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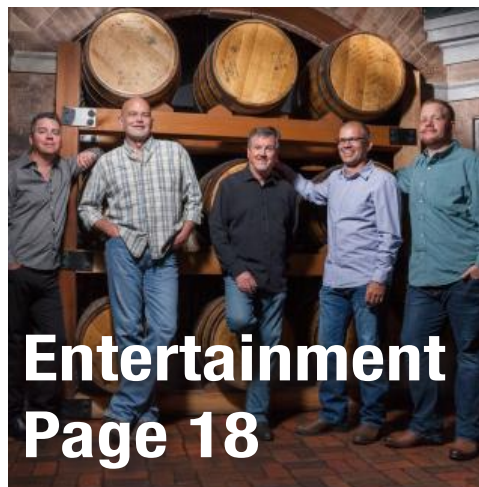
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On the lookout for this armed robber.



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A balmy Polar Bear Plunge in North Beach.



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Lonesome River Band coming to area.

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AM Light Rain	PM Showers

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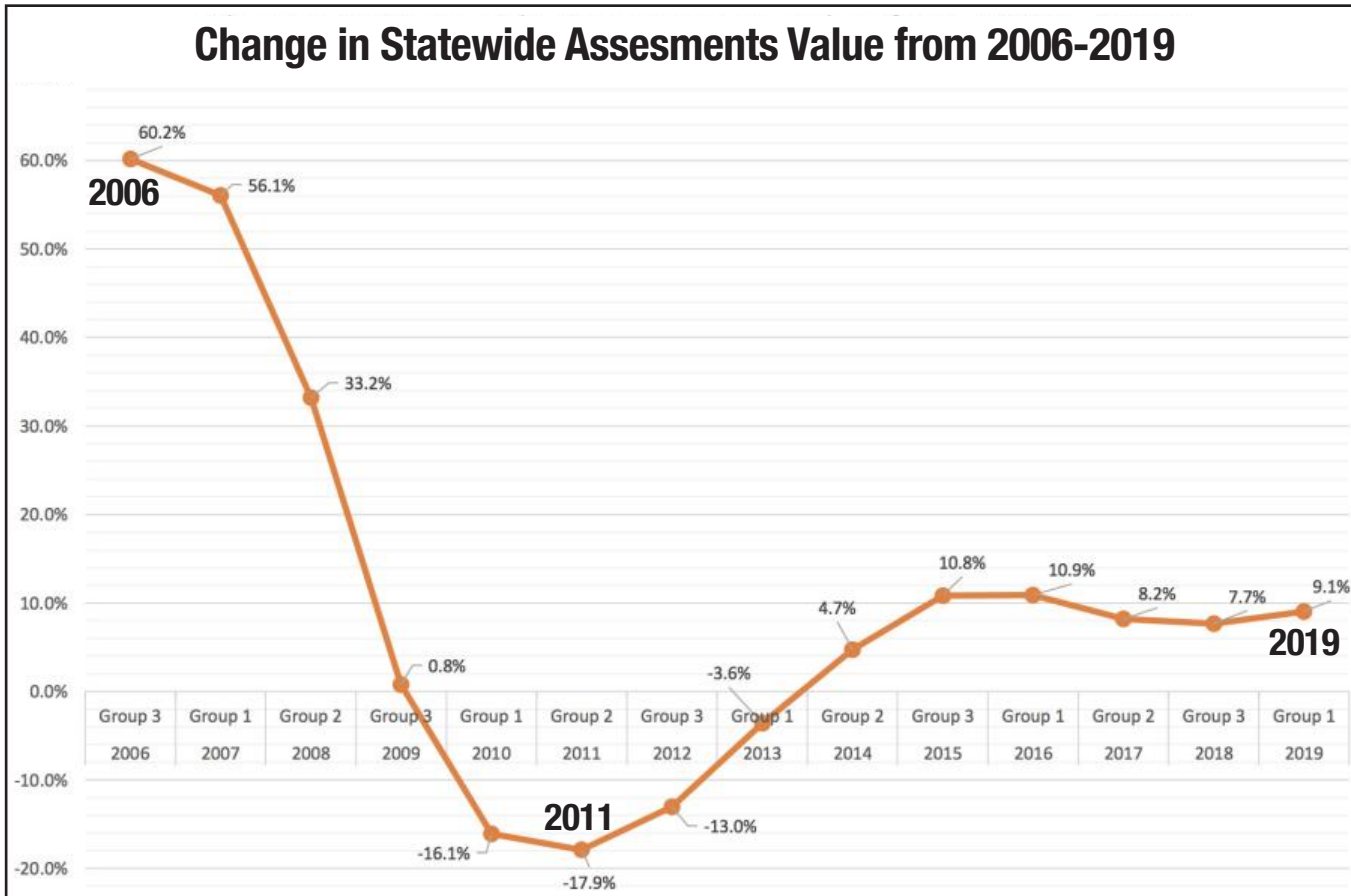
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income. Residential property owners who complete a one-time application and meet certain eligibility requirements can also receive a Homestead Tax Credit, which limits their principal residence's taxable assessment from increasing by more than a certain percentage each year regardless of their income level. Although statewide legislation caps the increase at no more than 10% per year, many local governments have established property tax caps at lower percentages. To see a breakdown of Homestead percentages at this time, you may reference table R-4, which is attached to this release.

Property tax assessment notices were mailed out to Group 1 property owners on Thursday, December 27, 2018. A map of which properties fall into Groups 1, 2, and 3 and their respective years for reassessment can be viewed here. For additional statistics and information, please visit the Department's Statistics & Reports webpage.

Press Release and data from the SDAT



The Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) has announced its 2019 reassessment of 696,947 residential and commercial properties. The overall statewide increase for "Group 1" properties was 9.1%; this is the first reassessment since 2008 where all 23 counties and Baltimore City posted an increase. The properties in "Group 1" are reassessed by the Department every three years and account for one-third of the more than two million real property accounts in the state. This represents an average increase in value of 8.2% for all residential properties and 12.5% for all commercial properties since they were last assessed in 2016.

Calvert County showed an overall 7 percent increase, with residential properties increasing by 6.5 percent and commercial properties by 10.6 percent, all lower than the state average. Calvert wound up in the middle of the Southern Maryland pack, showing a larger increase than St. Mary's (6.2 percent) but a smaller gain than Charles (12.2) percent. Charles out-

paced the state average.

Calvert average reassessment increase was 23.1 percent lower than the state average and St. Mary's was 31.8 percent lower. Thirteen of the state's 23 counties were higher than Calvert and 16 higher than St. Mary's.

The 2019 assessments for Group 1 properties were based on an evaluation of 64,807 sales that occurred within the group over the last three years. If the reassessment resulted in a property value being adjusted, any increase in value will be phased-in equally over the next three years, while any decrease in value will be fully implemented in the 2019 tax year. For the 2019 reassessment, 87.5% of Group 1 residential properties saw an increase in property value.

"Thank you to all of SDAT's real property assessors throughout Maryland for the hard work and dedication they have displayed this year to ensure that Maryland's properties continue to be assessed fairly and uniformly," said SDAT Director Michael Higgs. "As part of our ongoing tax credit awareness campaign, our Department is also dedicating an entire page in each reassessment notice to provide information about the Homeowners' and Homestead Tax Credits, which save Marylanders more than \$260 million in taxes each year."

The Homeowners' Tax Credit provides relief for eligible homeowners by setting a limit on the amount of property taxes that are owed based on their



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Local Senators Support Peace Cross Monument

Miller, Waugh Join Supreme Court Brief



Sen. Steve Waugh



Sen. Mike Miller

Citing historical and architectural significance along with its importance to the local community, thirteen Maryland state senators have filed an amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court seeking reversal of the decision of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to remove the Bladensburg Peace Cross. Among the signers were Calvert senators Semite President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller (D-

27th) and Sen. Steve Waugh (R: 29th).

Joining both the American Legion along with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the senators are pursuing a review of an October 2017 ruling of the Fourth Circuit of Appeals that the cross represents an impermissible “establishment of religion.”

According to the brief, the senators

argue on a number of fronts including: 1) The Peace Cross is a prominent shared civic space central to the communal life of Bladensburg and Prince George’s County. 2) The history of the Peace Cross is important to the communal identity of Bladensburg and Prince George’s County. 3) The Peace Cross is an architecturally significant monument and removing it would deprive Bladensburg and Prince George’s County of a historic artistic creation.

The bipartisan group of senators also includes: Senator Gail Bates (R-Carroll and Howard), Senator Joanne C. Benson (D-Prince George’s), Senator Ulysses Currie (D-Prince George’s), Senator

James “Ed” DeGrange, Sr. (D-Anne Arundel), Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D-Baltimore County), Senator Douglas Peters (D-Prince George’s), Senator Victor Ramirez (D-Prince George’s), Senator Justin Ready (R-Carroll), Senator James Rosapepe (D-Prince George’s and Anne Arundel), Senator Bryan Simonaire (R-Arundel), and Senator William C. Smith, Jr. (D-Montgomery).

Having stood since 1925, the Bladensburg Peace Cross has served as a monument to World War I casualties from Prince George’s County for some 93 years.

Press Release

What’s Coming to Calvert



The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their Dec. 19, 2018 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. Those meetings are now being held at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick.

SPR-2017-266, **Calvert Hills**, Located on the west side of North Prince Frederick Boulevard and Radio Road in Prince Frederick on five (5) parcels consisting of 22.57 acres, zoned PFTC, Village District. The proposed five (5) new buildings contain 96 apartments, a maintenance building, required parking, utilities and recreation area. The project is on public water & sewer. The submittal was accepted September 27, 2017. Agent: Bay Engineering

SPR-2018-284, **Dominion Maintenance Facility & Parking Garage**, Located at 2100 Cove Point Road, Lusby, on a parcel over 1,014 acres, zoned I-1. The proposed project consists of 81,485 gsf three story maintenance building containing office and shop space, a 3-story 300+/- space parking garage and 5,950 gsf storage building to support the recently completed LNG Plant expansion. Agent: Collinson, Oliff and Associates

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

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

2SD-2017-48, **Calvert Hills**, Located on Prince Frederick Boulevard in Prince Frederick. Zoned Town Center (TC), 22.57 acres; three lots. Submittal accepted September 27, 2017. Agent: Bay Engineering

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New Year's Resolutions – Not Again!

By Dave Spigler
Contributing Writer

We want to wish each of you the very “Happiest New Year” and hope 2019 is the year all of your dreams come true! We hope you and your families enjoy good health and may each day be filled with your Lord’s love and may his graces reign down continually upon you throughout the next twelve months!

Well, now that the Christmas rush is in the past with all the presents opened, the Christmas tree and all of its ornaments taken down and the Christmas turkey reduced to sandwiches with cranberry sauce or strawberry jam to give them some flavor, it’s time to get back to reality, pay off all the bills the holiday generated, and, oh yeah, get ready to prepare your records for the tax man once more. Whew, how quickly the wonderful spirit and joy of the season comes and goes!

Yet, there is still one other issue that awaits us at this time of the year, and of course, it is the annual rite of making our own personal New Year’s Resolutions! So why do we perform this regular futile exercise each year knowing full well we will most likely fail sooner or later despite all of our best efforts to hold to these sincere, sacred promises we make!?! Making and failing to honor New Year’s resolutions is not an evolution that came about in our recent past. It turns out this practice comes from an old tradition steeped with religious origins found mostly in the Western Hemisphere. Historical records reveal they were often used by religious peoples seeking redemption throughout the Eastern Hemisphere as well. Generally, resolutions originated as an individual’s personal resolve to change an undesired trait or behavior, or to accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve one’s life.

