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“Increasing support for schools with more challenging populations, and Year three of the three-year plan to put a laptop in the hands of each student in grades 3-12.”

School Superintendent Unveils His Budget

Staff Added for ‘Social/Emotional Challenges’

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry has released his proposed operating budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1. The \$226.5 million unrestricted fund budget is \$3.6 million more than the current fiscal year.

Curry released the budget at a Jan. 23 meeting of the Calvert County Board of Education which was followed by a public comment session. For the past several years the superintendent released his budget at a public hearing at Calvert High School which was poorly attended because the budget had not been released in advance.

This year the meeting at which the budget was released was held in the board meeting room so it could be streamed. And the public comments were more aimed at the continuing concerns about disruptive students instead of the budget. But this year the board will give the public time to review the budget before a scheduled Feb. 20 public hearing.

Curry said the budget priorities are:

“Setting aside funds for salary increase yet to be negotiated,

“Supporting the five priorities of our Strategic Plan,

“Increasing support for schools with more challenging populations, and

“Year three of the three-year plan to put a laptop in the hands of each student in grades 3-12.”

The school system’s five Strategic Plan priorities are: equity, student outcomes, climate and culture, workforce, and community engagement.

Among the proposed new initiatives will be all-day prekindergarten for all needy students. Curry said it is believed there is existing space in the schools to carry out that program.

During the months of teachers, parents and students raising alarms about classroom disruptions and violence, school board members have provided suggestions about funding to address the issue and said they looked forward to what Curry would present.

So, during the budget presentation, Curry said, “This is a good place for a discussion of our social/ emotional challenges and what we’re seeing in our schools. We have mandated an emotional curriculum in all of our schools, and we have added a new health curriculum just this year. We have added additional social workers that are amongst some of the kinds of things we had done to contribute to that priority area and workforce.”

The budget contains 23.68 new positions, which include a middle school behavioral support teacher, four psychologists, four psychologist interns, two guidance counselors and two social workers.

Curry took some time during the presentation to tout the 15,629-student system’s successes. He said, “When you take our ranking among the 24 school districts in the state of Maryland, when it comes to math, grades three through eight, we are ranked third. When it comes to algebra, we are ranked third. English language arts, grades three through eight, we are ranked fifth. English language arts, 10th grade, we are ranked number one and have been for the last couple of years. A lot of good work is being done there by a lot of good people.”

Following the public comment session, board member Pamela Cousins said, “I am encouraged so far by the summary of changes that you’re proposing, especially the guidance counselors and I’m so looking forward to collaboration with my board

members on adopting our budget.”

Board Vice Chair Inez Claggett encouraged citizen participation in the budget process and attendance at the Feb. 20 hearing. She said, “I am encouraged by some of the things that I saw in the budget, but I will admit that we do have work to do.”

County funding for the schools has been stabilized somewhat by the funding formula negotiated between the county and school board several years ago.

As for state funding, Curry doesn’t expect too much more as the result of the Kirwan Commission for this year. He said, “For the most part, we’ve been told that most of the legislation for Kirwan will be happening beginning in Fiscal Year ’22.”

The budget also includes the following non-discretionary funds:

Federal Restricted Programs -- \$11,922,223

Child Nutrition Program -- \$5,219,000

Construction Fund -- \$9,182,928

A copy of the complete Superintendent’s Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 is available for viewing on the school systems website: <http://www.calvertnet.k12.md.us/>



Calvert County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry



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Commissioners Eye Capital Plan Cuts

By Dick Myers
 Editor

After three sessions during consecutive meetings, the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has concluded the review of their staff recommended six-year, \$307.5 million Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) with the resolve to make some cuts.

Commissioners Mike Hart and Buddy Hance led the extensive discussion. In response to a question from Hart, Director of Finance and Budget Tim Hayden said in Fiscal Year 2024 the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) from the Dominion Cove Point LNG Plant would end and the county can expect to receive \$8 million less than the current year's \$60 million.

Commissioner Steve Weems observed that a consultant had called the Dominion payments the equivalent of every citizen in the county winning the lottery. He said people who win the lottery "usually end up bankrupt."

Hayden said the county is retiring annually about \$16 million in bond indebtedness. The proposed CIP for the coming fiscal year adds \$21 million to the county's debt. The BOCC voted unanimously to bring the two figures in line.

Capital Projects Analyst Veronica Atkinson said they put all the county's department heads together in one room and worked to trim \$55 million from their original wish list. She said that drill could be repeated to forge additional savings.

Hance said he recently heard that Montgomery County was eliminating any new construction in favor of renovations.

Commissioner Tim Hutchins told Hayden and Atkinson, "You need to look at what is mission critical."

Commissioner President Kelly McConkey asked staff to provide a list of what projects had already had monies allocated versus those that were brand new, indicating they could be vulnerable to cutting.

Some large new projects in the six-year plan include Northern Middle School, the county office building and new firehouses in St. Leonard and Solomons.

The commissioners were also shown a chart on the county's debt affordability, that is pegged at 9.5 percent debt to overall budget. Even with the six-year plan, the debt limit is not reached, although it is increasing.

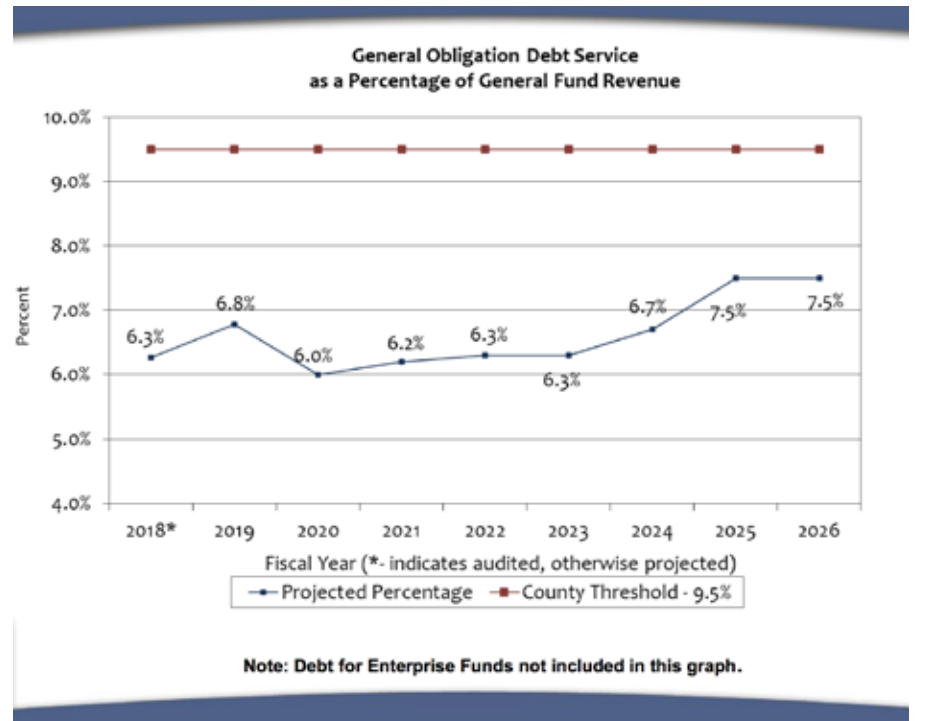
Prior to the discussion of the overall CIP, the BOCC reviewed the public safety portion of the plan, which includes a new, fully equipped Advanced Life Support ambulance at the cost of \$500,000. It would supplement two new units in the current budget so that there would be one for each commissioner district.

That led to a discussion of the number of ambulances that are typically out of service and the amount of time it takes to get them back up and running, Fire and Rescue Division Chief Jim Richardson said 30 percent are typically out of service at any one time.

Director of Public Safety Jacqueline Vaughn said the repairs are up to each department. Richardson said, "It's an issue of how much they can perform the service and how much they want to perform the service." He said money is never the issue.

Hutchins said there should be a service contract associated with the new ambulance. Staff will come back next month with a revised CIP.

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Jefferson Patterson Funding Included in State Budget

Funding Also for University's Third Building

By Dick Myers and Guy Leonard
Staff Writers

The governor's proposed Capital Improvement Program for the next fiscal year includes \$4.5 million for renovation of three buildings at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum in St. Leonard.

Information on the project from the Maryland Department of Planning says the work includes "the main house, pool house and garage. The main house has flooding in the basement, a deficient HVAC system and does not meet current fire, electrical and ADA codes. Renovations are necessary to protect the antiques and other furnishings donated to the state by Mrs. Mary Breckinridge Patterson that remain in the house."

An additional \$4.7 million had previously been budgeted but the additional monies are needed for the project to proceed.

According to the information from the state planning department, the second half of the funds had originally been budgeted in this fiscal year, but "the General Assembly deleted the general obligation bonds during the 2019 legislative session." The monies for the project were in Open Space funding not released by the legislators.

In other news from the 2020 legislative session, a bill has been introduced by Senators Mike Miller and Jack Bailey to increase the county's bonded indebtedness by up to \$46 million more, as requested by the county commissioners.

Also, the budget released by Gov. Larry Hogan has funding set aside in the capital construction portion for the long awaited third academic building at the University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland, formerly known as the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center.

The fiscal 2021 budget includes \$62.2 million for the bulk of the construction of the project, which promises to be a hub for unmanned and autonomous systems research and development in the region to take what was once military technology in some cases and make it suitable for the civilian market.

The entire project is projected to cost \$85.9 million. The academic building will include both research and teaching space in the 84,316 square foot building.

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Six File Candidacy for Open School Board Seat

By Dick Myers
Editor

Six people have filed their candidacy for the Calvert County Board of Education for the Commissioner District 2 seat in the April 28 Primary Election. The seat is open because Tracy McGuire has served three, four-year terms and thus is term limited. The deadline for candidacy filing was Friday, Jan. 24.

Candidates in the non-partisan election for the District 2 seat are: Jerrell Carr of Port Republic, Donald Cline of Huntingtown, Dawn Keen of Port Republic, Kristen Meurens of Prince Frederick, Camille Miller of Huntingtown, and Antoine White of Prince Frederick.

Carr, 47, is a retired state trooper who is currently a security consultant for the federal government. He has children, aged 11 and 7, in the school system.

Carr said he is running "to make the schools a better place so teachers can feel safe." His decision was influenced by the recent concerns about teacher safety in the classrooms.

Carr said he generally feels the education system is a good one, but "things can always be better than they are."

Miller, 38, is running because she believes her background and experience will bring a unique perspective to the board. She has an autistic child who is in the first grade along with children who are a high school sophomore and a 3rd grader. She also has more than 15 years' experience in human resources.

Miller has been active in the schools and especially recently since her first grader was diagnosed with special needs. She supports policy changes for restraint and seclusion and feels staff need more assistance in dealing with the changes.

