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Work Begins on Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

Dominion to Provide \$3.7 Million More

By Dick Myers
Editor

It's barely two months into the county's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 budget and already the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is pondering what to do for the fiscal year that doesn't begin until July 1, 2020. "Today starts the process," said Director of Finance and Budget Tim Hayden at the Sept. 10 BOCC meeting.

In his presentation to the BOCC, Hayden made an early estimate that the county will have \$7.6 million more to work with in crafting that budget. Of that increase, \$3.7 million can be attributed to the Dominion PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes). Hayden said the FY '21 budget would be the peak for the Dominion PILOT, after which it will tail off, failing to \$54 million in FY '24 and then leveling off.

Hayden predicts property tax revenue will increase by almost \$2 million for the next fiscal year.

In a memo to the BOCC for the presentation, Hayden explained:

- "The financial projection for FY 2021 uses a \$0.937 Property Tax Rate and 3.0 percent Income Tax Rate adopted in the previous years.
- "Board of Education funding will be calculated using the funding formula. Tentatively based upon the estimated enrollment and Consumer Price Index (CPI), the funding amounts to \$134,702,573 in FY 2021 with an increase of \$4.1 million from FY 2020.
- "Budget development process:
 - a. After this discussion with the board, we will be sending out the budget guidance to the departments and would like to confirm this guidance with you. The forecast assumes that departments propose a; maintenance budget' that does not contain any new initiatives or new staff.
 - b. We will be prepared to review the forecast model to facilitate 'what if' discussions."

Commissioner Mike Hart insisted he wanted to hear from departments what they needed to operate, instead of just a

maintenance budget. The commissioners agreed they would like to hear those needs from the departments, which will be required to make their submittals by Sept. 30.

"I want the departments to tell us what they need to do their jobs," Hart said.

Hayden said new this year would be a staffing review not only of requests for new hires in each department but a review of existing staffing levels. "This is a new item that we are excited about," Hayden said.

One of the variables in the budget discussions for the coming fiscal year is the outcome of the discussions by the legislature and governor about levels of funding for the Kirwan Commission recommendations, including how much of that funding will be the responsibility of the counties and how much the state will kick in.

Also, Hart suggested a close look at any further rollout of paid paramedics, which is beginning this year. Hart predicted a 50 percent level of paid Emergency Medical Technician staffing is on the horizon and the county needed to



Director of Finance and Budget Tim Hayden.

prepare for it.

Commissioner Steve Weems agreed with Hart and the board directed Hayden to schedule a series of work sessions to tackle the issue.

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Design Released for Golf Course Clubhouse

By Dick Myers
Editor

Work is progressing on the design for the new clubhouse at Chesapeake Hills Golf Course in Lusby. An update was presented by Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their Sept. 10 meeting.

Nazzal explained that the proposed design was intended to represent “a rural Calvert County feel” with its barn-like appearance and high-pitched roof.

Nazzal, in a memo to the BOCC, gave some background on the project. She said, “Chesapeake Hills Golf Course was obtained by Calvert County in 2008. Since that time there has been a need for continuing improvements to the building and course. On January 7, 2018, a winter storm with very low temperatures caused overhead water pipes to fail in three locations at the clubhouse. The clubhouse had not been in use since that time and was demolished in May of 2019. The BOCC directed staff to look at a replacement building of approximately 8,000 square feet in size. The consultant, Colimore Architects, has started working on developing a conceptual floor plan and exterior rendering for consideration.”



Architect's rendering of proposed exterior design for the new clubhouse at Chesapeake Hills Golf Course.

“Funding for both design and construction of this project is allocated in the FY2020 CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) for the Chesapeake Hills Golf Course clubhouse,” she said.

The design includes a large patio area to the rear to accommodate functions being held at the clubhouse. The area is surrounded by a low brick wall. The current temporary clubhouse does not have room for large functions.

“It’s really coming along nicely,” said Commissioner Mike Hart, the 1st District commissioner for the area in which the golf course is located.

“I think it’s a great design,” Hart added.

The BOCC restored funding for the clubhouse in the CIP at a meeting at which the decision was made, on a 3-2 vote, to go with the 8,000-square-foot replacement facility at an estimated cost

of more than \$3 million. Commissioners Buddy Hance and Steve Weems opposed putting the monies back in the CIP.

At the meeting Nazzal and her staff presented three options: 6,000 or 8,000 or 10,000 square feet. The majority opted for the middle design.

