – whether they

are local or from out of town," said Economic Development Director Kelly Robertson-Slagle. "Facebook is an ideal platform for promoting our fun, family-friendly and ever-changing events and activities."

For more information about the Department of Economic Development, Calvert County visitor sites and attractions and the services available to assist county businesses, call 410-535-4583 or 301-855-1880, send an email to [info@ecalvert.com](mailto:info@ecalvert.com) or visit [www.ChooseCalvert.com](http://www.ChooseCalvert.com).

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# Volunteers Respond to Solomons Boat Fire

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department responded Monday morning to a boat fire that initially was reported as threatening the entire marina where it had been berthed, sources with knowledge of the incident said.

It took 13 firefighters 10 minutes to extinguish the blaze, which took place on Lore Road.

Lauren Moses, spokesperson with state Natu-

ral Resources Police, said there were no injuries or missing persons as a result of the blaze.

Reports from the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office stated that the fire stemmed from an overload of a multi-outlet extension cord in the cockpit of the vessel; the fire was ruled as accidental.

The 32-foot Trojan power boat suffered \$15,000-worth of damage, fire marshals reported.

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## Calvert County Sheriff's Office Crime Blotter

During the week of November 11 – November 17 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,532 calls for service throughout the community.

### Tampering: 19-66043

On November 13, 2019 Deputy R. Shrawder responded to Dowell Road in Solomons for the report of motor vehicle tampering. The complainant advised that they drove to work at 11:30pm and when they left work in the morning, the gas cap on their vehicle was open. It does not appear any gas was missing.

### Tampering: 19-66249

On November 14, 2019 Deputy Evans responded to Bayberry Crossing in Owings for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that they checked on their vehicles parked in their driveway and discovered that one of the vehicles had been tampered with. The complainant advised that the contents of the center console were scattered along the floorboards, but it does not appear any items were stolen.

### Arrests:

On November 11, 2019 Deputy T. Buckler responded to 9th Street in Chesapeake Beach for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that the suspect, **Tunde Samurai Oderinde (24)** had thrown a



Himalayan salt lamp through their back glass door. Oderinde was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Malicious Destruction of Property Valued < \$1,000.

On November 12, 2019 Deputy Rzepkowski responded to Cabin Court in Owings for the report of a vehicle theft. The victim advised that sometime between 3:00pm on November 11th and 8:30am on November 12th and unknown suspect(s) stole their vehicle that was parked in their driveway. While conducting a neighborhood canvas, Deputy Rzepkowski was advised by Calvert County Emergency Communications of a call they received of a suspicious vehicle on Joy Lee Court in Huntingtown which matched the description of the stolen vehicle. Deputies responded to Joy Lee Court where they made contact with **Dexter Erwin Holland (37)** who was attempt-



ing to change a flat tire on the vehicle. Corporal Woodford detained Holland, and it was confirmed that the vehicle was registered to the victim. Deputies conducted a search of Holland which revealed a credit card belonging to the victim. Deputies were also advised by Calvert County Emergency Communications that Holland's license

was suspended and he had an active warrant through Charles County. Holland was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Unlawful Taking of a Motor Vehicle, Theft: \$1,500 to under \$25,000, Malicious Destruction of Property Valued \$1,000+, Stealing Another's Credit Card, and Theft: \$100 to under \$1,500.

On November 13, 2019 Deputy Callison reported to the Calvert County Detention Center for the report of a CDS violation. Correctional Deputy Olumese advised that a search was conducted on **Quinten Aaron Holland (44)** after Holland returned from a scheduled work release program. While conducting the search, a small yellow pill, suspected to be Nucynta Tapentadol, fell from Holland's pocket. Holland was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS-Possession with Intent to Deliver in a Place of Confinement.

On November 13, 2019 Deputy Flynt conducted a traffic stop at Cameleer Pass and Southern Maryland Boulevard in Dunkirk. Upon making contact with the driver, Deputy Flynt observed the passenger, **McKinley Theodore Brooks Jr. (27)**, continuously move



around and reach into the center

console of the vehicle after being told to stop. Both occupants were removed from the vehicle and a search was conducted which revealed a glass pipe with copper filament under the passenger seat, a silver spoon with burn marks on the bottom and white residue on top, used copper filaments along the passenger side floorboard and a second spoon with burn marks in the trunk area. A search of Brooks revealed a small white rock, suspected to be Crack Cocaine, and a white piece of plastic tied at one end, containing suspected crack cocaine. Brooks was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

On November 17, 2019 Deputy Parks responded to Safeway in Prince Frederick for the report of a disorderly subject. The complainant advised that the suspect appeared to be on CDS and was unable to keep their balance and was knocking things over in the aisles. The suspect left the area on foot prior to Deputy Parks arriving, but was quickly located walking on Prince Frederick Boulevard. Upon making contact with the suspect, **Kevin Lamont Clark (26)**, Deputy Parks was advised



by Calvert County Emergency Communications of an active warrant on Clark through West Virginia. Deputy Parks conducted a search of Clark which revealed a syringe and a small glass pipe with a brillo pad in the end of it. Clark was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia and CDS: Administer Equipment Possession.

On November 17, 2019 Deputy Hardesty responded to Patuxent High School in Lusby for the report of a disorderly subject. Upon arrival, Deputy Hardesty observed the suspect, **Steven Paul Blake (39)**, appear



to be fighting another subject. Blake was asked numerous times by Deputies to leave the property but did not comply. Deputies detained Blake, and a search was conducted revealing two shooters of Fireball whiskey. Blake was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Intoxicated Public Disturbance, and Failure to Obey a Reasonable and Lawful Order.

# End Hunger in Calvert: Making Thanksgiving for Thousands

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Thanksgiving is our most food-oriented holiday. It began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Pilgrims and Puritans brought the tradition of Days of Fasting and Days of Thanksgiving with them to New England.

A bountiful table filled with turkey, dressing and everything else imaginable also serves as a symbol for many of the blessings that fill their lives in other ways – family, friends, religion and worldly goods (or a winning football team).

The dirty secret in America is that many people spend the day without a Thanksgiving meal and end the day hungry – children and adults alike.

Progressive communities abound with caring volunteers bent of making sure that those unable to fill their tables with their own wherewithal will not go without celebrating Thanksgiving. It is thus fitting during this Thanksgiving weekend that we highlight the organization that has made it its mission to see that no one goes hungry on Thanksgiving or any other day of the year.

They are appropriately named “End Hunger in Calvert County.” Here are a few numbers to underscore their impact:

**4,200** – The number of Thanksgiving meals distributed this year.

**1,500** – The number of church members at Chesapeake Church in Huntingtown, whose senior pastor Rev. Robert Hahn was the founder of End Hunger and whose members continue to support his vision.

