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# Injunction Filed Seeking Halt in Zoning

## Complaint Follows Suit on Comp Plan

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The four Calvert County residents who had filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgement in circuit court to overturn the adoption of the county's comprehensive plan, on Feb. 11 filed a request for preliminary and permanent injunction to halt work on the rewrite of the county's zoning ordinance which implements the plan.

The plaintiffs in the filing against Calvert County are Susan Dzurec and Myra Gowans of Huntingtown, Phyllis Sherkus of Dunkirk and Michael King of Prince Frederick. They are members of a new community advocacy group called Calvert Citizens United. They are represented by Towson attorney C. Macy Nelson.

The Calvert County Commissioners, last August, on a 3-2 vote adopted the rewrite of the county's comprehensive plan. The plaintiffs in the earlier filed case allege "it was illegally passed due to the failure to observe procedural rules and also due to a conflict of interest that should have required recusal," according to the injunction request filed last week.

The allegation is that now Commissioner President Kelly McConkey had a conflict of interest in voting to expand the boundaries of the Huntingtown Town Center to include properties he owns.

The request for an injunction to halt the zoning ordinance rewrite says, "If the Comp Plan were illegally passed, then it would be void until properly reconsidered and passed in accordance with county procedure. The Ordinance and Local Rules would therefore incorporate elements of an illegitimate Comp Plan written before plaintiff's case is



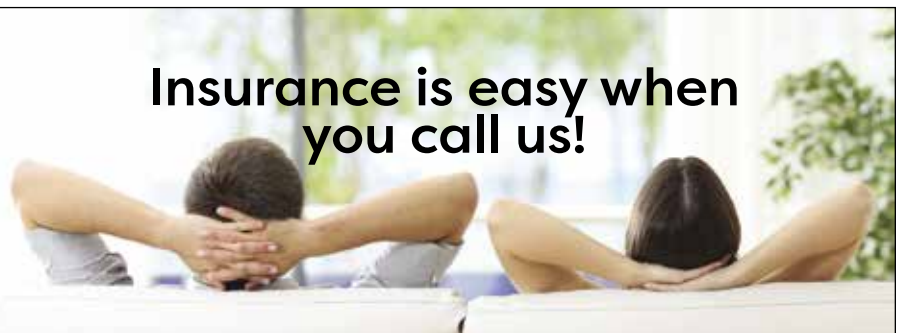
decided."

The request for injunction not only references the zoning ordinance rewrite but also other local rules that are being written to implement the comprehensive plan.

The request for injunction goes on to say, "Allowing the Ordinance or Local Rules to be amended concurrently with a suit against the County would confuse the legal state of affairs for land use in Calvert County, not just for the plaintiffs but for all other persons within the County. If the Ordinance or Local Rules were in conjunction with the illegitimate Comp Plan, that would result in tangential suits and scuttled development throughout the County."

The request for a preliminary injunction asks the court to halt work on the zoning ordinance and other rules "until a full adversary hearing can proceed on its issuance." The permanent injunction seeks the halt until after the adjudication of the comp plan suit.

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# CSM Vows to Change with the Times

By Dick Myers  
Editor

“Forget everything you know about college.” That was the message delivered by College of Southern Maryland (CSM) President Dr. Maureen Murphy to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Feb. 11 during her annual State of the College address.

Murphy borrowed from Bob Dylan to title her report: “The Times They are A Changin’.” She explained the context: “The last recession hurt us in public education very hard.” As a result, 10 percent of higher education institutions have either closed or merged. “The old paradigm just doesn’t work.” She said the traditional community college model of students coming directly from high school and then using the two years as a bridge to a four-year institution just doesn’t hold anymore. At CSM that represents only about one-third of the student body. Instead the current student makeup is:

- 65 percent attend part-time
- 80 percent work for pay
- 65.5 percent work 11 or more hours
- 47 percent provide care for dependents

That mix leads to the need for many students to drop classes. Reasons include:

- 38.9 percent -- Full-time work
- 26.5 percent -- Care for dependents
- 23.1 percent -- Academic preparedness
- 44.6 percent -- Finances
- 57 percent -- Transfer

Two students from Calvert County provided the BOCC with a first-hand look at the challenges facing the working student. Murphy said, “It is just humbling what they go

through for their education.”

Murphy said her administration and the college’s Board of Trustees are committed “to position the College of Southern Maryland for long-term viability.”

She detailed some of the system changes on the horizon for the next three years. They include:

- Redefine Student Markets
- Retool Curriculum
- Retool Enrollment Systems
- Develop Employees

Enrollment assumptions for the next three years, Murphy said, are:

Credit

- High school yield to hold at 65%
- Dual enrollment increase of 10%

Adult Education

- Increase 2-5% annually

Workforce

- Increase 3 percent annually

Contract Training

- Increase 10 percent

Personal Interest/Community Education

- Decrease 5 percent annually

As to staffing changes for the next three years, she said administrative leadership would be streamlined, there would be a reallocation along the lines of full-time faculty and advisors and public safety would be transitioned to special police officers.

As to funding requirements, she said the need would be for a two percent annual increase in operating revenue. Capital expenditures include five new “Zoom Rooms” annually, computer lab refresh and virtualization of administrative



President Dr. Maureen Murphy

computers.

It is anticipated that full-time faculty will comprise 60 percent of the total with the rest part-time. There will be a 1:500 advisor-to-student caseload.

Murphy said CSM and the state’s other community colleges are concerned about funding reductions in the governor’s budget and are hopeful for restoration before the end of the session.

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## Public Hearing Set on Transportation Plan

The Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning will hold a public hearing Tuesday, Feb. 25, to consider and receive comments on the proposed adoption of the Calvert County Transportation Plan. The meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 175 Main St. in Prince Frederick.

Calvert County adopted its first transportation plan in 1997. The plan established specific improvements to shape transportation and inform land use patterns through 2010. The updated plan – the Calvert County Long Range Transportation Plan – provides functional guidance, which focuses on what Calvert County Government can do to relieve congestion and maintain a functional level of service on roads in the county.

The transportation plan will set a vision to integrate multimodal transpor-

tation planning with land use, historic preservation, open space and community facilities. The draft plan was prepared by consultant firm Sabra & Associates.

The plan can be viewed online at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Transportation-Plan](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Transportation-Plan). Individuals who cannot attend the public hearing may submit written comments. Written comments must be received by 4:30 p.m., Feb. 24, 2020, and may be submitted by emailing [COMISS@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:COMISS@calvertcountymd.gov) or through the U.S. mail to the BOCC at 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

For additional information, contact the Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning at 410-535-1600, ext. 2356 or via email at [pz@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:pz@calvertcountymd.gov).

*Press Release from Calvert County government.*



# Governor Submits “Green Bag” Appointments

Includes Five Nominations from Calvert County

Governor Larry Hogan on Feb 14 submitted 168 appointments to the Maryland State Senate. Secretary of Appointments Chris Cavey presented Senate President Bill Ferguson with the names of the “Green Bag” nominees, including 84 women, half of all appointees. Governor Hogan recently declared 2020 as the Year of the Woman, which includes highlighting women leaders and their accomplishments across Maryland.

Included in the list of nominees is Malcolm Funn of Solomons to the State Board of Elections. Funn is 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Calvert County Branch of the NAACP and is active with the League of Women Voters. He has been a long-time advocate for voter registration.

“Marylanders deserve the most capable and dedicated representatives for these critically important positions, and I am extremely proud of the men and women being submitted today,” said Governor Hogan. “These appointments reflect the diversity of our state, and I am confident that these appointees will help us continue to change Maryland for the better.”

The other nominees from Calvert County are: Christy M. Lombardi, College of Southern Maryland Board of Trustees, Samuel C. Jones, Col-

lege of Southern Maryland Board of Trustees, Jon S. Frank, State Board of Physicians, Matthew N. Cumers, State Board of Environmental Health Specialists.

This year’s “Green Bag” includes appointment nominations for more than 63 different boards and commissions across the state. A sample of the nominations include:

“I am extremely proud of the process allowing Governor Hogan to fill important leadership positions in every region of the state,” said Secretary Cavey. “These qualified appointees come from diverse ethnic and professional backgrounds, and we are confident that these men and women will work hard to serve our citizens.”

Dating back to 17th-century England, the term “Green Bag” refers to the green satchel that is used once every year to bring the gubernatorial nominations to the Senate. It is a longstanding tradition for a member of the governor’s staff to deliver the bag once a year to the Maryland State Senate.

The Senate must confirm the appointments.

Press Release from the Office of Gov. Larry Hogan.