Miller has been regularly attending school board meetings over the past year in preparation for her election bid. Regarding the controversy over classroom disruptive behaviors and safety issues from the teachers, she said she needs to dig a little deeper to determine the demographic needs in order to come up with solutions.

White, 49, has a third grader at Barstow Elementary School and another child in college who went through the public schools. White, a life-long county resident, said, "I value the school system greatly."

White, who is a mortgage broker, said of the classroom disruption issue that he wants to look at it more closely to find out what he can do to provide support to the teachers.

He said his motto is "Love kids, value parents, support teachers and respect the system."

The other three candidates did not respond to requests for information as of press deadline.

The seats currently held by Board Vice Chairman Inez Claggett and board member Dawn Balinski are also up for re-election and both have filed their candidacy. Claggett is unopposed; Balinski is being challenged by Chad Leo of Solomons, a Patuxent High School graduate who is currently attending Salisbury State University.

Leo has spoken at the last two school board meetings about the classroom disruption issue.

Early voting for the April 28 primary is April 16-23. The County Times will have more complete interviews with all the candidates closer to the primary election.

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Camille Miller



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Commerce Secretary Touts Progress to Tri-County Council

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Maryland Secretary of Commerce Kelly Schulz told members of the Tri-County Council at their Jan. 23 meeting in Annapolis that the state has made significant strides in breaking down barriers to business and improving the economy for all residents.

In the past five years, Schulz said to those gathered at the Annapolis Graduate Hotel, the state has gained 140,000 new jobs and the unemployment rate has dropped from 5.6 percent to 3.6 percent.

"That's the lowest [unemployment] rate since 2008," said Schulz.

Of significance to residents of Southern Maryland, where natural surroundings and its deep historical significance acts as a draw for tourists, the state's revenue from tourism has grown each year for the last five years as well, Schulz said.

"We had in 2018, \$18.1 billion in tourism revenue," Schulz said. "That's \$2.5 billion in state and local taxes... that equates to about \$1,100 per household not having to be paid because of that increase."

"That's exciting. You in your peninsula... should be proud of that."

A recent tax credit pushed by Gov. Larry Hogan's administration also helped turn around Maryland's faltering manufacturing economy, she said.

"Manufacturing was a dying industry in Maryland," said Schulz. "But we have added 7,300 manufacturing jobs... that growth rate

is 7.1 percent."

That puts Maryland just behind South Carolina in the region for growth in manufacturing jobs, she said.

Schulz said that in Southern Maryland, as other regions that have the federal government and defense industry as their economic engine, fostering small business growth is key to enhancing the business environment for the major employer.

"70 percent of what we do is with small businesses," Schulz said.

The commerce secretary said she was able to tour the entire state to assess progress and opportunities for economic development and was impressed with Southern Maryland.

"I saw so many great things in the tri-county area," Schulz said. "There's a terrific technology ecosystem developing around the St. Mary's County Airport and the University System of Maryland there."

"That's pretty cool... it's going to be a major asset to Maryland and of course to [Patuxent River Naval Air Station.]"

Wherever she went on her tour of the state, Schulz said she found that airports were critical to economic development.

The St. Mary's County Regional Airport has undergone a vigorous expansion and improvement in recent years that has increased both hangar space but office and technology development resources as well.

"Airports are key to economic growth and prosperity," Schulz said.

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Southern Maryland Horse Summit Coming in March

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Press Release from SMADC
Lynn Symansky, International Event Rider - Summit Keynote

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), in partnership with Equine Studies at the University of Maryland and Maryland Horse Industry Board, is hosting the Southern Maryland Horse Summit on Sunday, March 8th, 2020 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Annapolis.

The one-day event is designed to inform and inspire horse owners, riders, and equine businesses from around the region. The Summit offers three simultaneous seminar tracks with topics that are broadly applicable to all riding disciplines, from beginner to advanced youth and adult riders, as well as to barn owners, equine-related businesses, and horse enthusiasts.

"We are grateful for our valued partners and sponsors that have helped us to develop this first ever Southern Maryland Horse Summit, and bring together credentialed speakers with expert knowledge, tips and lots of enthusiasm to engage and support our equine community," commented Susan McQuilkin, SMADC's Marketing Executive. Karyn Owens, SMADC's Program Specialist, followed with, "The Summit program has something for everyone. It's a meeting about horses and the people who ride them, own them, support them, and love them!" Owens and McQuilkin have co-created the Summit for SMADC, and are both keen riders.

The Summit will kick off with 'opening remarks' by Stuart Pittman, Anne Arundel County Executive. An accomplished horse trainer and equine industry advocate, Pittman is well known as the founder of the 'Retired Racehorse Project', an award-winning national nonprofit that transitions off-the-track racehorses to new owners and useful careers.

The Summit Keynote presenter will be Lynn Symansky, one of the top Three-Day Event riders in the world, with nearly 30 years of competitive equestrian experience, including representing the United States on seven teams at the international level. In addition to her competition career, Lynn has extensive teaching experience and is a graduate 'A' from Pony Club. Her skills are valuable to all levels from coaching advanced-level competitors, talented young riders and ambitious amateurs.

Other event highlights include Montie Eagle, well known clinician and teacher of both traditional and western dressage, plus presentations on weight loss strategies, understanding the what's and why's of feed, farm stewardship practices, managing disease outbreak, saddle and bit fitting, shopping for a horse, contract and liability issues and more.

Tickets are available now, with Early Bird Admission until February 14th (\$35 per person). After February 14th, General Admission will increase to \$45 per person. Student/Youth Admission is offered at \$30 per person. Tickets include light breakfast and catered lunch. For speaker bios and topics, vendors and agenda, visit SOMD-HORSE-SUMMIT.EVENTBRITE.COM or the News and Events page at www.smadc.com.

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Nonprofit Institute at CSM Hosts Annual Conference

Regional nonprofit organizations will learn to map a road to clarity at the College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) 10th Annual Nonprofit Institute (NPI) Conference Feb. 20. Representatives from the region's nonprofit organizations are invited to attend this event that is designed to spark ideas of how organizations can derive greater values from their resources. Registration opened Jan. 15.

"We're excited about this year's conference," shared CSM Nonprofit Institute Coordinator Cara Fogarty. "We have a few popular presenters returning, some new voices, smart thinkers, representatives of the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers, Maryland Nonprofits, and much more. We also have an excellent, engaging keynote speaker who is sure to inspire everyone in the room."

Keynote Speaker Maggy Sterner is a branding coach for entrepreneurs, small businesses, and nonprofits. She will talk with attendees about how to brand nonprofit organizations with messages that work online and out loud. Sterner will share how laser clarity about an organization's mission serves as a magnetic to target audiences. Attendees will learn to communicate messages with confidence.

"The conference is always a great opportunity to step back from day-to-day operations and rethink how we approach our mission and pick up new ideas," continued Fogarty. "We design the breakout sessions to appeal to a range of people within the nonprofit sector. This year we have sessions for the seasoned nonprofit professional as well as for those looking to start a nonprofit and something for everyone in between."

The 10th Annual Nonprofit Institute Conference is designed for nonprofit board members, chief executives, staff, sponsors, volunteers, community and business leaders, young professionals and consultants committed to strengthening nonprofit organizations and the communities they serve.

This year's breakout sessions focus on leadership, strategic planning, management, fundraising and communications. Fogarty also said the well-liked "Meet the Media" session – a panel discussion with members of local print, broadcast and online media is back by popular demand this year. Participants can learn how to bring their organization's news, events,

and accomplishments to the attention of media outlets in Southern Maryland.

Additional Conference Highlights:

Meet the 'New Kid on the Nonprofit Block'

An engaging first-person account of starting a nonprofit. Hear about the lessons, successes and future plans for an entrepreneurial nonprofit.

Shift in Focus: The Changing Nature of Nonprofits and Interactions with the Business Community

The philanthropic agenda has taken center stage in the business community as businesses strive to appeal to consumers who want to buy from companies who "give back." Panelists include Todd Pittman, Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers; Jay Nwachu, president and chief innovation officer at Innovation Works; and Michelle Sullivan, program specialist with the CSM Nonprofit Institute and executive director of All Ages Read Together.

The CSM Nonprofit Institute 'Vision 2020: Roadmap to Clarity' with Keynote Speaker Maggy Sterner will be held Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Center for Business and Industry (BI Building) at the CSM La Plata Campus located at 8730 Mitchell Road, in La Plata.

Register for the conference online at <https://www.csmd.edu/community/institutes/nonprofit-institute/conference-information/registration>.

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Press Release from CSM



Third Year, Three Murals It's a Community Project

By Dick Myers
Editor

In Chesapeake Beach it takes a community to create a mural. And it takes an even bigger community effort to go from one mural, to two murals and then to three murals in the first three years.

The Chesapeake Beach Community Mural Project was the inspiration of an artist and an environmentalist – in this case Beach Elementary School (BES) art teacher Tracy Bensing and Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS) President John Bacon.

At the completion of the first mural in 2018 by BES students and other community members including CBOCS volun-



Beach Elementary School art teacher Tracy Bensing puts the finishing touches on one of the murals.



Windy Hill students put finishing touches on their mural.
Detail of one of the murals

teers, Bacon told the Chesapeake Beach Town Council, "Tracy is the leader. She is a dynamo." And Bensing replied, "John Bacon is a legend in the classroom. It (the project) really inspired and empowered them."

Bacon and CBOCS have a close relationship with BES as the organization provides environmental tours of their oyster cultivation project on Fishing Creek. So, the inspiration for the mural was to do something to highlight the town's Bay ecology. And that theme has continued every year.

This year more than 200 students from BES, joined by students from Windy Hill Elementary, gathered at Northeast Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 25-26 with three blank can-

vases on three walls and they began their fun task of creating their own collective masterpieces with the marine-life theme started two years ago.

On Saturday the BES Chorus provided musical entertainment and there were activities throughout the entire two days to complement the artistic endeavors.

This year one of the murals will go to the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall for a while to later join the second mural at BES while the third will have a home at Windy Hill E.S.

It was all another example of what Mayor Pat Mahoney noted in his recent State of the Town message about the volunteerism and community spirit that engulf the town.

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Para Educator Talks About Sexual Assault by Student She's Fired for Taking Too Much Time to Recover

By Dick Myers
Editor

It happened more than two years ago, yet the incident still preys on her mind.

Of all the horror stories revealed over the past six months about incidents of violence in Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) classrooms, this may be the most horrific. The then 59-year-old grandmother and paraeducator was sexually assaulted by a 16-year-old special education student inside Huntingtown High School while school was in session. The victim says she knows of no other similar incident.

The ultimate outcome of the incident – the victim was fired.

