Board of County Commissioners Honors Retirees

The Board of County Commissioners honored five county employees upon their retirement during the June 25 board meeting. In the back row are Commissioners Gerald W. “Jerry” Clark, Steve Weems and Pat Nutter. In the front row are retirees Gale Parks, Louise Brown, Clarice Fletcher, Darla Olson and Miracle Jacks and Commissioners Susan Shaw and Evan Slaughenhoup.
The employee golf league consists of 13 two-person teams and is always looking for more players. Find a partner and plan on playing next year! All skill levels are welcomed.

Top Five Teams After Seven Rounds
1. Paula Gray and Leza Hepler
2. Tina Jones and Brian Bowen
3. Robert Cella and Isabelle Wilcoxon
4. John Sypa and Bobby Rollins
5. David Payne and Ricky Thomas

ON TAP Calvert Marine Museum

Lighthouse Adventure Cruise: Northern Bay
Saturday, July 13 (7:45 a.m.-4 p.m.)
Participants will see Cove Point, Thomas Point, Shady Point, Bloody Point, Sharpes Island and Drum Point lighthouses as they cruise aboard a private charter boat. The cost is $130; $120 for members. Preregistration is required. Lunch is on your own and location is TBD. The cruise departs from the Calvert Marine Museum at 7:45 a.m. and returns at approximately 4 p.m. Contact 410-326-2042, ext. 41, or email mccormmmj@co.cal.md.us.

Sharkfest 2013!
Saturday, July 13 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)
Sharkfest 2013 will highlight the ultimate apex predator of the marine world and one of the world’s most fascinating creatures. Live sharks and sturgeon will be featured in the Corbin Pavilion. The museum will be full of hands-on opportunities to explore the diversity of sharks and their remarkable history on planet Earth. Learn fascinating sharktoids, check out the evidence of damage done on fossil whale bones by prehistoric sharks, paint a shark mural, make a shark hat, get your face painted ($5 fee), play in the Shark Game Show and win a prize, and take your picture in the jaws of the Megalodon shark. Regular museum admission applies. Museum members admitted free. There will be food vendors on site.

Summer Camp: Kids Kamp
Monday, July 15-Friday, July 19 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.)
For children entering grades 1-3. Come experience the best the museum has to offer in this action-packed camp. Hunt for fossils on the beach and participate in a beach clean-up. See the museum from a whole new perspective when you team up for a scavenger hunt. Build your own toy boat and try your hand at operating a radio-controlled boat. Spend a day at the Lore Oyster House learning all about oysters. Get a special behind-the-scenes look at our Estuarium where our animals are cared for and watch a feeding. The final day, take your parents out on the Wm. B. Tennison for a lunch-time cruise on the Patuxent River. Fee is $110 and $95 for CMMS members.

Fossil Field Experience
Saturday, July 20 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.)
Come and explore the fossils of Calvert Cliffs. For ages 8 and up. Cost is $20. Space is limited. Preregistration is required. Call 410-326-2042, ext. 41.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday
JEANINE HOWARD
The Employee Recognition Committee is pleased to announce that Jeanine is the July birthday winner! The lucky winner receives a $25 check and two movie tickets compliments of Apex Cinemas in Prince Frederick.

JEANINE HOWARD
From the Division of Emergency Management

Lightning Safety Myths and Facts

**Myth:** Lightning never strikes the same place twice.
**Fact:** Lightning often strikes the same place repeatedly, especially if it's a tall, pointy, isolated object. The Empire State Building is hit nearly 100 times a year.

**Myth:** If it's not raining or there aren't clouds overhead, you're safe from lightning.
**Fact:** Lightning often strikes more than three miles from the center of the thunderstorm, far outside the rain or thunderstorm cloud. “Bolts from the blue” can strike 10-15 miles from the thunderstorm.

**Myth:** Rubber tires on a car protect you from lightning by insulating you from the ground.
**Fact:** Most cars are safe from lightning, but it is the metal roof and metal sides that protect you, NOT the rubber tires. Remember, convertibles, motorcycles, bicycles, open-shelled outdoor recreational vehicles and cars with fiberglass shells offer no protection from lightning. When lightning strikes a vehicle, it goes through the metal frame into the ground. Don't lean on doors during a thunderstorm.

**Myth:** A lightning victim is electrified. If you touch them, you’ll be electrocuted.
**Fact:** The human body does not store electricity. It is perfectly safe to touch a lightning victim to give them first aid. This is the most chilling of lightning myths. Imagine if someone died because people were afraid to give CPR!