# What’s Coming to Calvert

The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their Feb. 19 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. Those meetings are now being held at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick

1) SPR-2018-286, **Calvert Gateway**, Lot 4, located at 10825 Town Center Boulevard in Dunkirk on a 4.3 acre lot, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 15,890 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted December 19, 2018. Agent: Bay Engineering

2) SPR-2019-304, **McDonald’s Re-build - Prince Frederick**, located at 515 N. Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick on a 1.44 acre parcel, zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Entry District. This project proposes the demolition of the existing McDonald’s restaurant and the construction of a new 5,447 square foot restaurant, with a two-lane drive-through and site improvements in same location. The project also proposes to modify entrances along Steeple Chase Drive and relocation of the N. Solomons

Island Road northern entrance. The submittal was accepted October 30, 2019. Agent: Kimley Horn (Staff: Rachel O’Shea, Principal Planner/Planning & Zoning)

3) SPR-2019-305, **Dunkirk Dunkin Donuts**, located at 2981 Plaza Drive, Dunkirk, Calvert Gateway, Lot 3, Zoned Dunkirk Town Center. The subject site is an existing in-line Starbucks coffee shop. The project proposes to redevelop the Starbucks coffee into a Dunkin Donuts and improve the site with the addition of a drive-thru. As part of the redevelopment, parking spaces will be removed, however, the overall site will remain compliant with the parking requirements set by the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance for the Town Center Zone. The submittal was accepted December 11, 2019. Agent: Bohier Engineering

The following Major Subdivision Proposed Project List for Upcoming Review was also submitted at ten same meeting

1) SD-2017-047, **Shoppes at Apple Greene**, Lots 1 & 2, and Outlot 3, located on Dunkirk Way within the Shoppes at Apple Greene Shopping Center, on a parcel consisting of 15.47 acres, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Submittal accepted July 26, 2017. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates

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## Calvert Cliffs Refueling Outage Powers Local Economy

### 1,000 Workers Descend on Calvert County for Outage

Operators at Exelon Generation's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant removed Unit 1 from service just after midnight Sunday, Feb. 16 to begin a planned refueling outage, capping a run of 702 consecutive days of power generation for the Unit. This reliable operation enabled the station to generate more than 15 million MWh of carbon-free electricity for customers. That amount of clean energy has the emissions avoidance equivalent of taking more than 2.3 million passenger cars off the road for one year.

Work completed during the refueling outage will help the unit deliver zero-emission, reliable power to almost a million homes and businesses during the next two-year operating cycle.

To support the refueling outage, approximately 1,000 additional workers will travel to Calvert for several weeks, filling nearby hotels to capacity and increasing foot traffic in restaurants and shops at a time when tourism is usually slow.

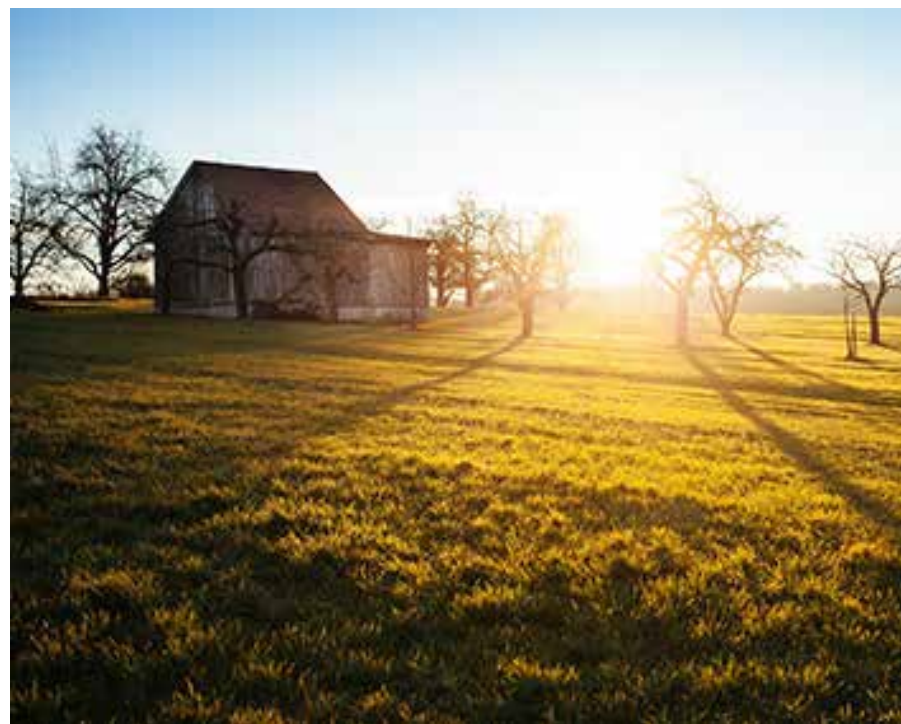
"The refueling outage at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant is a welcomed addition to our local economy each and every year," said Kelly McConkey, President, Calvert County, Maryland Board of County Commissioners. "We welcome the skilled workforce to our community to support Calvert Cliffs and greatly appreciate the influx of spending at our local business establishments during the winter months."

While the unit is offline, technicians will replace nearly one-third of the reactor's fuel and perform more than 7,500 inspections, tests, maintenance activities and modifications. Many of the tasks performed during the outage cannot be accomplished while the unit is online.

"We are proud to produce almost a third of Maryland's power with, safe, reliable, carbon-free nuclear generation," said Calvert Cliffs Site Vice President Mark Flaherty. "These investments in state-of-the art equipment and new technologies will help ensure safe, reliable operations for years to come."

Calvert Cliffs is located on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay in Calvert County and is Maryland's only nuclear energy facility. The station is home to two pressurized water reactors capable of generating more than 1,800 megawatts combined, providing approximately 80 percent of Maryland's clean energy and powering more than 30 percent of all homes and businesses in the state.

## Applications Being Accepted for Ag Easement Cycle



The Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning announces the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) is now accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2021 Easement Cycle.

A landowner that has a minimum of 50 contiguous acres, is not in the 10-year water and sewer plan for the county government and has a minimum of 50% Class I, II or III soils can apply to sell an easement to MALPF. It is yet to be determined how many applications MALPF will accept from each county in Maryland.

All easement applications must be received by the Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning no later than

April 30, 2020. Once applications are received, they will be reviewed by county government staff, and ranked by Calvert County's Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board using the state mandated Land Evaluation and Site Assessment system.

The top ranked applications will be submitted to the state for easement consideration. Citizens can view applications online on the MALPF website. Contact the Department of Planning & Zoning at 410-535-1600, ext. 2336 or [Ronald.Marney@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:Ronald.Marney@calvertcountymd.gov) for more information.

*Press Release from Calvert County government.*

## Midwinter Waterfowl Survey Shows Increase

In early January, aerial survey teams of pilots and biologists from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources made visual estimates of the ducks, geese, and swans along most of the state's Chesapeake Bay, Potomac River, and Atlantic coast shorelines. This year, the teams counted about 627,000 waterfowl, which was higher than the 566,300 birds observed during 2019, but lower than the five-year average of 738,440 birds.

"The abundance and distribution of wintering waterfowl is influenced not only by the annual changes in population size, but also the weather conditions during migration and throughout the winter," said Wildlife and Heritage Director Paul Peditto. "Moderate winter weather up and down the east coast has allowed most waterfowl species to remain spread out across Maryland and our surrounding states."

Overall, the number of dabbling ducks was higher (93,000) than last winter (64,400). However, fewer diving ducks (149,700) were observed than in the 2019 survey (182,000). Biologists also counted more Canada geese this year (327,200) than last year (250,200). Following 2018's record low hatch, Atlantic Population Canada geese benefited from normal spring weather conditions on their nesting grounds in 2019, leading to average gosling production.

The Midwinter Waterfowl Survey has been conducted annually since the early 1950s and covers most of the tidal shoreline and near-shore waterfowl habitat in Maryland.

*Press Release from MD DNR*

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In December 2019, Calvert Meals on Wheels, Inc., (CMOW) presented The Help Association, Inc., a Certificate of Appreciation for the association's \$5,000 donation to Calvert Meals on Wheels (CMOW).

This donation will support Calvert County's homebound citizens. This is the second donation that The Help Association, Inc. has made to CMOW in 2019, having made a \$1,000 memorial

donation in March.

The Help Association was founded in 1972 to assist with the needs of the neglected elderly population of Calvert County. CMOW was founded in 1982 to help homebound citizens who have difficulties preparing meals to live more independently. CMOW delivers a meal and a smile five days a week.

*Press Release from Calvert Meals on Wheels, Inc.*



Pictured at The HELP Association's Thrift Store in Owings, MD, from left-Norma Houston, President, The HELP Association, Inc., and Shirl Hendley, President, Calvert Meals on Wheels



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# County Staffer Completes Climate Change Training

Calvert County Natural Resources Division Chief Karyn Molines recently received state recognition for completing Certified Climate Change Professional (CC-P) training. She is one of 40 individuals in the first graduating class recognized by the Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO).

The graduates were presented State of Maryland and ACCO co-endorsed certificates Thursday, Jan. 29 and were recognized by Gov. Hogan, Comptroller Peter Franchot, Treasurer Nancy Kopp and Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary Jeannie Riccio.

To become a CC-P, participants went through six days of training provided through the Maryland Climate Leadership Academy and satisfied credentialing requirements including passing four exams and satisfying 14 hours of elective requirements. The CC-P is the credential administered by ACCO for practitioners reflecting dedication to competency in the fundamentals of climate change preparedness and strategic planning.

