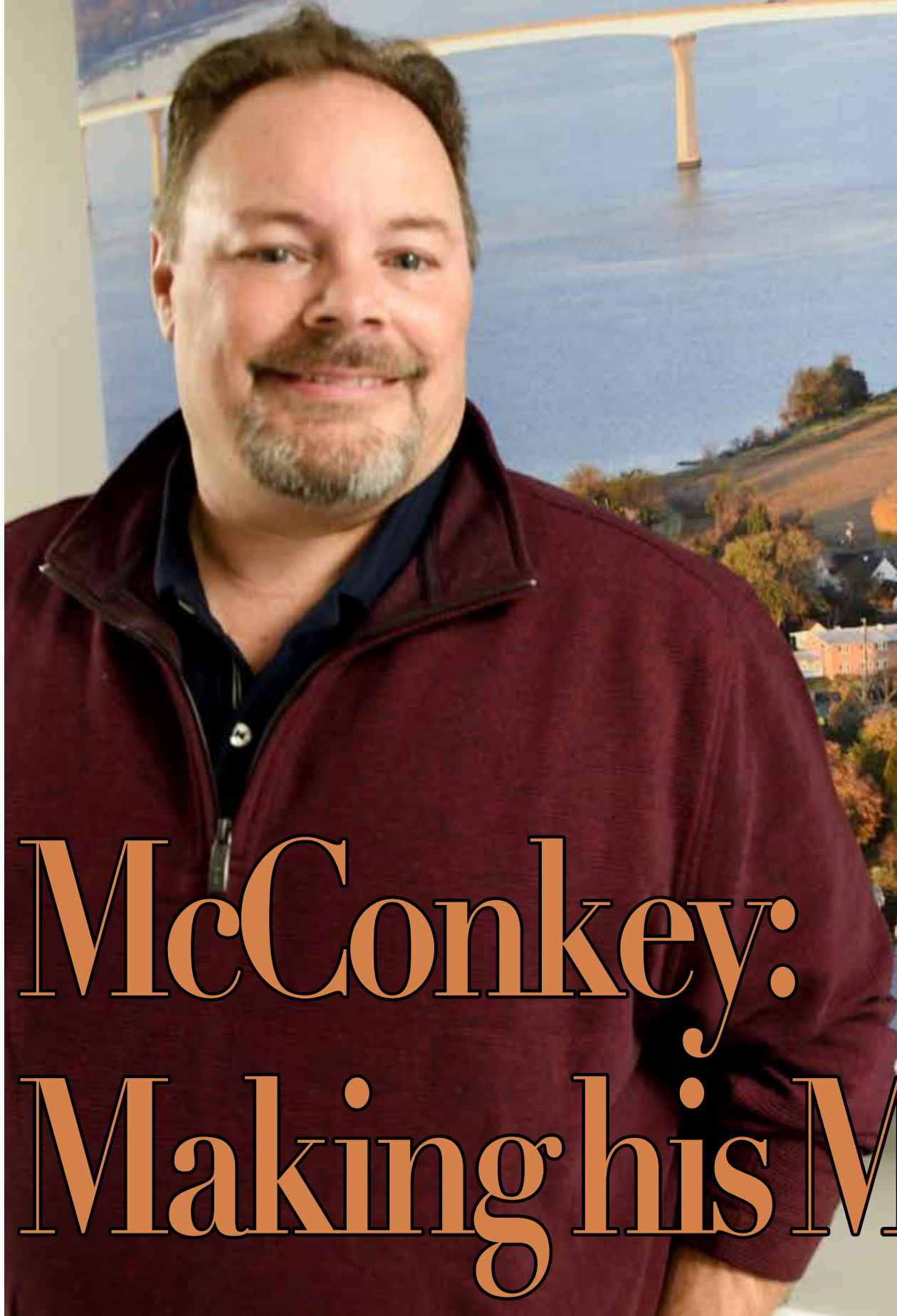


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Two Underage Sales, Two Different Outcomes



By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of License Commissioners (liquor board) heard two cases at their Feb. 20 meeting alleging sales to a minor. Both admitted the sales occurred, but the cases had dramatically different results.

O'Gannigan's Irish Pub in Prince Frederick was given a three-day suspension and a \$500 fine. Port of Call Liquors in Solomons was let off without any penalty at all.

O'Gannigan's is a new establishment that took over the space formerly occupied by Calvert Tap House and before that the Greene Turtle. Licensee is Lawrence Van Tassel, Jr.

Port of Call Liquors is best known as Del. Jerry Clark's place, although Clark told The County Times that he has never been the licensee and only works there occasionally, particularly during the legislative session. He was in the store on Feb. 24 when The County Times called.

The licensees of Port of Call Liquors are Clark's sister, Judith King and his sister-in-law Betty Clark.

King testified at the hearing that she thought the customer she was selling to was a regular customer so she did not check her ID. Instead it was an undercover police operative.

King told the liquor board she had been a licensee for 40 years and that it had never happened to her before. "I just feel very bad. It just made me very sick," she said.

Board Chairman Robert Arscott observed that King had recently been sick and wanted to know if that affected her. She said it may have. Saying he knew she didn't mean to do it, Arscott said, looking at the other members for consent, that they would not take any action against the store.

"I just hope you don't do it again," Arscott said.

O'Gannigan's license was suspended for the weekend following the meeting. A Calvert County Sheriff's Office deputy testi-

fied he was called for a patron who was passed out on the bar. His investigation revealed that the 17-year old had received multiple drinks from his father and then later returned to the bar.

The testimony was that the bartender, who was fired, checked an ID, but that ID showed the true age of the boy. The deputy said the tape of the transaction appeared to show the bartender didn't really look at the ID.

Two managers testified that they had been looking at the bar remotely through a real-time camera and that it appeared the young man was of legal age. After the bartender looked at the ID, they assumed that he was of legal age.

They testified that the boy's collapse on the bar came about very suddenly. An ambulance transported him to the hospital and his mother picked him up.

The sheriff's office is pursuing felony charges against the father for neglect of a minor. The deputy said the establishment's management is cooperating in that investigation.

It was announced at the meeting that inspections were conducted during the past month at the following licensees who passed without violations: Mama Lucia-Dunkirk, Solomons Fastop, St. Leonard Fastop, Town Center Beer BP, Dunkirk Wine & Spirits, 260 BP, Breezy Point Grill, Buehlers Package Goods, Country Wine, Good Day Market, Mom & Pops Store, Spring Cove Marina, Trader's Seafood Steak & Ale, 2 & 4 Liquors, Apple Greene Wine & Spirits, Dunkirk Market Place Wine & Spirits, E-Z Thai Restaurant, Ken Mar Liquors, Heavenly Chicken & Ribs, No Thyme to Cook, Salsa's Mexican Café, Solomons Island Wine Tasting Room, Adam's the Place for Ribs, Bowen's Grocery, Chesapeake Grill & Deli, Neall's Wine & Spirits, Sunderland Wine & Spirits, Town & County Liquors, Blue Heron Inn, Discount Liquors, Kim's Key Lime Pies, McKneall's Wine & Spirits and Lusby Fastop.

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Budget Concerns Focus on Classroom Discipline

Teacher Salaries Also an Issue

By Dick Myers
Editor

The 18 people who appeared at the public comment session of the Feb. 20 Calvert County Board of Education meeting set aside for feedback on the superintendent's proposed budget showed that the persistent concerns about classroom discipline and violence are also the number one budget concern.

Calvert Middle School teacher Karen Stewart, a 25-year veteran, said, "There are policies and practices that we as a school system have adopted and others that we've failed to re-examine that are contributing to the problems that occur in our own classrooms here in Calvert County."

She suggested "the consequences a student receives for gross disrespect or print fantasy directed at a teacher begin at a level three with one-to-three days of in school suspension followed by community conferencing with the teacher present. Students who physically assault teachers should be given a level four or five consequence for long-term removal from the school environment and referred to law enforcement when applicable."

Speakers over the past six months have consistently said students are returned to the classroom with little or no repercussions.

In addition to the concerns about discipline, speakers also talked about the need to boost teacher salaries, particularly for the years in which STEP increases were withheld.

Michael Spahr, Uniservity director for both the Calvert Education Association and Calvert Association of Educational Support staff, said, "Teachers have been coming to board meetings for years asking for more resources and since the funding formula (with the county) has been adopted, the Board of Education has approved over \$1.7 million budgeted for salaries and wages to pay for other things, including contracted services, Saturday school, additional school supplements and capital improvements."

He said parts of the settlements for re-funds of health care premiums have been paid back to employees, "but all remaining funds, roughly a million dollars were spent on capital improvements, particularly on paving projects."

Anna Price, a 20-year teacher from Patuxent High School, said, "The new contract would have us in a three-year pay freeze, deny us essential restorative steps and limit our opportunities for career advancement. You can neither attract nor retrain employees without fair and competitive compensation."

Teacher Deana Coughlin spoke of additional budget needs. She said, "I was excited to hear that there were two additional school counselor positions added to the budget because I thought for sure one of them was



for Windy Hill Elementary School and the other for Sunderland Elementary School. I understand the need for the additional school counselors at Northern and Huntingtown high schools. I am asking for you to increase the budget by adding two elementary school counselors for a total of four new positions to meet the needs of all the students at the schools."

Siobhan Tedtsen said, "I'm here tonight to ask you not to support the budget as it stands." One reason, she said: "It does not address lowering class sizes and I can't understand how anyone after hearing the last two meetings wouldn't understand why we need to do that."

She also said, "This budget just does not address the needs of our neediest children. Calvert County can afford to do better and we should."

Sandra Estrada, a music teacher at Barstow Elementary School, spoke especially about lower class sizes in grades K-2, who she said "are our most vulnerable group. We as education professionals are repeatedly told the significance of early intervention in the primary grades. However, large class sizes greatly diminish the impact we have on our individual students."

Kristin Morris, a teacher at Windy Hill Elementary School, said she had intended to come to ask the school board to reject the budget but instead came with thanks for their support. "As many of you know, Windy Hill Elementary School has suddenly and tragically lost our third student in 366 days. Our students are handling unimaginable grief."

She added, "Teachers have been able to carry on with instruction to provide the structure and routine for the other students who so desperately need that. Imagine if we were able to provide additional guidance counselors and social workers to our schools every single day for the traumas that we don't even know about?"

She thanked School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry for coming to the school to lend his support.

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Bay Cliff Access Restrictions Urged

County Official Advises Town Council

By Dick Myers
Editor

The recent collapse of a cliff on the Chesapeake Bay south of the Town of Chesapeake Beach has brought into focus the perilousness of parts of Calvert County's shoreline. Although no one was injured in the most recent collapse, at the Feb. 20 Chesapeake Beach town meeting Mayor Pat Mahoney took note of the fact that the life of a 12-year-old girl was taken about 20 years ago in a similar incident.

