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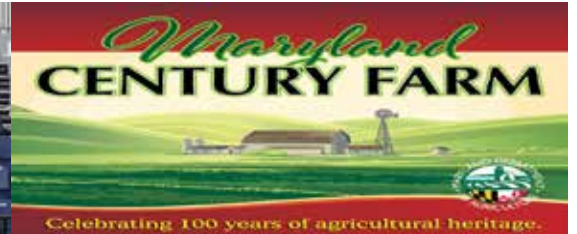
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Problems with Hoodies Uncovered

Teachers Express Concerns in Survey

By Dick Myers
Editor

A survey of teachers in Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) shows an overwhelming concern about the wearing of hoodies in the classrooms and the misuse of cell phones by students. The survey was conducted right before the holiday break by Calvert Education Association (CEA), the teachers' bargaining unit.

There were 503 survey respondents, according to CEA President Dona Ostenso, with 197 from elementary schools, 136 from middle schools and 145 from high school teachers.

The CCPS dress code was recently modified to allow hoodies as long as the wearer's eye were not hidden. Cell phones used to be banned, but now are allowed although some teachers require their students to deposit them in pouches when they enter the class.

Eighty percent of respondents said they regularly have hoodie wearers in their classrooms, with more than 80 percent saying they experienced regular disruptions as the result.

Almost 100 percent said the hoodies were being used to hide the wearing headphones.

More than 80 percent of the teachers allow cell phones in their classrooms, but 80 percent of them report misuse of cellphones.

And perhaps the most telling question, more than 90 percent say the distraction of cell phones "outweighs the educational benefit."

Comments were allowed at the end, Ostenso said. She reported at the Feb. 6 school board meeting "What was interesting was even though it's not an issue about hiding or wearing headphones, many teachers commented that the students that are wearing them are playing with their hoodies or playing with their hats or trying to hide their face in the hoodie and that they are not engaged during their learning."

As to using the hoodies to hide earphones plugged into their cell phones, Ostenso said, "Students were wearing those hoodies that were tuning out the class or the lesson, some even said that they were trying to sleep during class or avoiding a task."

Ostenso said the survey received over 300 comments and only two were positive about wearing hoodies and using cell phones.

She said, "When teachers take that amount of time, especially right before the winter holiday to respond and to send in over 300 comments, it has to be an issue that they care about and that they think has a problem in the classroom."

She said, "The overwhelming theme that I saw in those comments was really about the safety of the students that

are wearing the hoodies during the day. A lot of them are drawing the strings so tight around their heads that it's really hard to see, especially when they're switching classes or in the hallways, teachers or people in charge, can't identify who the person is that's walking in front of them or behind them."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry noted that the dress code prohibits hoodies from covering eyes. But Ostenso said, "What I'm hearing really from the high school teachers is that it becomes a battle or a struggle and that takes away valuable instructional time."

Ostenso added, "Some teachers, I have to say, don't want to engage in the battle."

Curry said, "There are those teachers who say it's not a problem because 'don't mess with part of my rules. My kids know my rules'."

As to a potential solution of going back to banning cellphones, Student Member of the Board Abigail Setz-fand said, "It's a really big issue, but short of banning cell phones, you'll get a lot of retaliation from students."

Board member Tracy McGuire observed that if a student wants to tune out learning they can do so without hoodies and cell phones. But Ostenso responded, "I think it's the distraction piece. If I'm just sitting here and I wanted to not listen to you at all and just sit in that chair, I'm not really a distraction. I look just like you, but when I want to say you need to take that hoodie off or you need to take those ear buds out, then it becomes a battle."

She added, "It's just a battle that wasn't there prior to this change in the code of conduct."

Curry observed, "As I go through the schools, I see lots of classrooms where when the students are working on an assignment and not listening to the teacher and they're working on their laptop or their writing, that the teachers appears to be just fine if they want to listen to tunes while they work on their project." That may not be the case in the next class, which sends a mixed message, he said.

Board Vice Chair Inez Claggett observed, "I would say that respect comes to the forefront of my mind as I consider the results put on the screen as well as comments from teachers, and personal conversations that I have with members of the

community. Just to reference myself and my family, it's a cultural thing for some students to wear hoodies."

She added, "Children go through phases of wearing different things, pajamas, hoodies, you know, jeans with holes in them. I think it's a good conversation for families to have with their students coming to school to say, there must be respect for your teacher. That's an adult."

The issue will be brought up again with the board next reviews the school system's code of conduct.

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Van Hollen Talks Transportation, Military Priorities with Delegation

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Members of the Southern Maryland delegation quizzed U.S. Sen. Chris Van Hollen in Annapolis Feb. 7, fielding questions on how the state and federal governments can help get projects like the Thomas Johnson Bridge replacement built.

Del. Jerry Clark (R-Dist.29C) told Van Hollen the cost of the bridge was “north of half-a-billion dollars” and that the region needed federal assistance.

“It’s going to take federal money to get that thing built,” Clark said. “It’s as much a security issue as it is for traffic.”

Van Hollen said he had worked to create a bridge authorization plan within a highway bill that recently passed successfully out of his committee in the Senate, and though it authorizes more than \$3 billion for bridge maintenance and construction around the nation, no money has been appropriated.

The bill that contains the authorization has yet to pass the full Senate.

But the state has to prioritize the bridge first.

“The state can use federal formula highway money, it can do that,” Van Hollen told The County Times in a later interview. “We don’t earmark those funds.”

Federal program grant money was also available, Van Hollen said, but “it could be different to qualify for special federal programs due to the cost.”

Del. Brian Crosby (D-Dist. 29B) wanted to know if the federal government could provide funding to improve the air traffic control tower at the Webster Field Annex to Patuxent River Naval Air Station in St. Inigoes.

Van Hollen said he and U.S. Rep Steny Hoyer were successful in getting \$15 million to improve the outlying airfield at Webster Field.

The senator said the project was “a priority for us.”

“We will always prioritize items presented to us by Patuxent River Naval Air Station,” Van Hollen said.

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Developer’s Daughter Added to Planning Commission Former Commissioner Nutter Rebuffed

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), on a 3-2 vote, has appointed the daughter of one of the county’s major developers to the planning commission. The vote on the appointment of Lisa Williams, daughter of Anthony Williams of Built Rite Homes of Owings, was taken at the BOCC’s Feb. 11 meeting.

Commissioners Buddy Hance and Steve Weems urged the appointment of former county commissioner Pat Nutter to the planning commission instead. Hance, in making the motion, said that Nutter was more qualified for the position and would make a good planning commission member.

Hance told The County Times he was concerned that Williams would have to recuse herself from numerous votes because of her position. She is listed as a sales associate with her father’s company. An attempt to contact her for comment was unsuccessful. A request to the county for resume information on Williams was not provided as of press deadline.

Lisa Williams will be replacing Michael Trent Wolfersberger, who resigned. When he was appointed last year there was concern raised that he would have to regularly recuse himself because his wife was in the development business. That was the circumstance on several recent planning commission cases.

Hance said he expected Williams would be put in that position more frequently than Wolfersberger.

Anthony Williams is developing a major apartment complex called Beechtree Apartments in Prince Frederick. He is president of the advocacy group called Small Business Interest Group (SBIG).

A new citizens group called Calvert Citizens United

(CCU) has filed suit against the county over adoption last August of the comprehensive plan update. Hance and Weems voted against that. The group has been critical of the relationship between Anthony Williams’ group and some of the county commissioners.

In a letter to The County Times in last week’s issue, CCU President Myra Gowans wrote about Anthony Williams’ testimony at the contentious public hearing before the BOCC vote that he “lamented how (SBIG) was being treated through citizen testimony stating ‘we formed a coalition with our government: Mike Hart, Mark Willis, all the people, Mary Beth Cook, everybody. SBIG formed a coalition with them four-and-a-half years ago when everybody was complaining about the planning commission, the third floor. We formed this coalition and worked hard with (planning and zoning) and now we’re being criticized!’ This distressing testimony reveals what has/is going on behind our backs.”

Willis is now county administrator and Cook director of planning and zoning.

The motion to appoint Lisa Williams was made by Commissioner Tim Hutchins and there was no comment on her by the three supporters prior to the vote.

Nutter was county commissioner for eight years before deciding not to seek re-election. His seat was filled by Hutchins’ election.

In Nutter’s resume are three years as member of the Critical Area Commission, three years as appeals board member and five years as a code enforcement officer with the Department of Planning and Zoning. He joined the county after retiring from the sheriff’s office.

At the meeting the BOCC also unanimously appointed Richard Holler to another term on the planning commission.

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Teachers Say Budget Doesn't Go Far Enough

Funding Gaps Cited for School Disrupters

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry has included in his proposed budget a number of new positions to address the classroom discipline issue. Calvert Education Association, the union that represents the teachers, feels those proposals don't go far enough.

Association President Dona Ostenso said at the Fe. 6 school board meeting, "We supported the priorities of the strategic plan, that every student would be prepared to be college and or career ready, but it is in my opinion that the budget does not fully support these priorities. Throughout the budget process, there've been many discussions on what needs to be a priority for Fiscal Year 2021. We have heard citizens, educators, and elected school board members speak about the increased challenges in the classroom, especially in the younger grades in regards to behavior and the need for social/emotional learning. Dr Curry's budget did increase the number of school psychologists, social workers and school counselors, as well as adding one behavior support teacher and absolutely, this is a start, but these additional staff positions do not support all of our schools. We will still have some schools with a ratio of one school counselor for every 700 students and not every school will have the access to this additional mental health support."

Ostenso went on to say, "In addition, there was much discussion about reducing class size at the K to 12 level, but there were no additional elementary teachers proposed in the budget. I realize there is much debate about whether class size matters, but I believe the research proves that reducing class size narrows the achievement gap, that it has a positive impact on school climate, students' socio-emotional growth, parent engagement and teacher attrition. This alone supports all the components of the strategic plan in the proposed budget."

She noted there also has been a \$473,000 decrease in textbook and instructional supplies program. "This is concerning to me because over the last four years we have discussed the definition of curriculum, what the components of a curriculum look like and where there are gaps in our curriculum.

However, county public schools have currently engaged in an outside firm to audit elementary curriculum. This is a positive move, one that will support multiple priorities in the strategic plan, but how will you pay for the recommendations that you receive from this audit?"

Ostenso noted, "I understand that not everything can be a priority every year, but what is in this proposal is not enough. If the county appropriation is not enough to support the priorities in the strategic plan, then Dr. Curry and the elected members of the board, you need to ask the county commissioners for additional funds and explain why they are needed and how they will be used."