"I am proud of Karyn for continuing to learn and develop best practices that could be implemented locally to help mitigate potential challenges of climate change," said Parks & Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal. "Having staff trained on the challenges of climate change is an important initiative we are taking to ensure Calvert County remains an excellent place to live, work and play."

"I am honored that I was given this opportunity to become a Certified Climate Change Professional through the Maryland Climate Leadership Academy," said Molines. "This experience has better prepared

me to be a leader in promoting actions to best manage and preserve our natural and cultural resources."

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Executive Officers, with President Pat Hassler at left, are sworn in during the annual event on Feb. 15 at Running Hare Winery.



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## Regional Library Selects New Catalog Librarian

Richard Guinn has joined the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, Inc. (SMRLA) as its information catalog librarian.

In his duties, Guinn supports the public libraries in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties through cataloging and classification of all library materials using online cataloging database software. He comes to SMRLA from the Texas Medical Center Library in Houston where he was a cataloging and metadata librarian. Over a library career spanning more than 20 years, Guinn was also head technical services librarian at University of Texas School of Public Health and a librarian at the Texas Medical Center Library. He holds a bachelor's degree from Midwestern State University and a Master of Library Science degree from the University of North Texas.

"Richard's experience in library management systems, cataloging and online databases is a great fit for the services we provide to Southern Maryland libraries and their patrons," said SMRLA CEO Sharan Marshall.

Cataloging materials involves describing an item both physically—for example, how many pages a book has or how many minutes a DVD runs—as well as intellectually, by adding relevant subject headings, contents notes and summaries to a catalog record. "A great cataloger is the difference be-

tween a library customer finding a title he or she is interested in and that title never leaving the shelf in the library," explains Susan Grant, SMRLA's Head of Information and Access Services. "Richard will help library users in the region find the materials they are looking for and interested in."

Guinn will also act as the cataloging and processing team lead for SMRLA. He is a member of the American Library Association, the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, and the Library & Information Technology Association.

Formed in 1959, SMRLA supports the three Southern Maryland library systems through efficient, coordinated services that county libraries cannot adequately provide themselves. SMRLA operates the tri-county circulation and online catalog system known as COSMOS (Collections of Southern Maryland's On-Line System); provides access to downloadable books, ebooks, online research and information resources, and other free electronic services; runs the region's interlibrary loan system for books and materials; and organizes in-service training for library staff.

For more information about the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, visit [smrla.org](http://smrla.org).

*Press Release from SMRLA.*

## CBOCS Holds Annual Meeting

If you missed the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS) annual meeting, on Saturday February 8th, you can still take part in hearing all of the work this town sponsored volunteer group continues to do to keep our Bay clean and provide outreach to local youth.

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# North Beach Mayor Mike Benton:

## Reflecting on First Year at the Helm



By Dick Myers  
Editor

When North Beach Mayor Mike Benton gives his State of the Town message at the Feb. 20 town meeting, he will be focusing on infrastructure, “stuff that people aren’t too excited to hear. They don’t have all the prettiness that goes with it until you don’t have water, or your sewer is messed up.”

During a President’s Day interview in the town hall, the mayor said he has been working with Calvert County officials to correct the ills of the aging water and sewer infrastructure. He said, “The partnership between Calvert County and North Beach continues to move that forward to the point where the split of the maintenance is more shared.”

The most recent agreement between the town and county dates back to 1991, so the discussions are long overdue.

So, it’s not sexy but it needs to be done and Benton is a roll up your sleeves and get things done kind of guy. “It’s not a streetscape. It’s not a new park. We did a lot of that in the previous four years with the previous administration.”

Benton served on the town council for eight years before deciding to run for mayor to replace the retiring long-time mayor, Mark Frazer, under whose leadership the boardwalk and streetscape improvements occurred.

Benton moved to North Beach in 1970. He was four years old and moved into his grandmother’s house, an old, traditional North Beach cottage. “I call this my home. Everybody says I grew up here and I did, I grew up here.”

He reminisced: “Back then it was quite a different town than what it is today. I grew up in an era where North Beach was not looked upon very nicely.” That was about the same time as the elimination of the slot machines sucked the lifeblood out of the town.

But what Benton remembers is “it was a wonderful place to grow up as a kid. We had a blast. We went fishing every day, crabbing every day, playing on the field where the Boys and Girls Club is now. That was a ball field that we made as kids.”

So, when he grew up, he moved away, joined the Marine Corps and then started raising a family. “I had the opportunity to buy the house I grew up in back from my aunt. Truthfully it should have been torn down. I rebuilt it.” He and his wife Tina, who operate a real estate agency together, have moved into the Greenwood subdivision to a larger home.

Of his decision to run for town council, he said, “I wanted to be involved. I didn’t want to be a person that always

complained or said something that was not positive but do nothing about it.”

So now he has been mayor for about 15 months, He hit the ground running, like the Energizer bunny guzzling energy drinks. Unlike some towns such as Chesapeake Beach, he is not only mayor but also the town administrator and he’s in town hall every day. He said he disbanded staff meetings in favor of one-on-one meetings with whoever needed help and to expedite decisions instead of waiting for the next meeting.

Arguably the town’s biggest problem is flooding, and Benton is a big believer of the reality of global warming. The town and the Chesapeake Bay are at the same level and the town can’t be jacked up, so any rise impacts the town.

Because of the seriousness of the problem Benton quickly stood up a flood committee with citizens most consistently impacted invited to participate. He said, “If you’re going to have an issue with something in this town, I need you to be on the committee because we need your input. We need your help.”

“We’re not naive. We know we can’t stop it,” he said, adding, “But what we can do is try to minimize the impact on the residents.”

He observed, “It floods more today than it did 20 years ago and it’s only going to continue. You follow it. It’s the whole Eastern seaboard. It’s not just North Beach. Look at what Annapolis is investing. Look at Baltimore, the inner Harbor.”

One of the issues the flood committee is looking at is the inadequate eight-foot pipe that goes from the Boys and Girls Club down to the Bay. “It’s got debris in it. If you have a glass and you fill it up with rocks and dirt halfway, you’re only going to get half the water. But if you take the rocks out, you can get a whole glass of water. To me that eight-foot pipe works the same way. So, we’ve worked out an agreement with Calvert County to help us clean that out. And that might be the first time it’s been cleaned out in how many years? Again, none of it’s the flashy stuff, but it’s stuff that’s needed.”

Benton said he has been working directly with Calvert County Director of Public Works and Transportation Rai Sharma and his staff and has even had county commissioners to his office to discuss what needs to be done cooperatively.

Of the county, he said, “They have been wonderful to work with. They pick up the phone, they return emails, they meet with us when we need to. So, I can honestly say between the commissioners and their staff, they’ve been very open to assisting us where they’re able to.”

He added, “We understand that we’re just one part of the cog of all of Calvert County. So, we’re hoping that our continued relationship will move us forward to improve our community.”

Parking is another issue that the town faces and it is expected to be exacerbated this summer when the town lease for its largest public lot ends as the owner prepares it for a development that will include commercial spaces and a hotel.

Some interim plans were presented at the last town meeting, but Benton was asked if they would be sufficient to make up for the lost spaces.

“Chesapeake Avenue is not marked at all. With unmarked parking, people park whatever way they feel comfortable. And, we have many cars taking up two spaces right along Chesapeake.” Marking the spaces will create more of them, he said.

He insisted, “We have adequate parking, but you’re going to have to walk a couple blocks.” He said “refreshed” signage will assist motorists in finding a place to park. “We will be starting a massive educational part about our new parking,” he explained.

Benton said the new library will have underground parking and the lot it sits on will be able to accommodate additional parking once the structure is completed.

North Beach, with its beach, boardwalk and pier, is a tourist destination and an events venue. “We have a blessing and a curse. The blessing -- everybody loves to come to the town of North Beach. The curse -- everybody loves to come to town. We just have to continue to work at it, and some of that work,” he said, “includes continuing to improve the town’s cosmetics.”

Benton said the town is also looking at ways to attract visitors to town in the late winter and early spring months to help the town’s businesses that are dependent on visitors.

Benton is grateful for the mentorship of former Mayor Frazer, while he was on the council and since becoming mayor. “Mark was mayor for so long. He started the revolution for the Renaissance of the town. He definitely made it look easy. I learned a lot from him and continue to learn from him.”

Even though the town is almost completely built out residentially there are a few spaces, including that parking lot and land across the street, for commercial development. And the library will add a big amenity. So, things are far from stagnant.

His State of the Town will emphasize quality of life for town residents and visitors alike. “I really want to make sure that we support our small business and have an experience for our guests. When somebody asks me all the time, no matter where I go, and I do a lot of networking for the town and so forth, they’ll say, ‘tell me about North Beach.’ And I say, it’s a lifestyle. And so, I don’t think we ever will be at a point where we’re not improving the cosmetics of the town.”

He noted, “We love when visitors come. We just need to continue to make sure that we provide a good experience for them, but also try to not impact our residents to the point where it’s not enjoyable for them. And that’s a fine line.”

