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New Commissioner Board Briefed on Proposed County Office

Second Meeting Set for Additional Review



Artist's rendering of the proposed Armory Square county office building.

By Dick Myers
Editor

"I absolutely urge you to make a decision and get it done," begged Calvert County Circuit Court Judge Marjorie Clagett. The judge was speaking during the new Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) first briefing Jan. 15 on the proposal to build a new county office building at Armory Square in Prince Frederick.

Clagett has been urging for some time for the commissioners to vacate their space in the courthouse to give the courts more room.

But the desire to consolidate county operations that are spread out in 11 different locations into one facility to better serve the public is also a motivating factor, Deputy County Administrator Wilson Parran told the board. Those operations are using leased facilities that will cost the county more than \$17 million over the next 30 years, Parran reported.

Clagett called the proposal to build the new office building "fiscally prudent."

The previous BOCC authorized county staff to proceed with the Armory Square project. But the issue was lively during the election campaign, with two of the new commissioners, Buddy Hance and new President Tim Hutchins expressing reservations.

Hance during the briefing asked if the county had considered constructing two smaller buildings instead of

the 100,000-square-foot, two-story building proposed for Armory Square. Department of General Services Director Wilson Freeland said a second building at County Services Plaza had been considered, but staff believes that site is too restrictive.

Instead, the building which now houses the Department of Planning and Zoning has been deemed adequate for a new sheriff's office headquarters. The existing building is about three times as large as the current sheriff's headquarters in Calvert House.

Hutchins, however, wants to hear more from the sheriff about where he would like to be located. During the election the sheriff expressed concerns that responding to calls could be more difficult from a facility located in the middle of Prince Frederick. But Freeland said the closeness to both circuit and district courts would be an advantage for the sheriff's office.

Other sites that had been considered are the existing Harriet Elizabeth Brown recreation center on Dares Beach Road and the newly acquired Watson property, slated for a new recreation center and eventually the offices of the county Department of Parks and Recreation. The existing center is slated for a highway maintenance facility.

Hutchins wanted to know if the Watson property and the former SMECO property with the existing recreation center were abutting. He was told they were. He wondered if an access road

off Dares Beach Road could be constructed if the county wanted to use the Watson property for a new office building.

One of the negatives mentioned by staff of using the existing recreation site for the new office could be conflicts with traffic on Dares Beach Road going in and out of Calvert High School. Freeland, however said most of that traffic is over by the time county offices would be opening.

Hance wanted to know what the Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan said about county offices. He was told by staff they didn't know. During the public comment section that followed the presentation, Mariam Groll, a former planning staffer, chided them for not knowing, saying it called for keeping public facilities in old town.

Commissioner Mike Hart, who supported the Armory Square project in

the vote by the previous board, said, "We know we have to move. To keep spending rent when you know you have to move doesn't make sense."

"We've known this was coming for a long time," Hart said, adding, "Not everything checks every box, but this is the best plan."

Hutchins told Judge Clagett: "I will assure you we will get it done." He ordered staff to make a follow-up presentation to the board that would include more input from the sheriff and more information about the usability of the Watson property.

Hutchins said, "We are going to get this done. It's not going to make everyone happy."

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Ethics Panel Reprimands Planning Commission Member



Maria Buehler with her father Pat, a former county commissioner, at their former store in St. Leonard before it was sold.

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Ethics Commission has issued a reprimand against Planning Commission member Maria Buehler. The letter dated Dec. 14 from Commission Chairperson Jennifer Mazur, started, "At the November 20, 2018, meeting of the Calvert County Ethics Commission, members voted unanimously to Issue a reprimand for your conduct, which resulted in the appearance of a conflict of interest, which is based exclusively on the facts and circumstances provided to us. In the original complaint received by mail to the Ethics Commission on June 21, 2018, the letter makes several allegations as noted below:

The Ethics Commission investigated two specific, alleged instances of conflict

of interest in violation of the Ethics Code. These are:

"I. That you took official action with respect to a proposed renaming of "Minor Town Centers" to "Villages," while owning commercial property within the St. Leonard Minor Town Center whose value was known by you to be affected by the outcome of the decision."

"II. That you took official action with respect to a zoning issue (eliminating the one-mile radius around Minor Town Centers), while you and your father each owned commercial property within a Minor Town Center whose value would – to your knowledge – be reduced by eliminating the one-mile radius."

Regarding the first violation, the letter says:

"1. Specifically, it is alleged that you and your father (Mr. Patrick M. Buehler) each own commercial property located within the St. Leonard Minor Town Center

2. That on December 6, 2017, your father submitted a comment via letter to the Planning Commission in which he expressed his "strong opposition to renaming minor town centers to 'villages'" on the grounds that such decision "could be the end to any fragile business in St. Leonard" and would be an "'anti-business' idea; and

3. That during a January 10, 2018 Comprehensive Plan work session, you stated

that such renaming "could be detrimental for the businesses. You may not turn into an area that's called a village, you know, and realize you can get your car fixed there."

4. That during the April 18, 2018 regular meeting of the Planning Commission, you then made a motion to "retain the Minor Town Center that had been proposed as villages," which unanimously passed.

Regarding the second violation, the letter states:

1. Specifically, it is alleged that you and your father each own commercial property within the St. Leonard Minor Town Center;

2. That in the same December 6, 2017 letter referenced above, your father commented that he was "opposed to any down zoning of rural commercial property," as it would cost him "a loss of \$385,000" on his commercial property in St. Leonard.

3. That at the January 10, 2018 Comprehensive Plan work session referenced above, you commented: "The one-mile radius - if we're taking it away...So if I have property right now in around [sic] a

minor town center and is my property...is the price is [sic] going to go down? Right now it's worth commercial [...] it would be worth more than what it will be if we take it away. And I think that is a concern for people who are banking on property values."

4. That at the April 18, 2018 regular meeting of the Planning Commission, you made a motion to "retain the one-mile radius around the minor town center," which unanimously passed.

The letter goes on to say that Maria Buehler disputed both allegations in her July 27, 2018 letter, however, "do not offer any clarification." An attempt to contact Buehler by The County Times was unsuccessful.

The reprimand was one of five possible outcomes. The letter concluded: "At this time, we now consider this matter closed, and with that, it is our duty to inform you that this information, although not publicized as such, is now a matter of public record."

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North Beach Presses for Bridge Additions

By Dick Myers
Editor



North Beach Mayor Mike Benton

The Town of North Beach is continuing to press for two improvements to the design of the Route 261 bridge at the Anne Arundel County line. At a meeting this week, Mayor Mike Benton and town staff will continue to advocate for placing existing pole utilities underground and adding a pedestrian boardwalk to the east side of the bridge.

Public Works Director Don Bowen reported at the Jan. 10 town meeting that the issues were discussed at a meeting with state officials at the town hall on Dec. 19. The purpose of that meeting was to follow up on some concerns raised about the detour necessitated by the closure of Route 261 for several months. Bowen reported that five options were presented for the detour.

Bowen had reported earlier that Anne Arundel County is considering locating a temporary emergency vehicle in the Friendship area for the duration of the road detour. North Beach VFD&RS is the first due responder to the area just north of the bridge project, including Rose Haven. To respond they would have to use the detour.

Town Engineer Paul Woodburn reported that the estimated cost of placing the utilities underground would be \$1 million. Additionally, the town is seeking a

state grant for the pedestrian boardwalk. Woodburn reported that a letter from the town council had been sent to Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Rahn requesting the underground utilities and the boardwalk.

Mayor Benton assured residents in attendance at the meeting that state officials would be coming down to the town for a public meeting to discuss the proposal. Design is about 65 percent complete, Woodburn reported. Construction is expected to begin in spring of 2020, according to Woodburn.

Benton said he was confident that the project would be done right by the state. "I want you to feel confident too," he added about state officials coming down to meet with citizens in an "open house" setting.

Benton reminded town residents that since the project involves a state road and work is being done by the state, the council is just an intermediary in the process, albeit a vocal one.

The Jan. 10 meeting was the second for Benton as mayor in his new streamlined format. The meeting was just 36 minutes, a minute shorter than the one in December. Benton is shortening the meetings by having town staff present written reports in advance for viewing by the citizens, and also discussing issues in more detail at the town council monthly workshop sessions on the first Thursday, which are also open to the public.

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Miller Begins Treatment for Prostate Cancer



Maryland Senate President Mike Miller

By Dick Myers
Editor

Baltimore County Senator Kathy Klausmeier, the new president pro tempore of the State Senate, presided over the State Senate for the first time Jan. 11, filling in for Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller of Calvert County, who was beginning chemotherapy treatment for prostate cancer.