**73** – The number of partners (churches and other non-profit organizations) to whom End Hunger supplies the food for distribution in every corner of Calvert County.

**2 million pounds** – Amount of food distributed yearly by End Hunger. They get their food largely from the Maryland Food Bank in Baltimore.

**25,000** – Numbers of persons served every year.

Rev. Hahn explains how it started. “I was in ministry. It goes back to the early 1980s. Someone gave me a book on world hunger. I just started to realize that hunger was actually a solvable problem. So, it just kind of percolated in my head. And I always realized that hunger was, of all the poverty issues, the easiest because the food was already here. The abundance of food, the world already produces enough food to feed everybody in the world.”

Hahn explained, “When I became senior pastor here in 1994, I felt like we should focus our ministry in one area in terms of outreach. I saw a lot of churches that were doing a lot of different things and having very little impact. They were a mile wide and an inch deep. I thought, let’s be an inch wide and a mile deep.”

A food pantry came first, and the church still operates one along Routes 2/4 at the beginning of the driveway into their facility. Kathleen Ring was the “genius behind it,” he said. “I said, Kathy, who are the clients that come to our food pantry? It just broke the mold of the stereotype that I thought of because I thought of the Mitch Snyder model in Washington, D.C. that whole soup-kitchen homelessness, and they’re not. They’re working moms for the most part, white for the most part, working two jobs.”

Intrigued by the data, he started studying rural hunger. “We decided that we would continue to drill deeper into the hunger issue that hunger could be solved in Calvert County. That it was actually a much bigger problem than anyone realized. It was hidden. Here we were one of the wealthiest counties in the country and we had a hunger problem.”

It took the members of his church some getting used to. “It took getting used to for everybody in the county. We knew there were two problems. Food was never the problem. It’s awareness and distribution. And, so we started realizing, at least for us that it was an awareness problem.”

He further explained, “So I started to talk about it in my sermons. I started talking about Jesus fed people, making my congregation aware. Then, when I started to realize that food pantries in the county were completely indepen-



Rev. Hahn and Jacqueline Miller at their food pantry.

dent, didn’t work together, almost considered themselves like competition with each other.”

“They were all taking the bucket from a very shallow well,” he quipped.

So, he called then together. At the first meeting there were 10 churches and at the end they all raised their hands and bought into what he was about to do. That was establish a central warehouse for distribution to all. That model still exists to this day.

He said it all came to a head with an order. “We got a call from somebody, I think it was Purdue or Tyson asking if we could take 20,000 pounds of frozen chicken for free. We didn’t have a closet like that, but we said yes.” They found the space and were off and running.

“We started looking for our own warehouse. We were looking for 3,000-4,000 square feet. We walked into one that was 12,000 square feet. It didn’t have a finished floor. It was really just raw warehouse space that was going for a song because of the housing market.”

That warehouse is in Calvert Industrial Park off Route 231. But that is about to change. With the prospect of a lease renewal at a significantly higher rate, the decision was made to embark on the next step in the non-profit organization’s history -- a much larger warehouse next to the church on property donated by the church.

One of the biggest hurdles occurred on Nov. 20 when the Calvert County Planning Commission without comment unanimously approved the new 15,360-square-foot, three-story building. The finishing of the top two floors will come when the funding comes. Total price tag – \$4 million.

The project has received an \$800,000 Community Development Block Grant from the state to jump start it. The church has kicked in \$765,000 and a fundraising effort is now underway.

Of the new facility, which is expected to open next year, Hahn said, “One of the things we’re going to have is vertical storage, which is the cheapest storage there is. Our food pantry will be co-located next to it, which will make that efficient.”

The second and third stories will be like a tower, he said. “We’re going to have two commercial kitchens and training rooms on the second story where we can do healthy cooking classes.”

The third floor will be a place that they call “the collaborative, which is a space where local nonprofits can come. If they don’t have an office, they can have an office space.”

Of today’s warehouse, he said, “The thing that Kathy Ring does is equip these food pantries to get to know their clients and to get them more and more self-sufficient and get them to the point that where the food pantries can help their clients solve other problems and become a resource on a lot of things.

“So, Calvert hospital sends its mobile health unit to the food pantries. All of the food pantries in Calvert are becoming mini hubs for really breaking the cycle of poverty, which has a lot of elements to it.”

He said poor people know how to find food. It’s just a matter of getting to it. “Every time a poor person starts their car, they’re making a financial decision. I mean, we’re using gas, I’m burning my oil. Will my tires make it, will my car start the next time?”

He admits, however, that food is the core problem of poverty. He talked about a meeting he had a number of years ago with then Superintendent of Schools Jack Smith. Hahn asked, “I would like to do a food drive in every school during the month of October, all the same time, every school. I said, if you’ll do that, I’ll convince the county commissioners to declare October “End Hunger Month in Calvert County.”

Smith said “yes” so quickly that he was taken aback and repeated his request to make sure he understood. “He said, because hungry kids don’t learn hungry. Hungry kids get in trouble. Hungry kids get other kids in trouble. Hungry kids go over to 7-11 and steal food and get arrested and now they’re in the system and we never see them again.”

The warehouse is only part of End Hunger’s operation. They also run a culinary training center and Calvert Cash, a program that provides free tax assistance to individuals and families earning less than \$66,000 annually.

Hahn’s daughter Jacqueline Miller oversees it all as its president. She graduated from Stephenson University. She explained, “I needed a place to live. My dad said, well, come back home, get your graduate degree and work with me for End Hunger.” She did get her master’s degree from Georgetown University and really bought into End Hunger’s mission. She’s been there for 10 years.

“I fell in love with the people. When you meet these people and you realize how grateful they are for everything that you do, and the volunteers, how fulfilling it is for even then when you just see the whole picture, the tragedy of the need.”

About the culinary job training program, she said, “The restaurant industry is actually recession-proof, so it actually is projected to grow 18 percent every year through the recession. We were finding in a lot of our food pantry clients there’s just a gap missing for them. There’s some reason why they’re there in need. It could be transportation, it could be a lot of things, but for a lot of them it was skills and a need to get real skills to earn a livable wage. And so, we’ve got them working through the culinary training program. We were able to teach them skills, plus we have great relationships in the community with restaurants. And it was easy to place them in restaurants.”

To give on-the-job training, End Hunger operates a café that is open to the general public.

In addition to training to work at a restaurant, they also teach “how to build a resume, how to dress, how to conduct yourself in a job interview, how to deal with conflict resolution and addiction issues,” she said.

When U.S. Senator Ben Cardin visited End Hunger several years ago, he noted that it could be a model for anywhere. Rev. Hahn said as far as he knows they are still the only one doing what they do.