In ancient Babylon, citizens made promises to their gods at the beginning of each year that they would return borrowed objects or pay their debts. Romans would start their year by making promises to the god Janus for whom the month of January is named. In Medieval times, Knights took the “Peacock Vow” at the end of the Christmas period to reaffirm their commitment to chivalry. Even Jews during Judaism’s New Year of Rosh Hashanah are expected to reflect upon their wrongdoings over the previous year and make an earnest attempt to seek and offer forgiveness in the coming year.

Many Christians attend “watchnight” services for the year ahead by praying for forgiveness and making promises that they vow to keep. Often, their need for repentance carries over to the liturgical season of Lent which focuses more on making sacrifices rather than an awareness to live up to one’s responsibilities. However, regardless of one’s creed, the emphasis is to reflect annually on one’s self-improvement.” It’s universally accepted we all want something better in our lives and there is no better time to seek improvement than right now!

Americans have built a great reputation as achievers. We are very success oriented. We

consider ourselves winners and we are known for our accomplishments! So, each year at this time, we approach this changing of the calendar with a great sense of renewal and determination “to get it right” when making resolutions, some of which we have not changed over the years. But this is the year we will attain success as we once more vow not to make the same mistakes again!!! A majority of our resolutions are concerned with valid personal needs to reduce smoking, eating, or drinking. The average resolutioner, if that’s the word, tends to fail within days or weeks of initiating his or her promise to correct their habits. The reasons we fail is often due to setting our goals too high or having expectations that are too great. Over time, we begin to lose interest as we realize we are not making headway in our pursuit of greater health and happiness and write it off as too great a challenge! Often, we’ll just shrug our shoulders and say, “oh well!”

Can we do something to fix this continual problem of under achievement? Yes, and it is very simple if you truly want to be successful with this year’s resolutions. First look at what you are trying to accomplish; are you setting too many goals all at once? This can be an automatic failure right out of the box, so limit your struggles to a very few that will have the most impact on your wellbeing. Establish goals in small chunks and make their accomplishment progressive so that your success can feed on itself. Once you meet an attainable level you set for yourself, increase it again slightly and go for it once more! An old adage, “Nothing beats success than more success!”

Take time to plan better and have a reasonable strategy to accomplish your mission. Make a chart to capture your progress and provide you with visible feedback of how well your plan is working. If things are not going as well as you want, “Stop” and figure out why and adjust! If you discover your time frame is too short, then extend it! It’s your plan and you need to be flexible. Surround yourself with folks who have similar goals and aspirations, learn to work with them and take advantage of group support for one another. The Weight Watcher’s group always see an uptick in membership immediately following the Christmas/New Year’s Holidays. We are not advocating this organization, but you might try visiting a local gym where you will find many folks pursuing similar means of improving their health and appearances.

Place favorite past photos of yourself in places around your home to remind you what you are attempting to get back to! Remember all the compliments you received when making progress previously and dwell on how good their words made you feel! Or get a large piggy bank and every time you avoid a second helping, or a yummy dessert, or a cold beer, reward yourself by putting a sum of money in the pig for the purchase of those new clothes you may need or a visit to a beautician or a men’s hair stylist. It’s an excellent way to pamper yourself without violating the goals you have set for yourself. Whenever giving something up, look

for ways to do something positive to make up for these sacrifices!

Some additional suggestions you might consider helping improve your sense of yourself thereby creating visibility of your own self esteem [these ideas should help you in your pursuit to become a better person]:

- Help someone who has less to celebrate these days then you.
- Call a friend or family member that you have not spoken with in a while due to some hurt feelings.
- Speak to someone who is really down on their luck and provide them with words of encouragement and follow up to see if you can help even further.
- Continue with the “Secret Santa” theme into the New Year by paying for a stranger’s meal without them knowing it was you [speak to their waiter or waitress prior to them receiving the bill] – you will be astonished at how good this will make you feel about yourself and wouldn’t the world be a better place if more people did this!?!
- With any monies you save through your willingness to give up food and drink in an effort to improve your health, pick out a good charity in your community and become one of their heroes and support them as best as you are capable.
- Realize that it is okay to fail as we are all human and this is a result of our “nature”, but always remember to get up each time, dust yourself off and get back into the fray of life as we now know it. No one said this would be easy and no one promised us a happy, fun filled life. We have to all make it as best as we can!

To conclude, can these suggestions offered here really make a difference? Maybe not, but if more folks would make good resolutions and keep them, think of what could come of it. We would in all likelihood see an even smaller percentage of the number of adults who are still suffering from their smoking habits, or even a smaller number of DUIs being issued to motorists driving here on our roads every day. Maybe for the first time in our history, the average body weight for our adult men and women would fall and help lower the number of people seeking medical assistance due to poor health. And, although a real stretch, wouldn’t it be great to see the horrendous opioid use by our youth and young adults finally come under control and we can start to save so many of these beautiful people from the possible tragedies they are faced with!

This is a New Year and it truly is a time of hope for which we can all pray and dream for better days to come. And it’s a great opportunity for us to create better New Year’s Resolutions that are genuine, realistic and attainable. They are goals that can be easily reached if you properly prepare, tell yourself you can do this, and then put them in motion with a sincere determination to finally follow through with your best efforts. Good luck in 2019! It will be a great year!

Bill Introduced to Stop USDA Relocation

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) and Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (D-ME) on Dec. 20 introduced HR 7330, the "Agriculture Research Integrity Act," to block the reorganization and relocation of federal agriculture research agencies. The bill is cosponsored by Reps. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (D-GA), Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT), Marcia L. Fudge (D-OH), Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH), James P. McGovern (D-MA), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), and Mark Pocan (D-WI).

USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue has proposed moving the National Institutes of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and Economic Research Service (ERS) out of the Washington, D.C., area, in addition to shifting authority of ERS from the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics to the Office of the Secretary.

HR 7330, the Agriculture Research Integrity Act (ARIA), would both require the USDA to keep the agencies within the capital area and keep ERS within the purview of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics so it can remain free of politicization. Bill text is available here.

"Relocating the Economic Research Service and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture would be extremely disruptive to the mission of the USDA and impact hundreds of federal employees," said Congressman Hoyer. "I join in thanking Congresswoman Pingree for introducing this important legislation."

"The National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the Economic Research Service are already doing great work to support American farmers and consumers right where they are. Uprooting these key agencies is absolutely unnecessary and risks weakening them when our nation's food system and agricultural economy need them most," Congresswoman Pingree said. "My colleagues and I have repeatedly sent this message to the Secretary. Since he's forging ahead regardless of our feedback—or the concerns of the nation's agriculture research scientists—this bill is a necessary step."

All Democratic members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture have signed onto the bill—Reps. Bishop, DeLauro, Pingree, and Pocan—as well as House Agriculture Committee members Reps. Fudge, Kuster, McGovern, and Panetta. Rep. Norton represents constituents in the capital area.

"I am pleased to join my colleagues in introducing legislation that would ensure the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and Economic Research Service can continue to effectively carry out their vital research missions," said Congressman Bishop. "NIFA and ERS work closely with research institutions around the country and collaborate with numerous other federal agencies in the Washington, D.C. area. Abruptly relocating these agencies and politicizing their leadership will disrupt the important work they are doing, and could cause an unnecessary loss in valuable expertise through staffing losses. None of this would be helpful at a time when our farmers are facing retaliatory tariffs and years of declining commodity prices."

"The proposal to move the Economic Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture is yet another attack on science by the Trump Administration," said Congresswoman DeLauro. "For years, both agencies have been invaluable resources on research and support for the food and agricultural community. This shocking proposed move—including the sham application process for the relocation of ERS and NIFA—threatens to politicize these agencies and undermines their ability to carry out their important missions. Congress must step up and pass this bill to prevent the Trump Administration from evading Congressional oversight authority."

"The Economic Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture generate vital information that assists farmers across America," said Congressman McGovern (D-MA). "It's deeply concerning to me that the Department of Agriculture's proposed re-

structuring and relocation of these agencies could have a dramatic impact on their effectiveness—and appears to overstep the authority granted to the USDA by Congress."

"In the face of rising economic and environmental challenges the nation must be able to rely on sound, objective agricultural research to address these concerns," said Congresswoman Fudge. "Keeping both agencies in place and the Economic Research Service free from political influence will ensure just that."

"The proposed relocation of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture is unnecessary and could disrupt the critical research and program development that is currently taking place," said Rep. Kuster. "This attempt to downsize the important role of NIFA and the Economic Research Service will hamstring our nation's ability to conduct cutting-edge research at a time when American agriculture must accelerate productivity."

"The Economic Research Service and

the National Institute of Food and Agriculture provide producers, policymakers, and academic institutions valuable data and programmatic support," said Congressman Panetta. "Plans to relocate them from key federal partners is a disservice to those requiring timely, impartial information. The Administration should strengthen budgets and address staffing shortages within these agencies, not force disruptive relocations and reorganizations."

"The Trump administration's proposal to reorganize and relocate two USDA agencies would threaten their independence and hinder their mission to provide critical research," said Congresswoman Norton. "The Trump administration bypassed normal procedures and ignored required considerations when announcing these moves. These agencies should stay in the National Capital Region, where they belong, so federal researchers can continue to do their jobs."

*Press Release from
Office of Rep. Steny Hoyer*

Hoyer Meets with Those Impacted by Shutdown

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-5y District) met Dec. 28 with constituents impacted by the Republican shutdown, including representatives from the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) and local business owners with federal government contracts.

"The reckless Republican shutdown has very real consequences for thousands of Marylanders," said Congressman Hoyer. "I appreciated the opportunity to hear from federal employees and local business owners about the impact of the shutdown on their livelihoods, morale, and productivity. The Republican shutdown means thousands of federal employees are furloughed or forced to work without pay over the holiday season. Our federal workers – who ensure the well-being and safety of the American people – deserve better. In addition, government shutdowns severely impact small businesses with federal government contracts, undermining their ability to generate revenue and pay employees and making it nearly impossible for them to plan for the future."

"I will continue to urge Republicans to work with Democrats to reopen the federal government," continued Congressman Hoyer. "I've co-sponsored legislation that House Republican leaders could bring to the Floor right now to reopen govern-



ment. It's unfortunate they continue to refuse to do so. This is not the way Congress should operate. We must reach compromise, reopen the government, ensure federal workers receive the pay they are due, and provide certainty to the American people."

Congressman Hoyer met with representatives from the following small businesses: Lord and Tucker Management Consultants, LLC; Securemedy, Inc.; Organon Advisors, Inc.; JRA & Associates Contracting, LLC; AMA Consulting; and T47 International, Inc.

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Calvert County Sheriff's Office Blotter

During the week of December 17 – December 23 deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,417 calls for service throughout the community.

Burglary: 18-68733

On December 17, 2018 Deputy Barger responded to Santa Cruz Drive, Lusby for the report of a burglary. The complainant advised sometime between December 16th at 7:00 PM and December 17th at 1:00 PM an unknown suspect(s) attempted to break into his residence and damaged property around the residence. The total value of damaged property is \$821. The total value of stolen property is \$14.

Burglary: 18-69247

On December 19, 2018, Deputy Lewis responded to Calvert Towne Drive, Prince Frederick for a burglary report. The victim stated the burglary occurred between 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. The victim arrived home and noticed his front door was wide open. After further investigation there were several laptops and X-Box's stolen along with X-Box games. The estimated value is \$2,600.

Damaged Property: 18-68634

On December 17, 2018 Deputy Ridgely responded to Crofton Court, Prince Frederick for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised sometime between December 16th at 9:00 PM and December 17th at 9:00 AM an unknown suspect(s) broke the back window of her vehicle. The value of damaged property is \$350.

Damaged Property: 18-68888

On December 18, 2018 Deputy Bowman responded to Taco Bell in Solomons for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised an unknown suspect damaged the front passenger window of her vehicle. The estimated value of damaged property is \$260.