Miller appeared at the Calvert County

Chamber of Commerce annual pre-legislative breakfast on Jan. 7 and appeared weak and in some discomfort.

Miller announced the diagnosis in a statement Jan. 10, just one day after the start of the 90-day 2019 legislative session.

Miller’s statement said: “In recent months, it has been obvious to many that I have been struggling with pain management. As I was told and have shared with many of my friends and colleagues since the beginning of last year, I have been experiencing significant back pain after hip and knee replacement surgery that never seemed to heal appropriately.

“After the legislative session last year, I saw an orthopedist regarding these continuing issues. My doctor prescribed a series of shots to deal with the pain which did not address the debilitating pain issues.

“This past July, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer along with my osteopathic issues. I was prescribed medicines for the prostate cancer and continued physical therapy.

“Despite these treatments, the pain did not subside and on December 27th, I awoke with a sharp pain in my leg. After another series of tests at Johns Hopkins, the oncologist informed me and my family that the prostate cancer could no

longer be managed through pharmaceuticals alone and that additional treatment would be necessary. As a result, I will be undergoing chemotherapy during this legislative session.

“As many of you know, beyond my tremendous love for my wife and family, I have no greater commitment than to the success and stability of the Maryland Senate. I have been told that in spite of my treatments, I will be fully able to join my colleagues and preside this session. Despite my longevity as President, I have never sought to retain this position out of personal gratification but out of a true belief I could lead the body to the tremendous achievements we have accomplished together over the years.

“I share my personal health issues with you as the President of the body I love so dearly because I believe I owe you my honesty in person as soon as I was made aware of my changed condition. With your continued support and indulgence, I fully intend to fight this disease as so many have and to fully carry out my Senate responsibilities. There are not enough words to thank you all for your continued support and service to our great state of Maryland. Now, let’s get to work.”

Rep. Steny Hoyer (D: 5th) issued the following statement upon Miller’s an-

nouncement: “Throughout my career, Senate President Miller has been a close friend and confidant. His resolve, perseverance, and passion for improving the lives of Marylanders has always inspired me, and I know he will bring these traits to this next obstacle.

“Anyone who knows Mike knows that he is a fighter. He has fought tirelessly throughout his career for all Marylanders, and I know he will continue to do so. My thoughts and prayers are with Mike, his wife Patti, and the entire Miller family, and I wish him well in his recovery.”

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan also issued a statement: “My heart goes out to President Miller on what I know must be one of the toughest days he’s faced. I know firsthand how hard it is to receive a diagnosis like this. But I also know firsthand that Mike Miller has earned his place in Maryland political history because he’s a fighter who always gives it everything he’s got, no matter how tough things get. Mike’s tenacity, bravery, and perseverance will ensure that he wins this battle, and he has my full support.

“Yumi and I send our heartfelt prayers to Mike, his wife, Patti, and his family during this difficult time.”

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School Board to Review Kirwan Recommendations



School Board Vice President Bill Phalen

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Kirwan Commission recommendations are expected to be a hot topic in the 2019 Maryland General Assembly now entering its second week of a 90-day session. And there's an even bigger question – how to pay for the recommendations with an estimated \$2 billion price tag.

The commission is officially called the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education but has been shortened in discussion to reflect its chairman, William “Brit” Kirwan, Chancellor

Emeritus of the University System of Maryland. It was created by legislation in 2016 and is made up of members from around the state.

The Kirwan Commission finalized its recommendations last month. They include: an expansion of pre-K programs, increased teacher pay, more rigorous certification requirements for teachers (including pre-K teachers), and a series of other reforms and initiatives.

Calvert County Board of Education Vice President Bill Phalen discussed the status of the recommendations at the board's Jan. 10 meeting. Phalen has been tasked by the board with following legislation.

He recommends that the board pore over the recommendations and vote whether to support them or not. He has recommended that discussion wait until the new board member is selected to replace Kelly McConkey, who was elected County Commissioner.

“We are not sure what the General Assembly is going to hold for education,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry earlier in the meeting. He said the cost to implement the Kirwan Commission recommendations is the big stumbling block.

Phalen noted that even though the

Kirwan Commission has not put a final price tag on their efforts, they are recommending that the legislature ante up \$325 million to get the ball rolling. That includes \$125 million for special education and \$75 million for a 1.5 percent increase in teacher salaries.

Phalen said the proposal is for counties to match that 1.5 percent increase. He said it is unknown how the proposal would impact current negotiated agreements between school boards and their labor unions.

Phalen said he doubted if the legislature would implement that \$325 million without knowing the full fiscal impact.

Phalen observed, “I don't see major impacts of the Kirwan Commission being passed.” He said its biggest flaw was that it was trying to impose what is allegedly working in Singapore and Denmark, on Maryland.

Phalen quoted board member Tracy McGuire at a hearing as saying, “Calvert County is not Denmark. Montgomery County is not Singapore.”

Although he said the commission had some good points and some changes in the education system were called for, “the very basis is incorrect.”

One example, he said, is the propos-

al to train the best teachers to train other teachers. He asked how would those teachers be selected and from what counties. Those questions have not been addressed, he said.

Phalen also criticized the Kirwan Commission setting up an oversight committee to make sure their proposals were implemented, in effect placing another layer of bureaucracy over the State Board of Education, he said.

Phalen also reported another bill which he said appears to have a chance of passage. The bill would give the school boards authority to enact their own calendars, with a few exceptions such as holidays and the Friday and Monday of Easter weekend. The bill would apparently override the governor's directive that schools start after Labor Day.

Phalen also said that he hoped that all of the school board members would log in on legislative proposals being tracked by the Maryland Association of Boards of Education.

Phalen was chosen vice president for the next year at the start of the meeting, as was Dawn Balinski as president, replacing McGuire.

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Government Shutdown Shows Big Maryland Impact

With its large number of federal employees and contractors, Maryland's economy is being profoundly impacted by the ongoing government shutdown, according to a report released today by the state's Bureau of Revenue Estimates (BRE).

Approximately 172,000 Marylanders are currently impacted by the government closure, which began on Dec. 22, 2018. Each bi-weekly payroll for which these residents are not paid results in \$778 million of lost wages, which translates to roughly \$57.5 million less in combined state and local income tax withholding, and \$2.1 million less in sales tax collections.

“These estimates demonstrate what we already knew -- the unnecessary shutdown of our federal government is having a devastating effect on Maryland's families and our state's economic well-being,” said Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot. “Even if some employees do eventually get repaid, our economy will not be made whole and changes to long-term spending habits may cause further harm.”

The uncertainty surrounding the shutdown -- how long it will last and if it will happen again -- will also likely reduce business investment, according to the Bureau of Revenue Estimates report.

Between 230,000 and 245,000 Marylanders are federal employees; since



Peter Franchot

some agencies are funded through other budget appropriations, about 90,000 Marylanders are either furloughed or working without pay, according to the BRE report. It is estimated that roughly half of the state's 164,000 federal contractors are impacted by the shutdown. Many of these workers are unlikely to be repaid once the government reopens, so state and local tax collections would suffer from their lost wages.

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Man Arrested for Threatening To Shoot Troopers

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A Lusby man who called in to the Prince Frederick Barrack for the Maryland State Police and threatened to “shoot it up and put a bullet in everyone’s head” remains incarcerated on charges of threats of mass violence.

Travis Phifer, 38, faces 10 years in jail or a \$10,000 fine if convicted of the charge against him.

Phifer is alleged to have made the threat Jan. 13 when he called into the barrack asking to speak to a trooper about an ongoing investigation; he was placed on hold several times, hung up and called back complaining, according to an application for a statement of charges filed in Calvert County District Court.

When he called back for the last time he said he was “coming to the barrack to shoot it up and put a bullet in everyone’s head... with a Glock and three magazines,” charging papers stated.

State police were able to track down who made the call and found out he had made it from a vehicle while traveling, police stated, and law officers were able to quickly make a traffic stop.

The driver of the suspect vehicle, David Phifer, the defendant’s father, com-



Phifer

plied with law officers’ orders to step out of the vehicle.

According to court papers the defendant did not but was eventually taken into custody without incident.

The defendant’s father said he was taking his son to Southern Maryland Hospital Center in Clinton for treatment for alcohol addiction; court papers related that Phifer had been drinking for weeks prior to making the threats and had even texted family members stating he wanted to kill himself.

Phifer denied to police that he wanted to harm himself, charging documents stated.