She has asked The County Times not to use her name in this story. While many people know of the incident and know her, she still wants to get back into the classroom to help kids. But not in Calvert County. She is seeking a job elsewhere and would prefer her name remains unpublished.

The woman says she forgives her attacker but does not forgive School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry or the people in the school system who failed to support her when she needed it the most. “Maybe one day,” she said of that forgiveness.

Here is her story.

She was born in Chicago and grew up in Anne Arundel County. She retired from 20 years as an investigator with the Environmental Protection Agency. “I love being busy. I love to work, and I love being with kids,” she explained, so she hooked on with the Anne Arundel County schools as an environmental educator. She had experience from college in Arizona with the Outward-Bound program.

She was a single mom. “I met someone, and he felt the same way about relocating. We liked Calvert County and came down here about 21 years ago and I’d already been in Anne Arundel County school system, so I figured, that’s exactly what I wanted to do was work with kids.”

Her first position in the county was an environmental teacher with CHESPAX, the CCPS environmental program. That contract expired and she moved to special education as a paraeducator, which she liked and where she stayed for more than 20 years, at Dowell Elementary and Calvert Country School. “I was hooked,” she said about special education.

Because of mainstreaming of special education students, they were downsizing the number of adults at Calvert Country School, which has the school systems most profoundly developmentally disabled students. Staff were shifted to other schools. She was assigned to Huntingtown High School.

She said morale was very low there, especially with special education. “The kids are there to get a diploma and they’re not there until they’re 21 (like Calvert Country School) and we did have some problems. But overall, I never had any problems whatsoever with any of my students. I was the swimming coach and I had five clubs and I was just support staff. I was paraeducator too.” She said at her age she didn’t want to go through special education teacher certification. “I just wanted to be able to just concentrate on everything else.”

So, she assisted the teachers with their cohort, a group of special education students, and also other students who would come to them for special help. “I was always pretty happy about it,” she recalled.

Fast forward six years from her assignment to Huntingtown High School, to Tuesday, December 19th, 2017. She said, “I was assigned a student. He was a BDP (Behavior Development Program) student.”

She explained, “These (special education) students are going for a diploma. That’s the goal. They’re taking gen-

eral ed classes as well. And that’s why I was assigned to this male student for two different classes, to go with him, to assist him. Plus, there were other kids in these classes too and I would always help out the teacher when it came to any assistance with any other students too.”

She went on to explain: “The student had to be escorted everywhere he went. So, that made him angry, but he was dealing with it. There were times he would go off. But, with me, I never had a problem until this day. And, so I got to the first floor (from the third floor) and the bell had already rung a second time for kids to be in their classes. There was nobody around. He asked, he wanted to talk to me, but he didn’t say why, but he wanted to go outside and there are two halls that intersect there where there’s one set of doors and then a breezeway and then another set that goes out to the student parking lot.

“I told him we’re absolutely not going outside. We need to stay in the building. We can find a quiet place to go talk. We were told if he needed to talk, we were to give him that time.”

She said they ended up in a foyer between two sets of doors. He threw down his backpack. “I was like thinking, okay, well he’s upset. I’m very laid back. I’m very patient and focused. And so, I’m thinking, well, I didn’t have a problem with that.” She realized, however, there was a problem when he told her to throw down the things she was carrying.

She threw down her lunch bag but held onto her files. “The next thing I know is that he came at me. Now there are cinderblock walls there in that foyer area and he slammed me against that cinder block wall with my arms pinned down and he’s flat against me and he’s got his arms around me holding me there. I was able to push him off and he did it again. He wanted to kiss me. He slammed me into the wall three times and the third time I could barely break from his grip because he had me with my arms down and he was in my face.”

While the assault was happening, she said, “He wanted me to take off my clothes. He wanted to see my chest.”

She finally broke away. “I don’t know what kind of state I was in. Just many different things. He went into his next class and I walked up to the staff bathroom and just broke down.”

She eventually left the bathroom and ran into a teacher friend of hers who helped her to Principal Rick Weber’s office to report the incident. “He didn’t seem concerned. He didn’t seem upset. He was just matter of fact, and that upset me even more, a lot more. His demeanor was not what I expected from my principal.”

A vice principal talked to her. “I did feel interrogated. They picked it apart for at least an hour. They took apart my statement to make sure I was telling them the truth. They would re-ask the same questions over and over and over again, like I was lying.”

The days that followed were a nightmare. She filed a report with the principal the next day and demanded that she be able to press charges with the school resource officer. “They denied me that privilege and that’s unlawful. I should’ve been able to have access to talk to him that day inside school about the incident,” she said, noting she was eventually able to talk to him and press charges two weeks later.

In the meantime, she learned that the student had blamed her for initiating the attack. “I think they took his word over mine by the way they treated me.”

She didn’t return to Huntingtown. “They gave him 11 days suspension and they took every day away. He never got one day of in-school suspension. He never was sent out. I mean, this was a serious assault,” she said.

She said basically no one believed her until the detective in the case came around to her side and eventually

got a confession from the boy.

Eventually the boy was charged with second-degree sexual assault.

She said he recanted his allegations against her. He was given a reprimand by the judge and ordered to write an apology to her. “He apologized for invading my space and being sexual,” she said.

She said she was only allowed six weeks leave. “I was a mess. So, after six weeks, I had a meeting with the superintendent, and I had to beg him for two more weeks. I was doing intense counseling.” She asked for an assignment something like she had been doing for so many years. “They denied that and that really upset me. They said they didn’t have anything. The only thing available was Title One at Plum Point Elementary.” She said the program is for students with “behavioral. They can be violent. It’s almost inclusion. They have like one-on-one staff to all students.”

She said, “I’m thinking after what I just went through, I’m not going to go back into a situation where I’m going to be hit, spit, kicked. I’m just not ready for that.” Instead she was offered a position at Patuxent-Appeal Campus, one-on-one with a fifth grader. “At the time, they told me he just needed a little assistance with his work. Well, it turned out that the student was behavioral.”

She later learned his previous teacher had been slapped by him and she quit. She was told if she had difficulty removing him to a safe room, “I had been told that most times he willingly will not go to that room so he would have to be dragged. I’m not dragging a student. I don’t do that.”

She did finish the school year, but she admitted, “I was just not happy. I still needed more time. When someone goes through an assault, who are you to dictate how long you take someone to get to that point where, okay, I’m moving past this.”

She didn’t go back to school in the fall. “I was fighting these demons and what had happened and everything I’d been through.”

Then she said, “I had a last meeting in December 2018 with Dr. Curry and the meeting went really well. I was pretty much begging him that I was ready.” She said she would go wherever they assigned her, “even though I’m still struggling because I love being with the kids and it’s my therapy too. And I thought the meeting went well, he said he’d have to talk to human resources and the next thing I know is I got a letter of termination.”

The letter said she had abandoned her job.

She was asked about the concerns from teachers about classroom violence that have been aired recently. “You’ve heard nothing, not even half because teachers and staff are afraid to come forward. And I know he put out this new hotline where you can call, and you’re guarded and that’s not true. Most are afraid of retaliation of their jobs.”

She warned, “There’s got to be student accountability immediately after it happens. When they attack another student or when they attack a staff member, and they’re not doing it. It needs to be put in place. Now!”

She said during her meeting with Curry, she asked him, “What if it was your mother or your sister or your daughter?”

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CSM Announces Fall Dean's List



The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has released its dean's list for the fall session. Students who have earned 12 or more credits at CSM are eligible to be considered for the dean's list. At the end of the fall, spring and summer sessions, full- and part-time students who have completed at least six credits during the semester and have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better are included in the dean's list.

The following are those on the Dean's List from Calvert County:

Broomes Island
Cody Cochrane

Chesapeake Beach
Shannon Albright, Elizabeth Askin, Jenna Brunclik, Brandi Bush, Caroline Dabbs, Deborah Didia, Morgan Donaldson, Stephen Hartman, Kayla Hatfield, Taylor Heiston, Bayleigh Hooper, Eythan Jenkins, Tara Keenan, Alexandra Knudson, Karen Loeffler, Tara O'Neill, Lacie Roby, Jade Sanchez, Keira Strickland, Shane Thomas, Caitlyn Tolomei, Elizabeth Tolomei, Austin Wright and Jourdan Wright

Dowell
Michael King

Dunkirk
Kimberly Absher, Emma Cochran, Melissa Donnelly, Ashley Gallo, Jonathan Hickey, Kylie Hillen, Alexander Howard, Lauren Johnston, Isabel Laserna, Jason Remington, Amber Vaughn and Lauren Wright

Huntingtown
Elizabeth Boley, Zachary Boswell, Easton Cipressi, Ryan Cooley, Jack Davidson, Jordan Dexter, Denice Dickens, Colin Dorazio, Justin Downing, Charlana Edmonds, Owen Edwards, Lani Fox, Brandon Gaines, Jesse Halterman, Cedrick Hawkins, Ellen Hayden, Alec Howerton, Destiny Johnson, Jenna Jones, Olivia Joye, Marissa Kasulke, Marissa Kelsh, Connor Kretzing, Collin Larson, Sarah Lewis, Clayton McGinnis, Camryn Milstead, Tanner Mohn, Courtney Morrone, Sarah Noble, Harley Noel, Josephine Orie, Justin Poissant, Caitlyn Rackey, Alexis Redding, Amy Robinson, Daniel Schug, Kristin Schuster, Sarah Shoemaker, Shelby Stogdale, Jeremiah Suburu, Hannah Swank, Jasmine Sweeney, John Todd, Brianna Tomlinson, Colin White and Anya Woznick

Lusby
Sarah Ainger, Jessica Anderson, Mikaela Badeaux-Hamm, Hailey Baer, Lindsey Bean, Sara Belote, Brandon Biscoe, Emily Blasy, Noa Bourne, Diane Bramos, Kathryn Briggs, Cayla Bromwell, Cora Burton, Kimberly Campbell, Shontierra Carter, Tina Clarke, Cole Craft, Bradley Eells, Rachel Farr, Celine Fisher, Jose Flores Alvarado, Marysue Garren, Jessica Green, Morgan Green, Becca Hall, Kami Hardin, Jennifer Harris, Daniel Hartle, Mya Hollenczer, Gary Howard, Rachele Huot, Carlee Kehrer, John Alan King, Marshall Lanning, Marie Leyton, Joseph Martin, Samantha Martin, Kaitlin McCloskey, MacKenzie Moore, Lea Moronta, Leeann Olthaus, Lucy Paskoff, Jsh Platz, Christianna Rengert, Michelle Revis, Alex Rhoten, Brandon Schrecengostm Brianna Shegogue, Justin Simoneau, Elaine Simpson, Eugenia Srodowski, Ivan Tchoumak, Mitchell Turner, Stacey Warner, Kayla Weddleton, Ryan Wood, Michelle Yoder and Jeda Yurko .

