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School Board Adds to Budget

Six Teachers, Three Counselors Approved

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education at their March 12 meeting voted to direct Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry to add nine positions to his recommended budget. The decisions will require the school board to ask the county commissioners to provide additional monies above the negotiated funding formula between the two elected boards.

In separate decisions the board voted to add six classroom teachers to kindergarten and first grades in underperforming schools to lower class sizes to 20 or less and to add counselors to Windy Hill elementary and middle schools and Sunderland Elementary School.

Both decisions were on 3-2 votes. Board Vice President Inez Claggett pressed for adding about nine kindergarten teachers in all schools to lower the class sizes there. Member Pamela Cousins joined Claggett in opposing the additions in the K-1 grades.

Board member Dawn Balinski explained her reasoning for advocating for the proposal: "In some of our lower performing elementary schools, they have the most challenging population and this would do the double benefit of improving the teacher relationships with these children and hopefully thereby improving behaviors and reducing the disturbance and disruptions that have happened in the schools, that have been reported to us for over a year."

Claggett argued for a more across-the-board approach for kindergarten -- "a building-on-foundation type of initiative that we will achieve what we're trying to achieve. I think that we should be fair to all of our students and not just those who we recognize need additional resources."

Claggett also pressed for the adding of the counselors at the three schools. Cousins and member Tracy McGuire joined her in supporting that motion.

Claggett explained her position: "My purpose for doing so was to lower the burden of the staff who are currently in those schools, performing those functions. Because of the high number of students in each of those school locations, I feel that they need more. The students in those schools need more support."

Curry explained why the counselors that had been requested weren't in his recommended budget. "I did include two new additional guidance counselors for the two largest high schools, that have four, which is the same number as Cavern High School and Patuxent High School. So, in order to try to reduce their workload, I did make that recommendation. I wasn't able to satisfy everyone and hit every priority. So, I chose the two high school positions as a higher priority."

Balinski, who voted against the motion that prevailed, said, "I'm always fighting for those schools that have the more challenging populations." She said about the school chosen for additional guidance counselors, "They're not in the more challenging population enrollment areas."

The board, however, resisted an effort by Cousins to add gifted and talented teachers. Curry argued that the new gifted and talented program supervisor had yet to develop a plan for improving the program.

Board President Bill Phalen said, "I had two of my three children in gifted and talented and really benefited a great deal from it. From a parent's standpoint, the current program, I think, is less effective than the previous one, but that's a non-educator's opinion, not necessarily an accurate one."

There was also considerable discussion about the difficulty the school system is having in attracting school psychologists. There are currently va-



School Board Member Dawn Balinski.

cancies for those positions. During a previous budget work session, it was suggested that perhaps a different pay scale should be developed to assist in attracting needed staff.

In the end the board decided that was the purview of the negotiating teams working on forging a new salary scale. It was suggested that they also look at other classes of workers, such as building service employees.

Curry said coming up with a definition for a competitive salary is difficult. He noted, "We want to be competitive enough to do a better job of filling the vacancies we have. Still, the bottom line is that it has to happen at the negotiations table."

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School Board Member Inez Claggett

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Governor Hogan Issues Proclamation to Postpone April 28 Primary

As part of another series of major actions to limit the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and maintain essential services, Governor Larry Hogan today issued a proclamation to officially postpone the April 28 primary election until June 2, and to move forward with the 7th Congressional District special general election as scheduled by implementing a vote-by-mail system.

"I have two main priorities—keeping Marylanders safe and protecting their constitutional right to vote," said Governor Hogan. "I am directing the State Board of Elections to develop a comprehensive plan by April 3 to conduct the primary election in a way that protects public health and preserves the integrity of the democratic process in our state. While there are many valid reasons for unease and uncertainty right now, ensuring that the voices of Maryland citizens are heard shouldn't be one of them."

The governor also announced that the state is in active discussions regarding postponement of the Preakness Stakes.

"I know that right now there is a lot of anxiety and stress out there—folks are worried about what lies ahead and how we will get through this," said Governor Hogan. "We have seen the jarring images of empty streets in Italy and France, and we worry about our family members and loved ones, and about our own communities and neighborhoods. But I want Marylanders to know that if we continue to lead and work together—if we rely on and help each other—we will get through this."

Court Hearing on Master Plan Suit Delayed

Pandemic Causes Courthouse Closing

By Dick Myers
Editor

With the closing of courts all over the state, a hearing on the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) request for a suit against them by four county residents to be dismissed has been delayed. The hearing had originally been scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 in Calvert County Circuit Court. The courthouse in Prince Frederick will be closed to the public at least until April 3.

A suit filed Dec. 24, 2019 in Calvert County Circuit Court seeks to overturn the adoption of the update of the county's comprehensive plan.

The four citizen plaintiffs are Susan Dzurec and Myra Gowans of Huntingtown, Phyllis Sherkus of Dunkirk, and Michael King of Prince Frederick. They are members of a newly formed citizens group called Calvert Citizens United (CCU).

The suit alleges two flaws in the commissioners' 3-2 decision to adopt the plan update. It says that Commissioner Kelly McConkey, now commissioner president, should have recused himself on the 3-2 vote that placed two pieces of property he owns into an expanded Huntingtown Town Center. The suit said that violates the county's Ethics Ordinance (a complaint has also been filed with the ethics commission).

The suit alleges he "voted on a matter of which he had a material interest and knowledge of that interest." The suit alleges the vote could for the two properties "potentially dramatically increase their real estate value."

The suit says there was not an exemption for McConkey to vote under state law because there were enough remaining votes available to constitute a quorum.

In the case of McConkey's properties, the vote would have then been 2-2, which would have reverted the decision back to the planning commission's recommendation, which was to only include the high school in the expanded town center.

The suit alleges a second fatal flaw in the commissioners' vote. After the final public hearing, the BOCC voted to add a provision in the plan which stated individual town center master plans were subsumed by the overall master plan.

The suit argues another public hearing should have been scheduled and because it wasn't, "it violated the state statute governing the adoption of the comprehensive plan."

In their motion to dismiss filed Feb. 20, the BOCC through their attorney John Mattingly says as to the allegation of conflict of interest on McConkey's part, outlined in Count 1 of the suit, the plaintiffs failed to exhaust other administrative remedies. They say that the issue is now before the Calvert County Ethics Commission and that body has not resolved the matter. "The entirety of Count 1 is based upon what has yet to be determined - an ethics violation," the motion to dismiss says.

The plaintiff's response, through their attorney G. Macy Nelson filed March 10, rebuts that allegation. It says the defendant's argument that a judge would have to probe McConkey's motives is false because they are not making any allegations about motives. They say state and county ethics laws prohibited the vote regardless of his motives.

As to the county's allegation that the plaintiffs failed to exhaust all administrative remedies, they reply that the Ethics Commission has been delayed because McConkey appealed their involvement to the Court of Special Appeals.

Before that appeal; the Ethics Commission, according to the plaintiff's filing, had rendered a preliminary ruling that stated: "From the information currently available to us, it appears that you failed to recuse yourself from the discussion and voted on matters related to expanding the Huntingtown Town Center. . . Your conduct was also contrary to the advisory opinion on recusal issued by the Ethics Commission on September 1, 2015 and summarized by Commissioner Hutchins at the BOCC meeting on August 6, 2019."

The request for dismissal also addresses the suit's second count alleging that an additional public hearing should have been called for the change that required the county plan to supersede any town center master plan. The county alleges that decision was not part of the comprehensive plan vote. The plaintiffs argue otherwise.

The dismissal request also alleges the plaintiffs didn't establish standing. Their rebuttal says, "It is clear that their suit is brought on behalf of the citizens of Calvert County and would impact all other taxpayers and landholders within the county's borders." They allege the BOCC decision will cause an increase in taxes to pay for the added growth.

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Support Staff Speak Out

By Dick Myers
Editor

“They’re the first one the kids see when they come through the door and oftentimes if the other staff members are unavailable, they too are dealing with the emotional trauma,” the speaker said at the school board March 12 public forum. Stacy Tayman, president of the Calvert Association of Educational Support Staff, said she was speaking about her organization’s members.

“We are an integral part of all of our students’ social, emotional, behavioral and educational growth,” she insisted.

Tayman said she and her organization’s members have been quiet during the months of complaints to the school board by teachers, parents and students about discipline problems. And, she said when support staff weren’t even mentioned in a previous budget work session, she felt compelled to speak out. She said, “Just because you don’t hear from me or a large number of us don’t turn out to the meetings doesn’t mean that we’re passive. I chose to use my voice at the negotiations table. We presented a common-sense proposal where I felt our budget priorities were made very clear. I trust the process and I respect the boundaries that are imposed upon the responsibilities that I carry, but I feel like I’m doing a disservice to our members if I don’t at least speak to the landscape of the support staff.”

The school system is currently in contract negotiations with their bargaining units, including the support staff, and it is not known the status of those talks. But Tayman said, “Our support staff cannot continue to be the base from which all things in the school system are built upon, unless a strong investment is going to be made to firm up that structure. There is so much turnover right now that it’s less of a foundation and more like loose gravel. It’s shaky.”

Tayman appeared after three of her members, building service workers, told of

the difficulty of making it on their salaries. One man said he had to forgo health insurance to provide for his family.

Tayman said, “The struggle to attract and retain is systemic. It’s across the board. An instructional assistant salary is less than half of a starting teacher’s salary and a lot of them have the same educational background and are pulled to do the duties of a teacher if the teacher’s not present.”

Tayman added, “We are diverse, we all matter, and we all contribute to the healthy environments within our buildings and for our schools. We are your resources. We are a part of the answer that you are seeking. Investing in the human capital that is right in front of you is money well spent and will bring more return on your dollar.”



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Architect OK'd for New Beach Elementary

Decisions on Size, Height Still Pending



Artist rendering of three story plan

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of Education has approved the contract for architectural design of the new Beach Elementary School in Chesapeake Beach. The Rockville firm of Smolen Emr Ilkovich Architects was awarded the \$2,140,000 contract for planning, design, bidding, and construction administration services.