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Taste of the Beaches Returns for Third Year

Free Family Fun and Plenty to Eat and Drink

By Dick Myers
Editor

It's gotten so the event is now on many calendars. For the third year the Town of Chesapeake Beach is hosting the Taste of the Beaches. It will be this Saturday, Sept. 14 at Kellams Field. Judging by the increased number of vendors each year, the festival has really caught on.

The town partners with their neighbor North Beach for what is billed as "an outdoor festival showcasing local businesses, artists, restaurants, wine vendors, breweries, venues and attractions." It features "live music, children's activities, educational presentations, and much more."

This year there will be more vendors, totaling 65, including at least 15 food, wine and beer vendors to give everyone a true Taste of the Beaches.

Councilman Larry Jaworski, who spearheaded the idea three years ago, said the number of non-food vendors has just about maxed out because of available space. He said the goal is for people to come away from the town after going to the Taste of the Beaches, and say, "I



Chesapeake Beach Town Councilman Larry Jaworski

didn't realize there was so much to do in the town."

Jaworski sits on the town's economic development commission which came up with the idea for the event as a way of promoting the town's attractions.

According to Town Manager Holly Wahl, the town will be sponsoring the



Raptors Eye Birds of Prey will be back again this year for the 3rd Annual Taste of the Beaches.

following children's activities at the Taste of the Beaches:

- Phillips Wharf Fish Mobile - <https://phillipswharf.org/>
- Raptors Eye Birds of Prey
- Chesapeake Mermaid --<http://chesapeakemermaid.com/>

She added, "The town will provide face painting, an obstacle course and carnival games for the children."

Master of Ceremonies for the event will be John Luskey, a popular local musician, who will also be performing

along with Kenny Holmes and the Big Blues Band. The two performers will be alternating throughout the afternoon.

A 50/50 raffle will be held throughout the event and the proceeds this year will go to the same charity as last year-- Project Echo.

Admission to the Taste of the Beaches is free. It will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Kellams Field is at 3825 Gordon Stinnett Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

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Second Town Center Business Walk Coming to Solomons

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Economic Development Advisory Commission will be walking the streets of Solomons on Friday, Sept. 13.

It's dubbed the Solomons Business Walk. Twenty members of the commission along with Department of Economic Development staff will be visiting a dozen businesses and organizations to get a feel for their problems, concerns, likes and dislikes.

According to Economic Development Director Kelly Robertson-Slagle, the walk will follow the following schedule:

- 9- 9:30 a.m.: Meet at No Thyme To Cook
 - Breakfast Served and Business Visit - All
- 9:35 - 10:30 a.m.: Business Visits
 - Team 1: Dry Dock and Carmen's Gallery
 - Team 2: Island Hideaway and Victorian Inn
 - Team 3: Quality Inn and The McNelis Group
 - Team 4: GreenWave
 - Team 5: Sail Solomons and Solomons Gallery



No Thyme To Cook will be the starting point for the Solomons Business Walk.

- 10:45- 11:30 a.m.: Meet at Chesapeake Bio Lab - R.V. Truitt Building, 129 Williams Street, Presentation and Lab Tour
- 11:45 -1 p.m.: Lunch at Isaac's (Solomons Holiday Inn)
 - Business Visit with Holiday Inn - All

Robertson-Slagle said this will be the second town center business walk this year. The first town center walk was in Chesapeake Beach/ North Beach in June 2019.

Deputy Director / Business Development Manager Danita Boonchaisri said the walks are "a means of providing outreach to the business community." She said it's a chance for the commission and staff to meet one-on-one with the businesses so they can tell us about their suc-

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cesses and challenges.

Boonchaisri described the walk as kind of a "Mini Business Appreciation Week," referring to the event held by the department every May in which the county commissioners visit businesses

around the county.

She said the Department of Economic Development is planning similar business walks for the other town centers.

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Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department: Nearly-100-Year Tradition Turns a Page



Artists rendering of new Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department firehouse.

By Dick Myers
Editor

As Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department (PFVFD) enters another milestone in their long history, they are preparing for still another seminal event 18 months from now. These recent dots on the company's timeline would be at the far right of what has spanned almost 100 years.

The history of PFVFD that was written by Jason Deale and which appears on their website (<https://www.pfvfd.org/>) explains the beginnings: "In 1926, a group of concerned citizens consisting mainly of business and professional men saw the need for a fire department in Prince Frederick, the seat of Calvert County.