North Beach
Brittany Arthur, Meghan Arthur, Desirae Dennis, Gabrielle Fleming, Alyssa Malonee, Victoria Newman, Emely Portillo and Brendan Smith.

Owings
Hannah Adams, James Atwell, Maura Baker, Jordan Carbo, Julia Carbo, Chelsea Coffren, Shania Corkum, Kelsey Crum, Peter Ervin, Cheyenne Hunt, Elizabeth Muko, Kristen Nickell, Sabina Pawlowska, Deborah Plumley, Mitchell Potter, Stefanie Rupert, Alexia Sparks, Anthony Stella, Morgan Swick, Jessica Terrill, Ana Teselle, Danielle Vercauteren and Dylan Wojciechowski .

Port Republic
Owen Bodine, Lauren Britt, Johnny Hawk, Kate Kennedy, Benjamin Kindsvater, Susan Morris, Dina Ponce-Reyes, Shannon Roberts, Levi Shaw, Erica Wood and Clare Woollen.

Prince Frederick
Jacob Aldrich, Colbyn Almony, Darian Anderson, Kyle Berberian, Anthony Celestine, Skylar Clark, Jenna Cockrell, Madeline Conner, Meagan Davis, Grace Fitzgerald, Dylan Fox, Trina Gantt, Jonathan Gross, Melissa Holliday, Sandra Kleist, Alexis Livingston, Cameron MacKiewicz, Katelynn Maten, Ashley Mathesius, Kathleen McNulty, Halie Miller, Tram Nguyen, Jessica Ridgewell, Rodnet Sewell, Brianna Shankster, Sagar Shrestha, Surechha Shrestha, Cara Smithburger, Sarah Stuart, Katherine Tarry, Reagan Van Rees, Hyungjun Yi and Jillian Roberts.

St. Leonard
Ryan Buckmaster, Teressa Conto, Haylee Dowling, Rena Harger, Walter Kuhanek, Jordan Lebar, Amara Soffos and Morgan Spaulding. William Bassett, Alexandra Calabrese, Alyssa Dawkins, Amanda Fick, David Fortney, Chandler Maldonado, Patricia Massie, Allison Mitchell, Joshua Mulhern and Abigail Smith.

Solomons
Ryleigh Wilson and Mikayla Zinn

Sunderland
Natasha Gompers, Hannah Romanowski and Taylor Simpson.

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CSM Celebrates 21st Winter Commencement

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) honored 508 candidates for 465 degrees and 255 certificates during its 21st Winter Commencement Jan. 16 at the La Plata Campus. The degrees and certificates spanned 64 programs of study.

Of the students earning recognition, 133 were from Calvert County, 166 were from Charles County and 165 were from St. Mary's County. The majority of degrees, or nearly 31 percent, were in the field of arts and sciences, nursing and general studies. General study transfers, emergency medical services – paramedic, advanced accounting and cybersecurity were the primary certificates awarded.

The graduates ranged in age from 19 to 62. Of the associate degree candidates, more than 18 percent graduated with honors.

“Every student who is graduating today has had to overcome challenges to get to this point,” said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy who offered the first of several congratulatory remarks to the graduates. “Limited finances. Medical problems. Juggling family or work responsibilities. No goal is achieved without some struggle, some challenge to get beyond.

“All of our students are an inspiration to all of us,” she continued. “Many have completed their studies while working, raising families, and volunteering in your community. That is what makes our graduates so special. Your determination and persistence have paid off. We hope that the learning you were a part of here at CSM will help you fulfill a lifelong sense of purpose.”

‘Be a Doer, not a Dreamer’

Next, Faculty Senate President Dr. Sarah Merranko urged the graduates to ‘ditch the dream and be a doer, not a dreamer.’

“While dreams are wonderful,” she continued, “in fact, at times they may sustain us and give us comfort when we have nothing else, they can also prevent us from doing the actual work that is necessary. We all know those people who say—one day I’ll start that business—or solve that problem—or build that building, write that book, earn that degree and so on. True success is achieved by making dreams come to pass. The people who achieve the loftiest goals, the biggest successes and realize the greatest achievements are the people who wake up, take action and make a plan while others merely dream. Our world needs new ideas and bold leaders who can come up with them. We need dreamers, but dreamers who are dedicated to getting things done.” (Read Merranko’s entire speech.)

CSM is no longer a place you ‘go to,’ it is now a place you ‘come from’

As keynote speaker, Executive Director for the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division – or NAWCAD – Leslie D. Taylor talked about the power of learning and gratitude and the grace and growth that comes with success and failure.

“I was hired by the Navy for my engineering, math and physics skills and quickly began to connect with my work and just as importantly my colleagues,” she shared. “I learned quickly that nearly all things are done on a team and ‘likeability’ matters. Be the colleague who everyone wants on his or her team. Be the employee every boss wants to tap on the shoulder to do more and more, because they simply know that you not only have the skills, but that you can work with others.”

Taylor recommended the graduates actively seek out multiple mentors.

“It does not have to be the same person for every stage of your career,” she advised, “but it should be someone who knows you and your workplace. Allow your mentor to take the gloves off. Ask them to truly advise you on how to improve on not only the things you do well, but the things they see in you that might



be career inhibiting.”

Taylor also reminded the graduates that before reaching the highest summits of success, Steve Jobs, and the inventor of Post-It Notes were either fired or failed.

“J.K. Rowling, who as an unemployed, single parent, and – as she said – ‘as poor as it is possible to be in modern Britain without being homeless’ – didn’t give up after being rejected by almost every major publishing company in the world,” she added. “Can you imagine never having read about Harry Potter?”

“On joyful days like this, it’s easy to forget the difficult days, the struggles, the stumbles, the disappointments, you have experienced,” she said. “But, it’s important that you remember that those difficulties are what got you here to today. You made it through. By going through them, you grew up, became stronger, and learned how to deal with demanding times. You now have courage and confidence to weather what life may throw your way.”

Taylor told the students that “CSM is no longer a place you ‘go to,’ it is now a place you ‘come from.’

“And finally,” she offered. “Remember to make your bed, eat your vegetables, and call your mom and dad. Yes, call, not text. You are here because of the support, care, and love of your parents, grandparents, guardians, families and friends. Make sure you stay in touch with them and give back to them.” (Read Taylor’s entire keynote address.)

‘We Believed We Could, and We Did’

CSM Student Speaker Shekera Grayson, of Lexington Park, earned her AAS in business management and will be transferring to University of Maryland Global Campus in February to pursue a bachelor’s degree in management studies. A lifelong resident of St. Mary’s County, she is a single mother of four children, ages 9 to 15 years old, and frequently volunteers with her church and the local chapter of the NAACP.

She takes pride in the five years it took her to earn her associate’s degree as well as certificates in business management, and basic and advanced accounting; and letters of recognition in business management and financial office assistant – while balancing life’s demands. In fact, she said the best part about her journey at CSM – and most difficult – was juggling her

academic goals and her job as Medstar Medical Group Practice Manager with her personal life.

“My desire to learn, and set a good example for my children, kept me going,” she shared. “It was hard, but it was worth it.”

Her four children were on hand Thursday to cheer her on as she addressed her graduating class as the student speaker.

“Though we all come from different walks of life and each of our journeys to higher education differs, we all have one thing in common: We believed we could, and we did,” Grayson told her class, before having them stand and join her in repeating their commonality. “We believed we could, and we did!” chanted the class with rousing applause.

During her time at CSM, Grayson was the recipient of the CSM Alumni Scholarship, the Jane Hale Sypher Scholarship and the Eleanor Loretta Alvey Scholarship – all of which, she said contributed to her success.

‘Never Give Up on Your Dreams’

In 2018, everything about Kara Gilbert’s personal life was changing. The Prince Frederick woman shared that her marriage had ended abruptly and she was feeling “hopeless and broken” when she was extended the invitation by her employer – Exelon – to attend the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce Women 2 Women Conference being held at CSM’s Prince Frederick Campus.

Gilbert said she was assigned to a table with women of many backgrounds and careers and amongst them was CSM Special Project Director Lydia Williams.

“The guest speaker requested for each person to share a dream with those seated at their table and while I cringed at the idea, I reluctantly shared my desire to complete my degree even though it had been more than 15 years in the making and something I gave up on years ago,” shared Gilbert. “I’ll never forget Ms. Williams holding my hand and telling me that my dream is attainable and that she believed in me. It was at a time when I didn’t believe in myself.”

Williams and Gilbert began a friendship that day that guided Gilbert to her classes at CSM and to a “Completers Grant” to assist her with tuition. Gilbert tackled her classes with fervor to obtain two AA degrees – one in arts and sciences and one in general



studies, as well as earn a certificate to transfer to a four-year institution.

“Ms. Williams helped me to relay a very important message to my three children, and that was to ‘never give up on your dreams,’” Gilbert shared. “Her compassion for my success was written within every email checking in with me for an entire year. It was not just empowering, but such a blessing – and the world is simply a better place with Ms. Lydia Williams in it.”

Distinguished Service Award

The CSM Board of Trustees honored fellow trustee Lois DiNatale with the Trustee Distinguished Service Award. The honor recognized DiNatale’s service of two full terms from 2009 to 2019 and her continuous service currently until the new appointment is announced by the governor’s office.

Appointed in 2009 by then-Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley to serve as a CSM trustee, DiNatale became a valued trustee representing Charles County within the tri-county regional board.

“Recently retired, Lois had an impressive career as a Navy civilian with over 33 years of experience as a senior subject matter expert in the environmental and explosives safety fields,” shared CSM Board of Trustee Chair Ted Harwood. “In her most recent assignment, she served as the Navy’s Operational Ranges Environmental Sustainability Program Manager for the Chief of Naval Operations.”

She remains active in the community and many organizations have benefitted from her service including in her roles as a past president of the Optimist Club of Hollywood, board member and chair of a local Southern States Cooperative Advisory Board, and as a member of the Masons.

“Lois has made significant contributions to the board participating and chairing many committees; her leadership, commitment, keen insight and passion for the students, staff and faculty has helped to ensure that governance of this institution operates at high standards in order to best uphold the mission of the college,” Harwood added.

DiNatale earned a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts from the University of Maryland and a master’s degree in environmental science from the University of Maryland Global Campus. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in education from The George Washington University.

Latasha Gatling Receives Faculty Excellence

Award

Latasha C. Gatling was selected to receive the 2019-2020 Faculty Excellence Award Honoring Adjunct Faculty. This award recognizes outstanding contributions to teaching, professional development, the CSM mission and the community at-large.

Gatling is an adjunct professor, teaching history in the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education Division since 2006. Described as a dedicated and innovative instructor, she was recognized by her colleagues for her ability to use multiple methods to engage students and she developed the college’s first hybrid history class.