Mahoney said he didn't want anyone else to be buried alive. Calvert County Deputy Director of Public Safety Alfred Jeffery corrected him. "I'm going to change that phrase to buried dead. When you get 20 tons of sand coming down on you from 70 feet, you can only imagine the force that's going to come down. That is a 100-percent fatal accident."

Jeffrey said, "I recommended to the mayor, talked to him at the incident, that the beach property underneath these cliffs needs to be secured and a restricted area put up so people can't get in there easily. We all know you can put any barrier you want to stop somebody from coming in and you'll get around it. My recommendation is that shouldn't stop us from taking action to make sure that they're aware of the danger that they can get in. These cliffs can collapse at any time."

Jeffrey said there are grant monies available. He noted, "You're going to be getting an invitation shortly to a meeting with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and MEMA (Maryland Emergency Management Agency) about community projects, specifically mitigation projects, that we want to look at undertaking to see if we can make those cliffs safer."

Jeffrey said the grant projects are competitive and there's a significant lag time in getting them awarded. He said there would have to be a 25-percent local match to whatever grant is approved.

Underscoring the danger, he said during the recent collapse there were two people standing on the cliff face "when it's in a vulnerable state, so I would urge you to take every action you can to isolate that area from easy access."

The area that collapsed was just south of the town's public beach in the county. Jeffrey spoke after another safety presentation by North Beach Volunteer Fire Department Chief Chris Mills on smoke detectors and sprinkler systems. Jeffrey lent his support to both fire safety measures.

Mills said a law change in 2018 requires any battery powered smoke detector to be replaced with a 10-year sealed smoke detector with battery backup.

"We are encouraging everybody that has smoke detectors, please change your batteries twice a year," Mills advised. And those 10-year batteries should be checked at least every five years, he said.

Mills came bearing gifts in the form of 300 hard-wired smoke detectors "for people that already had existing smoke detectors that aren't hard-wired."

As to sprinkler systems, Mills said, "They aren't meant to save buildings and property. They are meant to save lives. They're there to provide you enough time to get out, to keep the fire at bay while you get out."

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North Beach VFD Chief Chris Mills (right) with President Matt Weber in front of the department.

Fisher Says It's 'Largest Tax Increase Ever'

Clark Calls Taxes 'Crazy'

By Dick Myers
Editor

In his latest blog and podcast to constituents, Republican Calvert County Del. Mark Fisher has blasted the Democratic proposal for funding to help pay for the Kirwan Commission education reforms. He wrote:

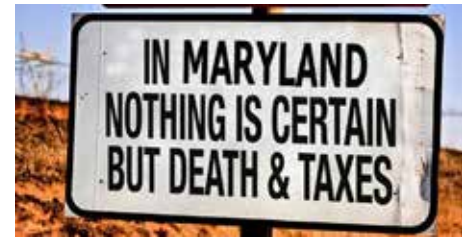
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"Apparently, Maryland Democrats are trying to upstage Martin O'Malley, who even taxed the rain.


"It certainly appears they are not going to be content until such time as Maryland becomes a full-blown Socialist state."

Calvert and St. Mary's Del. Jerry Clark said, "I think it's crazy," agreeing with Fisher that the tax increases were larger than those under former Democratic governor Martin O'Malley.

"If they get it, it would have an ominous effect, Clark said.

He said there could be one good thing that could come out of the proposal: it would drive voters to the Republican Party.


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Former Calvert Deputy Indicted in Fatal Collision

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A Calvert County Grand Jury has indicted a former sheriff's deputy on 10 criminal counts including negligent homicide and driving while under the influence of alcohol in the death of Leah Christina Clark on Oct. 29.

The Prince Frederick resident was 34 years old.

The Grand Jury handed down the indictment Feb. 19 against Joseph Francis Migliaccio, 33, who was suspended from the agency while the investigation into Clark's death was underway.

The sheriff's office investigation revealed that Migliaccio was driving his 2015 black Ford truck east on Dares Beach Road in the area of Terrace Drive when it struck Clark. She was pronounced deceased on the scene.

Sheriff Mike Evans said Migliaccio had resigned from the agency the day he was indicted.

He offered condolences to the victim's



Leah Christina Clark was killed in October when a truck driven by a Calvert Deputy struck her according to police investigation.

family.

"We feel for the family of Ms. Clark and our thoughts and prayers are with them," Evans said.

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Prince Frederick Survey Results Unveiled

Citizens Invited to Participate in Workshop

The Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning will hold a public workshop as part of the Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan update process. Planning & Zoning staff will share results from the Prince Frederick Master Plan and Zoning Update Survey, and attendees will participate in a workshop to discuss topics identified in the survey.

The workshop will be held Monday, March 2, 2020 at the College of Southern Maryland, Prince Frederick Campus, Building B, located at 115 J.W. Williams Road in Prince Frederick. The meeting kicks off with an open house at 6:30 p.m. with the workshop to follow from 7-8:30 p.m.

The meeting will also be streamed live on the Calvert County Government Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd.

The Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan sets policies and actions that



guide the physical development within the town center, including private and public development. This meeting will be one of many opportunities for the public to provide input for the Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan update. The master plan was originally adopted in 1989. For more information about the Prince Frederick Master Plan visit www.CalvertCountyMD.gov/TownCenters, email pz@calvertcountymd.gov or call 410-535-1600, ext. 2356.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

Decision Delayed on Transportation Plan

Record Kept Open After Public Hearing

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has left the record open for two weeks after a Feb. 25 public hearing on the county's proposed transportation plan. Only two people spoke and raised concerns, but there also were issues brought up during the discussion among the commissioners.

David Perry of Breezy Point questioned the consultant's method of using weighted averages in determining the adequacy of intersections. He said the State Highway Administration (SHA) doesn't use that method, creating two different sets of data.

He said, "The weighted average approach is seriously underestimating the traffic congestion, which was why the State Highway Administration doesn't use it. SHA rates intersection levels of service based on the worst performing approach to that intersection and the county should do the same. By using the weighted average approach, the current transportation plan suggested

only two of the 13 intersections studied are APFO (Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance) non-compliant. But based on the most recent SHA data and using the congested approach measure, nine of those 13 intersections appear to be not compliant."

Commissioner Buddy Hance agreed, but Principal Planner Tamara Blake-Wallace said, "The weighted average is industry standard. You take the approach of all the intersections and it's the average. The level of service is not taken by each approach to the intersection. It's an average of all of those approaches into that intersection."

Hance wasn't convinced and said someone sitting in traffic wouldn't be convinced either.

Director of Planning and Zoning Mary Beth Cook and Long-Range Planner Jenny Plummer-Welker said some of the concerns would be addressed in the zoning ordinance update and changes to the APFO.

Plummer-Welker said the current regulations may only require a developer to upgrade roads with 400 new

homes. If they are only proposing 300 new homes and another developer on the same road was also proposing 300, the cumulative effect is not now being considered but could be under rewrite changes.

The second public hearing speaker was Sheriff Mike Evans. He said he was speaking on behalf of the Calvert County Safety Council. "I'm not here to disagree with the plan, but we do have some language we'd like to see changed. We don't want to be locked into some of the strategies and priorities that we see



Tim Hutchins

along the way it was planned."

Evans urged the use of "proven best practices and develop innovative programs to address the causes and outcomes of traffic crash strategy including establishing systematic data-driven processes."

Commissioner Tim Hutchins pointed out two traffic safety problems highlighted in the plan: "Calvert County has the second highest per capita rate of crashes involving motorcycles and six highest per capita rates of alcohol or drug inherent crashes in the state. St Mary's County has very similar crash rates in both categories."

Hutchins urged the county to draft letters to both the sheriff's office and the Maryland State Police asking them to address those safety issues.

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Commissioners Briefed on Emergency Services

Data Shows North and South County Gaps

By Dick Myers
Editor

Calvert County Fire/Rescue/EMS services meet a 10-minute response time for Basic Life Support (BLS) from 54-75 percent of the time, depending on the location of the call. Dunkirk has the best response times.

But for the most serious cases requiring Advanced Life Support (ALS) services, the rates range from 7-65 percent, with North Beach being the lowest and Dunkirk coming in second at just 9 percent.

The low response rates for the northern and southern parts of the county (Prince Frederick is the highest) for ALS services are the reason why units manned with the country first paid paramedics will be stationed in the north and south, according to Fire/Rescue/EMS Division Chief Jim Richardson.

Richardson and Director of Public Safety Jacqueline Vaughn made a report to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their Feb. 25 meeting.

Richardson unveiled three new maps that show call volumes in the various parts of the county. He said, "I could note that the areas from Prince Frederick's first due south are by far the busiest contributors at well over 65

percent."

He also pointed to the map showing the southern part of the county, and said, "Solomons volunteer rescue squad and fire department's first due response area, generally south of Nursery Road/Pardoe Road intersection, accounts for over one-fourth of the call volume in Calvert County."

He said some people observe that the area includes a nursing home and Asbury-Solomons senior living complex. But he said even with those removed, "that area would still come in third place just behind the two areas in Prince Frederick. So that Southern end of the county, particularly that far southern end is very, very busy area in the county."

Richardson pointed out some fire/rescue/EMS trends in the county, including:

- Call volume
- Call duration (specialty centers, hospital turnover delay)
- Training demands
- Complexity of out of hospital care
- Patient care reporting requirements

About the call duration, he explained, "Protocols require transport to specialty centers de-

pending upon the patient's condition, a specific type of heart attack, a SASA STEM, a type of elevation of an electrocardiogram requires them to be sent to a facility that can do an emergency catheterization, and it's fantastic outcome for the patient. But if you're in Solomons and that closest center is Southern Maryland Hospital Center, that's a long, long trip. Years ago, I can remember that we would go weeks without any need to ever go out of the County."

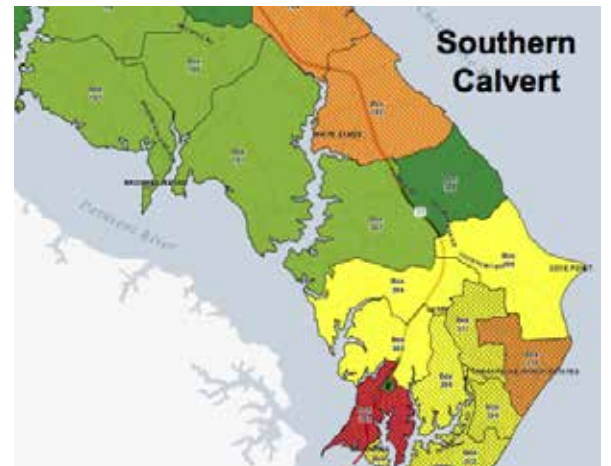
He added, "I would say probably every other day we have ambulances transporting to the metropolitan area for these different issues, could be a burn trauma, different types of injuries. These are all based on Maryland protocols. We do have aviation available, but depending upon the severity, those cases are reserved for the most serious."

He said the other issue that affects call duration is called "patient turnover. Our primary facility we transport to is CalvertHealth Medical Center. And they do a tremen-

dous job at getting patients off our ambulance" But he said emergency room over-crowding is a nationwide issue.