"On May 6, 1926, a charter was issued in the name of Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Company. Acting officers of the company were John B. Gray, Jr., Rutherford B. Smoot, George D. Turner, Albert B. Gibson, and Isaac N. King. In 1927, a Ford Model A chemical fire engine was purchased and housed in a shed next to the Calvert Motor Company, known today as Prince Frederick Ford. The company disbanded in 1931 for reasons unknown leaving the town again without any fire protection."

That would change permanently in 1940, when according to Deale, "A group of townspeople, including some of the previously involved, began meeting in an effort to reorganize a fire department in Prince Frederick. After many meetings with citizens from all areas of the county and a serious fire in Prince Frederick, progress began to take place. As the department would be providing fire protection to all areas of the county, it was decided that the name of the organization would be the Calvert County Volunteer Fire Department. In 1941 a charter was issued to the CCVFD."

Harry Hughes was the first president; chief was Shemwell Parran.

In 1942, "A 1928 Studebaker was borrowed from the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department and was housed in the shed next to Calvert Motor Company. Soon after this, a committee was formed to purchase the department's first fire engine." It was a "1941 American LaFrance with a 500gpm pump and a 300-gallon tank that would be known as Engine 21." The "2" denoted Company 2 since North Beach was first. It again became Prince Frederick VFD in 1985.

In 1943 they would move into a new two-bay firehouse next to the courthouse on Main Street.

The history goes on to say: "1956 started a 29-year era when Vernon D. Horsmon, Sr. became fire chief. By 1959, the two-bay firehouse was full, with three engines and a tanker, and talk was started about building a new firehouse." That dream was realized in 1960 when a new one-story, four-bay firehouse was constructed, followed by a 1984 addition. Those structures stood on a spot on Routes 2/4 where now a pile of rubble stands.

From that rubble will emerge a \$9.5 million firehouse roughly 16 to 18 months from when everyone moved out.

In the meantime, Company 2 is adapting to temporary quarters at the old National Guard Armory so they can provide the same quality of service the community knows it can depend on. It may have seemed seamless to county residents, but there have been a lot of moving parts to take care of by the department's leadership and its members.

Leading the transition are President Pat Hassler (since 2012) and Chief Joe Della-Camera. As are all of the positions with the department, they are volunteer gigs, and both have full-time jobs. Hassler is retired military and Della-Camera is a professional law enforcement officer.

Hassler was born and raised in DC and his family moved to Calvert in the 1970's where he graduated from Calvert middle and high schools. He got involved in volunteering because of his father. He joined PFVFD in 2004 after being involved with other departments, for a total of 37 years.

Della-Camera is from Prince George's County, moved to Calvert when he was 12 and also graduated from Calvert High. He also got involved with volunteer service through his father who was a volunteer in P.G. County and also a professional firefighter with the federal government.

Della-Camera, who joined when he was 16, said of the familial attraction to service, "It's one of the natural progressions, especially if you're a child that's involved in the fire service along with your parents. If you're around all the time, it's kind of one of those things that you just kind of fall into and you love. It grew to love it."

He said it doesn't happen in all families, but it's a fre-

quent occurrence. "I have a 10-year-old son that I've been bringing to the firehouse since he was six months old," he noted.

Both men were asked why they still continue with the volunteer service after so many years. Della-Camera said, "I think it's just a love for helping others. That's the cliché way of saying it, but it's the adrenaline rush of running the calls. Then also getting involved with the operations and administrative side, how this operates and how we maintain a volunteer membership. That's what's kept me going."

He credits those who have held leadership positions before him as he has moved through the ranks with preparing him for where he is now.

Hassler said, "You look at what the organization is about, what they're doing and where they're going and you hang your coat on those goals, dreams, projects, whatever the case may be besides the running of the calls. I always say there's a tradition that we have here in our department that when I took the position of president, I could look at five, six past presidents and ask the question, 'When you did this, what was your thought process then?' Because that's the foundation of the organization."

Both the president and chief are elected positions, so they have to instill the confidence of the membership, which now stands at 108 with 78 being operational.

Hassler was asked when he accepted the presidency that he knew he was accepting the responsibility for a new building. He said, "The volunteer service has changed in the last 10-20 years where it's now legitimately a big multimillion-dollar business that needs to be managed day-to-day. So, the membership saw something in me, I



Temporary housing for Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department apparatus at the National Guard Armory complex.



