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Commissioners Briefed on Opioid Epidemic

By Dick Myers
Editor

The newly elected Calvert County Board of County Commissioners quickly got around to tackling one of the county's most pressing problems – the opioid epidemic. Commissioner President Trim Hutchins promised that would be at the top of his early agenda.

The Jan. 29 briefing from persons involved in the continuum of services related to the subject was orchestrated by Director of Community Services Jennifer Moreland, who said Hutchins told her: "I want to know more about the opioid situation in Calvert." In the one-hour presentation he got a lot of that information.

"We need to draw a line in the sand on where we stand," Hutchins, who comes from law enforcement and legislative backgrounds, said.

Presenters were Sheriff Mike Evans, Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky, Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse (CAASA) Director Candice D'Agostino and Al Jeffrey of Calvert Emergency Management.

Jeffrey explained he was at the table because Gov. Larry Hogan declared a state of emergency on the opioid problem. He assigned Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford the task of overseeing the effort. That emergency declaration has led to an infusion of \$50 million state-wide and several million for Calvert.

Evans said towards the end of the presentation that opioid overdoses and deaths are trending down slightly in Calvert County. But he quickly added, "I don't think we will be finished anytime soon."

D'Agostino explained that a Prescription Drug Abuse Abatement Council was formed in the county in 2009 based on the following trends: demand for treatment services, a spike in foster care and an increase in crime. She said 92 percent of children moved into foster care were because of their parent's involvement with drugs or alcohol.

Dr. Polsky said opioid intervention in Calvert County had three goals:

- "Prevent new cases of opioid addiction and abuse,
- "Expand screening and access to services that support recovery; and
- "Enhance data collection, sharing and analysis."

The latter goal has been enhanced significantly with the hiring of a grant-funded position for data collection, Evans said.

Outreach as part of the Prevention goal has several strategies, as reported by the presenters. They include:

- CAASA
- Community outreach and education programs, such as Let's Talk workshops and first responder resource packets.



Calvert County Board of Commissioners

- Calvert Behavioral Health and Health Services Prevention Office,
- DARE
- Drop boxes and prescription drug take-back days.
- Increased patrols
- Updating prevention curriculum in the schools.

For early identification, Dr. Polsky said the health department provides maternal health, and assistance to the schools, hospital and the detention center. He said the leading cause of maternal deaths is by overdoses.

Intervention also includes Naloxone education and distribution. Jeffrey said it's an expensive proposition, with each Naloxone dose costing \$72.

As part of the law enforcement component, Sheriff Evans noted the eleven drug sniffing dogs are on duty. Commissioner Mike Hart wanted to know if that was enough. The sheriff said Calvert has the highest per-capita number of dogs in the state. He said there are two dogs on duty on every shift.

Evans said the demographics for risk of opioid abuse are: "white, male, approximately 35 years old, with a high school diploma or GED and employed within the last six months."

Data shows that 13 heroin fatal overdose incidents occurred in Calvert in 2018 and nine for fentanyl.

Hutchins said he would like periodic updates from the presenters.

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Commissioners Make School Board Appointment

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has unanimously selected Inez Claggett, 44, of Owings to replace Kelly McConkey on the Calvert County Board of Education. McConkey served six years on the school board before being elected in November to be a county commissioner.

McConkey praised the selection. He said he knows her. "She has been very involved in the community."

Claggett was one of 11 qualified applicants who were considered. Qualifications included residency in the Third

Commissioner District and a county voter for at least two years. One applicant was disqualified because they didn't meet those conditions.

The candidates were interviewed in closed session on Jan. 15. Commissioner President Tim Hutchins said all applicants were asked the same five questions, one each from the five commissioners. The questions were prepared by the county administrator and not known to the commissioners in advance.

Hutchins said each commissioner was asked to pick their top three candidates, and Claggett's name was the only one that appeared on all of the lists.

In her application, Claggett said, "I

desire to assist the Board of Education in ensuring a quality education for all students through oversight of the superintendent, adoption of sound operating policies, efficient alignment of resources through the budgetary process, and meaningful community engagement. Through collaboration I will work to ensure I have a positive impact on the work being conducted by fellow Board Members, and the Superintendent, to establish CCPS as the number one School System in the State of Maryland."

Claggett was at the Jan. 29 commissioner meeting at which she was selected. She said, "I am grateful and humbled that you all feel I was the best candidate."

According to her resume submitted with her application, Claggett has been an administrative specialist with Prince George's County Government since July of 2017 and before that since November of 2012 was an auditor with Prince George's County. Before joining the county, she was an internal auditor for the Prince George's County Public Schools.

Claggett has a BS in Accounting from the University of Delaware and a master's from University of Maryland University College.

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Discussions About School Curriculum Continue Teachers Attend Roundtable Discussion

By Dick Myers
Editor

More than 50 Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) elementary school teachers attended a recent roundtable discussion about curriculum in the schools. The meeting called by the schools' administration was intended

"to engage together as professionals to provide meaningful and actionable feedback to consider as we develop and revise curriculum," Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Diane Workman told the school board at their Jan. 24 meeting.

The roundtable discussion, which focused on math and english, was prompt-

ed by criticism of curriculum materials by members of the Calvert Education Association (CEA) at the school board's Nov. 29 meeting.

Association President Dona Ostenson explained then 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," Ostenson told The County Times. She suspected the school system is loath to purchase new textbooks for fear they would be quickly outdated with today's rapidly changing body of knowledge in many subject areas.

Ostenson did not speak at the Jan. 24 school board meeting. She told The County Times she had not heard the presentation and wanted to hear it and also to talk to her members before reacting. She said that could come at an upcoming meeting.

Ostenson said she realized that the presentation by Workman could not have included everything that was said, but there are still concerns. She said, "I am cautiously optimistic, but I am also realistic."

She said she was impressed with the quality of the facilitators at the roundtable, many administrators not directly connected with the subject matter. She said they brought to the table interest and concern.

The president of the bargaining unit that represents the teachers said the door is still open to further discussion and she hopes that will also include concerns of science and social studies teachers.

At the Jan., 24 meeting, kindergarten teacher and CEA member Carol Howard brought a show and tell for the school board, including a confusing array of curriculum materials.

After Workman's presentation, school board member Pamela Cousins said it was difficult for her as a school board



Calvert Education Association President
Dona Ostenson

member to understand many of the technical concerns of the teachers that perhaps only a teacher would appreciate.

Workman said the school system defined curriculum as, "A set of documents that describes what local, state and national standards will be taught and establishes how those standards will be taught and assessed in a course of study."

She said curriculum was not the same thing as a series of textbooks.

Workman went over what she believed she gleaned from the roundtable discussion about what was working and what was still needed for math and english.

Workman told the school board that the next steps include sharing the information with english and math supervisors, teacher specialists and principals, dig deeper into the information for clarification, develop plans to reverse curriculum as appropriate and consider the same process for science and social studies curriculum.

Ostenson said her members are ready, willing and able to participate in that process.

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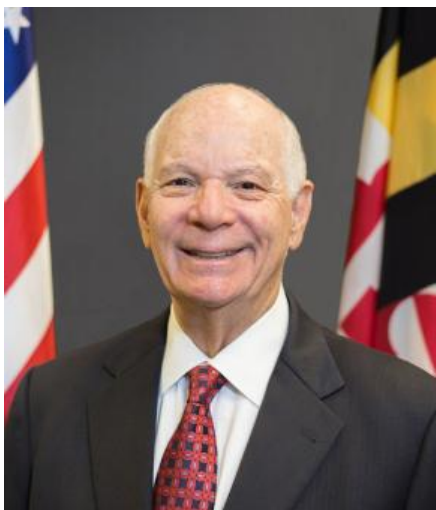
Ground was broken for the new Patriot office building in Dunkirk, by (l to r): County Administrator Terry Shannon, County Commissioner Buddy Hance, Matthew Timbario and John Gilmore from Patriot and Commissioner Kelly McConkey.

By Dick Myers
Editor

“It’s not every day that a home-grown Calvert County business gets to break

ground for a new office building,” said Commissioner Vice President Kelly McConkey. The commissioner was talking about Patriot, a general contracting firm that is in the midst of a major expansion.

Cardin Amendment Spurs End to Government Shutdown



Less than 24 hours after U.S. Senator Ben Cardin (D-Md.) led on Jan 25 a bipartisan group of 17 Senators in an hour-long colloquy about reopening government by supporting a short-term Continuing Resolution (CR), President Trump and Senate leadership endorsed such a plan for good faith negotiations on border security after the government reopened.

“Last night, we brought a large, bipartisan group of senators together who all agreed that too many critical functions of our government have been disrupted, and too many workers and their families – employees and contractors – have been hurt by this needless shutdown. Today, we are on our way to quickly reopening the federal government.

“I was proud to work with Democratic and Republican colleagues to find a path

forward. I applaud each member’s willingness to work together to find a lasting compromise that will return stability and productivity to the operations of our government. We have all pledged to engage in good faith negotiations on border security, once the government reopens,” Senator Cardin said.

“With passage of this CR, federal workers and contractors who have been working through tremendous hardship, can finally reclaim their lives and get back to their work on behalf of the American people. I thank all of those who worked without pay for their dedication and for those who were needlessly locked out of their jobs on furlough, we hope you will come back to your job with the knowledge that the American people now have a better understanding of the critical role you play in our communities and across the country.”

Identical in effect to the bipartisan amendment Senator Cardin and colleagues introduced Thursday, the measure that passed by the Senate Friday includes a Continuing Resolution through February 15, contains no new funding for a border wall, and guarantees back pay for federal workers. Passage allowed an immediate end to the government shutdown, ensuring that federal agencies will reopen and federal employees will be paid, while reducing the pressure on the border security negotiations.

Press Release from Office of U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin (D: MD)



Commissioner Kelly McConkey (right) reads a proclamation as (l to r) Patriot partners Matthew Timbario and John Gilmore and County Commissioner Buddy Hance look on.

The ceremonial groundbreaking for the 16,500-square-foot building was held Jan. 25 on a now vacant field at Ferry Landing Road and Ward Road intersection in Dunkirk with only a sign to mark the spot and some disturbed ground pierced by five shovels to indicate what was going on.

Patriot owners Matthew Timbario and John Gilmore were on hand for the ceremony, along with company staff and representatives of the county and the builder. “John and I started this business in our own homes,” Timbario said.

During the ceremony Timbario thanked Community Bank of the Chesapeake for financing the construction, and Department of Economic Development Business Development Manager Danita Boonchaisri for her assistance.

McConkey noted the company’s philanthropic activities in the county, including donating \$100,000 to Calvert Family Advocates. The company just celebrated its 10th year in business.

Participating in the groundbreaking in addition to the two company owners and McConkey, were Commissioner Buddy Hance and County Administrator Terry Shannon.

According to a press release from county government: “The new construction will result in at least 10 new front-office, administrative, engineering, construction and facility management jobs for the county, in addition to the more than 40 employees currently working at the corporate headquarters.