The town is attempting to attract quality tourists such as bird watchers and art enthusiasts by increasing the number of environmental programs and offering spaces both inside and outside town hall for art works.

Benton was asked about the satisfaction he gets from being mayor. He responded, “When a resident walks up to me and thanks me. When a resident calls, texts, e-mails, swings by my house and says something.” At that point he interjects that he’s very transparent. His cell phone number is posted on the town website.

Benton said he told town staff in his first days in office never to be afraid of making a decision out of fear of failure, and he also said, “Don’t ever say we do it because that’s the way we’ve always done it. Cause I’ll change it just because of that sentence.”

“I think that’s shortsighted. We’re either growing or we’re a dying staff.”

He says social media at times can be negative, but he doesn’t pay attention. But he said he has been blessed with a support network of the other mayors in Maryland who can provide assistance because surely among them there is someone who has confronted the same issue that Benton is facing.

It was President’s Day, a town holiday, and Benton was the only one in town hall. He said he had just finished sending out 15 emails to town staff so they could get to work on them when they arrived back from the three-day weekend.

So, it not an easy job but one that he gladly embraces, admitting “Being mayor is probably one of the hardest positions I’ve ever had in my life.”

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# Calvert Teams Win at MATHCOUNTS Competition

Teams from Calvert County middle schools captured three of the top five spots in the 26<sup>th</sup> annual regional Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) MATHCOUNTS competition. Northern Middle brought home the first-place trophy, with Mill Creek finishing in second place and Plum Point in fifth. All three teams will advance to the state competition held in March at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, superintendent, said, "MATHCOUNTS is an opportunity for our students to shine in the academic arena. We thank SMECO for the ongoing sponsorship of this valuable experience."

The local MATHCOUNTS competition features rounds of mathematics problems to challenge students one-on-one and as teams over the course of the three-hour event. First is the sprint round, a 30-question test that students complete individually. The competitors go next to the target round, where they have four sets of two math problems and six minutes to complete each set.

In the individual competition, which is based on combined scores in the sprint and target rounds, Ivan Chiu from Spring Ridge Middle School in St. Mary's County finished first and Barbara Kaczmarek from Northern Middle School finished second.

The top 12 scorers finish the competition by facing each other in the countdown round, a single-elimination tournament in which students must respond verbally to questions in a matter of seconds. Barbara Kaczmarek from Northern Middle School placed first and Ivan Chiu from Spring Ridge Middle School placed second.

In the team round, foursomes of students answer 10 questions in 20 minutes. The members

of the top scoring teams in Calvert County are:  
Northern— Luke Erly, Steven Vilcheck, Grace Wood, and Sam Zolfaghari, coached by Carole Butler  
Mill Creek— Drew Bishop, Melvin Cheng, Billy Clay, and Elena Saucedo, coached by Michelle Gregory  
Plum Point — Brandon Chrones, Andrew Lamb, Aidan Moreland, and William Parsons, coached by Jonathan Moreland.

In addition to the team winners, seven students advanced to the state competition as individuals. They are Tony Colosi, Northern Middle; Kaelyn Funchion, Southern Middle; Ray Holmberg, Calvert Middle; Barbara Kaczmarek, Northern Middle; Tristan Milsaps, Plum Point Middle; Hunter Reed, Southern Middle; and Brett Sheranko, Mill Creek Middle.



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# CSM Foundation Welcomes New Board Directors

The College of Southern Maryland Foundation announces that Bob Carpenter and David Osterhouse have joined the Foundations' board as its newest directors. Both businessmen are residents of Calvert County.

"We are thrilled to have Bob and David join the CSM Foundation board and its commitment to our friend raising and fundraising efforts that support our students," said CSM Vice President of Advocacy and Community Engagement Michelle Goodwin, who also serves as the Foundation's executive director. "We welcome their knowledge, expertise and passion for the CSM mission."

The CSM Foundation, a nonprofit, 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1970, helps increase access to higher education at CSM through scholarship funding and assures the excellence of that education by raising and managing funds for college projects and objectives – including workforce development in Southern Maryland. The CSM Foundation is comprised of a tri-county, all-volunteer board of directors.

Carpenter, of Chesapeake Beach, brings more than 40 years of leadership experience working at corporate and government levels including the California Legislature, an Alaskan political central committee and the Chesapeake Beach Town Council. Carpenter most recently served at the helm of the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce for more than two years. He is also the founder and president of Chesapeake Beach Consulting, providing research and strategic consulting services to a variety of clients from around the world. His other affiliations have included membership on the Arts Council of Calvert County, the Calvert Marine

Museum Board of Directors and the Calvert Memorial Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees.

"As a De Anza Community College graduate, I know how important it is for our region to provide and maintain a strong and thriving community college presence," Carpenter shared. "It is an honor to join the College of Southern Maryland team. CSM has long played an integral role in our area's economic development and offers phenomenal – and more importantly, affordable – learning opportunities for all ages."

Osterhouse is a senior accountant at the Charlotte Hall tax preparation company of Mudd, Lakes and Moreland LLC. A resident of Prince Frederick, the CPA specializes in preparing all types of taxes including individual, business, trusts and payroll. His wife, Dr. Melanie Osterhouse is a professor of biology at CSM's Prince Frederick Campus and was recently awarded with the 2019 Faculty Excellence Award – an award based on the significance and impact of classroom teaching, institutional responsibilities, curriculum development, professional development and community commitment. The Osterhouses are active in the community with their chil-

dren at New Life Church, Boy Scouts Troop 347 and the Calvert High School Marching Band.

"Our family is committed to helping all students achieve their dreams," David Osterhouse said. "We have had ties to CSM for many, many years and know first-hand how committed CSM is to providing necessary workforce development for our communities – and to providing excellent professors, facilities and equipment to every student."

For information about the CSM Foundation, visit <http://foundation.csmd.edu>.

*Press Release from CSM*



Bob Carpenter, left, and David Osterhouse have joined the College of Southern Maryland Foundation's board as its newest directors.

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# Calvert Woman Charged in St. Mary's Bank Robberies

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County sheriff's detectives say a St. Leonard woman has confessed to committing two bank robberies here, each about a week apart, and is currently held on a no-bond status at the county adult detention center.

Angela Fitzhugh-Hill, 41, faces charges of robbery, armed robbery, threat of arson and second assault for the robbery of the BB&T Bank in the Wildewood Shopping Center in California on Feb. 8 and the M&T Bank in Charlotte Hall Feb. 13.

According to charging documents filed by St. Mary's law officers, Fitzhugh-Hill handed a note to bank employees in each incident threatening to detonate a bomb if they did not comply with her demands for money.

She took about \$3,590 in the first robbery, police said, and about \$1,500 in the second; in the first robbery the defendant allegedly concealed her appearance but did not in the second.

Police reviewed surveillance footage from the first robbery that showed her fleeing the scene in a red Volkswagen Beetle, which police later found had been rented from the Avis car lot in Lexington Park.

In the second robbery surveillance footage revealed the alleged suspect fled in a four-door Nissan that later turned out to have North Carolina license plates, court papers stated.

Police also found that the Volkswagen had been rented by a "male witness" according to charging documents on Feb. 5, just three days before the first robbery, with a rental extension on Feb. 10.

Capt. David Willenborg, commander of the sheriff's office Criminal Investigations Division, said the male witness in question was not at any of the crime scenes, according to surveillance footage, but detectives are still following up leads in the case.



"We're continuing to investigate whether anyone else helped with her endeavors," Willenborg said.

According to court papers, both Fitzhugh-Hill and the male witness traveled together.

Detectives arrested Fitzhugh-Hill the night of Feb. 13 when they saw her driving the four-door Nissan in Calvert County.

She admitted to the robberies after being taken back to St. Mary's sheriff's headquarters in Leonardtown and questioned, court papers stated.

This is not the first time Fitzhugh-Hill has been charged with robbing banks by threatening employees with a bomb.

In 2011 she was charged with robbing two credit unions in Virginia by threatening employees that she had an explosive device.

The robberies in Virginia also took place about one week apart as in St. Mary's.

Willenborg was aware of her previous convictions.

"Apparently she didn't do much time," Willenborg said.

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## HOW TO NEGOTIATE

Suppose you have been employed in the accounting department of XYZ business for a year and have done a good job, recognized by your superiors. You think you deserve more money for the work you are performing. How do you get the raise you think you deserve? Here are some tips for you:

**1. SPEAK UP.** You can't get a raise by keeping silent. If you think your work deserves more money, it is up to you to make the case to your company. Whining is not an approach. Comparing yourself to others is not an approach.

Everyone negotiates something everyday. From trying to get your child to turn out the lights to getting a raise, all of us are always negotiating. Do you have any plans in 2020 to ask for a raise, change jobs, buy a car or make a major purchase? Those tasks require negotiation. How do you negotiate to win? Here are five simple negotiating tips:

### 2. BE PREPARED

Be a detective. Make sure you have done your homework. If you are buying a car, have you checked out what the make and model of car you want is worth? Fortunately, today, there are apps for that and many other things. No matter what the negotiation, you must completely understand the situation you are in. That means understanding not only your own position, but the position of the person you are negotiating with. What are their needs? What pressures do they feel?