Theft: 18-68626

On December 17, 2018 Deputy Ridgely responded to the Sheriff's Office for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between December 14th at 10:00 PM and December 15th at 9:00 AM an unknown suspect(s) stole items from her vehicle. The value of stolen property is \$60.

Theft: 18-68678

On December 17, 2018 Deputy Barger responded to Exxon Gas N Go in Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised on December 16th at 5:20 PM an unknown male stole two bottles of Hennessy. The value of stolen property is \$69.98.

Theft: 18-68687

On December 17, 2018 Deputy Barger responded to Exxon Gas N Go in Lusby for the report of another theft. The complainant advised on December 16th at 11:57 AM an unknown male stole a Milkyway candy bar. The value of stolen property is \$1.89.

Theft: 18-68760

On December 18, 2018 Deputy Spalding responded to Cordova Drive, Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised she had a package stolen from her front porch on December 12th. The value of

stolen property is \$530.

Theft: 18-68942

On December 18, 2018 Deputy R. Shrawder responded to Redeye Road, Lusby for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) stole a package that was delivered to her house. The value of stolen property is \$20.

Theft: 18-69094

On December 18, 2018 Detective Weems responded to Woods Road, St. Leonard for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect(s) stole a battery for a piece of construction equipment from the side of his shop.

Theft: 18-69378

On December 20, 2018 Deputy Lorenzo responded to Auto Zone in Dunkirk for the report of a theft. The complainant advised around 2:30 PM an unknown Hispanic male stole his phone off the counter while he was talking with an employee. The estimated value of stolen property is \$640.

Theft: 18-69942

On December 23, 2018, Deputy Sampson took a report for a theft that occurred on Deadwood Drive, Lusby. The victim stated a tool bag with numerous tools had been stolen from his vehicle. The estimated value is \$594.

ARRESTS:

On December 17, 2018 Cpl. Kreps conducted a traffic stop in the area of Southern Maryland Blvd and Ward Road in Dunkirk. The driver, **Brian Joel Cedano Aquino (33)**, had an open warrant through the Maryland State Police Prince Frederick Barrack. A search of the vehicle revealed a large machete. Aquino was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Concealing a Dangerous Weapon and served his warrant.

On December 17, 2018 Deputy Crum conducted a traffic stop on Southern Maryland Boulevard at Doris Drive, Owings. While approaching the driver, **Cardell Rashaun Della (31)**, Deputy

Crum smelled the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. Della was extremely uncooperative and would not comply with any orders. He was removed from the vehicle and placed under arrest. A search of the vehicle revealed an envelope with marijuana inside, a partially smoked marijuana joint and paraphernalia. Della was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Failure to Obey Reasonable/Lawful Order, Resisting/Interfering with Arrest and Obstructing/Hindering.

On December 18, 2018 Deputy Sampson conducted a traffic stop in the area of South Solomons Island Road and Industry Lane, Prince Frederick. The driver, **Melissa Anne Clark (35)**, had slurred speech, glassy eyes and a white powdery substance

on her nose. A search of the vehicle revealed burnt copper, cut straws, crack pipes, suspected cocaine and various glass and plastic vials used to hold different drugs. Clark informed officers that she snorted 2-3 capsules of heroin with fentanyl during the traffic stop, and was rushed to the hospital. From the hospital she was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, Altering Physical Evidence During a Criminal Procedure, Obstructing and Hindering, along with multiple traffic citations.

On December 18, 2018 Deputy Ridgely conducted a traffic stop in the parking lot of Safeway in Dunkirk. The vehicle was missing its front passenger side wheel and the driver, **Ray Anthony Kennedy (56)**, had no idea it was gone.

A search of the vehicle revealed multiple baggies of suspected cocaine and cut straws with CDS residue. Kennedy was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, along with multiple traffic citations.

On December 21, 2018 Deputy R. Shrawder responded to a disorderly subject at the Fastop in St. Leonard. Upon arrival, Trooper McCombs and Deputy R. Shrawder made contact with the complainant who indicated there was a male subject identified as **Joseph Avram Bryan (36)** inside of the restroom. Mr. Bryan made threats that he



was going to stab one of the employees. Mr. Bryan had a strong odor of alcohol as he stumbled out of the restroom at which time Trooper McCombs attempted to grab Mr. Bryan when a knife went flying through the air. Mr. Bryan failed to obey a lawful order. Several other units arrived on the scene to assist. After further investigation, there was noticeable damage to the restroom caused by Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan was placed under arrest and charged with Obstruct/Hinder, Resist Lawful arrest, Disorderly, Fail obey reasonable lawful order, and maliciously destroy.

On December 21, 2018, Deputy Ridgely was dispatched to a shoplifting call at the Giant – Prince Frederick. Lt. Colonel McDowell was first on the scene. Lt. Colonel McDowell approached the male subject identified as **Sean Joseph Shaw (34)** Mr. Shaw then struck

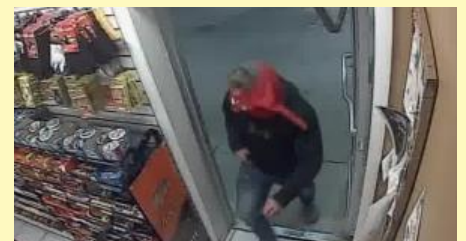


Lt. Colonel McDowell in the chest. Deputy Ridgely arrived on the scene and after further investigation; the complainant stated that Mr. Shaw consumed a beverage without paying for it. Mr. Shaw was placed under arrest and taken to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with theft and assault on a law enforcement officer.

On December 23, 2018, Deputy Rzepowski was alerted to a possible fight outside of Buckets Sports Bar and Grill. Deputy Rzepowski could hear yelling from the rear of the building. Deputy Rzepowski identified **Datavious Lamar Thomas (24)** from his Maryland Driver's License. Mr. Thomas was yelling and pushing other customers. Mr. Thomas was placed under arrest, taken to the Calvert County Detention Center, and charged with Disorderly Conduct.



Police Seek Armed Gas Station Robber



Calvert County Sheriff's Office deputies on Dec. 27 at 6:41 a.m. responded to the Shell Gas Station in Lusby for a report of an attempted robbery. Witnesses advised that a white male suspect in his 30's parked a newer model Nissan passenger car (blue/gray in color) at the Lusby Post Office. They observed the male walk to the Lusby Shell.

Before entering the Shell, the suspect covered his face, with what appears to be a small red shirt. The suspect confronted the cashier and demanded money from the register. He displayed

a metal wrench to the cashier while demanding the money. As other customers approached the business, the suspect ran back to his vehicle at the Post Office.

Witnesses observed him leave at a high rate of speed toward the traffic light at HG Trueman and Town Center Dr.

Please contact Detective Mudd at 410-535-2800 ext. 2469 or email at Michael.Mudd@calvertcountymd.gov with any information regarding this case.

It Was a Balmy Polar Bear Plunge

North Beach Help Bring in the New Year

By Dick Myers
Editor

The air temperature was 63 degrees and the water was 45 degrees. Very un-Polar-Bear like for the annual plunge into the Chesapeake Bay at North Beach. The breeze off the Bay did make it seem a little chillier. And, North Beach Mayor Mike Benton, megaphone in

hand, quipped, after sticking his toes in the water, that it seemed colder. He noted that last year both air and water temperatures were in the 20's.

The balmy weather brought out a large crowd, not only to take the plunge but gawk at the crazies, walk the boardwalk and visit the town's shops and restaurants.

This year's Polar Bear Plunge benefitted the Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society's annual event.

This year the relay will be moving to the streets of North Beach. It is scheduled for May 18. 4-10 p.m. To find out more about the relay, contact American Cancer Society staff partner Nancy Miller at 512-490-8764 or email at Nancy.Miller@Cancer.org

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Adult Day Care Center in Calvert County. The gifts were presented during their annual holiday party on December 18 at the Adult Day Care Center in Prince Frederick. For more club information, please email cmsteuart@yahoo.com. Staff from left to right: Carol Stewart, Leona Will, Sheba Young, Twanda Jones-Reid, Patricia Ryan and Alesia Stratchko, Submitted Photo.

Calvert County Chamber of Commerce to Hold Pre-Legislation Session Breakfast with Annapolis Delegation



On Monday, January 7th, the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce will hold their Annual Pre-Legislative Session Breakfast with the five members of the Calvert County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly. The breakfast will begin at 8:30 am at the Rod N Reel Restaurant in Chesapeake Beach. It will conclude by 10:30 am.

Invited guests include Senator President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Senator-Elect Jack Bailey,

Delegate Mark Fisher, Delegate Jerry Clark and Delegate Michael Jackson. Also invited are the Board of County Commissioners and the Mayors of Chesapeake Beach and North Beach.


Each member of the delegation will be asked to make an opening statement, which will include their expectations and legislative priorities for the General Assembly session. Following this, questions on a number of issues expected to be raised in Annapolis dur-

ing the session will be asked by the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee, as well as members of the attending audience. Then each member of the delegation will be asked to make a closing statement.

The breakfast is open to the public, but a reservation is required. To register for this event, please visit the Chamber's website at www.calvertchamber.org. The cost is \$37 per person.

Correction


In our feature story in the Dec. 20 issue on Bobby Swann, we identified him as former acting Comptroller of Maryland. Actually, after the death of Louis Goldstein, Swann, then deputy comptroller, was sworn in on July 14, 1998 by Gov. Parris Glendening as the 41st Comptroller of the State of Maryland according to the Constitution before 100 plus people many of them from Southern Maryland. The County Times apologizes for the error.




OF THE WEEK

MEET JUNE

June is a Domestic Shorthair cat. She is approximately 4 years old. She is a sweet and friendly kitty who has been looking for her new home for quite a while. She has been with the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter since our first day of operations and she is ready to go home. She is friendly with other cats and loves to play with toys. June is spayed, is current on all of her vaccines, and is microchipped. Please consider adopting June. Her adoption fee is waived for qualified adopters.



The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is located at 5055 Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick. We are open for adoptions Tuesday through Saturday. For more information about this week's Pet of the Week or any of our other adoptable pets please check out our website www.calvertcountyanimalshelter.com or give us a call at 410-535-PETS (7387). Please follow us on our Facebook Page @ Calvert County Animal Shelter and Instagram @CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.