“Patriot is a privately held, full-service facilities and infrastructure solutions provider that delivers complete end-to-end life-cycle services including planning, architecture, design engineering, construction and operations and maintenance. In the past decade Patriot has grown from its two founders, who are both Calvert County residents, to one of the largest companies in the mid-Atlantic with operations from coast to coast and abroad.”

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House Minority Caucus Announces Session Priorities

The leadership of the Maryland House Minority Caucus held a press conference in the Lowe House Office Building on Jan. 25 to announce the caucus' priorities for this legislative session. Minority Leader Delegate Nic Kipke, Minority Whip Delegate Kathy Szeliga, Assistant Minority Leader Delegate Matt Morgan, and Chief Deputy Whip Delegate Jason Buckel highlighted four pieces of legislation: The Murder and Repeat Violent Offender Registry Act; The Special Police Officers Act; The One Person One Vote Act; and The Commonsense Tax Cut Act. These proposals smartly and aggressively address public safety, voting rights, and the pocketbook issues that all Maryland families grapple with on a daily basis.

In addition to announcing the legislation, Minority Leader Kipke strongly conveyed the overall mission of the House Minority Caucus and its collective objectives this session.

"Our caucus represents nearly two million Marylanders – people who have a voice and sent us to Annapolis to be just that," said Minority Leader Kipke. "Our members represent districts from Western Maryland to the Lower Eastern Shore and nearly everywhere in-between. This diverse group of citizens voted us into office because

they want to see problems solved. Our objective is simple – get good things done for the people of Maryland. These proposals are a first step in the right direction."

Murder and Repeat Violent Offender Registry Act of 2019

The Murder and Repeat Violent Offender Registry Act of 2019 establishes a searchable public registry modeled after Maryland's Sex Offender Registry. It requires those convicted of murder to register for a period of 10 years following the completion of their sentence. In addition, those individuals who have a prior conviction for a violent crime and receive a subsequent conviction for a second violent crime, will be required to register for the 10-year period. Under Maryland law, violent crimes include but are not limited to murder, kidnapping, armed robbery, and carjacking. A number of states across the nation have expanded crime registries to include violent crimes. This list of states includes Virginia, Illinois, and, most recently, Ohio.

"Maryland is a great place to live, but like many states, violent crime is a major problem, and more needs to be done to safeguard our communities," said Delegate Kipke. "The most important role of any government is to keep its citizens safe, and taking



Southern Maryland Delegation member Delegate Matt Morgan (R: 29A)

information that is already public and making it easier to find is a measure that will make our neighborhoods safer. There is a clear problem with sentencing in our state, a clear lack of transparency, and this limited public registry for the most violent criminals amongst us is the right thing to do for all Marylanders"

Commonsense Tax Cut Act of 2019

The Commonsense Tax Cut Act of 2019 will lower the Maryland income tax rate by a quarter percentage point – saving middle class Marylanders hundreds of millions of dollars every year in taxes while also making our state more competitive economically.

"While many Annapolis legislators and lobbyists are talking about raising taxes, we are fighting for Maryland families to keep more of their hard earned money," said Minority Whip Kathy Szeliga. "Governor Hogan has made great strides over the past five years controlling spending, lowering taxes, and making Maryland more affordable, but we want to go even further. Too many Maryland families are struggling, and too many businesses will not consider locating here because of the high cost of living. Maryland is stronger than it has ever been and its future potential is unlimited but only if all people can afford to live here."

Special Police Officers Act of 2019

The Special Police Officers Act of 2019 will expand an already-existing law to give local jurisdictions another tool to keep our schools safe. The bill allows government bodies, such as a school system or a sheriff's department, to collaboratively establish a Special Police Officer program within their jurisdiction. Rather than mandating a one-size-fits-all program, this enabling legislation gives local government much more flexibility in requesting special police officers for school safety. This allows each local government to tailor a program to their

individual needs.

"The school shooting at Great Mills High School set our community back on our heels," said Assistant Minority Leader Delegate Morgan. "We cannot account for every threat, in every situation, but we also realize that the status quo is not good enough. Finding a substantive solution to increase school safety has and will continue to be one of our top priorities and concerns. Solving the tragedy of school shootings is complex, but having more men and women on school grounds who are trained to keep our children safe is definitely part of the answer."

One Person One Vote Act of 2019

The One Person One Vote Act of 2019 is a constitutional amendment requiring single-member state legislative districts. This legislation will give citizens more direct representation and will give every citizen an equal voice in the Maryland legislature. On a national level, 40 states already have single-member districts. This bill puts the power back into the hands of the citizens and gives them a more direct relationship with their representatives.

"Maryland is one of the most gerrymandered states in the country," said Chief Deputy Whip Jason Buckel. "We do not have free or fair elections here – we have a fraudulent and rigged system designed to benefit the party in power. That needs to end, and the Governor, along with our caucus, is working to do just that. We must also bring an end to multi-member legislative districts because it serves the same unethical purpose as gerrymandering. Creating multi-member districts is an institutional form of voter suppression. Politicians should never pick their voters, and this is one more way they do just that in Maryland."

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Burglary: 19-3219

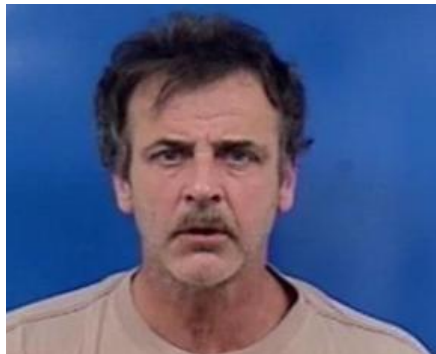
On January 16th 2019, Deputy DeLeon responded to St. Leonard Road in St. Leonard for the report of a burglary. The victim stated that sometime between the hours of 2:50 am and 8:40 am an unknown suspect(s) damaged the door upon entry and stole multiple items. The value of stolen property and damaged property is approximately \$100.

Theft: 19-2943

On January 14th 2019, Deputy Bowlan responded to Thunderbird Drive in Lusby for the report of a theft. The victim stated an unknown suspect(s) stole her wallet and contents she left in a shopping cart from Giant in Lusby. The unknown suspect(s) then placed fraudulent charges on her bank account. The total value of stolen property is approximately \$1860.

Arrests:

On January 15th 2019, Deputy Buckler responded to Bayside Road in Chesapeake Beach for the report of a disorderly subject. Deputy Buckler arrived on scene and made contact with the suspect, **Daniel Paul Weiner (55)**, whom he rec-



ognized from an earlier event. Deputy Buckler placed Weiner under arrest and transported him to the Calvert County Detention Center for Disorderly Conduct and Public Intoxication.

On January 18th 2019, Deputy Bowlan responded to Hemlock Rd in Lusby for the report of damaged property. The victim advised they heard three loud bangs on their front door at approximately 10:40 pm. The victim advised they noticed the glass front door was broken when he responded. The victim advised that it would cost approximately \$300 to repair. A witness stated they saw a vehicle parked in the driveway and knew the person operating it. Through the course of the investigation, Deputy Bowlan located the suspect, **Jack Lewayne Haas**



(53), and placed him under arrest. Haas was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Destruction of Property, Obstructing and Hindering, Assault 2nd Degree on an Law Enforcement Officer and Resisting Arrest.

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Firearm Violations: On 1/24/19 at 7:08 pm, Trooper First Class Backus responded to the 2100 block of Wilson Rd. in Huntingtown for a report of a stolen rifle. The complainant reported a AK-47 WASR rifle was missing from the residence but was unable to state when it had been taken. Investigation revealed that the complainant was prohibited from possessing a firearm in the State of Maryland. Numerous weapons and ammo were removed from the residence. An application of charges for various firearm violations has been submitted for Christopher D. Hiner, 27 of Caret, VA.

Press Release from MSP Barrack U – Prince Frederick

State Board Suspends Calvert Physician

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Maryland Board of Physicians has suspended the medical license of Dr. Immirne M. Ouwinga, a Dunkirk-based physician, for numerous charges including marijuana use, storage of alcohol in her office and accepting such from patients as gifts.

Ouwinga was even accused of striking a colleague of hers in the face, according to the complaint against her, when she reviewed text messages on his cell phone transmitted to a family member of Ouwinga's about staging an intervention regarding her continued alcohol use.

The same person Ouwinga was alleged to have struck also said she admitted to him that she had an inappropriate relationship with another of her patients, the complaint reads.

"Individual 'B' also noted that one morning when he arrived at the office, he found the respondent asleep on an examination bed and noticed two 'alcoholic bottles' sitting on a nearby table," the complaint reads. "Individual 'B' stated that [Ouwinga] explained to him

that she had been working on completing charts the previous night."

After board members observed Ouwinga and her office practice in Dunkirk late last year, they referred her to a specialist for psychiatric/addiction evaluation, the case documents stated; the evaluator found that Ouwinga's "personal and professional judgement was impaired" and that she "poses a risk to her patients in the practice of medicine at this time."

Ouwinga's license to practice was summarily suspended and she was scheduled to attend a hearing on her suspension Wednesday.

Ouwinga has the option to contest the outcome of the hearing, according to case documents.



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CalvertHealth Board Adds New Members



CalvertHealth

The CalvertHealth Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of new board members: Anthony Butters of Huntingtown, Barbara Gardner of Lusby, Kathy Dickinson of Owings and Stephanie Dabulis, MD of Dunkirk. The board is responsible for ensuring CalvertHealth meets the needs of the community and is composed of volunteers from the community and the hospital's medical staff.

"The extensive and varied backgrounds of these new board members bring impressive talent and expertise along with dedicated community service," said CalvertHealth President and CEO Dean Teague. "Their contributions are vital to CalvertHealth's future as we continue to provide Southern Maryland residents with safe, high-quality health care."

Butters said he joined the hospital board because "Being retired from the military, my family and I moved extensively, and Calvert County has been my home longer

than any other location. I hope to bring a unique view point to the board, that of the military dependent, retiree and military member." He is Deputy Manager, Airport Safety and Operations at the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, D.C.

Gardner, senior director of Business Operations at KBRwyle, has more than 35 years' experience in contract administration and budget development. Gardner said, "I joined the CalvertHealth board because I am passionate about supporting CalvertHealth, which is critical to our community. Having community members on the board facilitates the relationship between the community and the hospital leadership." She is also active on the Calvert Marine Museum board.

Dickinson, who owns Dickinson Jewelers with husband, Claude, is the marketing director and has been instrumental in growing their business to two locations in Calvert County. She previously served

on the CalvertHealth Foundation Board of Trustees for eight years and has been integral in the success of the Harvest Ball, serving on the planning committee since 2003. Dickinson said, "Volunteering with the CalvertHealth Foundation has provided me the opportunity to help raise money for incredible capital and technology improvements that are state-of-the-art in the healthcare industry. I've had family members as patients and witnessed firsthand the exceptional quality of care CalvertHealth delivers. They are committed to our community. As a new board member, I aim to do my part to continue that mission."