"There are times when we will have staff having to sit there for over an hour, maybe two hours at times, waiting literally for them to be able to accept that patient and to continue that care."

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Map shows call volume in southern Calvert County.

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During the week of February 10 – February 16 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,468 calls for service throughout the community.

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On February 12, 2020, Deputy Plant responded to Casey Way in Owings for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between February 6th and February 7th, an unknown suspect(s) shot the front of their house with blue paintballs. One of the shots went through a screen that was covering a window, causing it to tear. The value of damaged property is \$100.

Arrests:

On February 10, 2020,

Deputy Sampson conducted a traffic stop in the area of Route 231 and Prince Frederick Boulevard in Prince Frederick. After making contact with the driver, **Darryl Wayne Icenhower (27)**, Icenhower was removed from the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in an eyeglass case containing a metal spoon with blue residue and burn marks, an orange syringe cap, paper folds containing two plastic baggies of a blue powder substance suspected to be heroin, 6 cotton cigarette filters, and a small cotton ball with suspected heroin residue. A second spoon was located in the glove compartment, as well as two partial Suboxone strips in wrappers. Icenhower was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.



Darren Wayne Icenhower

On February 12, 2020, Deputy Savick conducted a traffic stop at Sneades Ace Hardware Store in Owings. Upon making

contact with the driver, **Michael Joe Cluxton (37)**, Deputy Savick observed Cluxton to be extremely nervous and make continuous movements towards the driver's side floor area. Cluxton was removed from the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in a blue straw with powder residue, two orange and white Adderall capsules, which Cluxton advised he did not have a prescription for. A black Mossberg 500 12 gauge shotgun loaded with seven rounds was also located in a LED light box in the vehicle. A search of Cluxton's person revealed a Ziploc bag containing multiple colored pills suspected to be Xanax and Klonopin. Cluxton was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, CDS Possession with Intent to Distribute, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, Possession of Rifle/Shotgun with Felony Conviction, and Illegal Possession of Ammunition.



Michael Joe Cluxton

On February 12, 2020, Deputy Parks conducted a traffic stop on Dalrymple Road at Ray Road in Sunderland. Deputy Parks made contact with the driver, **Michael Tenney (30)**, and when asked, Tenney advised he had an unloaded Glock 27 in a bag, two 80% lowers for the gun, as well as an empty magazine in the vehicle. Deputy Parks removed the hand gun bag from the vehicle and located the empty 9mm magazine. Tenney was removed from the vehicle and a search was conducted resulting in a backpack in the backseat containing two gallon-sized vacuum sealed bags of marijuana, a large mason jar containing marijuana, two full zip lock baggies of marijuana and a black digital scale. In the front pocket of the backpack were two extended 9mm Glock magazines, one loaded with 21 rounds and the other loaded with 20 rounds. Tenney was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged

with CDS: Distribution Etc. with a Firearm, CDS Distributing/Dispense- Large Amount, CDS: Possession of Marijuana Over 10grams, Firearm/Drug Traffic Crime, Firearm Use/Felony Violation, Handgun in Vehicle, Handgun on Person, and Assault Weapon/ Magazine Use.

On February 15, 2020, Deputy Stevens responded to Brickhouse Road in Dunkirk for the report of an intoxicated male.

Upon arrival, Deputy Stevens met with the complainant who advised they offered to give **Karl Kozee (48)** a ride home from Anthony's Bar and Grill, which Kozee accepted but would not provide his address or a phone number to the complainant. Deputy Stevens observed Kozee to be slumped over in the front passenger and appeared to be asleep. Upon approaching the vehicle, Kozee woke up and exited the vehicle, but became disorderly while speaking with deputies and would not provide a home address. Deputy Stevens detected the strong odor of alcohol emanating from Kozee's breath. Kozee ignored the deputy's commands, and continued to behave in a disorderly and disruptive manner. Kozee was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Intoxicated Public Disturbance, and Disorderly Conduct.



Michael Tenney



Karl Kozee

CSM Partners for Workforce Training



Andrew Hess, left, Earlbeck's vice president of engineering, displays a student's welding calling card which is a sample of their work during a tour of the Center for Trades and Energy Training and CSM's welding lab. Hess explained that potential employers can stress test the sample to verify the quality of the student's work.

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) and Earlbeck Gases and Technologies (Earlbeck) have formalized their longtime training partnership with a memorandum of understanding today to provide students with the training and certification credentials needed to meet the expanding welder workforce opportunities.

Through this partnership, CSM and Earlbeck will provide education, training, certification and business solutions in welding to the Southern Maryland region. "This type of public-private partnership is valuable for our local employers to ensure we are preparing a skilled workforce that is trained and work-ready to meet the needs of businesses today. This will make our students more employable and ready to work from day one," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy.

Advancements in materials, processes and equipment make modern welding an increasingly high-tech skill. With an anticipated shortage of about 400,000 welders by 2024 as reported by the American Welding Society, job prospects are good for welders trained in the latest technologies. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "many employers prefer to hire workers who have been through training or credentialing programs."

"For several decades, Maryland based welding and manufacturing companies have relied on Earlbeck to provide quality welder training, welder certification and technical expertise," said Earlbeck's Vice President of Engineering Andrew Hess. "This training will not only provide job-ready training for new students but also upskill those currently employed, and supporting local businesses with their expanding workforce needs."

"We are particularly excited as this initiative provides a seamless pathway with highly regarded industry recognition for our students, and this coupled with highly effective industry connections will support students in obtaining jobs," said Interim Vice President of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Ellen Flowers-Fields.

Another benefit to the Center for Trades and Energy Training Welding Program powered by the Earlbeck Technical Center is that this partnership establishes an AWS Accredited Test Facility (ATF) within CSM's existing welding space. This program enables a welder who receives an ATF certification to take their credentials to any employer without having to recertify, as well as list them in the AWS National Registry of Certified Welders.

According to CSM's Executive Director of Workforce Development Kelly Winters, the welding programs offered at the college's Center for Trades and Energy at the Regional Hughesville Campus were developed several years ago using Earlbeck guidelines.

"Earlbeck is considered a respected in-

dustry leader, and even before we formalized this partnership with Earlbeck today we had worked with them over the years to provide curriculum that meets the changing industry needs," Winters said. The agreement ensures continuous curriculum updating to support students and instructor training and credentialing of CSM faculty.

Hess told those gathered at the signing about the partnership and "magic" that happens between business and education that produces valuable employees.

"Our philosophy is we teach students how to weld, you (the business) teach them your craft whether it is sheet metal, aerospace welding or structural steel.

We can provide them with those certifications they need to work at your facility," Hess said. "That allows us to put together a quick turn-around program that produces quality employees."

The signing was followed by a tour of the Center for Trades and Energy and CSM's welding lab. Photos of the event are posted at <https://csmphoto.zenfolio.com/earlbeckmou>.

About Earlbeck

Recipient of the 2017 American Welding Society and WEMCO "Excellence in Welding Award" in the educational facility category, Earlbeck provides world-class programs, so that their students are job ready at the end of their training. For information about Earlbeck, visit www.earlbeck.com.

About College of Southern Maryland

The College of Southern Maryland's Center for Energy and Training provides direct access to specialized training in career fields that have substantial growth potential, including HVAC, electrical, plumbing and construction. CSM offers three tracks to become a certified welder. Located at the Regional Hughesville Campus, the welding lab is fitted with 20 welding booths. For information about the center, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/about/locations/regional-campus/center-for-trades-and-energy-training/>. Course registration begins in January. Visit <https://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/non-credit/career-development/construction-and-skilled-trades/Welding> for information.

Press Release from CSM.



The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) and Earlbeck Gases and Technologies (Earlbeck) have formalized their longtime partnership to provide education, training, certification and business solutions in welding to the Southern Maryland region. Signing a memorandum of understanding Dec. 5 between the two organizations were, from left, CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy and Earlbeck Vice President of Engineering Andrew Hess.

CSM Velocity Center Awarded State Grant

Partnership Receives Demolition Funds



Construction has begun on the College of Southern Maryland's Velocity Center at Indian Head, a 13,400-square-foot facility that will feature a 280-seat multipurpose room, two 24-seat classrooms, two 16-seat seminar rooms, an eight-person executive-style conference room, Makerspace and Flex Office spaces. The facility will open during Spring 2020.

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) through the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization has awarded \$500,000 to the Charles County Chamber of Commerce Military Alliance Council (MAC) for the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Velocity Center at Indian Head. Funded through DHCD's Strategic Demolition Fund, the college's project is the only project from Charles County among the 58 Neighborhood Revitalization Awards totaling \$6 million across the state announced in December.

"Our administration is proud to have committed historically high funding to grow and revitalize Maryland's rural communities, and through the Velocity Center we are seeing the benefits of that record investment," said Maryland Governor Hogan. "This incredible project is a shining example of what is possible when government, our colleges and universities, and the local community work together, and another reason why Maryland is consistently ranked as one of the most innovative states in America."

The DHCD's Strategic Demolition Fund focuses on projects that will accelerate economic development and impact revitalization within their communities, and are awarded to local governments or nonprofit community development organizations working outside of Baltimore City.

"Our agency was proud to partner with local stakeholders and support the development of the Velocity Center through the Strategic Demolition Fund," said Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Secretary Kenneth C. Holt. "Located in a designated Opportunity Zone, this vital project will help jumpstart new businesses and contribute to the economic security and growth of Indian Head."

The CSM Velocity Center at Indian Head will have dedicated space for Navy research, ideation and design supporting small learning workshops and seminars, vendors' showcases, and use of visualization tools while maximizing the technology transfer of dual-use technologies and supporting educational partnerships.

Within this space, CSM will also host classes such as computer-aided design, cybersecurity, digital photography, drones/small unmanned aircraft systems, governmental procurement, social entrepreneurship and tech transfer entrepreneurship, among others. As a catalyst for workforce development, the Velocity Center has been described as a critical part of the future creative economic development of the town of Indian Head.

"The CSM Velocity Center at Indian Head reflects the synergy among partners sharing a common vision. Through partnerships, we can transform our community, and this is exactly what we see happening through the metamorphosis of this warehouse space into the Velocity Center," said CSM President Dr.

Maureen Murphy. "We are grateful for our collaborators, such as the Military Alliance and the State of Maryland."

A unique facility, the Velocity Center promotes collaboration between CSM and the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Indian Head Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division (IHEODTD). A self-sustaining business model that is being designed as a space for innovation and collaboration for the college, NSWC IHEODTD and the community, its purpose is to provide professional development for Navy scientists, engineers and employees to enhance the retention of talent, offer opportunities for entrepreneurship and experimentation, recruit young talent, and build goodwill among the community outside the gate of NSWC IHEODTD.

"The MAC is honored to have played a part in helping the Velocity Center become a reality," said MAC Executive Director Pam Frank. "We are grateful to the State for its commitment to the revitalization efforts of Indian Head. It takes many stakeholders at the county, state and federal level to execute a vision like the CSM Velocity Center. The community will benefit from our government, academic and industry partnerships."