He agreed with Cardin. “Particularly in rural communities where there’s so much more cohesion and people don’t know that hunger is worse in rural communities than in urban communities. It’s a harder problem to solve.

“It’s a bigger problem because there’s no transportation. If I’m in Baltimore and I want to get food and I can get on a bus, I usually have a bus pass because I’m poor.”

Miller feels they are a great volunteer opportunity. “I think people should volunteer because hunger truly is a charity that what you see and what you’re making happen at the end of that line is a family who gets food on their table. We can literally trace the activity to the person.”

Potential volunteers can go to their website at <https://endhungercalvert.org/>

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## Wheels for Wellness Recognized for Innovation

Wheels for Wellness, a joint project of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD), The Arc Southern Maryland (The Arc SoMD) and The Center for Life Enrichment, was recognized as a 2019 Maryland Health Quality Innovator of the Year in the Collaboration category by Health Quality Innovators (HQI) at the 2019 Maryland Awards Lunch on Nov. 14.

Wheels for Wellness provides Southern Maryland residents with reliable transportation to and from routine medical appointments. Elderly, disabled and low-income individuals are driven to and from appointments free of charge. Rides are coordinated by The Arc SoMD, which relies requests to the appropriate county providers. The program serves patients and the local workforce by connecting under-employed transportation providers with patients seeking mid-day transportation to appointments. In the first year, the program traveled 20,244 miles and provided more than 1,000 rides.

“Wheels for Wellness has been growing steadily since its start in 2018,” says Yolanda Hipski, Regional Transit Coordinator for TCCSMD. “We’re is thrilled to receive this recognition for the program, because our numbers show that it is filling a real need.”

HQI serves as a Medicare Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization and as a Practice Transformation Network assisting practices in the Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C. and West Virginia. Wheels for Wellness joins winners in four other categories including Data-Driven Care, Patient-centered care, Population Health and Rural Health Care.

Wheels for Wellness is one of several collaborative projects spearheaded by TCCSMD. To learn more, visit their website at [www.tccsmd.org](http://www.tccsmd.org).

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## Hunger Boxes Donated to Meals on Wheels



Calvert Meals on Wheels volunteers with Hunger Boxes donated by Dunkirk Giant.

Calvert Meals on Wheels volunteers received 90 Hunger boxes on November 20 at the Dunkirk Giant Food store located at 10790 Town Center Blvd. The meals are being distributed to the clients during the next few days.

The Dunkirk Giant manager Deborah Gwynn and assistant manager, Cynthia Popola-Forgione said the “we are pleased to help to put a smile on the face of homebound persons for Thanksgiving and look forward to working with Calvert Meals on Wheels in the future.”

Shirl Hendley, president, Calvert

Meals on Wheels, said that “Calvert Meals on wheels is grateful for the generous donations that Dunkirk Giant has made to our program and look forward to our working partnership to decrease hunger amongst the homebound.”

Calvert Meals on Wheels mission is to help homebound citizens who have difficulties preparing meals to live more independently. CMOW delivers a meal and a smile five days a week. CMOW is a volunteer organization governed by a Board of Directors. In addition to drivers who deliver noontime meals, volunteer

route coordinators manage eight delivery routes throughout the county. CMOW works very closely with the Calvert County Office on Aging. This office delivers meals to designated locations for driver pickup, is the central contact point for new clients, and distributes monthly menus. CMOW is a United Way Agency and participates in the Maryland Charities and Combined Federal Campaigns.

*Press Release from Calvert Meals on Wheels*

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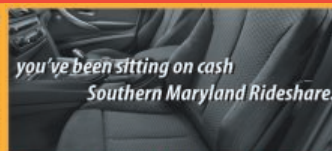
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# Lab Receives Grant for Fisheries Work



CBL Director Dr. Tom Miller accepts grant check from SMFRO president Phil Zalesak

The Southern Maryland Recreational Fishing Organization (SMRFO) made a donation recently to Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL) to support field and laboratory work in fisheries research and management.

“We’re pleased to support CBL,” said SMFRO president Phil Zalesak. “The mission of the SMRFO is to provide a unified voice to preserve and protect the fisheries resources, the rights of recreational fishermen, the health of the Chesapeake Bay and the opportunity to support activities that enhance the overall marine environment.”

CBL Director and Professor, Dr. Tom Miller attended a recent meeting of the organization to accept the donation. “We are honored by the generosity of SMFRO and their support of CBL’s students and research programs,” said Dr.

Miller.

CBL is located where the Patuxent River meets the Chesapeake Bay. For more than 90 years it has been a national leader in fisheries, estuarine ecology, environmental chemistry and toxicology. CBL is the oldest publicly supported marine laboratory on the East Coast. Recent projects include:

- Advising agencies on blue crab management to support the resurgence of
- blue crab in the Bay.
- Developing a citizen science program to understand dolphins in the Bay (ChesapeakeDolphinWatch.org)
- Monitoring water quality in Southern Maryland bays and creeks

*Press Release from CBL*

## A View From The BLEACHERS

### The Way They Were

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

Before getting to the nostalgia, a fond farewell is in order.

Fred Cox was the kicker for the Minnesota Vikings from 1963-1977. He played in four Super Bowls and retired as the NFL’s second leading scorer. My introduction to Cox came only upon his passing last week at the age of 80; I, like many others of my vintage, owe him a tremendous debt.

Beyond his football accomplishments, Cox was a chiropractor and, most significantly, an inventor. In the early 1970s, Cox and collaborator John Maddox developed a kid-friendly football. The prototype, made of foam, was adopted by Parker Brothers and, voila, the NERF football was born.

When you are 10, there isn’t much you can do with a regulation football. It’s too big to throw, too hard to kick and catching it can be painful. But a NERF football makes a kid an instant NFL quarterback. I had one my entire childhood (who didn’t?). It was at the center of epic backyard football battles and begrudgingly accepted indoor games of catch with my dad (mom rejected outright a real football being thrown inside, but a NERF offered a reasonable compromise). The NERF football evolved into NERF basketball, another staple of my childhood. I had a hoop in my parents’ rec room, in my college dorm and my son has one on his bedroom door now. Simple foam sports balls created many great memories and I...we...owe them all to Fred Cox – kicker, chiropractor and contributor to happier childhoods. Thank you, sir.

Onward, then, to unfortunate breakups and squandered futures...

In the four seasons from 2014-2017, the Pittsburgh Steelers ripped off 45 regular season wins and made four playoff appearances. How good is that? Context (you know where this is going): Over the same period, the Fightin’ Snyder’s of Washington won 28 games, made one brief playoff appearance and never tallied more than nine wins in a season. Further, those 2014-17 Steelers won more than 10 games three times, something Washington hasn’t done since...1991.