Board member Tracy McGuire noted that when the board last saw the potential designs there were several, including two- and three-story options. She wondered which was to be designed, because she had ideas about what she wanted. That is still to be determined said Director of School Construction Shuchita Warner.

Warner said, "One thing that will make a big difference in what we design is one of the first things that will happen is we're going to be taking geotechnical borings onsite. Depending on the type of soil that we have and how much we need, to make sure that we have as compact of a building as possible might inform the decision on a two-story versus a three-story building."

The several options were developed by a committee of stakeholders. Warner said a committee, possibly with the same members, will reconvene to take a fresh look at the situation since the initial look is now several years old. She said they will "make sure that as we move forward those types of decisions are flushed out."

The state has advanced approval for planning for the project to allow the design to proceed this year, which means state construction funds are guaranteed. Monies for the design will come from the county's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Still to be decided is the size of the new school.

The county commissioners have been asked to split the cost of a larger Beach Elementary School than the state will pay for. The cost for building a 578-student school versus one with 525 students will be \$1.4 million more than the state will approve, Warner advised the school board at their Dec. 12 meeting.

Warner at the Nov. 19 commissioners' meeting said projections were revised upward from below 500. "The current seven-year enrollment projections anticipate a maximum state funding participation of about 525 students," she said. The difference in state approved and school system requested size will allow the school to accommodate a bubble of students projected to go through adjacent schools, particularly Windy Hill, which "right now is at 92 percent and is projected in five years to be at 111 percent," she said.

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

A larger school will allow four classrooms for each grade, plus several to handle overflow.

Total price tag for the larger school would be \$21.2 million, according to Warner.

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Guns, Ammo In High Demand

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

As the coronavirus spreads across the nation, Calvert County has yet to have a single case, but residents are busy stocking up on essential food and personal supplies; guns and ammunition are included.

John Mountjoy, one of the owners and operators of J2 Defense in Prince Frederick said COVID-19 has sparked increased buying of firearms and ammunition, but not just among residents who are already gun owners.

"There are lots of first-time buyers and non-traditional demographics," Mountjoy told The County Times. "We hosted a training class for the Southern Maryland chapter of the National African American Gun Owners this past Sunday.

"The classroom and ranges were overflowing."

J2 Defense offers training facilities as well as practice ranges for simulated firearm shooting.

Mountjoy said the gathering was still below Gov. Larry Hogan's former threshold of no more than 250 people in one gathering.

That has since been reduced to just 50 people per gathering per his executive order of March 16.

In St. Mary's County, The Tackle Box sporting goods store which has long operated in Lexington Park, employees there could barely stop to answer questions.

Owner Ken Lamb said the buying of firearms and ammunition had spiked in the last two days but started last week.

"Ever since we opened this morning [March 16] we've been going as fast we can all day long," Lamb said. "When there's this much uncertainty, people buy stuff."

"That includes guns and ammunition."

The most popular guns sold include Maryland-compliant AR-15 rifles, shotguns for personal defense and .22 caliber rifles often used in small game hunting, Lamb said.

"And we've sold lots of ammunition of all kinds," he said.

Mountjoy said customers are buying up all firearms of all kinds.

"They are buying handguns, personal defense shotguns and modern sporting rifles," Mountjoy said. "Some are buying shotguns and carbines while awaiting state approval for handguns."

"Others are eagerly obtaining their Maryland handgun wear and carry permits; there's a lot of anxiety out there."

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SMECO Applies for Rate Reduction

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative's (SMECO) Board of Directors has approved a decrease for the power supply rates that customer-members pay for their electric service. Upon Board approval, SMECO submitted a filing to the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC), to reduce its base energy charges by more than 10 percent for residential customers. If the filing submitted on February 28, 2020, is approved by the PSC, the lower rates will go into effect with May 2020 bills.

Sonja M. Cox, SMECO president and CEO, explained, "Our residential base rate for May will be the lowest it has been in almost 15 years. Nearly all customer classes—commercial accounts, schools, government buildings, and churches—will have their energy rates reduced. Lower rates can make a huge impact, especially on facilities that use a lot of energy."

The base rate for an average residential customer with 1,300 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of monthly usage will be \$10.40 less this summer than last summer. SMECO's Standard Offer Service (SOS) rate is made up of the energy charge and the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA). On SMECO's monthly electric bills, lower power supply costs have been reflected in the PCA, which has been a credit for the last six months.

"When SMECO purchases energy at a lower cost on the wholesale market, those savings are passed on to our customer-members," Cox said. "SMECO's power portfolio includes electricity that is produced by multiple sources of energy, such as wind, solar, nuclear, and coal. About 60 percent of our energy comes from natural gas, and the lower prices that we've been seeing have a positive impact on customer rates."

SMECO's base residential energy charges for summer will decrease by 11 percent, from 6.98 cents per kWh to 6.21 cents per kWh. Summer energy charges appear on bills rendered May through September. Base residential winter energy charges will be reduced from 7.54 cents per kWh to 6.74 cents per kWh, a 10.6 percent reduction.

The PCA, which changes monthly, is a credit of 0.8937 cents per kWh for March. The combination of the base energy charge and the PCA credit effectively reduces the SOS rate from 7.54 cents per kWh to 6.6463 cents per kWh.

CALVERT SHERIFF OFFICE CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of March 2 – March 8 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,432 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 20-12477

On March 3, 2020, Deputy Wilson responded to The Tavern in St. Leonard for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between February 28th and March 2nd, an unknown suspect(s) carved the words "Ryan Leo Sterhhen Creek Boys" into the bathroom wall tile. The value of damaged property is \$800.

Damaged Property: 20-12732

On March 4, 2020, Deputy Gough responded to Emmanuel Church Road in Huntingtown for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised that sometime between February 23rd at 1:35pm and March 4th at 2:00pm an unknown suspect(s) drove their vehicle around the hay field destroying the property.

Tampering / Theft:

20-13262, 13265, 13269, 13314, 13319, 13324, 13356, 13371, 13377, 13382, 13412

On March 7, 2020, Deputies responded for multiple reports of vehicle tampering and theft in the Richfield Station Community in Chesapeake Beach. Complainants advised vehicles were rummaged through and various items were stolen to include wallets, sunglasses, and medication. All vehicle's that were involved in the tampering or theft were left unlocked.

Theft: 20-12724

On March 4, 2020, Deputy Aurich responded to Longleaf Lane in Dunkirk for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that an unknown suspect(s) stole their red tool bag containing various hand tools, Klein side cutters, and a Walmart socket set from inside their vehicle while it was parked in the driveway. The value of stolen property is \$300.

Theft: 20-12950

On March 5, 2020, Sergeant Naecker responded to the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that sometime between March 4th at 1:30pm and March 5th at 8:30am an unknown suspect(s) stole their prescription medication from their vehicle while it was parked behind the firehouse.

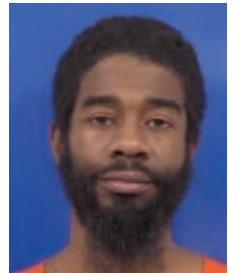
Theft: 20-13331

On March 7, 2020, Deputy W. McDowell responded to Stock Drive in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised that an unknown suspect(s) stole two black, adult bicycles with red and white accents from their front yard. The value of stolen property is \$200.

Arrests:

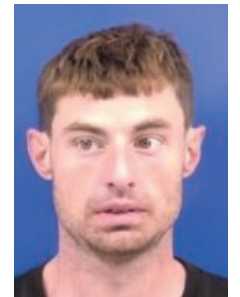
On March 4, 2020, Deputy Kwitowski conducted a traffic stop at the base of the Thomas Johnson Bridge in Solomons. Upon making contact with the driver and passenger, Deputy Kwitowski detected to odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Both occupants were removed from the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in a broken glass smoking device located between the driver's side

seat cushions, and a loaded Glock model 22 .40 caliber pistol located under the passenger seat. The passenger, **Michael Fitzgerald Dobbins, Jr. (32)**, was detained and a search of his person was conducted revealing a tied-off plastic baggie containing suspected crack cocaine, a fully loaded, 15-round Glock magazine, 6 Suboxone film packets for which Dobbins did not have a prescription, a digital pocket scale and a large sum of U.S. currency. Dobbins was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Dangerous Weapon- Conceal, Loaded Handgun in Vehicle, Illegal Possession of Ammunition, Registered Firearm: Illegal Possession, Handgun in Vehicle, CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, CDS Distribution-Narcotic, and CDS: Distribution Etc. with Firearm.



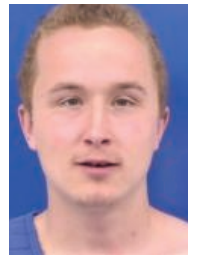
Michael Fitzgerald Dobbins Jr

On March 6, 2020, Deputy Durnbaugh responded to Deep Ford Drive in Lusby for the report of a suspicious vehicle. Upon making contact with the driver, **Michael Gene Newkirk (30)**, Deputy Durnbaugh confirmed that Newkirk had an active arrest warrant. Newkirk was placed under arrest and a search of his person was conducted which resulted in a green pill bottle containing two white pills, and three partial pink pills, both suspected to be Buprenorphine Hydrochloride. A search of the vehicle resulted in a counterfeit \$100 bill, eight hypodermic syringes, multiple candles, a white bottle containing suspected THC wax, and two airsoft pistols. Newkirk was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Registered Firearm: Illegal Possession, Handgun in Vehicle, CDS Administer Equipment Possession/Distribution, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession Marijuana 10GM+, and Possession/Issue Forged Currency.



Michael Gene Newkirk

On March 7, 2020, Deputy Parks responded to the Prince Frederick Library for the report of a suspicious subject. Upon arrival, Deputy Parks was advised the subject had left the library and was seen walking towards Wawa. Deputy Parks located the subject, **Matthew Edward Dennis (22)**, at Wawa and was advised by Calvert County Emergency Communications that Dennis had an active trespass warning for Wawa. Dennis was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespass: Private Property.