A negotiation is a series of exchanges, where one person offers a proposal and the other person counter-proposes. Think about that other person—how much do they need you or what you can offer? Is their job on the line if they do not produce a successful outcome? If you can gain an understanding of what they would deem successful and you know what you want to be successful, you have the basis for a win-win scenario. What will your raise mean to your boss? If you can show the boss how your work leads to more profit for XYZ, your raise may be easily justified. This leads to another important point—you must be able to listen and read the person you are negotiating with.

### 3. LISTEN

How many times have you completely failed to get what you want because you have ignored the needs of the other side? I have a client with a teenage son who tells me her son is always angry at her. Apparently, her son just wants to get her out of his life. However, since she completely supports her son, this is difficult. Suppose, instead, she offers her son more independence (ie. using the family car) if he performs some specific chores around the house. That sounds like a win-win negotiation for both of them. To get to that point, my client had to know that the lack of independence was the sore spot with her son. She learned that by listening.

### 4. BE WILLING TO WALK AWAY

No matter what the negotiation, before you start, you must know what your "break-even" point is. In other words, what is the worst you will accept before you walk away. Do you have a clear idea of what you will accept and what you will not accept? If the boss says no to your request for a raise, what will she or he accept? How about reviewing the issue in 3 months? That way the no becomes a maybe. And, you should always keep your options open for other jobs. Suppose the seller of the house you really want does not agree to the price you have proposed. You know you can go no higher with your bid for the house. You will have to walk away from the deal because you simply cannot afford to bid a higher price for the house. But, is there something else that the seller might want to make up for the fact you do not have more money? What if you wrote a letter to the seller telling them what good care you would take of the house even though you cannot increase your bid. What if it isn't the money that stands in the way of a sale, but the feelings of the seller in leaving their home of many years. Making that seller comfortable that you will take care of the house may make the difference in whether you are successful at buying it. If not, you must keep to your budget and walk away.

### 5. BE PATIENT

Sometimes, the only way to get what you want is simply to outlast the other party. Patience is a highly prized skill in negotiation—if you do not have it, get it. I recall negotiating with some Japanese bankers years ago. At that time, the Japanese were famous for agreeing with everything you said one day and refuting it the next. This had been going on for several weeks, with the late night calls to Japan wearing on all the parties, including me. No matter. In that scenario, I represented a large and highly successful business prized by the Japanese bankers—they wanted my client's business and I knew it. So, I waited them out. I knew eventually they would agree to what we wanted and they did. I was still exhausted by the time we finished. So were they—but, we established an excellent business relationship that lasted years. I learned what was important to them—they learned what was important to me and, with time, we got there.

### 6. DON'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY

Negotiation is not a fist fight. It is not and never should be personal. Name calling, threats, being a bully, etc. all are childish responses not worthy of you. Successful negotiators show respect for their counterparts—especially if they want to do business with them again. Personality issues are side issues, having nothing to do with what you are trying to negotiate. Forget them and move on to important points that you can solve.

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## *A View From The* **BLEACHERS** **No Trace of Regret**

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

Dusty shelves often hold our oldest memories - pictures are organized in albums or (more likely) crammed into boxes and share space with family videos on DVDs or VHS tapes. Technology has claimed such antiquated media and created fancier storage methods for newer experiences - memory cards, thumb drives, computers, phones and virtual clouds. No matter the form, the impetus is unchanged: capture and chronicle life into a library for strolls down memory lane.

Reminiscing with old photos or videos is sure to create a feeling of nostalgia, a complex emotion combining joy and melancholy. The joy comes from simply recalling the best of times through memories refreshed with assistance from priceless visual aids. The melancholy is more complicated. Artifacts of the past can include reminders of loved ones lost and eras when we were younger and perhaps healthier and happier. Deeper within the melancholy is something more serious: regret. "Those times were so good, those people were so precious and our youths were so fleeting. Now it's all just pictures, videos and images in my mind." Or so the regretful thinking goes. Tough questions follow. "Did I understand the beauty of it all? Did I cherish it enough?"

Skins fans - this one included - no doubt find themselves under similar personal cross-examination when perusing relics of the once-storied franchise's three Super Bowl championships. After over a quarter century of mostly embarrassing losing, the common conclusion is likely no - we didn't fully appreciate that decorated era of football. Fortunately, the Capitals' charge to a Stanley Cup title in 2018 and the Nationals' World Series championship last fall offered a do-over. And boy did D.C. respond.

A special experience is happening again.

So you may have noticed that Caps winger Alex Ovechkin is good. He puts the puck in the net - a lot. He's a perennial All-Star and a Stanley Cup winning Captain. The Capitals will retire his number and hang his jersey from the rafters at Capital One Arena. He's going to the Hall of Fame.

That is high praise, but it only begins to do Ovechkin justice.

See, there are great players and there are immortals. John Riggins, Art Monk, Darrell Green, Wes Unseld, Elvin Hayes, Rod Langway, and Mike Gartner are all great, Hall of Fame, D.C. sports legends. The nation's capital has only two immortals, players who are considered among the best to ever play their sport: 'Skins QB Sammy Baugh and Senators pitcher Walter Johnson. As Tony Kornheiser would say, "That's it, that's the list."

Maybe not anymore.

As I peck at these keys, Ovechkin sits at 698 career goals. Only seven players in NHL history have scored over 700. Ovechkin will almost certainly become the eighth in short order. Here's where it goes next level: Ovechkin's only 34, is playing great hockey and is surrounded by a talented offensive core that isn't going anywhere anytime soon. Gordie Howe's second place total of 801 goals is absolutely within reach and with good health, Ovechkin has a legitimate chance to surpass Wayne Gretzky's record of 894 goals.

Translation: Over the next handful of seasons, we will witness Ovechkin's attempt to become the NHL's most prolific goal scorer. The potential fly in the ointment (this is D.C. sports, after all) is Ovechkin's contract. He's a free agent after next season but it's hard to imagine him leaving. In fact, let's not imagine such a thing at all. Forget I mentioned it.

Here's what matters: We are in a moment. As Ovechkin continues to ascend the goals scored list, passing names like Gartner (708), Phil Esposito (717), Marcel Dionne (731), Brett Hull (741) and Jaromir Jagr (766) on his way to Howe and Gretzky, photos will be taken, videos will be shot, articles will be written and read and memories - with friends, a city, a team and a player - will be created. Soak it all in, because one day, many years from now, the dusty chronicle of this whimsical time will be revisited and a nostalgic wave will be created. Don't let that future stroll down memory lane be tinged with even a trace of regret.

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## Striped Bass Conservation Regs Set for Spring

### Maryland Trophy Season Begins May 1

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced new striped bass conservation measures for the Spring 2020 fishing season to meet a coast-wide conservation target.

The 2018 benchmark stock assessment for striped bass indicated declines, so the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) has determined that conservation measures are needed for the 2020 fishing season. ASMFC is a management entity comprising 15 member states on the East Coast, including Maryland.

The conservation goal set by ASMFC is to reduce the total number of striped bass that are killed by fishing activities. This means reducing the number of fish that are harvested and the number of fish that die after being caught and returned to the water, known as dead discards.

Maryland's management changes follow numerous meetings and discussions with stakeholders and a month-long public comment period, and were developed using the best available science and decades of experience. Measures for spring are designed to protect large migratory spawning fish as they enter the bay. The implementation plan was reviewed and approved by ASMFC's Striped Bass Technical Committee and the ASMFC Board on Feb. 4.

In addition to a cut in the commercial quota, targeting of striped bass by the recreational sector will be prohibited starting April 1 - including a prohibition of trolling - and the spring trophy season will be delayed until May 1. Limits are one fish per person at a 35-inch minimum. These rules will be in effect until May 16. The full regulations can be viewed on DNR's website.

The department will also move forward with conservation options for the summer and fall seasons in the 2020 Implementation Plan. Measures in the summer and fall are designed to reduce mortality caused by high temperatures and low oxygen in the water. The department will announce a public comment schedule for those regulations in the coming weeks.

In 2018, the department raised concerns about the problem of discard mortality with ASMFC. This resulted in Maryland being authorized to adopt a decreased minimum size from 20 to 19 inches. In addition, Maryland took unilateral action to require the use of circle hooks when chumming and live lining. Circle hooks are an effective conservation measure because they significantly reduce "gut hooking" that leads to discard mortality. ASMFC has now asked all other states to follow Maryland's lead and enact this policy.

DNR also launched and is continuing to expand a statewide educational outreach program to assure compliance with these regulations. The department also instituted a system of advisories for anglers on hot days where both water and air temperatures could increase the likelihood of stress on striped bass.