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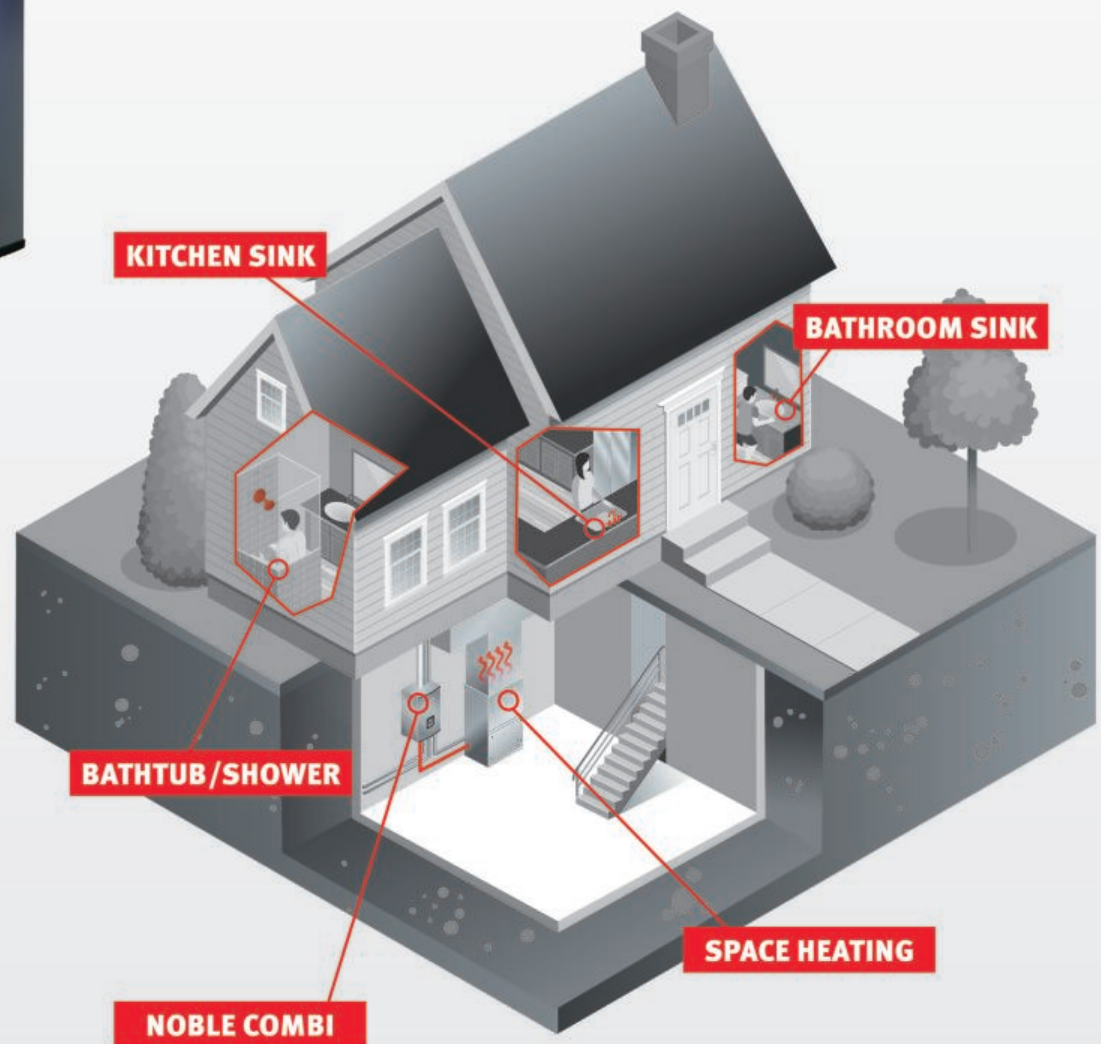
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Stamp Design Contests Now Open

Artists are invited to submit their original works for the 23rd Annual Maryland Black Bear Conservation Stamp and 45th Annual Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp design contests. These popular contests are open until March 8, 2019.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources will judge the entries March 16, 2019, in conjunction with the annual Eagle Festival at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Cambridge.

The Black Bear Conservation Stamp contest is open to both residents and non-residents. Each contestant may submit one entry for a nonrefundable \$10 fee. Proceeds are used to compensate farmers who experience agricultural damage caused by black bears.

New this year, the Migratory Game Bird Stamp contest is also open to both residents and nonresidents. Each contestant may submit up to three entries with a fee structure of: \$15 for one, \$20 for two and \$30 for three. Proceeds help fund game bird and waterfowl research and projects.

All entries must be original works, neither copied nor duplicated from any previously published paintings, drawings, prints or photographs. To enter, contestants must mail their designs with required fees and forms by March 8, 2019.



Press Release from MD DNT

Recycle Your Live Christmas Trees at Convenience Centers

Calvert County residents can take their live Christmas trees, wreaths and garland to county convenience centers for recycling at no charge through Jan. 31, 2019. After Jan. 31, all trees must be brought to the Appeal Landfill and standard yard waste fees will apply.

All decorations including support frames, lights and metal stands must be removed from trees, wreaths and garlands. Trees and wreaths may not be in plastic bags. Trees should not be cut up. All materials will be taken to the Appeal Landfill to be mulched. Untreated mulch is available to county residents at no charge.

Wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, holiday cards and other paper are accepted at the convenience centers for recycling at no cost, any time of the year. Cardboard boxes should be flattened and all packing materials, ribbons and Styrofoam must be removed for disposal.

Locations of the six convenience centers and their hours are listed on the county website at www.calvertcountymd.gov/recycle.



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Calvert County Year in Review Part 2

July - December 2018

By Dick Myers
Editor

July 2018

It's summertime and the living is easy in Calvert County, with swimming, fishing and boating. As July began residents flocked to **fireworks** displays in Chesapeake Beach and Solomons. But we reported that four persons were injured, none seriously, when a boat entering the harbor at Chesapeake Beach struck another boat that was anchored and whose occupants were watching the town's fireworks display.

With the primary over, we learned that the turnout was pretty good compared to other years. There was a significant increase in **voter turnout** compared to the last non-presidential primary four years ago. In 2014 the turnout was 20.03 percent, according to Calvert County Board of Election Supervisors Election Registrar Kristen Scott. This year so far, Scott said on Monday, the count shows a total turnout of 30 percent, with 26.96 percent for the Democrats and 33.30 percent for the Republicans. There were more contested Republican local races. The absentee ballot counts didn't change any of the results.

Living wasn't that easy for commuters who had to deal with the **Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge** twice



a day. Our cover story said, "Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge: A Blessing or a Curse?" Southern Maryland got the bridge to help ease the economic burden of the loss of slot machines. It's been an economic godsend but the traffic woes on both sides, and on the bridge itself, continue to plague the region, with no end in sight in the form of a new four-lane bridge.

In our July 12 issue, we reported that the **comp plan** review began amid controversy. "As far as I am concerned, they are running things." That's how Calvert County Director of Planning and Zoning Mark Willis describes three of the former members of his department's staff who have been the most vocal critics of the comprehensive plan update process. One of those critics is former department head Greg Bowen. He has been leading the opposition through the group known as Keep Calvert Country and has been posting blogs on their website about his concerns about the second

draft of the plan.

The critics have been calling for a slowing down of the process for more deliberation. Those calls were heard by the majority of the planning commission, who voted recently 5-2 to begin a chapter-by-chapter review of the second draft, instead of sending it off to state agencies for comment and an eventual public hearing.

Also, in the issue, which featured a cover story on retiring **North Beach Mayor Mark Frazer**, we



also told of the town's concerns about rowdiness at the **Friday farmer's market**. Deputy Commander of



the Twin Beach Patrol Lt. Ronnie Naughton said, "I felt compelled to address the many Facebook posts concerning the fights that are taking place amongst a contingent of juveniles that show up to the Friday Night Farmer's Market and other boardwalk events. The extra presence seemed to help things.

Frazer was asked what he hoped people would remember most about his time in office as mayor of North Beach. He reflected and replied, "We changed the reputation of the town of North Beach." That reputation, he was told by others, was, "My parents told me not to go to North Beach because there was a lot of drinking, bars down there. There were fights, gambling; I continue to oppose any gambling for the town of North Beach."

In the July 19 issue, we reported: The Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) says the school system needs **more counselors**. The recommendation was in a report presented July 12 to the Calvert County Board of Education. The citizen's group dealt with two issues in their report: the social, emotional and behavioral (SEB) needs of the students and their career planning needs.

Politics started to swing back into gear for the November general election as former Maryland Lt. Gov.

Michael Steele rallied Republicans at a Solomons meeting. Steele, also former chairman of the national Republican Party, told members of the state's Young Republicans that this year's elections could shape the future of the GOP in the Old-Line State for more than a decade.

The focus, he said, was to re-elect Gov. Larry Hogan and in so doing make history.

"You have the historic opportunity that hasn't been done in the last 60 years and that is to re-elect a Republican governor," Steele said to the small gathering at the Holiday Inn in Solomons July 14.

"**Buy Local**" with the county's summer bounty



was the theme of the July 26th issue with the cover story about Chesapeake Bounty, which only sells local products. It has locations in St. Leonard and North Beach. Its humble roots were a small stand alongside Routes 2/4 south of Prince Frederick, founded in 1994 by Greg Chesielski, a retired teacher who turned to a second career on the water. It was a place for him to sell what he caught. The family closed the business in December of 2006. Ciesielski's grandson, William "Will" Kreamer, has taken it over and expanded it.

Meanwhile, back to the **comprehensive plan** update. In the same issue we reported, "The update of the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan is getting close to the end of what has been an arduous process." With the second draft of the rewrite in hand, the first of the final two steps before adoption is circulation of the proposed plan to state agencies for a 60-day review. After that, the planning commission and county commissioners would hold a joint public hearing, after which the commissioners could adopt the new plan."

Calvert's waterfront was on display this summer



on national cable TV. A dozen people gathered for TV watching party in Long Beach and the subject of their viewing was the house they were sitting in. The house

in the St. Leonard waterfront community was on display, along with three others, on the HGTV cable channel long-running show called Beachfront Bargain Hunt. The show details prospective home buyers trying to find bargains on the water. They film all over the United States on both coasts. Calvert County was the venue for one of the two new shows that aired July 22. It was filmed last summer.

The show is a form of reality TV. The producers find people who have purchased homes on the water and then recreate the buying experience. Judson and Emily Greif and their sons, Henry, 9 and Truman (7 in September) were looking for a weekend and summer escape from their home in DC. They had rented homes in Long Beach for two vacations and liked the experience.

Rep. Steny Hoyer announced the good news the area's veterans have been anxiously awaiting: the contract had been awarded for a **Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)**. The clinic to serve all of Southern Maryland will be located in Charlotte Hall near the veteran's home.

August 2018

Another big chunk of infrastructure that has been years in the making was dedicated in July. "This is really a big deal," said Maryland Commerce Secretary Mike Gill. He was referring to the dedication of the \$4 billion **Dominion Energy Cove Point LNG facility** in Lusby, which he called, "the most significant development project in the history of the state of Maryland."

The Richmond VA-based company had purchased the property in 2002. With federal and state permits in hand, the company launched that massive construction project that would employ 10,000 different workers, many of them highly skilled union laborers.

"This is a culmination of a lot of different changes that have gone on in the world of energy," Energy Secretary Rick Perry said. "The United States, for the first time in 60 years, is an exporter of natural gas." He said that's a positive for national security, the economy and geopolitically.

Calvert County is receiving a \$40 million annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PLOT) from the new facility. Vice President of LNG Operations Michael Frederick, a Calvert County resident, said he and other residents were beneficiaries of that. The Calvert County community was represented at the dedication ceremony by Commissioner President Evan Slaughenhoupt, Jr.

"Calvert County is proud to do its part to make America great again," Slaughenhoupt said.

Former County Commissioner, **Joyce Lyons Terhes** passed away on July 25. She was the first woman Republican Calvert County commissioner serving two terms and later went on to head the state Republican Party.

In the same Aug. 2 issue we had a headline: "**Buehler family** Eases out of St. Leonard Busi-



nesses." For the first time in more than 60 years there won't be a Buehler family-owned business operating on Main Street in St. Leonard. The grocery store business started by Pat Buehler's mother Bertie and carried on by him and joined later by his daughter Maria is in the process of being sold.

Buehler, a former county commissioner, told the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners (liquor board) at their July 26 meeting that he was selling the majority control of the liquor license he has held for 53 years, since he turned 21 years of age.

For the second time in as many weeks, a cable TV channel showcased Calvert County again. This time on Aug. 4 another show with a similar premise, called "**Beachfront Bargain Hunt Renovation**," spotlighted a renovation project being done on a Chesapeake Beach home owned by Melanie Montague.

The **road work in Prince Frederick** started in



2017 and will continue in earnest this year. A Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) official says the Maryland Routes 24 project in Prince Frederick, which began construction in April, is proceeding on schedule despite the recent heavy rains. District 5 (Southern Maryland) Office Engineer for Construction Ron Ergott told the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their Aug. 7 meeting that Phase 1 of the project from Fox Run Boulevard to MD 231 is still anticipated for completion by the end of October.

Phase One of the three-phase project includes westbound MD 2/4 from Fox Run Boulevard to MD 231 including westbound 402.

The second phase that will start in November and is scheduled to be completed by January 15 of next year includes median work on MD 2/4 from Fox Run Road to MD 231 including a new signal at Commerce Lane at the Bob Evans restaurant.