Matthew Edward Dennis

Route 301 Left Turns Restricted at Plaza Drive

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) will enhance safety along US 301 in Charles County by restricting left turn movements at the median crossover between Plaza Drive and MD 228 (Berry Road). Crews closed the left turn movements at the median crossover. The change will reduce conflict points to increase safety at this location.

MDOT SHA will continue to monitor this location. Crews installed a temporary raised curb channeling system with posts to close northbound and southbound access to the median crossover. Motorists will be able to use the nearby signalized intersections to perform left turn and U-turn movements to access businesses.

This section of US 301 carries nearly 38,000 vehicles a day. Portable variable message signs have been installed to notify motorists about the upcoming closure.

MDOT SHA works hard to maintain safe traffic mobility in work zones for motorists, as well as our crews. Drivers need to stay alert, focus on driving and look for reduced speed limits, as well as other driving pattern changes. Drive like you work here and slow down in construction zones. For a list of all major MDOT SHA projects, visit www.roads.maryland.gov. For a look at real-time commute conditions, go to md511.maryland.gov.

Press Release from MD SHA

Schools Will Offer Free Meals and Snacks

During the outbreak of COVID-19, Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) recognizes the importance of providing food to families that are affected by school and business closures. On March 18, CCPS will begin distribution of free meals and snacks at three locations.

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, Superintendent, said, "We are very happy that our Child Nutrition Office has worked quickly to channel resources to our families. Our meal distribution sites are located in areas that are aligned with the regulations established by the United States Department of Agriculture, but all of our families are welcome to utilize the service."

The program is open to all children ages 2-18, regardless of where they live or attend school. Children do not need to be eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits in order to participate; they must, however, be present when parents and guardians pick up the meals. CCPS has received a waiver of the federal regulation to consume meals on site and will instead be offering grab 'n go bag meals, utilizing a drive-through delivery system, in order to maximize social distancing. Each child will receive a lunch and snack, along with breakfast for the following day.

The locations are: **Calvert High School** Parking Lot, 600 Dares Beach Rd. Prince Frederick, MD 20678; **Southern Middle School** Parking Lot, m 9615 H.G. Trueman Rd., Lusby, MD 20657 and **Patuxent High School** Parking Lot 12485 Southern Connector Blvd., Lusby, MD 20657.

Service will be Monday through Friday until March 28, 11 a.m. to noon.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) determines which areas are eligible to host a meal site utilizing either free and reduced-price eligibility numbers or U.S. Census data. Although no schools are located in the eligible areas in Calvert County, the Office of Child Nutrition collaborated with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and was able to receive approval to operate the meal sites at three schools closest to the eligible areas. The school locations will allow program staff to quickly access additional supplies, as well as utilize temperature-controlled storage.

The CCPS Child Nutrition Office will continue to be in contact with the School and Community Nutrition Branch of MSDE, keeping abreast of revised regulations and additional opportunities to meet the needs of our students.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the meal distribution program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

County Declares State of Emergency

Out of an abundance of caution over the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has declared a State of Emergency for Calvert County.

"We've taken this step as an act of readiness that provides the flexibility needed to rapidly respond to this evolving situation," said BOCC President Kelly McConkey. "This declaration formalizes the work we've been doing for several weeks. We know people are concerned; the public can rest assured we are using every avenue available to keep the public safe and healthy."

Although there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Calvert County, the BOCC urges citizens to follow aggressive precautionary actions that will reduce the risk of infection and limit the spread of COVID-19 from other areas. These actions include the following:

Avoid large gatherings, both public and private.

Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. Use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Protect others by staying home if you are sick.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze.

Throw used tissues in the trash and immediately wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily, including doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets and sinks.

Stay informed, as information is changing frequently.

The county continues share the latest updates surrounding Calvert County's response to COVID-19 through a virtual resource center on its website, including any precautionary measures, guidance and closures. Residents, employees and media are encouraged to regularly monitor the page and use the resources available at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus.

Updates will continue to appear on the Calvert County Government website, www.CalvertCountyMd.gov, Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd and Comcast Channel 6.



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Coping with COVID-19: Calvert Social Distancing Coming Together



By Dick Myers
Editor

As of press deadline at The County Times, there had been no reported cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Calvert County. Yet in the week that has passed since our last issue on March 12, life has changed dramatically in Calvert County, at the very least temporarily, although some would argue permanently.

First sporting events were cancelled, then schools closed, to be followed by most local fundraisers and any gatherings of 50 or more people, to be followed by restaurants, bars, movie theaters and gyms.

And during that week, Calvert County learned a new phrase – “Social Distancing.” It was an idea that in many ways is antithetical to the Calvert County way of life. As United Way of Calvert County President and CEO Kelly Chambers put it, “We are a tight-knit community. We support each other.”

United Way is one example of the impact on non-profits which provide essential services to the community. They had to postpone an upcoming fundraiser and the monies raised there were earmarked for their non-profit member agencies.

That pulling together in the face of calls to pull apart has been most evident in the last week in the wake of the decision to close the schools. One of Calvert’s most prominent institutional non-profits, End Hunger in Calvert and its founder Rev. Robert Hahn recognized that meant kids now sheltered in their homes would be losing perhaps their one nutritious meal of the day that was served in school in the free or reduced lunches there.

School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry said the federal guidelines only allow meals to continue to be served in areas with high poverty levels. In Calvert that is just three communities in south county. Beginning March 18 meals were being made available to adults who drive up with children on board.

Rev. Hahn said there are many people in the communities with “grab and go meals,” that don’t have transportation to get there. But there are many more who live in communities far distant from those south county locations. He said at Mt. Hope Elementary School in Owings there are 50 students eligible for free or reduced lunches.

So, End Hunger sprang into action, and with assistance from the schools to get the word out and assistance from United Way for coordination, they are now delivering meals to homes with the help of a cadre of volunteers.

The following letter on the effort was issued by Rev. Hahn:
Dear Calvert County,

A lot of children in our county will not have food to eat over the next two weeks because they receive free or reduced meals at school.

While there will be grab-n-go lunches at three locations in the county – this will not come close to meeting the children’s need. Most of our county’s neediest children do not have any

transportation to get to the food sites, and even then, the lunches will only go so far.

Starting this Monday, End Hunger in Calvert County, working through local food pantry partners, will be distributing a FREE four-day supply of breakfasts & lunches called Kid’s Kits.

The challenge is to get these food kits to the children. This is where you come in.

YOU KNOW WHERE THESE CHILDREN LIVE – ESPECIALLY TEACHERS & NEIGHBORS.

If you know where these children live, please come and pick up a Kid’s Kit and deliver it to a child’s home. You can pick up one kit per child and the child does not have to be with you.

Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry in Huntingtown, will have these kits available for community pick-ups on their lower level porch (drive around back), from 9am-12pm on:

Monday, March 16

Friday, March 20

Monday, March 23

Friday, March 27

Helping Hands Food Pantry (in NewLife Calvert Church on 231) will start providing the Kid’s Kits to pick-up starting Friday, March 20. If the school closings go past that date, we will continue distributing food for the children.

In addition, various county food pantries are gearing up to provide boxed cereals, peanut butter and jelly, as well as oatmeal and juices for pick up. All pantries will be maintaining their regular hours during this emergency.

For a listing of End Hunger Food Pantry Partners go to: <https://endhungercalvert.org/pantry/>

Even those who aren’t sheltering at home will find the coming weeks to be trying. Outside of work (those who are working), many people’s diversions have suddenly evaporated: no sports to watch, no restaurants to frequent, no gyms to work out at, and no movie theaters to escape to. Additionally, all of the negative news may be wearing down everyone.

Doris McDonald, director of Calvert Behavioral Health Services, provided the following advice:

“In terms of managing stress during the new normal we are experiencing, it is important for people to restrict the constant deluge of information, and misinformation, bombarding us each day. Some ways to do this include turning off notifications, only use social media for positive and supportive exchanges, and try to limit accessing news to only one or two trusted media and only as needed. The CDC and your local health departments are excellent sources of information.

“It helps to keep as normal a routine as possible, particularly with eating and sleeping. It may be tempting to let the kids stay up all night playing video games, but regular sleep patterns are critical to managing stress.

“Please use this opportunity to get back to basics, engaging with family members and remembering what it is like to have long conversations with people. If you know of friends or family who are alone during this time, call them and help them stay socially connected. You may want to call local nursing homes and ask if there is someone there who would enjoy a phone call. Not only will this help them, but you will feel good too.

“The CDC (Centers for Disease Control) and health departments contain information, not only on COVID 19, but also on resources to help manage stress and anxiety. People can also reach out to Calvert County Health Department’s Recovery Rapid Response Team at 1-877-467-5628 for rapid access to treatment seven days a week. Calvert County also has a 24-hour Crisis Hotline at 410-535-1121.”

One haven of peace and quiet and reflection for many people has also been temporarily removed – church. Our contributing writer, Dave “Spiggy” Spigler has been a long-time member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Solomons, whose school is also closed. He wrote: “This influenza is a story unlike any I have experienced! In all my years of being a good, faithful Catholic, I have never experienced the shutting down of Sunday Masses. It’s just never happened! And with all the hullabaloo with closing schools, libraries, meetings, etc. and

with the rationing of day-to-day items, I likened it to WW II.”

Some churches did hold Sunday services but took extraordinary precautions for social distancing. Pastor Josh Olson of Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church in Lusby sent out the following missive to church members:

“We plan to have our regular 10:30 a.m. service, but in cooperation with concerns that all people have regarding public assembly here are some adjustments we will make for the services tomorrow:

We will be holding Adult Bible Class, but there will be NO Kid’s Connect. Adult Bible Class will be taught in the sanctuary so we can respect “social spacing.” The nursery and Sunday School will NOT meet.

Bulletins will be on a stand by the double doors entering the church.