A public hearing on Dr. Curry's recommended budget is scheduled for Feb. 20. The school board will then review the budget and put their stamp on it before presenting it to the county commissioners.

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CEA President Dona Ostenso

Cuts Made to 'Non-County Agencies'

Non-Profits Receive County Funding

By Dick Myers
Editor

As the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) continues to work their way through the Staff Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021, they have delayed a final decision on how to make more than \$5 million in cuts to bring the budget in balance. That includes the earlier inclusion of a 25-cent cut in the property-tax rate, which equals a \$600,000 revenue reduction.

Director of Finance and Budget Tim Hayden will continue to work with department heads to find those savings.

Meanwhile the BOCC on Feb. 11 was presented with a report on this year's funding requests for what are called "Non-County Agencies." These are non-profit organizations that the county has historically provided funding to under the belief that they provide needed services that the county might otherwise have to fund.

In the current fiscal year, the county has budgeted \$680,755 for two dozen agencies. In so doing they had cut those agencies requests from \$821,000. This year the agencies, including one new one, asked for \$872,665. The staff budget presented to the BOCC calls for giving them \$686,100.

Director of Community Resources Jennifer Moreland presented the data, but she insists she thankfully is not involved in the difficult funding decisions. Before coming to county government, she worked for United Way of Calvert County, so she is intimate-

ly familiar with the work done by many of those Non-County Agencies.

Instead, a committee has been established in county government which uses a scoring method to determine funding, including issues such as how many clients they serve and the unique service role they play in the community.

One of the agencies that had its request cut was The Arc of Southern Maryland. It requested \$335,00 but only received \$243,700, which is almost a \$40,000 reduction over their current allotment.

Commissioner Mike Hart expressed concern about the cut, noting the good work the agency does.

The agency that asked for funding for the first time, Calvert Collaborative for Children and Youth, had its \$20,000 request cut as well.

Half of the Non-County Agencies were recommended for a decrease in funding over the current year. They are: Children's Day at Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, Christmas in April Calvert County, Community Ministry of Calvert County, Farming 4 Hunger, LEAP Forward, Inc., Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc., Patuxent River Appreciation Days, Inc., Project ECHO, Inc., Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy, St. Mary's College, The ARC of Southern Maryland and The Promise Resource Center.

The BOCC asked for more information on how the decisions were made.

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Calvert NAACP Holds Breakfast Summit

Agenda: Diversity, Census, Vaping, Voting

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) held a breakfast summit on Feb. 8 as part of their commemoration of Black History Month. The event was held at the American Legion Gray Wray Post 220 on Sixes Road in Prince Frederick.

Speakers included representatives of the Calvert County Health Department, the U.S. Census Bureau, League of Women Voters and Calvert Minority Business Alliance.

But it was a 13-year-old girl who brought down the packed house with a gripping poetry reading from her book – “The Silent Choice. Yes, at the age of 13, she is a pub-

lished poet.

Jennifer Luira read two of her poems, “My Father” and “Diversity.” “My Father” was dedicated to her father, who introduced her. “Diversity” talks about the wonder of uniqueness in nature and in human beings.

The poem concludes by saying: “Together we can accomplish, the bigger, the better. We all rise together. It can’t be one-man standing. It must be everyone. No one shall be left behind. For in diversity shall be our strength.”

Calvert Minority Business Alliance President Bryant Parker asked those in the audience who owned or represented a business to stand up, and about 25 percent did. He said, “Everyone in this room is a part of business because it takes a village and if you want to be successful in what you’re doing and I’m telling you from experience,

you’re going to have to get involved in the community.”

Parker said young people need encouragement for the dream Dr. King talked about to blossom. He credited his mother for setting him on the right path. But he added, “I’m a business owner. But I’ve been through the ups and the downs of the business. Had it not been for a particular man sitting in his room, certain things would not have occurred for me.”

He told that man, “I’m a little nervous to take that next step. But he had the right words to tell me – ‘How are you going to do it if you don’t want to ever try.’” So simple encouragement, a simple direction from a leader like Michael Moore.”

Moore is a well-known Calvert County businessman who served as county commissioner and is currently chair of the Housing for All Task Force.

After giving each of the business owners who had previously stood a chance to talk about their businesses, Parker concluded by saying, “Your success is determined by your involvement with other people that lead to your accumulation of wealth, finance, and happiness. If you don’t have those elements, you’re an island. Don’t be an island. Let’s come together like we’re in this room today.”

He added, “Let’s go farther in light, taking each one of us with each other. Reach down and bring someone with you.”

The League of Women Voters representatives explained that everyone can now vote by what used to be called an absentee ballot for any reason.

Census 2020 regional representative Lee Osberry explained the Complete Count Committee in Calvert, which aims to capture a 90-percent response after mailings that will begin in mid-March. Electronic responses are being encouraged.

He said, “It’s not just the local government. This is a community effort. It is a team effort to make sure that we get a complete and accurate count. The more that people are invested in it, the better results we’re going to have.”

He said the census is important for three reasons: a civic responsibility imbedded in the Constitution and it determines representation in Congress through reapportionment.

The third reason hits everyone’s’ pocketbooks: “\$675 billion that comes from the federal government and it’s reinvested into the community. We’re talking about resource management.”

Jennifer Faulkner from the Calvert County Health Department talked about e-cigarettes and vaping. “It’s actually considered an epidemic,” she said.



Calvert NAACP President Michael Kent



Young poet Jennifer Luira

Faulkner was especially hard on the e-cigarette called Juul. She said, “Juul e-cigarettes have the highest level of nicotine among what is on the market currently. Juul’s nicotine liquid resales are called pods. A single Juul pod contains at least the amount of nicotine that is in 20 cigarettes”

She said Juul has been purchased by the makers of Marlboro cigarettes and she contended they are using the same advertising tactics formerly employed for cigarettes to attract young people to the e-cigarette habit.

The result she said is that between 2018 and 2019 there’s been a more than tripling of e-cigarette use by those 21 to 24 and for those 18-20, “Juul use went from 11.9 to 23.9 percent.” And, 50 percent of middle and high school students say they have tried e-cigarettes.

It is now illegal to sell to anyone under 21, but not illegal to possess. Bills have been introduced in this legislative session to try to rectify that.

Calvert Branch NAACP President Michael Kent was Master of Ceremonies for the event.

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Spiggy Remembers “Chip” Allen



Chip Allen

By Dave Spigler
Contributing
Writer

Forward

This story is about a fine gentleman and a terrific Calvert County Sheriff's Deputy who recently passed away and left us much too early. Chip Allen was a personal friend who I truly

admired and thought the world of. He was as good a friend as I have ever known and he was undoubtedly the most kind hearted gentleman you will ever meet. I penned this story five years ago when Chip first became seriously ill and was hospitalized. At the time, none of us had any idea about his long term prognosis, but we knew he was strong in body and spirit and we knew he would meet this challenge head on. He was able to bravely ward off his malady for all this time until succumbing to it a week ago at age 59. The words still ring true today and genuinely reflect the qualities of this wonderful individual we've lost...

Five Years Ago

I first met Chip Allen almost 25 years ago when he was a Deputy on the Calvert County Sheriff's Department. He was the perfect role model of a professional police officer [I am not crazy about the word “cop” as it gives me the wrong impression of today's law enforcement officer]. He was very polite and gentle in his conversation and had a twinkle in his eye as he spoke. I forget how we actually met, but I will bet you a friendly cold can of “Bud Light” was involved. Chip always had a way of being just a regular guy when out of uniform; his easy going attitude and smile belied the toughness he could harness when it was necessary to assume his “police powers” and play the role of one of “Calvert's finest!”

Chip's family moved to Huntingtown from the DC suburbs when he was very young. Following graduation from Northern High School, he joined the United States Air Force and became a Military Policeman [MP] in Georgia. Following his four-year stint, he returned home and became a Calvert deputy and built a distinguished career of more than 20 years of service to our country and our county. He was well known and well liked among our citizens and was very popular with his fellow officers. Whenever I am at an event or gathering anywhere in Southern Maryland where police are in attendance, should I mention Chip's name, I always get an instantaneous smile from the individual who I am speaking with.

Okay, so there are a lot of great police officers, both men and women, down here in our little paradise! I know many of them and a few I have met along side the road over my 35 years here, but that's another story for another time. But Chip Allen is special, if not extraordinary in his ability to become involved in other people's problems and issues. He is approachable and folks like that about him as they know they can go to him with just about anything knowing they will get great advice. He exhibits a certain magnetism that draws people to him as he makes them feel comfortable when discussing matters they wish to resolve, be it of a legal or personal conflict. I am always astonished that he can quickly and clearly identify an

issue and provide great advice to the individual with the concerns.

Chip is currently the Safety Advocate at Patuxent High School, a job that he was selected for following his police career in 2007 and a role that was tailor made for him. He loves this job and has the perfect personality and attitude for working daily with our youth. He is enjoyed by the student body and his great interactions with the kids can be witnessed by his omnipresence at football, basketball, graduations, and the other school events that occur each school year. There was one time a few years ago when he looked to be in pain with a sore back and shoulder and I asked him: “Now what happened to you?” In a somewhat sheepish manner he explained he had just broken up a fight between two girls in the school cafeteria. I don't ever remember a time during his police career that he ever looked so beaten up! He probably won't care for the fact I brought this up and the Lord knows he's the last guy I want to be in a brawl with!!!

My friend has always been very active in our community as well. For years he has served in many officer roles and functions at the Arick Lore American Legion Post. He participates in many activities there and is instrumental in organizing fundraisers, dances, and dinners. He helped organize the popular Thursday night Trivia Game that is its fourth or fifth year now. He provides the audio equipment for many of these large events where he also performs as the DJ. Chip started a very successful DJ business years ago and is the best when it comes to weddings. I can recall when he performed at my daughter Stacy's wedding years ago over in St. Michael's across the Bay. Unbeknownst to any of us, his computer crashed

just hours before her reception for more the 150 guests! He somehow was able to go to a Wal Mart and buy all of the music Stacy selected that was lost when his computer blew up! He was able to jury rig his system so that no one knew what had happened! I still don't know where he got the song about “Stacy's Mom” but the crowd enjoyed it and everyone laughed when I danced with the bride's mother!