Members stand in front on the PFVFD apparatus on Aug. 7 before the last meeting at the old firehouse.

guess and said we'd like you to consider this because we want to build the business side up. And in doing so, our department had, from our life-long chief Vernon Horsmon, had started the process trying to go after federal grants for a new building or rehab the old building. So, when I took office, I found the documentation and I sat down and talked to some of the senior members and said, 'I'd like to pursue this.' And so, the caveat was the membership then turned right around and told me I can't leave office until the project's done."

It probably has taken longer than Hassler bargained for. Bur he noted, "Thus consistency is a good thing because then you've got the same team, the same process and all the historical information to continue to move forward."

First the department had to sell the idea of a new building. "The first three years was fact-finding in presenting the documentation and information that our building had been built since 1960. We were coming to a point with new laws and compliance, life safety and things like this that we had to address." That 1960 building, he said, had been a staple in the community for numerous public functions.

"So, we partnered with the county and worked with the county staff to look at additional potential grants and their processes to continue to move forward. And from sitting down at the first meeting, the process took just a little under eight years to get where we are today."

The decision for the new building was made, Della-Camera said, "Apparatus is getting bigger and safer. Our building was built for a vehicle in 1960-62. So, the doors structurally could not be expanded."

"Right off the bat we're going to see a huge difference in space. That's going to be big for us," he said. As to safety, he observed, "It's just leaps and bounds from what they were." For instance, in the new building there will be a ventilated room for equipment storage after they are cleaned.

The new building will have a second floor which requires elevator access for handicapped members and the public. That second story was necessary because of the small lot footprint, which also limits parking for the general public, precluding a large meeting hall.

The new building will have six bays, training areas and more space for bunks, including for female members. That will allow more members to sleep over during bad weather.

Even the county commissioners got antsy for the time it took after the monies were budgeted to get to last month's demolition. Hassler explained it involved learning about issues such as storm water management and parking requirements, and then developing the specs.

Della-Camera said there is no cookie-cutter firehouse that they could use as a model. Each department has different needs and the new firehouse was designed to Prince Frederick's and the community's needs.

He noted that Prince Frederick has a wider first-due area than others in the county and with the most commercial buildings to protect. Several new apartment complexes are being built and the Armory Square property stands poised for development right across the street from their temporary quarters.

"And on top of that, we still have farmland that we have to worry about," Della-Camera said.

Once the county agreed to a new building, a decision had to be made about what to do in the transition, since

there was no room on the existing property to continue operations in the interim. Hassler said, "We realized that we needed to have a place to operate, to continue to provide service without interruption. The department entered a memorandum agreement with the county because the county owned the (armory) property. We came over here, we surveyed it, we found some shortfalls in the main building because it had been closed for so many years. So, we did air quality testing and they came back saying that

we can't use it for day-to-day operations."

So, they got creative, "The committee sat down and asked 'What do you need to be functional? We've still got a business to run'."

The decision involved the placing of three buildings on the property, including a double wide trailer modified to sleep 12 with a kitchen, washer, dryer, shower – "all the amenities that the live-in guys need," Hassler said.

For the second building, at first, they worked with a lo-

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Demolition in late August of the old Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department firehouse.

cal company to construct a big blow up tent to house apparatus, "because we've got to maintain climate control." When that deal fell through, they went to plan B - a pole barn constructed by the local Amish community.

The third building is a mobile unit to house the administrative offices.

All three building will be sold when they move back across town to the new building and the monies received will return to the department.

One of the existing rooms in the former National Guard garage has been transformed into a day room for the members and every day they are adding homey touches to make it more like they were used to in the old building.

"There's going to be some adjustments and some things that we understand we got to accommodate and be flexible with because we know what the goal is at the end," Della-Camera said.

So, with the three temporary building in place, the department held its final meeting in the old building, with the living past presidents and chiefs, including Vernon Horsmon, now 93, in attendance. Everyone posed outside in front of the apparatus and then went inside for the meeting. On Aug. 8 they got in those apparatus, drove over to that armory and their new, albeit temporary home for the

next year and a half

Della-Camera insisted, "One of the absolute requirements was no interruption in service. And moving over here, and for your readers, there was absolutely zero interruption in emergency operations."

He noted that the last four or five months of packing things up were like when anyone moves. They found things tucked away that they had to decide whether to keep or throw away. But in the end, he said, "We lined up all the apparatus together in the parking lot and at one time we transitioned from that firehouse to this firehouse and never skipped a beat."