Previously the location of Ely's Warehouse, the Velocity Center on Indian Head Highway is being renovated by the Triumph and Mid Atlantic Joint Venture to be transformed into space to be used for classrooms, offices, administration and warehouse space to accommodate the college's needs. The Velocity Center is anticipated to be opened during spring 2020.

"The \$500,000 award represents a significant investment that will move the Velocity Center toward completion. The Charles County Board of Commissioners values the continued collaboration, support and coordination with our community partners to achieve this goal," stated Commissioner President Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq. "Indian Head's economic development and revitalization remains a top priority for our county and Velocity Center is an essential part of our plan for facilitating the town's growth."

Previously, in November 2019, Rural Maryland Council awarded a \$350,000 Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund award to complete interior renovations and build out of CSM's Velocity Center. This is the largest single grant that the Rural Maryland Council has awarded through this fund over the past four years.

CSM had also been awarded a \$500,000 endowment as one of three academic recipients of the Maryland Department of Commerce's Maryland E-Innovation Initiative Fund (MEIF), a state program created to spur basic and applied research in scientific and technical fields at the state's colleges and universities. CSM is the first community college to receive this prestigious award.

For information about CSM's Velocity Center at Indian Head, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/about/locations/velocity-center/>

About the Military Alliance Council

The Military Alliance Council was established in 2015 by the Charles County Chamber of Commerce, with the support of Maryland's Department of Commerce, to serve as a liaison between the defense and civilian communities in recognition of the important role the defense industry and the military play in the quality of life for our citizens, as well as our local economy. It is one of seven military alliances in Maryland. For information visit <https://www.charlescountychamber.org/mac-military-alliance-group>.

Press Release from CSM.

College Assistant Professor Awarded Sea Grant

Cassie Gurbisz, St. Mary's College assistant professor of environmental studies, recently received her second grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Maryland Sea Grant program. The \$71,023 grant will fund a two-year project titled: Effects of Oyster Aquaculture on Submersed Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Habitat. Gurbisz is working with co-Principal Investigators Jeremy Testa and Dong Liang from UMCES Chesapeake Biological Laboratory.



Cassie Gurbisz, St. Mary's College assistant professor of environmental studies

The issue is that as these important living resources expand, they are increasingly coming into conflict because they both tend to occupy shallow water. Current regulations restrict aquaculture in areas that contain SAV under the assumption that aquaculture will impair SAV growth. This has created a burden for growers who are required to cease operations when SAV spreads into their lease area. However, it is unclear whether aquaculture actually harms SAV. Gurbisz and collaborators' research aims to address this information gap by 1) analyzing existing spatial datasets to assess the extent of past conflict and predict where future conflicts are likely to arise and 2) conducting a field study to identify how aquaculture alters SAV habitat. The broad goal is to generate scientifically defensible information that can guide a reevaluation of policies that address SAV-aquaculture conflicts to maximize both continued SAV recovery and aquaculture expansion. SMCM student Victoria Lusk '20 (environmental studies major) has already begun the spatial analysis, and Ellyse Sutliff '21 (environmental studies major) and Lindsey Stevenson '21 (environmental studies and biology double major) will help conduct the upcoming fieldwork.

Gurbisz is a coastal ecosystem ecologist who takes a holistic approach to studying the environment. Her research has been published in journals such as BioScience and Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, as well as recently featured in the Baltimore Sun.

Press Release from SMCM

School Board Recognizes Employees of the Month



The Board of Education of Calvert County Public Schools recognized Employees of the Month for the month of February.

School system employees are recognized monthly at Board of Education meetings in accordance with Policy #6620. During the school year, the Board recognizes one support staff member and one professional staff member from designated schools, with each school scheduled for recognition one time per year. Central office support staff and teacher specialists are recognized in June. School and central office administrators are recognized in August.

Press Release from CCPS.

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Calvert County Public Schools Science & Engineering Expo Feb. 22 at Calvert High School was coordinated by Dr. Yovomda Yolo, right, shown with student volunteers.

Kelly McConkey: At the Helm and Loving It



By Dick Myers
Editor

Kelly McConkey's path to the presidency of the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners has been a bumpy one. For one thing, the vote to succeed Trim Hutchins was 3-2. The two commissioners who voted against him, Buddy Hance and Steve Weems, were the same two commissioners who voted against the update of the county's comprehensive plan last August.

That comprehensive plan vote was the crux of much of the criticism of McConkey during his first year in office. The county has been sued over that comprehensive plan vote and one of the key issues of the suit is the allegation that McConkey should have recused himself.

In a preliminary vote leading up to the final vote, McConkey broke a 2-2 tie to expand the Huntingtown Town Center to include two parcels of land he owns.

In an interview with *The County Times* on Feb. 24 he was asked if he regretted the vote. He responded, "I can't really talk about that with the current litigation, but I can tell you I don't have any regrets."

McConkey and Commissioners Hutchins and Hart have also been criticized for a more recent 3-2 decision to appoint Lisa Williams to the planning commission. Williams is the daughter of Anthony Williams, a builder and supporter of the comprehensive plan. Critics say the appointment was a payback to Anthony Williams for his support.

McConkey disagrees. He said that Lisa Williams had applied for the position months ago before Michael Wolfersberger was selected. He resigned after having to recuse himself on several votes. McConkey said, "We pulled the names from the applicants from when that original advertisement went out and we looked at her resume and we found her to be the most qualified for that position. When we put somebody on a board, we don't look and see what their mother and father do. We never have on other boards. From what I read from her resume, she's worked for the government right out of high school and her application was very impressive and the bottom line is the planning commission makes recommendations

to the Board of County Commissioners and then we make the decision."

Hance supported the candidacy of former county commissioner Pat Nutter and expressed concern about how often Williams would have to recuse herself. McConkey said "It can't happen more than it did with Mr. Wolfersberger. I'm sure there's been many past board members that have had interest in properties in the county."

After two months as president, McConkey said of the job, "Love it. It's great." He noted, "It's quite a bit more work putting the staff puts the agenda together."

He said he and new County Administrator Mark Willis meet on the Monday before the Tuesday meetings or at the very least talk on the phone Sunday evenings, and "go over the whole agenda item by item."

The biggest challenge for McConkey, who runs his own tree business, he said is "just the more hours and time putting into it. You're responding to a lot more emails yourself. Tim Hutchins worked tirelessly the year he was in there and he's retired."

He said of Hutchins, "I learned a lot from him when I was the vice president; he kept me involved in everything." He added, "Just watching him helped me with what I'm doing now. A lot."

Hutchins announced an agenda early in his term. McConkey was asked if he had one. He responded, "I continue with public safety as my number one issue. And that includes safety in the schools. Making sure there's enough money in the budget to make sure all the departments have what they need to provide the best for the citizens. It's tough because we're in budget season now and trying to choose between who needs this and who doesn't need that is very tough. Mark's been really good with that because he's sitting down with the departments ahead of time and working with them to find out what exactly they need and what they can do without, what they can wait another year."

McConkey noted that the county is in the midst of the transition to hiring some paid paramedics. He said those needs have to be balanced with others, like "providing things for the kids, like we're going to be putting in a splash park in Dunkirk. That's very important to me."

McConkey, who previously was on the school board, was asked if the commissioners would have a role in the continuing controversy about discipline and violence in the classroom. He said, "It's always been the commissioners don't tell the school board what to do and the school board doesn't tell the commissioners what to do. You have to find that fine line and not try to overstep your boundaries."

McConkey added, "We don't have authority to tell them what to do. I think they have a lot of challenges with that right now. They're having a hard time hiring people in certain departments for that particular reason. And they're going through their budget too."

Regarding the loss of his personal time

as a commissioner, he said, "You have to have a very understanding family, which I do. She's (his wife) is very involved in helping me with that. It's more so the false and the misinformation that's going out there. So, I spent a lot of my time trying to communicate with them, to give them the real facts. That's the biggest issue, the social media has taken a mind of its own and people read this stuff and they believe it. So it's very hard to convince them otherwise. So, I do spend a lot of time doing that."

An example was when someone posted a sign on his Huntingtown property that he was erecting a Dollar General Store there.

The worst part of that was of course they went on Facebook and started bashing me over that when somebody from a group put that up. I was far away at the time in Prince George's County working and my wife had to physically go take the sign down."

Regarding that social media bashing, McConkey said, "I just wish people if they had a question, I'm very accessible. I put my cell phone out there. I'm on every social media outlet there is. They can reach me by email if they have a question, pick up the phone and call. Just don't believe everything they read on Facebook. There's people out there with different political agendas. For whatever reason, it started before I ran, and it hasn't stopped since I've been in office."

He added, "Whoever my opponent is when I run, they have their political agenda to try to win and then when they don't get their way, they spend the next three and a half years trying to get me out." He said though he doesn't blame the Democratic Party for the criticism.

McConkey was once a Democrat himself, twice running for county commissioner in the party. He said, "My views changed with a lot of things."

He comes from Prince George's County where politics is a way of life, but he and his family were never involved. He explained, "I opened my business (in Calvert) and I had all the problems with keeping my business there. That got me involved. But, in my 21 years here, I've been involved in the community on the United Way, Optimists club, the school board. I loved the school board. I coached all the little league baseball, basketball. I'm a very busy person. I don't lay around, so I like to stay busy and I like helping people."

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Commissioner McConkey (left) assists in presenting a proclamation honoring PFVFD's 50th anniversary

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Shirley Jean Kallal



Shirley Jean Kallal, 86, formerly of Dunkirk passed away February 23, 2020 at Riderwood Village in Silver Spring, MD. Born on April 30, 1933 in Chicago, IL. Shirley was the daughter of Glenn W. Landwehr and Marcella E. Schmitt. She met David J. Kallal on a blind date at the University of Illinois in 1951. She was employed with an advertising agency in Chicago. Dave and Shirley married in 1953 prior to his assignment to Hickman Air Force Base, Hawaii. Shirley enjoyed her role as an officer's wife while raising their five sons. She was active in community, school, and church projects wherever they lived. After Dave's retirement from the Air Force, Shirley resumed her education and obtained a position at Prince George's Community College in Largo, MD. She served there in various positions for over 25 years. After retirement, she enjoyed family functions and worldwide cruises with Dave. Shirley was a very active member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in North Beach, MD. She was a member of the Ladies of Charity, altar server, Eucharist Minister, visitor to the home bound, and assisted with various projects at the church.