**Myth:** If outside in a thunderstorm, you should seek shelter under a tree to stay dry.
**Fact:** Being underneath a tree is the second leading cause of lightning casualties. Better to get wet than fried!

**Myth:** If you are in a house, you are 100% safe from lightning.
**Fact:** A house is a safe place to be during a thunderstorm as long as you avoid anything that conducts electricity. This means staying off corded phones, electrical appliances, wires, TV cables, computers, plumbing, metal doors and windows. Windows are hazardous for two reasons: wind generated during a thunderstorm can blow objects into the window, breaking it and causing glass to shatter and second, in older homes, in rare instances, lightning can come in cracks in the sides of windows.

**Myth:** If thunderstorms threaten while you are outside playing a game, it is okay to finish it before seeking shelter.
**Fact:** Many lightning casualties occur because people do not seek shelter soon enough. No game is worth death or life-long injuries. Seek proper shelter immediately if you hear thunder. Adults are responsible for the safety of children.

**Myth:** Structures with metal, or metal on the body (jewelry, cell phones, MP3 players, watches, etc), attract lightning.
**Fact:** Height, pointy shape and isolation are the dominant factors controlling where a lightning bolt will strike. The presence of metal makes absolutely no difference on where lightning strikes. Mountains are made of stone but get struck by lightning many times a year. When lightning threatens, take proper protective action immediately by seeking a safe shelter and don’t waste time removing metal. While metal does not attract lightning, it does conduct it so stay away from metal fences, railing, bleachers, etc.

**Myth:** If trapped outside and lightning is about to strike, I should lie flat on the ground.
**Fact:** Lying flat increases your chance of being affected by potentially deadly ground current. If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm, you keep moving toward a safe shelter.

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**WRITING TIDBITS** Working Together to Fix Common Mistakes in Our Writing

Let’s work together to fix common mistakes in our writing. Email us at employeenews@co.cal.md.us with suggestions for future tidbits. Use these tips in your everyday life, not just in communication with coworkers and constituents, and they’ll become habit.

**You never mean:** Equally as well. **You always mean:** Equally well.

**Why:** The as isn’t necessary. “I speak Latin and pig Latin equally well.”

**You almost never mean:** I need to lay down. **You always mean:** I need to lie down.

**Why:** This is another case where people think (wrongly) that a particular word sounds more “educated.” Lay and lie are not interchangeable. Lie doesn’t require an object: “I need to lie down.” Buy lay does: “I need to lay my head down.” Confusion kicks in because of the past tense of both verbs - lie becomes lay; lay becomes laid - but the usage stays the same.
Tour of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory
Thursdays, July 11, 18 and 25 (11 a.m. and 1 p.m.)
Enjoy a free behind-the-scenes tour of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, a state-of-the-art facility that houses more than 8 million artifacts, including collections from every county in Maryland. Visitors can get up close and personal with our conservators and collections. Group tours are offered year round for a small fee. Call 410-586-8501 or email jpmm@mdp.state.md.us for more information. Reservations are not required.

Rock the Dock Summer Concert Series: Tribute Bands
Thursdays, July 11, 18 and 25 (7-9:45 p.m.)
Enjoy an evening of live music at the waterfront Boardwalk Café.

Friday Night Farmers Market, Classic Car Cruise-In and Art Fair
Fridays, July 5, 12, 19 and 26 (6-9 p.m.)
5th through 7th streets and Bay Avenue, North Beach
The place to be every Friday, May through October! This weekly market offers seasonal delights from local farms including fresh, flavorful fruits and vegetables, fresh herbs, cheese, meat, seafood, fresh-baked goods, cut flowers and bedding plants. You can sample the wines from Calvert County wineries and purchase by the glass or bottle. Classic car enthusiasts can enjoy some of the coolest vehicles in the area at the Classic Car Cruise-In. The Art Fair promotes a vibrant art culture through the support of passionate local artists. The North Beach Art Fair program helps community-based artists and art organizations make locally produced art available to community residents and visitors.

For more events, visit www.choosecalvert.com.

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1998 SAAB Convertible, $3,495. Runs great, 27-plus mpg, new Pirelli tires, five-speed manual, midnight black with camel tan interior, 2.3L engine, cruise control, power windows and more. Email for details and photo.
Steve Kullen, Community Planning & Building, kullenst@co.cal.md.us or extension 2336.

Four Washington Nationals vs. Dodgers Tickets, $225/each. Lexus President’s Club tickets for July 19, 2013. Face value is $350/each. Section B, row J (right behind home plate). Price includes food, drink and alcohol.
Call Donna at 410-535-4606.