The community has been great, the leaders, say, making donations and even dropping off cookies. Now they have what they need, so monetary donations are always accepted. The department will soon be doing another fund drive, which reminds Hassler to say that they can also use volunteers who may not feel they are able to make fire calls. There's plenty to do, including fundraising.

Be they in their old building, in their temporary quarters, or in the new building, finding new members is the constant challenge. Della-Camera feels they are doing pretty well, having just added four new members. He credits the course work at the Calvert Career and Technology



Vernon Horsmon, 93, who was PFVFD chief for 29 years, attended the last meeting at the old firehouse on Aug. 7 and posed with current Chief Joe Della-Camera (l) and President Pat Hassler.

Center, which prepares students for both volunteer and professional emergency service.

Hassler gives a lot of credit to the county commissioners for their support for the new building and their temporary quarters. Reminding everyone that everything they do is strictly volunteer, he said, "I think the commissioners see it as a fair trade that they fully support us financially in turn for the money that we're actually saving the county citizens."

That service can include the ultimate sacrifice. Two members of PFVFD have given their lives in the line of duty (LODD). According to the department history: "On January 12, 1980, while responding to an accident on Long Beach Road, Truck 2 got out of control and flipped over several times. The accident injured firefighter Mike Moore Jr and killed Deputy Fire Chief Donald Bowen."

Then, "December 9, 1988, marked the second LODD for the department when President/Captain David Gott was returning home from running a call at the firehouse. A car pulled out in front of Capt. Gott at Hallowing Point Road and Barstow Road."

Some bricks are being saved from the old building demolition to create memorials to the two fallen fighters at the new firehouse. As things change, their storied tradition will continue.

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Secrets to making your
home look like you
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Photo spreads in home design magazines can be awe-inspiring. Quite often homeowners wish they could lift the looks right off the pages of magazines and transform their own homes into picture-perfect retreats.

It takes an eye for design to pull a room together — even with inspiration — and make it both functional and attractive. While hiring an interior designer is one way to go, homeowners can use some of the tricks and techniques the designers employ to do a



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remarkably good job of improving the interiors of their homes without such help.

EMBRACE TEXTURE

The colors used in a home can add impact, but designers often utilize various textures to create aesthetic appeal. A single color scheme can be enhanced by various fabrics. Consider a leather sofa made more cozy with chenille pillows next to a rustic side table. Figure out ways to incorporate a few different textures to add depth to the room.

BE CAREFUL WITH COLOR

Many high-end homes showcase neutral shades that are enhanced by pops of color. If you like a rich, royal purple, leave room for other colors as well. Add touches of purple in vases, throw pillows and other accessories.

Also, many designers work in shades of three for room colors. There may be one main color for walls, another color for larger accents, such as couches and chairs, and then a third color that pops in accessories such as flowers, pillows and collectibles. These can be any colors, but the most muted tends to be the more abundant shade.

ADD A BIT OF BLING

Glittery items and metallics can add a touch of luxury feel to any space. A shiny table lamp, mirrors, a sparkling chandelier, and the like are easy ways to produce a high-end feel. Reflective surfaces also will cast light around the room, giving the illusion of a larger space.

CHOOSE A BIG STATEMENT PIECE

Many homeowners make the mistake of filling a room with several small pieces of furniture that only contribute to clutter. Instead, look for a statement piece, which can be a cabinet, armoire or chaise. Mix and match large and small elements for a sense of balance.

ACCESSORIZE

Finish the room with accessories and flowers. When placing and hanging knickknacks and wall art, odd-numbered groupings often look the most cohesive and interesting. Experiment with different scales and heights for even more dimension.

When inspiration hits, take some cues from interior design pros to make spaces look like they belong on the pages of your favorite magazines.

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Protect your plants from winter weather

For the majority of gardening enthusiasts, gardening is a warm weather activity. While some people live in climates that make it possible to enjoy gardening year-round, those who don't often lament the end of the gardening season.

Winter might not be conducive to gardening, but the arrival of cold weather does not necessarily mean a gardener's work is done until the following spring. Taking steps to protect plants from winter weather is an important part of maintaining a healthy garden that thrives from year to year.

Timing is of the essence when winterizing a garden. The online gardening resource Get Busy Gardening!™ advises gardeners that the best time to winterize is after the first hard freeze in the fall. A hard freeze occurs when temperatures dip below freezing overnight. When that occurs, annual plants and vegetables are killed off and perennial plants, which grow back year after year, begin going dormant.