At the root of the Steelers’ success was a dynamic “Killer B’s” offense – QB Ben Roethlisberger, WR Antonio Brown and RB Le’Veon Bell. During the stretch, Roethlisberger put up gaudy numbers, Bell was arguably the best dual-threat running back in football and Brown was simply the NFL’s best wide receiver. Together, they seemed destined to be the newest additions to a long line of Steelers immortals and to ultimately share busts in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Just two years off that high, two of the B’s – Bell and Brown - are gone and the third, Roethlisberger, is on injured reserve. How did it happen? Well, it’s complicated...too complicated for this space. Suffice to say, those tried-and-true culprits of greed, ego and selfishness were involved. So too were the harsh realities of the business side of the NFL. Brown’s saga is a soap opera. Something personal happened between him and Roethlisberger and the Steelers organization. In under a year, Brown’s gone from being the best wide receiver in football, to traded (to the Raiders), released twice (by the Raiders and Patriots) and now out of football altogether. Bell, meanwhile, was mired in a contract dispute – understandable for running backs with short earning widows - that saw him miss a season and ultimately sign with the moribund Jets. And while Roethlisberger’s still in Pittsburgh, he’s hurt, the team is 5-5, the future is uncertain and it’s hard not to wonder why the face of the franchise couldn’t broker a deal and make this all work. There was much to lose and, ultimately, all involved did.

Look, life is messy – professional athlete or not. It is filled with forks in the road and there is no natural inclination toward happy endings. But these three...sheesh...they botched it. They had long-lasting legacy stuff in their hands and let it slip away. The greenest of grass was beneath their feet in Pittsburgh. Not one of them will be as great apart as they were together.

Penny for their wrapped-in-Wonder-Woman’s-truth-lasso thoughts now. Do they long for the way they were? As a football fan, I sure do.

*Send comments to  
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## Pet OF THE WEEK

### MEET BUDDY

My name is BUDDY! I am a 5 year old hound and have been at the shelter for 4 weeks!

I LOVE LOVE LOVE tennis balls. I should have an award for the best ball fetcher in the shelter. If we are being honest, I would like to be the only pet as I love all the attention! So what do you say, will you take me home to be part of your family? As Pet of the Week my 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](http://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.





# Commemorative Coin Recognizes Students Who are Veterans

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) is grateful for the men and women who have served, and who continue to serve, in the armed forces. To honor its veteran students, CSM has created a commemorative Veterans Recognition coin for all veterans who attend CSM.

In February, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan proclaimed 2019 as the Year of the Veteran in Maryland. The yearlong observance is to raise awareness of the brave service and sacrifice United States veterans and families have made for Maryland and the country. Also in 2019 and for the fifth consecutive year, CSM was identified as a Military Friendly® post-secondary school for veterans and their spouses. The 2019-2020 Military Friendly® listing, which is determined by VIQTORY, a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business headquartered in Pennsylvania, honored CSM with the bronze distinction in VIQTORY's latest listing. A bronze distinction school must score within 30 percent of the 10th best school in its category. In February, when CSM was notified of this distinction, CSM Coordinator of Veteran Affairs Laticia Ragin reported that CSM serves a population of more than 700 veterans who use a variety of military benefits, with the majority being post 9-11.

In an opinion piece published on Veterans Day in PennLive Patriot News, John J. "Ski" Sygielski, Ed. D, wrote that according to the National Center for Education Statistics, 37 percent of student veterans attend community colleges, the highest rate among institutions of higher learning. Sygielski is the president of HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College.

"When veterans leave the military service and head back to their hometowns across America, they are faced with the challenge of redefining who they are both as members of the local community and of the workforce," Sygielski wrote. "Many of those who served did so in combat specialties (infantry, tanks, artillery, etc.) that have little direct equivalency in the civilian workforce. Those currently serving in the National Guard and Reserves also face a lot of the same issues, since many of them deployed for long periods of time in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Higher education is one path that can assist our veterans in their journey to finding a



Army Veteran and CSM Alum Sandra Husband and CSM Veteran Affairs Coordinator Laticia Ragin display CSM's new Veterans Recognition coin.

career path to succeed in today's workforce."

CSM Alum, current student and Army Veteran Sandra Husband agrees that community college is the way to go. She calls CSM "very veteran friendly" and credits CSM with helping her transition her military intelligence background to a career in cybersecurity.

"I found it to be, really, a good place to start considering I had not been in school for a number of years," Husband recently told a weekly newspaper. She served in communications and intelligence fields while in the Army. "The teaching, the instructions were excellent. The instructors were excellent. The teaching environment was really welcoming. . . . I'd recommend it to just about anyone and everyone who's thinking about going back to school, especially if you're thinking about going back, starting out as part-time."

Husband graduated in May 2019 with a degree in cybersecurity and served as a student speaker at the CSM's 2019 Spring Commencement. Husband's moving commencement speech brought thunderous ap-

plause when she spoke as a veteran and a wounded warrior and asked every veteran and active military service member in her class, and in the audience, to stand and be recognized for their service to the nation.

Veteran Navy Commander Jeff Foster, of La Plata, earned the bragging rights for the title of oldest graduate when he crossed the stage with Husband to receive his certificate for massage therapy during the spring commencement. Proving you're never too old to learn, the certificate was the latest academic achievement for the 74-year-old who received his first bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary in 1967. His second four-year degree came when he completed the physical and academic rigors that came with Officer Candidate School when he enlisted immediately after college.

"CSM is good to veterans and is a great option for veterans who want to broaden their skills," he said.

Having spent the majority of his military career at Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division (NSWC IHEODTD), Foster retired to work for a local defense contractor, then a homebuilder before he volunteered for 13 years for the ManKind Project.

CSM is approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Maryland Higher Education Commission, enabling eligible veterans, service members and qualified dependents of veterans to receive VA educational benefits for VA approved credit certificates and associate degrees and VA approved workforce development programs. First-year seminar courses are available to assist veterans in transitioning to the college experience. Concepts taught in this course that add value to the veteran experience are time management; critical thinking; navigating college resources; diversity; social and emotional intelligence; and program, progression and completion planning.

To learn more about CSM's assistance to veterans, visit [www.csmd.edu/student-services/veteran-military-support-services/](http://www.csmd.edu/student-services/veteran-military-support-services/).

*Press Release from CSM*

# Garden Club Supports Research Experience for STEM Students

The Chesapeake Garden Club has made a donation to the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL) in support of a intern and mentoring programs with undergraduate students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) courses.

"We're pleased to support the mentoring program," said club president Carol Hayden. "This project could inspire a bright, young mind to pursue a career in marine sciences."