A preliminary breath test at the scene of the traffic stop showed Phifer had a blood alcohol content of .30.

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Maryland State Police Report



Possession of Hydrocodone: On 1/8/19 at 5:58 pm, Trooper First Class Costello stopped to check a disabled vehicle in the parking lot of Adams Ribs in Prince Frederick. The driver explained that the vehicle had been involved in an accident of striking the curb and both tires were flat. Another driver, Maxwell Scroggs was on the scene explained he came to transport the driver of the disabled vehicle home. Because of several criminal indicators a K-9 scan was requested of Scroggs’ vehicle. K-9 Taz of the CCSO gave a positive alert and Maxwell L. Scroggs, 28 of Mechanicsville was arrested and incarcerated at the Calvert County Detention Center.

Theft from Vehicle: On 1/9/19 at 1:22 pm, Trooper First Class Matthews responded to the 1300 block of Hellen Creek Drive in Lusby for a reported theft

of a registration plate from a vehicle. The victim reported receiving a Notice of Toll Violation for his boat trailer. He reported not having used the trailer since late in November and the violation was from December. After receiving the notice, he checked and found the registration plate missing from his boat trailer. The missing license plate 242945X was entered into NCIC.

Possession of LSD, Marijuana and Marijuana Wax: On 1/10/19 at 7:56 pm, Trooper First Class Barlow and Trooper First Class Palumbo stopped a vehicle for traffic violations on Rt. 4 near Governor’s Run Rd. in Lusby. The moderate odor of raw marijuana was emitting from inside the vehicle. A probable cause search resulted in locating several grams of marijuana and marijuana wax. David R. Detwiler, 23 of Leonardtown was at that time issued a civil citation and released. Once the evidence was taken to the barrack an additional amount of LSD was located amongst the various containers of marijuana. The Civil Citation was voided and an Application of Statement of Charges for CDS Not Marijuana has been requested. Charges are pending.

Press Release from MSP Barrack U – Prince Frederick

Blaze Destroys Lusby Home



Firefighters extinguish a blaze from an RV on Antelope Trail

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Maryland State Fire Marshals are trying to determine the cause of a fire that occurred in Calvert County over the weekend; one that completely destroyed a house in Lusby.

Another fire extinguished by local volunteers prior destroyed a recreational vehicle in a wooded area.

The house fire occurred Jan. 12 at about 3:30 a.m. on Cheyenne Lane; there were no deaths or injuries, according to fire marshal reports.

It took 35 firefighters from the Solomons volunteer fire company 15 minutes to extinguish the blaze at the single-sto-

ry, single family home.

The loss of property was estimated at about \$150,000.

The recreational vehicle fire was originally reported Jan. 11 and was thought to be a crashed aircraft initially; volunteers from the St. Leonard and Solomons fire companies arrived on scene at Antelope Trail to find the crashed vehicle and a 500-gallon propane tank on fire.

Firefighters operated there for several hours to put out the blaze and haul out the vehicle.

Fire marshals are not investigating the recreational vehicle fire.

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Helping the Homeless Animals



Sharon Cheseldine's 5th grade class at Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Solomons raised pet food and supplies during Advent for Second Hope Rescue, which operates in all three Southern Maryland counties. The kids posed with the donations along with Mrs. Cheseldine (left) and Sandra Wade of the rescue group. The third-grade class at the school did a similar drive for Calvert Animal Welfare League.

North Beach Holiday Lights Winner Honored



The Russo family were the winners of this year's Holiday Lights residence category.

The North Beach House & Garden Club (NBHGC) has been hosting holiday highlights for several decades. North Beach residents and businesses are encouraged to decorate their homes and businesses in the holiday spirit. Judging is conducted by a NBHGC team which drives up and down every street in Town, trying to decide which place is better than the other. They were all deemed great - North Beach loves to decorate!

The Holiday Lights Contest judging was conducted on a cold, very rainy

Sunday evening on December 16, 2018. The judges were led by team leader Madeleine Blake with Judith McCarthy and Jane Hagen graciously driving them around all the streets of town making sure no place was missed.

Modest prizes are awarded to first, second and third place winners for homes and businesses. The decision has always been difficult - and becomes harder each year as more and more places join the competition.

Modest prizes were awarded to win-



Posing with North Beach Postmaster Paul S. Horn are (l to r): North Beach House & Garden Club President Deborah Noyes; Madeleine Blake, team leader for Holiday Lights contest; Judith McCarthy, member of Holiday Lights team; and Norma Jean Smith, club member. The post office was the winner of this year's business category.

ners at the North Beach Town Council meeting on January 10, 2019. Congratulations to the Holiday Lights Contest winners and to the everyone for helping to light up our town for the Holiday Season.

The winners in the "home" category are: First place, the Russo Residence at 3921 5th Street; Second place to the Kelly residence at 3901 7th Street; and, third place to the Keefe residence at 4013 5th Street.

Winners in the "business" category are: First place, the North Beach Post Office on Bay Avenue (our Post Office

never looked so good!); second place, Hook & Vine restaurant on 7th Street; and third place to The Wheel also on 7th Street.

The NBHGC was founded in 1994 and has been active every year since then. It encourages anyone who has an interest in gardening, horticulture, and beautification of the town of North Beach to attend one of their meetings. Please contact Deborah Noyes, President, for details: NBGardenClub@comcast.net

By Norma Jean Smith for North Beach House and Garden Club

'On Watch' Commemorative Bricks for Sale

The Calvert County Department of General Services is coordinating the annual "On Watch" memorial brick campaign taking place now through April 30, 2019. For a limited time, the public may purchase memorial bricks to be placed at the Veterans Patio, located at the World War II "On Watch" Memorial Statue in Dowell.

The bricks are available to memorialize those who served our country during World War II. The cost of each brick is \$100 and all contributions are tax deductible. Bricks will be installed in fall 2019 and purchasers will be notified when the bricks are in place and available for viewing. "On Watch" applications are available at www.calvertcountymd.gov/on-watch. To learn more, call Melinda Donnelly at 410-535-1600, ext. 2565.

The "On Watch" Memorial Statue is an 8-foot-tall bronze statue unveiled in 2007 by Maryland artist Antonio Tobias Mendez. The statue commemorates the people and work at the Solomons Amphibious Training Base, the nation's first, during World War II. Between 1942 and 1945, around 68,000 sailors, marines, coast guardsmen and soldiers trained to make beach landings; these forces had major roles at landings in Guadalcanal, North Africa, Sicily, Normandy and the Pacific Solomons Islands.

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Calvert Marine Museum: *From Humble Roots to an Ambitious Future*



Rendering of the Master Plan for Calvert Marine Museum with the new Paleontology Center and concert venue to the left.

By Dick Myers
Editor

The dictionary says paleontology is the “science of the forms of life existing in former geologic periods, as represented by their fossils.” According to Calvert Marine Museum Director Sherrod Sturrock, paleontology is one of the missions of the museum. “Calvert Marine Museum is where you can learn about the pre-history, natural history and maritime heritage of the Chesapeake Bay. These three themes come together to provide a very unique perspective. So, our mission is to collect and interpret and exhibit things for the public. We’re an educational institution around these three things, which is why we have live animals. That’s why we have all the work that we do with fossils and we have our boats and lighthouses and waterman stuff.”

Paleontology was on display Jan. 11 at the museum with a reception honoring the unveiling of the publication “The Geology and Vertebrate Paleontology of Calvert Cliffs, Maryland, USA,” edited by CMM’s Curator of Paleontology, Dr. Stephen Godfrey. The work was a collaborative effort of eight authors, six of whom were on hand for the reception, signing copies for the attendees.

One of those authors was the museum’s first director, Dr. Ralph Eshelman. Sturrock is only the third director for an institution that will be celebrating its 50th anni-

versary next year.

Eshelman told of the chain of events which led him to become the museum’s first leader, a chronology that led directly through paleontology and Calvert Cliffs, Calvert County’s fossil-bearing treasure.

Eshelman said, “The first museum was like a Quonset hut. It was down on the island and that was open to the public in 1969 and in that little exhibit there was actually a shark’s tooth. So, paleontology had been a part of this institution from the very beginning.”

Eshelman’s journey to Solomons began with a science fair project in his senior year of high school in Washington, DC. His project was fossils of the Washington, DC area. His teacher chose a mentor for every student in their science fair project field and his turned out to be Frank Whitmore, Jr., a vertebrate paleontologist with the US Geological Survey. His office was in the Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution

“Needless to say, I had a very successful science fair project. I ended up volunteering for Frank Whitmore,” he explained, and that experience led to collecting fossils along the Potomac and then later at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant project collecting fossils from the cliffs.