*Press Release from MD DNR*



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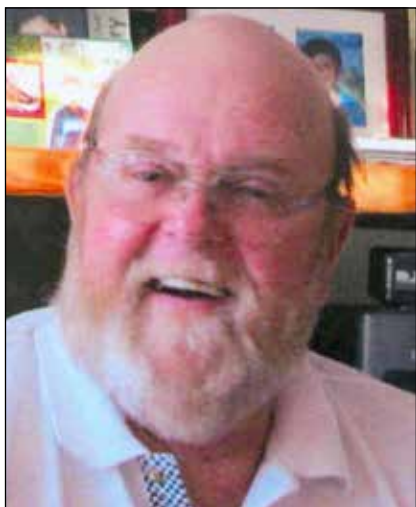
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# County Times

# In Remembrance

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

## Wayne Allen Carr



Wayne Allen Carr, 76, of Huntingtown, MD, passed away Monday, February 17, 2020 at his residence with his family by his side. Wayne was born on July 10, 1943 in Laurel, MD to Roy Carr and Edythe Elaine Stine. He married his wife of 57 years, Donna Lou Carr, in 1962. He established a career as a lineman and dispatcher for Pepco, and worked there for 35 years before his retirement in 1998, then spent the following years driving semi-trucks for various companies throughout Calvert County. Wayne loved drag-racing, old cowboy movies, and his '57 Chevrolet restoration project. He was the happiest when working on cars in his garage, especially when his friends were there to keep him company.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Donna, daughter Wanda (Randy) Alleman, and son Neil Carr, all of Huntingtown, MD, grandchildren Jason and Jodi Meadows, sisters Paulette (Herbert) Reed of Davidsonville, MD, Linda (Robert) Harrington of Locust Grove, VA, and aunt Ella Jane Reed of Murrells Inlet, SC. Wayne is preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Edythe, and brother Roy Eldon.

Visitation will be Friday, February 21, 2020, 10-11 a.m. at Huntingtown United Methodist Church, 4020 Hunting Creek Road, P.O. Box 550, Huntingtown, MD

20639. Memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Wayne's name may be made to Calvert Hospice, PO Box 858, Prince Frederick, MD, or to Huntingtown United Methodist Church, PO Box 550, Huntingtown, MD.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Thelma Mae Hardesty



Thelma Mae Hardesty, 84, of Lothian, MD passed away February 14, 2020 at her residence. She was born in Upper Marlboro, MD the daughter of Roy Frank and Eva Mae (Wilson) Lusby. Thelma was a homemaker and enjoyed tending to her house plants, fishing, animals and spending time with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands Richard B. Hardesty and Irving E. Hardesty, a son Irving E. Hardesty, Jr. and son in law Ralph Dickinson.

Surviving are her children Louise M. Dickinson of Welcome, MD and Frankie L. Hardesty and his wife Donna

of Lothian, MD; grandchildren Richard Inscoc and his wife Cynthia, April Gurekovich and her husband Matt, Kevin, Hardesty, Frankie Hardesty, Jr., Devin Hardesty and Patrick Beavers; five great grandchildren and a brother Russell Lusby and his companion Mary of Bowie, MD.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Josephine Robey Martin

Josephine Robey Martin, 92, of Huntingtown passed away peacefully, sur-



rounded by her family, on February 14, 2020 at the Burnett-Calvert Hospice House. Josephine was born on June 24, 1927, in Washington, D.C. to Grover C. and Annie (Middlecoff) Robey. Josephine was one of 17 children, which included five sets of twins. Josephine was a homemaker for her family but was also a babysitter for anyone that asked. She loved children, especially babies. She was Mama Jo to some and Granny to many.

Josephine was a long-time volunteer at the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry in North Beach, Maryland, up until she became ill in May. She was an avid sports fan and loved cheering on the Washington Redskins and Washington Nationals. She was happy to see the Nationals win their first World Series in 2019. Other hobbies included crocheting and cooking. Her greatest joy in life was her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Josephine was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick Martin, sons Timmie and Michael Martin, granddaughter Lisa Swann, and 15 of her siblings. Josephine is survived by her children, Gerri (Dana) Brewer of Shallotte, NC, Carol Swann (Dave Wilson) of Owings, MD, Lois (Donald) Canada of Huntingtown, MD, Celie (Skip) Stortz-

um of Myrtle Beach, SC, Mary (Steve) Lear of Gettysburg, PA, and Charlie (Debbie) Martin of Huntingtown, MD, grandchildren Tracy Gallagher, Sharon Dobson, Laura Hurst, Kim Canada, Michelle Swann, Joey Geger, Jamie Palmer, Donnie Canada, Christine Martin, Mikey Martin, and Jessica Palmer, and her great-grandchildren Melissa, Ryan, and Emily Brown, Jordan Hernandez, Zack Dobson, Jack Gallagher, Jenna Dobson, Grayson Geger, Josephine and Lincoln Palmer, Colton Canada, Mikey Martin III, and Maddie Canada. Josephine is also survived by her twin sister, Genevieve Ahern, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, February 21, 2020, 5-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, February 22, 2020, 10:30 a.m. at Jesus the Divine Word Catholic Church, 885 Cox Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639.

Interment will be at Southern Memorial Gardens, 10155 Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations in Josephine's name be made to Calvert Hospice, PO Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

## Carol Lynn Kirkland



Carol Lynn Kirkland, 65, of Waldorf, MD, passed away February 10, 2020 at George Washington University Hospital. Born on October 24, 1954 in Washington, D.C., Carol was the daughter of Joseph F. Davis and Mary Emma Bresnahan. Carol was raised in Prince George's County along with her four siblings, and was a graduate of Suitland High School. She called Waldorf, MD home since 1992, and worked as a paralegal for the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C. for ten years. Her favorite pastimes included spending time with her family, going out to the casino, socializing with her friends, and helping others.

Carol is survived by her son Tim M.



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Kirkland (Dawn) of Bryantown, MD, her daughter Janiece Gordon of Mechanicsville, MD, grandchildren Camryn Elizabeth Shall, Ryder Patrick Kirkland, and Davis Hayes Kirkland, sister Gertrude "Trudy" Perry of Stafford, VA, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Mary, her brothers, James "Jimmy" and Joseph Davis, and sister Mary Ann Shifflette.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Brenda Jean Nutwell

Brenda Jean Nutwell, 69, of Deale, Maryland passed away peacefully at the Rebecca Fortney Hospice House in Pasadena on February 8, 2020. She was born on December 3, 1950 to the late Samuel James Nutwell, Sr. and Ruth Ellen (Whittington) Nutwell. Brenda was the beloved sister of Donna Kay Stover of Dunkirk, Maryland and Samuel J. Nutwell, Jr. of Florida. She was also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins as well as friends from her church and community. Brenda's early years were spent in Hillcrest Heights, Maryland. She graduated from Potomac Senior High School in 1969 and be-



gan a career with the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C. Upon retirement, she moved to Deale with her parents. Most of all, Brenda loved her home, her family and her church. When at home, she liked taking walks, watching musicals, listening to the music of the 60's as well as crafting. Her outings with her cousin Lois and Saturdays with her sister were special times. Brenda also enjoyed spending time with friends at the South County Senior Center.

Expressions of Sympathy in Brenda's name may be made to Hospice of the

Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122 (please note name of loved one in memo line) or to Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, Deale, MD.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Peggy Marie "Nanny" Shenton



Peggy Marie "Nanny" Shenton, 87, of Solomons, MD passed away on January 19, 2020 at Calvert Health Medical Center.

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

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

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Ken Gill on Friday, January 24, 2020 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Solomons, MD. Interment followed in Solomons United Methodist Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Martin Gibbons, Christopher Sady, Jeremy Matchie, Ray Lusby, Bow Lusby, and Little Martin Gibbons.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.rauschfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rauschfuneralhomes.com).

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# Community Calendar

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## 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](http://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](http://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. - 8p.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.**

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](http://webtrac.co.cal.md.us/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html).

## Friday, February 21

**Stuffed Shells Dinner at the Legion**

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

Comfort food is the name of this tasty informal dinner hosted in the lower level dining room for a meal you won't soon forget. Cost is \$12 including side, salad, and beverage. Questions may be directed to 410-257-9878. Public welcome.

### Membership Meeting

**American Legion Auxiliary Stallings-Williams Post 206; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

All members of the American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206 are encouraged to attend the regular meeting in the Upper Level Meeting Hall at the American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206. For information call 410-257-9878 or visit [www.MD-post206.org](http://www.MD-post206.org).

### Karaoke at the Legion

**American Legion Auxiliary Stallings-Williams Post 206; 8 p.m. - midnight**

Join us for a good time in the Lower Level Lounge. No cover charge. Public welcome. Questions may be directed to 410-257-9878. [www.MD-Post206.Org](http://www.MD-Post206.Org)

The Maritime Performance Series presents Diane Daly

**Calvert Marine Museum; 7 p.m.**

Diane Daly is a vocalist of moody contrasts and evocative depth. Diane has spent her career exploring a world of music from the strictest classical solos to avant-garde cabaret. Doors open at 6 p.m. with beer and wine available for sale. Tickets are \$20 online at [calvertmarinemuseum.com/Maritime-Performance-Series](http://calvertmarinemuseum.com/Maritime-Performance-Series) and \$25 at the door.