“LaTasha has been, in every way, an asset the history program, eager to support our students and faculty,” wrote CSM Humanities Coordinator Dr. Christine Arnold-Lourie in Gatling’s nomination. “She has been with CSM for over a decade, during which time she has taught all five of our history survey courses, in every platform. Her work, however, has gone beyond simply teaching classes. She is a dedicated and innovative teacher, using multiple methods to engage students; I have observed her classes and her students are clearly learning and enjoying the work. I cannot think of a better recipient of this award.”

According to Merranko, a woman who had previously been a student of Gatling reached out to Gatling via email last fall and wrote:

“Many years ago I was a student of yours in History 1031 at the College of Southern Maryland during which time, I shared with you how your class impacted me in a lot of ways. Needless to say, I am now teaching social students in a high school environment. I am sitting at my desk and looking at my students and I thought of you. All I know is you were there for us and what you shared with me stayed in my heart all these years.”

Within the community, Gatling serves on the board for the Historic McConchie One-Room School, and has been a contributor to the Teaching Professors Conference as well as to the Association of Faculties for Advancement of Community College Teaching (AFACCT) conference. Gatling received her bachelor’s degree from Bowie State University and her master’s degree from Morgan State University. In addition, she has completed CSM’s Faculty Adjunct Certification Program, gaining Level III certification.

Medical Lab Technology Program Honored

CSM Award Achieves Highest Accreditation

The College of Southern Maryland’s (CSM) Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) program received its first national continuing accreditation award from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS). The program’s high standards and solid results since its first accreditation in 2014 set the stage for NAACLS to extend the college’s MLT program accreditation through to April 2029.

“We are super excited to earn the maximum award,” shared CSM MLT Program Coordinator and Associate Professor Tiffany Gill. “We had to undergo a new process of review by NAACLS that required a lot of work and effort to prove that we go beyond expectations to ensure we are meeting quality standards for our students.”

CSM’s two-year MLT program prepares students to perform diagnostic lab work that is a critical part of patient care. MLTs perform tests that include complete blood counts, urinalysis, cross matching blood for transfusion, identifying pathogenic organisms and chemical analysis of blood and other body fluids. CSM MLT graduates can apply to take the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Certification exam to obtain national certification as a medical lab technician and for the last three years, CSM graduates have a 100 percent pass rate for ASCP certification and a 100 percent placement rate.

CNBC recently reported MLTs are one of 21 of the most in-demand jobs in the United States. According to a 2018 study from the Mercer human resources consulting firm, the United States will face a shortfall of around 95,000 nursing assistants and 98,700 medical and laboratory technicians and technologists by 2025. Overall employment of MLTs is projected to grow 13 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations. Gill added that an increase in the aging population is expected to lead to an even greater need to diagnose medical conditions, such as cancer or Type 2 diabetes, through laboratory procedures.

“We’ve known for some time about the shortage projections for qualified medical professionals in many of the health care fields,” explained Gill. “That’s why this NAACLS accreditation is more important now than ever before.”

Gill also shared that the NAACLS evaluation process included a site visit of the La Plata Campus – a visit, she said, that gave her great pride.

“The site visitors who came to review our program were completely taken back and amazed by how clean and beautiful our facilities were,” she shared. “The lead site visitor said that of the 20 other facilities she has visited across the United States, CSM had ‘superior facilities and innovative technology.’ Those types of comments speak volumes about our entire CSM team and our dedication to student success.”

About CSM’s MLT program and the Health Guided Pathway

Encompassing credit degree programs like nursing, massage therapy, EMS, Medical Laboratory Technology, and more, and continuing education workforce training certificates in a variety of specialties like phlebotomy, CNA/GNA, and ECG/EKG Technicians, the Health Pathway at CSM is a broad swath of medical training for a number of different careers. To learn more about the MLT program at CSM, visit online at <https://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/credit-academic-divisions/hea/medical-laboratory-technology/>.

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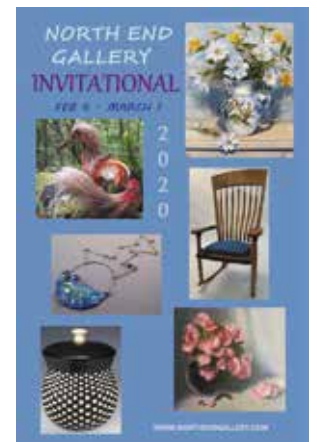


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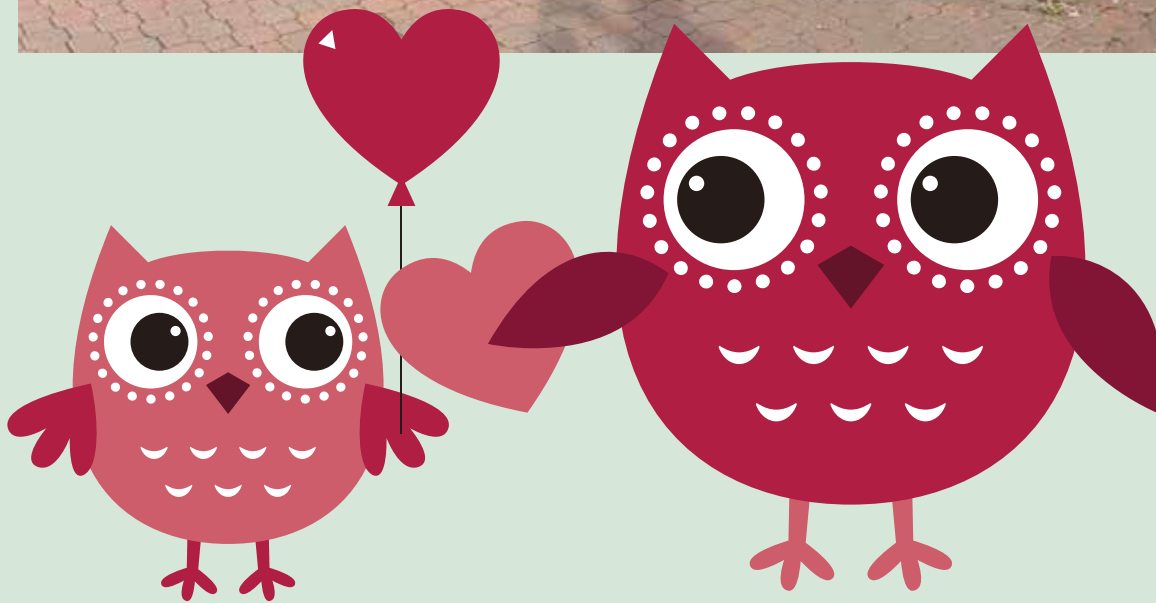
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During the week of January 13 – January 19 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,432 calls for service throughout the community.

Theft: 20-2825

On January 15, 2020, Deputy Hardesty responded to War Bonnett Trail in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that an unknown suspect(s) stole three weapons from their residence. Prior to the complainant reporting the theft, it was confirmed one of the weapons was recovered.

Theft: 20-3450

On January 18, 2020, Deputy Flynt responded to Highland Terrace in Chesapeake Beach for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that after leaving Anthony's Bar and Grill in Dunkirk, they realized they did not have their purse. When they returned to the restaurant to look for it, it was gone. The value of stolen property is \$100.

Arrests:

On January 14, 2020, Deputy S. Naughton responded to Emmanuel Church Road in Huntingtown for the report of a disorderly subject. Upon arrival, Deputy Naughton made contact with the complainant who stated **Kathleen Susan Bauman (55)** was intoxicated and



was repeatedly beating on their door making threatening statements. Deputy Naughton observed Bauman to be heavily intoxicated, and detected the strong odor of alcohol emanating from her breath and person. Bauman was instructed to remain in her apartment for the evening. Shortly after leaving the scene, Deputy Naughton was advised by Calvert County Emergency Communications that Bauman was beating on the complainant's door again. Deputy Naughton returned to the scene and observed Bauman banging on the complainant's door while shouting profanities. Bauman was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Disorderly Conduct and Intoxicated Public Disturbance.

On January 17, 2020, Deputy Freeland conducted a patrol check in the area of the Thomas Johnson Bridge. Deputy Freeland observed a vehicle parked in a handicap spot underneath the bridge and made contact with the occupants. The driver did not have his driver's license, and provided a name and date of birth that were later determined to be false. Deputy Freeland confirmed that the vehicle belonged to **Dayshawn Martel Nolan (26)**, and Calvert County Emergency Communications



advised that Nolan had an active warrant through St.

Mary's County as well as Maryland State Police, Leonardtown Barrack. Nolan was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Obstructing and Hindering and Fraud- Assuming the Identity of Another to Avoid Prosecution.

On January 19, 2020, Deputy Anderson responded to Walmart in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that they observed **Carl Savoy Smith (52)** enter the store, take plastic grocery



bags from the self-checkout area, and walk around the store placing items into the bags. After Deputies observed Smith walk past all points of sale towards the exit of the store, they made contact with Smith. Smith advised Deputies that he had paid for all the items, but could not provide a receipt. Deputies were able to confirm through surveillance footage that Smith placed his cart at a cash register, walked around speaking to different employees and then return to his cart, passing all points of sale. The total value of items stolen was \$65.04. Smith was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Theft Less Than \$100.

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St. Mary's College of Maryland Athletics is pleased to announce the hiring of Matt Howerton as the Seahawks' assistant men's basketball coach, the department announced today. Howerton, who will also serve as the assistant director of game operations, brings over five years of collegiate coaching experience to St. Mary's College.

"I'm excited to have Matt Howerton join our staff as our assistant coach," stated Head Men's Basketball Coach Chris Harney '97. "Matt has volunteered for our basketball program for over two years and is completely deserving of the full-time position. He has been a dedicated and loyal member of our staff and will continue to work tirelessly at providing a great experience for our student athletes."

Howerton heads into his new role with a vast knowledge of the St. Mary's College men's basketball program as he served as a volunteer assistant coach for the past two seasons. Howerton assisted in all aspects of the Seahawk men's basketball program in the last two years.

"I am thrilled to get to work as the next assistant men's basketball coach at St. Mary's College of Maryland," said Howerton. "I am excited to be a part of

the SMCM community and learn under one of the best head coaches in the country in Chris Harney '97. I would like to thank him and our Director of Athletics Scott Devine for this opportunity and the support they have shown me these past couple years!"

Before joining the Seahawks, Howerton spent two seasons at Marymount (Va.) University (2015-17) as an assistant coach. He joined the Marymount staff in 2015 after spending a year at the Impact Basketball Academy in Sarasota, Florida, where he was an assistant coach for both its post-graduate and varsity high school teams. Howerton was also a player development specialist, working with kids from all over the United States and different countries of the world. With his efforts, he helped numerous players earn scholarships to various levels of collegiate basketball.