Eshelman said in that project he got to meet Dr. Lincoln Dryden, who lived at Scientist’s Cliffs. He was a geologist for the Maryland Geological Survey and was

the first scientist to study the mineralogy of the sediments from Calvert Cliffs in an attempt to try to find what was the source of where the sands came from that formed the cliffs.

It would be Whitmore who would inform Eshelman of the opening for a director at the fledgling Calvert Marine Museum and it would be Dryden’s widow who would leave a substantial endowment to the museum for its paleontology work.

Fast forward. Calvert Marine Museum is about to embark on an ambitious master plan that includes creation of a new Paleontology Center, reworking the grounds to bring them into the museum’s mission and relocating the concert venue to remove the existing bandshell and opening up the iconic lighthouse and waterfront views.

But first there’s work to be done in the interior, work that is causing the museum to be closed for several months for its completion. Sturrock explained: “In 2013 we did a renovation that included expanding the store, the lobby, redoing the auditorium. And originally it was to include the renovation at the mezzanine level for a new education center. Unfortunately, we didn’t have enough money at that time and had to phase the project. So, we are now getting back to finishing that project. And phase two involves expanding the square footage on the mezzanine level by installing two areas above the lobby and one just inside the exit to the lobby before you go into the paleontology gallery. So, we’re not

covering in the larger open space in the middle, but we are creating new square footage and then completely renovating, gutting and redoing everything that's on that level so that there will be two large state-of-the-art classrooms with a movable wall between them.

"Each classroom will accommodate about 60 children total with the wall open. There will be a bathroom which we never had on the second level. There will be offices for the education staff, adequate storage, which we have also never had. And we are segregating access from the elevator to the mechanical space and also from the elevator to the exhibit space on that level. That changing exhibit level that's on the second floor of the museum right now people have to go up and go through the only classroom we have to get to that space. So that is not ideal to say the least."

Previously the museum has dealt with a small, inadequate classroom for teaching the children who visit the museum, Sturrock said. In the new classrooms, she said, "We'll be able to do all kinds of programs from the little kid programs where they're sitting on the floor to birthday parties, to programs with high school age kids. So, it's a much, a much better situation."

The establishment by the legislature last year of the State of Maryland Paleontology Center at Calvert Marine Museum opened up a new realm of possibilities for that original part of the mission explained by Eselman. And the focus of that effort will be the new Paleontology Center.

Sturrock said, "The Paleontology Center will be the place where we prepare fossils, where we store our large fossils waiting for preparation where we have our collection that's not on display in the exhibition hall, where our volunteers can work. There'll be office space for our paleontology staff, space for our Paleontology Library, which is quite extensive."

Although the new building won't generally be open to the public, they will be able to come in and view the work being done, similar to the state archeology lab at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum.

She said the existence of the Paleontology Center won't necessarily impact the exhibits in the main museum building. But, she added, "The State Paleontology Center has raised our profile considerably. We are being contacted by collectors across the state who are interested in donating to the Calvert Marine Museum. So, we certainly will need to think about ways to show some of these amazing fossils that we're starting to collect. We'll see how that works."

So, where's the funding coming from? Sturrock said, "We have put in a request with the state for a bond bill to fund the design of the Paleontology Center and that will be matched by a request to the county for money to design the infrastructure. So that's all the parking, underground utilities, storm water management, etc. I am hopeful, obviously, that both of these go through and then we will be able to design what is phase one of implementing our site master plan. Once it's assigned, we will know what it's really going to cost because right now we really don't know. And then, we'll be launching a capital campaign to raise private funds that will be matched by additional state and county funds to move forward with that. Our intention is to complete the first phase within five years. So, it'll be by 2025."

The master plan also calls for relocating the venue for the popular, big-name concerts held several times a year at the museum as a fundraiser. "That'll be relocated. The parking will run along Lore Road and the concert stage will be at the back of that. So, the back of the stage faces the marina and the front of the stage opens to the parking," she explained.

The stage, however, will remain pretty much like it is. "We are not primarily a concert venue. We will never be Wolf Trap. That is not our goal," she said.

Also, in the long-range plan is "what we're calling an event building that has offices for development staff and green room space on the second floor and on the ground floor is a catering kitchen, public bathrooms

space to support things like outdoor weddings and other outdoor events. But that is far in the future."

The main entrance will continue to be where it now is. She said, "In the master plan we will have a dual lane entrance and exit off Solomon's Island Road. We'll be taking the development building down and using half of that space to expand our entrance. I'm fact, all of that is contingent on acquiring additional property."

What's at the end of all of the plans. Sturrock said, "Like many museums, we are very cramped for space. We've been here for 50 years and we've grown a lot with everything that has happened. However, we have outgrown a lot of what we have here, especially in terms of our staff space. So, as we move forward, we are becoming more of a campus setting. You've got paleontology with paleontology staff in that building. You've got development in an event space in that building. You've got our exhibit staff in a new exhibits' construction space. That means all of them are moving out

of existing spaces, allowing maritime history to expand into those spaces. So, it's solves some of our cramped needs for office space and collections space. It really helps us reach the public in a better way by using our entire campus as sort of a classroom, but in an experience opportunity. It invites people in to our space"

Will the changes lead to larger attendance? She's not sure. But she points out, "I think our attendance will continue to grow. I'll also tell you though that attendance is a very small percentage of our income and if I had my way I would make it a free museum, so more people would come."

Sturrock added, "The goal is to get people into the museum, not to make money on it. On admissions: it helps. But with any museum, admissions is a small part of where you're getting your money."

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Calvert Marine Museum Director Sherrod Sturrock and Deputy Director Jeffrey Murray as renovations begin inside the museum.

Schools to Fast Track Substitute Teacher Applications Offer Extended to Furloughed Government Employees



Calvert County Public Schools will assist community members who have lost pay due to the government shutdown by fast tracking individuals who are interested in becoming substitute teachers. Substitute training sessions will be held on Tuesday, January 22 and Thursday, January 24. In order to be considered, the

following procedures must be followed:

- Complete an online application here on the school system website— Job #1709.
- Provide have three completed references.
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CSM Recognizes Students Completing Healthcare Programs



Attendees at the Continuing Education and Workforce Development Healthcare recognition and pinning ceremony from left in bottom row are Daniel J. Carter, Bailey Cantrell, Abigail M. Dodato, Deanna M. Jones, Karlie M. Knott, Caley Landrum, Suzanne L. Lucero, Julie N. Pham. Appearing in the top row from left are Eileen J. Radtke, Tabitha Rea, Sophia Rice, Danielle Sikorski, Karen Tippett-Dillon; Jalynn A. Cristaudo, Ashley Freeman, Bryce G. Jones, Angela L. Scott and Shaunda C. Wentz.

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) forged a new tradition in December when it held its first recognition and pinning ceremony for students completing their Continuing Education and Workforce Development Healthcare program. The event celebrated students who received certifications to become clinical medical assistants, nursing assistants, geriatric nursing assistants, dental assistants, electrocardiogram technicians or phlebotomy technicians.

“What an exciting day for our 52 completers of our Continuing Education and Workforce Development Healthcare programs,” said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. “For many of you, this is a milestone you have dreamed of, and on behalf of the college’s dedicated team, we are delighted to help make your dreams become your reality. We appreciate the educators, clinical partners, staff, families, friends and guests who join us today to celebrate with you.”

“There is no better time to be in healthcare,” added CSM Vice President of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Dr. Dan Mosser. “The U.S. will need to hire 2.3 million new health care workers by 2025 in order to adequately take care of its aging population, and according to research by global health care staffing consultancy Mercer, a persistent shortage of skilled healthcare workers translates into hundreds of thousands of positions that remain unfilled.”

“Each of your healthcare programs are a vital part of patient care,” Mosser continued. “These programs have opened opportunities for continued growth in your career,” he said. “And the industry needs you now, more than ever.”

“The College of Southern Maryland is fortunate to have dedicated staff and adjunct healthcare faculty working with our students to help them achieve success,” said CSM Healthcare Program Director Lori Proctor. She went on to recognize CSM instructors Dr. Marvin Becker, Connie Conner, Brenda Gentles, Jennean Hodge, William Rush, Darlene Rush, Jamie Smith, Cindy Summers, TiKeya Williams and Brenda Wilson.

Before recognizing the completers with their healthcare pins, CSM Healthcare Course Manager Jill Lassiter

thanked the various clinical partners across the Southern Maryland region who play vital roles as trainers and employers of CSM’s healthcare program participants.