Dr. Dabulis of Alton Health is the newest medical staff member on the board. She is chief of emergency medical services at CalvertHealth Medical Center. "I believe my experience as a physician will benefit the board because I understand how maintaining great relationships

with physicians is paramount to successful quality initiatives," she said. "I have relationships with physicians in academic medical centers and have made it part of my mission to facilitate specialized care at CalvertHealth."

New board officers, effective Nov. 1, are Terri Wolfley, chairperson; Cliff Stewart, vice chairperson; Rev. David Showers, secretary; and Kevin Betz, treasurer.

CalvertHealth recognized longtime board members Henry Trentman and Kevin Nietmann for their many years of dedicated service. Trentman served on the Foundation Board of Trustees from 2001-2008 and the Health System Board of Directors from 2008-2018 and held five different board positions. Nietmann served on the Calvert Health Board from 2004-2018 and held nine different positions.

Press Release from CalvertHealth

Who's Your Hero?

Calvert County has many "Hometown Heroes"

We all know one, a volunteer, a mentor, a community leader, a first responder, a good neighbor, a big brother or sister, a leader in the classroom or church.

Throughout 2019 the County Times will feature stories of Calvert's "Hometown Heroes."

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Patuxent Habitat Project Honors Dr. King



The board and staff of Patuxent Habitat for Humanity extends thanks to Christmas In April- Calvert County for partnering with them and their volunteers for our Day of Service Project in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday this year.

This group of volunteers braved the sub-zero temps to come out and give the ReStore a couple new coats of paint, build some shelving, organize products on the sales floor and replace batteries in our smoke detectors! Patuxent Habitat for Humanity says they would not

have been able to complete these projects without this group of volunteers.

Also, Exelon Generation, State Farm Insurance - Josh Mesh, & Cave to Castle Remodeling provided support of the event.

About Patuxent Habitat for Humanity

Patuxent Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International and works to create decent, affordable housing in partnership with those in need in St. Mary's and Calvert counties. We are build-

ing strength, stability and independence by building on a foundation that strengthens our community. Patuxent Habitat for Humanity ReStore is located at 21600 Great Mills Road Unit 18A, Lexington Park, MD 20653. For more information about donating money to the affiliate or to donate items to the ReStore please visit our website www.patuxenthabitat.org. If you would like to volunteer contact Laurie at laurie@patuxenthabitat.org or call 301-863-6227. Every donation helps a family help themselves.

Leadership Class Experiences Healthcare

On January 17, 2019, the Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Class of 2019 participated in the fifth of nine educational sessions for the 2018-19 LSM Executive Program - Healthcare. Sponsored by The Chesapeake-Potomac Healthcare Alliance, this one-day event began with a panel discussion on healthcare challenges in Southern Maryland. The discussion featured presentations by representatives from Calvert Health System, University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center, and MedStar St. Mary's Hospital. The morning also included speakers from Walden Behavioral Health and Health Partners, Inc.

Following a tour of Health Partners' Waldorf facility, the class boarded a bus and headed to Recovery Centers of America Maryland Center for Addiction Treatment. There they learned how the center goes about its mission "to save one million lives, one neighborhood at a time." After a behind-the-scenes tour at the treatment facility, the Class of 2019 traveled to Sagepoint Senior Living Services for an up-close look at the services they offer to seniors. While at Sagepoint, the class was given the unique opportunity to participate in a dementia exercise that demonstrated the challenges faced by those coping with memory loss and sensory issues.

The healthcare session also included

presentations by Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home Executive Director, Sharon Murphy and Melwood Veteran Services Outreach Program Manager, Travis Rahill. Both speakers shed light on some of the programs and services available to veterans in the region. A panel discussion on public and community health issues capped off the day and featured the health officers from Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties. The opioid epidemic, infectious diseases, and the role health departments play in educating the public were just some of the topics covered by the panel.

Leadership Southern Maryland is a nine-month tuition-based program that educates and inspires a diverse group of current and emerging leaders creating opportunities for collaborations and partnerships impacting the community needs of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties ensuring a cross-section of the region including diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity and gender. Applications for the Class of 2020 are being accepted through April 1, 2019.

For more information, please contact Denise Foster, Executive Director, Leadership Southern Maryland, 301-862-7663, via email denise@leadershipsomd.org or visit www.leadershipsomd.org

Press Release from LSM



Members of the Class of 2019 gear up for an exercise at Sagepoint Senior Living Services to gain a better sense of the challenges faced by seniors with dementia.

Pink & Blue Benefit Raises Funds for Cancer Programs



Members of the Old South Pink and Blue Committee joined the CalvertHealth Foundation and oncology team to present a check from their fundraising event. Pictured from left to right are: CalvertHealth Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Heithaus, Foundation member Amber Carroll, Dr. Bilal Ahmed, Old South member Margaret Owens, Foundation Board member Dr. Ramona Crowley Goldberg, Old South member Beverly Ingraham, Pink and Blue Co-Chairs Dr. Duncan Frazer and Sue Dippel, Vice President Kasia Sweeney, Old South member George Kalas III, Dr. Kenneth Abbott, Dr. Arati Patel, and CalvertHealth Foundation Associate Vice President Theresa Johnson.

The 9th Annual Pink and Blue committee recently presented a check to CalvertHealth Foundation and its oncology team in the amount of \$23,500. The event, held in late 2018 at Old South Country Club in Lothian, celebrated the life of the Honorable Robert Mason and raised \$47,000 for breast and prostate cancer programs at CalvertHealth Medical Center and Anne Arundel Medical Center with proceeds split between the two hospitals. Since it began, the popular charity event has raised more than \$375,000.

First held in 2010, the Pink and Blue event, which includes golf, tennis and a 5K, was created by the Old South Women's Golf Association (OSWGA) and the Old South Charitable Trust to honor and pay tribute to members who have passed away due to cancer.

This year's event was dedicated to Robert "Bob" Mason, 79, a retired Prince George's County Circuit Judge, who

passed away in June after a courageous battle with cancer. Following his service in the US Marine Corps, he pursued a career in public service, which included serving as a Maryland Assistant State's Attorney, Juvenile Court Master and District Court Judge. He was also a professor of legal studies at Prince George's Community College and was actively involved in the Bowie Boys and Girls Club.

Due to the ongoing support by Old South, its members, friends and many generous sponsors, approximately 95 percent of all monies raised go directly to cancer programs and equipment at CalvertHealth Medical Center (CHMC) and Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC). Old South donates the use of the club for the tournament free of charge. They do it in support of their loved ones and the community they serve.

Proceeds from the Pink and Blue tournament have

helped CalvertHealth expand patient education and nurse navigation programs, enhance survivorship offerings and purchase equipment including new clinical recliners for patients receiving chemotherapy.

Last year's Pink and Blue donation was used to enhance the medical center's breast genetic testing and prostate nurse navigator programs. This year's funds will offer continued support for cancer support services, including nurse navigation services for both breast and prostate cancers as well as a special education program for primary care doctors on the changing recommendations about prostate cancer screening and management of high-risk patients.

"Our vision is to bring quality cancer care close to home," said CalvertHealth President and CEO Dean Teague. "Thanks to the efforts of Old South Country Club and the proceeds from the Pink and Blue tournament, we can come closer to fulfilling this goal. We are extremely grateful for the continued support to help us meet the needs of our community struggling with cancer."

We want to thank all our sponsors, including Masters Cup Sponsors Beverly Ingraham and Claims Bridge High Performance Network. Thank you to our Ryder Cup Sponsors Anne Arundel Medical Center; CalvertHealth Medical Center; L. R. Willson & Sons, Inc. and Tim and Cindy Parlett. Thank you to our 5-K Sponsors Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County and Chaney Enterprises. Lastly, thanks to our Tennis Sponsors Marty and Brandi Hanback; Sue Dippel/ Dippel & Co., Inc and Rosemary and Pat Keffer.

For more information on the annual tournament and on Old South Country Club, visit www.oldsouthcountryclub.org.

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HEB Scholars Program Kicks Off

Goal to Find Classroom Role Models



"I asked him: On a scale of 1 to 10, how was the event, and before I could finish, he immediately said: 10!" This statement came from educator and mom, Teneka Adams, whose son was describing the kickoff of the Harriet Elizabeth Brown Scholars Program, on January 12, at the Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center in Prince Frederick.

Adams, along with several other parents, mentors, and community-partners, attended the long-awaited kickoff of the program that mentors and informs youth on careers in education. According to Tia Myers, another attendee and chairperson of the Mentoring Partnership of Calvert County, "this program is needed and is well on its way to becoming a great opportunity for youth in Calvert County!" She added: "The kickoff of the HEB Scholars Program was fantastic!"

"Our scholars learn about the educational profession and chart the disciplines needed to build careers and character, said Terrell Williams, an engineer and HEB mentor. "They are truly on a journey to discover more about themselves."

"We're offering probing education modules. And, we're conducting exercises in genetics and genealogy from the Penn State and Harvard University 'Find Your Roots- the Seedling' program, where our scholars explore life, its origin, and how they fit-in. As exploring scientists, our scholars' first exercises was extracting and revealing human DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid)," the local businessman added.

The kickoff featured a unique approach in achieving learning objectives, beginning with educator, entrepreneur, and music extraordinaire, Josh Davies. The very talented Davies, who's also Minister of Music at Zion Church and CEO of Netra Entertainment, shared the essence of success: "having a passion and finding your 'Why,'" Davies said.

"For a long time, I thought it (my pas-

sion and Why) was in law enforcement," Davies offered. "But, as my parents pushed me towards music, after a while I found it allowed me to live out my dreams."

In an upbeat, high-energy teaching exercise to arrange original music, the scholars experienced Davies' passion. "God gives everybody a mission, and this is mine. This is what I do! I travel, write and produce for singers and rappers, and create music videos," according to the youthful musician.

"Next, the scholars, moved into the only program of its kind in Maryland, ProTEAM, a youth-centric teacher training curriculum specifically designed to expand the pool of minority and male students in education," according to Williams. "Our College of Southern Maryland mentors, Desmond Creek (education major) and Wilbur Robinson (engineering major), led the scholars through the educational activities of discovery, exploring the personal aspects of their names and what influences their decision-making," he added.

As the education modules ended, the scholars plunge into a new world of undersea shark feeding, under the tutelage of Master Diver Mark Odom. "Some went peacefully, Odom said, except for one, Scholar Aaron McCready who very candidly spoke: 'I'm staying on the shore and not getting in that water with any sharks!'"

The scholars, along with McCready, were all experiencing the journey through Odom's video from a recent Caribbean scuba diving excursion, Williams said.

A law enforcement officer by trade, Odom said: "During the day, I work on finding bombs, but diving is my passion. I like sharing it to expose the hidden beauty of the sea. Even though I've dived around the world, my desire is to broaden appreciation of scuba diving within the community."