We will respect the guidance of “social spacing”- therefore ushers will not be shaking hands - nor will the pastor.

Instead of passing the offering plate down the aisle, the offering plate will also be on a stand by the double doors. Please place your offerings in the plate as you come into worship.

Holy communion is being offered tomorrow. We have spaced out the individual cups and suspect that most will choose the individual cup although the common cup will be available.”

Maryland has a particularly aggressive COVID-19 fighter in Gov. Larry Hogan, and not a day goes by that he isn’t issuing another executive order which has drawn some pushback in the community, some calling the measures Draconian while others applauding them.

At press deadline he announced that the primary election had been delayed until June 2. The General Assembly has shut down their 2020 session and is expected to return in May.

His orders on March 16 to close sit-down restaurants, bars and movie theaters, will likely have a ripple effect on the economy but the people The County Times talked to said it was too early to assess the likely damage.

With President Trump saying the crisis may linger well into the summer, we will continue to keep you our readers informed on a weekly basis and more frequently on Facebook.

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Public Warned of COVID-19 Charity Scams

The Federal Trade Commission has reported that scammers are taking advantage of fears surrounding the coronavirus, including through the sale of counterfeit products and the solicitation of money and personal information. When charities request donations in response to the coronavirus, Marylanders may feel duty-bound to donate in an effort to help their neighbors. Maryland's Secretary of State John C. Wobensmith and Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh are cautioning Marylanders to be vigilant and to donate wisely.

"During uncertain times, con artists prey on your generosity and create scams, frauds or deceptive acts to line their own pockets," warns Secretary Wobensmith. "Be sure you know who you are giving to, and remember it is always best to give directly to well-established, reputable charitable organizations."

The Office of the Secretary of State registers and regulates charitable organizations that solicit charitable contributions in Maryland. Together with the Attorney General's Office, the Secretary of State's Office works to ensure that charitable contributions go to qualified charitable organizations and are used for their intended purpose.

"Fraudsters will take advantage of nearly any opportunity to steal other people's money," said Attorney General Frosh. "Consumers can avoid being cheated by understanding how thieves are trying to steal their personal information and money. It is always wise to research the charity first before donating, and avoid any charity or fundraiser that is reluctant to give information on how donations are used."

For more tips on how to give wisely, Marylanders can visit the Maryland Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division publication Consumer's Edge Charitable Giving Tips.

The Office of the Secretary of State maintains a public registry of charitable organizations authorized to solicit in Maryland. For more information and to search the registry, please visit the Secretary of State's charities database.

If you think that you have been a victim of a deceptive or illegal charitable solicitation, contact the Charities and Legal Services Division of the Secretary of State's Office: 410-974-5521 or 1-800-825-4510.

Press Release from Office of Gov. Larry Hogan.

Leadership Class Hears About Public Safety



Members of Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Class of 2020 experienced Public Safety in Southern Maryland via numerous demonstrations and hands-on activities

Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Class of 2020 on March 5 participated in the seventh of nine educational sessions – Public Safety. The day began with a tour of the Charles County Detention Center. The class then traveled to the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute where they got an in-depth look at firefighting. They also had the opportunity to interact with the crew of Eagle 2, a United States Park Service helicopter, and check out the aircraft.

The afternoon portion of the day included a question and answer session with Assistant Sheriff Dave McDowell (Calvert), Sheriff Troy Berry (Charles), and Sheriff Tim Cameron (St. Mary's). Afterward, the class watched a police drone demonstration before heading to the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy (SMCJA) where they spent the remainder of the session. The group watched demonstrations by local K9 and SWAT units, experienced what it's like for law enforcement to make split second decisions in the training simulator and learned about defensive training. The class held a post-session debrief at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 24 in La Plata to discuss the day's events.

Leadership Southern Maryland's Executive Program is a nine-month tuition-based program and is designed and dedicated to educate and inspire a diverse group of current and emerging leaders to create collaborations and partnerships to impact the community needs of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties and incorporates a cross-section of the region to include diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity and gender.

Leadership Southern Maryland is now accepting applications for the Class of 2021 Executive Program. Interested candidates should visit www.leadershipsomd.org to learn more about the program and apply by April 1, 2020.

Press Release from LSM.

SMECO suspends non-payment disconnects

During Coronavirus Outbreak

In response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak, Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) began suspending electric disconnects for non-payment on Friday, March 13.

"We care for our cooperative members and we understand that the actions being instituted to limit the spread of the virus may create an economic burden. Many businesses and their employees will be impacted, and during this period of economic stress, we will continue to work with our customers to ease that burden," said Sonja Cox, SMECO President and CEO.

"We have also instituted business-related travel restrictions and other precautions to keep SMECO employees safe as we continue to ensure reliable service to our members. And when outages occur, power restoration will continue to be managed quickly and safely," Cox said.

"We encourage our customer-members to limit public contact by using our online services," she added. "SMECO members can log in to Account Manager on our website and set up payment arrangements and budget plans to help manage their bills. For customer-members who need to call, SMECO customer care representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 1-888-440-3311."



SMTCCAC
Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc.

Michael E. Young, MSW
President and CEO
www.smtccac.org

Need help paying your utility bills? Do you qualify?

Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc. Office of Home Energy (OHEP) is accepting applications Monday through Thursday - 9am-3pm - We are located in Charles County at 8371 Old Leonardtown Road-Hughesville, MD.; in St. Mary's County at 21775 Great Mills Road-Lexington Park or in Calvert County at 3720 Solomon's Island Road-Huntingtown, MD. Applications may also be submitted online at www.dhs.Maryland.gov/benefits. You must be income eligible to receive energy assistance.

Contact: OHEP, 301 274-4474, ext. 200

Need help building a career?

Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc. offers a CDL Program. Get your CDL License and start a new career as a CDL driver! Contact us and find out how to enroll in the program.

Contact: Leo Hoffman, 301 274-4474, ext. 268

Need help managing your finances or purchasing a home?

Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc. offers a Housing Counseling Program. Get assistance with money management and/or home ownership counseling and start a new life of financial freedom. Contact us and find out how our services can help you.

Contact: Martin Kane, 301 274-4474, ext. 274

The Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc., is a nonprofit organization working in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties that provide services for eligible citizens that alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty, promote upward mobility and enrich the quality of life. For information, visit www.smtccac.org.

College Receives First-gen National Honor

For Commitment to Student Success

The Center for First-generation Student Success, an initiative of NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and The Suder Foundation, recently announced their 2020-21 cohort of First-gen Forward Institutions. The First-gen Forward designation recognizes institutions of higher education who have demonstrated a commitment to improving experiences and advancing outcomes of first-generation college students. Selected institutions receive professional development, community-building experiences, and a first look at the Center’s research and resources.

“The Center is so pleased to welcome St. Mary’s College into the 2020-21 cohort of First-gen Forward institutions. Through the application process, it was evident that St. Mary’s College is not only taking steps to serve first-generation students but is prepared to make a long-term commitment and employ strategies for significant scaling and important advances in the future,” said Sarah E. Whitley, senior director of the Center for First-generation Student Success.

With programs like the Sum Primus Sum Exemplar first-generation initiative established by President Jordan in 2017, St. Mary’s College of Maryland supports its core belief that rigorous, relevant, and experiential education should be accessible to everyone with the talent, ambition, and potential to do the work.

“Being chosen to join the FirstGen Forward cohort is a recognition of our accomplishments in helping first generation students succeed, but it’s more than that. It is also a sign of our continuing commitment to assessment and program development so that every student who is prepared to take on the challenge of the National Public Honors College can see themselves in this institution and take that step with confidence,” said F.J. Talley, director of the DeSousa-Brent Scholars Program at St. Mary’s College.

The DeSousa-Brent Scholars Program proactively recruits students from underrepresented higher education groups and provides support both academically and interpersonally, to help students succeed in their journey through college and beyond.

Talley said the College’s efforts to empower first-generation students are not limited to a single office or division.

“It is a priority to the entire institution, from waiving the application fee for first generation students, to the President’s Sum Primus, Sum Exemplar program to the DeSousa-Brent Scholars, our flagship program of academic and leadership excellence,” said Talley.

As a First-gen Forward Institution, select faculty and staff will be afforded multiple opportunities to engage with peer and aspirational institutions who are also creating environments that improve the experiences and outcomes of first-generation students. Selected institutions will send representatives to the First-gen Forward Workshop to be held in Baltimore in June and will participate in monthly phone calls, virtual professional development, goal setting, blog development, annual reporting, and more. After two successful years in the program, institutions are eligible to apply for the Advisory leadership designation.

“The 2020-21 First-gen Forward cohort demonstrates a national movement of two- and four-year institutions dedicated to advancing the success of first-generation students; redefining student success as a movement. We commend St. Mary’s College for their already strong contribution and look forward to engaging more at the First-gen Forward Workshop and throughout their participation,” offered Kevin Kruger, president and CEO of NASPA.

To learn more about first-generation efforts at St. Mary’s College visit <http://www.smcm.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/first-generation-students/> To learn more about the Center for First-generation Student Success, visit firstgen.naspa.org.

NASPA—Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education is the leading association for the advancement, health, and sustainability of the student affairs profession. Its work provides high-quality professional development, advocacy, and research for 15,000 members in all 50 states, 25 countries, and 8 U.S. territories. Visit naspa.org for more information.

The Center for First-generation Student Success is the premier source of evidence-based practices, professional development, and knowledge creation for the higher education community to advance the success of first-generation students. Through four strategic priority areas, the Center drives higher education innovation and advocacy for first-generation student success.

Press Release from SMCM.

St. Mary’s College Named a Best Value

St. Mary’s College of Maryland is one of the nation’s top colleges for students seeking a superb education with great career preparation and at an affordable price, according to The Princeton Review®.

The education services company named St. Mary’s College as a Best Value College for 2020. The Princeton Review profiled 200 schools selected out of 656 institutions the company considered and surveyed. St. Mary’s College is also ranked #5 on The Princeton Review’s Green Colleges list and included in its annual college guide, “The Best 385 Colleges.”