“As you can imagine, there are many partners involved to help make our program a reality and I would like to take a moment to recognize their support,” she shared before pointing to Calvert Health Systems, DATS, Genesis Healthcare Waldorf Center, Labcorp, Sagepoint Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Solomons Nursing Center and St. Mary’s Nursing Center Inc.

During closing remarks, CSM Workforce Development Director Kelly Winters asked, “What type of advice could I offer you all as a 20-year career nurse? If you treat your patients how you would like your family to be treated, you will always be right.”

Participants completing CSM’s Continuing Education and Workforce Development Healthcare programs include:

Certified Clinical Medical Assistant Program

Samantha Alecknavage, Stefany Martinez, Oneyda P. Ortiz and Crystal M. Street.

Nursing Assistant/Geriatric Nursing Assistant Program

Shelly M. Bridgett, Daniel J. Carter, Bailey Cantrell, Caitlin Demarr, Abigail M. Dodato, Melissa Flerlage, Gabriel T. Gonzales, Hannah E. Harms, Deanna M. Jones, Ashley N. Kackley, Karlie M. Knott, Caley Landrum, Suzanne L. Lucero, Dipila Panday, Julie N. Pham, Eileen J. Radtke, Tabitha Rea, Sophia Rice, Rupali P. Shah, Danielle Sikorski, Karen Tippett-Dillon, Edelyn Y. Valencia and Jade C. Wilson.

Dental Assistant Program

Cali R. Brett, Jasmine Brockington, MacKenzie K. Clark, Crystal C. Cavanaugh, Jalynn A. Cristaudo, Angela E. Garner, Carmelia B. Johnson, Kemarmi Jones, Karen A. Laperch, Katherine Murphy, Taylor A. Peterman, Lauryn N. Stancil and William Strong.

Electrocardiogram Technician Program

Brianna N. Rackey and Alexis K. Reid.
Phlebotomy Technician Program
Ashley Freeman, Kaitlyn T. Hall, Saki

N. Hilario, Bryce G. Jones, Sahrai L. Mendiola, Michelle A. Routt, Angela L. Scott, Shaunda C. Wentz, April Y. Whiting and Orchid Wilkes.

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Adult Students Earn High School Diplomas



Graduates earning their high school diploma at CSM's Prince Frederick Campus move their tassels from right to left to signify their accomplishments during the recognition ceremony.

The New Year holds endless possibilities for more than 50 students who recently graduated from the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Adult Education Program with their Maryland high school diplomas. The Southern Maryland residents who span in age and life experiences all achieved the same academic milestone during the fall semester – with some even donning caps and gowns to cross the stage to Pomp and Circumstance, and applause, at their long-awaited graduation ceremonies.

“For many of you, this is the moment you have dreamed for, and on behalf of the college’s dedicated team and Adult Education staff, we are delighted to help make your dreams become your reality,” said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy during the graduation ceremony held at CSM’s Prince Frederick Campus. “We are proud of each and every one of you for your persistence and success in earning this diploma. It comes with all the rights and privileges that go along with it. And now, you are ready for your next challenge, whether it’s post-secondary education or a career.”

“Two paths allow one to walk across the stage tonight – the passing of the GED (General Educational Development) test and completing the National External Diploma Program (NEDP). Both culminate in earning a Maryland high school diploma,” added Ellen N. Beattie, adult instructional services chief with the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

“Within every celebrated ending, a new opportunity beckons,” Beattie continued. “Allow this accomplishment to drive you forward. This is the first step

in your new journey. Know that there is no straight line from where you are sitting today to where you are going. You may detour from your plan; you may get it wrong; you may miss big opportunities. Careers are less like ladders and more like jungle gyms. But from every experience you’ll learn.”

“We all have accomplished something special here and I would like to congratulate the entire class,” said Mark Cooksey, 50, of Waldorf. Cooksey served as the student guest speaker at his graduation ceremony in Prince Frederick.

“Even though I had my dream job, I was done with all of the hiding and lies,” he shared with the audience. “I made my mind up I was going back to get my high school diploma. I was tired of my education being my Achilles heel and holding me back. (See CSM story: Waldorf’s Mark Cooksey’s Message to Those with Disabilities: “Nothing In Life Holds You Back.”)

At the St. Mary’s County ceremony held at CSM’s Leonardtown Campus, student guest speaker and graduate Roxanna Orellana shared her compelling story of making her way from El Salvador to earn her high school diploma in the United States through CSM.

“Here I am today, beginning a new chapter that will define the rest of my life,” Orellana told her graduating class, quoting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his speech, ‘I have a dream.’

“Those words of inspiration and full of hope resonated all the way to a small village in the mountains of El Salvador,” she continued. “In that village, with fewer opportunities and full of broken

dreams, a small girl was born. She grew up dreaming big ideas and the hope for a better future. Ideas that one day she would return to inspire other generations living under the wonder of fairy tales. In spite of all odds, here I am; the first member of my immediate family to earn a high school diploma, and perhaps, the only one with a high probability to attend college.”

All of the students who received their high school diploma learned at their graduations that the CSM Foundation, for the second year in a row, will provide them with a scholarship to continue their education at CSM. The CSM Foundation provides these funds through the Adult Education Scholarship, as a way to recognize and congratulate the students on their hard work.

“Helping our Adult Education graduates in their next steps here at the Prince Frederick Campus is something we do really well,” Murphy shared at the Calvert County ceremony before also announcing the recipient of the Dr. Rich Fleming Scholarship. Fleming was the previous vice president and dean of the Prince Frederick Campus and was on-hand to award diploma recipient Lisa Beruti with her scholarship.

“Without academically sound and committed partners like the College of Southern Maryland, our mission of providing literacy services and workforce readiness to our citizens could not be accomplished,” Beattie also said during her remarks. “Department of Labor does not hold any classes, tutor any students, or provide the vital counseling and guidance needed to find academic success. Our partners do that. Please know that

my team and I at the Department of Labor appreciate the tireless work that the college’s administrators, staff, and instructors devote to our learners.”

Receiving high school diplomas through the CSM Adult Education Program in 2018, and participating in the graduation ceremonies in Calvert County were:

Dominic Joseph Aragon, Lisa Beruti, Mark Alan Cooksey, Melissa Gail Edwards, Riley Lynn Evans, Naquan E. Freeland, Nora M. Gause, Ernest M. Hensley, Jennifer R Layman, David E. Layman Jr., Albert Nathaniel Peyton, Rosetta Lucille Young and Zhi Fang Zheng.

To view photographs from the graduation ceremony at the Prince Frederick Campus, visit <https://csmphoto.zenfolio.com/18calvertged>.

Receiving high school diplomas through the CSM Adult Education Program in 2018, and participating in the graduation ceremonies in St. Mary’s County were:

Tavia Love Ayers, Loriana Fayne Baker, Kimberly J. Biscoe, Patrick Sinclair Doss, Gabriel Annette Harris, Jason Anthony Hoover, Shelby Lynne Martin, Cheyenne Brandy Shaye McQuarrie, Kiara Moses, Maria Nunez, Douglas Oliver, Roxana Orellana, David Alexander Paolillo, Ashley Monique Proctor, Andrew Lee Spendolini, Tyler Evan Stauffer, Joseph F. Sullivan, Adam Swope, Matteo Roberto Torres, Calvin Nelson Washington, Kyle L. Wedding and Pamela Kaye Zimmerman.

Winter Turkey Season Opens Jan. 17

Second Chance to Take a Hen or Gobbler

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources offers hunters who did not bag a turkey in the fall another chance, as the winter turkey season runs statewide Jan. 17-19.

The department established the winter season in 2015 to increase opportunities while minimizing conflicts with other hunting seasons.

"Wild turkeys are abundant in most of the state," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. "This season is perfect for hunters that want to get outdoors when other popular hunting seasons are closed or winding down."

Maryland hunters may only use the following weapons during the winter turkey season: Airguns that shoot arrows or bolts; crossbows and vertical bows; or shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller.

Hunting hours are from one half-hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset. The bag limit is one turkey of either sex, provided the hunter did not harvest a turkey in the 2018 fall season. Hunters are reminded that it is illegal to hunt turkeys with the aid of bait. Hunters may check in their harvest via phone at 888-800-0121, online or via the department's mobile app.

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Annmarie Garden Hosts Free Three-Day Event



Pinkie Strother

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons, Maryland, will celebrate the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with MLK Days, a three-day family-friendly event, to be held Saturday, January 19 through Monday, January 21, 11am to 4pm each day. Admission is free; donations are gladly accepted!