A little insight into Chip's character; he loves rock and roll and knows everything one can know about Elvis Presley! Just a little secret between you and me, Chip deep down thinks he is truly “Elvis' son!” Seriously! I have seen it with my own eyes! Three years ago we accompanied Chip and Julie on a camping trip to Memphis for his birthday so that he could turn 50 at Graceland, Elvis' home. We spent the entire day touring the mansion and grounds, walking through the three museums, seeing his cars and airplanes and visiting the Elvis 24

Hour Network Show on Sirius Radio. The DJ at that time was a friend of Elvis from high school days and was a well known radio personality in Memphis. I remembered him from two tours I spent in Memphis going to the Navy's aviation electronics schools. He wrote a book about Elvis that Priscilla Presley called the best and most honest story about her husband. I purchased it and had the gent personalize it for Chip and surprised him with it for his birthday! You should have seen Chip – he acted like a youngster on his first trip to Disneyland!!! Gosh, was he excited as any little birthday boy that day!

Let me also tell you quickly about the 20 years of assistance Chip gave me as my “right hand” when putting on the many “Spiggy & Friends” Charity Golf Tournaments and Sunday Children's Hospital Benefits!!! He always supported me with the planning and preparation that made these events so successful. He did all the audio and video and served as Master of Ceremonies. He just made things happen! And never once did he ever charge us for this work, even though I once publicly forgot to thank him for all this help! Well, “Elvis Junior,” here is your “Thank You” for all the good times, all the Redskins games, the “Chip and Dave Winter Beach Parties” complete with a live parrot and Jimmy Buffet music and all the other events, and all the laughs we shared together! You are an institution in this part of the world and your friendship has been enjoyed by so many!

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Governor Honors Calvert's Bicentennial Farm

Governor Larry Hogan on Jan. 27 honored six Maryland farm families during the 2020 Century Farm ceremony at the State House. This recognition is given to farms that have been owned and operated by the same family for more than 100 years. This year's ceremony included five Century Farms and one Bicentennial Farm.

Among the farms honored was White Hall Farm in Dunkirk which was established in 1801, making it the Bicentennial Farm.

"Today is a celebration of agriculture, but it is also about families. By passing down farming as a way of life from generation to generation, each of our six honorees has played a significant role in continuing agriculture as the leading industry in Maryland," said Governor Hogan. "We are incredibly grateful for all of our Maryland farms, and are proud to celebrate six very special farm families that represent the absolute best of Maryland agriculture."

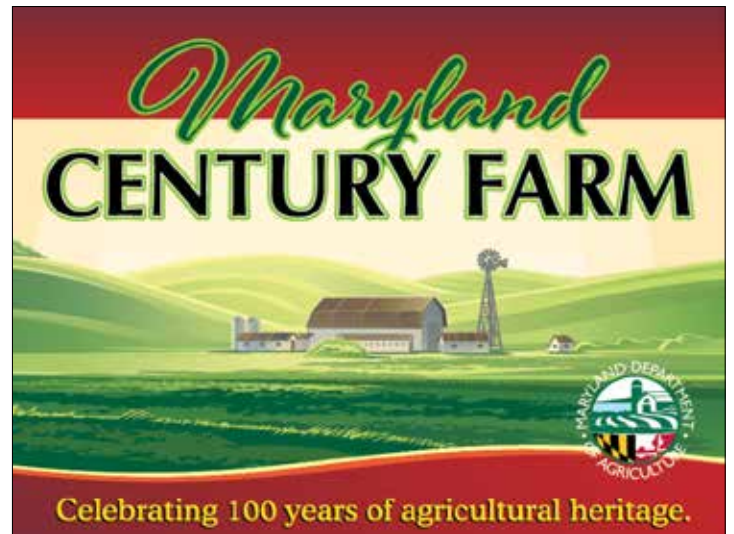
"Becoming a Maryland Century Farm is no small feat," said Maryland Agriculture Secretary Joseph Bartenfelder. "This honor is the result of more than a hundred years of hard work, dedication, perseverance, and passion by the families recognized today and their loved ones that came before them. I cannot thank each Century Farm family enough for what they have done for Maryland agriculture and I congratulate them on this incredible milestone achievement."

The Maryland Century Farm Program was established in 1994 by Governor William Donald Schaefer to recognize farms that have been in the same family for at least 100 consecutive years; contain a minimum of 10 acres of the original parcel; and have a gross annual in-

come of \$2,500 or more from the sale of farm products. The Century Farm Program honors families who have passed their farming operations down from generation to generation, making it possible for future stewards of the land to continue in their family tradition. The Hogan administration re-established this annual tradition in 2017 for Maryland farm families after it had been halted for 10 years.

Since the Century Farm Program began, 193 farms – about 1.5% of the state's 12,429 farms – have received the Century Farm designation. Additionally, since the start of the program, 27 families have earned the Bicentennial Farm title for farming the same land for more than 200 years, and 4 families have been named Tricentennial Farms for farming the same land for more than 300 years.

White Hall Farm is currently owned and operated by Tiffany and Todd Durbin. This Bicentennial Farm has been in the family since 1801 when it was originally purchased by Thomas W.B. Smith, who was the founder of Smithville, Maryland, now known as Dunkirk. The original farm covered more than 168 acres and is currently 75 acres. Information related to the origins of the land is unclear due to the loss of records when the Calvert County courthouse burnt down in 1882. White Hall Farm hosted the first ever Calvert County Fair on its grounds in 1886. The farmhouse was built in 1801, and is being awarded the Century Farm Historic Structures Award. Additionally, there is one tobacco barn on the property that is still



standing in its original structure, and two more tobacco barns that were built in 1900.

Throughout its 200-year history, White Hall Farm has grown tobacco and raised cows, horses, chickens, and goats. The farm currently grows poultry, corn and soybeans. Todd Durbin is a veteran of the U.S. Army and participates in the Farmer Veteran Coalition and Maryland's Best Homegrown By Heroes program.

For more information on the Century Farm program, please contact Jessica O'Sullivan at jessica.osullivan@maryland.gov or 410-841-5882. See below for biographies on each 2020 Century Farm designee.

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First Area Barn Quilt Trail Launched Arts Council of Calvert County Project

The Calvert Barn Quilt Trail is a program of the Arts Council of Calvert County that connects our community and visitors by promoting our County's agricultural heritage, local history and artistic talent through hand painted wooden quilt squares. The trail is supported by volunteers, the generous donations of individuals and the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium.

Each square tells two stories. One is the story of the square's artwork. Is it a beloved traditional quilt pattern that has meaning for the sponsor of the square or is it an original designed by a local artist? Another is the story of where the square hangs. Is it on a barn belonging to a multigenerational farming family, a small business, a museum or a private home? Each one is beautiful and tells a special story.

The new trail stretches from North Beach to Solomon's Island and from the Chesapeake Bay to the Patuxent River. The attached brochure was created by Calvert County Economic Development & Tourism and the Calvert Barn Quilt Trail Committee. Follow us on Facebook and visit www.calvertbarnquilttrail.com for images of each square and an interactive map.

We are only 35 miles South of Washington, DC, so come and enjoy our Barn Quilt Trail, learn about Maryland's history, find creative art and gifts, relax by the water, and bring home some great local produce. Discover local restaurants, attractions and more at www.ChooseCalvert.com. For more information about visiting Calvert County, MD, please contact Hilary Dailey, hilary.dailey@calvertcountymd.gov.

Press Release from Arts Council of Calvert County

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Patuxent Small Craft Guild Announces Raffle Winner



Winners Matt and Josh Hilpert with PSCG volunteer Ray Brule

The Calvert Marine Museum's Patuxent Small Craft Guild maintains the historic boats in the museum's collection, and preserves the art and skills of wooden boat building. These volunteers build and raffle a boat each year to benefit ongoing activities of the Guild.

The guild is pleased to announce Matt and Rachel Hilpert of Pasadena, Maryland, as the winners of the 2019 boat raffle. The Hilperts recently moved to Maryland from Hawaii and are thrilled that they won the sail boat. Though not currently boat owners, they have sailed in the past and look forward to enjoying the water this summer. Son Josh Hilpert has some experience, being on his high school's sailing team, and has plans to teach his two younger brothers how to sail.

There were over 2,000 tickets sold last year at the museum's annual events, including the Solomons Maritime Festival, Patuxent River Appreciation Day, and Waterside Music Series. This year's winning ticket was sold at the 2019 Brett Eldredge concert.

The 2020 raffle boat will be on display in the Exhibition Building starting March 23 and tickets will be on sale for \$1 each or six for \$5 in the Museum Store and at the Patuxent Small Craft Center. They will also be available at the museum's 2020 annual events and summer concerts.

Press Release from CMM.

County Adds Smart911 Facility Feature

The Calvert County Department of Public Safety announced today that Smart911 now offers a Smart911 Facility feature for businesses to create a facility profile to allow first responders to assist more quickly during an emergency. The feature enables Smart911 Facility users to create a free profile with key details about campuses and buildings including floor plans, number of landlines, fire and security alarm locations, utility shutoff locations, points of contact and more.

When an individual makes emergency calls, a personalized safety profile is automatically displayed to the 911 call taker, allowing first responders to quickly locate key information to provide lifesaving services.

Citizens can create a safety profile for their household at www.Smart911.com or on the Smart911 mobile app. Businesses and facility owners can visit www.RaveFacility.com to create a Smart911 Facility profile. Citizens with questions about Smart911 may contact Emergency Communications Assistant Chief Stanley Harris at 410-535-2890.

Press Release from Calvert County government.



Dine Out on Delicious Deals During Restaurant Week

Calvert County's eclectic restaurants will showcase their creative cuisine and offer delicious deals during Calvert County Restaurant Week March 5-12, 2020.

Coordinated by the Calvert County Department of Economic Development, Calvert County Restaurant Week will feature restaurants that draw on the region's bounty to offer unique dining experiences. Whether your favorite fare is fresh seafood, Italian cuisine or anything in between, Restaurant Week has something to satisfy any taste.

"Restaurant Week gives Calvert County restaurants an opportunity to shine just as winter is winding down and the spring season is beginning," said Director of Economic Development Kelly Robertson-Slagle. "This week-long event is a great way to help our economy and strengthen our community. We're excited about it and hope people will check out a restaurant they've never been to before or support an old favorite."

Restaurant Week patrons can enter a drawing for prizes by completing an online feedback form, or by posting a photo of yourself dining during Restaurant Week at one of the participating restaurants on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #CalvertEats.