The Princeton Review chose its Best Value Colleges for 2020 based on data the company collected from its surveys of administrators at 656 colleges in 2018-19. The company also factored in data from its surveys of students attending the schools as well as PayScale.com surveys of alumni of the schools about their starting and mid-career salaries and job satisfaction figures.

“The schools we name as our Best Value Colleges for 2020 comprise only 7 percent of the nation’s four-year colleges,” noted Robert Franek, The Princeton Review’s editor-in-chief. “They are truly distinctive and diverse in their programs, size, region, and type, yet they are similar in three areas. Every school we selected offers outstanding academics, generous financial aid and/or a relative low cost of attendance, and stellar career services. We salute St. Mary’s College of Maryland for these exceptional offerings and recommend it highly to college applicants and parents.”

Press Release from SMCM.

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Scooby-Dooby-Do, Where are you? Daphne is trying to solve the mystery of why she is still at the shelter? Although you won’t be hearing her say “Jeepers”, she can be quite vocal about getting attention! Daphne is ready to retire from solving mysteries and lay on the couch all day long. Could you be the key to this puzzle? If so come on in and meet her! As Pet of the Week, Daphne’s adoption fee is waived for qualified adopters. Daphne is ready to hop in your “Mystery Machine” and go home!

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Winners of the 30th History Fair Announced

The Calvert County History Fair celebrated its 30th anniversary on Saturday with nearly 150 students participating in the event. The Calvert County History Fair is a stepping stone for CCPS students to participate in Maryland History Day and perhaps National History Day in June. Contestants chose topics related to the theme Breaking Barriers and conducted extensive research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews and historic sites. After analyzing and interpreting their sources and drawing conclusions about their topics' significance in history, students presented their work as a paper, website, exhibit, performance, or documentary.

Sixty-eight students received awards for their hard work and excellent scholarship, and Senator Thomas V. Mike Miller was on hand to present the awards for the two top projects. Plum Point 7th grader Sophie Penix won the J. Blaine Adams Award for Most Outstanding Junior Division Project, and Calvert High senior Angel Gingras was awarded the Senator Thomas V. Mike Miller Award for Most Outstanding Senior Division Project, which is given in honor of Senator Miller.

Two students in each category will advance to the Maryland History Day competition on May 2 at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Below is a complete list of Calvert County History Fair award winners:

2020 Calvert County History Fair Results

Category	Name	School	Title	Teacher	Rank
Research Paper Junior Division	Kennedi Jones	PPMS	Overcoming the Racial Mountain: The Breaking of Barriers in the Harlem Renaissance	Mr. Muffley	H. Mention
	Lyla Smith	NMS	Tuskegee Airmen	Ms. Martus	Advancer
	Caroline Calamoneri	WHMS	Katherine Johnson: Breaking Barriers in History	Ms. Campbell	Advancer
Research Paper Senior	Isabella Zabec	HHS	Breaking Barrier: Deborah Sampson	Ms. Morris	H. Mention
	Kyle Carter	HHS	How Stonewall Barriers Broke	Ms. Morris	Advancer
	Kayleigh White	HHS	Janet Guthrie: Breaking Gender Barriers	Ms. Morris	Advancer
Individual Exhibit Junior Division	Jasmine Simpson	WHMS	The West Computers: African American Women Breaking Barriers in Space	Mr. Hedger	H. Mention
	Sophie Penix	PPMS	Insulin: The Miracle Drug	Ms. Cox	Advancer
	Adam Weller	NMS	Negro Baseball	Ms. Martus	Advancer
Individual Exhibit Senior Division	Kimiko Coleman	HHS	Amelia Earhart: Breaking Barriers in History	Mr. Hogenson	H. Mention
	Kaitlyn Cosgrove	CHS	The Right to Farm Law: Breaking Barriers for Farmers	Ms. Dryer	Advancer
	Lorenzo Guttadauro	HHS	The Bridge That Broke Barriers	Ms. Morris	Advancer
Group Exhibit Junior Division	Madison Goddard	WHMS	Maie Jemison	Ms. Campbell	H. Mention
	Cole Roschel	PPMS	Arthur Ashe: Worldwide Force for Change	Mr. Muffley	Advancer
	Nolan Roschel	PPMS	The New Monroe Doctrine: Shaping a New World	Ms. Cox	Advancer
Group Exhibit Senior Division	Andrew Carpenter	NMS	The New Monroe Doctrine: Shaping a New World	Ms. Galarza	Advancer
	Luke Erly	NMS	The New Monroe Doctrine: Shaping a New World	Ms. Galarza	Advancer
	Ashleigh Lourcey	NMS	Nellie Bly: Breaking Barriers Behind Bars	Ms. Morris	H. Mention
Group Exhibit Senior Division	Zari Archer	NMS	Nellie Bly: Breaking Barriers Behind Bars	Mr. Hogenson	H. Mention
	Todd Drake	CHS	Wilma Rudolph: Sprinting Through Barriers	Ms. Dryer	Advancer
	William Green	CHS	Wilma Rudolph: Sprinting Through Barriers	Ms. Dryer	Advancer
Individual Documentary Junior Division	Edward Williams	HHS	Breaking Economic & Cultural Barriers	Mr. James	Advancer
	Tyler Cassidy	HHS	Breaking Economic & Cultural Barriers	Mr. James	Advancer
	Sarah Hurley	NMS	Implementing Change: The Bus Boycott of 1956	Ms. Martus	H. Mention
Individual Documentary Senior Division	Paige Plater	WHMS	The Cost of Equality: The Story of Daisy Bates	Mr. Lusby	Advancer
	Serenity Mitchell	PPMS	Life of Clara Bell Williams	Mr. Muffley	Advancer
	Katharyn MacDonald	CHS	Breaking Barriers with Magic: The Story of Walt Disney	Ms. Dryer	Advancer
Group Documentart Junior Division	Reagan Brady	CHS	Breaking Out of the Home to Slide Across Home Plate: The All Am Girls Professional Baseball League	Ms. Dryer	Advancer
	Caroline Fuller	CMS	The Civil Rights Movement	Mr. Bailey	H. Mention
	Angelina Zannopolous	CMS	The Civil Rights Movement	Mr. Bailey	H. Mention
Individual Performance Junior Division	Sean Manley	PPMS	Jesse Owens: Running Through Barriers	Ms. Penix	Advancer
	Cameron Bynam	PPMS	Jesse Owens: Running Through Barriers	Ms. Cox	Advancer
	Miles Plater	PPMS	Jesse Owens: Running Through Barriers	Ms. Cox	Advancer
Individual Performance Senior Division	Reese Courtney	NMS	Roe V. Wade	Ms. Martus	Advancer
	Margaret Rathgeb	NMS	Roe V. Wade	Mr. Page	Advancer
	Noah Cooley	NMS	Michael Jackson: Breaking Barriers	Mr. Page	Advancer
Group Performance Junior Division	Angel Gingras	CHS	Breaking Barriers in Female Journalism: A Helen Thomas White House	Ms. Dryer	Advancer
	Katerina Brabson	WHMS	Donut Dollies: How Dodging Bullets and Serving Sweet Donuts Impacted the Vietnam War	Mr. Lusby	Advancer
	Addison Fortenbery	WHMS	Donut Dollies: How Dodging Bullets and Serving Sweet Donuts Impacted the Vietnam War	Ms. Campbell	Advancer
Individual Website Junior Division	McKenna Ross	WHMS	Briana Scurry	Mr. Page	H. Mention
	Mao Yu Cheng	NMS	The Cell Heard around the World: Breaking Barriers	Ms. Dryer	Advancer
	Kaylee Muskgrove	NMS	Emril J. Freireich Curing Childhood Leukemia	Mr. Lusby	Advancer
Individual Website Senior Division	Isabella Cost	HHS	Alice Coachman	Ms. Campbell	H. Mention
	Megan Williams	CHS	Henrietta Lacks	Ms. Dryer	Advancer
	David Johnson	HHS	Apollo 11	Mr. Hogenson	Advancer
Group Website Junior Division	Bella McCollum	WHMS	Apollo 11	Mr. Hogenson	H. Mention
	Maddie Mathews	WHMS	Apollo 11	Mr. Hogenson	H. Mention
	Jadyn Riggs	PPMS	6062	Mr. Muffley	Advancer
Group Website Senior Division	Summer Spencer	PPMS	6062	Ms. Cox	Advancer
	Michael Villarreal	PPMS	6062	Ms. Cox	Advancer
	Rorie Allen	MCMS	The Stonewall Riots	Ms. Davies	Advancer
Group Website Senior Division	Amelia Barrett	MCMS	The Stonewall Riots	Ms. Davies	Advancer
	Ava Halsey	HHS	Breaking Barriers of Consumer Technology	Ms. Morris	Advancer
	Natalie Richards	HHS	Breaking Barriers of Consumer Technology	Ms. Morris	Advancer
Group Website Senior Division	Logan Latvala	HHS	Breaking Barriers of Consumer Technology	Ms. Morris	Advancer



Most Outstanding Project Awards

Category	Name	School	Title	Teacher
J. Blaine Adams Award for Most Outstanding Junior Division Project	Sophie Penix	PPMS	Insulin: The Miracle Drug	Ms. Cox
Senator Thomas V. Mike Miller Award for Most Outstanding Senior Division	Angelique Gingras	CHS	Breaking Barriers in Female Journalism: A Helen Thomas White House	Ms. Dryer

History Fair Special Category Results

Category	Name	School	Title	Teacher
League of Women Voters Junior Division Award for Breaking Barriers in Voting and Advancing Democracy	Brooklyn Benson	MCMS	Susan K. Anthony	Ms. Hall
League of Women Voters Senior Division Award for Breaking Barriers in Voting and Advancing Democracy	Emily Eagle	EHS	Women's Rights: How Women Came Together to Make a Difference	Ms. Morris
The Calvert Connection for Women: Annette J. Pann Award for Women's History	Estim Eberhartson	PPMS	The Princess Palatinate Mary Anning	Mr. Muffley
The American Legion Award for Excellence in Military History	Isabella Zabec	EHS	Deborah Sampson	Ms. Morris
The Calvert County Historical Society Award for Excellence in Local and State History	Kaitlyn Cosgrove	CHS	The Right to Farm	Ms. Dryer
The Mike Miller Leadership and Service Award	Rebecca Fresson	EHS	Thurgood Marshall	Ms. Crosby
The Harriet Elizabeth Brown Award for Excellence in African American History	Jasmine Simpson	WHMS	The West Computers: African American Women Breaking Barriers in Space	Mr. Hedger
The Dr. Christopher Clark Award for Excellence in Asian History	Erin Standinger	NMS	Stromo Bancham: The World's First Woman Prime Minister	Ms. Page
Award for Excellence in Elegant American History	Cash Tinn	PPMS	Ellen Ochoa: First Hispanic Woman in Space	Ms. Montgomery
Award for Excellence in the Study of Science and Technology	Alexy Plumbo	NMS	Mother of Nursing	Ms. Page

A View From The BLEACHERS Best Laid Schemes

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

“May you live in interesting times.”