Shirley was preceded in death

by her husband, David Jerome Kallal and sister Joanne Nielsen. She is survived by five sons, Stephen, Lawrence (Carol), Bruce (Lucy), Mark (Mandy), and Jeffrey (Cheryl), eight grandchildren Kristin Karp (Dustin), Robert Kallal (Laura), Lauren Forsythe (Andrew), Jennifer Cecil (Billy), Phillip Kallal, William Kallal, Jake Kallal, and Cadie Kallal and four great-grandchildren Tyler Karp, Brody Karp, Ruth Kallal, and Emma Forsythe.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 27, 2020, 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Hamony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, February 28, 2020, 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 8816 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery, 8000 Woodyard Road, Clinton, MD 20735.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Shirley's name may be made to Ladies of Charity Calvert County, Inc., PO Box 334, North Beach, MD 20714; 443-646-5721; Link: <https://stanthonycal.us/ladies-of-charity>

Dianne Elizabeth Hickman



Dianne Elizabeth Hickman, 68, passed away February 19, 2020 with her family by her side. She was born July 11, 1951 in Winthrop, MA. In the late 70's she headed to southern Maryland and loved it so much she never left.

Dianne was an accountant by day, and during tax season she was an accountant by day and night and weekends. Her most rewarding job was banquet coordinator at the Light House Inn and she worked so hard behind the scenes with so many great people to make events flawless.

Dianne was a force of nature. She had her first of many major heart attacks at 48, lung cancer at 54, and brain cancer at 55 and she beat them all. She had been cancer free since her brain tumor was removed on December 26, 2006 and she did not miss a beat with tax season the next month.

Dianne's greatest joys in life were her grandchildren, her dogs, football, lobster, and ALL animals, not necessarily in that order. She was known as Nana to her grandchildren and so many others. She spent the most time with her grandson Derek and loved every minute playing games, painting ceramics, and whatever he wanted to do. She equally loved the Washington Redskins and her hometown New England Patriots, and when they played each other she dressed her dogs, Bernie and Chica, in opposing team outfits. Dianne earned her name "the duck lady" because she loved feeding the dozens of ducks that showed up every morning to her home near Flag Harbor Marina. Dianne opened her home to anyone in need, including the many friends and animals her children would bring home. There was never a child or animal in need with Dianne nearby.

Dianne's legacy lives on in her children Alicia and Alex, her son-in-law Ken, daughter-in-law Tanya, and her grandchildren Derek, Nicholas, and Cody.

A celebration of life for Dianne will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. If you have any pictures of Dianne's adventures to share please email them to diannehickman@outlook.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations in Dianne's name be made to St. Leonard Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co 7, 200 Calvert Beach Road Saint Leonard, MD 20685 OR Calvert Hospice, PO Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Jane Etta Goeller Cory

Jane Etta Goeller Cory, 93, of Dunkirk, MD, passed away on Monday, February 24, 2020, surrounded by her loving family at her home. Jane was born on December 22, 1926 in Collingdale, PA, one of nine children born to Theodore Augustus Goeller and Jane Booty Doughty. Jane graduated with the class of 1945, then went on to work as support staff at



Fine Arts Sterling Silver Co. She met Robert Lawrence Cory, the love of her life, in New Jersey and were married on August 22, 1948 at the Methodist Church in Media, PA. They spent their honeymoon at the Poconos Mountains. Jane and Robert had five children together. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who loved her family, church, and community, and serviced them all faithfully during her lifetime. She was a wonderful homemaker and she especially enjoyed sewing, cooking, and entertaining. In her spare time, she enjoyed antiques, garage sales, and tea parties. Jane also enjoyed dabbling in politics and campaigning for her favorite candidates. As a devout Christian woman, she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Graham, where she served as Sunday School teacher, part-time book-keeper, and chair of numerous committees. In addition to the Baptist church, she taught bible classes at her local Presbyterian church, Women's Home Bible Studies, Aglow Ministries, Cedar Grove United Methodist Church in Deale, MD, and Grace Brethren Church, where she was a member for 30 years. She dedicated her life to the Lord and to teaching and praying for her family, friends, community, and country.

Jane is survived by her husband, Robert Cory of Dunkirk, MD, daughters Linda Hans of Waldorf, MD, Nancy Gardner and husband Jim of Dunkirk, MD, sons Billy Cory and wife Terri of Fort Washington, MD, Steve Cory and wife Cyndi of Arlington VA, and Ken Cory of Dunkirk, MD, 20 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, a sister Margie Standen and husband Dave of Media, PA, sisters-in-law Beatrice Owens (Tom), and Jane Ryan. She was preceded death by her parents, Theodore and Jane, and seven siblings.

Visitation will be Friday, February 28, 2020, 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Funeral service will be Saturday, February 29, 2020, 11 a.m. at Grace Brethren Church of Calvert County, 9870 Old Solomons Island Road, Owings, MD 20736. Burial will be at Southern Memorial Gardens, 10155 Ward Road, Dunkirk,



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Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 206781 410-535-0892; Link: <https://calverthospice.o>

Patricia Ann "Pat" Hoins

Patricia Ann "Pat" Hoins, 87 of Leonardtown, Maryland; passed away on



February 19, 2020 in her home. She was born on May 21, 1932, in Iowa City, Iowa to the late Earl Tobin and the late Florence Jenkins.

Beloved wife of the late John L. Hoins. Mother of Rick L. and his wife Lisa A. Greenlee of Maryland; Joseph D. and his wife Joanne Greenlee of Maryland and Step-Son Frank and his wife Lisa Hoins of Iowa.

Grandmother of Kimberly J. and her husband Jeff Hemmig; Michael L. Greenlee; Jennifer L. Greenlee; Ashley A. Greenlee and Chelsea N. Greenlee all of Maryland. Great-Grandmother of Zack Hemmig; Zoe Hemmig; Xander Jones; Blayre Long and Wyatt Hampshire. Sister of Barbara Harmon; Lee and his wife Betty Tobin; James Tobin; Sharon Keller and Harold and his wife Peggy Tobin; as well as many nieces; nephews; extended family and loving friends.

Burial will be at Muscatine Memorial Park Cemetery, 2907 Mulberry Avenue Muscatine, IA 52761.

Memorial contributions may be made to University of Maryland Medical Systems Foundation, Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center, 110 South Paca Street, 9th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Kenneth C. Cater

Kenneth C. Cater, 73 years old passed away on February 19, 2020 at Med-Star Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland due to complications from congestive heart failure. Born February 9, 1947 in Washington, DC, he was the son of Walter Leroy Cater and Fannie Pauline (Staples) Cater. He was a hard worker and excellent provider for his family.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Jonny Lee Cater, who just celebrated fifty one years together; three daughters Tina Black and her husband Tim, Kendra Bowen and her husband Jake and Melissa

Gross and her husband Craig; eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He will be forever missed.

Visitation will be Friday, February 28, 2020, 6-7 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Lusby, 20 American Lane, Lusby,



MD 20657. A life Celebration Service will take place at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 217 E. Redwood Street, 11th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; Link: <https://www.heart.org/>

Kinsley Reese Sandvik

Kinsley Reese Sandvik "our forever valentine" age 8 passed on February 14, 2020 from an unexpected illness. She was born a ball of fire on the first day of summer June 21, 2011 and has been running ever since. She exuded a confidence most would only dream of, people flocked to her, she was beautiful. She had "it" whatever "it" was. Her laugh was contagious, and her personality was infectious. To Kinsley no one was a stranger not even the pizza man, although it was scary sometimes it was also endearing in the sweet innocent way, she believed the good in people. She was a spit fire and it can be assured she wouldn't take nothing off anyone and would let you know how she feels about what you're doing or what you are wearing. She had style, her own style, sporty but girly. A soccer player with press on nails. She was tiny but mighty and she loved her sisters and had their backs, against everything or anyone. She was Ford's protector, sometimes even from mom and dad. Ford and she played and ran for hours around our house doing anything he wanted to do. She loved him something fierce and he loved her in return. On the soccer field at age 4 she fell in love and after every goal she looked directly to find her parents to make sure they saw it and were cheering her on. She was a hard worker, always did her best and always had a smile on her face. She made everyone laugh without even trying, but she was the only person who could pluck every nerve you have in the same sentence. She was survived by her parents Jordan and Shannon Sandvik, her siblings Emmry, Ava, Rylan and Ford, her



grandparents, Donna and Greg Ferguson, Kathy and Richard Matzel, Steve and Dawn Sandvik and Ricky and Maryanne Nichols as well as her God mother Shaina Warring. She will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her and even ones that didn't. We all know this was Kinsley's world and we were just living in it.

In lieu of flowers donations in Kinsley's name may be made to Children's National Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), 111 Michigan Avenue NW Washington, DC 20010; 202-476-5000; Link: <https://childrensnational.org/restricted>

Dennis Jerome "Jerry" Clark

Dennis Jerome "Jerry" Clark of Upper Marlboro, MD passed away on February 13, 2020. Born July 18, 1953 in Cheverly, MD, he was the son of Raymond Lee and Anne Kathleen (Overton) Clark who preceded him in death. Jerry was known as a talented mechanic and worked on anything with a motor. He owned a diesel repair business and had an ear for diagnosing problems. He loved Louis L'Amour's books, the old westerns and tv shows, country and bluegrass music and just hanging out with his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by brothers, John Christopher and Kenneth



Andrew, sisters Kathleen Prinzel and Amy Defibaugh and a niece, Leah Christine Clark. He is survived by 4 daughters, Jennifer Lynne Clark, Veronica Anne Clark, Beverly Killough (Michael, Dr.) and Kimberly Clark (Joe Cross, fiancé), eight grandchildren, Quin Clark, Jamie Burdin, Jr., Robbi-Leigh Jones, Alexis Hayes, Kenleigh Hayes, Braelyn Killough, Rheyma Pruett and Hayzlee Pruett. They all reside in Arkansas. Siblings, Victoria Duvall of Prince Frederick, MD, Evan Clark (LaRelle) of Davidsonville, MD, Matt Clark of Huntingtown, MD, Abby Clark Morales (David) of Chesapeake, VA, Raymond Lee Boswell of Bowie, MD, Justin Clark of Davidsonville, MD, Julie Brashier (John) of Raleigh, NC, Elizabeth Clark of Houston, TX, Melissa Difiore (Matt) of Deale, MD, Raymond Kerry Clark of Florida, Dan Clark (Maki) of Willow Springs, NC and Tina Welch (Michelle) of St. Leonard, MD, 34 nieces and nephews and 29 great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 14, 2020, 1-2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. A Memorial Service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be private.



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Seahawks Edge Mt. St. Mary's in Non-Conference Play



Photo Credit: Bill Wood

The St. Mary's College of Maryland baseball team (2-1) continued their 2020 season on Sunday (Feb. 23) afternoon by hosting the Mt. St. Mary's Knights (1-1). The Seahawks beat the Knights by a score of 8-6 for their second victory of the season. **St. Mary's College - 8, Mt. St. Mary's College - 6**

How It Happened

- The Knights started out the game strong, securing three runs by the end of the second inning off of a pair of wild pitches and a base knock. The Seahawks however were able to push five runs across the plate in the third inning. Derek Taitano pushed a run across the plate off a walk, Tyler Taitano was hit by a pitch, and Joey Bryner lined a base hit that pushed across two runs. Both teams recorded one run each in the fourth as Jay Hammett smacked an RBI single to center field, plating Jake Wood.