1979 Grady White with 474 Mercruiser 4-Cylinder Engine, $800 OBO. Good solid hull and trailer. The inside plywood and gel coat needs to be redone and the engine install needs to be finished.
Julie Paluda, Finance & Budget, paludabj@co.cal.md.us or extension 2286.

2006 Coachman Travel Trailer, $7,000. Twenty-four foot, sleeps six. Queen bed in bedroom, set of bunk beds and kitchen dinette converts to a full-sized bed. Lots of storage. Sway towing bars and some camping items included if interested. Photos available upon request.
Kim Jones, Fire-Rescue-EMS, jonesks@co.cal.md.us or extension 2668.

Two Pet Safe Deluxe Bark Control Collars, $50 each or $85 for both. Big Dog Bark Control and Little Dog Bark Control. Less than half price and less than a year old. They do work to control barking.

Lighthouse Collection, $35 each. “Harbour Lights” collectibles, full size. Many to choose from.

Nikon Nikkormat FT slr Film Camera with 50 mm Auto 1:2 Nikkor H Lens, $75. Has not been used in quite some time.
Nikon Nikkor 105 mm 1:2.5 Lens, $65.
Carol Penfield, Community Planning & Building, penfieca@co.cal.md.us or extension 2337.

Send your Trading Post items to employeenews@co.cal.md.us.
Please note that all items will be posted for two consecutive newsletters only.
Job Openings
Information on job openings is available on the county website or by calling the Personnel Office at extension 2359.

Position (In House)
Communications Assistant Chief, Control Center        07/05/13
Office Assistant III, State's Attorney's Office        07/05/13

Position (Open to Public)
Aquatics Supervisor, Parks & Recreation                07/17/13
Food Service Coordinator, Office on Aging              07/17/13
Program Monitor, Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse 07/17/13
Program Specialist, Office on Aging                   07/17/13

Position (Seasonal/Hourly)
Customer Service Attendant II, Indoor Aquatic Center   07/17/13
Lifeguard, Parks & Recreation                          07/17/13

MILESTONES

New Hires
Joshua A. Buck
Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff’s Office
Jessica E. Gaetano
Permit Technician I, Inspections & Permits

Promotions
Donna S. Bethge
Office Specialist II, Office on Aging
Joseph L. Denton
Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, Buildings & Grounds
Todd M. Ireland
Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant, Sheriff’s Office
Bobby R. Jones
Deputy Sheriff Captain, Sheriff’s Office
Steven R. Jones
Deputy Sheriff Captain, Sheriff’s Office
Meggan J. Quinn
Deputy Sheriff 1st Class, Sheriff’s Office
William G. Salmon
Public Safety Dispatcher II, Control Center
William C. Soper
Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant, Sheriff’s Office

Departures
John J. Mitchell, Jr.
Director of Core Agency, Substance Abuse
Thomas S. Zelenak
Aquatics Supervisor, Parks & Recreation

Retirements
Louise Brown
Custodian, Buildings & Grounds
Clarice Fletcher
Custodian, Buildings & Grounds
Miracle A. Jacks
Office Specialist II, Solid Waste
Mary A. Johns
Food Service Coordinator, Office on Aging
Linda G. Lanzisera
Office Assistant II, Natural Resources
Nevelin V. Mackall
Executive Administrative Assistant, Public Works
Darla J. Olson
Nurse, Detention Center
Gale S. Parks
Account Technician II, Marine Museum
Richard C. Robinson
Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, Buildings & Grounds
Rebecca K. Weems
Communications Assistant Chief, Control Center

Transfer
Lea Ann Smiley
Business Manager, Water & Sewer
Show Your Colors
Monday, July 8 (11-11:45 a.m.)
Northeast Community Center

Design your own family flag and parade it around NECC. We will provide all of the materials and you supply the fun! For ages 4-8. $2 per person.

Summer Sand Art
Wednesday, July 10 (10:30-11:15 a.m. for ages 6-11 and 11:15-noon for ages 3-5)
Southern Community Center

Summer and sand go hand-in-hand! Join us for creative summer arts and crafts made from cool colored sand. $3 per person.

The Race is On!
Friday, July 12 (7-7:30 p.m.)
Mt. Hope Community Center

Relay races of all kinds! Let’s get moving and have fun! For ages 5-12. Free.