Visiting artist Pinkie Strother will lead visitors in the creation of a nostalgic public art project. An artist, educator, and speaker, Pinkie resides in Fuquay-Varina North Carolina, but was born and grew up in Calvert County. Her work reflects her experiences and memories of her childhood and community; and explores topics, such as faith, family and segregation. She holds an MFA from Maryland Institute College of Arts and her work has been exhibited along the East Coast. Pinkie's exhibition, "Childhood Memories," comprised of paintings and sculptures will be on display during MLK Days. Meet the artist, hear her stories, and work with her to create a collaborative community of clay figurines.

"We're thrilled to offer a creative and uplifting event each year that invites the community to come together to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's dream," says Stacey Hann-Ruff, director of Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center.

Guests at MLK Days can also enjoy, the popular "Tent of Many Colors," a giant indoor communal coloring tent that transforms the Murray Arts Building into a gathering space that is both peaceful and inspiring. Step inside the tent and enjoy the therapeutic qualities of coloring! Coloring supplies will be available for use and all ages are welcome.

Guests are also invited to step into the artLAB Creative Reuse Center to create an original piece of art to take home inspired by Dr. King. And finally, guests are invited to tour the Spotlight Series exhibit "Celebrating the Legacy of the Creative Arts Forum", in the Kay Daugherty Gallery. The exhibit features works by Charlie Hewitt, Carolyn Egeli, Jane Rowe, and Bud Adams, four artists who were influenced by, and involved in, the formation of the Creative Arts Forum in Southern Maryland in the 1970s.

MLK Days is appropriate for all ages; admission is free, donations are gladly accepted. For additional information please call 410-326-4640 or visit www.annmariegarden.org.

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'Extreme Chopin' Concert Coming to SMCM



Pianist Brian Ganz and mezzo-soprano Magdalena Wor will perform an "Extreme Chopin" concert at SMCM on Thursday, January 17 at 8 pm

On Thursday, January 17, St. Mary's College of MD Musician-in-Residence Brian Ganz will give a special full preview of his upcoming all-Chopin recital at the Music Center at Strathmore. He will be joined by Polish-born mezzo-soprano Magdalena Wor, who will also perform with him at Strathmore, in ten of the composer's rarely heard songs. The recital will be held in the Auerbach Auditorium of St. Mary's Hall on the college campus, and will begin at 8pm. The program is entitled "Chopin: Spirit of Poland," and will feature works that reveal Chopin's profound connection to his homeland, including mazurkas, polonaises and the work Chopin said would be the first he would play in an independent Poland, the *Allegro de Concert*, Op. 46. This will be a ticketed event. St. Mary's College of Maryland students will be admitted free of charge; seniors, college faculty and staff, as well as St. Mary's Arts Alliance members, will be charged a \$10 admission fee; general admission will be \$15. For more information call (240) 895-4498 or visit <http://www.smcm.edu/events/organizer/music-department/>.

"Chopin was, without question, the

greatest Polish composer of all time," said Ganz. "Although he spent only the first half of his life in Poland, much of his music reveals his deep love for—and connection to—his homeland. This recital features works that highlight that connection. For example, his mazurkas are chock full of exotic folk flavor. I'll talk about and demonstrate some beguiling aspects of that flavor before playing the mazurkas on the program. And Magdalena is incredible. She sings Chopin straight from the heart." The singer herself has said "Chopin is such an important part of the Polish heritage, his music being its quintessential element." She continued, "Being Polish myself, I identify with Chopin's melodies, first by deeply feeling the flavor of the music—it's in my soul—and second by understanding the symbolism of the lyrics, whether heavy, history woven poems, or the tradition-laden, often quirky lyrics of folklore." For Wór, "Singing his songs always comes with a deep realization that I am performing the music that represents Poland, and thus sharing our heritage with others across the globe. This definitely comes with a feeling of gratitude to the great composer, whose

music is as beautiful as it is timeless."

Ganz and Wor will perform the 9th recital in Ganz's "Extreme Chopin" quest at the Strathmore Music Center on February 2 at 8pm. He is now well into the second half of his multi-year journey through the complete works of Chopin, a project he has undertaken in partnership with the National Philharmonic. He began the quest, which he calls a "dream come true," at Strathmore in January of 2011 in a sold out recital that launched the ambitious endeavor to perform the composer's approximately 250 works. After the inaugural recital, *The Washington Post* wrote: «Brian Ganz was masterly in his first installment of the complete works [of Chopin].»

Polish born mezzo-soprano Magdalena Wór is a winner, finalist, and recipient of prestigious national and international competitions and awards including the Marcello Giordani and Moniuszko International Vocal Competitions, Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions and Marcella Kochanska Sembrich Vocal Competition. She is an alumna of Washington National Opera's Domingo-Cafritz and San Francisco Opera's Merola Opera Programs.

Over the last several seasons Magdalena has worked with The Metropolitan Opera, the National Symphony Orchestra and the National Philharmonic in Washington, DC, the Washington National Opera, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Baltic Opera, Washington Concert Opera, The Atlanta Opera, Virginia Opera, Palm Beach Opera, Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Richmond Symphony Orchestra, Alabama Symphony Orchestra, and New Trinity Baroque.

Magdalena's opera roles include *Carmen*, *Suzuki*, *Cherubino*, *Maddalena*, *Tisbe*, *Enrichetta*, *Orfeo*, and *Rosina*. Selected orchestral repertoire includes Bach's *Mass in B Minor*, Handel's *Messiah*, Mahler's *Symphony No. 2 "Resurrection"*, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Bach's *Magnificat*, Beach's *Mass in Eb Major*, Grieg's *Peer Gynt*, Bach's *Johannes-Passion*, Prokofiev's *Alexander Nevsky*, and Berlioz's *Les nuit d'été*.

Praised often for the rich color of her voice and her complete devotion to music and text, Magdalena's vocal flexibility allows her to easily span the lower to upper registers of the mezzo range as well as Baroque through 21st century repertoire.

In Remembrance

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

Catherine Lee "Bonnie" Howery



Catherine Lee "Bonnie" Howery, 77, of Lusby, MD passed away on January 10, 2019 in Coltons Point, MD. Born February 9, 1941 in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of the late Robert Emitt Van Pelt and Catherine Ann (Greener) Van Pelt. Bonnie was a loving Wife, Mother, and Grandmother. Her greatest joy was her family. She loved nothing more than spending time with her family and friends. She never met a stranger; everyone who crossed her path was automatically a friend. Her childlike innocence was infectious and she remained in awe of everything this world has to offer. As a Mother, she was her children's greatest champion, cheerleader, and defender. She loved with her entire heart unconditionally and without reservation. Her beautiful soul will always be remembered in those whose lives she touched, and all the memories she helped create will remain in our hearts forever. Bonnie is survived by her husband, Walter M. Howery of Lusby, MD; children, Catherine Russell (David) of Coltons Point, MD, Barbara Hillman (John) of Sykesville, MD, and Cary Howery of

Hollywood, MD; grandchildren, Kelley Bowles, Jenna Hillman, Kyle Hillman, Shayna Sauiner, and Ian Howery; siblings, Barbara Alder of Lusby, MD, Michael Van Pelt of Lusby, MD, and Timothy Van Pelt of Santa Monica, CA. She was preceded in death by her parents; sons, Anthony Fox and Joseph Howery; and brother, Robert Van Pelt.

The family will receive friends on Friday, January 18, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Our Lady Star of the Sea Historic Catholic Church, Solomons, MD with a Mass of Christian Burial being celebrated at 12:00 p.m. by Monsignor Michael Wilson. Interment will be in Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD. In lieu of flowers a contribution can be made to the American Cancer Society, Hospice of St. Mary's, and / or Calvert Hospice.

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

Nancy Campbell Davis



Nancy Campbell Davis, 72, of Prince Frederick passed away January 7, 2019. She was born September 8, 1946 in Washington, DC to John Andrew and Pauline (Brown) Noftsinger. Nancy was raised in DC and has lived in Calvert County for the past 15 years. She was employed as a hairdresser, working in

various salons. Nancy attended Chesapeake Church and enjoyed animals, telling stories, watching old movies, dancing and spending time with family, especially her grandchildren.

Nancy is survived by her sons John Jimenez of Prince Frederick and Robert Davis of Millersville, grandchildren Devan, Alexandra, Natalie, Jayden and Avery, brother John Andrew Noftsinger, nieces and nephews David, Dawn, John, Stanley, Laura and Floricel and sister in law Betty. She was preceded in death by her granddaughter Alexis and sister Jean Zollinhofer.