Prior to Impact, Howerton was the head manager at Division II Indiana University of Pennsylva-

nia for four years where he oversaw and coordinated the team's managers and provided smooth operation of the team. He also assisted the whole men's basketball staff under Head Coach Joe Lombardi. Howerton helped the program to a 99-23 record, four regular-season Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championships and two conference tournament championships in his four years as manager.

In August 2014, he worked with the Dominican National Team's train-

ing camp. Additionally, Howerton has worked with various Division I camps at Kentucky, Virginia Commonwealth, St. Louis, Navy, George Mason, and Hoop Group. He also volunteered as a youth coach at Chantilly Youth Association for the SNAP Special Needs Assistant program.

A native of Chantilly, Virginia, Howerton graduated from IUP in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in sports administration and a minor in business.

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50	Feb. 7, 2016	Denver 24, Carolina 10	Von Miller
XLIX	Feb. 1, 2015	New England 28, Seattle 24	Tom Brady
XLVIII	Feb. 2, 2014	Seattle 43, Denver 8	Malcolm Smith
XLVII	Feb. 3, 2013	Baltimore 34, San Francisco 31	Joe Flacco
XLVI	Feb. 5, 2012	NY Giants 21, New England 17	Eli Manning
XLV	Feb. 6, 2011	Green Bay 31, Pittsburgh 25	Aaron Rodgers
XLIV	Feb. 7, 2010	New Orleans 31, Indianapolis 17	Drew Brees
XLIII	Feb. 1, 2009	Pittsburgh 27, Arizona 23	Santonio Holmes
XLII	Feb. 3, 2008	NY Giants 17, New England 14	Eli Manning
XL	Feb. 4, 2007	Indianapolis 29, Chicago 17	Peyton Manning
XL	Feb. 5, 2006	Pittsburgh 21, Seattle 10	Hines Ward
XXXIX	Feb. 6, 2005	New England 24, Philadelphia 21	Deion Branch
XXXVIII	Feb. 1, 2004	New England 32, Carolina 29	Tom Brady
XXXVII	Jan. 26, 2003	Tampa Bay 48, Oakland 21	Dexter Jackson
XXXVI	Feb. 3, 2002	New England 20, St. Louis 17	Tom Brady
XXXV	Jan. 28, 2001	Baltimore 34, NY Giants 7	Ray Lewis
XXXIV	Jan. 30, 2000	St. Louis 23, Tennessee 16	Kurt Warner
XXXIII	Jan. 31, 1999	Denver 34, Atlanta 19	John Elway
XXXII	Jan. 25, 1998	Denver 31, Green Bay 24	Terrell Davis
XXXI	Jan. 26, 1997	Green Bay 35, New England 21	Desmond Howard
XXX	Jan. 28, 1996	Dallas 27, Pittsburgh 17	Larry Brown
XXIX	Jan. 29, 1995	San Francisco 49, San Diego 26	Steve Young
XXVIII	Jan. 30, 1994	Dallas 30, Buffalo 13	Emmitt Smith
XXVII	Jan. 31, 1993	Dallas 52, Buffalo 17	Troy Aikman
XXVI	Jan. 26, 1992	Washington 37, Buffalo 24	Mark Rypien
XXV	Jan. 27, 1991	New York Giants 20, Buffalo 19	Ottis Anderson
XXIV	Jan. 28, 1990	San Francisco 55, Denver 10	Joe Montana
XXIII	Jan. 22, 1989	San Francisco 20, Cincinnati 16	Jerry Rice
XXII	Jan. 31, 1988	Washington 42, Denver 10	Doug Williams
XXI	Jan. 25, 1987	New York Giants 39, Denver 20	Phil Simms
XX	Jan. 26, 1986	Chicago 46, New England 10	Richard Dent
XIX	Jan. 20, 1985	San Francisco 38, Miami 16	Joe Montana
XVIII	Jan. 22, 1984	Los Angeles 38, Washington 9	Marcus Allen
XVII	Jan. 30, 1983	Washington 27, Miami 17	John Riggins
XVI	Jan. 24, 1982	San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 21	Joe Montana
XV	Jan. 25, 1981	Oakland 27, Philadelphia 10	Jim Plunkett
XIV	Jan. 20, 1980	Pittsburgh 31, Los Angeles 19	Terry Bradshaw
XIII	Jan. 21, 1979	Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31	Terry Bradshaw
XII	Jan. 15, 1978	Dallas 27, Denver 10	H. Martin, R. White
XI	Jan. 9, 1977	Oakland 32, Minnesota 14	Fred Biletnikoff
X	Jan. 18, 1976	Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17	Lynn Swann
IX	Jan. 12, 1975	Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 6	Franco Harris
VIII	Jan. 13, 1974	Miami 24, Minnesota 7	Larry Csonka
VII	Jan. 14, 1973	Miami 14, Washington 7	Jake Scott
VI	Jan. 16, 1972	Dallas 24, Miami 3	Roger Staubach
V	Jan. 17, 1971	Baltimore 16, Dallas 13	Chuck Howley
IV	Jan. 11, 1970	Kansas City 23, Minnesota 7	Len Dawson
III	Jan. 12, 1969	NY Jets 16, Baltimore 7	Joe Namath
II	Jan. 14, 1968	Green Bay 33, Oakland 14	Bart Starr
I	Jan. 15, 1967	Green Bay 35, Kansas City 10	Bart Starr

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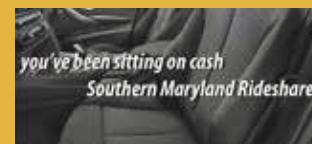
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In Remembrance

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

Cheryl Lynn Cox



Cheryl Lynn Cox, 70, passed away January 24, 2020 at her home in Huntingtown. She was born on May 23, 1949 in Calvert County to Jep Hugh and Virginia (Jones) Cox.

Cheryl grew up in Chesapeake Beach and graduated from Calvert High School. She was employed with the Secretary of the Navy for 40 years and retired in 2019 as a telecommunications service control officer at The Pentagon. Cheryl loved her home, tending to her beautiful garden, going to the beach, listening to music, and spending time with friends and family. Cheryl was the consummate caregiver to all. She had an incredible wit and sense of humor and shared her tremendous wisdom with everyone. She will be remembered as a kind, compassionate, loyal, and fiercely strong woman. Her beauty, grace, love, and light will shine forever in all the hearts and lives that she touched. She will be greatly missed.

Cheryl is survived by her daughter Tonya Fowler of Huntingtown, grandson Raymond Andrew Fowler of VA, great-grandson Landon Fowler, a brother Geary Cox of Chesapeake Beach and her beloved dog Ox. She was preceded in death by her daughter Lori Fowler and brothers Mark and Larry Cox.

Visitation will be Friday, January 31, 2020, 6-7 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Memorial service will follow at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Laura Sansbury Trott



Laura Sansbury Trott, 84, a longtime resident of Dunkirk passed away at the Mandrin Care Center in Harwood. She was born March 12, 1935 in

Friendship to Edward Henry and Georgia Dent (Weems) Sansbury. Laura was raised in Friendship and attended Tracey's Elementary and graduated from Southern High School. She married Louis Edgar Trott on November 27, 1954 and they lived in Friendship until moving with their children to Dunkirk in 1961. Laura and Edgar raised their children, tobacco, horses and many beloved pets on the Trott family farm. Laura was employed as an administrative secretary with Calvert County Soil Conservation District. She also owned and operated a retail business selling ceramic heaters and air purification systems and was a lead hostess at Rustic Farms and Penwick House restaurants. Laura was a member of Friendship U.M. and Smithville U.M. Churches, the Chesapeake Bay Area Optimist Club, and the Crownsville Moose Lodge. She loved music and dancing, eating crabs, and visiting Ocean City beaches, as well as spending time with family and friends.

Laura was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Edgar Trott, Sr., a son Louis E. Trott, Jr., her brother Edwin H. Sansbury, and sisters Louise Griffith and Emma S. King. She is survived by daughter Laurie Trott Schmeiser and husband Harold of Dunkirk, grandchildren Derek H. Trott and wife Victoria, and Kaitlyn, Alec and Lindsey Schmeiser, great-granddaughter Gwendolyn A. Trott, daughter-in-law Cathy Thompson and husband David of Chesapeake

Beach, and her companion of 28 years, Carl Como, Jr. of Annapolis and his children Allison and Trey Como.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter, 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102; Link: <https://alz.org/nca>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Linda B. Weigel



Linda B. Weigel of Port Republic passed away January 22, 2020 after a two month battle with ovarian cancer.

Linda was born May 11, 1953 in Baltimore to Joseph

and Geraldine Bauer. The oldest of six children, she was educated at St. Clare's Elementary School and Kenwood High School before earning a Bachelor's degree in education from Notre Dame of Maryland College in 1975 and a Master's degree in education from Loyola College of Maryland in 1982.

Linda was married to her husband of forty years, John, on June 9, 1979. She taught elementary school in the Archdiocese of Baltimore parochial school system for six years until the birth of their first child in 1981. Linda and John moved to Calvert County in 1982. Two more children followed in 1984 and 1987. She continued her teaching career from 1981 through 1992 as home school advisor with the Calvert School in Baltimore.

In the fall of 1992, Linda began teaching at the Calverton School where she continued until her retirement at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. That year she was inducted into the Calverton School Hall of Fame.

Linda's many interests in addition to her family included travel, theater, reading, exercise, and volunteer work. She was involved in many activities at St. John Vianney Parish and volunteered with the Shoppe for Hospice and Meals on Wheels of Calvert County.

Linda is survived by husband John H. Weigel, sons David C. Weigel and Gregory J. Weigel, daughter Alison C. Weigel, daughters-in-law Amy J. Weigel and Lindsay M. Weigel, grand-daughters Caroline Elizabeth Weigel and Adeline Betsy Weigel, sisters Shirley George, Janet Hicks, and Barbara McAdams, brothers Wayne Bauer and Stephen Bauer, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great nephews and great nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice at 238 Merrimac

Court, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Joan Caroline Watson

Joan Caroline Watson, 95, of Lusby, MD and formerly of Dundalk, MD passed away on January 22, 2020 at Solomons Nursing Center. She was born on June 21, 1924 in London, England. Joan moved to Calvert County from Dundalk, MD in 1999. She married Walter O. Watson in July of 1943 in London, England and was a housewife. She volunteered at Church Hospital in Baltimore, MD for thirty years.

Joan is survived by her son, Barry S. Watson of Lusby, MD; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter O. Watson and her daughter, Anita G. Demski.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. with a Memorial Service conducted by Chaplain Bill Miller to follow at 12: p.m. at the Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. Interment will be private.