## Saturday, February 22

### Tea Party in the Garden

**Patuxent High School; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

The Patuxent High School Band Program would like to invite you to our first annual Tea Party in the Garden. The event will be held inside our school cafeteria. Please join us for an afternoon of tea, yummy treats and fun. We will have a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Please feel free to wear your favorite Tea Party attire. To purchase tickets please go to: [www.patuxentband.com/fundraising.html](http://www.patuxentband.com/fundraising.html)

or email [patuxentband@gmail.com](mailto:patuxentband@gmail.com) for any questions. We hope you will join us!!

### STEM Expo

**Calvert High School; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Calvert County Public School will be hosting the 9th annual expo that will exhibit CCPS STEM programs designed to engage both children and adults. The EXPO will include robots, virtual reality stations, science and engineering projects, flight simulators, computer coding, catapults and much more for the entire family to enjoy for free. For more information, contact Dr. Yovonda Kolo at 443-550-8026 or [koloy@calvertnet.k12.md.us](mailto:koloy@calvertnet.k12.md.us).

### 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.

## Monday, February 24

### CSM Spring Transfer Fair: La Plata Campus

**Center for Business and Industry; 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

This event will be held in rooms 103 and 104. CSM students are invited to meet representatives from a variety of colleges and universities, explore college majors and degree programs, and meet with CSM faculty to gather information about planning the next step in their education. Free. For more information, please call 301-934-7574 or visit [www.csmd.edu/transferfair](http://www.csmd.edu/transferfair).

## Tuesday, February 25

### CSM Spring Transfer Fair: Prince Frederick Campus

**Building B; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

This event will be held in the Multipurpose Room, and is free. CSM students are invited to meet representatives from a variety of colleges and universities, explore college majors and degree programs, and meet with CSM faculty to gather information about planning the next step in their education. For more information, please call 240-725-5320 or visit [www.csmd.edu/transferfair](http://www.csmd.edu/transferfair).

### Shrove Tuesday

**Interdenominational Union Church; 6 p.m.**

Join us for a pancake supper in the rear hall prepared by the men of the congregation. This free event is offered with the compliments of the Congregation. All are cordially invited to attend. Questions may be directed to 410-257-3555.

### Pancake Supper

**Friendship United Methodist Church; 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Join us for a wonderful supper with an all you can eat full breakfast menu. Adults will be \$10, children ages 6-12 will be \$5, and younger children will be free. More information at 410-257-7133. All money will benefit youth ministries.

### 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](http://webtrac.co.cal.md.us/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html).

## Wednesday, February 26

**CSM Grad Fest: Prince Frederick**

### Campus.

**Building B; 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

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](http://www.csmd.edu/student-services/registrar/graduation/gradfest).

## Thursday, February 27

### 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.

### PWR!Moves

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

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## Ongoing

### CalvArt Gallery

**February 20 - March 8**

Visit the CalvArt Gallery and see their show "For the Love of Jewelry".

### ArtWorks@7ths

**February 20 - 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."

## Upcoming

### Bowl-A-Thon

**Saturday, March 14; 1 p.m. - 11 p.m.**

Team reservations are now being accepted to participate in CTA's 32nd Annual SkillsUSA Bowl-A-Thon to be held at Lord Calvert Bowl in Huntingtown. Corporate sponsors are also needed. Contact Robin Wells at CTA at (443) 550-9942 for details. Cash prizes and door prizes will be awarded throughout the event!



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

**March:**

Art in the Stacks. Calvert Library invites you to enjoy exhibits of local art in each of our locations all month. Gary Scribner (Fairveiw Branch), Holly Dilatush (Prince Frederick), Jane Spencer Dale (Southern Branch), Windy Hill Middle School Math Faces (Twin Beaches Branch). Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

**Monday, March 02:**

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

Green Crafting. 1:00pm-5:00pm. Make crafts out of materials that would typically be thrown out. Crocheting, needlework, sewing and simple tying techniques will be used. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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

**Tuesday, March 03:**

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>.

Flying Needles. 6:00pm-9:00pm. Knitting, crocheting and portable crafting group open to anyone wanting to join in and share talents, crafting time or learn a new skill. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Writers by the Bay @ the Library.

7:00pm-8:30pm. Looking for a writers' group? All writers and would-be writers are welcome to come for critique & camaraderie. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

**Wednesday, March 04:**

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

**SOLD OUT!** : An Evening with Jason Reynolds. 6:30pm-9:00pm. Jason Reynolds is the author of "Ghost", "Patina", "Sunny", and "Lu". His middle grades & young adult titles have won awards from the Schneider Family Book Award, Kirkus, & the Coretta Scott King award. His book "Look Both Ways" was #1 on the NY Times Bestseller list. Doors will open at 6:00 pm. Tickets required and seating is general admission. Can't wait to see him? Check out some of his books and see why everyone is EXCITED about his visit! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <http://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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

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By Office of Aging Staff

**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 documentations 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.

consider your contribution carefully to help the Office on Aging meet increased costs. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance.

**AARP Driver Safety Class**

An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held at North Beach Senior Center, Tuesday, March 24, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Fee: \$15/members, \$20/non-members. Pre-registration required.

**Daylight Savings Time**

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8, 2 a.m. This is a great time to check or change your batteries in your smoke detectors. If your smoke detectors are over 10 years old, they must be replaced.

**Congregate Meal Program**

Lunches are served to seniors aged 60 and over Monday-Friday at noon. Fee is \$3 (suggested donation). Please con-

Calvert Pines Senior Center (CPSC)

**Eating Together Menu**

**Monday, February 24**  
Beef Tips in Gravy, Egg Noodles, Winter Squash, Dinner Roll, Canned Plums

Salad w/Dressing, Seasoned Tomatoes & Zucchini, Dinner Roll, Pineapple

**Tuesday, February 25**  
Baked Chicken Leg, Lentil Soup, Carrots, Seasoned Greens, Dinner Roll, Fruited Jell-O

**Thursday, February 27**  
Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Coleslaw, Carrots, Chilled Pears

**Wednesday, February 26**  
Baked Fish w/Herb & Lemon, Seasoned Brown Rice, Tossed

**Friday, February 28**  
Tuna Fish Sandwich w/Lettuce & Tomato Slices, Split Pea Soup, Pickled Beets, pineapple

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

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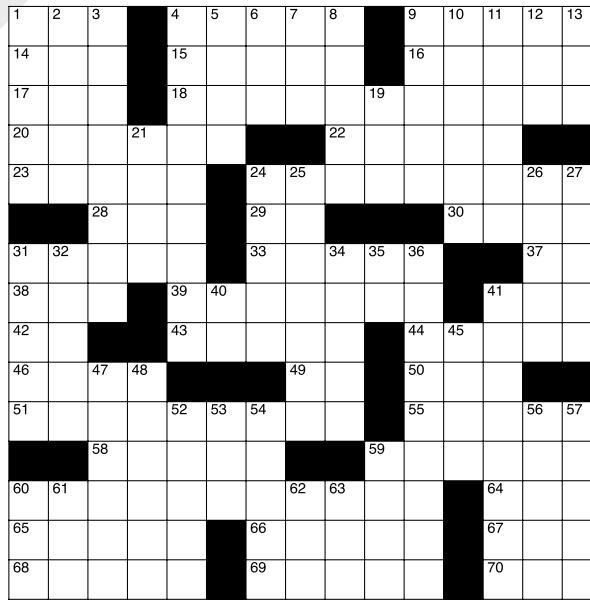
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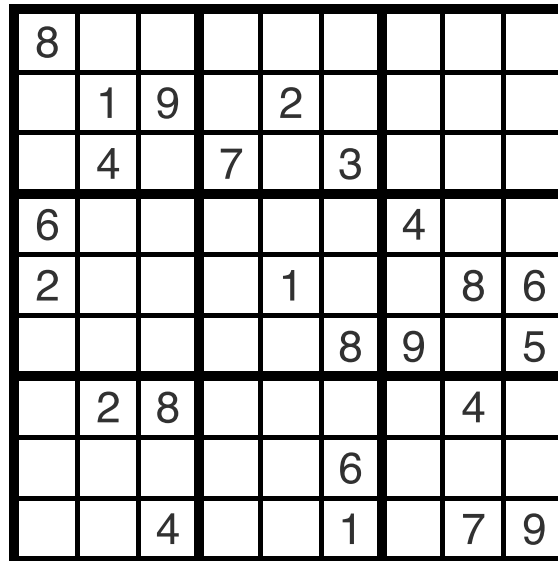
- 59. Engaged in conflict
- 60. Former CBS sportscaster
- 64. Characterized by unity
- 65. Working-class
- 66. Corners
- 67. \_\_\_ de plume
- 68. Influential French artist
- 69. "Very" in musical terms
- 70. Financial account