The goals of the CBL Internship programs include:

1. Recruiting from College of Southern Maryland (CSM).
2. Providing paid internships to allow for greater immersion into their studies for nontraditional or lower-income students, historically underrepresented groups in STEM careers.
3. Establishing mentoring links that connect undergraduate interns to graduate assistants to faculty leaders in environmental and related sciences.
4. Advancing non-traditional and lower-income students with competitive academic skills by making available graduate student peer contact.
5. Aiding CSM students to transition into four-year programs and increase local career-ready STEM-skilled graduates.

For more than 90 years CBL has been a national leader in fisheries, estuarine ecology, environmental chemistry and toxicology. CBL scientists are developing new scientific approaches to solving the major envi-



ronmental problems facing our world. CBL scientists have advised state and national agencies on sustainable fisheries management and broke new ground in understanding elemental and chemical cycling between the atmosphere, sediments, and water. Their work is also renowned in researching nutrient dynamics and the food web. For more about CBL and the Univer-

sity of Maryland Center for Environmental Science <https://www.umces.edu/cbl> To support students and programs at CBL go to <https://www.givecampus.com/campaigns/2969/donations/new>

*Press Release from CBL*

# 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](mailto:jenicoster@countytimes.net) after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

## Laura Belle McGowan



Laura Belle McGowan, 76, of Huntingtown, MD passed away November 23, 2019. She was born March 19, 1943 in Pineville, WV to Ance and Stella (Blankenship) McGraw.

Laura was raised in Blackey, VA and attended schools there. As a young woman Laura moved to Washington, DC and met James F. McGowan. Laura and James were married on May 24, 1980 in Capitol Heights, MD. They settled in Huntingtown in 1993. Laura was avidly involved in flea markets and yard sales for over 30 years. She was a loving wife, mother and sister.

Laura was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings Nathan McGraw, Mary Leonard, Jeff McGraw, Revdon Miller, Billy McGraw, Veldil Lester and June Margaret McGraw. Surviving are her husband James F. McGowan, son Christopher McGowan of Huntingtown, MD; granddaughters Violet and Iris McGowan; and sisters Dolly Smith and her husband Paul of Capitol Heights, MD, Tennessee Critzer of King George, VA and Frances Jolley of Hurley, VA, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, November 27, 2019, 11:30 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Interment will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery-Suitland, 4111 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suitland, MD 20746.

## Ernest Ludwig Bernhardt

Ernest Ludwig Bernhardt, 91, of Owings passed away November 22, 2019 surrounded by family. He was born January 26, 1928 in Washington, D.C. to James A. and Florence Lenora (Norton) Bernhardt. He was employed with the



Department of the Navy Chesapeake Division and as a construction manager with the Small Business Administration, retiring in 1986. After retirement Ernest held many side jobs before retiring for good at 78 years old. He married Dolores Stewart on August 4, 1951 and they lived in various places before settling in Bethany Beach, DE. Ernest has lived in Calvert County for the past seven years. He joined the US Navy in 1946 and was honorably discharged in 1948. Ernest loved sports, especially golf and was a fan of the Washington Redskins, Senators and Nationals.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores Jean Bernhardt and brother James Bernhardt. He is survived by children Rita Metro of Owings, Michael Bernhardt and wife Julie of Shady Side, Ernest Paul Bernhardt and wife Vickie of Port Charlotte, FL, Mark and Richard Bernhardt of Princess Anne, David Bernhardt and wife Lisa and Donald Bernhardt all of Ashburn, VA. Also surviving are seventeen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday, December 2, 2019, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Memorial mass will be Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 8816 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714.

Interment will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, DE, 32112 Vines Creek Road, Dagsboro, DE 19939; 302-732-3690.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105; Link: <https://www.stjude.org/>

## Donald Edward Russell, "Don"



Donald Edward Russell, "Don" passed away on November 22, 2019. He was born on October 14, 1933.

Visitation will be Saturday, December 1, 2019, 4-7 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 90 Church Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Funeral service will be Monday, December 2, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the church.

Interment will be at Wesley Cemetery, Prince Frederick, MD.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 90 Church Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.org/>

## Martin William Sincell



Martin William Sincell, 104, of Chesapeake Beach died November 22, 2019, at his residence. He was born May 29, 1915, in Washington D.C. where he was raised by his parents Chas and Ella Sincell. Martin graduated from Roosevelt High School. He was employed as a Salesman at White Westinghouse. He married June Avis Sincell April 1934, and they lived in College Park. They spent weekends and summers in their cottage in Chesapeake Beach since the mid 1940's and retired to Melborune, Fla., in 1978 where they lived until moving back to their home in Chesapeake Beach in 2005.

He was a member of Mt. Harmony United Methodist Church in Owings. Martin enjoyed time with his family, he was an organist for 80+ years, and loved to talk about sports. His favorite team was Washington Nationals.

He was preceded in death by his wife, June A. Sincell and granddaughter, Susan L. Green

Martin is survived by his daughter Beverly Steadman and her husband Donald; granddaughters Emily Green and Rachel Wroble and her husband William III; great-granddaughters Madison and Chloe; Nephews Gary and Bill Roberts; family-friends William and Patricia Stewart, Nicole Stewart.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 5, 2019, 10-11 a.m. at Mt. Harmony United Methodist Church, 155 East Mt.

Harmony Road, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

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

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Margaret Jacqueline Pyle "Jackie" Platz



Margaret Jacqueline Pyle "Jackie" Platz, 66 of Dowell, MD passed away on November 21, 2019 at Georgetown University Hospital. She was born on February 8, 1953 in Portsmouth, VA to Harriett Harper Pyle and George Robert Pyle, Sr.

Jackie is survived by her loving husband Edward J. Platz, Sr., three children, and eleven grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, December 6, 2019, 10-11 a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 90 Alexander Lane, Solomons, Maryland 20688. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Interment will be private.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

## John David Caspar, Sr



John David Caspar, Sr., 77, of Prince Frederick passed away November 20, 2019. He was born January 1, 1942 in Washington, D.C. to Michael and Vivian Marie (Smith) Caspar.

John attended Catholic School and enlisted in the U.S. Army on May 25, 1962. He was honorably discharged December 31, 1963. He married Myra Eva Smith on January 16, 1965 at Mt. Harmony U.M.C. in Owings. He retired from Andrew's Air Force Base in tool maintenance after more than 20 years of service. He was a long-time resident of North Beach, where he loved crabbing and fishing. John also enjoyed playing cards, the Washington Redskins and Nationals and most of all spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Gerry "Cookie" Alan and granddaughter Vivian Marie Wood. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Myra Eva Caspar and children John D. Caspar, Jr. (Gitget) of Hubert, NC, Brian Kelly Caspar (Kimmy) of Dunkirk, Brenda

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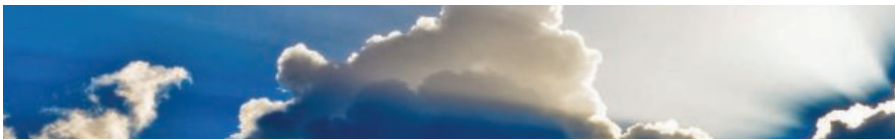
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Lee Burke (John B.) of Prince Frederick and Lynda Lee Wood (Edward A.) of Newport Ritchie, FL. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren and a brother Michael Caspar of Waldorf.