Memorial Service will be Saturday, January 26, 2019 1 p.m. at The Zollinhofer's, 7045 Decoy Drive, Owings MD 20736.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Ian Henry Huston

Ian Henry Huston, 58, of Shady Side passed away January 3, 2019 at his residence. He was born October 22, 1960 in Swansea, Wales, United Kingdom to Lee and Sarah (Bolton) Huston. Ian grew up in Wales and moved with his family to the United States when he was 11. He graduated from Surrattsville High School. Ian married Sherry Holt Williams on September 21, 2002, and they lived in Chesapeake Beach before moving to Shady Side. He was employed as a carpenter working for various com-



panies and was a member of the Deale Moose Lodge. Ian enjoyed fishing, reading, eating seafood and spending time with his family and friends. He was an avid sports fan, primarily the Maryland Terps and Pittsburgh Steelers. He is survived by his wife Sherry Lee Huston, his father and step mother Lee and Kaye Huston of Lusby, brother Nigel Huston of Tennessee, step sister Sonja Rice of Lusby, niece Sarah Huston and nephews Joseph and Jacob Huston, all of Waldorf. Ian was preceded in death by his mother Sarah Bolton

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 7500 Greenway Center, Drive Suite 300; Greenbelt MD 20770; Phone: 301-982-2161; website: <http://www.cancer.org>

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Community Calendar

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

UPCOMING

Walk With Ease Program

The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation, in partnership with the Arthritis Foundation, offers a six-week program beginning Monday, Jan. 28. The program is designed to help citizens with arthritis pain begin safely incorporating exercise into everyday life. Sessions will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday through March 11 from 10:00-11:30 AM at the Northeast Community Center, Chesapeake Beach. Info: Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation at 410-535-1600, ext. 8211 or 8205. Citizens with speech or hearing impairment contact Maryland Relay at 800-735-2258. Calvert County services are accessible for individuals with disabilities.

Summer Camp

It's not too early to register now for Calvert County Parks and Recreation weekly camps in June and July! Register: online.webtrac.co.cal.md.us. Phone: 410-535-1600 x2649. Walk-in Main Office of any Community Center.

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

Wild Things

From the shores of the Chesapeake to the heart of our imaginations "Wild Things" evoke a sense of freedom. Ospreys, eagles, crabs, deer, are a few of the denizens roaming the Bay country. Their liberty is matched by the infinite adventures of our artists in a vast assortment of media and styles. New show running through February 3 at calvART Gallery, Prince Frederick Shopping Center. Wednesday thru Sunday, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. 410-535-9252. www.calvartgallery.org

"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

Impacted by the Government Shutdown?

Will a few free groceries help during this time of not receiving a paycheck? The Ladies of Charity Food Pantry (8823 Dayton Avenue, North Beach) are here to help you through such emergency situations. Our Pantry hours are every Tuesday from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Clients receive food regardless of income. Please call us at 410-286-7086 if you are unable to be served during regular hours.

Calvert Marine Museum Closed

The Calvert Marine Museum and Museum Store, Solomons, is closed January and February for renovations.

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.

Friday, January 18

Live2Lead Recap Leadership Workshop

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3800 Old Town Road, Huntingtown
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

A half-day, leader development experience designed to equip attendees with new perspectives, practical tools and key takeaways. \$25. <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/live2lead-recap-leadership-workshop-tickets-53451603184>

Calvert Stewards: Screech Owl Care & Training

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, 2880 Grays Road, Prince Frederick
1:30 – 3:30 PM

Our screech owls benefit from trained volunteers who keep them used to being handled. Learn about their care and proper handling techniques so, you will have experience to handle them on your own. For adults and teens ages 15 and up. Reservations: 410-535-5327. www.calvertparks.org

Fried Chicken Dinner

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

Informal dinner in the lower level dining room; a meal you won't soon forget. \$12 includes side, salad, and beverage. Public Welcome. 410-257-9878. www.ALpost206.org

Karaoke

American Legion, Chesapeake Beach
8:00 PM – Midnight

A good time in the Lower Level Lounge. No cover charge. Public welcome. 410-257-9878. www.AL-Post206.org

Saturday, January 19

Calvert Photography Club

Calvert Library Fairview Branch, 8120 Southern Md. Blvd. (Rt4), Owings
10:00 AM

Monthly Meeting. Topic is "Show & Tell." Receive creative input; ask questions about improving your photos; or share your recent work with other photography enthusiasts. Bring thumb drive with the pics (max 6) you wish to share. Free. Public Welcome. 410-257-5453

Printmaking Workshop

Mt Hope Community Center, 104 Pushaw Station Rd., Sunderland
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Learn how to create a linoleum block printing plate to make multiple note cards. All supplies provided; bring ideas and images to work from as well as a lunch. \$35/Calvert Artists Guild members; \$45/non-members

Contacts: Jan Barr 443-404-5746 fujibarr@comcast.net or Julie Allinson 410-610-4542 allinsonandassociates@yahoo.com

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Breakfast

Rod 'n' Reel Restaurant, Chesapeake Beach
8:30 AM

A time of inspiration, reflection, encouragement, and call to action as we observe the occasion of the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. \$40/advance. \$50/at the door. Sponsored by the National Congress of Black Women of Calvert County, The College of Southern Maryland and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Calvert County Branch. Contacts: Sheila Moore – (240) 210-5245, Gladys Jones – (410) 586-8305, Joyce Freeland – (410) 535-0413, naacpcalvert@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 22

Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Awareness

Chesapeake Beach Town Hall
6:00 PM

Public business meeting of the TBOAA Committee. The public is encouraged to participate. Information about the committee and our past activities: www.chesapeake-beachmd.gov/OAAC.htm. www.twinbeachaaa.org

Bingo

North Beach Volunteer Fire Dept., Chesapeake Beach
7:30 PM

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

Wednesday, January 23

Scout Me In

Southern Branch Library, 13920 H.G. Trueman Road Solomons
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Western Shore District, Boy Scouts of America invites parents/guardians and youth (males and females, ages 5 to 20) to learn about the programs in the Boy Scouts of America organization: Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, Exploring, and STEM Scouts.

Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

Thursday, January 17

Space Crafts! 6:00-8:00pm. Super-moon!!! Let's celebrate the first super-moon of 2019 (Jan 21) with out-of-this-world crafting! Hang out with your friends and create cool stuff! Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Kids Just Want to Have Fun. 6:30-7:30pm. Kids in kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to this series of exciting events exploring topics from art to history to science. Each month will include fun activities, crafts and a snack! Please register. Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Family Night Goes to Outer Space. 7:00-8:00pm. Kids K-7 and their parents learn space by experts and hands-on interactive experience. This week: Modelling the Universe. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Friday, January 18

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

Saturday, January 19

Dungeons & Dragons. 1:00-4:30pm. Meeting every 3rd Saturday, teens all levels of expertise welcome. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

MakePlayLearn. 2:00-4:00pm. Take building and creativity to a whole new level at the library. We provide the space, Legos® and other building materials.. you provide the imagination. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Tuesday, January 22

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

Wednesday, January 23

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

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.

Thursday, January 24

JobSource Mobile Career Center. 1:00-3:00pm. 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 Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Drop in, hang out at Southern Branch - Super Moon! 6:00-8:00pm. Need a place to meet up with your friends (or meet new ones)? Come hang out, Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Building Bridges. 7:00-8:00pm. For parents and their children with differing abilities to get together and interact with toys, books and technology. This month: Lego We Do. Please register. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Friday, January 25

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

Saturday, January 26

Books in Bloom Flower Arrangement Demo. 10:00-12:00pm. Calvert Garden Club will demonstrate the steps to create a book-inspired flower arrangement. Use your newly learned floral design skills and sign up to participate in Books in Bloom, March 4-7. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

MakePlayLearn. 2:00-4:00pm. Take building and creativity to a whole new level at the library. We provide the space, Legos® and other building materials.. you provide the imagination. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

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Centers Closing

Calvert Pines, North Beach and Southern Pines Senior Centers will be closed Monday, January 21 for Martin Luther King, Jr Day. Meals on Wheels will not be delivered. Meals on Wheels clients are encouraged to use their shelf stable meals.

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)

Have fun painting beautiful works of art with Rock Painting, Tuesday, January 22, 10 a.m.

Join in on the fun with the National Compliment Day Game, Thursday, January 24, 11 a.m. Guess who complimented you in a random compliment game. All supplies included.