- Next, the Seahawks were able to score two more in the fifth inning off of

a double by Dillon Waters. The Knights were able to score two more runs in the last two innings but it was not enough to overcome the Seahawk lead.

D. Waters pitched the final two innings for the Seahawks and earned the save to secure the Seahawk victory.

Inside the Box Score

- D. Taitano led the Seahawks from the plate going two for three and also recorded one RBI and two runs scored. D. Waters and Bryner both recorded two RBI's while Hammett, Tyler Taitano, Brady Waters were also able to record RBI's. On the base paths, Wood and Tyson Johnson recorded steals making this Wood's third steal and Johnson's first.

- Jake Sandridge started the game on the mound, throwing five innings and recording the win. In addition, he only allowed one run. Nick Testoni and Sam Roeder both pitched one inning and D. Waters pitched two innings. D. Waters also recorded two strikeouts and the Seahawks' pitching staff allowed just six earned runs.

Written by St. Mary's College Athletic Communications Intern, Jeremy Mattanah

Men's Lacrosse Earns Road Victory

The St. Mary's College of Maryland men's lacrosse team (2-1) traveled to Elizabethtown College to take on the Blue Jays (1-1) on Saturday (Feb. 22) afternoon. The Seahawks earned a 12-10 victory over the Blue Jays in non-conference play.

St. Mary's College - 12, Elizabethtown - 10

How It Happened

- Elizabethtown struck early and grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first seven seconds of play. St. Mary's College responded when Dominic Venanzi ripped a shot into the back of the cage off a man-up opportunity. The Seahawks captured the lead minutes later with an unassisted score from Jude Brown. The scoring frenzy continued in the first stanza until the Blue Jays held a 4-3 advantage. Trailing by one, the Seahawks netted three of the final four goals tallied in the opening stanza and took a 6-5 lead into the second quarter. Ben Claffee, Erich Wuesthoff, and Jack Brocato found the back of the net to end the quarter.

- The Blue Jays notched the first two scores in the second stanza to retake the lead, 7-6. After 11 minutes of play in the second quarter, the Seahawks tallied their first goal and followed it up with two more to gain a 9-7 lead. Venanzi, Brown, and Brocato beat the opposing goalkeeper for scores during the run. With short time remaining, the Blue Jays cut the Seahawk lead to one with 26 seconds left in the half.

- The second half of action featured a defensive battle as both squads could only manage to score five times total. Abe Hubbard



Luke McWright '21 | Photo Credit: Bill Wood

tallied his first goal of the game to start the second quarter, but the Blue Jays answered with back-to-back goals to tie the game up at 10-10.

- The St. Mary's College defense rose to the occasion in the final quarter of play and held the Blue Jays scoreless. On the opposite end of the field, the Seahawk offense did enough by scoring two goals to earn the gritty road victory. Brocato and Claffee scored in the fourth to seal the Seahawk victory.

Inside the Box Score

- Brown led the Seahawks with six total points, netting two goals and dishing out four assists. Brocato (3g, 1a) and Claffee (2g, 2a) followed with four points each. Luke McWright hustled for a team-best five ground balls. Defensively, Anthony Sparacino and Alex Pfaff led the Seahawks with two caused turnovers each. In goal, Kyrle Preis earned his second victory of the season and collected 11 saves.

- Nick Cost led the Blue Jays with four points on the afternoon.

Up Next for the Seahawks

- Feb. 29 at Catholic | 3:00 p.m. | Carlini Field

Press Release from SMCM.

Men's Basketball Upsets Salisbury in Tournament

The fifth seeded St. Mary's College of Maryland men's basketball team (9-17, 3-7 CAC) traveled to the fourth seeded Salisbury University Sea Gulls (10-16, 4-6 CAC) on Saturday (Feb. 22) afternoon in the first round of the Capital Athletic Conference Tournament. The Seahawks upset the Sea Gulls by a final score of 79-74. In the process, Head Coach Chris Harney '97 recorded his 250th victory in his 15th year at helm for the Seahawks.

St. Mary's College - 79, Salisbury - 74

How It Happened

Salisbury came out of the gates hot and grabbed a five-point lead at the 17:05 mark of the half for their largest advantage of the game. The Seahawks committed seven turnovers in the opening

half, but limited the Sea Gulls to scoring only two points off of their errors. Conversely, the Seahawks were able to take advantage of tallying four points off of Salisbury's turnovers.

The Seahawks notched nine-straight points with 2:04 remaining in the first half to capture a 33-25 lead. Dee Barnes, Gary Grant, and Jack Foley recorded scores during the run. Salisbury tallied the final three points of the half and the Seahawks headed into the locker rooms leading 33-28.

In a highly competitive second half, the Seahawks grabbed a six point lead at the 19:14 mark of action. The lead was their largest of the second half. The Sea Gulls battled back and used a six-point run to go ahead by four points with 11:08 remaining.

With under four minutes remaining, the Seahawks used a clutch nine-point scoring run to take

a six point lead. Barnes began the run with a layup in the paint and Grant highlighted the scoring streak with seven points. Next, Salisbury cut the lead to two with 26 seconds remaining and resorted to fouling. Reggie Rouse and Miles Gillette hit their free throws to seal the victory, advancing the Seahawks the CAC Tournament Semifinals.



Photo Credit: Bill Wood

St. Mary's City to host Dove Construction symposium

With construction underway on the new Maryland Dove in St. Michaels, Md., Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) have planned a Symposium on Building the New Maryland Dove. Scheduled for 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 14, the event will be held inside St. Mary's Hall, located on the campus of St. Mary's College of Maryland, 47458 Trinity Church Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686.

During the symposium, staff members from both HSMC and CBMM will explore the history of the original Ark and Dove, and the partnership involved during the research, design, and construction plan for the new build. The day's events will include a morning talk and afternoon panel discussion, with the current Maryland Dove, open for visitors directly after until 4 p.m. This symposium is a companion piece to one held in St. Michaels back in September 2019, with the latest information and updates on the build included.

The cost of the Symposium is \$15, coffee and snacks will be provided in the morning. There will be a lunch break in the middle of the day, with food available for purchase provided by Salty Heifers Rolling Cafe.

Seating is limited, registration will be required.

For information or to register, call 240-895-4990 (Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.) or email Info@DigsHistory.org.

Built in a shipyard near Cambridge, Md., in 1978, Maryland Dove is owned by the state of Maryland and operated and maintained by the Historic St. Mary's City Commission. From now through 2021, CBMM's working Shipyard is constructing the ship's successor in full public view. To learn more about Maryland Dove and CBMM's efforts to build the new vessel, visit marylanddove.org.

Press Release from HSMC.



Construction on the new Maryland Dove, a representation of the vessel that accompanied the first European settlers to Maryland in 1634, is being done in full public view in the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's working Shipyard. A Symposium on Building the New Maryland Dove, scheduled for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, March 14, invites guests to Historic St. Mary's City, to learn the history of the original Ark and Dove, and the research, design, and construction plan for the new build and partnership between HSMC and CBMM. To register, contact 240-895-4990. Photo credit to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum



Historic St. Mary's City will host a Symposium on Building the New Maryland Dove on Saturday, March 14, to explore the history of the original Ark and Dove, and the partnership involved in the research, design, and construction plan for the new build. The current Maryland Dove will be open for attendants directly after the event until 4 p.m. To register, contact 240-895-4990. Photo credit to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

New Directions Sets Auditions for Comedy 'Breaking Legs'

New Direction Community Theater announces auditions for Tom Dulak's "Mafia meets the theatre" comedy "Breaking Legs" on Saturday, Feb. 29, noon-2p.m., and Wednesday, March 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Feb. 29 auditions will be at the Calvert County Southern Branch Library, 13920 H G Trueman Road in Solomons, MD 20688; while the March 4 auditions will be at the Prince Frederick Library in the Market Square Shopping Center, 850 Costley Way in Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Auditions will be cold readings from the script. There are parts for one woman (mid-late 20s) and four men (mid 30s and older). Production dates are Friday and Saturday, June 5-6 and 12-13. For more information, contact director Rick Thompson at 410-535-2144.

In "Breaking Legs," a professorial playwright seeks funding for his new play from the family of a former student. The "family" turns out to be minor Mafia godfathers who are willing to underwrite the play provided they never have to read it — which doesn't mean they won't want to make some changes. The fact that the lusty, unwed daughter of the house is pursuing the playwright only makes life more complicated.

The New York Post said, "There is a buoyant joy to be had in the comic confrontation between two of the wackiest gangster chieftains ever to whack," while Backstage Magazine said "Breaking Legs is what comedies on Broadway used to be like not that many years ago. Welcome back."

Press Release from New Direction Community Theater.

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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.

Thurs, Feb. 27 2020

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.

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.

Fri, Feb. 28, 2020

Chef's Choice Fish Dinner

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

Informal dinner being held in the lower level dining room. Cost is \$12 including side, salad and beverage. Any questions may be directed to 410-257-9878. Public Welcome. Please visit <http://www.MD-Post206.Org> for more information.

Sat, Feb. 29, 2020

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.

Living Well through Lent Kick Off

Middleham and St. Peter's Parish; 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

This is an informational gathering in the large conference room for those that would like to know how to use this invaluable tool. During your personal journey through Lent, you can pair up with a friend or join the Living Compass "Living Through Lent" Facebook group. If you need a hard copy printed please let us know, by either calling the main office 410-326-4948 or email communications@middlehamandst-peters.org. This is open to all interested you do not need to be a member of Middleham and St. Peter's Parish.

"Breaking Legs" Auditions
Southern Branch Library; Noon - 2 p.m.

New Direction Community Theater announces auditions for the Tom Dulack's "Mafia meets the theatre" comedy "Breaking Legs." Auditions will be cold readings from the script. There are parts for one woman (mid-late 20s) and four men (mid 30s and older). Production dates are Friday and Saturday, June 5-6 and 12-13. For more information, contact director Rick Thompson at 410-535-2144.

Motown Night

American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206; 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

What's your favorite tune? The Sons of the American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206 will host a night with music by DJ Stephen Varney beginning at 7.30 until 11:30 P.M.. The cost of \$10 includes draft beer and sodas. Tickets available at the door. Public warmly welcomed. For information call 410-257-9878 or visit <http://www.MD-Post206.Org>

Sun, Mar.1, 2020

1st Annual Health and Wellness Fair

NBVFD; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Twin Beach Opioid Awareness Group will be hosting their First Annual Health and Wellness Fair at the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department. There will be door prizes, exhibits, vendors, and more! Please visit <http://www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov/about/files/health-fair-0> for more information.

Tue, Mar. 3, 2020

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.

Wed Mar. 4, 2020

Join Us for Dinner!

Peace Lutheran Church; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Join us for dinner! Peace Lutheran Church invites all to come and participate as it once again offers dinner church on Wednesdays during Lent (March 4—April 1, 2020). This family-friendly event provides child care and themed foods, which vary weekly: Meatloaf & mac and cheese; enchiladas; chili; soup & sandwiches/salad; pizza.