"As the fast-paced, first-of-its-kind kickoff came to an end, the scholars had learned scientific methods, looked into the building blocks of life, and studied the most important person in their world- themselves," said Evelyn Sexton-Wiggins, executive director of Remnant Center of Excellence, Inc. "The HEB is a different experience, having grown from grassroots' concerns about the dwindling diversity in our schools (a 40% loss of African American teachers since 2006). Looking back, this has been so rewarding and now it's even community-supported."

Submitted article

Schools to be Open on President's Day

Calvert Board of Ed Approves Calendar Change

The Board of Education of Calvert County Public Schools approved the Superintendent's request to make Monday, February 18, 2019, a school day for students. This day will make up for the school closure on January 14, 2019, that occurred as a result of inclement weather.

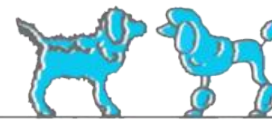
The parent conference and professional development day, currently scheduled on February 18 for 10-month employees, will move to

June 13, 2019. Schools will work with families to schedule conferences at alternate times.

Tuesday, February 19, 2019, was previously established as a student day to make up for a school day lost in December.

Other calendar changes may be necessary if inclement weather necessitates more school closures.

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The 'Big Conversation'

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Big Conversation keeps getting bigger. In its ninth year and for its seventh event, the community dialogue moved from its former home at Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish Hall in Lusby to larger quarters at Patuxent High School (PHS). Several hundred people attended the event.

This year the "Community-Wide Civil Conversation on Dismantling Racism" focused on "Progress and Challenges in Our Schools." The seven speakers in the opening session talked about that issue and then the dialogue continued in breakout session spread on throughout the school.

Big Conversation Chairperson Diane Davies credited a Patuxent High School group called "A Place at the Table" headed by teacher Steve Jenkins for their assistance in putting on the event Jan. 27, delayed two weeks because of the snow.

Davies said, "Middleham and St. Peter's Parish began the conversation because we perceived the need for an opportunity in Southern Maryland to discuss national issues in a Southern Maryland context, to have a civil dialogue, with all points of view." Over the years they tackled immigration and Maryland Dream Act, veterans and their families, healthcare inequality, guns and gun violence.

Davies said, "From our studies and these conversations, we came to realize that what was behind many of these issues was important. — the elephant in the room, racism." She noted: "When it comes to racism, there is much more about each other we don't know, than we know. We live in our own bubbles, in our own siloes and we rarely have the opportunity to share our personal experiences with each other and with those who are not exactly like us."

Guest speakers in the opening session were Calvert County Board of Education member Pamela Cousins, School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry, retired teacher and former state school board member Guffrie Smith, retired educator and former St. Mary's Country NAACP president Janice Walthour, Retired Army Colonel William Wiggins, a member of the Closing the Gap Coalition, and two PHS students., senior Bernard Wood and sophomore Josh Martinez.

All the panelists were asked to address what educational equity meant to them. Cousins said, "Current definition of educational equity is to ensure that appropriate academic social and economic supports are in place for the student in all academic, cocurricular and extracurricular programs."

Cousins said the school system's challenge to meet all student's needs is that it can't be done "without the proper policy, procedure, governance and accountability."

Curry said students need to be looked at "as individuals and indeed they are unique. And that isn't just the social and emotional concerns that we worry about? But we also need to look at ethnicity and family structure, bound with race, religion, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status. So, it's a combination of looking at all things that the child brings, and these characteristics are important, and you have to make sure that you relate to that person, that child, that when you think of what's fair, what's right for all of us."

Curry admitted that some teachers didn't see problems as equity but simply as "underachieving." He said teachers like Jenkins are role models for other teachers.

Smith presented a state perspective on the issue, including discussing the prospect for change from the Kirwan Commission. He noted that every school system is required to have an equity policy that insures diversity and inclusiveness.

Professional development is part of the requirements, he said, He noted, "They must have ways of evaluating what they have done. Everything needs to be looked through with an educational, with an Equity Lens."

Libraries are also a focus of the state's equity oversight, Smith said. "They're looking at what's in the libraries in the school and some of these things are not appropriate and they want to look at getting rid of some books."

Regarding the school systems' cultural competency training, Smith said, "Presently there's an online training for diversity awareness staff so students grow. Our district equity leadership team, or DELT, has been in existence for several years, but it's been rather hit or miss as far as getting together and trying to move forward on some objectives. Leadership has been inconsistent."

He said that one of the inconsistencies of racial equity in the schools was lowered expectations by some teachers for work done by minorities, as was mentioned by Dr. Curry.

Walthour said there were programs addressing minority achievement in St. Mary's County Public Schools, but "as time went on the compliance for making sure that these things have to be done went away."

St. Mary's Country School Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith was in the audience along with Calvert County Board of Education Chairperson Dawn Balinski, but they did not participate with the panel. Walthour said, "We've

"Equity means that you can give resources to the child who needs it and you may have to give those children more resources and that in itself is going to cost some money."

- Retired educator Guffrie Smith

Those policies, he said, require school systems to "identify and utilize resources in an equitable manner." He added, "Equity means that you can give resources to the child who needs it and you may have to give those children more resources and that in itself is going to cost some money."

been working on that (minority achievement) with the superintendent to bring those numbers up." The gap has closed by about 10 percent, she said.

Walthour added progress won't be made, "Until we all come together and realize that it's going to take everybody working together and we do have some work to be done."

"I think if you look at what is happening today in our country, you see how all parts aren't working, so I'd like to see us continue to work."

Williams noted that white students have a 92 percent chance of getting a teacher that looks like them, but black students only have an eight percent chance.

Williams said of the desire for black students to have more black teachers, "They feel that they would have a better connection. "The solutions to the problems, he said, need to be systemic.

Senior Bernard Wood said, "It's a two-way street. So, it has to be from both the teacher and the student to make that connection. And I think that here at the top or here in Calvert County, I think that the teachers over the years have gotten better at doing that. Trying to make a connection with every student and not just students that they feel that they would have a better connection with."

Wood caused quite a stir by telling of a situation in which "To Kill a Mockingbird," the classic about race relations in the South was being taught. When the discussion got to a controversial section it started to get out of hand and the teacher had to call for outside help to handle it.

Sophomore Josh Martinez said, "Even to this day in my sophomore year I still see a white teacher focusing more on the white student." He said he had his biggest academic



Big Conversation panelists, l to r, Janice Walthour, Guffrie Smith, Dr. Daniel Curry and Pamela Cousins.

Tackles School Equity

accomplishment so far in a class taught by a black teacher.

The panelists felt there needed to be a more comprehensive and inclusive approach to history, incorporating black history throughout, instead as the senior said, taking a pause for two weeks in U.S. history to teach black history.

After the panel spoke for more than an hour, the attendees broke into 20 groups with facilitators largely from the Calvert and St. Mary's mediation centers. After about an hour the facilitators reported back to the full session. One facilitator gave this succinct report that largely captured the flavor of the other break-out sessions:

Martin Luther King was not the only black person in America.

- Big Conversation break-out session talking about teaching black history.

"We believe teachers should do more and give equal opportunity and equal attention to all students without violence, without color and without economic status.

"We believe administration should provide training and accountability for all teachers and staff.

"We believe recruiting efforts should be reviewed and revised to recruit minority teachers with passion and expertise.

"We believe that we should come together at elections about those who feel the same way our communities do? We must hold each other accountable.

"We believe that differentiated instruction from K to 12 should be implemented in all schools.

"One more. We believe that mentorship programs should be consistent and committed and in place at all of our students."

Here is a sampling of some of the other reports from the facilitators:

Policy needs to translate into the administration needs for principals accountable to enact the things that are in the policy. There's a sense of that is not happening.

We need to recruit more minority staff. Need to find ways to have an economic incentive to bring them in.

In terms of a call to action, that's going to be united. The call to action for volunteering, especially among the minority African American community.

The stereotypes of what's expected of how we expect our teachers to be and also how we expect black people to be. What does a black person do; why would that be addressed? People as talking white or doing white things. So even the stereotypes that we have within minority communities also need to be addressed as well.

How are we treating our minority teachers and why is it that they leave the county? What can be done to retain them? And, made sure that they stay and be a part of our community.

We need to have an external entity actually do exit interviews for the teachers to get an unbiased view from the teachers.

We need to understand other people's history. Martin Luther King was not the only black person in America. We felt very strongly that there were other people in American history that we could take lessons from and that Martin Luther King wasn't the only person that the school system is confined to talk about.

Just being more inclusive when we have conversations.

We all have biases, but for those who directly impact our kids, how do we address that bias and then hold them

accountable and our teachers really hearing the students because we heard that students are going to the teachers but they're responding in a different way. So how do we help them? That's around the professional development that keeps being mentioned over and over again.

We heard a lot of terms, we had a lot of conversation around equity. How do we help each other to get on the same page about what those terms mean so that we can continue in the direction that we want to achieve in various areas and we want to achieve for our students?

The need for economic diversity and more affordable

tem (is needed). I guess a lot of people agree with that.

We need to show up. We need to speak up. We need to have accountability from top to bottom for levels of productivity that are measured and rewarded for good performance. There needs to be equitable hiring processes and we need to give students the resources that they need based on their individual ingredients.

A young, black high school student in our group was asked if he could cite any examples of positive progress in school. He shared that more than in the past he feels like help is available.

The importance of role models.

Finding ways to reach people through the media because it's going to be very hard to get those folks off our cell phones.

A student survey would be helpful to find out... what's really going on in the schools

We need to get more community members involved in monitoring and measuring the progress on the equity initiatives.

Middleham and Sr. Peter's Assistant Rector Sarah Akes-Cardwell closed the day with a prayer: "I want you all to just look around for a second. Look at the people beside you. in front of you. Just take a minute. I want to say from all that has been today and the efforts that have come together to pull this off in the many years of efforts that I've learned about this, thank you. And, so, what will be coming from this "Yes" and hope that we will all find something that we can say Yes to any closing."

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Most Awarded Bluegrass Band Makes Annual Local Appearance!

Jay Armsworthy and the Sons of the American Legion Post 238 in Hughesville on Sunday, Feb. 10 will feature the second performance in the Bluegrass series. The most requested Bluegrass band to ever perform in the series, Russell Moore & IIIrd Tyme Out, returns for another year. The show starts at 2:00 pm.

The International Bluegrass Music Association's (IBMA) most awarded Male Vocalist of the Year (five-time career), Russell Moore, is truly at the top of his game. Fronting one of the most popular bands in bluegrass history; Russell Moore & IIIrd Tyme Out are also one of the genres most awarded and influential groups in modern day bluegrass, having set an industry standard for over 27 years. Joined by four unequivocally talented musicians with Wayne Benson on mandolin, Keith McKinnon on banjo, Jerry Cole on bass, and Nathan Aldridge on fiddle, this band continues to bring fresh music to the ears, while staying true to the tradition that has made them an industry favorite for a quarter century. They have recorded 18 albums including Timeless Hits From The Past Bluegrass, released exclusively in Cracker Barrel Old Country Store,

and among Billboard's Top 5 Selling Albums of 2013. They reached a new career milestone with their latest self-produced album, It's About Tyme, which has been the fastest charting album in the band's history, making its debut on the National Bluegrass Survey's Top 15 Albums at #2 climbing to #1 the next month where it remained for an unprecedented SIX consecutive months! As journalist Jon Weisberger recently stated, "...it's more than just longevity that gets Russell Moore's name out front. The man is, to put it simply, one of the finest singers you'll ever hear, and he makes it seem positively effortless

The doors open at Noon at the American Legion with food available for sale by the Sons of the American Legion. The show starts at 2:00 pm and tickets are available at the door for \$20.00 per person, under the age of 12 admitted free with a paid adult. Although not required, non-perishable food donations will be collected for the Helping Hands Food Pantry of Southern Maryland. For more information on the show, please call 301-737-3004 or visit the website at www.americanlegionbluegrass.com.