North Beach Senior Center (NBSC)

A representative from the Twin Beaches Library will be discussing books and movies during our Winter Reads Program, Tuesday, January 22, 11 a.m.

Celebrate everyone's birthday with our Birthday Bash Bingo, Wednesday, January 30, 10:30 a.m. Seating is limited. Pre-registration required.

Southern Pines Senior Center (SPSC)

Meet one-on-one with a health coach to monitor your blood pressure and make gains toward improved health with Healthy Gains 365, Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

Join us for our Monthly Movie: Selma, Thursday, January 31, 1 p.m. This true story chronicles a time in 1965 when MLK led a campaign to secure voting rights.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, January 21

Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Meals on Wheels will not be delivered.

Tuesday, January 22

Baked Herb Fish, Brown Rice, Lentil Soup, Greens Beans, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday, January 23

Roast Beef, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Dinner

Roll, Applesauce

Thursday, January 24

Turkey, Gravy, Stuffing, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Corn, Applesauce, Iced Chocolate Cake

Friday, January 25

Cheeseburger, L/T/O Slices, Oven Baked Sweet Potato Wedges, Carrot/Pineapple Slaw, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Peaches

Lunches are served to seniors, aged 60-plus, and their spouses through Title IIIIC 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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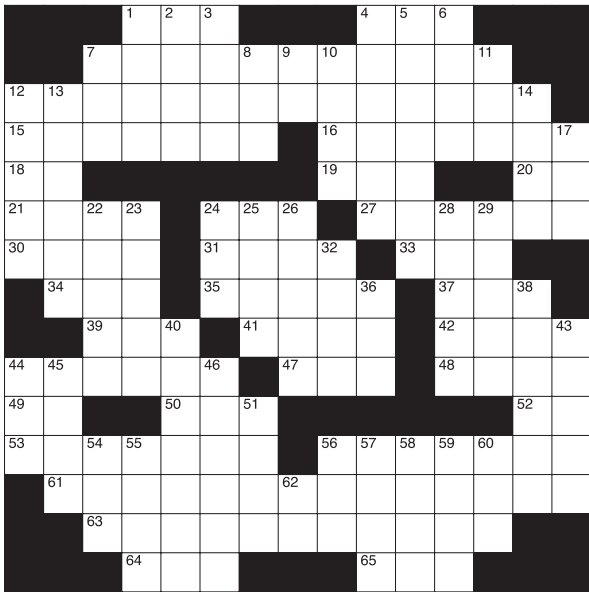
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- 4. One point north of due east
- 7. Marital
- 12. Religious building
- 15. Intrinsic nature of something
- 16. Safe to drink
- 18. Letter of credit
- 19. Single Lens Reflex
- 20. Keeps you cool in summer
- 21. Monetary unit
- 24. The Eye Network
- 27. Moving with a bounding stride
- 30. Figures
- 31. Of the pia mater
- 33. Male offspring

- 34. Indicates near
- 35. Calvary sword
- 37. South American plant
- 39. Doctor of Education
- 41. Something to take
- 42. Remove the edges from
- 44. Inattentive
- 47. Pick up
- 48. Latch for a window
- 49. Region of the U.S.
- 50. Windy City ballplayer
- 52. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
- 53. Be permanently present in
- 56. Novice
- 61. Pirate novel

- 63. In a law-abiding way
- 64. Where one sleeps
- 65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bullfighting maneuver
- 2. Egyptian Sun god
- 3. Predatory semiaquatic reptile
- 4. Register formally
- 5. Eating houses
- 6. Japanese port
- 7. Genus of rodents
- 8. Nigerian city
- 9. Milliwatt
- 10. Mistake!
- 11. Women's ___ movement
- 12. Greeting
- 13. Songbirds
- 14. An arrangement scheme
- 17. Heartbeat test
- 22. Push back
- 23. Intended for the audience only
- 24. Cycles per second
- 25. Impartiality
- 26. Polio vaccine developer
- 28. Bowel movements
- 29. South American Indian
- 32. Queen of

- Sparta
- 36. Confederate soldier
- 38. Emerged
- 40. Death
- 43. ___ and flowed
- 44. Folk singer DiFranco
- 45. Email folder
- 46. Throbbled rhythmically
- 51. English rockers
- 54. Disaster relief operation
- 55. American model and TV personality Katherine
- 56. Potable
- 57. Tough outer layer
- 58. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Troubles
- 60. Negative
- 62. Camper

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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



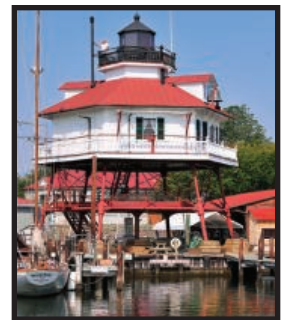
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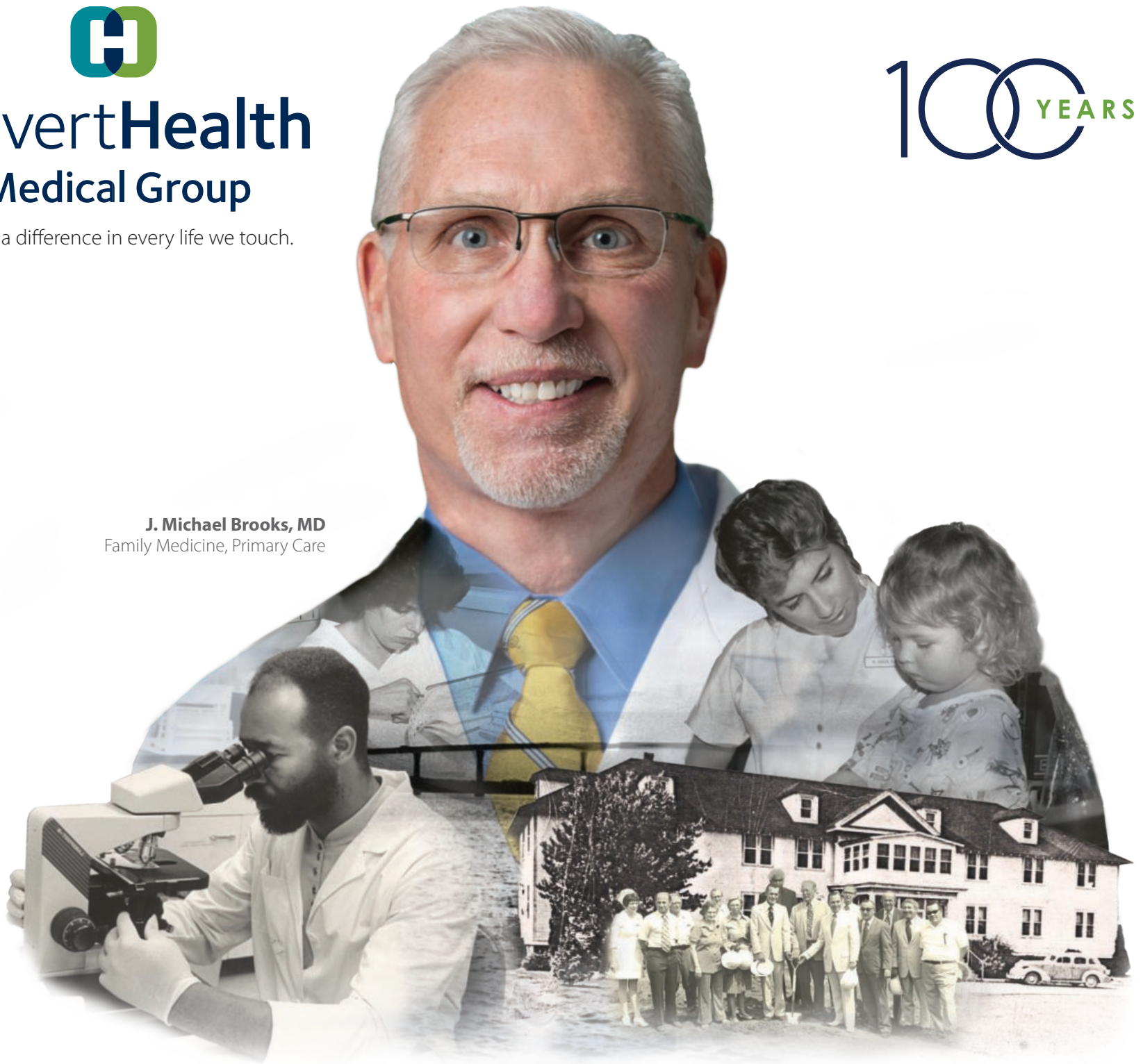


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