For some, it's an ancient blessing; for others, it's a curse – “interesting times” being code for some sort of upheaval. Its origins might be Chinese; although it has links to British history. Whatever the meaning, intent or source, living in interesting times certainly applies to a world now battling the spread of COVID-19, a virus that, ironically, began in China. Or maybe, according to a wild suggestion by China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, it was started by the U.S. Military.

Despite the mysterious history of the quote and rumors of this pathogen's origins, this isn't in question: the disruption this micro-organism will have on our lives has just begun. Sports, in context of an evolving public health crisis, are an insignificant footnote to a developing new way of life, but last week it was the world of sports that first triggered the transition to our new normal. The NBA first suggested playing games with no fans – how naïve and “early March that seems now. Shortly thereafter, a Jazz-Thunder game was cancelled before tip-off after Jazz players Rudy Gobert and Donovan Mitchell tested positive. Then the league suspended the season for 30 days. The NCAA slowly followed suit, first cancelling conference tournaments and then making the unimaginable, but absolutely appropriate, decision to cancel March Madness. NASCAR and the NHL quickly adopted the coronavirus shutdown protocol. Golf nixed its near-term schedule and postponed The Masters. MLB has delayed the start of the 2020 season and the NFL's league events are fluid. For all intents and purposes, sports has been shut down indefinitely - and it all happened in a dizzying 48-hour period.

But the sports columns must go on, if not for your sanity, then certainly mine!

Again, setting aside the true victims of this disease – those battling or who have succumbed to COVID-19 – and focusing only on those inconvenienced by its spread, my sports mind immediately extends sympathies to amateur athletes. As Maryland closed out a victory over

Michigan in the regular season finale to secure a share of the BIG conference championship, I applauded as senior guard Anthony Cowan was removed from the game in the waning seconds. Little did we know that the victory over Michigan would be Cowan's last game as a Terrapin and the end of the season for an exciting Maryland team.

The disappointment extends far beyond College Park.

Dayton and San Diego State, two unlikely basketball powers, had generational teams and legitimate chances to win it all. Former Wizards head coach Leonard Hamilton had perhaps his best Florida State team and was poised to make a serious run at the national championship; the same can be said for head coach Mark Few and his Gonzaga Bulldogs, a perennial contender that's never cut down the nets.

Down a level, it's hard to contemplate the number of high school athletes who didn't finish winter sports or who will have spring sports cancelled altogether. To lose a season at the college or high school level – one of only a precious four – is just a real kick in the knee; and for the seniors, it is an unfortunate end to one of the great experiences in life – amateur athletics.

Tom Hanks, who is currently being treated for COVID-19, channeled Jimmy Dugan, the character he played in the movie “A League of Their Own,” when concluding a social media post on his condition and the virus with “There's no crying in baseball.” Or in the world's battle against a pandemic, so Hanks's suggestion goes. I suppose that frank statement applies to all athletes who lost a season or saw their amateur athletic careers end prematurely. That seems a little harsh, but then life just has its way with us sometime. As Robert Burns said in his poem “To a Mouse”, “The best laid schemes of mice and men often go awry.”

At the end of this, let's just hope that lost athletic seasons remain among the most significant social consequences. For if so, we won. Until then, good health to all while we navigate these most - unfortunately - interesting times.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

St. Mary's College Cancels Remainder of Sports Season

With further developments in the outbreak of COVID-19, St. Mary's College of Maryland will cancel all spring athletics practices and competitions through the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year. This announcement comes on the heels of the recent announcement from the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) on March 13th on the cancellation of all Conference competitions, including Conference championship events through the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year.

Also on March 13th, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) announced the cancellation of all remaining winter and spring National Championship events for the 2019-20 season.

“It is with a heavy heart that I make this announcement regarding Seahawks Athletics,” stated St. Mary's College of Maryland Director of Athletics & Recreation Scott Devine. “Last week was an incredibly difficult emotional roller coaster ride for our student athletes, coaches, staff, parents of our student athletes, and our fans. Having said that, clearly we all have a critical role to play in limiting the spread of COVID-19. Following the CDC informed decisions rendered late last week by the NCAA and the CAC in the face of this evolving world health crisis, canceling the spring season was the proper and responsible course of action for the College to take.”

As of March 16th, 22 NCAA Division III conferences had officially canceled their spring seasons with 18 more suspending operations indefinitely or until a later date.

Devine concluded with, “we remain extremely proud of all of our Seahawk student athletes, but feel a particular sense of sadness and disappointment for our spring sports athletes and coaches because of the suddenness with which their respective seasons came to an end.”

Press Release from SMCM

Bartholomew Named Student-Athlete of the Month at St. Mary's

St. Mary's College of Maryland women's lacrosse member Kate Bartholomew has been selected as the February Student-Athlete of the Month, the SMCM Athletic Department announced Mar. 12.

The Department of Athletics & Recreation executive team selects the Student-Athlete of the Month award recipient each month.

Bartholomew led the Seahawks with 27 points in the month of February. The senior attacker netted a team-best 19 goals and distributed a team-high eight assists. The Galena, Maryland native highlighted the month with the game-winning goal in a 11-10 double overtime victory over Dickinson on Feb. 29. In addition, Bartholomew tallied eight ground balls, six draw controls and nine caused turnovers.

The Seahawk women's lacrosse team finished the month with a 4-1 record and are currently 5-2 overall.

February Student-Athlete of the Month Honor Roll

Women's Basketball - Gina Seifert
Men's Basketball - Miles Gillette
Women's Swimming - Brenna Litynski
Men's Swimming - Peter Orban
Men's Lacrosse - Jude Brown
Baseball - Joey Bryner
Men's Tennis - Jack Brandenburg
2019-20 Student-Athletes of the Month
September - Khalid Balogun, Men's Soccer
October - Josh McRobie, Men's Soccer
November - Leo Boucher, Sailing
December - Gary Grant, Men's Basketball
January - Miles Gillette, Men's Basketball
February - Kate Bartholomew, Women's Lacrosse



Kate Bartholomew

Press Release from SMCM

In Remembrance

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

Paula Jan Letcher



Paula Jan Letcher, 65, of California, MD passed away March 15, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family.

Born September 12, 1954 in Bethesda, MD, she was the daughter of Frank and Barbara (Brennan) Sevarino. Paula was a graduate of Bowie High School in Bowie, MD. She retired in 2010 after working for more than 30 years as a bookkeeper for the Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 669.

Paula married James Lee Letcher in 1981 and was privileged to become the mother of his two children, Shannon and Jimmy. She loved her family, hosting her yearly party, cruising anywhere, QVC, and riding her trike with her husband and friends. Paula was a member of the All American Harley Davidson Hughesville HOG Chapter and Ladies of Harley.

Predeceased by her father, Paula is survived by her husband James Lee Letcher; children Shannon Roecker (Andy) of Mechanicsville, MD and Jimmy Letcher (Jennifer) of California, MD; grandchildren James (JR) Roecker and Heather Roecker of Mechanicsville, MD; mother, Barbara Sevarino of Bowie, MD; siblings Donna Symonds (Ray) of Fleming Island, FL, Neil Sevarino (Lisa) of Glendale, AZ, Lisa Larson (Louie) of Elkridge, MD, and Laura Sevarino of Bowie, MD; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will receive friends for a viewing on Thursday, March 19th from 5-8pm at Rausch Funeral Home in Lusby, MD and a private funeral

will be held on Friday, March 20th.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, PO Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or The American Cancer Society.

Frances "Ann" Modlin



Frances "Ann" Modlin of Lanham, Maryland, passed away Saturday, March 14, 2020. Ann was born to Sol and Mozie Reece of Alamo, Tennessee. She is preceded in death by her husband for 49 years, Joseph C. Modlin, a NASA Engineer. She is survived by her four children, James Light, Richard Light, Nancy Carpenter, and Suzanne Modlin, and their spouses, her three grandchildren, Jarratt Light, Nicholas Carpenter, and Corbett Light, and four great-grand children.

Ann was born in Alamo, Tennessee in 1930. She moved to Lanham, Maryland in the 1950's, where she met Joe Modlin. Ann worked as a secretary for the Prince George's County School System. After retiring, they moved to Laurel Maryland, where Ann enjoyed sewing, traveling, taking classes at the Senior Center, and spending time with her family, and many friends. Ann's sense of humor and zest for life, will forever be cherished by her family.

Donations can be made in Ann's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter, 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102

Link: <https://alz.org/nca>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Wayland Lacy Owen, Sr



Wayland Lacy Owen, Sr. was born May 23, 1935, the only child to Thornton Lacy and Fleecy Hall Owen in their sharecropper's cabin near Nathalie, VA. Fleecy, his mother, had complications from delivery and was taken to the hospital in South Boston, VA, while Wayland's grandfather, John Robert Hall, living on the adjacent farm, took care of Wayland, feeding him raw cow's milk until Fleecy recovered.