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Super Bowl Trivia

New England Patriots vs. Los Angeles Rams

The odds - New England is favored by 2.5 points. The Rams tied with New Orleans for having the best record in the NFL. The over-under - the predetermined prediction of total points scored in a game - is 58.

Halftime entertainment - Maroon 5, Travis Scott and Big Boi are performing.

Musical interlude - Most of the early halftime performers were marching bands and musical salutes. It wasn't until 1991, when New Kids on the Block performed, that pop acts began to play on a regular basis. Also: Super Bowl halftime performers are not paid. Exposure is the sought-after prize

Tickets - One online seller was averaging \$4,863 per seat. That's down \$1,000 from a year ago at the same time.

National Anthem - Gladys Knight will sing the National Anthem. The over-under proposition bet on how long it will take her to sing the anthem is 1 minute, 47 seconds.

Coin toss - The pregame coin toss has landed on tails 27 times and heads 25 times. (New England is 3-7 in tosses.) Super Bowl winners have won the toss 24 of 52 times.

Get out your wallet - On Jan. 22, StubHub had an eBay listing for a pair of tickets going for \$99,202.50. So if your budget is \$100,000, you're in luck.

Ad-ing it up - Variety says a 30-second commercial spot is going for \$5.1 million to \$5.3 million. That works out to \$170,000 to \$176,666 per second. Amazing to think the first Super Bowl brought in \$40,000 per 30 seconds of ad time.

Big viewership - The 2018 game averaged 103.4 million viewers, down from the previous year when it had an average viewership of 111.3 million people.

Lots of angles - CBS is planning on using 115 cameras at Super Bowl LIII. Last year, NBC had 106 cameras at the game.

It was 15 years ago - It was halftime of Super Bowl XXXVIII in 2004 when cameras caught Janet Jackson's infamous breast-baring "wardrobe malfunction" during a performance with Justin Timberlake.

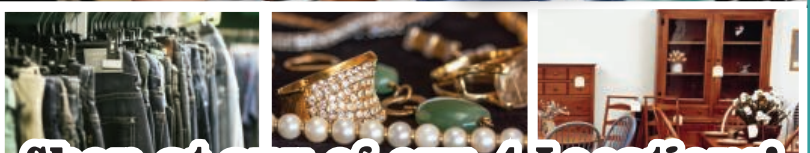
The jerseys - The Rams are the designated home team and will wear "throwback blue jerseys." Yes, Los Angeles is about 2,220 miles from the site of the game, about twice as far as Boston is from Atlanta. But it's an alternated designation. SBNation says designated away teams have won 31 of 52 Super Bowls, with the Patriots going 3-2 when wearing road unis. Also: the only team to wear throwback uniforms in the big game was the San Francisco 49ers in 1995. They won, beating the San Diego Chargers.

Chilling out - Choose the color of liquid (usually Gatorade) that the winning coach will be doused with after the game: Lime/green/yellow (+225), orange (+300), blue (+375), red (+400), clear/water (+400), purple (+1,000).

The teams' Super Bowl history - Patriots: New England is 5-5 in Super Bowls, with none of the games in Atlanta. This is their fourth game in five years and third consecutive. Rams: They lost as the St. Louis Rams in 2002 and won in 2000. In 1980, the Los Angeles Rams lost. Their only win came in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

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Input Sought on White-tailed Deer Management

Four Public Comment Meetings Scheduled



"Doe and Fawn" by Christine Boltz

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment on the state's management of white-tailed deer. The input will be used to help revise the state's deer management plan for the next 15 years, establishing long-term goals, and identifying specific objectives and strategies for achieving them.

Through Feb. 28, the public can provide comments online. The department is also accepting feedback by phone at 410-260-8540; by fax at 410-260-8596; or in writing to: Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife and Heritage Service, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-1, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401. "We look forward to hearing from all citizens interested in one of Maryland's most important wildlife species – the white-

tailed deer," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. "Public input is vital to crafting a well-rounded plan that includes all opinions about deer and how they should be managed."

A brief summary of the current status of white-tailed deer management will be presented at four public meetings, which include:

Southern Region

Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.

College of Southern Maryland

La Plata Campus

Room 113

Business and Industry Building

8730 Mitchell Road

La Plata, Maryland 20646

Press Release from MD DNR

Haussler Signs Pro Soccer Contract



St. Mary's College of Maryland's Zack Haussler, Class of 2018, has signed a contract to play professional soccer for the Harrisburg Heat. Haussler made the squad after impressing coaches at camp and is on the 2018-19 roster. The Heat compete in the Eastern Division of the Major Arena Soccer League (MASL).

"I'm incredibly proud of Zack and his accomplishment," said St. Mary's head men's soccer coach, Alun Oliver '04. "He was a massive part of our program for four years and became one of the best goalkeepers in program history. I wish him all the best with his professional career."

Haussler, a native of Woodbine, Maryland, left his mark as one of the best goalkeepers in St. Mary's men's soccer history. The 6-0 goalkeeper recorded 292 saves, 36 wins, and an 80% save percentage during his four-year career.

Haussler credits much of his success on the field to the SMCM men's soccer program and Coach Oliver. "The SMCM men's soccer program and Coach Oliver were essential to my development as a goalkeeper," stated Haussler. "My growth as a player is a direct result of the quality of each and every one of my teammates as well as my coaching staff. Every training session I was surrounded by players who were not only extremely talented, but who would work harder than anyone I had played with before. In order to keep up with those guys I had to be at my best every day."

Thanks to the SMCM men's soccer culture, Haussler racked up a plethora of honors during his Seahawk career. He was a four-time member of the CAC All-Academic Team, a seven-time CAC Defensive Player of the Week, Second Team

All-CAC selection (2016), First Team All-CAC Selection (2017), and was named to the Scholar All-Region Team.

"Coach Oliver as well as the rest of the coaching staff, inspired all of his players to push themselves to become better athletes on and off the field," Haussler said. "The team became a family under Coach Oliver and teammates became brothers. It was this cohesion that led to my ability to grow as a player and ultimately to my opportunity to play soccer at the next level. I am truly grateful for the impact that St. Mary's, Coach Oliver, and my teammates have had on my life."

Haussler is the fourth member of the men's soccer program to sign a professional contract. Jessie Roberts '93 played a pre-season game with the Arizona Sandsharks and was traded to the Carolina Vipers in the Continental Indoor Soccer League.

He played one year with the Vipers. Ryan Olsen '02 played two seasons (2002 and 2003) with the Northern Virginia Royals of the United Soccer League (USL) Second Division, notching six goals and four assists in 21 games played. Nicholas Tait '17 played one season with the Baltimore Blast of the MASL Eastern Division.

"I am looking forward to experiencing my first season in the MASL with the Harrisburg Heat and to continue learning the game of soccer," Haussler explained. "The goal of my professional career is to reach my full potential as a goalkeeper and play at the highest possible level."

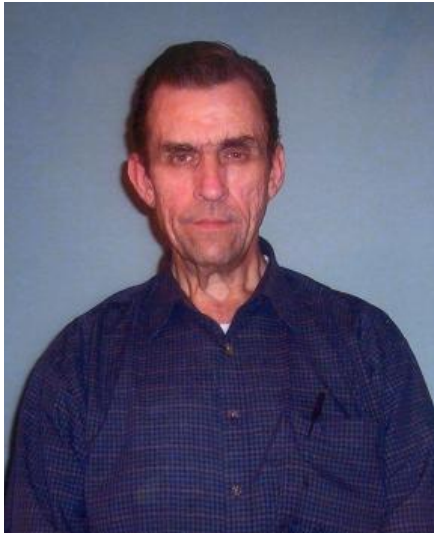
The Harrisburg Heat were founded in the 2012-13 season and compete at the Harrisburg Farm Complex in the Large Arena.

Press Release from SMCM

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John Daniel Powell



John Daniel Powell, 71, of North Beach passed away January 26, 2019 in Prince Frederick. He was born August 31, 1947 in Knoxville, TN to John Daniel, Sr. and Mary Margaret (Raiford) Powell. He was raised in Fredericksburg, VA and was member of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 400, and worked as a butcher and meat cutter at A&P and Magruder's Grocery stores. John moved to Maryland in 1982 and lived in New Carrollton and Laurel. He married Shirley Whittington on July 11, 1982 and they resided in Prince Frederick for 28 years before Shirley passed away in 2010. John has lived in North Beach with his son for the past two years. He loved fishing and was a food connoisseur. He also enjoyed sports and was a Redskins and Nationals fan.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley. He is survived by children Rita M. Meeks and husband Charles of Fredericksburg, VA, Ronald D. Powell of Staunton, VA, Kelly L. Powell of Fredericksburg, VA and Steven D. Powell of North Beach. Also surviving are step children Charles V. "Chuck" Whittington and wife Kim of Deale, Joanne L. Hancock and husband Douglas of Aylett, VA, James A. Whittington and wife Beverly of Dunkirk, Andrew M. Whitting-

ton and wife Kimberly of Owings, and Rosemarie L. Thomas of Chesapeake Beach, 28 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, sisters Betty Barber of Union, OH, Carolyn Moore of Washington, D.C., and Darleen Powell of Union, OH.