A special section on the Calvert County tourism website at ChooseCalvert.com/Restaurant-Week features full event details including the



growing list of participating restaurants, menus, a mapping feature showing restaurant locations and frequently asked questions.

Diners are encouraged to make Restaurant Week reservations early. Special fixed-price menus will be available at each location with lunch and dinner options offered. Cost for lunch offerings range between \$10-15 and dinner offerings range between \$20-25 per plate. Some restaurants may offer the promotional pricing at one meal, rather than both.

Look for Calvert County Restaurant Week on Facebook and join the event for updates through February. For information on the Calvert County Department of Economic Development and the services available to assist county businesses, call 410-535-4583 or 301-855-1880; send an email to info@ecalvert.com; visit online at www.ecalvert.com.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

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CareNet: A Safe Haven for Women

By Guy Leonard and Dick Myers
Staff Writers

For nearly 30 years CareNet of Southern Maryland has given women who are dealing with an unplanned or unexpected pregnancy a place to get support and comfort; their mission is to help preserve life and show women that, despite their fears of having a child, they can do it.

The only option they don't assist women with in dealing with their pregnancy is referring them for an abortion; they don't try to convince women not to get an abortion, they say, but they do try to show women the value of the new life they are carrying.

"Our mission is to provide help, hope and resources to women and families dealing with an unexpected pregnancy," said Christine Cooney, communications coordinator for the local CareNet. "We have women of all ages who come here."

The local CareNet, with offices in Lexington Park, Leonardtown and Prince Frederick, offers women pregnancy tests, sonograms to confirm pregnancy, clothing, food and cleaning supplies to take care of infants and very young children, parenting classes and testing for sexually transmitted diseases and infections.

The Prince Frederick location is at 2190 Solomons Island Road. They've been there for nine years, having previously been in Lusby.

The Prince Frederick office director is Cindy Fehrman; she's been with CareNet for 12 years.

Fehrman and her husband, who is pastor of Southern Calvert Baptist Church, had previously worked in a maternity home for girls. She was trained as an ultrasound technician but in what she does now, she really has found her niche.

"I love it," Fehrman said.

The Calvert office offers all the services that are available in the other local offices. They are open Monday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

They do have one unique program, however – parenting training for inmates at the Calvert County Detention Center.

Cooney said their center received more than 2,600 visits from women seeking assistance, and their medical staff, which consists of three nurses and a doctor who provides oversight, performed 232 pregnancy tests last year.

Shelby Whitlock, outreach and education director for CareNet, said a key focus of the organization is a class on having a healthy relationship for middle and high school students who are just starting out in their own social journeys.

The class is called REEF or Relationship Essentials that Equip Families.

"We're very focused on individuals," Whitlock said. "With this class we're trying to reset this generation, because the family has kind of fallen apart."

In the class, young people are given alternatives to sexual activity at such an age – CareNet is Christian faith based and advocates sexual abstinence before marriage – and are taught ways to be close with each other aside from physical intimacy.

But for young women who find themselves expecting a child, CareNet stands ready to help, free of charge and free of judgement.

"You treat everyone with compassion," Cooney said. "We don't meet them with judgement."

In helping women with options for their pregnancy, Whitlock said they are open to all regardless of their own personal faith.

"Everything we do in our centers is completely free," Whitlock said. "We can only meet them with the compassion of Christ."



Prince Frederick CareNet Center Director Cindy Fehrman poses with volunteer, Nora Simmons, a client advocate.

"But you don't have to be Christian to come here."

They have helped women who are Muslim, Buddhist and other faiths or of no faith, they said.

Many women who come in are in their 20s, but there are also women in their 30s and older, some of whom who have already had children and are deep into their own careers.

Others come from homes that are broken and abusive; they are concerned that they will not be able to be the best parent for their child, Whitlock said.

If they chose to have the procedure, Whitlock said, a sonogram can be a powerful tool of realization.

"For a lot of women, seeing that heartbeat is how they come to see it's a life," Whitlock said.

What brings most women into the CareNet office, said Olivia Bossert, executive director for the regional facilities, is fear.

"Most women we deal with who find out they are pregnant, mostly what they feel is fear," Bossert said. "We try to remove that fear."

CareNet does not just work to help expectant and fearful mothers, but they also want to help women who have had abortions and are feeling the pain of the loss.

"Most of the women who have abortions are in their 20s and 30s and when they come to us, they've carried this shame, this guilt for 10 or 15 years," Bossert said. "When they come to us, they're tired of carrying it."

The staff and volunteers at CareNet, offer the same compassion to a woman who has had an abortion as to those who are seeking an alternative to one.

"The world tells them it's not a big deal," Bossert said. "It is a big deal."

"What we try to tell them is that even if you're in a bad situation you don't have to be in it alone," Bossert said.

It is difficult to know the number of abortions performed in either St. Mary's, Calvert or Maryland as the state does not report abortion numbers to the federal government.

Every woman they have seen, Bossert said, regrets it if they've had an abortion.

"But no one has ever regretted keeping their baby," she said.

But not all women who come to seek assistance relinquish their decision to get an abortion; the CareNet staff and volunteers will still help them with emotional

support if they return.

"It's hard," Cooney said. "Sometimes we just have to bury ourselves in the compassion of Christ."

CareNet of Southern Maryland is currently working to refer women who have taken what is known as the "abortion pill," also known as RU 486, to take medication that can reverse its affects.

But time is critical, as RU 486 takes just two to three days to end a pregnancy.

CareNet of Southern Maryland has begun an informational campaign to tell women that an option exists to keep their pregnancy viable if they act quickly enough.

"The window to reach a woman now is about two days," Cooney said. "We don't have the same amount of time we used to."

The abortion pill is available on-line, they said, but warned that these pills bypass important safeguards and can put women at risk.

CareNet operates using a small corps of paid staff and volunteers; their facilities are operated entirely off donations from the community.

Their big fundraiser, the Annual Banquet, will be held this year on March 26th at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall. Melissa Ohden is expected to be the keynote speaker. She is a survivor of a failed saline abortion in 1977. More information is available on their website: www.friendsofcarenetsomd.org

Why volunteer? Cooney said it's a great place for someone to put their faith in action. "A typical volunteer shift is about four hours long and we provide training for all of our volunteers. Anyone who feels that God has put it on their heart to get involved with Care Net SoMD can call their local center to get more information," she said.

There are over 1,000 pregnancy centers across the United States that are affiliated with CareNet.

"We are completely donor funded," Cooney said. "We receive support from churches throughout the community."

"God provides for us."

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Calvert County Sheriff's Office Crime Blotter

February 10, 2020

During the week of February 3 – February 9 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,645 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 20-6480

On February 3, 2020, Deputy Sturdivant responded to Lottie Fowler Road in Prince Frederick for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between 6:00pm on February 2nd and 5:00am on February 3rd, an unknown suspect(s) driving a blue Honda damaged four mailboxes as well as the mailbox posts. The value of damaged property is \$150.

Damaged Property: 20-6832

On February 4, 2020, Deputy Wood responded to Ponds Wood Road in Huntingtown for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) attempted entry to the residence through a basement door using a brick, breaking the door knob and the outer pane of glass. The value of damaged property is \$500.

Damaged Property: 20-7466

On February 7, 2020, Deputy Wilder responded to Stone Court in St. Leonard for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) forcibly opened an exterior door to the residence causing damage to the wood around the locking mechanism. The value of damaged property is \$200.

Theft: 20-7326

On February 6, 2020, Deputy Aranda met with a complainant at the Calvert County Sheriff's Office who was reporting a theft that occurred on Bentley Drive in Prince Frederick. The complainant advised that sometime between December 18th, 2019, and January 26th, 2020, an unknown suspect(s) stole four rings from a jewelry box located in a bedroom. The value of stolen property is \$5,100.

Theft: 20-7496

On February 7, 2020, Deputy Lewis met with a complainant at the Calvert County Sheriff's Office who was reporting a theft that occurred on 4th Street in North Beach. The complainant advised that sometime between 8:30am and 6:00pm on February 6th, and unknown suspect(s) stole their prescription medication from their residence.

Theft: 20-7531

On February 7, 2020, Deputy Durnbaugh responded to Ox Bow Lane in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime around 2:00pm an unknown suspect(s) stole their I-phone 8 Plus while they were at Appeal Landfill in Lusby. The value of stolen property is \$800.

Theft: 20-7754

On February 8, 2020, Deputy Sturdivant responded to Brothers Johnson Septic Service in Port Republic for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between February 6th and February 8th, an unknown suspect(s) stole the dash panel and master cylinder from one of their busses. The value of stolen property is \$900.

Arrests:

On February 5, 2020, Deputy Sampson responded to Walmart in Prince Frederick for the report of a theft. The complainant advised they observed a female via surveillance place multiple items into her bag without scanning them, then exit the store. Deputy Sampson located the suspect's vehicle and made contact with **Susan Michelle Furr (32)**. Furr denied stealing any items from Walmart and provided her receipt for Deputy Sampson to verify. Deputy Sampson determined items worth \$46 were stolen and Furr was detained while a search of the vehicle was conducted. The search resulted in a pink first aid kit containing 18 suspected Adderall pills wrapped in a cigarette wrapper, which Furr could not provide a prescription for, as well as two additional Adderall pills located in Furr's purse that had been emptied of their contents. Furr was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Theft Less Than \$100, CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

Man Trapped In Dump Truck in Stable Condition

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Both southbound lanes of Route 4 were closed in the vicinity of St. Leonard Road yesterday after a man who had been in the bed of a dump truck engaged in road work there was trapped by a load from a nearby crane that had dropped next to him.

The man who was eventually extricated from the dump truck was flown out by Trooper 7 medevac helicopter to Prince George's Hospital Center where he was last reported in stable condition, said Kristen Leitch, spokeswoman for Calvert County Sheriff's Office.

"It didn't crush him," Leitch said.

Calvert sheriff's deputies responded as did units from Prince Frederick and St. Leonard fire departments and rescue squads.

Both lanes of Route 4 were closed for about 20 minutes to evacuate the casualty, Leitch said.

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Law Enforcement Officer Facing Federal Indictment for Transporting Child Pornography

A federal grand jury has indicted Anthony Michael Mileo, age 54, of Huntingtown, Maryland, on the federal charge of transportation of child pornography. The indictment was returned on January 22, 2020, and was unsealed at his initial appearance Jan.27. Mileo is an officer with the Maryland National Capital Park Police Department.