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

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Eddy Ronald Requilman Jr.



Eddy Ronald Requilman Jr., 48, of St. Leonard, Maryland passed away Tuesday, November 19, 2019 surrounded by family.

Eddy was born October 27, 1971 in Cheverly, Maryland to Eddy and Deborah (Childress) Requilman.

Eddy worked as a general contractor for over 30 years before joining the Local 100 Sheet Metal Union where he was employed as a sheet metal worker. In his spare time, Eddy enjoyed spending time with family and friends, video games and mastering cornhole. Eddy was a true "jack of all trades", as he could build and fix anything he set his mind to.

On April, 9, 2001 Eddy married the love of his life, Amy Requilman. Over the course of their 28 year relationship, they raised four beautiful children; Tommy, Jessica, Taylor and Jenna. He is survived by his wife, children and grandson, Warren. Eddy was a loving husband, father, grandfather, mentor and friend who will be truly missed by many. Eddy was preceded in death by his parents and brother Robert Requilman.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

### James Willard "Jimmy" DiCarlo



James Willard "Jimmy" DiCarlo, 70, of North Beach passed away November 18, 2019. He is survived by his sister and caregiver Joni DiCarlo of North Beach, brother

Stephen DiCarlo of Keysville, VA, chil-

dren Danielle Cagle and husband Cliff of Maitland, FL, Devon DiCarlo of Havre de Grace, Joseph DiCarlo and wife Candy of Baltimore and Justina DiCarlo of Baltimore and grandchildren Geneva, Samuel, Eamon and Bridget Cagle.

Memorial Visitation will be Saturday, December 7, 2019, 1-4 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Interment at Arlington National Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 217 E. Redwood Street, 11th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201 Link: <https://www.heart.org/> or American Burn Association, 311 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 4150, Chicago, IL 60606; Link: <http://ameriburn.org/>

### Pamela Ann Spillman



Pamela Ann Spillman, age 62 of Prince Frederick, passed away on Sunday, November 17. She was born to Otto and Charlotte Lengerhuis in Baltimore, Maryland on May 24,

1957.

Pamela graduated from High Point High School before attending Prince Georges Community College where she completed her associate's degree in Criminal Justice. Pam proudly served three years as a Federal Protective Police Officer followed by 8 years at the Department of Defense. Pam spent the rest of her career working in her local church and in Calvert County Public Schools to stay close to her kids and be able to spend summers together. She loved being on the water and out in the sun whenever she had a chance. In the summer, Fridays were for blue crabs from the Chesapeake and Sundays were always for soccer.

Pam is survived by her husband of 38 years, Robert E. Spillman III, two daughters, Amanda Kemp (Larry) and Brittany Shaw (Daniel), one granddaughter, Camille Kemp, and her brother, Gary Lengerhuis.

Pam requested that in her passing her life be celebrated. Immediate family will gather for an intimate ceremony. Friends and Family are invited to a celebration of her life to be held on Friday, November 29, 2019, 2-4 p.m. at Heritage 485, 485 Main Street Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Link: <https://www.heritage485.com/>

## FIVE REASONS NOT TO HAVE A WILL OR A TRUST

Hello to all of you procrastinators out there. Another year has passed and you have still not taken steps to protect yourself and your family with a will or a trust. Why not? Here are the five most common reasons:

**I'M NEVER GOING TO DIE:** Clearly, the first reason not to have a will or a trust is unrealistic. The saying is "nobody is getting out of this alive." In spite of this, it is amazing how many people put off creating a will or a trust because they are afraid. They think planning for a will or a trust will cause them anxiety about their own death. The easy solution to this problem is to think about creating a will or a trust to protect the people you love. You do not have to face your own death to create a will or a trust, just focus on how you want to protect those you care about. Without a will or a trust, they are defenseless. And, young or old, almost all of us have loved ones we want to protect. Even if we are elderly and alone and do not have any loved ones, many of us want to create a legacy for the charities we care about. If we are young and have children, we are already involved in protecting them. Without a will or a trust, your children could very well end up in foster care when you die. Having children means taking steps to protect them. What good is funding their college education if you have not created a mechanism to distribute your property to them upon your death? How are you helping?

**I HAVE NO ESTATE:** How about the excuse that you have no estate to protect? Do you have a home? A car, a boat? A bank account? Personal property like furniture, jewelry? All of that becomes part of your estate. If you don't make plans to distribute your property in a will or a trust, the state will decide for you.

**EVERYTHING IS IN JOINT NAME WITH MY SPOUSE OR CHILD:** I have heard the excuse that everything is in joint name so there is no reason to have a will or a trust. And, it is the case that if property is titled in joint name with right of survivorship, upon the death of one person, the joint owner takes all the property. The excuse is common with spouses. The problem is, of course, spouses often travel together. There are no assurances that both spouses will not die together—if they do, then what? You're back in the same position without a will or a trust—letting the state decide where your property will go. And, what if your property is titled as "tenants in common" not as joint tenants with right of survivorship? In that case, each of you owns 50% of the property so if one dies without a will, the property will not go automatically to the other but instead the state will decide where 50% of the property will go. By the way, please check the title to your property so you know how it is held.

Many people I talk to think that putting their child on the deed to their property solves their problem about not having a will or a trust. But, there are tax and other consequences of doing this. Let's say you bought a house for \$50,000 and market value is now \$100,000. If you put your child on the deed now, that child "takes" their interest in the property at the value you paid for the property, not at market value. That means, if the child sells the

property when you die, the child will have to pay capital gains tax on the difference between \$50,000 and \$100,000. If the child takes the property when you die through a will or a trust, however, the child takes the property at market value and when they sell it for \$100,000, no tax is owed. And, there are other reasons not to put your child on your deed. Once you do so, you expose yourself to the child's creditors. Those creditors may have claims on all the child's property, including property formerly owned solely by you.

**IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE:** Have you ever purchased a big screen TV? The average cost of a will is about the same as a big screen TV. Trusts are more expensive but do not require probate. Legal fees for making the probate filings can easily become far more costly than a trust. I know some people are using will forms provided online and a word of caution about those. First, the online services do not provide legal advice. It is one form fits all and if you do not fit into the form, too bad for you. After hundreds of years, certain common language has developed that is used in a will or a trust and expertise is required to use that language. You would not go to a plumber to perform surgery on you. Why trust something as important as your family to chance? Creating a will or a trust is your last act of love and affection for your family. What price can you put on that?