Wayland enjoyed growing up in the farm life alongside his father, splitting rail fences, growing and curing tobacco, slaughtering neighbor's hogs and raising chickens, while still finding time to fish the local stream for knotheads and riding his bike to neighboring relative's farms. He rode his bike to the school at Volens, and briefly attended North Staunton High School, until his parents got jobs at the Burlington mill in Brookneal, VA, where they moved and Wayland started attending the new William Campbell High School in Naruna.

There he enjoyed basketball and baseball, wearing his "lucky number" 13, and drove the school bus for two years starting at age 16.

It was on that bus that he met his future wife of 65 years, Janice Elizabeth Guthrie, the daughter of general merchandise store owners, Herman and Claudine Guthrie, in Brookneal. At Janice's "sweet 16" birthday party, Wayland pawned his date off to his friend, so that he could dance with Janice. They have been dancing ever since that day.

Wayland and Janice were married July 3, 1954 at Falling River Baptist Church, at the ages of 19 and 17 respectively. They remained in the Brookneal area with Wayland driving a fuel oil truck for L.H. Foster Sr. for what is now Foster Fuels, working in a saw mill for Burrus Land and Lum-

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ber Co., and minding the general store at dinner time for his father-in-law in Camptown (aka Craptown), VA to help pay their rent.

Wayland enlisted in the Army in the April 29, 1958, and left his hometown of Brookneal, VA and bride of four years to attend boot camp in Fort Jackson, SC. Recognizing electronics as an up-and-coming field, Wayland chose to go to electronics school at Ft. Monmouth, NJ, where Janice was able to be with him and had their son "Butch", Wayland Jr.

Upon completion of the electronics training, Wayland was assigned his duty station at the W-39 Nike Missile Site as a radar electronics technician. This was during the heating up of the "Cold War" with high tensions with the Soviet Union, Cuban Missile Crisis, and the beginnings of the Viet Nam War, and the 265 nation-wide Nike Missile Sites were manned to defend strategic cities from air attacks.

After Wayland's military service ended in 1961, Wayland continued to use his electronics training working as a civilian for Teledyne in Alexandria, VA maintaining computer systems used to monitor Soviet nuclear testing with seismic data.

After a short stint as an entrepreneur owning a service station and partnering another station with his brother-in-law, H.T. Guthrie in Lynchburg, VA near his hometown, Wayland was asked by his former Teledyne supervisor to go back into public service using electronics to build and maintain railroad track-testing cars for a new company in Springfield, VA called Ensco. As much as he liked being back near his hometown and family (and Smith Mountain Lake), he chose to give up the 7-day-a-week responsibility of service station ownership in Lynchburg and returned to the DC area. When Wayland wasn't working in Springfield, he and his test crew of Cracker Jack electricians and mechanics were traveling the railroads of the US physically examining the rails to detect flaws in order to prevent derailments.

After many stressful years of being away from home on the rails and contract renewals with the government, Wayland applied for a position with the Federal Railroad Administration in 1976 running the program that he worked with Ensco. Under the Reagan Administration, cutbacks in spending caused Wayland to be RIF'ed into a track inspector position in Boston, MA in 1980 after just purchasing 2 acres to build his dream home overlooking the Chesapeake Bay and Herrington Harbor. He and Janice moved to Boston, hoping to be reassigned back to Washington, and continued with their building plans. When the home was completed in 1984, they moved to their Friendship, MD home and Wayland did a weekly commute to Boston, spending his weekends and vacation time enjoying the view and being with family again. After an injury on the job, Wayland was granted disability and able to permanently return to the Washington area, HOME, where he and Janice have enjoyed a retired life with their three grandchildren and spending winters in FL.

Wayland was an ordained deacon at the First Baptist Church of Camp Springs, MD; a trustee and grounds maintainer for Grace Brethren Church of Calvert in Owings, MD; a realtor with Long and Foster Realty; a Gold Direct Distributor for Amway; a member of both the Grace Brethren Church and the First Baptist Church of Naples, FL; and was a very active member up until the time of his death of the Gideons International Camp of Calvert, where he and Janice daily distributed God's Word to everyone they were led.

Wayland is survived by his bride of 65 years, Janice Elizabeth Guthrie Owen of Friendship, MD; his only son and daughter-in-law, Wayland L. "Butch" and Teresa Maureen Shannon Owen formerly of Prince Frederick, MD, but now residing in Elizabeth City, NC; their three children, Lindsay Carice Owen from Waldorf, MD; Patrick Lacy Owen from Elizabeth City, NC; and, Jonathan Michael Owen and his wife, Kristin, currently in High Ridge, MO; and their son, Wayland's great grandson, Brantley Reid Owen.

The family would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all the friends and family, particularly to the members of Grace Brethren Church, who have helped in so many ways over the six-year battle with cancer and compounded this last year by congestive heart failure. Your daily demonstration of God's love has been overwhelming.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Donald Miles "Don" McDermid

Donald Miles "Don" McDermid, 92, of Chesapeake Beach passed away March 10, 2020 at his home surrounded by family. He was born August 28, 1927 in Washington, D.C. to George Miles and Sadie Agnes Bottomley McDermid. Don was raised in D.C. and graduated from Eastern High School. He joined the United States Army on October 11, 1950 and was honorably discharged on October 11, 1952, having obtained the Occupational Medal for his service in Germany. Don married Anna Jeanne Spaight on March 2, 1952. Anna passed away in 1997 and Don married Rita Mae Grierson on July 3, 1999. He was employed as a draftsman with Washington



Gas Company for over 40 years. Don was an active member of the Potomac River Jazz Club, North Beach Union Church, and the Stallings-Williams American Legion Post 206 in Chesapeake Beach. Don had a great love for knowledge and Chesapeake Bay history. On August 12, 1955 a schooner named The Marvel sunk off the shore of North Beach and Don and other members of the community helped rescue survivors and provided care for those who were injured. Don had the ability to fix everything, he enjoyed working on cars, going to the beach, fishing, and being on the water.

Don was preceded in death by his first spouse Anna Jeanne McDermid. He is survived by his current spouse

Rita Mae McDermid of Chesapeake Beach, daughters Pamela Hartman and her husband Joseph of Laurel and April McDermid of Lanham, stepchildren Raymond Grierson of North Beach, Edward "Eddie" Grierson of North Beach, Nancy Grierson Baker and her husband Matthew of Westerville, OH, Veronica "Ronnie" Grierson Oursler and her husband Mark of North Beach, and Debbie Grierson Benton and husband Craig of West Virginia. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

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

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

IN MEMORIAM, 53, JOANN CANNING

Born in D.C moved to: Forestville, Upper Marlboro, and then Dunkirk, with a summer home in Point Lookout. JoAnn was a professional model from age 16 to 21. She then joined her husband in Fort Gordon, GA. She began working in the Upper Marlboro courthouse in 1975. She is survived by her husband, Bob Canning from North Beach, her daughter Lisa and son Scott, his wife Theresa and grandsons, Justin Canning and Chris Olson.



Everyone who met you was awed by your classical Italian Beauty and ever eternal elegance and grace.

You said to move on, but that was not the case.

No one could forget your oh so lovely face.

Our time together was so very short in years.

Bringing me nothing but an outpouring of tears.

These words are mine. Not Shakespeare, Sir Francis Bacon, Robert Frost or even Yeats. These are my own words expressing timeless feel-ings and thoughts.

**Happy Birthday
"The Ides of March"
Love, Bob.**

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, March 19

CLOSED to "IN-PERSON" PUBLIC ACCESS

at 7:00 pm Chesapeake Beach Town Council Meeting via remote access meeting.

Please join us via live stream by clicking on the virtual meeting page. If you do not have access to a computer and would like to hear the audio of the meeting "live" you can dial in toll free at (929) 205-6099 and use the Meeting ID #: 869-755-7180..

Friday, March 20

Dinner at Post 238

American Legion Post 238; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Come to Post 238 for a wonderful steak dinner or a steak and fried shrimp dinner. The price is \$15 or \$18. For more information, call 301-274-3522 or visit www.alpost238.org

Fried Fish Dinner at the Legion

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

This Famous Lent Delight is the focus of the informal dinner hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary Stallings-Williams Post 206 in the lower level dining room. This will be a meal you won't soon forget. Cost is \$12 including sides and beverages. Questions may be directed to 4410-257-9878. Public Welcome. www.MD-post206.org

American Legion Meeting

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

The Members of the American Legion Stallings Williams Post 206 will hold its monthly meeting in the upper-level meeting hall of the Post. All members are urged to attend and make their voices heard. For more information, call 410-257-9878 or visit www.MD-Post206.org.

Karaoke at the Legion

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

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

Saturday, March 21

Calvert Artists Guild Spring Show

Southern Maryland Sailing Association; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The public is invited to enjoy and purchase the artworks of a dozen of the talented artists of

Southern Maryland in mediums such as watercolor, acrylic, clay, textile, and jewelry. The

Calvert Artists' Guild was founded in 1978 to promote the appreciation and practice of fine

arts and crafts in Calvert County. The guild sponsors art shows, field trips and workshops for

all artists and those interested in the arts. For additional information, please contact the

following persons: Jan Barr 443-404-5746 fujibarr@comcast.net or Kate Dinnel, 410-586-

3375, katesilas@comcast.net

Paper Shredding Event

Appeal Landfill; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, will be hosting a free paper shredding event for residents. The event will be held rain or shine and can help prevent identity theft by destroying sensitive or confidential documents. All paper must be removed from plastic bags and cardboard boxes prior to shredding, Paper clips and staples are acceptable, binders and binder clips are not acceptable. There is no limit per resident and proof of residency is required. Certificates of destruction

will be provided if requested. Businesses are prohibited from this event. For more information, call 410-326-0210 or visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Recycle.