Visitation will be Friday, February 1, 2019, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home - Owings 8325 Mount Harmony Lane, Owings MD 2073.6. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Smithville U.M. Church Cemetery, Smithville Drive and Ferry Landing Road, Dunkirk MD 20754

Memorial contributions may be made to Boys Town, 14100 Crawford St., Boys Town NE 68010; website: <https://www.boystown.org>

Samuel Richard Buckmaster



Samuel Richard Buckmaster, Sr. or known as "Sammy", 78, of St. Leonard, MD formerly from Prince Frederick, MD passed away on January 25, 2019 in St. Leonard, MD. Sammy was born in Prince Frederick, MD in January of 1940 to William and Mary Buckmaster. Sammy attended Calvert High School and worked for State Highway Ad-

ministration retiring in June of 1987 with 25 years of service. Sammy was an avid NASCAR fan, he also enjoyed to be outdoors and work in the yard. Another interest of his was reading the local paper to catch up on what was in the news for Calvert County. Sammy is predeceased by his parents William and Mary Buckmaster; he is also predeceased by his siblings Della Pile, John "Bubby" Buckmaster, William Buckmaster, Lucy Buckmaster, and Rose Howard. He is survived by his loving wife Norma Ann Buckmaster, whom he married in Suitland, MD in 1961. He is also survived by his children, Samuel R. Buckmaster, Jr. (Debbie), of Prince Frederick, MD; Gregg M. Buckmaster of Solomons, MD; Ronald W. Buckmaster of Lusby, MD; and Timothy L. Buckmaster (Jennifer) of St. Leonard, MD. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren, Amy Barrett, Michelle Buckmaster, Thomas Buckmaster, Alicia Clarke, Ken Buckmaster, Ryan Buckmaster, and Emily Buckmaster. In addition to children and grandchildren Sammy is survived by his sister Anne Hutchins of Prince Frederick, MD. Pall Bearers for Sammy are Timothy L. Buckmaster, Thomas Buckmaster, Ryan Buckmaster, Brent Parrott, J.D. Denton, Richard McCourt. Donations may be made in memory of Sammy to the St. Leonard Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad.

Funeral Servier will be Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 11 a.m., at Rausch Funeral Home - Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic MD 20676.

Burial will be at Asbury Cemetery, 3700 Hallowing Point Road, Barstow MD 20610

Catherine Rhett Dooley

Catherine Rhett Dooley of Fairhaven, Maryland passed away peacefully on January 25, 2019 after a long battle with cancer. She was 76. During the last two years, Cathy was cared for by a host of loving family members, close friends and dedicated caregivers.

Born on January 14, 1943, Cathy grew



up on Long Island and in Stamford, Connecticut with her two sisters. Cathy was an excellent student at Low Heywood School and Boston University, and later graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in childhood education. She worked for 20 years as a teacher at Calvert Elementary School where she was part of a strong team of fourth and fifth grade teachers who worked tirelessly to provide quality education to all of their students. Upon retirement, Cathy enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren whom she adored. When she couldn't visit them, she sent packages and notes catered to each child's interests and passions, often with Oreo Cookies. Cathy enjoyed gardening, sitting on the beach, playing tennis, holding babies and petting her grand dogs. She was a voracious reader and made weekly pilgrimages to her local library. Her deep-in-the-belly laugh was contagious. Her smart aleck wit popped up at the right moments. Cathy was actively involved in local politics and often wrote letters to congressmen and presidents to express her opinions on the matters of the day. She advocated for women's rights, racial equality, and the environment, especially along her home on the Chesapeake Bay. She inspired people to "march to the beat of a different drummer."

Cathy was preceded in death by her parents Edward and Elizabeth Rhett and a sister Patricia Keating. She is survived by her sister Susan Rhett Mills, and by her children from her former marriage

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to Edward Dooley; daughters Kimberly McCaig (Mark), Nancy Dooley (Reid Treadaway), and son Michael Dooley (Emily). Very dear to her were her grandchildren: Maggie, Colleen, Elijah, Finnegan, William, Sawyer, Saxon and Lincoln; her nieces and nephews: Brooke Mills, Benjamin Mills, Sam Keating and Sarah Keating; and caregivers, especially Helena Alexander; and all of her Fairhaven family and friends.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 16, 2019, 2-3 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home - Owings 8325 Mount Harmony Lane, Owings MD 20736 A Life Celebration Service will follow at 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis TN 38148-0142; website: <http://www.stjude.org>

Clarence "Al" Size



Clarence "Al" Size died peacefully at home in the early morning hours of January 23, 2019 in North Beach, MD at the age of 89. Al was born on April 2, 1929 in Scranton, PA to Aloysius and Mary Size. He graduated from Eastern High School in Washington D.C. From August 8, 1950 to June 4, 1954, Al served in the US Navy as a gunners mate second class, earning The National Service Defense Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean Service Medal. He married Gerry Sauve after meeting in Warflynn Beauty College. From 1957 to 1979, Al was a firefighter for Rescue Squad 2 in Washington DC. Al was a dedicated member of Saint Anthony's Catholic Church in North Beach, MD.

Al is survived by his loving wife of 62 years Geraldine "Gerry" Sauve Size, daughters Victoria "Vicki" Baxter (Gene) of Chesapeake Beach and Valinda "Vinnie" Dodson (Dod) of Reston, VA. Also surviving are 11 grandchil-

dren, 9 great-grandchildren, daughter-in-law Laurie Size of Stevensville and a niece Suzie Kelly (Dennis) of Rosedale, VA. Al was preceded in death by his son Victor Size and grandson Paul Baxter.

Interment will be Monday, February 4, 2019 at 11 a.m. at MD Veterans Cemetery - Cheltenham 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham MD 20623.

Memorial contributions may be made to National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

2130 Priest Bridge Dr. #6, Crofton MD 21114; website: <https://www.firehero.org/> or Calvert Hospic, P.O. Box 838, 238 Merrimac Court, Prince Frederick MD 2067; Phone: 410-535-0892; website: <http://calverthospice.org>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Yvonne M. Campbell



Yvonne M. Campbell, 78, of North Beach passed away January 22, 2019 at Solomons Nursing Center. She was born June 1, 1940 in Pennsylvania to Anthony and Mary (Sefcheck) Reese. Yvonne was raised in Pennsylvania, where she also met her husband Preston Campbell. They were married for 53 years before he passed away October 6, 2011. She and Preston lived in Maryland for 52 years, where they raised their family. She loved being a mother and grandmother.

She is survived by sons Craig Campbell of North Beach, Shawn Campbell of Lusby and Matthew Campbell and wife Nina of North Beach, grandchildren Craig Campbell II, Christian (Rachel), Athena, Alexis, Shawn M. (Trish) and Bryan Campbell, Matthew Tyler (Taylor) and Ryan Campbell, Mark McClosky (Nicole) and Michelle McClosky (Jared), great-grandchildren Camille, Madelyn and Maddox, and sisters Paula Guiles and husband Bryan and Debbie Webster and husband Rick, all of New York.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Jeffrey William "Jeff" Arnheim



Jeffrey William "Jeff" Arnheim, 53, of Huntingtown passed away January 22, 2019 surrounded by family. He was born November 6, 1965 in Maryland to Donald and Shirley (Komsa) Arnheim. Jeff was raised in Lanham and graduated from DeMatha High School. He was the owner and operator of Custom Tile & Marble Works in Huntingtown. Jeff married his wife Bonnie on February 19, 2005 and he lived in Huntingtown for 16 years. Jeff enjoyed salt water fish, trains, dancing, barbequing and cooking, playing guitar and banjo, his dogs Melvin and Lou and vacationing in North Carolina and Virginia Beach. He also enjoyed his square foot vegetable garden and most of all spending time with this family, especially his daughter Angela and his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie Arnheim, daughter Angela Grace Arnheim of Harwood, step children Elizabeth Sloan and husband Paul of Dundalk and Matthew McKnew of Odenton, grandchildren Gavin Nash and Evan McKnew and his mother Shirley Arnheim of Huntingtown. Jeff was preceded in death by his father Donald Arnheim.

Visitation will be on Saturday, February 2, 2019, 10-11 a.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 1250 Emmanuel Church Road, Huntingtown MD 20639. Memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jeff's name may be made to Emmanuel U.M. Church.

P.O. Box 484, Huntingtown MD 2063; Phone : 410-535-3177 or Christ Church 3100 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic MD 20676; Phone : 410-586-0565.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Fred Lewis King

Fred Lewis King, 97, of Solomons, MD passed away on January 19, 2019 at his residence.

Born September 1, 1921 in Providence, RI, he was the son of the late Fred Thomas King and Euda Marion (White) King.

Fred graduated from Central High



School in Minneapolis, MN in 1939 and from Southeastern University in 1958. He married his wife Doris Lillian King at Rosedale Methodist Church in Washington, DC on June 8, 1944. Fred was enlisted in the U.S. Army from 1945 until 1947 serving in Wurtzburg, Germany during WWII. He was a Machinist at the Naval Gun Factory, Washington, DC from 1940-1955. Fred retired from the Goddard Space Flight Center as a Computer Programmer in 1978 after sixteen years of service.

Fred is survived by his children, Nancy King of CO and Russell King of Annandale, VA; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris L. King on March 21, 2009; his siblings, Arthur F. King and Beverly E. Vaughan; his sister-in-law, Burnelle King; and his brother-in-law, James Vaughan.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.

Nancy Kathryn Gott



Nancy Kathryn Gott, 67 of Lusby, Maryland passed away on January 24, 2019 surrounded by family and friends. She was born November 14, 1951 in Marion, Ohio to Clarence and Doris Borg (Cottrell). Nancy was raised in Galion, Ohio and graduated from Galion High School. She joined the United States Army in 1970 and served for three years as a Medical Corpsman and Dental Specialist. Nancy married her husband Edgar Leslie Gott, Jr. on October 14, 1973. They made their home in Bartlett, Tennessee for 30 plus



years where they raised their three children, Erik, Leslie, and Emily. Nancy enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, reading, traveling, entertaining, and visiting with family and friends. She was a member of King's Daughters and Sons, delivered for Meals on Wheels and was involved in many roles in the community and Bartlett United Methodist Church.

Upon her husband's retirement Nancy and Ed moved to Lusby, MD in 2008 where she enjoyed visits from her children and grandchildren. Family was everything to her and loved to entertain and host gatherings for friends and loved ones. She continued to be a part of her church community as member of Solomons United Methodist Church.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Ed of Lusby, Maryland; son Erik (Amber) of Bartlett, Tennessee; daughter Leslie (Shaun Spaid) of Oviedo, Florida, grandchildren, Tyler, Fisher, and Amber; daughter Emily (Nathan Sadowski) of Oak Ridge Tennessee, grandchildren, Sierra (step-daughter), Thaddeus and Theodore. Also, survived by parents, Clarence and Doris Borg and sister Susan Poll. She was preceded by her grandson Thane Sadowski.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with a Memorial Service conducted by Rev. Dottie Yunger following at 11:00 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to donor's choice, some suggestions are:

Solomons United Methodist Church: www.solomonsumchurch.org/online-giving/

International Order of The King's Daughters and Sons: www.iokds.org/donate

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center: annmariegarden.org/annmarie2/node/161

The Calvert Marine Museum: www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

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ation – www.nnpdf.org

Ruth Marie Reynolds



Ruth Marie Reynolds, 80, passed away at her residence in Solomons MD on January 18, 2019. She was born in Portsmouth, Ohio to the late James and Mary Downard and was also preceded in death by her sister Sallie Branscom. She is survived by her husband Jim of 62 years and her two sons Jimmie Jay and wife Annette and Jerry Ray and wife Elaine. Ruth's life was devoted to her husband Jim and raising her two sons. Ruth sang in various choirs and chorales over the course of her life as well as performing solos at weddings of friends and family. She was an expert at cross-stitch, needlepoint, knitting, crocheting and sewing. She loved babies and would hold them at every chance she got.