Gather with old friends, make new friends, come and see, we look forward to having you.

"Breaking Legs" Auditions

Southern Branch Library; 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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Thurs, March 5

Maryland in the Age of Sail: Watery Highways

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". Before railroads—and even after—the water was the easiest and most cost-effective way to transport goods and travelers. The Chesapeake Bay facilitated trade and enabled people to get from one place to another on various types of watercraft. The Bay connected towns such as Richmond, Alexandria, D.C., Baltimore, Annapolis and Norfolk as well as countless smaller towns. This talk will discuss the evolution of these 'watery highways' on the Bay. Lectures are free and open to the public.

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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.

Pints and Private Eyes

Mully's Brewery; 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Have you always longed to drink beer and talk detective books with a librarian? Calvert Library is loaning one (librarian) to Mully's for just that thing! Pints and Private Eyes, a book group for fans of noir, detective and crime fiction. We meet at Mully's Brewery on the first Thursday of the month from 7-8:30pm. Get your copy today by placing City of the Dead: A Claire DeWitt Mystery on hold at Calvert Library. For more information, call 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862 or visit CalvertLibrary.info.

Ongoing

CalvArt Gallery

February 27 - March 8

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

ArtWorks@7ths

February 27 - March 1

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 27 - 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/hungerford-gallery/index.

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!

Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

Thursday, March 05:

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>.

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

Strength Training Schedule Adjustment at Loffler Senior Activity Center

The Thursday morning strength training class that is held at the Loffler Senior Activity Center at 8:40 a.m. will be discontinued at the end of February 2020. The Tuesday morning Strength Training classes will continue as scheduled. For any questions regarding this schedule change call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

Skit Group at Loffler Senior Activity Center

Center Stage Seniors is a group that performs skits for some of the Thursday luncheons at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. This group meets every Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Center to practice. They are making plans for the March 26 luncheon and have openings for different parts. If this is something that interests you, stop by this coming Thursday and check it out! For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

R&B Line Dance

A NEW session is starting for this fun class on Mondays, March 2-March 30, at 1:30 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. If you have ever wanted to learn some of the line dances that are all the rage right now come on in and join us! We will be taking it step by step and learning dances like the Cupid Shuffle or The Wobble. The cost per class will be \$2 per class payable to Marie Bond; payment is due at time of the class. Call the Garvey Senior Activity Center at 301-475-4200, ext. 71050, for more information.

Brain.e.ology

This class is Tuesdays, March 3-March 31, at 1:30 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. Losing memory or cognitive ability is a tremendous fear but there is growing evidence that cognitive ability can be maintained or even improved to the end of life! Brain.e.ology is designed to dispel the limiting myths of memory loss and aging, give participants a better understanding of how their brain works and the tools to incorporate brain fitness activities into their daily lives, and create open minds. More than 90 percent of participants report that they feel they have more control over future memory loss after taking this program! There is no fee for this program. Class size is limited so register early. To make reservations call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Ceramics with Marti

The Garvey Senior Activity Center is now offering a ceramics class. If you enjoy painting and creating personalized gifts or decorations for the home this is the class for you! Marti Cotterell will be teaching the class and offering instruction on painting techniques on Wednesday, March 4, at 10 a.m. Easter themed pieces will be available for painting. The cost of the class is \$10 for each item painted and includes the firing of the item. For more information please call, 301-475-4200, ext.71050.

Body Imbalance

The Northern Senior Activity Center will have a Body Imbalance workshop on Tuesday, March 10, from 1-2:30 p.m. Learn how to bring your body back into balance to relieve tension, increase mobility, and reduce potential injury. Fitness instructor, Judi Lyons, will lead you on a 90-minute journey to improve your body balance. The cost is \$15 and is due at sign up. Space is limited. To sign up and pay for this class in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

Health Watch: Wise Up on Meds

Nearly half of the U.S. population takes at least one prescription drug, while more than one-third of adults 45 or older are on three or more prescriptions. AARP has developed a "program in a box" designed to help you effectively manage prescriptions, reduce complications and achieve maximal health benefits. Volunteer Health Watch Coordinator Mary Tennyson will offer this presentation at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on March 11 at 10 a.m. To sign up call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk.

Video at the Loffler Senior Activity Center

The National Geographic special Wolves: A Legend Returns to Yellowstone will be shown at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on March 11 at 10 a.m. This amazing film was four years in the making and invites you to run with the pack for a wolf's-eye-view. Witness the unfolding saga of hardships and affection, losses and triumphs, and the controversy surrounding the decision to reintroduce wolves back into the heart of the West. To sign up call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk. 55 minutes. Free. Seating is limited.

First Allied Health Recognition Held

Event Celebrates CSM Graduates

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) held an inaugural recognition ceremony to applaud its Allied Health students achieving degrees and certificates during its 2019 Spring Commencement. Eleven students successfully completed their programs of study in the fields of Health Information Management (HIM), Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) and Pharmacy Technician.

"It is really important for our students, and the public, to recognize the critical work and role that allied health professionals have in the overall care of a patient," said CSM MLT Program Coordinator and Associate Professor Tiffany Gill. "Too often, people only consider doctors and nurses when it comes to their care – but there are so many other wonderful, talented experts involved who are ensuring a proper diagnosis and executing the appropriate treatment. Many patients never even realize all the many members of their health care team."

Awareness, coupled with a growing shortage of qualified professionals in the fields of health care, often worries professors involved in teaching tomorrow's health care providers, shared Gill.

A competitive analysis of the future of health care staffing conducted by Credence Research showed that globally, the healthcare staffing services market will undergo steady growth as the existing shortage of health professionals meets an aging population and all the demands that come along with them.

"According to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Global Health Workforce Alliance, 83 countries fall short of acceptable criteria of 22.8 skilled healthcare personnel per 1,000 population," the analysis found. "Moreover, the WHO states that expected global need-based shortage of skilled healthcare providers stood at a 17.4 million in 2013. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 50 percent of healthcare jobs were vacant in 2016, an increase from 30 percent in 2015."

Gill said that is why CSM set aside May 14, three days before the May 17 Spring Commencement ceremony, to celebrate its allied health students.

"We want them to realized how very important they are – as are the professions they are all about to enter," Gill said. In December 2018, CSM forged another new tradition when it held its first recognition and pinning ceremony for students completing their Continuing Education and Workforce Development Healthcare program. The event celebrated students who received certifications to become clinical medical assistants, nursing assistants, geriatric nursing assistants, dental assistants, electrocardiogram technicians or phlebotomy technicians.

"There is no better time to be in healthcare," said CSM Vice President of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Dr. Dan Mosser, at the December event. "The U.S. will need to hire 2.3 million new health care workers by 2025 in order to adequately take care

of its aging population, and according to research by global health care staffing consultancy Mercer, a persistent shortage of skilled healthcare workers translates



2019 MLT graduates pose after they have received their white coats and professional pin. Graduates then took the ASCLS Oath to the Profession. Pictured from left are CSM Associate Professor Tiffany Gill, Jenna Campbell, Loubna Depew and Lee Adrian Tengco.

into hundreds of thousands of positions that remain unfilled. And the industry needs you now, more than ever."

The following students were recognized at the Allied Health Recognition event:

Health Information Management

Jeanette Borries, of Lexington Park

Abiodun Bowen, of Waldorf

Jessica Hartmann, of Lusby

Katherine Mayers, of Lusby

Kathy Watson, of Lexington Park

vMedical Laboratory Technology

Jenna Campbell, of Lusby

Loubna Depew, of Faulkner

Lee Adrian Tengco, of Waldorf

Pharmacy Technician

Kelly Burroughs, of Hollywood

Stephanie Thomsen, of Prince Frederick

Samantha Walzel, of Waldorf

To view and download photos from the recognition event, please visit <https://csmphoto.zenfolio.com/19alliedhealth>.

About CSM's Health Guided Pathway Encompassing credit degree programs like Health Information Management, Nursing, Massage Therapy, EMS, Medical Laboratory Technology, Personal or Athletic Training, Pharmacy Technician and more, and continuing education workforce training certificates in a variety of specialties like Phlebotomy, CNA/GNA, and ECG/EKG Technicians, the Health Pathway at CSM is a broad swath of medical training for a number of different careers.

Learn more about Health Sciences Division online at <https://www.csm.edu/programs-courses/pathways/health/>.

Press Release from CSM.

CSM's Campus Green Practices Recognized



The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has been recognized for its commitment to green practices with a 2019 EcoLeadership Award.

The Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) selected CSM as a recipient of this award, which will be presented to CSM, along with 16 other businesses and organizations from across the United States, at AWE's 20th annual awards celebration June 7 in Gaithersburg.

"To be considered for the AWE EcoLeadership Award, CSM was required to demonstrate a commitment to environmental sustainability," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "CSM was subjected to a comprehensive and rigorous assessment process led by an independent review panel of academic and business professionals. Eco-friendly policies and practices attract talent, increase productivity, reduce costs, improve employee morale and loyalty and – most importantly – help protect the environment."

CSM created an Environmental Sustainability Committee, chaired by CSM Financial Services Vice President Tony Jernigan, that provides leadership in the college's green practices. Membership for the ESC include staff, faculty and students, representing all campuses.

Among multiple efforts, one green program of which the college is particularly proud is its Bee Campus USA designation, announced last year. CSM was the first community college in Maryland and second college overall in Maryland to receive this designation.

The Bee Campus USA is a coalition of colleges that is working to restore native plants, their pollinators and the colleges' indigenous ecosystems. CSM has participated by creating landscaping with native plants that feed native pollinators, minimizing the use of herbicides and insecticides and providing educational opportunities to increase public awareness of the value of these kinds of activities.

It's all about creating a pollinator-friendly environment, said Biology Professor Paul Billeter, who instigated the college's effort to participate in the Bee Campus program. The college wants to foster habitat that encourages pollinator diversity and abundance — bees, butterflies and other helpful insects, as well as birds and bats.

"The immediate reason for the college's involvement is that reversing long-term human impacts and restoring degraded local ecosystems is important to us," Billeter said. On a different scale, two of the major requirements of participation in the program are planting pollinator-friendly gardens and educating the public. Gardening is the number-one hobby in the USA, and CSM is an important center of education in Southern Maryland."

CSM's partners in this effort include the Chaney Foundation, Eatwell Natural Farm, the Southern Maryland Audubon Society, University of Maryland Extension/Master Gardeners and the Xerces Society.

Other eco-friendly efforts at CSM that contributed to the AWE EcoLeadership Award include:

More than 4,000 LED fixtures have been purchased and installed at the college since

2016, resulting in an 85 percent reduction in energy use.

Four water filling stations have been installed on all four campuses to decrease use of one-use plastic bottles. The ESC and student associations have given away re-usable bottles to increase awareness of the program. Since installation, an estimated 75,000 plastic bottles have been diverted from purchase and waste disposal.