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

Ruth Elizabeth Hileman



Ruth Elizabeth Hileman, 90, passed away January 21, 2020 at Solomons Nursing Center. She was born May 11, 1929 in Stan-

berry, Missouri to Iva (Jennings) and Paul Emrich, and raised in Clewiston, FL. She married Charles Russel "Buck" Hileman December 10, 1946 in Uniontown, PA where they lived until moving to Clewiston, FL. Ruth was a homemaker, and also worked as a retail clerk. Her husband Buck passed away March 12, 1992, and Ruth later moved to Owings in 2009 to live with her son Paul. Ruth enjoyed crossword puzzles, and spending time with her family and friends.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Buck, a grandson Charlie Paul Hileman, a brother Robert Emrich, a great-granddaughter Zoé MacKenzie Stanley, and sisters Betty Timgren and Mary Ann Taylor. She is survived by her son Paul G. Hileman and wife Karin of Owings, and daughters Dorothy L. Wamsley and husband William of Waldorf, and Susan M. Constable and husband Ricky of Grimsley, TN. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

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Visitation will be Saturday, March 7, 2020, 1-2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Solomons Nursing Center Activities Department, 13325 Dowell Road, PO Box 1509, Solomons, MD 20688ll 410-326-0077.

Peggy Marie "Nanny" Shenton



Peggy Marie "Nanny" Shenton, 88, of Solomons, MD passed away on January 19, 2020 at Calvert Health Medical Center.

Born December 31, 1932 in Prince Frederick, MD, she was the daughter of the late Nelson E. Lusby and Agnes V. (Parks) Lusby. Peggy attended Our Lady Star of the Sea High School. She married James A. Shenton on February 27, 1960 in Solomons, MD and was a housewife.

Peggy is survived by her daughter, Sue Anne Sady of Prince Frederick, MD; grandchildren, Christopher Sady, Steven Sady, Brittany Peters and Katie VanNess; ten great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and her brother Albert Lusby of LA. She was preceded in death by her husband, James A. Shenton on August 26, 1999; her daughters, Sharon Matchie and Michelle Dare; and her siblings, Ronald Lusby and Rose Gibbons.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Ken Gill on Friday, January 24, 2020 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Solomons, MD. Interment followed in Solomons United Methodist Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Martin Gibbons, Christopher Sady, Jeremy Matchie, Ray Lusby, Bow Lusby, Little Martin Gibbons and Albert Lusby.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Wilda Jean Beckwith

Wilda Jean Beckwith, 88, of California, Maryland passed away on January 19, 2020 in her home. She was born on April 30, 1931 in Mt. Storm, West Virginia to the late Alma Ross and Helen Frances Hanlin. Wilda is preceded in death by her two husbands: William M. "Bill" James and Roland Beckwith, and her siblings, Millie, Pete, Lois, Larry, and Eileen. Wilda and Bill moved to Southern Mary-



land from West Virginia in the late 40's and started their family. Bill passed away in 1970 and she remarried in the late 70's to Roland. After Ro-

land's death, Wilda bought a home and moved to Calvert County where she stayed until she needed more care and moved into Assisted Living in St. Mary's County. Wilda enjoyed antiquing, reading, puzzles and being a homemaker. She is survived by her children, Bradley Martin James and his wife Patricia, Gregory Edward James and his wife Laura, David Bryan James and his wife Susan, and William Kevin James and his wife Teresa. Grandmother of Christian, Jessica, Kelly, Michael, Kayla, Kendall, Joshua, Hannah and Gabrielle, she is also survived by three Great Grandchildren and her sister Wanda Clark. The family will receive friends on Friday January 31, 2020 from 1-2 PM at the Rausch Funeral Home, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD where a memorial service will follow at 2 PM. Interment is private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter, 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102; Link: <https://alz.org/nca>

Richard Michael Burns



Richard Michael Burns, devoted husband, family man, and friend, tipped his hat in parting on December 18, 2019. Though beset by chronic

health issues over recent years, nothing would diminish his determination, spirit, or sense of humor. When the end of his journey finally did come, he passed peacefully amid the love of his family and friends.

Mike was born April 16, 1941, in San Diego to Robert Vincent and Helen McNamara Burns, and traveled widely as a Marine's son. Helen passed away when he was 12; when his father remarried, Mike found a second mother in Mabel

(Mabs). One moment he was a rebellious 15-year-old greaser loitering on the outskirts of Tokyo; the next he was enlisting in the Navy at the age of 17 and on his way to becoming a model sailor (despite somehow never setting foot on a boat).

Mike met the love of his life, Brenda Humphreys, on a blind date while he was a Navy aviation mechanic stationed at Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Thoroughly "twitterpated," he proposed only two weeks later. Her family eyed the sailor with skepticism, but it wasn't long before he won them over and was welcomed into the family. On October 14, 1961, Mike and Brenda began their 58-year marriage. That day Mike gained parents, Vivian and Edith Humphreys, and grandparents, J. Lloyd and Elizabeth Bowen.

He would become the dad to Robert, Susan, and eventually Mark. In them, and in their families, he instilled the values of compassion, conviction, honesty, integrity, and good humor. Mike was wonderfully proud and supportive of his family, proving his love by both his actions and his words.

He supported his community, as well. While raising a family in Florida, Mike led Boy Scouts, Indian Guides, and Indian Princesses. As scoutmaster, he successfully spearheaded the charge to save the troop clubhouse from developers. After returning to Maryland, he served as a board member of Christmas in April Calvert County, championing efforts to repair the homes of neighbors in need. He also served as president of the Friends of Calvert Cliffs State Park, which saved the park from closure, served as a model for other efforts, and sparked a long-running personal rivalry with beavers. The governor handed Mike a Beautiful Person award for his instrumental role in preserving the park, though Mike was always quick to deflect credit to fellow volunteers.

Mike was full of practical know-how, honed as a skilled mechanic and built over a career in construction. In his

working life he helped break ground for Disney World, co-lead the family excavation business, and shared his expertise as a sought-after consultant. He was an adept handyman who didn't know the meaning of "can't" even when he should have called a plumber.

Mike is dearly loved and sorely missed. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Burns; son Robert Burns and wife Rosemary; daughter Susan Blackwell and husband Curtis; son Mark Burns and wife Becca; grandchildren Mike Burns, Emily Burns Gil and husband Dioni, Lauren Burnett and husband Justin, Mary Burns, Carolyn Blackwell, Grayson Burns, Lucy Burns, and Norah Burns; great-grandchildren Di-o-scar, Adelyn, and Lucas; sister Sandy Van Dyke; siblings by marriage Harold Humphreys, Joan Humphreys, and Ann Humphreys; and nephews and nieces Jay Heth, Patty Phillips, Robert Van Dyke, Austin Crum, and Tess Butner.

Services will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at 11:00 am at Waters Memorial United Methodist Church, 5400 Mackall Rd., St. Leonard, MD 20685. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to Friends of Calvert Cliffs State Park or Christmas in April Calvert County. Arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

The family would also like to express gratitude for the incredible compassion demonstrated by the doctors, nurses, and aides at George Washington University Hospital during Mike's final days.

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday

PWR!Moves

Southern Community Center; 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

PWR!Moves is a dynamic exercise program created for people living with Parkinson's disease and helps seniors, and people with neurological disorders and physical disabilities including stroke and MS. Classes are fun and engaging with challenging activities that change with each class and include endurance, flexibility, strength, and balance. To register call Emily Sullivan at 410-535-1600, ext. 8205 or the Maryland Relay for the Hearing and Speech Impaired at (800) 735-2258 or online at webtrac.co.cal.md.us/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html.

Friday

Pork and Brisket Dinner at the Legion

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

Join us for an informal dinner from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Stallings Williams Post 206 in the lower-level dining room. The dinner includes all the trimmings, salad and beverage for \$15. Public invited. For more information call 410-257-9878 or visit <http://www.md-post206.org>.

Saturday

Zumba Gold-Toning with Bonnie

Northeast Community Center; 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Join us on Saturday mornings for one hour of Zumba Gold-Toning with Bonnie. This is a low-impact, easy to modify, Latin-inspired, dance/fitness program—all in a party atmosphere. No previous experience is necessary. I guarantee you will love it. This class is offered through the Calvert County Parks & Rec. Register online or call 410-535-1600 x8200.

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue New Volunteer

Orientation

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Looking for people to join our am or pm feed shifts as well as many of our 'behind the scenes' opportunities. No experience necessary. At the orientation, volunteers will learn our specific feed shift routine, how to groom a horse as well as the importance of safety and awareness when working around horses. The orientation is hands on. Open to all. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. For information contact freedom.hill.org@gmail.com.

Sunday

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

St. Anthony's Parish Padua Hall; 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Join us for a wonderful breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Calvert Council. For more information contact Marti Gilpin at 410-257-2230 or info@chesapeakebeachmd.gov.

Superbowl Sub Sale

Friendship United Methodist Church; pickup by 12:30

Delicious homemade subs, with four options to pick from. Please call 410-257-7133 for more details.

Tuesday

Steak Dinner at the Legion

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

Particular about your steak? At the American Legion Stallings- Williams Post, you order your steak directly from the Grill-Master and you get what you order. The \$17 price tag includes sides, salads, beverage, and roll. Public welcome. For more information call 410-257-9878 or visit <http://www.md-post206.org>.

PWR!Moves

Mt. Hope Community Center; 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Maryland in the Age of Sail: American Revolution and the Bay

Calvert Marine Museum; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

What role did the Chesapeake play in the War for Independence? This talk will explore the tactical and strategic importance of the Bay during the Revolutionary War, including important battles and associated naval engagements and strategies. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Ongoing

CalvArt Gallery

January 30 - February 2

Visit the CalvArt Gallery and see a flurry of fresh, modern art with their show "Snow/Contemporary".

Upcoming

Charcuterie Workshop with Meredith Leigh

February 7, 9 a.m. & February 8, 3 p.m.

Westham Butcher Shop

SMADC and Southern Maryland Meats are thrilled to bring author and butcher Meredith Leigh to Westham Butcher Shop, the Amish owned and operated meat processing facility, in Mechanicsville for a two-day charcuterie intensive workshop focused on value-added pork production. In this two-day workshop, Meredith Leigh will introduce value-added meat products, from sausages and pates to fermented hams, and teach participants to confidently cure meats via salt, smoke, and dehydration.

"Let's Talk" Workshop

February 11, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Calvert Library Meeting Room 2

Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse is pleased to offer these "Let's Talk" workshops. These are free events with refreshments provided. Due to limited seating, reservations are required. To register or for more information, call 410-535-3733 or e-mail CAASA@calvertcountymd.gov. The workshops are not library-sponsored programs.