A reception to honor Ruth and her life will be at the Asbury-Solomons Retirement Community in Solomons MD. on March, 25th ,at 2:00: PM. Her family suggests that memorial contributions be made to your local Hospice or to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund.

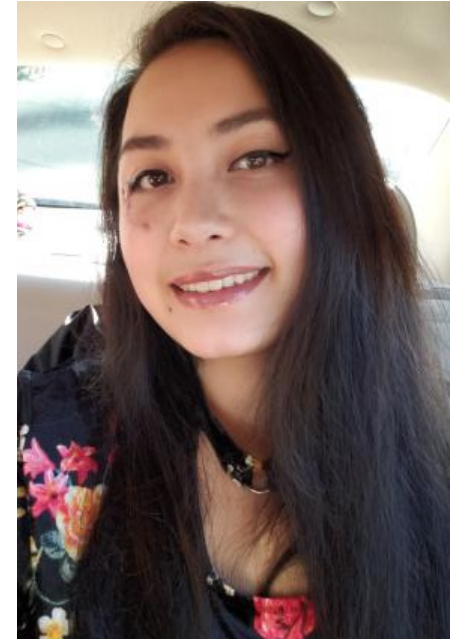
McKenzie "Cierra" Nguyen

McKenzie "Cierra" Nguyen, 19 of Lusby, MD passed away on January 21, 2019 at Prince George's Hospital Center surrounded by her family. She was born on December 7, 1999 in Washington, DC to Pamela Lynn Nguyen and the late Joseph Kirk Nguyen.

Cierra graduated from Patuxent High School, Lusby, MD and went on to be a Sales Associate.

She is survived by her mother, Pamela L. Nguyen, and sister, Sydney Nguyen both of Lusby, MD. She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Kirk Nguyen, and brother, Joseph Edward Kirk Nguyen.

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UPCOMING

Summer Camp

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Chesapeake Beach Water Park

Now taking sign-ups for Orientations for all Positions for 2019 Summer Season. Age 14 and up. To sign up for the Orientation for the position of your choice visit: info@chesapeakebeachmd.gov.

ONGOING

"On Watch" Memorial Statue

The Calvert County Department of General Services is coordinating the annual "On Watch" memorial brick campaign through April 30. The public may purchase bricks (\$100/ea., tax deductible) to memorialize those who served our country during World War II. They will be placed at the Veterans Patio, located at the World War II "On Watch" Memorial Statue in Dowell. Learn more: Melinda Donnelly at 410-535-1600, ext. 2565. Applications for memorial bricks: www.calvertcountymd.gov/onwatch

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.

Thursday, January 31

Indoor Labyrinth

Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 10210 HG Trueman Road, Lusby
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

An opportunity to walk the Indoor Labyrinth on your own. Handouts available with information on how to walk the labyrinth. Assistance available. Enter the double doors in Smith Hall. All Are Welcome.

Zumba Gold-Toning

Sunderland Elementary School
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Focus is on muscle conditioning, balance, range of motion and coordination in a party atmosphere. If you love to dance, this is the fitness class for you. All fitness levels welcome; no experience is necessary. Register: Calvert County Parks & Recreation 410-535-1600x8200.

Friday, February 1

Free MAC Lab Tours

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, 10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard
1:00 PM
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. Reservations Ed Chaney 410-586-8554 or email: ed.chaney@maryland.gov. www.jefpat.org

Jack's Famous Baked Chicken Dinner

American Legion, Chesapeake Beach
5:30 to 7:00 PM

In the lower level dining room. \$12 includes all the trimmings and beverage. Public Welcome. 410-257-9878. www.ALpost206.org

Barn Owls of the Patuxent River

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Nature Center, 2880 Grays Road, Prince Frederick
7:30 - 9:00 PM

The marshes of the Patuxent are important habitats for one of Maryland's most endangered owls. Learn how the nest box project is working to help with our conservation efforts. Free. 410-535-5327. www.calvert-parks.org

Saturday & Sunday, February 2 & 3

CBOCS Community Mural 2.0

Northeast Community Center
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Community mural painting by over 200 students from Beach Elementary. Other features include a petting zoo, a silent auction of paintings by "Student" artists and a "Shark Tank" presentation by the Beach Elementary entrepreneur club mentored by seniors from Northern High School.

Saturday, February 2

Valentine Maker's Market

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
13470 Dowell Rd., Solomons
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

From jewelry to leather goods, the market has thoughtful and unique gifts for all the special people in your life! Admission is free! 410-326-4640. www.annmariegarden.org

Beach Zumba Gold-Toning

NorthEast Community Center, Chesapeake Beach
9:00 - 10:00 AM

Focus on muscle conditioning, balance, range of motion and coordination -all in a party atmosphere. All fitness levels welcome; no experience is necessary. Register: Calvert County Parks & Recreation 410-535-1600x8200.

Pitch In For Baseball

Northeast Community Center, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

In honor of Jackie Robinson's 100th Birthday, we are holding our 1st Annual Baseball/Softball Equipment Drive. Donate any equipment you have lying around and let's help out our future superstars. 410-535-1600 ext. 8210

Texas Holdem and Cash Games

Julie Rogers Studio of Dance, 4120 Old Town Road Huntingtown
7:00 PM

Benefit the Patricia Leone Rogers Educational Scholarship Fund. Doors open 6:00. Buy in \$80. Early registration before 6:45 gets extra chips. Food, beer and sodas included!

Sunday, February 3

Firehouse Zumba Gold-Toning

Dunkirk Firehouse, Ward Road, Dunkirk
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Focus on muscle conditioning, balance, range of motion and coordination -all in a party atmosphere. All fitness levels welcome; no experience is necessary. Drop in \$5. Ask about discounts. Active duty first responders free. 301-520-2338

Tuesday, February 5

Groundhog Day

Harriet Brown Community Center, 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick
10:00 - 10:45 AM

Ages 1½ - 6 find out if the groundhog saw his shadow. Make a craft. Learn all things Groundhog Day! Free. 410-535-7080.

Steak Night

American Legion Stallings Williams Post 206, 3330 Chesapeake Beach Road East on Route 260
5:30 - 7:00 PM

Order your steak directly from the Grill-Master and you get what you order. \$17 includes sides, salad, beverage, and roll. Public welcome. 410-257-9878. www.ALpost206.org

Zumba Toning Tuesday

Mt. Hope Community Ctr., 104 Pushaw Station Rd, Sunderland
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Focus on muscle conditioning, balance, range of motion and coordination -all in a party atmosphere. All fitness levels welcome; no experience is necessary. Register Calvert County Parks & Recreation, 410-535-1600 x8200.

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, February 6

Book Discussion

Lotus Kitchen, 14618 Solomons Island Road, Solomons
6:30-8:30pm.

Recurring monthly book discussion. This month's book is "The Nix" by Nathan Hill. 410-326-5289.

Calvert LIBRARY Events

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Thursday, January 31

How to Navigate eMaryland Marketplace with Success. 7:00-8:30pm. Cristen Ervin of eMaryland will present the following: understanding NIGP commodity/service codes, searching for bid opportunities, updating the company profile, eMM resources, and tips and tricks for bidding on county government opportunities. Partnership with Calvert County Department of Economic Development. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Friday, February 1

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.

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 résumé help, search for jobs and connect with Southern Maryland JobSource. No registration. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Saturday, February 2

Garden Smarter: Gardening in a Changing World. 10:00-11:30am. Learn how to help heal the planet one garden at a time & adapt your garden to the changing climate. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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, February 4

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, February 5

Veteran Services Liaison. 9:00-12:00pm. Representative from DLLR will be available to answer questions and provide resources for veterans looking for job search help. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Writers by the Bay @ the Library. 7:00-8:30pm. Looking for a writers' group? All

writers and would-be writers are welcome to come for critique & camaraderie. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Wednesday, February 6

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.

Book Discussion - (Lotus Cafe). 6:30-8:30pm. Recurring monthly book discussion held at Lotus Cafe. This month's book is *The Nix* by Nathan Hill. Lotus Kitchen, 14618 Solomons Island Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Thursday, February 7

Shake It Out. 10:30-11:00am. Shake It Out Music and Movement will create a rich environment that promotes social, emotional and physical skills. Come join us for some shake'n fun. An adult must accompany child. We now have text reminders. If you would like to get reminders about certain special events for this class, text @ shakeitso to the number 81010. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Résumé and Cover Letter Workshop. 1:00-3:00pm. Need help with your résumé? Join job counselor Sandra Holler in a small group to learn what makes a strong résumé 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.

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Teen Movie Club! My Neighbor Totoro. 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.

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

AARP Tax-Aide Program

Certified Tax-Aide Counselors will be available Monday, February 4 through Friday, April 12, 2019 to prepare individual federal and state tax returns at no cost or low-to-moderate income senior citizens aged 50-plus. You do not have to be an AARP member. All individuals on the return must be present and provide identification (SSN card and photo ID). Senior centers will begin taking calls Monday, January 28. Please call for more information. Calvert Pines, 410-535-4606, North Beach, 410-257-2549, Southern Pines, 410-586-2748.

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)

Michael Kent, the Local NAACP Chapter President will tell us about Calvert County's Black History, Friday February 8, 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a delicious Baked Ziti dinner, and dance the evening away at our Valentine Dinner Dance, Wednesday, February 13, 4:30 p.m., Entertainer: Bruce Thomas. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$15.

North Beach Senior Center (NBSC)

Join us for Crafting with Karla, Tuesday, February 12, 10 a.m. Karla will show you how to easily create a festive wreath for your favorite Valentine. All supplies included. Fee: \$5. Pre-registration required.

Spread some joy as we paint rocks as part of the Kindness Rocks Project, Wednesday, February 6, 11 a.m. Be an encouragement to someone else.

Southern Pines Senior Center (SPSC)

Make beautiful pottery works of art with Pour-a-Pot. Thursday, February 7, 10:30 a.m. Fee: \$2. Register in the front office.