The indictment was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Robert K. Hur; Special Agent in Charge John Eisert of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Baltimore; Colonel William M. Pallozzi, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police; and Calvert County State's Attorney Andrew Rappaport.

According to the indictment, on May 28, 2019, Mileo transported child pornography by computer. Mileo previously faced related charges in Calvert County, but those charges were dismissed in favor of federal prosecution.

If convicted, Mileo faces a mandatory minimum of five years in federal prison and a maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison for transportation of child pornography. Actual sentences for federal crimes are typically less than the maximum penalties. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after taking into account the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors. At his initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Greenbelt, U.S. Magistrate Judge DiGirolamo ordered that Mileo be released under the supervision of U.S. Pretrial Services.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the De-



partment of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.justice.gov/psc. For more information about Internet safety education, please visit www.justice.gov/psc and click on the "Resources" tab on the left of the page.

United States Attorney Robert K. Hur commended HSI Baltimore and the Maryland State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force for their work in the investigation and thanked the Office of the State's Attorney for Calvert County for its assistance. Mr. Hur thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy F. Hagan, who is prosecuting the federal case.

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CSM Professor Earns Faculty Recognition

College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Associate Professor of Math Sarah Hand, of Calvert County, has been awarded the prestigious 2020 Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Recognition from the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). This national award recognizes instructors who demonstrate a passion for learning, a willingness to support every student inside and out of the classroom and who participate in college committees to go beyond what is required to ensure student success. Named in honor of AACC's former president and CEO, this designation has been established to recognize individuals who make a difference in the classroom.

"Sarah is so deserving of this distinction," shared CSM Math Division Chair and Math Professor Dr. Stephanie McCaslin. "She truly goes above and beyond every day for our students and the entire college."

As the coordinator of all developmental STEM math courses, Hand consistently considers the students, their backgrounds, the subject matter and individual challenges that they might face when designing the curriculum, according to McCaslin.

"Sarah just revamped all of the developmental math course structures so that student success was the key driving goal," McCaslin added. "She has placed new alternatives in place for struggling learners and created incentives for study. She has implemented safety nets so that students who fall behind have an opportunity for redemption."

"I love my job!" Hand shared. "Every day is a new opportunity to connect with and help students. That's why we are here. I am honored to receive this award and proud to be a part of the CSM community."

Hand went on to thank McCaslin, CSM Vice President of Academic Affairs Eileen Abel and CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy.

"Everyone is so supportive," Hand added "All of us working together make a difference."

In McCaslin's nomination of Hand for the award, she wrote about Hand continuously going the extra mile for students.

"When it became obvious that students in shortened semester developmental courses were struggling with the pacing of the material, Sarah helped me and others develop a stop-gap preventative measure by instilling devoted study group times for those courses with specific trained tutors on each campus," McCaslin explained.

In another example, Hand was part of the First in the World (FITW) team that rewrote math courses for student



CSM Associate Professor of Math Sarah Hand

who are not pursuing a STEM-related degree. The FITW Maryland Mathematics Reform Initiative was a collaboration with the University System of Maryland along with other Maryland community colleges to address the mathematics pipeline issues facing students who transfer to four-year institutions. According to McCaslin, the intention of the core group at CSM – that included Hand, McCaslin and CSM Associate Professor of Math Donna Sperry – was to develop, implement and evaluate a pathway to accelerate developmental students' progress into credit-bearing courses specifically for students taking college-level math in a General Education, non-STEM, program.

Hand is a member of American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) and Developmental Education Association of Maryland (DEAM,) and is the CSM Maryland Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (MMATYC) campus representative. This year, she also will be attending Achieving the Dream (ATD) conference, because she is a member of CSM's ATD Data Squad. Hand co-advises the Prince Frederick Campus Math Team with Math Professor Josh Grosek and frequently volunteers for "Try College for a Day" and CSM's Open House events. Hand is a member of the College Preparedness Committee, and is a leader in the IGNITE/LEAN Student Success Project. She also devotes her extra time on campus to faculty advising and volunteers in the Math Resource Center as a tutor to all math students.

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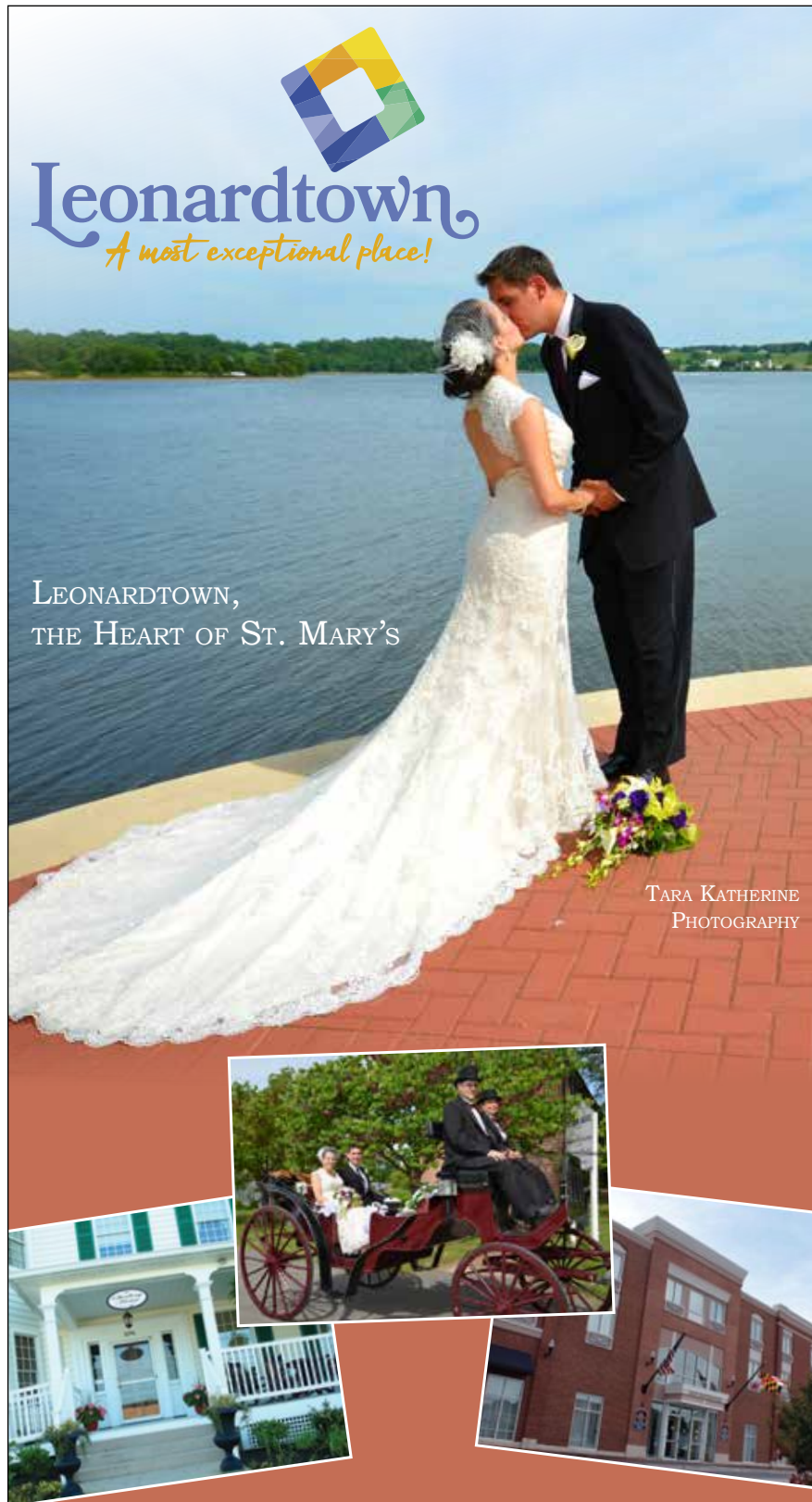

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Men's Lacrosse Take Season Opener

The St. Mary's College of Maryland men's lacrosse team (1-0) hosted the Randolph College Wildcats (0-1) in their season opener on Saturday (Feb. 8) afternoon. The Seahawks blew past the Wildcats by a final score of 22-1 for their first victory of the season.

St. Mary's College - 22, Randolph - 1
How It Happened

Much like the entire game, the Seahawks dominated the first frame of play by outscoring the Wildcats 7-0. Dominic Venanzi (2), Ben Claffee (2), Jude Brown (2), and Abe Hubbard found the back of the net in the scoring streak. Brown was also credited with three assists during the Seahawks first seven scores.

Claffee tallied his third goal of the game at the 10:57 mark of the second quarter, but the Wildcats answered minutes later with their only goal of the contest. Next, the Seahawks finished the opening half strong with four unanswered goals. Jeremiah Clemmer (2), Erich Wuesthoff, and Jack Brocato ripped shots into the back of the cage to end the half.

From there, the Seahawks poured it on with 10 unanswered goals to end the game. Claffee added two more goals to his stat line with one on a man-up opportunity. Brocato also recorded two more

scores in the Seahawk scoring frenzy. Jack Conway made the most of his playing time in the second half by tallying three goals. Walker Krizman, Austin Brown, and Hubbard each found the back of the net once to end the contest, respectively.

Inside the Box Score

Brown led the Seahawks on the offensive end with eight total points, notching two goals and six assists. Brocato and Claffee followed with five points each. Additionally, Conway and Clemmer capped off their afternoon with four points each.

Luke McWright hustled for a team-best seven ground balls and also caused two turnovers. Alex Pfaff made his presence known on the defensive end causing a team-high four turnovers. In goal, Kyrle Pries eliminated the Wildcat scoring opportunities by gathering 10 saves.

As a team, the Seahawks held the advantage in faceoffs, winning 17 of 26. The Seahawks also finished a perfect 33 of 33 in their clearing opportunities.

Up Next for the Seahawks

Feb. 15 vs. Dickinson | 12:00 p.m. | at Sparks, Maryland | US Lacrosse Hall of Fame

Press Release from SMCM.

CSM Announces Men's Golf Head Coach



CSM announces Erik Koch will take over as the new head coach of CSM's Men's Golf Team.

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) welcomes Erik Koch as the new head coach of its Men's Golf program. Koch comes to CSM after working at Lackey High School for 23 years. While at Lackey, he coached golf from 2003 to 2007 and took the Chargers to two state championships. He also coached Lackey's girl's varsity basketball, football and softball teams.