The final phase of the widening project will be finished by next summer. It will include eastbound MD 2/4 from Fox Run to MD 231 including eastbound MD 404. Ergott said that completion date still holds.

The Aug. 9 issue featured information on the **Solomons Dragon Boar Festival** scheduled for later in the



month, but also told about an annual ceremony held on the same Solomons boardwalk. The peaceful Pacific island of Guadalcanal was the scene of one of the fiercest strategic battles of World War II. The island was a key to keeping open Allied supply routes. On August 7, 1942, Allied Forces, mostly U.S. Marines,

landed on the island and several others in the chain of Solomon Islands. By November those forces had secured the island and its air field from the Japanese.

Every year near the anniversary date of that landing on Guadalcanal, an organization called Circle of Angles remembers the events and the role Solomons island in Maryland played in the battle and in the war in general. Many of those men who landed at Guadalcanal had been at the training camp at Solomons Island.

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) has for several years had a million dollars earmarked to help the region's **live-stock producers**. The problem is they haven't been able to come up with a viable program for the money. They hope they now have the right idea.

The original idea was to use the grant monies to bolster the start-up of a slaughterhouse. A trio of Amish entrepreneurs stepped forward and are doing that. SMADC Executive Director Shelby Watson-Hampton, her staff and their board members have come up with what they feel is a viable plan to create a "cut and wrap facility" and "added value operation," and much more, according to Watson-Hampton at a presentation July 31 to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). The facility will be called the "Regional Agriculture Center (RAC)" and they are soliciting proposals from all of the Southern Maryland counties.

Back to the **comprehensive plan**. It does not contain provisions for requiring developers to provide workforce housing in the town centers, according to former planning director Greg Bowen. A blog posted on the Keep Calvert Country website, says that's another flaw in the plan's second draft which has been sent off to the state for review.

Our Aug. 23 issue featured **Pat Nutter**, who is retir-



ing after two terms as a county commissioner. For Nutter, of Owings, the decision was personal. He had intended to run again and even picked up the filing papers. But his family changed his mind.

"When does a person know when it's time?" he asked, a question that often plagues professional athletes. As he was thinking about that he was having dinner with his 16-year-old grandson, who asked, "Why would you do that again? I'm 16 and I can't keep up with your schedule."

He concluded it was time. "A person should know when it's time." He said he was in good health, but it was a gut feeling. "It's time."

Tiny homes are being touted as one way to address the nation-wide, and local, problem of homeless veterans. A new organization called Patriot Springs is proposing to construct 48, 500-square-foot cottages on 19 acres currently owned by St. Mary's County next to the Northern Senior Center in Charlotte Hall. The property is close to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, a state-owned facility.

The organization's Executive Director Sandra Diaz, a Calvert County resident, made a presentation on their plans to the Calvert County Board of County

Commissioners (BOCC) at their Aug 21 meeting.

The discussion about the **comprehensive plan** came to Solomons on Aug. 22. There are currently two town centers in southern Calvert County with three-quarters of a mile between them. The second draft of the proposed update of the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan calls the town centers Solomons and Lusby to remain, but they are butting into one another. "Now I guess it's Lusby, a combined center," former county planning director **Greg Bowen** quipped at a forum.



The forum was hosted by Keep Calvert Country (KCC), a frequent critic of the plan update. Bowen led the presentation with information previously presented but also with an analysis of the south county aspects of it for the attendees. He said the size increase of the town centers would allow 2,000 more housing units based on current zoning density. He said that includes some significant forested area that could be developed

September 2018

School started after Labor Day weekend and our Sept. 6 issue featured several stories, including the feel-good attempt by the administration and faculty of Patuxent Appeal Campus to reach out to their Lusby community. The day before the Labor Day weekend and the day before the official start of school, the staff of the combined elementary schools in Lusby gathered with a purpose. Their mission was to deliver school supplies in Chesapeake Ranch Estates. A secondary mission was to rev up school spirit, or as the tee-shirts worn by everybody said: "PAC Pride." Before going out on their deliveries, staff gathered in the library of Appeal to practice their dance steps to entertain the kids along the route. School Principal Karen Vogel then gathered everyone together for a group shot.

But we also had an exclusive interview with parents **who dropped public schools** for their three children



after multiple issues revolving around discipline, Katy and John Blevins moved to Calvert County because of what they had been told about the quality of its public schools. As school starts this week, they have moved all three of their children to Calverton School in Huntingtown. The St. Leonard couple is in a war against the Calvert County Public Schools over the treatment of their daughter at Sothern Middle School and what they perceive is the lack of discipline there.

And in that same issue we told of the visit of the 'Iron Man' to Solomons. **Cal Ripkin** is probably the most well-known and beloved sports figure in Maryland history. He earned the title by playing 2632 games in his 21 seasons as a Baltimore Oriole.

Ripken's work in the community since his retirement has added to his resume of accomplishments. Most notable has been the formation of the Cal Ripkin, Sr. Foundation, named after his father, that "for the last 17 years has worked tirelessly to implement youth development programs and create parks that directly address the problems facing at-risk youth in distressed communities across the country." That's what brought him to Solomons on Aug. 29. The Ripken Foundation earlier this year partnered with Roy Rogers Restaurants to help celebrate its 50th anniversary. Fans were wrapped around the restaurant waiting to greet their hero.

Higher Education was also front and center as the **College of Southern Maryland** celebrated its 60th



birthday; Gov. Larry Hogan visited the new Hughesville regional campus to join the celebration. Governor Hogan told The County Times, "I've been hearing about all of the incredible things that are going on here. We've invested quite a lot of money in the College of Southern Maryland and this particular campus." He added, "I just wanted to meet everyone involved and thank them for the great work they are doing. Job training and giving them the skills to get jobs is one of the priorities of our administration."

"I think this institution has had a profound influence on the community," CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy said. Just think back to Southern Maryland 60 years ago, she noted. There was no place for local students to go to college. They had to travel elsewhere, or a more likely scenario – not be able to go to college at all. She said local young people, unlike other areas of the country, tend to want to stay here.

In the same Sept. 13 issue, we learned that attempts to remove a **derelict ship** from the Patuxent River



over the weekend started off with much hope of success, but they were dashed when the operation failed and the ship sank even further into the river.

Another anniversary was celebrated in September: **Annemarie Gardens 25th ArtsFest**.

It had become an election issue, but the current county commissioners voted to proceed with **Armory Square county office building** when staff told them it was the only viable option.

At the end of the presentation, Commissioner President Evan Slaughenhaupt, Jr., who has been the prime cheerleader for the Armory Square proposal, said it appeared it had commissioner consensus and called for it to proceed without a vote. During the discussion, four of the five board members did express some level of support. Only Commissioner Steve Weems was silent on the subject.

It could be called the house that Jack built. Iconic hero Jack Ryan sold a lot of books for **Tom Clancy**.



Now the Calvert County home in which some of those books were written is up for sale. Price tag: \$6.2 million. Known as Peregrine Cliff, the 537-acre estate off Camp Kauffman Road in Huntingtown, features a 17,000-square-foot, three-level stone custom-built contemporary home. The house overlooks the Patuxent River.

Getting back to that **sunken vessel** in the Patuxent, the Sept. 20 issue reported that Coast Guard officials say that a derelict vessel that lies partially sunken in the Patuxent River will remain there for the foreseeable future. "There's no current plan to remove it" since officials believe that the leaks from the ship of oil-contaminated water have been contained, said Petty Officer Andrew Kendrick.

Besting the previously-mentioned anniversaries by a wide margin, September also means fair time, and this was the **132nd Calvert County Fair**. Most people



who walk through the gates will not realize the massive volunteer effort it takes to put it on. That effort not only encompasses the week of the fair but goes on year-round. The core of that effort includes the 19-member Fair Board of Directors and their 19 associate directors. It is decidedly a labor of love.

Some of the best of the county's youth take the stage every year for the Miss Tranquility and Lord Calvert Scholarship Contest on the Sunday before the official opening Wednesday evening. This year one of the questions asked all of the finalists was what they would say about the county and the fair to someone who had come into the county fleeing the recent hurricane.

Crowned Miss Tranquility was Madison Attick of Huntingtown High School and crowned King Calvert Thomas Ridenaur of Northern High School. The contestants emphasized the important role the fair played in the community, that it was a way of bringing people together. Ridenaur, who is the student member of the

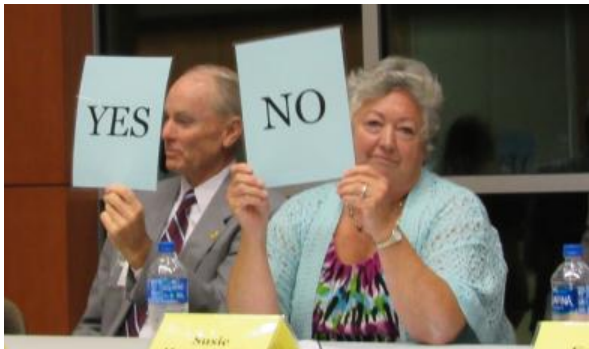
school board, said he would tell them, "Don't worry, we will take care of you."

Although putting **the budget** together will be the work of the new commissioner board, building the budget by the staff begins in September. The board has directed staff to build the budget for the next fiscal year with the income and property tax rates at the current level.

October 2018

With **Patuxent River Appreciation Days** scheduled for Oct. 6-7, we featured on the cover of our Oct. 4 issue the man who has been watching over it for many years, Patuxent Riverkeeper Fred Tutman. "The river virtually bisects the western shore of the State of Maryland north to south and is tidal and estuarial in the southern reaches. The river is home for more than 100 species of fish, including bass, catfish, chain pickerel, and bluefish. The Patuxent sustains nesting and over wintering bald eagles and a large extended habitat for indigenous wildlife. Among overall Bay tributaries, the Patuxent ranks seventh in fresh water flow into the Chesapeake Bay," according to the Riverkeeper website.

The Calvert County Chamber of Commerce hosted a lively **candidates forum** on Sept. 26 at CSM. And



growth issues were the main topic for the commissioner candidates. All 10 of the candidates appeared.

At one point in the forum a lightning round was held in which everyone was asked to hold up either a "Yes" or "No" card in response to the questions. One of the questions on whether they favored water and sewer in Dunkirk elicited differing views.

There was a sharp contrast between Republican Tim Hutchins and Democrat Susie Hance-Wells. Hutchins favors water and sewer for one of his key campaign themes, providing a technology park for jobs in cybersecurity and other tech fields. Hance-Wells voted No. "I think the Dunkirk citizens have made it perfectly clear they don't want water and sewer," she said.

Republican incumbent Steve Weems protested the lightning round, saying some questions don't have straight Yes or No answers. But the moderator said that ultimately the commissioners have to vote up or down on most issues.

The deep fissure in the country over the **nomination of Brett Kavanaugh** to be on the Supreme Court has spilled over into Calvert County. Kavanaugh's nomination has been held up over allegations of sexual misconduct on his part.

Republican County Commissioner President Evan Slaughenhaupt, Jr. jumped into the fray with a controversial Facebook posting in which he said: "I assaulted a young lady. 1st to 4th grade birthday gauntlet. Childhood friend of my affection had a birthday had to run the aisles. I smacked her on the buttocks. I feel so unqualified for any position today. NOT! Get over it people. Confirm Kavanaugh."

A group of about 20 women attended the Sept. 25 county commissioner meeting and Helenmary Ball, a member of the Calvert County Democratic Central Committee, spoke for them. She said, "We don't protest Mr. Slaughenhaupt's support of Kavanaugh, but his flippant attitude about violence against women.

Mr. Slaughenhaupt drew a false equivalency between childhood games and alleged attempted rape, implying that such incidents are acceptable childish behavior."