Recycling has been encouraged by providing easy-to-identify bins.

Paper use has been cut by moving hundreds of employees to an electronic timesheet process, no longer printing pay advices and implementing an online expense reimbursement program and purchasing card process.

CSM Trash Clean-up events are held twice a year to raise awareness and engage faculty, staff and students.

In 2017, the cafeteria discontinued the use of Styrofoam and replaced it with environmentally friendly products.

Last year, CSM transitioned to a 100 percent green chemical cleaning system.

The number of online courses offered has increased. On average, four out of 10 students take at least one credit course online.

The CSM College Store recycles textbooks through buyback and rental programs. In FY18, 3,200 textbooks were reused through these programs.

All new construction is designed to meet LEED certifications. In 2018, CSM received LEED Gold for its Regional Hughesville Campus Center for Trades and Energy Training Building.

In announcing the AWE EcoLeadership Award to the college, Murphy thanked CSM Division of Financial and Administrative Services Executive Assistant Jennifer Everhart and CSM Director of Compensation & Benefits in Human Resources Raquel Brooks and others who collaborated to complete the process required for the AWE EcoLeadership Award, as well as all the CSM employees who contribute to the college's eco-friendly workplace.

The Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1999 by Discovery Communications, Mental Health Association (now EveryMind) and Montgomery County, Maryland. Over the past 20 years, AWE has been dedicated to empowering employers to build excellence in the workplace as a means of supporting the quality of life for employees, their families and the community at-large. For more, visit <https://www.excellentworkplace.org/>.

In addition to the 2019 AWE EcoLeadership Award, CSM won the Maryland Green Registry Leadership Award in 2016 for its environmental sustainability efforts. For more information about CSM's eco-friendly initiatives, visit <https://www.csm.edu/about/environmental-sustainability/>.

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NASCAR 2020 SCHEDULE



DAYTONA 500

SUNDAY, FEB 16 • 2:30 PM
Daytona International Speedway

PENNZOIL 400

SUNDAY, FEB 23 • 3:30 PM
Las Vegas Motor Speedway

AUTO CLUB 400

SUNDAY, MAR 1 • 3:30 PM
Auto Club Speedway

FANSHIELD 500

SUNDAY, MAR 8 • 3:30 PM
Phoenix Raceway

FOLDS OF HONOR QUIKTRIP 500

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

GEICO 500

SUNDAY, APR 28 • 2:00 PM
Talladega Superspeedway

NASCAR CUP SERIES RACE AT DOVER

SUNDAY, MAY 3 • 2:00 PM
Dover International Speedway

NASCAR CUP SERIES RACE AT MARTINSVILLE

SATURDAY, MAY 9 • 8:00 PM
Martinsville Speedway

NASCAR ALL STAR OPEN

SATURDAY, MAY 16 • 7:00 PM
Charlotte Motor Speedway

NASCAR ALL-STAR RACE

SATURDAY, MAY 16 • 9:00 PM
Charlotte Motor Speedway

COCA-COLA 600

SUNDAY, MAY 24 • 6:00 PM
Charlotte Motor Speedway

KANSAS 400

SUNDAY, MAY 31 • 2:00 PM
Pocono Raceway

FIREKEEPERS CASINO 400

SUNDAY, JUN 7 • 2:00 PM
Michigan International Speedway

TOYOTA/SAVE MART 350

SUNDAY, JUN 14 • 3:00 PM
Sonoma Raceway

CHICAGOLAND 400

SUNDAY, JUN 21 • 2:30 PM
Chicagoland Speedway

KIDS FREE 325

SUNDAY, JUN 27 • 3:00 PM
Pocono Raceway

**WORRY-FREE WEATHER
GUARANTEE 350**

SUNDAY, JUN 28 • 3:30 PM
Pocono Raceway

**BIG MACHINE VODKA 400 AT THE
BRICKYARD POWERED BY FLORIDA
GEORGIA LINE**

SATURDAY, JUL 5 • 3:30 PM
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

**QUAKER STATE 400 PRESENTED
BY WALMART**

SATURDAY, JUL 11 • 7:30 PM
Kentucky Speedway

FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO 301

SUNDAY, JUL 19 • 3:00 PM
New Hampshire Motor Speedway

CONSUMERS ENERGY 400

SUNDAY, AUG 9 • 3:00 PM
Michigan International Speedway

GO BOWLING AT THE GLEN

SUNDAY, AUG 16 • 3:00 PM
Watkins Glen International

DRYDENE 400

SUNDAY, AUG 23 • 3:00 PM
Dover International Speedway

COKE ZERO SUGAR 400

SATURDAY, AUG 29 • 7:30 PM
Daytona International Speedway

***SOUTHERN 500**

SUNDAY, SEP 6 • 6:00 PM
Darlington Raceway

***FEDERATED AUTO PARTS 400**

SATURDAY, SEP 12 • 7:30 PM
Richmond Raceway

***BASS PRO SHOPS NRA NIGHT RACE**

SATURDAY, SEP 19 • 7:30 PM
Bristol Motor Speedway

***SOUTH POINT 400**

SUNDAY, SEP 27 • 7:00 PM
Las Vegas Motor Speedway

***ALABAMA 500**

SUNDAY, OCT 4 • 2:00 PM
Talladega Superspeedway

***BANK OF AMERICA ROVAL 400**

SUNDAY, OCT 11 • 2:30 PM
Charlotte Motor Speedway Road Course

***HOLLYWOOD CASINO 400**

SUNDAY, OCT 18 • 2:30 PM
Kansas Speedway

***TEXAS 500**

SUNDAY, OCT 25 • 3:00 PM
Texas Motor Speedway

***NASCAR CUP SERIES FALL RACE AT
MARTINSVILLE**

SUNDAY, NOV 1 • 2:00 PM
Martinsville Speedway

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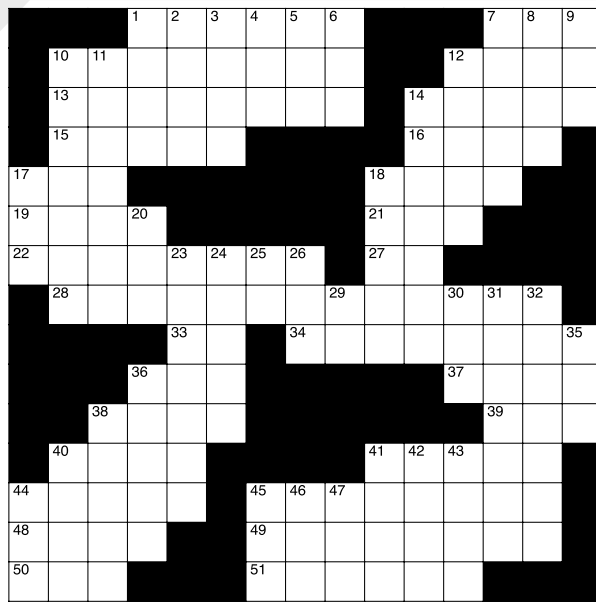
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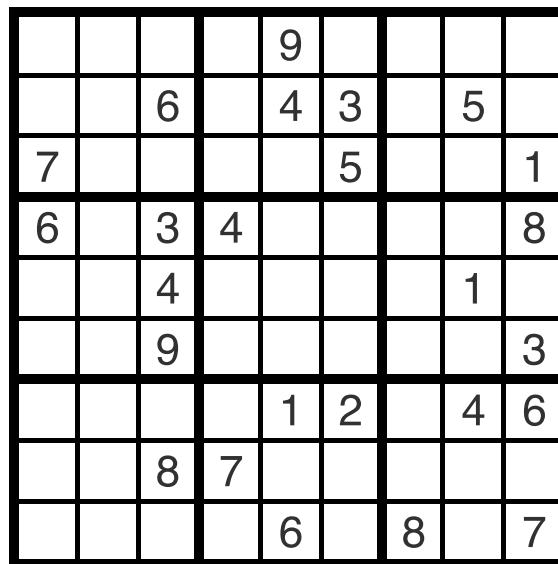


- 33. Chinese drums
- 34. Merits
- 36. Indicates center
- 37. Increases motor speed
- 38. Mentally fit
- 39. BBQ favorite
- 40. Wings
- 41. Female parents
- 44. Marks left from wounds
- 45. Soften by soaking in liquid
- 48. They resist authority (slang)
- 49. Formats
- 50. Many subconsciousnesses
- 51. Vogues

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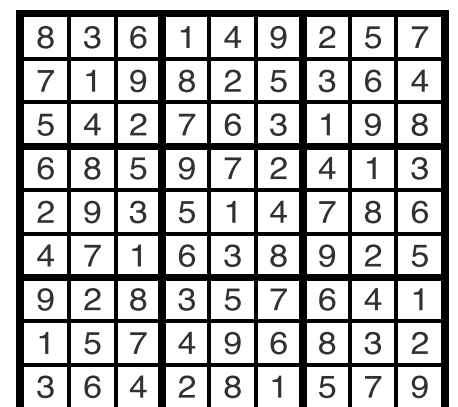
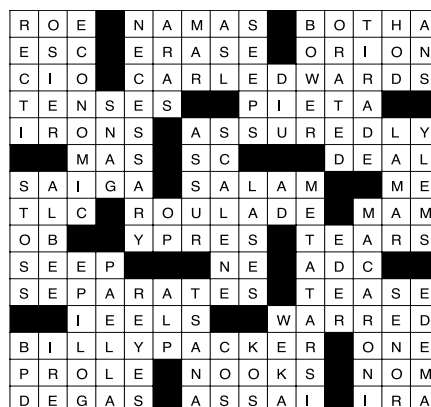
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Stain one's hands
- 7. Subdivision
- 10. A passage to be performed slow
- 12. Invests in little enterprises
- 13. Medians
- 14. Member of the giraffe family
- 15. Makes official
- 16. Choose in an election
- 17. Hill or rocky peak
- 18. Member of an ancient Iranian people
- 19. Crest of a hill
- 21. Small, faint constellation
- 22. Cultivated from crops that yield oil
- 27. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 28. Hollywood tough guy
- 2. Blackbird
- 3. Undergarments
- 4. Old cloth
- 5. One from Utah
- 6. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 7. Become less intense
- 8. Developed to readiness
- 9. Defunct phone company
- 10. About Freemason
- 11. Taking everything into account
- 12. Famed Czech engineer
- 14. Impress into silence
- 17. Boxing term
- 18. Marketplaces
- 20. Pounds per square inch
- 23. Locomotives
- 24. Short musical composition
- 25. Football position (abbr.)
- 26. Heavyhearted
- 29. Denotes particular region
- 30. Famed NHLer
- 31. Ingested too much
- 32. Formulates
- 35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 36. Broad, shallow craters
- 38. Thick cuts
- 40. Breezed through
- 41. Breakfast is one
- 42. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 43. Periodicals (slang)
- 44. Indian title of respect
- 45. More (Spanish)
- 46. Creation
- 47. A loud utterance



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