Koch replaces CSM Head Golf Coach David Russell, who stepped down after last season and recommended Koch to CSM. Koch is keeping Layne Ponder on as assistant coach.

The new CSM coach has been a member of Swan Point Yacht & Country Club in Swan Point, Maryland, for 15 years, serving on the MGA Board, running tournaments and giving lessons to junior players. He began playing golf when he was 22 years old and his father-in-law introduced him to the sport. Koch said he has been "addicted" and "hooked" ever since.

Koch graduated from Springbrook High School in Montgomery County, Maryland. After attending Montgomery College, Koch joined the Army Reserves for two years. He returned from service and graduated from Bowie State University in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. He has his master's equivalency after continuing his education through Charles County Public Schools.

Koch and his wife, Patricia, live in Swan Point. They have two sons, Tyler and Jack, who both attended La Plata High School where they, too, played golf. Tyler is a senior on the golf team at Winthrop University, and Jack will join CSM's golf team as a freshman.

For information on CSM athletics, visit athletics.csmd.edu. Golf team information is available at <http://athletics.csmd.edu/sports/mgolf/index>.

Press Release from CSM.



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Phoenix Raceway

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SUNDAY, MAR 15 • 2:00 PM
Atlanta Motor Speedway

DIXIE VODKA 400

SUNDAY, MAR 22 • 2:00 PM
Homestead-Miami Speedway

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 500

SUNDAY, MAR 29 • 3:00 PM
Texas Motor Speedway

FOOD CITY 500

SUNDAY, APR 5 • 2:00 PM
Bristol Motor Speedway

TOYOTA OWNERS 400

SATURDAY, APR 19 • 2:00 PM
Richmond Raceway

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SUNDAY, APR 28 • 2:00 PM
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KANSAS 400

SUNDAY, MAY 31 • 2:00 PM
Pocono Raceway

FIREKEEPERS CASINO 400

SUNDAY, JUN 7 • 2:00 PM
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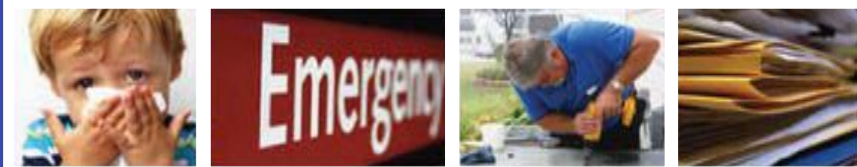
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The Calvert County Times runs complimentary obituaries as submitted by funeral homes and readers. We run them in the order we receive them. Any submissions that come to jenicoster@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

Susan Swezy White



Susan Swezy White, 76, of Owings passed away February 8, 2020 at her home. She was born July 20, 1943 in San Antonio, TX to Richard Albert and Helen Rita (Fox) Swezy. Susan was raised in

Baltimore and graduated from Eastern High School in 1961. She married Murray Michael "Mike" White in 1963 and they lived in Towson for many years until building their home and moving to Owings in 1999. Susan graduated from Towson University in 1990 with a Bachelor's Degree in computer science. She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, an active member of Walking with Purpose, a Bible study group at Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, and a frequent volunteer at the food bank at St. Anthony's. Susan enjoyed gardening, quilting, reading, being outdoors, bird watching, and fishing.

Susan was preceded in death by her husband Murray Michael "Mike" White, son Michael S. White, and brother Richard Swezy. She is survived by her daughters Susan T. White and husband Howard Weinstein of Elkridge and Victoria L. Holzrichter and husband Daniel of Sioux City, IA. She is also survived by grandchildren Ben and Sam Holzrichter, Becca Fuller and husband Dustin, and Zac and Sean White, sisters Carol Whalen and husband Dick of St. Augustine, FL and Margaret Collini and husband Tony of Abingdon, MD and daughter in law Amy White of Lexington Park.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 13, 2020, 6- 8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, February 14, 2020 at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 8816 Chesapeake Avenue, /North Beach, MD

20714. Interment will be at MD Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623/

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

Joseph Marshall Cage



Joseph Marshall Cage, 77 of St. Leonard, MD passed away on February 8, 2020 in Bushwood, MD.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 13, 2020, 10-11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral

Home-Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676, Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Chesapeake Highlands Memorial Gardens, 3270 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676.

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 Frederic Howard



Richard Frederic Howard, 58, of Chesapeake Beach, MD, formerly of Benedict, MD, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2020 at home after a long battle with ALS. Richard was

born November 17, 1961 in Washington, DC to Robert and Thelma Howard, moving to Benedict, MD when he was a young child. He graduated from Thomas Stone High School in 1979 and later worked as a press operator and truck driver for Direct Mail Lithographers and for the Charles County Parks and Recreation as a groundskeeper. Richard enjoyed playing golf with his friends, fishing, and riding his motorcycle. He also enjoyed watching sports on TV as well as in person. He was so happy that his Nationals won the World Series and his Capitals won the Stanley Cup. Richard is survived by his girlfriend of ten years, Amanda Ewen and their four cats, Kozmic, Scrappy, Lady and PatKat. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Thelma Howard, and his beloved dog Ally.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 12 Noon-1 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

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

Barbara Eversfield "Barbi" Shields



Barbara Eversfield "Barbi" Shields, 66, of Tracy's Landing passed away February 6, 2020.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 22, at 11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral

Home in Owings, with a reception to follow in Fairhaven. In lieu of flowers, donations in Barbi's name may be made to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, . 29449 Charlotte Hall Road Charlotte Hall, Maryland 20622.

Jeff Bennett



Jeff Bennett, 58, of LaPlata, MD passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. He was born December 30, 1961 in Washington, D.C. to Rudolph How-

ard Bennett and Ethel Lucille Stinnett. Jeff felt very blessed to grow up on the family farm in Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, where his grandparents Wes-

ley and Elizabeth Stinnett were the owners of the Chesapeake Beach Park seaside resort, Stinnett's Restaurant and the Rod N Reel Restaurant, when he was a child. Jeff graduated from Northern High School in 1979. While growing up he attended North Beach Union Church, and has attended La Plata United Methodist Church for the past eight years. Jeff was employed with Reliable Contracting for 23 years as an operation manager. He enjoyed playing baseball and High School football, spending time fishing on the Chesapeake Bay and Patuxent River on his boat, and vacationing to Nags Head, North Carolina. He was also a fan of the Washington Redskins, Washington Capitals, and the Washington Nationals. Most of all, he loved spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, and his faithful friend black lab Molly.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife Linda D. Bennett, son Jacob Bennett and wife Lindsey of Port Republic, MD, daughter Sarah D. Bennett of Annapolis, MD, stepson Steven Davis and wife Amanda of Dighton, KS, stepdaughter Mary Lynn Bowling and husband Daniel of Faulkner, MD, grandchildren Hank, Hannah, and Heather Grace Davis, Olivia and Madison Bowling, a brother Bobby Bennett and wife Lynn of Annapolis, MD, his father-in-law Stanley Bowen of Waldorf, MD, a sister-in-law Susan Conner and her husband Mike of La Plata, MD, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Michael W. Bennett, and a sister Beth L. Warren.

Memorial contributions in Jeff's name may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Railway Museum, the North Beach History Museum, or the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America.

Kathryn Ann "Kay" Smith



Kathryn Ann "Kay" Smith, a long-time resident of Waldorf, passed away February 4, 2020 at the Burnett Calvert Hospice House at the age of 80. She was born April 19, 1939

in Washington, DC to Edwin Leon and Silver Mae (Lucas) Stowe. Kay is survived by her children James L. Smith and wife Rhonda of Chesapeake Beach, Edward A. Smith of Waldorf, Jerry W. Smith and wife Deborah of Waldorf, Mary Jane V. Smith of Sacramento, CA, and Sharma L. Egner and husband Mike of Waldorf, 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, a brother Jack Stowe

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and wife Pat and sister Susan Smith, all of Chesapeake Beach.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Alice Marie Jarrett



Alice Marie Jarrett, 65, of Owings, MD and formerly of Waldorf went home to be with the Lord on February 3, 2020. She was born October 7, 1954 in Elgin, IL to Henry Harrison and

Emmie Davis (Worley) Jarrett. Born with Cerebral Palsy, Alice faced and yet overcame many life's challenges.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant brother and sisters Betty Lucile Brunner and Ruby Jean Hale. Alice is survived by a sister Elizabeth Faye Jarrett of Nashville, TN and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, three great grandnieces, and numerous other family members and friends.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Calvert County Hospice, Charles County HARC, and caregiver Joyce Edelen.

She was a member of Anchor Baptist Church, 10440 Crain Highway Faulkner, MD 20632, where her life will be celebrated on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 4 p.m.; 301 392-0742

Services and interment will be at Spring Hill Cemetery, Nashville, TN.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Marjorie Randall Knoll



Marjorie Randall Knoll, age 97, of Solomon's Maryland, passed away on December 31, 2019 in hospital.

She was born on December 29, 1922 in Winona Minnesota to Arthur and Flossye Randall.

Marjorie was a mother of four and loved teaching and prayer along with her large family.

She married Everett William Knoll in California in 1942.

Marjorie taught elementary school and worked many years at Regen-

cy Nursing home in Forestville, Maryland.

After moving to Solomon's she enjoyed her prayer group, gardening and activities and services at Olivet United Methodist church.

With her family close by she enjoyed frequently being with all of them. She moved to Asbury in 2005 and loved being part of this retirement community.

Marjorie is survived by her four children, Darrel Knoll (Debbie) of Huntingtown, MD, Judith Noelle of Winchester, Mary Ewaski (William) of Dunkirk, MD and Susan Hood (Doug) of Lusby, MD.

She is survived by 12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or to Olivet United Methodist Church, 13575 Olivet Road, Lusby, MD 20657.

Robert E. Berry (Bob)



Robert E. Berry (Bob) of Lusby, Maryland, 101, passed away on Monday, February 3, 2020.

He was preceded in death by his father Edward P. Berry and his mother

Mary S. Sasse and brother Donald Berry and by his beloved wife Mildred in 1989.

He is survived by Linda P. Matthew (Richard), cousin, of Exton, PA, surrogate grandchildren son Jeffrey and son Peter (Jacquelyn) and 4 surrogate great-grandchildren; Talia, Andrew, James, Ryan. He is also survived by his nephew, Lee David Phillips of Newark, Delaware.

Bob was born April 6, 1918 in Wilmington and attended schools through high school. He earned an Associate Degree and certification as a Funeral Home Director. He worked in that field several months in Philadelphia until he was drafted into the Army in 1941.