With a little more than a month left before the November general election, Democrats from all over the Fifth Congressional District gathered Saturday, Sept. 29 for Rep. Steny **Hoyer's 7th Annual Southern Maryland Family Picnic** at Serenity Farm in Benedict. Hoyer said the November election will be the second most important one in which he has been involved because "it will set the stage "for the most important one, in 2020 to get President Trump defeated. Of Trump, Hoyer said, "He does not represent our values and is embarrassing America around the world."

It was a giddy time for many county residents when the ribbon was finally cut on Oct. 9 for the much-anticipated **Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter**. Our cover



story featured the two county staffers most responsible for the day: Shelter Manager Crystal Dowd and Director of Public Safety Jacqueline Vaughn.

The shelter was expected to officially open on Nov 1. It has 12,910 square feet of space within the main building and can house an estimated 200 animals. It is named after the late county commissioner, who advocated for it.

Our Oct. 18 issue featured **interviews with the candidates** that had been conducted recently by the newspaper's Editorial Board, and the board's **endorsements** were included in the following issue.

In the Oct. 18 issue we reported on the introduction of the **commissioner's legislative package** that includes proposals from the sheriff dealing with correction's officers. One would "provide a peer review and evaluation of personnel actions within the correctional system through a Correctional Officers Bill of Rights." The second provides "a conversion of correctional officers to correctional deputies and allows the sheriff to have direct oversight of the selection and disciplinary process."

In the same issue, School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry reported at the school board Oct. 11 meeting that **doors** were expected to arrive soon for **three schools**. Lack of doors on some rooms has been an ongoing concern expressed by parents and educators. But, the school board at the same meeting heard a different safety concern from the mother of a five-year-old girl attending school for the first time this year. She said a woman unknown to her was listed as her daughter's number one emergency contact.

And we also had a feel-good story about **Hope** who was **adopted** out by the Humane Society of Calvert



County after being at their Sunderland shelter for 1,403 days.

On Oct. 25 we reported the frustrating situation involving the proposed new **Twin Beaches Library**. It appeared months ago that North Beach had won out over Chesapeake Beach for the right to be the new home of the Twin Beaches Library. But the negotiations for the town's preferred property, at Chesapeake Avenue and 3rd Street fell through. The library board has thus reopened the process once again.

November 2018

The Huntingtown community was pleased to see our Nov. 1 front page story about their iconic institution -- **Bowen's Grocery**. It will be celebrating its 90th year



in 1919. But this bastion of rural ways has its roots in the city (Baltimore) and under a name unfamiliar to all but the area's oldest residents. The store owned by Gordon and Gracie Bowen was started by Gordon's grandparents, Frederick and Frances Mogck. They had operated a grocery store and slaughter house in Baltimore but lost it during the Great Depression. So, in 1929 they moved back to her home county of Calvert to set up shop on a corner lot in decidedly rural Huntingtown. The store was quite naturally called Mogck's Store.

The Maryland Department of Transportation's **annual "road show"** pulled into Calvert County Oct. 29 to meet with the county commissioners. Transportation Secretary Pete Rahn appeared in the meeting room with his administration heads. But, the 800-pound gorilla in the room was the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge. "We have a number of bridges that are older and in need of construction that are ahead of it," Rahn said. "We would not allow anyone to drive on the bridge if it wasn't safe. It is 100-percent safe. It is inconvenient."

The election is almost here, and the issue before it we reported: **"Early Voting Paces Ahead of Four Years Ago; Republican Registrations Continue to Pull Ahead."**

It had finally arrived, and when the dust had settled the headline for Nov. 8 shouted: "There was **No Blue Wave in Calvert County**, GOP Sweeps Almost Everything."

All of the county's incumbent legislators were returned to office, with the exception of District 29 Republican Senate candidate Jack Bailey, who defeated



incumbent Steve Waugh in the primary and easily bested Thomas Brewer, with 60.9 percent of the vote, to win the seat. Although incumbent Democrats Senator Thomas V. "Mike" Miller (District 27) and Delegate Michael Jackson (District 27 B) were bested by their Republican challengers (Jesse Peed and Michael Tomas) in Calvert, the votes in Prince George's County easily propelled them to reelection.

Delegate Mark Fisher garnered 56.3 percent of the vote over Democrat Jason Fowler to return for another term in District 27-B. Republican Jerry Clark, who was appointed to the District 29C delegate seat two years ago, handily won election to a full term over challenger Julia Nichols.

Calvert County will again have an all Republican Board of County Commissioners with the return of the two incumbents on the ballot, Steve Weems and Mike Hart, to be joined by three newcomers, Buddy Hance, Tim Hutchins and Kelly McConkey. Each won their races by margins ranging from 3,000 to 5,000 votes and with only 1,600 absentee and provisional ballots outstanding, they all could claim official victory.

Margaret Phipps earned election as Register of Wills to another four years over challenger Mark Lynch by 3,600 votes.

The only other exception to the GOP victories was Democrat Thomas Pelagatti taking the third Judge of the Orphan's Court seat along with Republicans Leslie Downs and Ted LeBlanc

Sheriff Mike Evans also easily won another term, garnering 60.2 percent of the vote over his challenger Democrat Michael Hawkins.

In that same issue we reported that The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners have announced that **Grey Ops, LLC** will construct an approximately 18,000-square-foot office headquarters and manufacturing facility at Patuxent Business Park (PBP) in Lusby, Md.

Construction of the new facility for this tech-transfer company will begin in the second quarter of calendar year 2019 and will result in at least 10 new high-technology jobs for the county.

Grey Ops, LLC is a federal technology-contracting firm that specializes in the production and sale of a revolutionary blast mitigation technology called Silent Spring.

Sad news in the Nov. 14 issue: "Bernie's Beloved Betty Passes Away." **Betty Lou Fowler, 85, passed**



away on November 5th at her home surrounded by her family. She and Bernie Fowler, Sr. were married for 69 years. Bernie was the more public figure of the

family, having served as county commissioner, state senator and nationally-recognized advocate for the Patuxent River. But his wife was beside him all the way and lived a memorable life in her own right.

Margaret Dunkle, past chairperson on the Calvert County Commission for Women, noted, "While her husband, Bernie, was (and still is) very much the *public* face of the best of Calvert County, Betty epitomized the private soul of this special place. The ideals of faith, hope and love that guided her life are a model for us all."

Sheriff Mike Evans' proposals for changes in the oversight of his correctional officers were met with controversy Nov. 13 as the county commissioners voted on their proposed legislative package. Commissioner Pat Nutter, who is in his final days on the job after choosing not to seek reelection, raised objections. When the dust had settled, the commissioner majority did support the Correctional Officers Bill of Rights, but was split on the idea of remaining the correctional officers.

In our issue just before Thanksgiving, we could report that the **planning commission**, after more than two years of workshops and other public meetings, thousands of pages of written citizen comments, and months of pouring over the latest draft, has revised and formally recommended approval of it. The proposed update of the county's Comprehensive Plan, dubbed Calvert 2040, will now go to agencies for a 60-day review and then to a joint public hearing with the county commissioners, who with a new majority will have the final say.

The process remained controversial to the end at the commission's Nov. 14 meeting. Several of the decisions were on a split vote and commission member John Toohey dissented on the final vote to recommend the plan.

The most contentious issue, as it had been during the entire process, centered on **what to do with Dunkirk**. And, the pivotal decision was whether to call Dunkirk a minor town center, as it now is, or a major town center, as the second draft developed by consultants and staff wanted it to be.

After much discussion the motion was made to downgrade Dunkirk to a minor town center and that motion carried with two dissenters.

"This topic is screaming hot," was the way Commissioner Mike Hart described **cable television service** in Calvert County. The public will have a chance to log in on the issue when the commissioners hold a public hearing on the proposed new franchise agreement with Comcast of Maryland, LLC.

The Calvert County Board of Education has approved supplemental funding for **Patuxent-Appeal Campus (PAC)**. The \$74,433 is being used to fund a teacher to provide instructional coaching to the staff. That approval is the last piece of funding for an almost \$500,000 supplemental grant to eight schools deemed to be having the most concerns with discipline and comes on the heels of persistent complaints to the school board from parents and teachers.

The **"Social, Emotional and Behavioral (SEB)" needs of students** was one of the issues addressed in a report presented to the school board this past summer by their Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). A staff review concluded the CAC report was right on target.

One of those conclusions: "There are not enough skilled staff to address the social, emotional and behavioral needs of students."

In 2017 we reported that Charles County had pulled all except its minimum required funding from the **Tri-Country Council** and wondered out loud if the historic definition of Southern Maryland was falling apart. A front-page feature in the Nov. 29 issue reported that the election in Charles County may portend Charles coming back into the fold as a full partner.

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) heard a mixture of praise and concern at



their public hearing on extending **Comcast's cable TV franchise** for another 10 years. The existing franchise agreement was established in 2001 and is set to expire early next year. Southern Maryland Association of Realtors Government Affairs Director Theresa Kuhns noted the effect of lack of broadband service on the ability to sell homes in some areas. But the rest of the hearing was a love fest for Comcast, with speakers from The Arc of Southern Maryland, Calvert County Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Calvert County and the Boys and Girls Clubs all praising the company for its corporate largess. The commissioners would approve the franchise after the waiting period was up.

December 2018

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) met with the county's legislative delegation on Dec. 4 for their annual confab on **proposed county legislation**. The short meeting was perfunctory with one exception. Delegate Jerry Clark (R: 29C) questioned one portion of the proposal supported by the current board to increase the county's pond authority by \$10.32 million. One of the parts of that request was \$1 million for the Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department to purchase land "for the new eventual replacement of the current facility."

Division Chief of Fire, Rescue and EMS James Richardson said that the location of senior housing such as Asbury Solomons and the assisted living facility on Dowell Road had been taken into consideration. But he noted that insurance rates were high for residents of Chesapeake Ranch Estates (CRE) because they live more than five miles from the current fire station.

Richardson said that if anyone living in that populous community who had a fire hydrant out front, it still would be considered "unprotected" and subject to higher rates.

Richardson said CRE generated 26 percent of all of the emergency calls for all of Calvert County. And he noted that 86 percent of the volume was for emergency medical services.

The Calvert County Board of Education at their Nov. 29 meeting heard some pent-up frustration from about a half dozen teacher members of the **Calvert Education Association (CEA)**, many of whom have been in the classrooms for decades. The main complaints were over lack of curriculum, materials and textbooks and the time to do everything required of them.

Association President Donna Ostenso explained that the teachers still desire flexibility for decisions in the classrooms, but they also seek some consistency in what is being taught so that all students are on the same page.

"They don't have textbooks. They have no baseline," Ostenso told The County Times.

There are not too many occasions where it is possible to win the same race twice. But that's exactly what happened when the Town of North Beach prevailed over its neighbor Chesapeake Beach to win the

hard-fought battle to become the site of the new **Twin Beaches Branch** of the Calvert Library. It was like making a field goal the second time after time was called.

The newly elected members of the St. Mary's and Charles county commissioner boards were sworn in early in the first week of December. Yet the new Calvert County commissioners won't be sworn-in until Tuesday, Dec. 18, giving the three lame-duck commissioners two more meetings to participate, and vote.

And vote they did at their Dec. 4th meeting, **granting the sheriff additional budget authority**. The decision came during a session that was billed as a work session at which votes are normally not taken. During three other work sessions on that date, decisions were passed on to the new board consisting of a majority of new members.

The commissioners in their final meeting, however, did punt one controversy to the new board – the fate of the **Purchase and Retirement (PAR) Fund** created in 1992 'to purchase, retire, and permanently remove Transferable Development Rights (TDRs) from the market, thereby protecting additional acres of farmland from development'."

Commissioner President Evan Slaughenhaupt Jr., in his second to last meeting as president before his retirement, observed during the discussion that if a vote was taken of his current board, the program probably would have met the fate of elimination. But he also noted that a vote of the new board could overturn that.