Better Homes and Gardens notes that perennials are the easiest plants to prepare for winter, as they require just a little cutting back and mulching to be safe from cold weather. But no two perennials are alike, so homeowners should consult their local gardening center for advice on how to prepare their particular perennials for the coming months.

The steps necessary to winterize annuals depends on which type of annuals, cool- or warm-climate, you have. Cool-climate annuals should be covered with polyspun garden fabric when light frost is in the forecast. In addition, Better Homes and Gardens recommends pulling dead annuals and adding them to a compost pile after a killing frost.



Any annuals that developed fungal disease should be discarded. Mulch annual beds with a three-to four-inch layer of chopped leaves or similar materials, spreading the mulch only two inches thick over self-sown seeds you want to germinate in the spring.

Warm-climate annuals also should be covered with polyspun garden fabric when light frost is expected. Seeds of cold-hardy annuals can be planted for extended winter bloom, while gardeners also can collect seeds of warm-weather plants that will breed true to type. Even though you're winterizing, Better Homes and Gardens recommends that gardeners continue to weed and water their plant beds and plants while also keeping an eye out for pests. If organic mulch has

decomposed or thinned out, replace it with a new layer.

Get Busy Gardening!™ notes that the bulbs of tender plants like dahlias and tuberous begonias can be dug up and overwintered in their dormant state. All dead foliage should be removed after the bulbs have been dug up, and the bulbs should be allowed to dry out a little before being stored. Container gardeners can overwinter their tender bulbs in their pots inside, but be sure to remove their foliage and store them in a dark, cool place that maintains temperatures above freezing.

Winterizing may mark the end of gardening season, but it's an important task that can ensure a healthy, beautiful garden next spring, summer and fall.



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Must-haves for an amazing kitchen remodel

Kitchen remodels are among the most popular home renovation projects, whether they consist of swapping out cabinet hardware or doing major demolition.

Due to the sheer amount of time families spend in the kitchen, not to mention the number of tasks performed in this space, it is easy to see why Remodeling magazine consistently ranks kitchen renovations as projects that will enable homeowners to recoup a high percentage of their investments. In the magazine's 2018 "Cost vs. Value" report, midrange major kitchen remodels costing an average of \$63,829 recouped 59 percent of that investment.

When investing in a kitchen project, it is important to incorporate items that are coveted.

DEEP, DOUBLE SINKS

Having a double sink enables you to soak dishes in one side and then wash on the other. It also makes it easy to wash and prep produce for meals.

KITCHEN ISLAND AND BAR STOOLS

Even though many meals are enjoyed around the table, there's something to be said for the convenience of a kitchen island and some well-placed bar stools for quick breakfasts or snacks.

SMART KITCHEN STORAGE

Work with a contractor to include storage solutions built into cabinetry and the pantry. Slide-out shelving, nooks for a paper towel roll and custom-designed areas to store stand mixers and other necessities can make kitchens more functional.

OUTDOOR ACCESS

If possible, design a kitchen so it is easy to access the backyard via sliding doors. This can make outdoor entertaining or even coffee on the deck much easier.

UNDER-CABINET LIGHTING

Fixtures installed under cabinets provide both ambient lighting and task lighting. Such lighting makes it easier to see what you're working on as well, as even well-placed overhead lighting can fail to illuminate dark corners and spots on the counters.

CONVENIENT WARMING DRAWER

This appliance provides backup to the oven. It's a slide-out drawer that can keep prepared foods out of the way and warm until they are ready to be served. This is particularly handy for holidays and other entertaining.

BEVERAGE STATION

Designate one area of the kitchen to beverages, such as coffee and tea. Or make the area an informal bar. This can limit traffic in the kitchen to a single area.

Kitchen remodels are exciting to envision, and several choices can make these high-traffic spaces even more coveted.



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Easy ways to clean up leaves



Autumn is marked by colorful foliage and plummeting temperatures. Once those leaves reach peak color, they fall from the branches and collect on lawns, necessitating cleanup projects. For homeowners with big yards, such a project can be tiring and time-consuming. However, there are ways to make leaf cleanup easier.

One of the easiest ways to clean up leaves is to reach for a lawn mower rather than a rake. The mower will cut leaves down to smaller sizes, creating an effective mulch that can add nutrients back into the lawn. Davey, a lawn and landscape solutions service, says that mowed leaves also can be collected in a mower bag and added to garden beds or compost piles.

For those who prefer manual raking, select a rake with tines that will not skewer the leaves in the process. Big rakes also can make faster work of gathering leaves into piles.