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Calvert LIBRARY Events

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Saturday, February 01

Knitting, Crocheting & Portable Crafting Group. 3:00pm-4:00pm. Open to anyone wanting to join in and share talents crafting time or learn a new skill. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

MakePlayLearn. 2:00pm-4:00pm. Take building and creativity to a whole new level at the library. We provide the space LEGO(r) bricks and other building materials. You provide the imagination. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Garden Smarter: Water Management. 10:00am-11:30am. Calvert County is surrounded by water. Learn how to handle erosion, select appropriate plants, maintain your lawn and choose fertilizers to limit effects on the Bay. Presenter: Jim McVey, MG. While learning about water management, visit the Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit at the library. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Monday, February 03

Living History Performance: Harriet Tubman. 7:00pm-8:00pm. Shemika Berry will perform as Harriet Tubman. Tubman was born into slavery in Maryland and escaped to become a leading abolitionist and political activist. If the recent film inspired you to learn more about this incredible woman, this is a great opportunity! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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

Green Crafting. 1:00pm-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. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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

Tuesday, February 04:

"Water/Ways": Depleting the Protein Factory of Chesapeake Bay. 7:00pm-8:30pm. Dr. Vic Kennedy, a Professor Emeritus at Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, uses eyewitness reports by early colonists as well as historical newspaper articles and federal and state management reports from the 1800's to paint a picture of a cornucopia that we can now only imagine. Join us for this presentation and Q&A session about the history and future of the Chesapeake Bay. Cal-

vert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Writers by the Bay @ the Library. 7:00pm-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. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Artist reception for photographer Gary Scribner. 6:30pm-7:30pm. Enjoy the breathtaking photography of landscape photographer Gary Scribner here at Fairview Library. Preview Gary Scribner's photography before the reception! Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Flying Needles. 6:00pm-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. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Calvert Adult Education ESL. 9:15am-11:45am. Free Beginning and Intermediate classes are offered for adults who want to learn to speak English or improve their English skills. The classes focus on speaking, reading and writing English. Skills assessment will occur before entry into class. Individual learning plans are developed based on strengths and weaknesses. All classes have open enrollment so students may enroll at any time. Opportunities are available for group conversation as well as individualized instruction. Call the Adult Education Office to enroll in classes. Contact Edie McGreevy at (443) 550-6149. More information at Calvert County Adult Education Program (CSM). Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Wednesday, February 05:

Concert Series: Sax Appeal. 7:00pm-8:15pm. Please join us for an evening of Sax Appeal, the sax quartet of Southern Maryland. They play a blend of jazz and jazz arrangements of pop music, everything from Duke Ellington to Queen! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Book Discussion (Lotus Kitchen). 6:30pm-8:00pm. Join us this month at Lotus Kitchen in Solomons to discuss "Circe" by Madeline Miller. Lotus Kitchen, Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

Fitness Facilities

Take advantage of Calvert Pines, Southern Pines, and North Beach Senior Centers Fitness Facilities Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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.

Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)

MEAP assists eligible individuals and families with a one-time-per-year grant to help pay heating and electric bills. Grants are usually applied to accounts beginning in December. You must be income-eligible to apply. Appointment are being scheduled at each of the senior centers. If eligible, please be prepared to provide the following for every person in the home: proof of all monthly income, a social security card, and a photo identification card. You will also need a current heating bill, electric bill, and lease (if renting). For more information, call: Calvert Pines Senior Center: 410-535-4606; North Beach Senior Center: 410-257-2549; Southern Pines Senior Center: 410-586-2748.

Healthy Gains 365 Program

Relax with Coffee & Coloring, Tuesday, January 21, 9:30 a.m. All supplies provided.

Enjoy Lunch and a Movie: Selma, Friday, January 24, 11 a.m. This powerful film chronicles the three-month period when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led a campaign to secure equal voting rights. Must pre-register.

Calvert Pines Senior Center

Join us Wednesday, January 29, 11 a.m. for our Puzzle Competition to celebrate National Puzzle Day! Let's see what team can complete a puzzle the fastest.

Enjoy delightful music to your ears with The Sakai family that will be playing Monday, January 27, 11 a.m.

North Beach Senior Center

Learn how to fold napkins for various purposes, Tuesday, January 28, 10:30 a.m.

Register by January 24 for our annual Birthday Bash Prize Bingo, Wednesday, January 29, 10 a.m. Prizes available and lunch will

Southern Pines Senior Center

Join us for a fun game of Let It Snow Special Bingo, Monday, January 27, 1 p.m.

Learn about our past with a History Presentation on the Battle of Fort Summer, Tuesday, January 28, 11 a.m. Confederate forces attacked the military garrison at Fort Summer, South Carolina on April 12, 1861, starting the Civil War.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, Jan. 27

Fried Liver & Onions, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Carrots, Dinner Roll, Orange Slices

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Meatloaf, Gravy, Succotash, Seasoned Greens, Dinner Roll, Plums

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Baked Ham, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Stewed Tomatoes, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit Cup

Thursday, Jan. 30

Spinach Baked Fish, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Peaches

Friday, Jan. 31

BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Dilled Carrots w/ Snow Peas, Dinner Roll, Fruited Jell-O



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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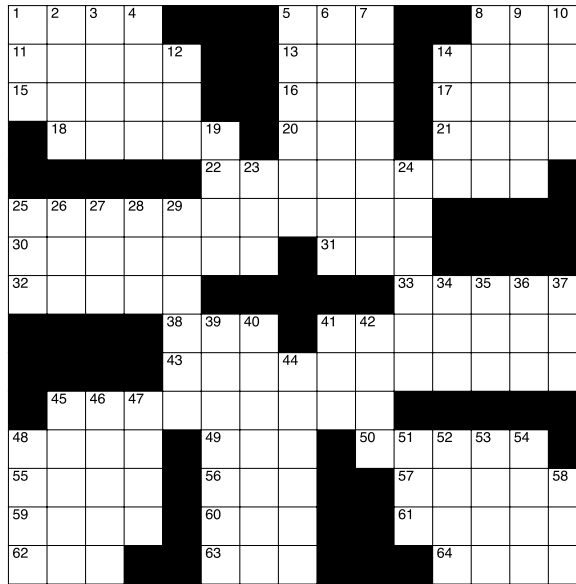


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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Fall down
- 5. American TV company (abbr.)
- 8. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 11. Gallantry
- 13. Chinese word signifying "doctrine"
- 14. Prefix meaning "beside"
- 15. Act of imitating
- 16. Tall, rounded vase
- 17. Sixth month of Jewish civil calendar
- 18. Rural Iranian village

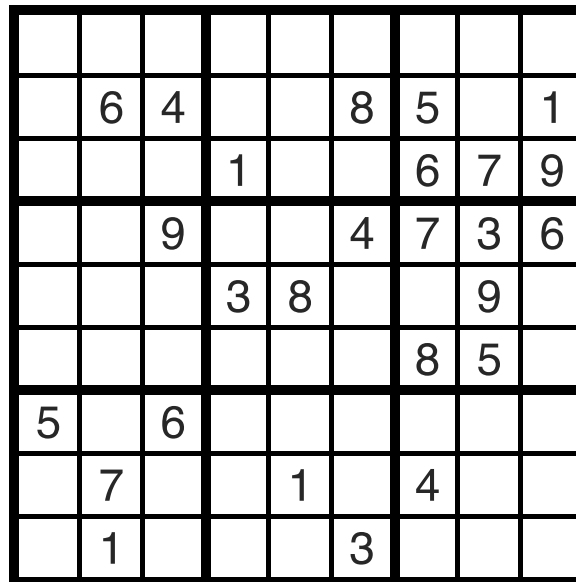
CLUES DOWN

- 20. Time zone
- 21. Military weapon (abbr.)
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Aggressive
- 30. Addressed one's appearance
- 31. Affirmative
- 32. Denoting Indo-European languages
- 33. French noble family
- 38. Shock therapy
- 41. Having characteristics of both sexes
- 43. Large suitcase
- 45. One who identifies God

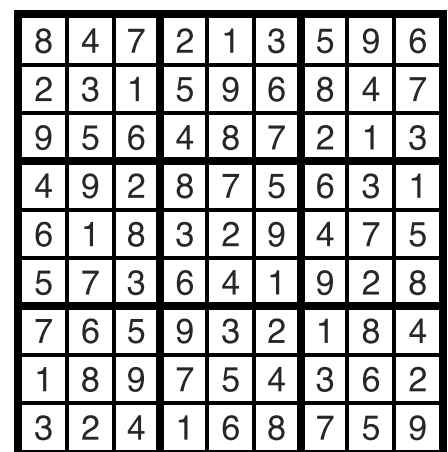
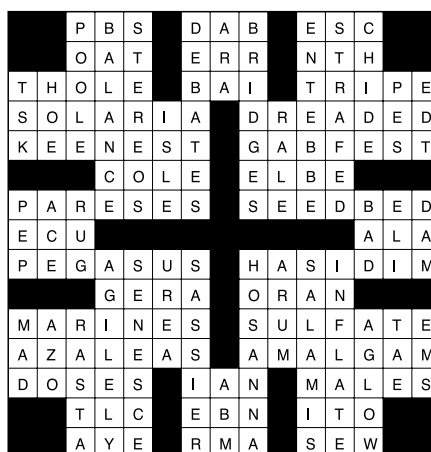
- with the universe
- 48. Swiss river
- 49. Frequently
- 50. Wipe out
- 55. Invests in little enterprises
- 56. Waste
- 57. Resembles a large shrimp
- 59. Derogatory name for rural resident
- 60. Menswear accessory
- 61. Tropical American tree
- 62. Pitching statistic
- 63. Camera type
- 64. Cardinal number that is the sum of five and one

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Surgical procedure of the heart (abbr.)
- 2. Northern Scandinavia indigenous person
- 3. Evergreen trees and shrubs
- 4. Meat from a domestic hog
- 5. State of insensibility
- 6. Herb
- 7. Annuity
- 8. San Diego-based ballplayer
- 9. Members of a Semitic people
- 10. Any physical damage
- 12. Woolen rug
- 14. Alsos Mission leader
- 19. Aromatic plant used as culinary herb
- 23. Where you sleep
- 24. Ruled Russia
- 25. Indicates density of data (abbr.)
- 26. Sea eagle
- 27. Type of light bulb
- 28. Wreath
- 29. Graduate with a degree
- 34. What thespians do
- 35. "Orange is the New Black" character
- 36. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 37. Romanian monetary unit
- 39. People treated as a group
- 40. Small European plant
- 41. First responder group
- 42. A person's head
- 44. Giggle
- 45. Bura-__: Chadic language
- 46. Snout moth genus
- 47. Body part
- 48. Inspirational Wimbledon champ
- 51. Revolutions per minute
- 52. American software developer
- 53. Ancient Greek city
- 54. Female sheep
- 58. "The Science Guy"



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