"We are getting nothing for it," Commissioner VP Tom Hejl said. "We are spending tax dollars and getting zero."

Slaughenhaupt observed that the county was indeed getting something, the preservation of agricultural land.

The new Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) who were sworn-in Dec. 18 will have a plateful of controversial issues to attack when they begin meeting in earnest in the new year. One of them is the update of the county's comprehensive plan. Others will affect their decisions on their first budget for the fiscal year that begins next July 1.

One of those budget decisions relates to whether the county is indeed going to proceed with a **new office building at Armory Square**. That issue was one of



the most contentious during the election that led to the selection of three new commissioners, a new majority.

The outgoing board, in their final meeting, was shown a three-dimensional architect's rendering of what the building might look like.

And then the day finally arrived, as was reported in our Dec. 13 issue, the bookend to the beginning of the year when Kelly McConkey filed for commissioner in that early January issue. The **new Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) was sworn in** during a ceremony Dec. 18 at the College of Southern Maryland. And, as their first official act, they elected Tim Hutchins to be their **president**



for the next year and Kelly McConkey to be **vice president**. Sheriff Mike Evans was also sworn in by Clerk of the Circuit Court Kathy Smith.

Hutchins and McConkey, two of the three newcomers to the board, will be joined by Buddy Hance and veterans Steve Weems (third term) and Mike Hart (second term). All five gave brief remarks after the swearing-in ceremony.

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Award Winning Bluegrass Band Returns to Southern Maryland



Lonesome River Band

Presented by the Sons of the American Legion and Jay Armsworthy, Lonesome River Band (LRB) will be appearing at the American Legion Post 238 in Hughesville, MD Sunday January 13, 2019. The

concert starts at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and the legion is located on the corner of MD Rt. 231 & 381 in Hughesville.

After 36 years, the award-winning

LRB continues to be one of the most respected names in Bluegrass music and one of the most influential acts of our time. Whether performing on the famous stage of the Grand Ole Opry or headlining major concert events & festivals, their vocal and instrumental talents seamlessly come together as they perform their trademark sound that fans continue to embrace. This award-winning band is built on their familiar sound while adding a bold progressiveness to the music.

Leader, and original member of the Lonesome River Band, Sammy Shelor, is a 5-time IBMA Banjo Player of the Year and Virginia Country Music Hall of Famer. The rest of LRB is made up of singer-songwriter Brandon Rickman on the guitar; Jesse Smathers on mandolin who won the 2017 IBMA Momentum Award for Vocalist the Year; the extraordinary Mike Hartgrove plays the fiddle; and bassist Barry Reed rounds out the band.

In 2011 they appeared as a special guest with Steve Martin and performed on the Late Show with David Letterman. The guys also got to sit down with the late-night host where Martin presented Shelor with the 2nd Annual Steve Martin Prize for Excellence in Banjo and Bluegrass along an award check to in a humorous exchange!

The stellar harmony vocals by Rickman and Smathers are certainly highlighted in the band's recent albums. In 2018, Lonesome River Band received an IBMA Album of the Year nomination for their self-produced "May Hayley's House" on the Mountain Home Music Company label. On their 2016 album, "Bridging the Tradition", it debuted at #2 on Billboard's Top 10 Bluegrass Album Chart. Also in 2016, band members Sammy Shelor and Mike Hartgrove performed with actor Martin Short when Steve Martin was honored with the 43rd American Film Institute's Life Achievement Award – the

highest honor for a career in film.

LRB continues to evolve in the ever-changing landscape of Bluegrass and Acoustic Country music. Their long career is obviously filled with numerous Awards and Recognitions. The group has also received other awards from IBMA and many from the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music Association (SPBGMA) including Album of the Year, Bluegrass Band of the Year, Vocal Group of the Year, Song of the Year and Shelor as a 3-time SPBGMA Banjo Player of the Year and 5-time win as the IBMA Banjo Performer of the Year.

The show begins at 2:00 pm with the doors opening at Noon. Tickets for the show will be \$20.00 per person and children under 12 are admitted free with a paid adult. Tickets can be purchased at the door, first come. Or to guarantee a seat, you can purchase tickets in advance by sending a check made payable to "Jay Armsworthy" and mail to P.O. Box 741, California, MD 20619. Tickets will be held at the door. Food will be available for sale before the show for a separate price.

The remainder of the series will present some of the best in today's Bluegrass music such as: Russell Moore & IIIrd Tyme Out, Sunday February 10, 2019; and Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers, Sunday March 10, 2019. Troy Jones will continue to provide sound for each show.

Although not required, it is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Helping Hands Food Bank in Southern Maryland. The American Legion Post 238 is located on the corner of MD Rt. 381 & Rt. 231 in Hughesville, Maryland. For more information, tickets, and directions, go to www.americanlegionbluegrass.com or call 301-737-3004.

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

Methuselah Pumphrey



Methuselah Pumphrey 1922-2018, passed from this life on December 26th, the 75th anniversary of his wedding to Mary who predeceased him.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 5, at 10 a.m. at St Matthew's UM Church, 6234 Shady Side Road, Shady Side, MD 20764, with Service at 11 a.m.

Mr. Pumphrey was a WWII veteran who honored our community by laying the wreath at the 2017 and 2018 Solomons commemoration that the Circle of Angels hosts.

Michael Patrick "Mike" Coyle

Michael Patrick "Mike" Coyle, 72, of Lusby passed away December 23, 2018 at his residence. He was born November 6, 1946 in Washington, DC to Bernard James and Mary Frances (Lohr) Coyle. Mike was raised in Prince George's County and graduated from Surrattville High School. After high school he joined the United States Navy and was honorably discharged following his service. Mike was employed as a lineman with C&P Telephone Company and later Verizon, retiring in 1999. He was a member of the



American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206 in Chesapeake Beach and the Elks Lodge in Prince Frederick. Mike enjoyed going to Bethany Beach, crabbing, fishing, golf, playing slot machines at Rod-n-Reel and spending time with family and friends.

Mike is survived by his loving wife of 33 years Pat Coyle of Lusby, step-grandchildren Molly Claire and Besse Copsey, brothers Bernard J. "Jimmy" Coyle, Jr. and wife Joyce of Mechanicsville and Gary Francis Coyle and wife Mary of Berlin, MD and sister Mary Coyle Shaffer of Waldorf. He was preceded in death by his stepchildren William Francis and Lance Daniel Copsey and brother Tommy Anthony Coyle.

In lieu of flowers donations in Mike's name may be made to Calvert Hospice.

Joseph Edward Kirk Nguyen

Joseph Edward Kirk Nguyen, 27 of St. Leonard, MD passed away on December 16, 2018. He was born on March 26, 1991 in New London, Ct to Pamela Nguyen and the late Joseph E. Nguyen of Lusby, MD.

Joseph moved to Calvert Co. from St. Mary's Co in December of 1998 and went on to graduate from Patuxent High School. He was a Water Main Technician.

Joseph is survived by his mother, Pamela Nguyen of Lusby, MD; son, Riley Nguyen of Calvert Co., MD, and his

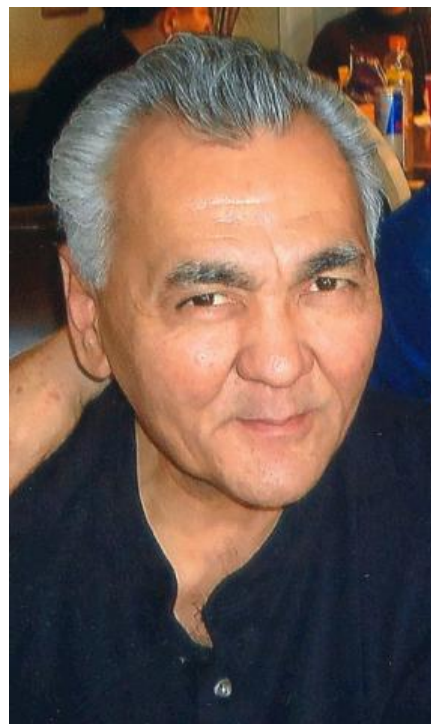


siblings, Sydney Nguyen and Cievra Nguyen both of Lusby, MD. He was preceded in death by his father Joseph E. Nguyen.

Charles Wesley "Charley" Turner

Charles Wesley "Charley" Turner, 63, of Churchton passed away December 23, 2018 at Prince George's Hospital Center. He was born January 15, 1955 in Ft. Meade, MD to Carl Franklin and Miyoko (Nakagawa) Turner. Charley was raised in Capitol Heights and has lived in Churchton for the past 27 years. He served in the United States Army before being honorably discharged after serving in Vietnam. Charley owned and operated C and T Inc., a home remodeling business for many years before going to work for CroppMetcalf as a master HVAC technician and installer. He was also a journeyman plumber and helped with remodeling during is 13 years with CroppMetcalf. Charley enjoyed fishing, being on the water, shooting pool, taking vacations to Ocean City for the car and bike shows and spending time with family and dog Buster. Charley will be remembered as a wonderful father and Pop-Pop, who was hardworking, kind hearted and had a great sense of humor.

Charley is survived by his wife Sharon R. Reid of Churchton, stepsons Joseph Vaissi of Shady Side and Matthew Vaissi of Churchton, grandchildren Bryant and Madison Vaissi, nephew Joseph Lee Goodwin and wife Jill of Chesapeake Beach, nieces Shelly, Krystal and Sabrina, sisters Keiko Turner, Theresa Newman, Linda Turner and Bernice Lynch and daughter in law Lauren Morris. He was preceded in death by his parents, stepson Jason Poe and sister Jennifer Goodwin. Visitation will be Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home in Owings. Memorial Service will be Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 3 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home in Owings.



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UPCOMING

Friends of Calvert Library Book Sale

Friday, January 11, 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Saturday, January 12, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Thousands of used books available at great prices! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. CalvertLibrary.info.

Winter Adventures Overnight

Flag Ponds Nature Park, Lusby

Overnight Saturday & Sunday, January 12 & 13

9:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Explore the woods and the beach following a sense of adventure. Night walk in the quiet winter woods. Indoor and outdoor activities. Dinner, breakfast and snacks. For ages 8-10. \$40/child. Register online: www.calvertparks.org. 410-535-5327.

Summer Camp

It's not too early to register now for Calvert County Parks and Recreation weekly camps in June and July!!

Register: online.webtrac.co.cal.md.us. Phone: 410-535-1600 x2649. Walk-in Main Office or any Community Center.

ONGOING

Calvert Marine Museum Closed

The Calvert Marine Museum and Museum Store (14200 Solomons Island Rd., Solomons) is closed January and February to renovate the Education offices, Classroom and Learning Center on the mezzanine level. We look forward to opening our doors again in March!

Bayside History Museum

4025 4th St. & Dayton Ave., North Beach

1:00 – 4:00 PM, Sat. & Sun.

Visit the Chesapeake Beach Amusement Park, North Beach Fire Department history, natural history of the Chesapeake Bay region and the War of 1812. Free.

Winter Wonderland

calvART Gallery, Prince Frederick Shopping Center

Through January 7, 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Art for the Holiday Season. Twinkling small wonders at affordable prices. Jewelry, paintings, photographs, ceramics and glass pieces. 410-535-9252. www.calvertarts.org

Friday, January 4

MAC Lab Tour

Jefferson Patterson Park, 10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

1:00 – 2:00 PM

A guided tour of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory (MAC Lab), a state-of-the-art facility that houses over 8 million artifacts, including collections from every county in Maryland. Free. A small fee may be charged for large groups. Reservations: Ed Chaney 410-586-8554 or email: ed.chaney@maryland.gov

Saturday, January 5

Community Breakfast

Smithville United Methodist Church, Dunkirk

7:30 – 10:00 AM

Traditional hearty American breakfast. Adults \$7, children under 12 eat free. In a hurry? We'll package your breakfast to go! Biscuits, gravy and grits - no problem. We've got 'em.