In January 1943 he attended the Quartermaster Officer Candidate school and graduated as a Graves Registration Officer. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and platoon leader of the 3rd platoon 607th Graves Registration company. In June 1944 the 607th company was sent to England to prepare for Operation Overlord, the invasion of Normandy.

On June 6, 1944 the 3rd platoon landed and began work at a temporary cemetery on Omaha Beach until

July 9 they moved their operation to the primary objective now the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. During the next two years the 3rd platoon established and operated cemeteries in various locations in France and adjacent countries.

In January 1946 he was honorably discharged as a Captain. He returned home to Delaware and married Mildred Phillips and resided in Wilmington. In 1949 he was called back to service by the Army due to the Korean Conflict. He became the Commanding Officer of the Central Identification Unit stationed in Japan. He earned the Bronze Star for his work in Japan.

After the end of the conflict, Bob returned to his home in Silver Springs, MD and began work at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, DC and was promoted to Lt. Col. and retiring from the army in February 1965. He remained at Walter Reed in civilian positions until retiring in 1975.

Bob and Mildred moved to their home in Drum Point to enjoy his retirement. Over the years he became a familiar and beloved member of the Drum Point and Lusby community that he dearly loved.

Bob earned many awards during his army career. Included are: World War II Victory medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, European Theater Campaign Ribbon with Bronze Arrowhead, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign ribbon, French Croix De Guerre with Palm, and the Bronze Star Medal.

Services will be held at Arlington National Cemetery. Date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations to a veterans charity of your choice, such as the Disabled American Veterans is encouraged.

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

Samuel Joseph Osecky,



Samuel Joseph Osecky, 59, of Lusby, MD passed away on February 4, 2020. Born September 10, 1960 in Abington, PA, he was the son of Samuel Osecky, Jr. and Elizabeth

(Przywara) Osecky.

Samuel graduated from Great Mills High School in 1978. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1978 until 1999, retiring after twenty one years with the rank of MSGT. His duty stations included Rome, NY, Okinawa, Japan and Andrews Air Force Base, MD. Samuel worked for Dyncorp as an Aircraft Mechanic for eight years, retiring in July 2019. He married Donna Lee (Reed) Osecky on May 22, 2010 in Lusby, MD. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

Samuel is survived by his parents, Samuel and Elizabeth Osecky of Leonardtown, MD; his wife Donna L. Osecky; and his siblings, John Charles Osecky of Redding, CA, Mary Elizabeth White of Fredericksburg, VA, Anna Marie Kirkner of Audubon, PA and Robert Louis Osecky of Leonardtown, MD.

Family will receive friends on Sunday, February 16, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 274, Lusby, MD. Inurnment will be in Arlington National Cemetery at a date to be determined.

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



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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, February 13

Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum; 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

A free drop-in program for children 18 months to 3 years old and their caregivers. This month's theme is "Sniff, Touch, Taste, Look, and Listen - The Five Senses". Space is Limited

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.

Maryland Arts Day

St John's College, Annapolis; 8:15 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Maryland Arts Day is the largest annual gathering of arts professionals in Maryland. With more than 500 participants, representing every county in the state and Baltimore City, this statewide arts advocacy event connects artists, educators, administrators, volunteers and trustees with lawmakers from every legislative district in Maryland. For more information, please visit <https://mdarts.org/events/marylandarts-day-2020/>.

Friday, February 14

Singing Valentine

For a donation of \$50 to Calvert Meals on Wheels, Fathers and Sons Quartet will sing two songs and present candy and flowers to your true love wherever you choose within Calvert County. For more information or to hire the quartet, contact David Reyno at 410-257-7814 or reynodavid@hotmail.com.

Seafood Dinner

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

Join us for an informal dinner from in the lower-level dining room. The dinner includes all the trimmings, salad and beverage for \$15. Public invited. Call for more information (410)257-9878.. www.MD-post206.org

She: An Expression of Womanhood

Annamarie Garden; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
The exhibit featuring local and national artists, explores the theme of women in art, as creators, innovators, consumers, and subject matter with more than 80 powerful and thought-provoking works. Enjoy a casual adult evening of great art, wine & beer, light hors

d'oeuvres, and live music by Sarah Gravelle. Stop by Annmarie before or after dinner and make it a night on the town. Free for members; \$5 for non-members. Must be 21 and older to attend. The She exhibit will be on display from February 14-September 27, 2020. For additional information, visit www.annmariegarden.org or call 410-326-4640.

Saturday, February 15

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.

February Crafting Meetup
Northeast Community Center; 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join us as we spend time working on our craft projects (cardmaking, scrapbooking, jewelry making, crocheting, knitting, etc.) in a scenic environment. Spend time on your favorite hobby, complete those projects, make new friends, share crafting tips and great conversation! Light refreshments provided. Register at www.meetup.com/Calvert-County-Crafters

All You Need is Love Dinner Show
Holiday Inn Conference Center; 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Enjoy a walk back in music history as never before and celebrate Valentine's weekend with a blast from the past! All You Need is Love Beatles Tribute Dinner Show featuring the National Touring Beatles Stage Show: BEATLEMANIA AGAIN. Live in concert and back to Southern Maryland by popular demand! Tickets are \$60 online at allyouneedislove.brownpapertickets.com.

Tuesday, February 18

CSM Grad Fest
La Plata Campus, Center for Business and Industry; 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Grad Fest will be held in the BI Building room 103 where CSM students on schedule to graduate this spring are invited to the Grad Fest, a one-stop source for all graduation needs. Meet with an academic advisor to apply for graduation; learn about announcements, caps and gowns; pose for a free graduation portrait; have a chance to win prizes and more. RSVP at www.csmd.edu/student-services/registrar/graduation/gradfest.

PWR!Moves
Mt. Hope 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.

Steak Night 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 206 you order it directly from the Grill-Master and you get what you order. The \$17.00 price tag includes sides, salad, beverage, and roll. Public welcome. For information, call 410-257-9878 or visit www.MD-post206.org.

Wednesday, February 19

Meal, Praise, and Prayer
Interdenominational Union Church, 5 p.m.

Join us at the rear hall for a complimentary supper served by the Youth Bible Study Group, followed by praise, prayer, and fellowship. This free event is offered with the compliments of the Congregation. All are cordially invited. Questions may be directed to John Riedesel at 301-855-8256. Please visit <http://www.facebook.com/NBUnionChurch> for more information.c

Thursday, February 20

CSM 10th Annual Nonprofit Institute Conference
La Plata Campus, Center for Business and Industry; 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

"Vision 2020: Roadmap to Clarity" is the theme of the 10th Annual Nonprofit Institute Conference. Keynote speaker will be Maggy Sterner, a branding coach for entrepreneurs, small businesses and nonprofits. Nonprofit board members, chief executives, staff, volunteers, community and business leaders, young professionals and consultants who are committed to strengthening nonprofit organizations are invited to participate. Breakout sessions will focus on leadership, strategic planning, management, fundraising and communications. The conference will feature local and statewide exhibitors who offer programs, grants and resources for nonprofit organizations. Registration is open now. \$55. www.csmd.edu/npiconference.

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Meeting
Calvert County Public Library; 1 p.m.
Chapter members will join for lunch at 11:30 at Calvert Crab. There will be a presentation by library staff on the many services available to seniors. The speaker will be followed by a regular chapter business meeting at 1:00pm. Active and

Retired Federal employees, spouses, other chapter members, non-members and guests are welcome. For NARFE membership Information and Application, go to www.mdnarfe.org.

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

A program for children ages 3 to 5 years and their caregivers. This month's theme is "Animals in Motion". Fee is \$5, CMM members are free.

Maryland in the Age of Sail Lecture Series: The Tobacco Trade

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

Join Mark Wilkins, Curator of Maritime History at the Calvert Marine Museum, as he explores "Maryland in the Age of Sail." This lecture will trace the evolution of the tobacco trade, first in Virginia, then in Maryland. Find out why this commodity was so important and lucrative to global commerce. Lectures are free and open to the public.

PWR!Moves

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

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Ongoing

CalvArt Gallery
February 13 - March 8
Reception February 8; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Visit the CalvArt Gallery and see their show "For the Love of Jewelry".

ArtWorks@7ths
February 13 - 29
Thursday - Sunday; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Come see Arts and Hearts, the ArtWorks@7th show for February featuring themed new works for the members of the gallery.

CSM Tony Hungerford Memorial Gallery Exhibit: Beverly Ress, "Sic Transit Gloria Mundi."

February 13 - March 10
Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

This exhibition features the work of artist Beverly Ress, who draws found objects representationally using colored pencils. Free. For more information, visit www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/visual-arts/hungerfo

Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

Thursday, February 13

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support. 7:00pm-8:30pm. Get tips and support from other caregivers. Facilitated by Jeanette Findley & JC Hooker. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Tech Lab. 6:30pm-7:30pm. Join us as we use tech toys to explore Science Technology Engineering Art and Math concepts (STEAM). Ages 5-8. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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

Teen Zine Club. 3:30pm-5:00pm. Learn how to make your own zine! Supplies, copier access, and snacks will be provided. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Lawyer in the Library. 12:00pm-2:00pm. Need help with an expunge-ment? Have civil legal questions? Meet briefly with an attorney at the library to get hands on help. We will also be offering JobSource help with resumes and job searching and information about treatment recovery, healthy lifestyles, conflict resolution, youth intervention, vocational training, and more. Partners include MD Legal Aid, SoMD JobSource, Health Promotions and Healthy Beginnings from Calvert County Health Department and Calvert County Community Mediation Center. No cost. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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

Shake It Out. 9:45am-10:15am. Shake It Out Music and Movement will create a rich environment that promotes social emotional and physical skills. Come join us for some shake'n fun. An adult must accompany child. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289. <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>.

Friday, February 14:

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

Saturday, February 15:

MakePlayLearn. 2:00pm-4:00pm. Take building and creativity to a whole new level at the library. We provide the space LEGO® 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>.