Dude Day
Friday, July 12 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)
Southern Community Center

Here it is boys, a day just for you doing all things boys love to do! Gaming, sports, pizza, slime making, movie, contests and more. Bring your Beyblades for the tournament and a white T-shirt for tie-dye! For ages 6-11. $12 per person.

Hula/Limbo Contest
Friday, July 12 (6:30-7 p.m.)
Mt. Hope Community Center

How long can you hula hoop? How low can you go in Limbo? Come show your stuff and win fun prizes! For ages 5-12. Free.

National Hot Dog Day
Monday, July 15 (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
Northeast Community Center

Celebrate an American classic! Stop by and make dinner a classic hot dog with your choice of toppings. You’ll also enjoy chips and a cold drink. For ages 6-15. $2 per person.

Mini Messes
Tuesday, July 16 (10:30-11:15 a.m.)
Northeast Community Center

What you create is up to you. We’ll provide paper, markers, crayons, glue, scissors, yarn, felt, pipe cleaners and more to help you make your masterpiece. For ages 3-5. Free.

Ready for Some Dodgeball
Friday, July 19 (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
Mt. Hope Community Center

This is a high-energy, fast-paced game designed for the bravest of all! We will use soft nerfballs so ages 5 and up can participate! Free.

Therapeutic Recreation Tot Camp
Monday, July 29-Friday, Aug. 2 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Southern Community Center

This camp is designed for children ages 3-5 with various disabilities to attend a week-long, half-day camp. Children will participate in traditional camp games, crafts, sports and fitness activities along with a field trip to Cove Point Pool on the last day of camp. Campers are to bring their lunches and Therapeutic Recreation Services will provide snacks. Children in diapers or pull ups will be accepted. Fee is $70 per child. Registration packets are available online at www.co.cal.md.us/residents/parks/therapeutic.

Microsoft Publisher Essentials
Thursday, July 18 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)
Courthouse Annex Computer Lab

This training, presented by Keep It Simple Computer Training, is a basic-level workshop. Familiarity with Publisher will be helpful. Topics covered include desktop publishing and design techniques, using templates to produce publications, page design and working with text, type, pictures and backgrounds. Space is limited. To reserve your seat contact June Colie in Personnel by emailing coliejr@co.cal.md.us or calling extension 2401.
**FLAG PONDS NATURE PARK**

**Kayak Trip** - Participants must be at least 12 years old. Fee is $10 per person for BCNES members; $20 per person for nonmembers. Register by mail or in person at Battle Creek Cypress Swamp. No online, phone or email reservations will be accepted.

**Guided Paddle**
Saturday, July 13 (8 a.m.-noon)

Take a guided paddle along the Chesapeake Bay shoreline, stopping periodically to look for fossils or seine with the naturalist. We will provide the kayaks; all you need to bring is a snack and plenty of water. Participants must help carry kayaks about 150 yards to the water. This will be a moderately strenuous journey; paddling experience is required.

**BATTLE CREEK CYPRUS SWAMP**

**Family Programs** - Families can experience the fascinating natural world found in our area. These programs often incorporate activities to entertain learners of all ages. Free for BCNES members; $8 per family for nonmembers. Adult participation is required. Reservations and payment are required in advance. To register call 410-535-5327.

**The Great Creek Wade-In**
Thursday, July 18 (10-11:30 a.m.)

For ages 3-5 accompanied by an adult. It’s time for our annual visit to the creek! We’ll wade in with nets in search of animals like crayfish, water bugs and fish. Come prepared for wading (adults and kids both). Wear old sneakers that you can wear in the water, a towel, and bring a change of clothes for the way home.

**Nature’s Night Sounds Campfire**
Friday, July 19 (8-9 p.m.)

Nature can make a lot of noise, even in the quiet of the night. Discover the nighttime peeps, squeaks, whistles, hoots and shrieks of the woods, wetlands and fields. S’mores provided. Bring a flashlight, lawn chair or blanket and insect repellant. This family program is for all ages. Ages 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Call 410-535-5327, email CypressSwamp@co.cal.md.us or visit www.calvertparks.org.

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**IN BRIEF** **Office on Aging**

**Red, White & Blue Picnic**

The Red, White & Blue Picnic sponsored by the Office on Aging’s senior councils is an event held each year for seniors 50 and older. This year, more than 150 seniors gathered for the festivities at the Calvert County Fairgrounds. Food, entertainment and fun, laughter, dancing and seniors connecting with other seniors is what this event is all about.

The Office on Aging offers hundreds of programs throughout the year for persons 50 and older. Check out our newsletter, “The Connection,” for program dates and times.