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Long, flat abdominal muscles
- 2. Small Eurasian willow
- 3. Justified in terms of profitability
- 4. Required
- 5. River that starts in Turkey
- 6. Disfigure
- 7. A way of communicating (abbr.)
- 8. Leaks slowly
- 9. Shady place under trees
- 10. Made a speech
- 11. Long, angry speech
- 12. Mortar trough
- 13. Autonomic nervous system
- 19. Southern India island
- 21. Grab quickly
- 24. Ancient Mesopotamian city
- 25. With three uneven sides
- 26. Football visionary
- 27. Divides
- 27. Primordial matters
- 31. Facing towards the flow of a glacier
- 32. "A Delicate Balance" writer
- 34. Emits coherent radiation
- 35. Commercial
- 36. Groups of foot bones
- 40. Out of print
- 41. Partner to cheese
- 45. German river
- 47. Concluding speech
- 48. Spanish dish
- 52. Prominent California cape Point
- 53. Any high mountain
- 54. Ethiopian lake
- 56. Mr.
- 57. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 59. Large, flightless bird
- 60. Oil industry term (abbr.)
- 61. Something one can draw
- 62. Officers in charge
- 63. Greek island

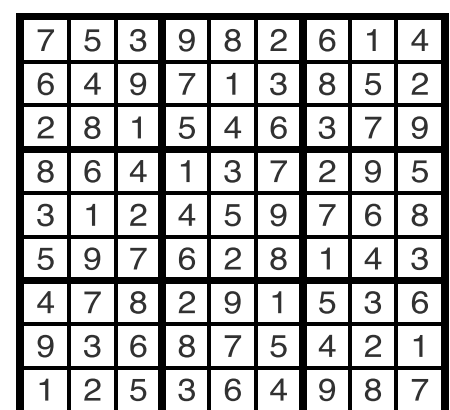
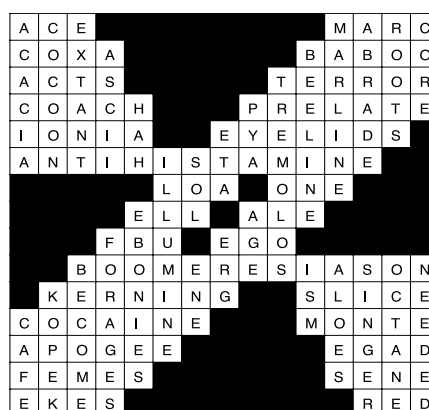
**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Small deer
- 4. Khoikhoi peoples
- 9. South African statesman
- 14. Keyboard key
- 15. Remove
- 16. A conspicuous constellation
- 17. Data executive
- 18. Retired NASCAR driver
- 20. Tightens
- 22. A picture of the Virgin Mary
- 23. "The Mission" actor
- 23. Jeremy
- 24. Confidently
- 28. More (Spanish)
- 29. Sports highlight show (abbr.)
- 30. Hand out cards
- 31. Distinctive Asian antelope
- 33. Arabic greeting
- 37. Of I
- 38. Hip hop trio
- 39. Meat roll
- 41. One's mother (Brit.)
- 42. \_\_\_-GYN
- 43. Belgian city
- 44. Plucks
- 46. Leak slowly
- 49. Denotes a particular region
- 50. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 51. Divides
- 55. Kid
- 58. Inland Empire Expanded Learning Symposium



Level: Intermediate

### LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



**Letter to the Editor**

**A Successful Night in Margaritaville**

To the Editor

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Calvert Hospice and enjoy a little bit of casual summer fun in January! Our Night in Margaritaville at the Calvert County Fairgrounds sold out quickly and, as a result of everyone's generosity that evening, we netted over \$7,600 to help sustain our Burnett Calvert Hospice House and continue our bereavement programs and services. We are so glad that this first-time event was such a hit! We hope the photos with Jimmy Buffet (you had to be there!) will bring smiles and happy memories to all those who took advantage of this very cool photo op (thank you Beth Graeme!)

As always, there is a multitude of individuals and businesses to recognize for making that evening possible. First, we are incredibly grateful to our special Hospice Partners for their consistent support: Floor Systems, Medart Galleries, and Tax Depot. Our sponsors for the evening made it possible for this event to be financially beneficial and allow us to create that special "beach-party-in-winter" experience: Bob Hall LLC, Bee Your Guest, Beth Graeme Photography, Exelon Generation, Gentle Family Dentistry, Garner Exteriors, Rymer & Associates, Richard and Jean Fleming, Encounter Grace, Dowell Financial Services LLC, NAI Michael, Town of Chesapeake Beach, and H. W. Phillips Insurance.

We are also very grateful for the numerous donations we received for our outstanding raffle items and the sought-after beverage choices: Brackish Wa-

ters, Karen Sharpe, Maertens Fine Jewelry and Gifts, Tractor Supply Company, Patuxent Wine & Spirits, ABD Liquors, Ducks Unlimited, Salsarita's, and Gordon and Marcy Lambourne. Thank you, too, to Nick's of Calvert and the Calvert County Fairgrounds for working with us in pulling together those last-minute details!

Of course the evening wouldn't have been complete without the Key West flair from Maryland Country Caterers, and the incomparable talent, energy, and professionalism of Shelli Lord and Kurt Gibbons of NightLife. The conga line was definitely memorable! And as always, the Calvert Hospice staff and volunteers were amazing, working to create this event from scratch – from a fleeting thought to a night of full-on fun!

In the end, though, we are most grateful to all those who came out to help Calvert Hospice raise the funds we need to ensure we are always here to help patients and families make the most of every moment. We are truly privileged to honor our mission and are equally grateful for the support we always receive from our most generous and caring communities. Simply, we could not do what we do without you. We look forward to seeing everyone at all our other upcoming events! Thank you, Calvert County, for your steadfast support of our mission!

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**Calvert County Times**

# Straight Talk on Straight Teeth

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK

Orthodontic braces and clear aligners such as Invisalign® are not just for straightening teeth and making your smile look better. In fact, a highly trained and skilled dentist will use orthodontic treatment to improve the function of the teeth which will result in a healthier, longer-lasting smile. While good looking teeth are attractive, the purpose of your teeth is to chew food. When teeth are misaligned, they can slowly damage opposing teeth during the chewing process. When they are in proper alignment, teeth break down the food they are chewing without damaging each other.

To help illustrate the point, think of a well working pair of scissors. When in good alignment the two blades come together and meet at a very precise point that makes them excellent at cutting paper. On the other hand, imagine one of the scissor blades had a slight bend or a ding in the metal. This imperfection would surely affect the scissor's ability to cut as well as when it was in perfect alignment. If the one blade is bent away from the other, there will be a gap between the points of contact that cause the cutting action. The result would likely be a failure

to cut effectively or efficiently. If the bend in the one blade is toward the other, it would cause the blades to scrape each other, making cutting difficult. More importantly to note, the blades scraping each other slowly destroy the cutting surface of both blades.

These same principles can be applied to your teeth. In any area of the mouth where your opposing teeth do not meet when you perform a chewing motion (meaning there is a space between the top and opposing-bottom tooth in any area of your mouth when your jaw is closed), like the scissor in the first scenario, it is rendered ineffective in the chewing process. On the other hand, if there are any teeth that are colliding with their opposing teeth, they are likely causing trauma to each other and slowly wearing down the enamel surface and eventually the tooth structure. This will likely lead to greater risk of decay and eventually risk the tooth's overall vitality.

Many people who have ongoing problems with decay or pain despite their efforts to keep their teeth clean, might be suffering from mal-occlusion issues that are causing the ongoing dental problems. The good

news is that orthodontics may be a solution to these problems, and a straighter, more beautiful smile is a bonus to the treatment, not the reason for the treatment.

If you're like most adults, the thought of braces is unnerving. Years in metal brackets and sharp wires is no-one's idea of a good time. If these thoughts are keeping you away from approaching your dentist about a straighter, more beautiful, better functioning, healthier smile, consider a clear aligner option such as Invisalign®. Invisalign® is a clear, removeable retainer that may achieve the same results as traditional braces in less time.

The fact that aligners are removeable means you can take them out whenever you eat. This makes eating more comfortable and cleaner as you will not have to worry about food particles being stuck in your braces. They also allow you to easily clean your teeth, where braces with wires make flossing and thorough brushing more difficult. The material used by Invisalign® is by far superior to all other aligners on the market. Not only is it the most invisible, it is also the fastest working material, meaning you will reach your desired outcome in a fraction

of the time to other safe orthodontic options.

Finally, with Invisalign® technology, your dentist can take a scan of your mouth and show you virtually what your results will look like, from the improved esthetics of your smile profile to the benefits of improving any occlusion issues that may be causing damage to your teeth.

The next time you go to your dentist, ask them if they are Invisalign® certified. Ask them if they can provide a virtual, digital smile makeover with the use of an iTero® scanner so that you can see your likely outcome. Also ask them if you have any occlusion issues during chewing and if orthodontics is right for you.

One of the biggest barriers to getting orthodontic treatment dentists hear the most is that it costs too much. Before you allow money to get between you and a healthy, beautiful smile, think about the amount of money you spent on your last car. That car will likely not be in your life ten years from now. The cost of braces or Invisalign® is a fraction of the cost of that car, and the results will last you a lifetime!

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