Acoustic Music at the Legion

American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206; 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

For your listening pleasure, join us in the Lower Level Lounge to hear acoustic music by Ross Crampton with the compliments of the American Legion Stallings Williams Post 206. Public welcome. For more information, call 410-257-9878 or visit www.MD-Post206.org

Sunday, March 22

Calvert Artists Guild Spring Show

Southern Maryland Sailing Association; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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3375, katesilas@comcast.net

American Legion Bluegrass Concert Moved

The Sideline Bluegrass band concert has been rescheduled for April 5. If you have already purchased tickets, they will be valid for the new date or can be refunded in full. Depending on words from the legislators, the April 5 concert may be cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Wednesday, March 25

CANCELLED:

7:00 pm Chesapeake Beach Town Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting in Town Council Chambers.

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.

Ongoing

Artists in Action

Annamarie Garden; March 12 - April 26

Each week, a different line-up of artists will set up temporary studios in the Main Gallery at Annmarie, where they will be working and selling their art. This is a wonderful opportunity to observe the creative process, ask questions, and engage with working artists. Many artists will offer hands-on activities in their space to share their creative process with visitors. Guests can expect to see artists working in all media, including jewelry, mixed media, painting, ceramics, and more. All ages are invited to visit during this program. For a complete schedule, please visit www.annmarie-garden.org or call 410-326-4640. This program is made possible in part by the Maryland State Arts Council. Hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Sunday Noon - 5 p.m.

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Message from Calvert Library:

As you know, Calvert Library has been closely monitoring the developments related to COVID-19. This is a constantly evolving situation and we continue to track information from county, state and federal health officials to ensure Calvert Library practices reflect new information as it is available.

At this time, Calvert Library has decided that curbside, phone reference and mobile services will end today, March 16 at 7pm. Please do not return your materials until we re-open. We hope to resume regular library operations on Monday, March 30, but as this is an evolving situation, we will continue to evaluate. The health of our staff and customers is our top priority as we work to limit the spread of COVID-19.

We recommend that you keep informed with reliable sources. Several can be found on the library website.

Keep Yourself and Community Healthy

Practice social distancing. Try to keep an optimal six feet away from other people. Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently for 20 seconds.

If unable to wash your hands, use hand sanitizer that is a minimum 60-90% alcohol. Cough into a tissue or your elbow. Discard the tissue immediately.

Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.

If you are feeling unwell, please stay home and take care of yourself.

During this temporary closure, we are taking several steps to ensure library services remain available:

- Library staff will continue to answer email reference questions as well as post useful information on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

- Wifi will still be accessible in portions of our parking lots.

- Downloadable movies, ebooks, audiobooks, magazines and music continue to be available.

We are closing bookdrops so they don't become overwhelmed. You should hold on to the library materials you currently have until we re-open. We will extend due dates to the end of April and remember, Calvert Library does not charge late fees.

Any library cards that would have expired this month through May 1, have been extended to June 1, 2020.

Calvert Library from Home

Temporary library cards are available online: If you don't have a library card, register for one online for immediate access to our digital library. We have extended these temporary cards to be valid for 90 days to access all library ebooks, eaudiobooks, downloadable movies, TV shows, music, and online resources. Once the library is open again, you can come in to verify your address and receive your permanent physical library card.

Any additional information will be posted on our website as well as Facebook and Twitter.

Thank you for your support, understanding and patience during this difficult time as we work together to ensure the well-being of our community, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

AARP Tax-Aide Program

Certified Tax-Aide Counselors are available through Wednesday, April 15 to prepare Individual federal and state tax returns at no cost for low-to-moderate income senior citizens aged 50-plus. All individuals on the return must be present and provide identification (SSN card and photo ID). The three Calvert County senior centers are taking calls to schedule appointments. Before making your appointment, please make sure you have all of the documentations necessary to complete your return. Please call for more information. Calvert Pines, 410-535-4606, North Beach, 410-257-2549, Southern Pines, 410-586-2748.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Office on Aging, in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association, is seeking volunteers to facilitate Alzheimer's Support Group meetings. If interested in receiving training for this worthwhile service, please contact Susan Justice at 410-535-4606, ext. 123

Calvert Meals on Wheels

Calvert Meals on Wheels, Inc. (CMOW) will be the recipient of donations received during the GOTToGive Double the Donation program during the months of January, February, and March 2020. Consider making a donation the next time you visit a Fastop and the Gott Company will match the donation to CMOW to help serve meals to citizens over 60 years of

age in Calvert County. Thank you for your help!

AARP Driver Safety Class

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

Calvert Pines Senior Center (CPSC)

Join us for a fun game of CRE-ATE! Bingo, Monday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.

Grab some friends and play games like Dominos, Scrabble, and Rummikub, for Game Morning, Friday, March 27, 9:30 a.m.

North Beach Senior Center (NBSC)

Join us for Wacky Word Wednesday, Wednesday, March 25, 10 a.m. An interactive brain game that makes you think outside of the box.

If you are looking for a good book to get into join us for Sit a Spell with a Librarian, Friday March 27, 11 a.m.

Southern Pines Senior Center (SPSC)

Express your creativity through art with Expressive Arts, every Tuesday, 9 – 11 a.m. Drop in art class. Fee: \$10.

Wear your favorite MLB shirt, jersey, or hat Thursday, March 26 to celebrate opening game day with games at 12:30 p.m. followed by watching the Nationals Vs. Mets at 1 p.m.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, Mar. 23

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

Wednesday, Mar. 25

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

Friday, Mar. 27

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

Tuesday, Mar. 24

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

Thursday, Mar. 26

Pulled Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw, Corn, Banana, Pineapple Upside Down Cake

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



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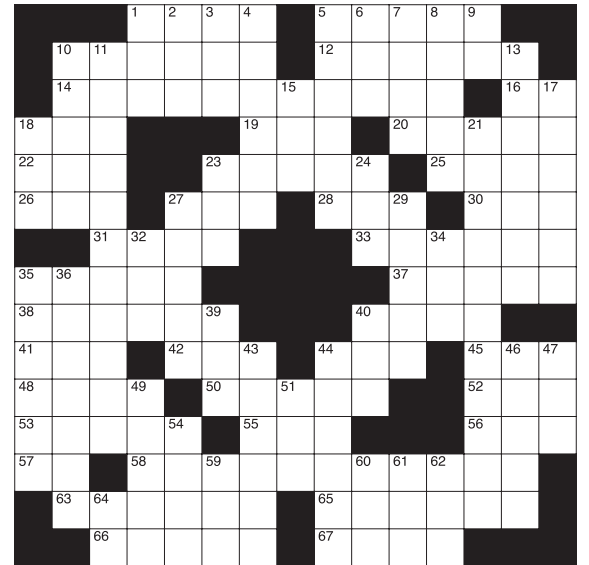
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GAMES & PUZZLES

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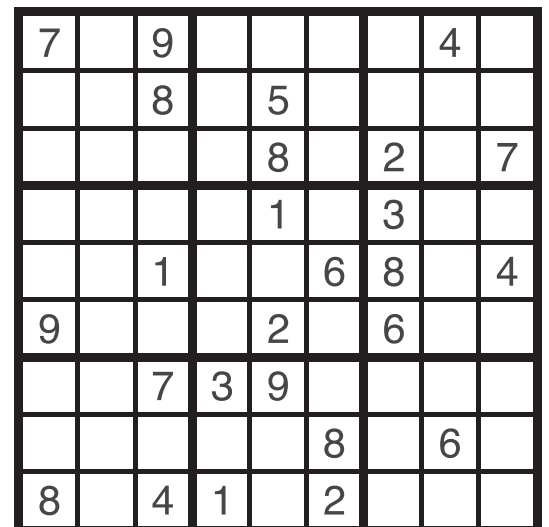
1. Currency of Guinea
5. Avert something bad
10. Sounds
12. Immediate dangers
14. Legendary Tar Heels coach
16. Californium
18. Work standards government dept. (abbr.)
19. Coastal Scottish town
20. Triangular lower back bones
22. Trouble
23. A way to smile
25. Something that is not what it seems
26. Of she
27. Temporary living quarters
28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal
30. Indicates near
31. Spiritual leader
33. Soup dish
35. Philippine island
37. No longer fashionable
38. Peaks
40. Alabama football team
41. ___ King Cole
42. Digital audiotape
44. Open trough
45. The woman
48. Cools down
50. Turkic language
52. Body part
53. Pulse steadily
55. Embedded computer hardware company
56. Indicates shape
57. Thou (plural)
58. Odd and remarkable
63. An evening party
65. National capital of Zambia
66. Tantalizes
67. Dark brown or black

27. Trimmed
29. Greek god of desire
32. Take to the limit
34. Cool!
35. Sound mental health
36. Native American group
39. Test for high schoolers
40. Rocky peak
43. Preferences
44. Bother
46. Call attention to (slang)
47. Snake-like fish
49. Bulgarian capital
51. Don't know when yet
54. Italian Seaport
59. Brooklyn hoopster
60. Where to bathe
61. Equal, prefix
62. Beverage container
64. Denotes openness



CLUES DOWN

1. Not naturally outgoing
2. Exclamation of pain
3. Polynesian garland of flowers
4. Surrounded by water
5. Church towers
6. Hot beverage
7. Body parts
8. Travel documents
9. Railway
10. Gradually wear away
11. Measuring instrument
13. Minor dust-ups
15. Strongly alkaline solution
17. Extreme scarcity of food
18. Dash
21. Philly culinary specialty
23. Popular lager ___ Adams
24. Snitch



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS Level: Intermediate

3	6	8	1	5	9	2	4	7
1	2	9	4	7	6	3	5	8
4	7	5	3	2	8	9	6	1
2	4	6	7	9	1	8	3	5
5	9	3	2	8	4	1	7	6
7	8	1	5	6	3	4	2	9
6	3	7	8	1	2	5	9	4
9	1	4	6	3	5	7	8	2
8	5	2	9	4	7	6	1	3

A	C	E						M	A	R	C
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