The home improvement resource The Family Handyman advocates for the use of a lawn sweeper. This is a manual device that has a rotating sweeping brush that gathers up lawn debris and leaves into an attached hopper bag. Like mowed leaves, the bag can be emptied into a compost pile or distributed where needed.

Raking leaves onto a large tarp is another option. Once it's full, the tarp can be taken to the curb where many towns will collect the leaves seasonally. Otherwise, the tarp can be used as a funnel to put leaves into a gardening bag or another appropriate receptacle.

Leaf blowers remain a fast option for cleaning up yards, but they require electricity or gas and can be noisy. Still, they are a popular choice for large landscapes or when quick work needs to be made of leaf clean-up.

Leaves will fall in autumn, but luckily homeowners have various methods at their disposal to tame the mess.

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How to create a winter-friendly outdoor living space



For many homeowners, the arrival of fall and winter marks an end to time spent lounging and dining al fresco on the patio. But cold air does not necessarily mean patio furniture must be packed up until flowers bloom anew in spring.

In its 2017 Home Design Trends Survey, the American Institute of Architects found that consumers continue to emphasize practical features that expand the functionality of their homes via heavy investment in outdoor living spaces. The survey found that the popularity of outdoor living spaces increased by 72 percent between 2012 and 2017, highlighting just how much homeowners enjoy spending time outdoors. By taking measures to make their outdoor living spaces winterproof, homeowners can enjoy these areas of their homes even more.

COVER YOUR DECK

A covered deck may appear to make the space less enjoyable during spring and summer. However, covered decks can protect residents from the sun on especially hot days while also making the space more functional in winter. An overhead shelter on a deck can be outfitted with heaters (and fans to provide a cooling effect in summer) and allow residents to sit outside and watch snow fall without getting wet.

PLANT THE RIGHT TREES

Coniferous trees prevent wind, which can be especially harsh in winter. Homeowners who are unsure about which direction wind typically comes from can consult a landscape architect to determine where to plant the trees to ensure they're most effective.

FIRE UP THE PATIO

A firepit or fireplace can warm up an outdoor living area, making such a space warm and cozy even on a cold winter night. A patio with a built-in firepit can cost a pretty penny, but such an addition can withstand winter weather better than a standalone firepit, which might be vulnerable to being tipped over by winter winds.

INSTALL LIGHTING

The sun sets early in winter, so homeowners won't be able to rely on natural light to illuminate their outdoor living spaces well into the evening like they do in summer. Heat lamps can be used to both warm and illuminate a space, serving dual, budget-friendly functions.

With the right adjustments, outdoor living spaces can be enjoyed throughout winter.



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When it can be smart to hire a painting pro

Few things can revitalize a home more readily than a fresh coat of paint.

Thanks in part to the affordability of paint and its ease of application, painting is something that even novice DIYers can typically handle. According to the marketing advice guru Brandon Gaille, it is estimated that residential interior paint only lasts around three years before it needs to be updated.

Exterior paint can fade, chip and peel due to various environmental factors. As a result, many homes can likely use a fresh coat of paint in at least one room.

As DIY-friendly as painting can be, when attempting to paint the interior or exterior of their homes, homeowners may learn that some painting projects are best left to the professionals. Painting requires skill, patience and a knowledge of how various

paints — including finishes for particular applications — will hold up. Novice painters may do more harm than good by dripping paint on expensive carpeting or floors or fail to recognize the nuances that indicate a spot-on painting job.

Professional painters have spent hours upon hours learning the ropes of what works — and what does not. Painters often understand that painstaking preparatory



work is crucial to getting pristine finished results. Walls and ceilings must be properly repaired and prepared even before a base coat is applied.

Professional painters also have an eye for details. And because professional painters make a business out of doing interior and exterior surfaces, they understand which techniques can improve efficiency. That means a professional job can typically be completed much more quickly than a DIY project.

Even though some people think they'll save money by painting their own homes, that's not necessarily true. Professionals already have all the equipment necessary, unlike novices who may

need to make repeated and potentially costly trips to the hardware store for supplies. Plus, if mistakes happen, DIYers have to spend additional time and money fixing them.

Safety can be a large motivator for turning painting over to a pro. Navigating exterior areas or tall interior ceilings can be challenging and may require scaffolding or tall ladders DIYers do not have. Risk of falls or other injuries increase with lack of experience.

Painting can give a home a facelift, and oftentimes it is smart to turn the work over to professionals to ensure the job is done just right.