**MY FAMILY WILL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING:** Whoa. The excuse that "my family will take care of everything" is simply not true. It is amazing how many families fight during the probate process, with or without a will. And, I am not talking about fights over huge estates. Otherwise normal families allow themselves to be torn apart arguing over property—without a will or a trust, the arguments can take on epic proportions. "Dad loved me best" and wanted me to have the gun collection, "Mom told me she wanted me to have the diamond ring". Old wounds re-open, childhood memories come flooding back and family nightmares are common during the probate process. Some people think that the best approach is to leave everything to one child, counting on that child to distribute everything to his or her siblings. Keep in mind that if you leave all your property to one child, that child is under no obligation to share it with siblings even if you specifically put your intention in writing. Even if that child is attentive to your wishes, what if that child has a spouse who wants all the property for themselves? The only way to resolve the situation is to make clear that your property will go to all the children, not just one.

The bottom line is protect your loved ones. Make a will or a trust and do it now. I offer no-charge seminars open to the public that discuss wills, trusts, powers of attorney, living wills and other estate planning topics at 11am on the third Wednesday of every month at my office at 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Give us a call at 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

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# Community Calendar

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## UPCOMING

### Children's Christmas Bingo

Saturday, December 7th

North Beach Fire Department Hall, Chesapeake Beach; 4 p.m.

The North Beach Volunteer Fire Department's Auxiliary will be sponsoring bingo for children of all ages. Doors will open at 3 p.m. and bingo will begin at 4. Food and refreshments will be provided at an additional cost and no outside food is permitted. Admission is \$10.00 per person. Ho! Ho! Hope to see you there!

### Solomons Christmas Walk

Saturday, December 7th

Calvert Marine Museum; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The museum is open and free to the public. Enjoy musical entertainment, Santa, the Otter mascot, holiday crafts, and shopping in the Museum Store. While waiting to visit Santa stop by the Museum mezzanine to see "O" scale trains traverse through a miniature village. Santa's Coffee House will be open with complimentary hot tea, coffee, hot cocoa, and holiday cookies. Museum members save 20% off in the Museum Store all weekend.

### Calvert Artists' Guild Meeting

Saturday, December 7th

Solomons Asbury Clubhouse, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Please join us for a brief business meeting (calendar for the new year, the election of officers) and then join Sylvia Hill for a demo on how she draws those life-like eyes ("The Eyes Have It"). Artists and guests will see signs at Asbury directing all to the parking area. Members can bring "finger foods" to share. Free to the public. For additional information, please contact the following persons: Jan Barr at 443-404-5746 and [fujibarr@comcast.net](mailto:fujibarr@comcast.net) or; Kate Dinnel at 410-586-3375 and [katesilas@comcast.net](mailto:katesilas@comcast.net).

### Annual Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 8th

Fox Run Shopping Center, Prince Frederick; 2 p.m.

Brought to you by Calvert County Optimist Club and Calvert County Fair. Line up will start at 12:30. There will be no on-site registration. Call 410-586-3664.

## ONGOING

### Sea Squirts

Tuesday, December 3rd; Thursday, December 5th; Wednesday, December 11th

Calvert Marine Museum; 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 "Lighthouse Discovery". Space is limited.

## Thursay, November 28

### Thanksgiving

## Friday, November 29

### Maritime Performance Series: Timothy Seaman

Calvert Marine Museum; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Timothy Seaman delivers a special Thanksgiving weekend treat for the family. He is a master of the hammered dulcimer, creating cascades of beautiful sound. In anticipation of the Christmas season, listen for a few favorite carols rendered in new and stirring ways to usher in the holidays. Doors open at 6 p.m. with beer & wine available for purchase. Performances begin at 7 p.m. in the museum's Harms Gallery. Buy tickets at [bit.ly/MaritimeConcerts](http://bit.ly/MaritimeConcerts). Tickets are \$20 online, \$25 at the door.

## Sunday, December 1

### Museum Store Sunday

Calvert Marine Museum; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Calvert Marine Museum Store is participating in Museum Store Sunday, an annual shopping event where patrons can shop for uniquely curated gifts while supporting the mission and fundraising efforts of local museums. CMM members will enjoy 25% off their entire purchase and have the opportunity to increase their discount to 30%, 35%, or 40% off their

purchase. One lucky member may even get their entire purchase for FREE! Non-members will receive a 20% discount all day. Some exclusions apply; see Museum Store for details.

## Tuesday, December 3

### Steak Night

American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206; 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Order your steak directly from the Grill-Master. The \$17.00 price tag includes all of the trimmings and a beverage. The event will be hosted in the lower-level dining room. Public welcome. For more information, call 410-257-9878 or visit <http://www.MD-post206.org>.

## Friday, December 6

### Fried Shrimp Dinner

American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206; 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Join us for an informal dinner hosted in the lower-level dining room. The dinner includes all trimmings, salad, and a beverage for \$12.00. Public invited. For more information, call 410-257-9878 or visit <http://www.MD-post206.org>.



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# Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

## Thursday, November 28

Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

## Saturday, November 30

Warm Up to Art. All Day. Today through December 21 pick up your Warm Up to Art Passport and start visiting the art at each branch of Calvert Library. Search for hidden objects, get your passport stamped and pick a prize! Great Winter family fun.

## Monday, December 2

JobSource Mobile Career Center. 10:00-1:00pm. Stop by to visit the JobSource Mobile Career Center for your job search needs! Get job counseling and résumé help, search for jobs and connect with Southern Maryland JobSource. No registration. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

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.

Astronomy Night. 7:00-8:00pm. Come see what the night sky has to offer in the field behind Fairview. Learn about the equipment used to view the sky from the Astronomy Club of Southern Maryland. All ages welcome. This will be an outdoor only event, weather permitting. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

## Tuesday, December 3

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

Writers by the Bay @ the Library. 7:00-8:30pm. Looking for a writers' group? All writers and would-be writers are welcome to come for critique & camaraderie. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

## Wednesday, December 4

Book Discussion - (Lotus Cafe). 6:30-8:00pm. Recurring monthly book discussion held at Lotus Cafe. This month is "A Place for Us," by Fatima Farheen Mirza. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

## Thursday, December 5

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## Friday, December 6

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

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

## Saturday, December 7

Gingerbread House workshop. 10:00-11:00am. Come and celebrate the holiday season by building a small gingerbread house. Each child is asked to bring a bag of any edible item to share with the group to decorate all the gingerbread houses. For children of all ages. Please register. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

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# Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

### Ceramics

Make beautiful works of art with our instructor Pat Dinota. Southern Pine Senior Center, Monday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m.; North Beach Senior Center, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.; Calvert Pines Senior Center, Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. Fee: \$10.