Teen D&D. 1:00pm-4:30pm. Meet up the 3rd Saturday of each month. Players of all levels and interest welcome. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Brain Games. 12:00pm-3:00pm. Want to learn Mahjongg? Hope to make your Scrabble skills killer? Games are a great way to keep your brain sharp while having fun! Join us! Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Learn Beginning Bridge. 12:00pm-2:30pm. Hone your bridge skills with Ken Miller. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

FD & D for Tweens. 11:30am-1:30pm. Join our Dungeon Master (DM) to learn about Dungeons and Dragons and start playing the magical mystical role playing game (RPG)! The DM will bring prepared characters so all you need to do bring is yourself! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Garden Smarter: Bags, Barrels & Old Boots. 10:00am-11:30am. Learn the essentials for successful container gardening and consider creative combos using vegetables, herbs and flowers. Numerous unique containers will be illustrated. Share your own ideas, too! Presenter: Sherrill Munn, MG 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

Holiday Closing

Calvert Pines, Southern Pines, and North Beach Senior Center will be closed on Monday, February 17 for Presidents' Day. Meals on Wheels will not be delivered.

AARP Tax-Aide Program

Certified Tax-Aide Counselors are available through Wednesday, April 15 to prepare individual federal and state tax returns at no cost for low-to-moderate income senior citizens aged 50-plus. You do not have to be an AARP member. All individuals on the return must be present and provide identification (SSN card and photo ID). The three Calvert County senior centers are taking calls to schedule appointments. Before making your appointment, please make sure you have all of the documentation necessary to complete your return. Please call for more information. Calvert Pines, 410-535-4606, North Beach, 410-257-2549, Southern Pines, 410-586-2748.

Ceramics

Make beautiful works of art with our instructor Pat Dinota at Southern Pines Senior Center, Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.; North Beach Senior Center, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.; Calvert Pines Senior Center, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m.

Trip

Enjoy a day visiting historic Fredericksburg, VA, Wednesday, April 29. Fee: \$88 (includes transportation, admission fees, lunch, gratuities, and

trolley ride with tour guide.). Call 410-535-4606 for more information. Registration deadline is March 13.

Calvert Pines Senior Center (CPSC)

Join us to enjoy a wonderful movie about the legendary Ray Charles, Wednesday, February 19, 11 a.m. Pre-registration required for lunch.

Enjoy our Fat Tuesday Pancake Breakfast, Tuesday, February 25, 9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Must pre-register by February 21.

North Beach Senior Center (NBSC)

Michael Kent, Calvert County NAACP President, will join us to discuss Calvert County African-American history, Friday, February 21, 11:15 a.m.

Leap Year only comes once every four years. Join us for Leap Year Letters, Friday, February 28, 11 a.m. Write a letter to ourselves that we will put away for safe keeping till the next leap year.

Southern Pines Senior Center (SPSC)

Bring your grandkids for Love Your Pet Intergenerational Storytime featuring "Love Your Pet", Tuesday, February 18, 10 a.m.

Join us as we discuss and celebrate some of the African American Unsung Heroes that helped change history, Thursday, February 20, 1 p.m.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, February 17

Centers closed for Presidents' Day. Meals on Wheels will not be delivered.

Tuesday, February 18

Baked Herb Fish, Brown Rice, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday, February 19

Roast Beef, Gravy, Mashed Po-

tatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Dinner Roll, Applesauce

Thursday, February 20

Chicken Curry, Rice, Carrots, Dinner Roll, Tangerine

Friday, February 21

Cheeseburger on a Bun, L/T/O, Vegetable Soup, Peaches

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

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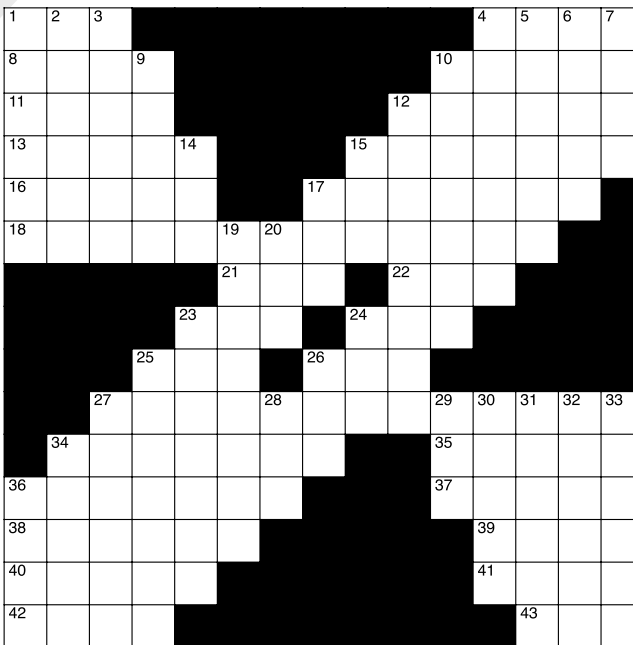
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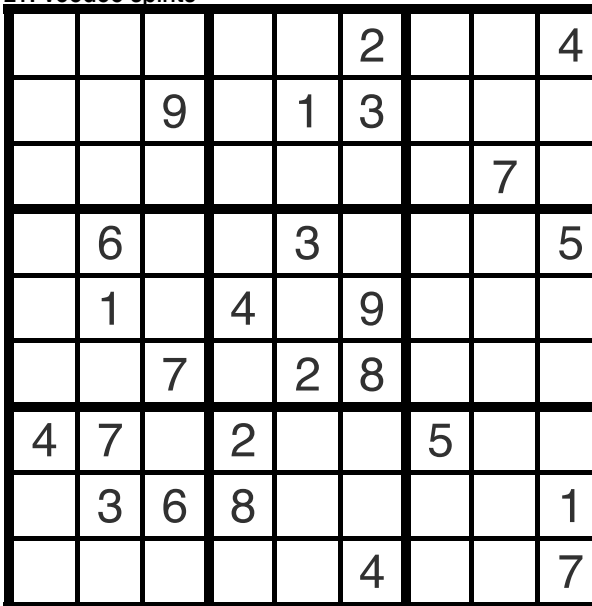
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5. Wear away
6. Beginnings
7. Essence
9. American Standard Code for Information Interchange
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12. Repeated tones
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20. Fifth note of a major scale
23. Dark brown timbers of tropical trees
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16. League of Legends locale
17. Protective folds
18. Treats allergies
21. Voodoo spirits
22. Single unit
23. Unit of measurement
24. Brew
25. Burundian franc
26. Self
27. Bengals great
34. Making letters overlap
35. Piece of pizza
36. Illegal drug
37. Card game
38. The highest point in the development
39. Oh, God!
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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Letter to the Editor

Dr. Curry Responds to County Times Story

To the Editor:

I was disappointed to read the article you wrote regarding the story of the Instructional Assistant at Huntingtown High School. I do not recall you contacting us to get any confirmation as to the veracity of her story. As you know we cannot discuss specifics of such an employee matter, and neither can we discuss the specifics of consequences for a student with or without special needs. I can say that much of what you published is not accurate. Plus, you revealed enough information about the student that you risk identifying him/her to those who may live in the community. Then you take a story with many inaccuracies and you turn it into a front-page headline – “Huntingtown Horror.” Does the County Times plan to make it a habit of publishing stories without confirming the validity of the information? As a professional journalist, do you take responsibility for the accuracy of your work and verify information before releasing it?

I can tell you this, for any employees who may experience trauma in the workplace we have extensive services offered through our Employee Assistance Pro-

gram. We have outstanding health insurance which can provide mental health care at little to no cost. We offer them new assignments in new locations. We often extend beyond the required support and exceed the maximum amount of time authorized under Family Medical Leave Act. I can assure you that Calvert County Public Schools has conformed to all the governing regulations of FMLA, Assault Leave, Union Negotiated Agreements, and Worker’s Compensation.

Daniel D. Curry, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Calvert County Public Schools

Editor’s Note:

After receiving the above letter by email The County Times twice extended an invitation to Dr. Curry to further elaborate on his comments. He preferred to have the above letter run instead. The County Times stands by the article as an accurate representation of what the woman told us about the incident and its aftermath. She has confirmed that accuracy.

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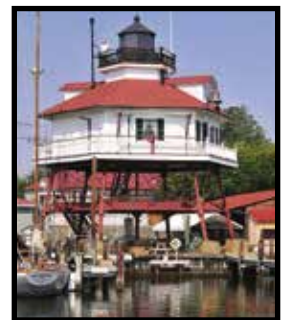


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Is Your Dental Office Safe?

Untreated waterlines in the dental office can affect your health.

The next time you go to your dentist's office, before you let them spray water in your mouth, ask them how, and where their water lines are treated.

The Problem: The flexible lines that go from the water pipes in your dental office to the delivery system at the chair-side are made of materials that are the perfect environment for the growth of biofilm. Biofilm is made up of bacteria colonies that adhere to the inner walls of the dental hosing. When not properly treated, these water lines and valves become coated with bacteria that grows exponentially at room temperature and contaminates the water that is used to irrigate and rinse your mouth. This water can be unsafe!

City water, often considered to be safe for consumption, reaches the dental office in potable form. Dental offices, aware of the need for added water quality and safety may even have a water treatment system at the source where

the water enters the building. While this proactive measure helps reduce risk, what most dentists don't realize is that the water that sits in the lines for long periods of time, such as over a weekend, will still grow this dangerous bacterium.

The Risk: Microbacterium Abscessus, a bacterium with a distant relation to the ones that cause tuberculosis and leprosy, can cause infections in patients when contaminated water supplies are used to irrigate the mouth. A simple google search of "dental practice, water, illness" will result in many articles about lawsuits and unfortunate outcomes to patients including children in Georgia, New Jersey, Virginia, and California.

The Solution: It is not enough to treat the water lines in a dental office as the bacterium can still grow after the fact. Each dental operatory must be treated at the instrumentation that is used on the patients to ensure safety. One such

company at the forefront of treating water effectively, above and beyond the EPA, CDC and ADA minimum standard of water quality compliance is Sterisil, Inc. Using Sterisil's latest and best products a dental office can achieve results of < 11 CFU/ml HPC water purity. These are virtually the lowest levels achievable today, and they are well beyond the EPA's recommendation of less than 500 colony forming units (CFU) per milliliter (ml).

Sterisil's solution is a combination of treating the water at entry to the practice and at the dental chair where the instrumentation connects to the flexible water hosing. This takes virtually all risk out of the water supply, ensuring safe water while treating the patient.

Proof: It is your dental office's obligation to ensure all measures are being taken to assure your safety while in the care of your dental provider. Dentists are to follow guidelines on safety, sanitation,

standard of care and product quality. It is your right to know what your dentist is doing to assure your safety. Don't be afraid to ask your dentist how they treat the water in the office. Ask them where it is treated (at the chair and/or at the utility hook-up). Ask them if they test their water for consumable quality and how often. They should be able to supply test results.

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