Tuesday, January 8

Time Traveling Kids Program

Jefferson Patterson Park, 10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

10:00 - 11:00 AM

This free program for Pre-K kids features stories that transport participants into the past and activities related to the story's setting. Info, register: 410-586-8501 or email jef.pat@maryland.gov. Register online: www.jefpat.org/timetravelingkids

Bingo

North Beach Volunteer Fire Dept., Chesapeake Beach

7:30 PM

Doors open at 5:00. \$1,000 jackpot. \$8/person. Food and drink for purchase. 301-855-0520.

Wednesday, January 9

Obstacle Course

Northeast Community Center, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Age-appropriate for 2-5 years old. The gym will be filled with many ways to step, climb, run, jump, crawl and balance. Free. Pre-Registration is required. 410-535-1600 ext. 8210, Activity # 310369.

Thursday, January 10

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support

Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center, 901 Dares Beach Rd, Prince Frederick

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Get tips and support from other caregivers. Facilitated by Jeannette Findley & JC Hooker. Please register. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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Calvert LIBRARY Events

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Thursday, January 3

Resumé and Cover Letter Workshop. 1:00-3:00pm. Need help with your resumé? Join job counselor Sandra Holler in a small group to learn what makes a strong resumé and cover letter. If you have one started, bring it with you so editing can happen on the spot. One printed copy helps. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Green Crafting. 6:00-8:30pm. Make crafts out of materials that would typically be thrown out. Crocheting, needlework, sewing and simple tying techniques will be used. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Teen Movie Club! Leave No Trace. 6:00-8:00pm. Watch a cool movie, hang out with your friends! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Code Name 3.6. 6:30-7:30pm. For 3rd-6th grade eyes only! 3rd – 6th grade students are invited to this series of events which uses plenty of hands-on activities to have fun with reading! Each month we will explore a new theme and introduce a great chapter book on the topic. No advanced preparation is needed and a snack will be provided. Please register. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Friday, January 4

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

Saturday, January 5

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

Monday, January 7

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

Green Crafting. 2:00-4:00pm. Make crafts out of materials that would typically be thrown out. Crocheting, needlework, sewing, and simple tying techniques will be used. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Tuesday, January 8

Board of Library Trustees meeting. 2:00-4:00pm. Calvert Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Flying Needles. 6:00-9:00pm. Knitting, crocheting and portable crafting group open to anyone wanting to join in and share talents, crafting time or learn a new skill. No registration. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Wednesday, January 9

Brain Games: Mahjongg, Scrabble & More. 10:00-1:00pm. Want to learn Mahjongg? Hope to make your Scrabble skills killer? Games are a great way to keep your brain sharp while having fun! Join us! Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

MD Workforce Exchange Resume Workshop. 10:00-12:00pm. Basic resume writing and tips class. If you are looking for a job or thinking of looking for a better job, don't miss this free class. There will be an opportunity for one-on-one help as well so bring your current resume if you have one. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Happy Crafternoon! 1:00-1:45pm. Children enjoy books and language through short stories and create fun art projects using a variety of techniques and mediums. For 3 to 5 year-olds. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

MD Workforce Exchange Job Search Workshop. 1:00-3:00pm. Participants will learn how to navigate the Maryland Workforce Exchange (MWE) system to conduct an effective job search. We will cover job search utilizing additional career sites to enhance your employability. We will also provide tips on how to complete an online application. We will review position descriptions and utilize ONET online resource center to enhance your resume and application content. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

JobSource Mobile Career Center. 1:00-4:00pm. Stop by to visit the JobSource Mobile Career Center for your job search needs! Get job counseling and resumé help, search for jobs and connect with Southern Maryland JobSource. No registration. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

Looking Ahead to 2019!

The Office on Aging wishes everyone a healthy and prosperous 2019! As we look ahead, we are excited to continue to offer many of the quality services you have come to expect from our staff, such as: nutritious meals, fitness classes and facilities, tax assistance, caregiver services, counseling and assistance for social service needs, advocacy for senior loved ones, fun day trips, art classes, educational programs, along with many other services. We look forward to working with you.

Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)

MEAP assists eligible individuals and families with a one-time-per-year grant to help pay heating and electric bills. Grants are usually applied to account beginning in December. You must be income-eligible to apply. Appointment are being scheduled at each of the senior centers. If eligible, please be prepared to provide the following for every person in the home: proof of all monthly income, a social security card, and a photo identification card. You will also need a current heating bill, electric bill, and lease (if renting). For more information, call: Calvert Pines Senior Center: 410-535-4606; North Beach Senior Center: 410-257-2549; Southern Pines Senior Center: 410-586-2748.

Calvert Pines Senior Center (CPSC)

New class! Acrylic Painting will begin on Thursday, January 10, 9 a.m. Instructor Suzanne Shelden. \$10 per class. Beginners, and more skilled artists, are welcome to participate.

Learn the basics of ceramic painting at the Ceramics Snowman Craft, Friday, January 18, 10:30 a.m. Please join us as we create a bobble head snowman to take home. Limited space. Register by January 11.

North Beach Senior Center (NBSC)

A The loss of a loved one is a difficult time for everyone. Grief Support with Hospice will be at the center Tuesday, January 8, 10:30 a.m.

Learn about the Senior Companion Program, Friday, January 11, 11 a.m. This important program assists seniors in our community who could use a helping hand.

Southern Pines Senior Center (SPSC)

The Grief and Loss Support Group is open to seniors who have lost loved ones, Tuesday, January 8, 1 p.m.

Every penny counts! Join us for our Couponing Group, Wednesday, January 9, 11 a.m.

Aimed for both beginners and those who want to rediscover the joy of drawing, Zen and the Art of Drawing will be held Mondays, January 7 – March 11, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Fee: \$80 (due in advance). Pre-registration required.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, January 7

Stuffed Cabbage in Tomato Sauce, Beets, Dinner Roll, Apple Crisp

Tuesday, January 8

Roast Beef, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Dinner Roll, Applesauce, Bread Pudding w/ Vanilla Sauce

Wednesday, January 9

Tuna Fish Sandwich, Split Pea Soup, Lettuce & Tomato Slices, Pickled Beets, Pineapple

Thursday, January 10

Pork Roast, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Applesauce w/Cinnamon

Friday, January 11

Baked Chicken Leg, Scalloped Potatoes, Seasoned Greens, Carrots, Bread, Spiced Peaches

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

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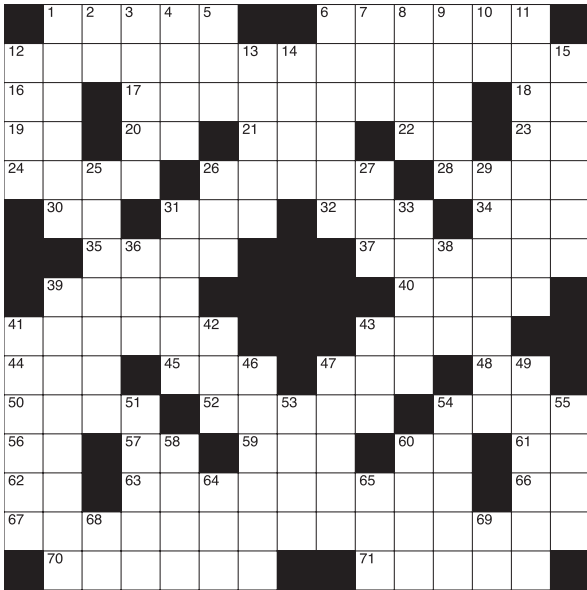
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Class
- 6. Husband or wife
- 12. All the same
- 16. Exclamation of surprise
- 17. Lived in
- 18. Hawaiian entertainer
- 19. Of I
- 20. Belonging to me
- 21. One thousandth of an inch
- 22. Midway between south and east
- 23. Article
- 24. Pitchers have them
- 26. Steps
- 28. Mars crater
- 30. ___ route: on the way
- 31. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo

- 32. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 34. These three follow A
- 35. Frail
- 37. Platforms
- 39. Level
- 40. Computers
- 41. Where spiders live
- 43. An enemy to Batman
- 44. Mineral
- 45. Body part
- 47. Give
- 48. Atomic #21 (abbr.)
- 50. European tax
- 52. Bleated
- 54. Capital of Norway
- 56. Pa's partner
- 57. Stephen King's clown tale
- 59. Atomic #50
- 60. Military policeman

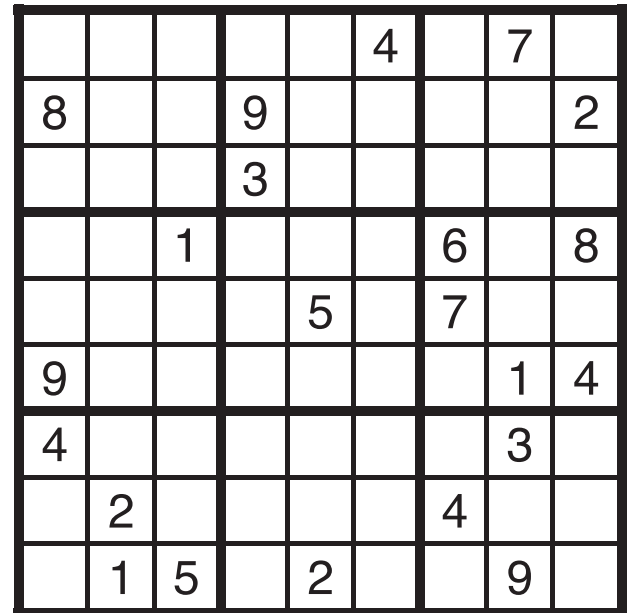
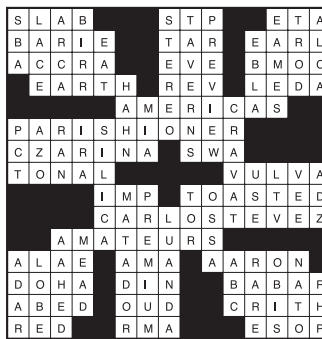
- 61. One quintillion bytes
- 62. Where impulses manifest
- 63. Offers as a candidate
- 66. Spielberg film
- 67. Great job!
- 70. Live in
- 71. Cares for

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Form a whole
- 2. Indicates position
- 3. Moves in water
- 4. Diminutive
- 5. Old English letter
- 6. "Save the Last Dance" actress
- 7. Dab
- 8. Digits
- 9. Female cattle's mammary gland
- 10. Yes
- 11. Improves
- 12. We all have one
- 13. Book of Esther antagonist
- 14. Invests in little enterprises
- 15. Organs that produce gametes
- 25. Mediterranean city
- 26. Peter's last name
- 27. Unhappy
- 29. Swollen area

- within tissue
- 31. "No ___!"
- 33. Soap
- 36. Chop or cut
- 38. "Atonement" author McEwan
- 39. Bullfighter
- 41. Of the universe
- 42. Founder of Babism
- 43. Not good
- 46. Large, flightless bird
- 47. Punitive
- 49. Makes less messy
- 51. Belts out a tune
- 53. Aboriginal people of Japan
- 54. An eye protein
- 55. Broad sashes
- 58. Actress Spelling
- 60. Distribute
- 64. Unpleased
- 65. Body art
- 68. Midway between north and east
- 69. Overdose

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



Canned Food Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

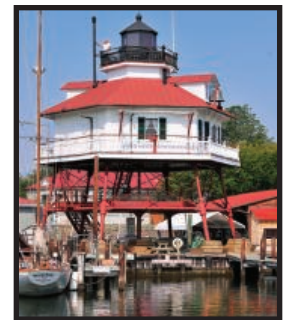
- ALUMINUM
- CAN
- DENTS
- FRESH
- FRUIT
- OPEN
- PANTRY
- PET
- SEAL
- STACK
- STORE
- VEGETABLE



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