### Veterans, Let's Talk

Veterans are welcome to drop in, meet other veterans, and talk about anything on their minds. This is facilitated by Bill Miller, Chaplain from Calvert Hospice. The program will be held on the following days of each month: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 11 a.m. at North Beach Senior Center; 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 10 a.m. at Southern Pines; 2nd and 4th Fridays, 10:30 a.m. at Calvert Pines.

### Substitute Custodial Position Available

The Office on Aging is looking for a substitute custodian with reliable transportation who can work at all three senior centers in Calvert County. Call Ed Sullivan at 410-535-4606 for more information.

### 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 e-file 2019 tax returns at each of the three se-

nior 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

Make an adorable ornament for you or a loved one's tree for the holiday season with D.I.Y. Christmas Ornaments, Tuesday, December 3, 10:30 a.m. Must pre-register by November 27.

Decorate a Crab Shell Ornament for your Christmas tree, Monday, December 9, 9:30 a.m. Pre-register by December 6.

### North Beach Senior Center

All seniors are welcome to join the Fall Into Reading Book Club. The group will have its first meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 11 a.m.

Make a decorative bow for the holidays, Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m.

### Southern Pines Senior Center

Join our Creative Writing Group. Beginning writers are welcome, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 11 a.m.

Find the perfect gift for all those who are on your list this year at the Santa's Workshop Craft Fair, Wednesday, December 4, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Purchase affordable items crafted by our seniors.

## Eating Together Menu

### Monday, Dec. 2

Chicken Salad Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Pineapple Chunks

### Tuesday, Dec. 3

Low-Sodium Polish Sausage w/Chopped Onions on a Bun, Cabbage, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Applesauce

### Wednesday, Dec. 4

Meatloaf, Gravy, Mashed Sweet

Potatoes, Seasoned Greens, Dinner Roll, Peach Crisp

### Thursday, Dec. 5

Chicken Divine, Rice, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Orange Slices

### Friday, Dec. 6

Tuna Pasta Salad w/Green Peas on a bed of Lettuce, Pickled Beets & Onions, Marinated Bean Salad, Dinner Roll, Mandarin Oranges

Lunches are served to seniors, aged 60-plus, and their spouses through Title IIIC 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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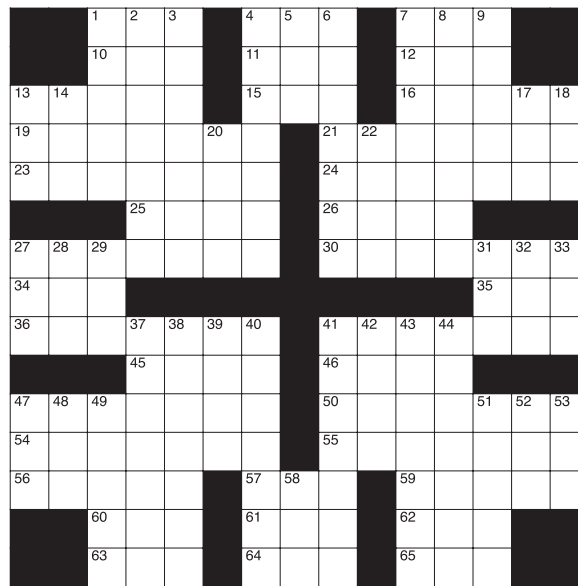
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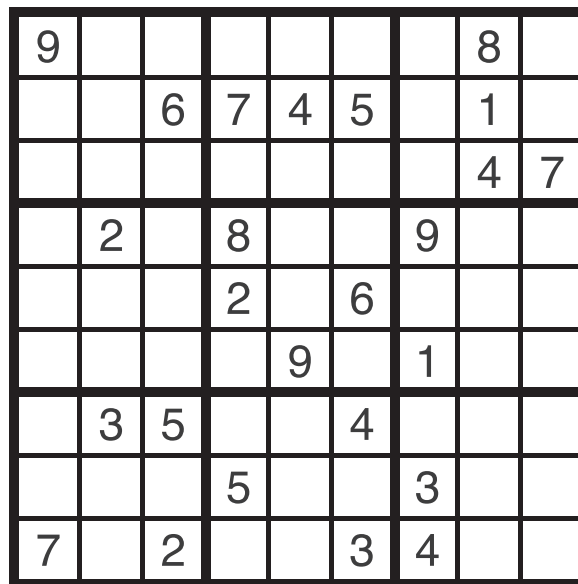
**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Small viper
- 4. Some are covert
- 7. A waiver of liability (abbr.)
- 10. Speak out
- 11. Retirement plan
- 12. Small dog
- 13. City in Iraq
- 15. Car mechanics group
- 16. Shrimp-like creature
- 19. Majestic
- 21. TV detective
- 23. Central Canadian province
- 24. Causing to wind around
- 25. Wise man
- 26. Knicks legend Willis
- 27. Muscular weaknesses
- 30. John Stockton compiled them
- 34. South American plant
- 35. To some extent
- 36. Where manners are displayed
- 41. Showy
- 45. Fall down
- 46. Shoelaces are often this
- 47. Disease-causing bacterium
- 50. Egg-shaped wind

- instrument
- 54. Sufferings
- 55. One who noisily enjoys
- 56. About blood
- 57. Transaction verification system (abbr.)
- 59. Related through female family members
- 60. Low velocity grenade
- 61. "In Living Color" comedian
- 62. Veterans battleground
- 63. Expression of creative skill
- 64. Midway between northeast and east
- 65. Patti Hearst's captors

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Something useful
- 2. It goes great with peppers and onions
- 3. Orifice
- 4. Turned into bone
- 5. The Princess could detect it
- 6. Bands of colors
- 7. Makes use of 8. Central African country
- 9. Lake in the Kalahari Desert
- 13. He was a "Chairman"
- 14. Legally possess
- 17. One point north of due west
- 18. Small peg of wood
- 20. Stretch of swampy ground
- 22. Is indebted to
- 27. Where you were born (abbr.)
- 28. A team's best pitcher
- 29. Cool!
- 31. Female sibling
- 32. This stimulates the thyroid (abbr.)
- 33. Reserved
- 37. More pricked
- 38. Forbidden by law
- 39. One-time presidential candidate
- 40. A TV show has more than one
- 41. A place to stash things
- 42. Defunct currency in India
- 43. Causes to ferment
- 44. A type of gland
- 47. \_\_\_ Humbug!
- 48. Everyone has one
- 49. Punctuation
- 51. Central American fruit
- 52. Brooklyn hoopster
- 53. 100 square meters
- 58. Local area network



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