Learn all about what is a "Senior Companion", Wednesday, February 13, 11 a.m. Learn about this program which helps provide assistance and friendship to seniors who have difficulty with daily living. This program aims to keep seniors independent longer, and provide assistance to family caregivers.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, February 4

Beef Stew, Tossed Salad w/ Dressing, Broccoli, Yeast Roll, Pineapple

Tuesday, February 5

5-Spice Chicken, Parslied New Potatoes, Zucchini & Tomatoes, Dinner Roll, Peaches

Wednesday, February 6

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Seasoned Kale, Baked Apple Slices

Thursday, February 7

Tuna Fish Sandwich, Lima Bean Soup, Lettuce & Tomato Slices, Coleslaw, Pickled Beets, Citrus Fruit Cup

Friday, February 8

Sweet & Sour Pork, Brown Rice, Spinach, California Blend, Dinner Roll, Pineapple

Lunches are served to seniors, aged 60-plus, and their spouses through Title III 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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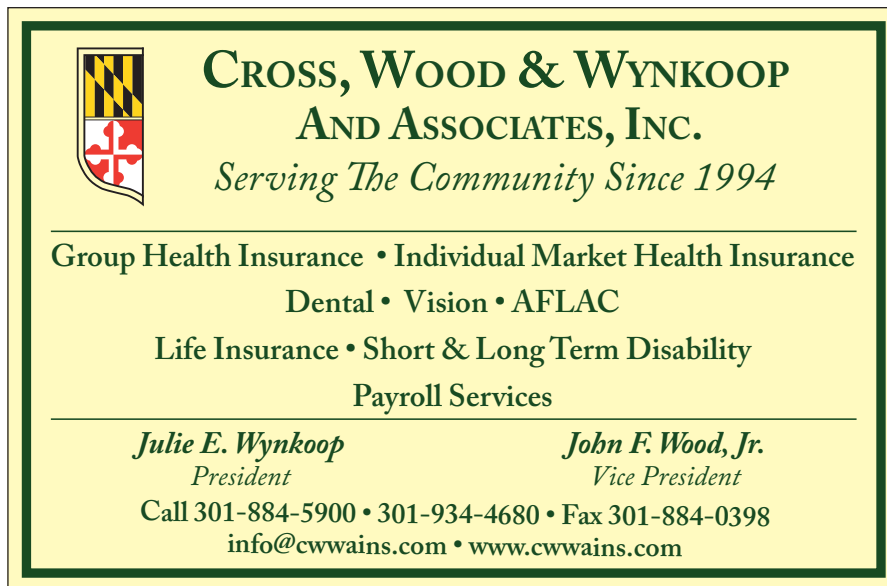
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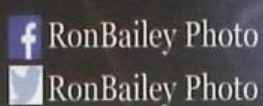
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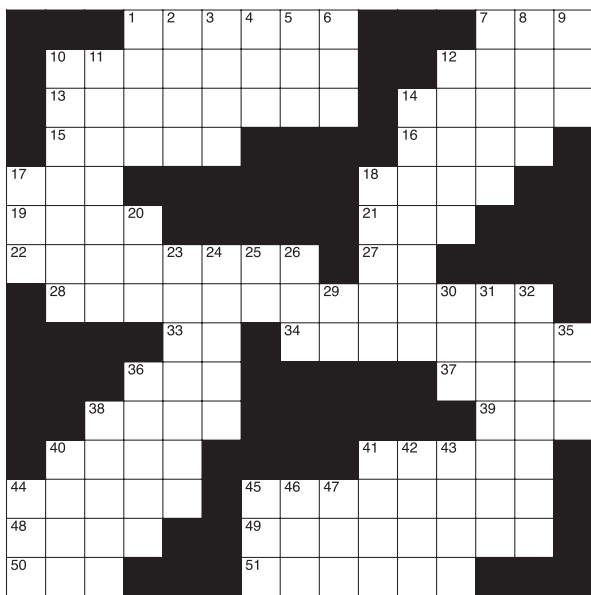
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Fun & GAMES



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Holds candles
- 7. In possession of
- 10. Rodents
- 12. Type of cofactor (Brit. sp.)
- 13. Hard candy on a stick
- 14. Animal of the weasel family
- 15. Things that should not be overlooked
- 16. "Silence" author
- 17. Dried, split lentils
- 18. People native to Ghana
- 19. Barros and Gasteyer are two
- 21. British thermal

- unit
- 22. Large oblong hall
- 27. Ethnic group in Asia
- 28. Holiday decoration
- 33. Milliliter
- 34. Open
- 36. Health physics concept (abbr.)
- 37. Tantric meditation
- 38. Where golf games begin
- 39. Birth swine
- 40. Rip
- 41. Remove
- 44. Puts together in time
- 45. Rotary engines
- 48. Skeletal structure

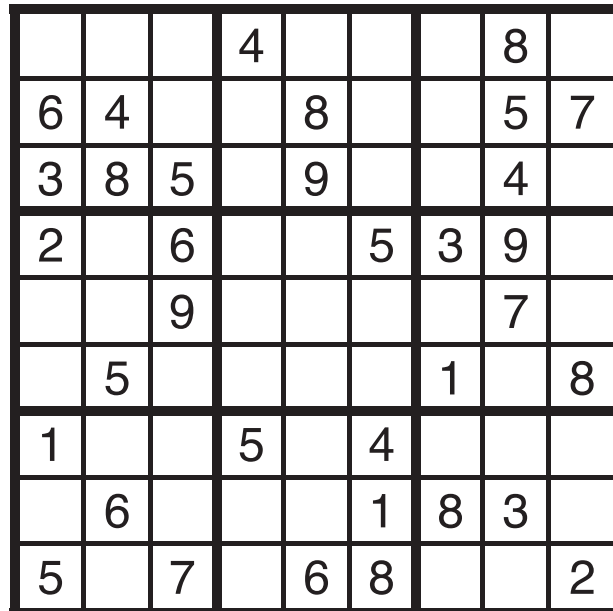
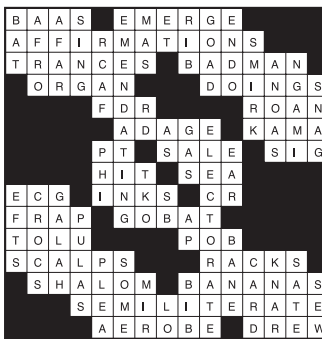
- 49. Member of a labor organization
- 50. Japanese classical theater
- 51. Undergarments

CLUES DOWN

- 1. "Snake Tales" cartoonist
- 2. Religious group
- 3. Singer Redding
- 4. ___ and tuck
- 5. Head honcho
- 6. Second sight
- 7. Composer
- 8. About aviation
- 9. Senior officer
- 10. Forecasts weather
- 11. Seasoned Hungarian soup
- 12. Town in Hesse, Germany
- 14. Thought to derive from meteorites
- 17. Hit lightly
- 18. Seemingly bottomless chasm
- 20. Title of respect
- 23. Warms up
- 24. Man and Wight are two
- 25. Type of scan
- 26. Atomic mass unit

- 29. Article
- 30. Incriminate
- 31. Passes by
- 32. Most nerve-inducing
- 35. David Alan Grier sitcom
- 36. Achieve
- 38. Freshwater fish
- 40. Beginner
- 41. Dark brown or black
- 42. A newlywed wears one
- 43. DiFranco and Vardanyan are two
- 44. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 45. Ancient Egyptian King
- 46. Old name (abbr.)
- 47. Brazilian city (slang)

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



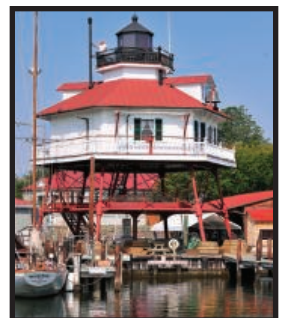
Cheesy Word Find

Find the words hidden in the puzzle.

- BLOCK
- CHEESE
- CHUNK
- CREAMY
- HARD
- MELTED
- SALTY
- SHREDDED
- SLICES
- SOFT
- TASTY
- TOPPING

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 S N K W F A S Y Y X L D
 E L I Z O S E F T O F Y
 S C I P S T E R C L Q X
 Z Q Y C P Y H K L Y A D
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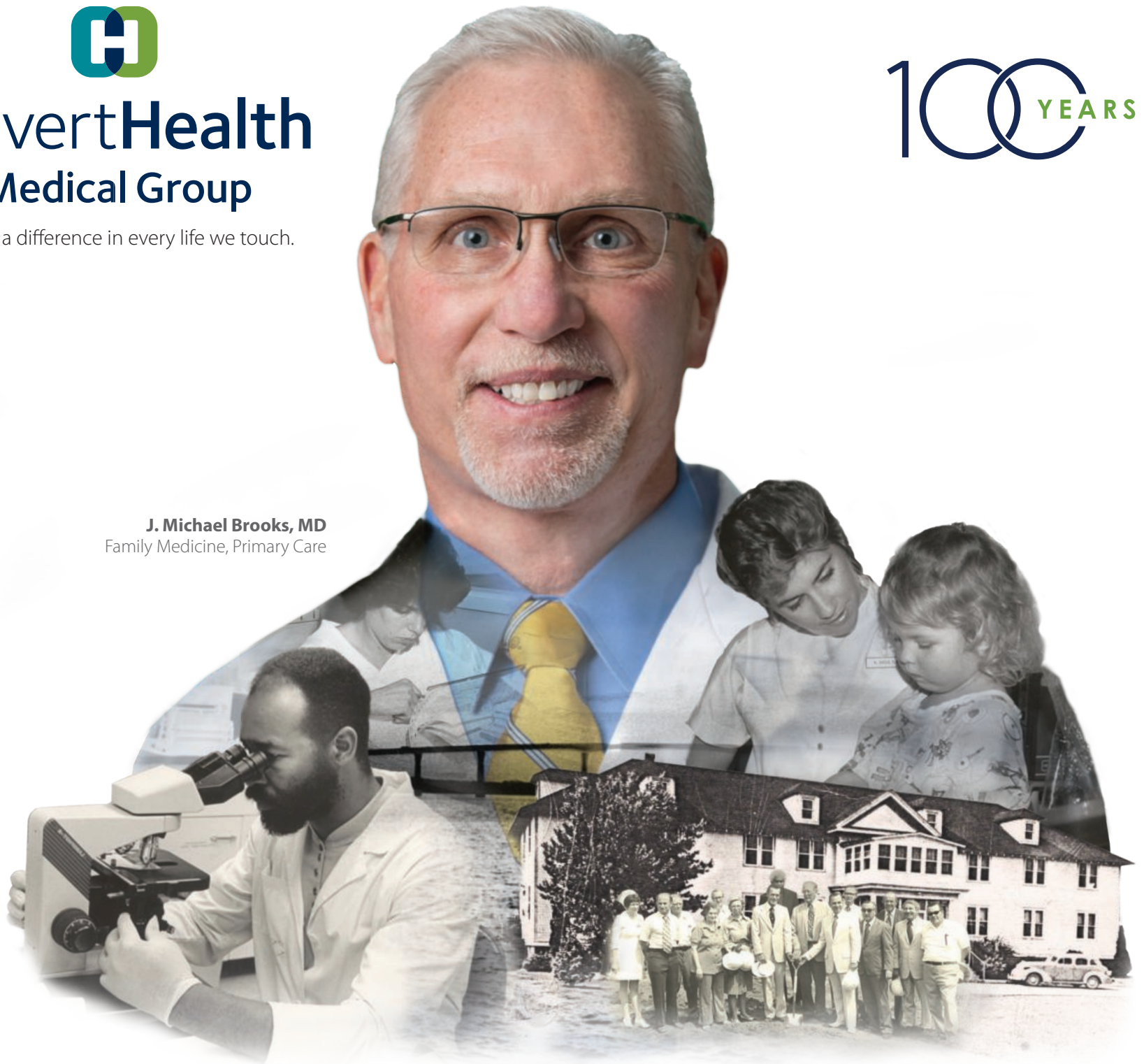
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