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Will you “Marry me Again”

Vow Renewals have been popular in Italy for decades and have existed in the US since the 1950's and they became more popular in the 70's. Now, it is an everyday trend for couples to “Retie the Knot”. More and more married couples are reaffirming their marriage vows and commitment to each other.

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Other couples may celebrate overcoming a challenge. It is estimated that 50% of marriages end in divorce. Marriage isn't easy and for some couples, there will be a time in their relationship that they feel like an uphill battle that last for weeks, months or even years. Plus, over time the stress of raising children, work, and other obligations, makes it easy to forget how much you were head-over-heels in love with your spouse.

A vow renewal is the perfect way to get dressed up special and using love-affirming words to commit to being together forever, again. It makes your love feel magical again, which is a feeling you could have been missing from your life. And let's not forget the “planned” wedding night! Renewing your vows is a perfect way of restoring romance back

into your relationship making your marriage happier and healthier.

I recently read a heartwarming story about a married couple and the husband had been living with dementia for 9 years. He was unaware of their marriage and no longer knew the name of his wife. He told her that he really liked her and that he wanted to be with her forever. The wife gladly accepted his marriage proposal and with the help of her family and friends, they planned a wedding (vow renewal). The wife thought the wedding would not happen because he would forget. Much to her surprise, he remembered that they were getting married and she described their “vow renewal” as the most wonderful day. The biggest surprise is that after the wedding her husband was able to remember that he just married his girlfriend 2 weeks before. Love is the one thing that can truly last forever.

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Northern High School to Host College Fair

Northern High School will host a college fair open to all high school students and their families on Monday, September 16, 2019 from 5-8 p.m. Representatives from over 60 schools and the armed services will be in attendance.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel D. Curry, said, “We hope our school community will take advantage of this opportunity to speak with a wide range of schools as students look for the best fit to continue their education. I thank Northern High for organizing the fair and opening it to students who attend all of our high schools.”

Information about financial aid and the NCAA Clearinghouse will also be available.

The address of Northern High School is 2950 Chaneyville Road, Owings, MD 20736.

For more information, contact Erin Grimwood at 443-550-8941 or grimwoode@calvertnet.k12.md.us.

Press Release from CCPS

Calvert High Envirothon Team wins State Competition



The Calvert High School Envirothon team captured Calvert County's first state championship in the 29th Annual Maryland State Envirothon Competition. The team was honored by the Board of Education at the August 8 meeting.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel D. Curry, said, “We are so proud of our first Envirothon state championship. Their success is evidence of their commitment to learning about of environmental issues. We wish them all the best in their future studies.”

At the state competition, team members Michael Deffinbaugh, Krissy Dube, Grace Miller, Ben Springer, and Vincent Sullens finished first in the Soils, Wildlife and Forestry category and second in Aquatics.

The team is coached by Chuck Gustin, Calvert High science teacher, with support from Linda Subda of Chespx and the following county organizations: Calvert Soil Conservation District, the Calvert Forestry Board, Morgan State PEARL staff, the Calvert County Natural Resource Division, and the American Chestnut Land Trust.

The team represented the state of Maryland at the National Envirothon competition in North Carolina and earned an impressive 10th place out of 53 teams.

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In Remembrance

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

Robert Randall Smith "Randy"



Robert Randall Smith "Randy", 60, of North Beach, MD, passed away on September 2, 2019 at his residence. He was born April 2, 1959 in Charleroi, PA to Robert "Rusty" and

Norma Jean Smith. Randy was raised in Arlington, VA and graduated from Yorktown High School. He was married to his beloved Adrienne who passed away in 2010. Randy was a successful auto mechanic, and a life time member of the OWL VFD in Woodbridge, VA. He later moved to North Beach, MD. He is survived by his mother, sister, and two step-sons.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Kenneth Wayne "Kenny" Ferguson



Kenneth Wayne "Kenny" Ferguson, 85, of Salisbury and formerly of Friendship passed away September 6, 2019 at his residence. He was born November 28, 1933 in Camp Creek,

WV to Clarkson Lacy and Essie Grey (Reed) Ferguson. Kenny was raised in Camp Creek, WV and graduated from Spanishburg High School in 1951. He married Marjorie Frances Jones on November 1, 1965 and they lived in Friendship for 30 years. In 2015 Kenny moved to Salisbury. He was employed as a supervisor for Pepco for many years, retiring in 1989. Kenny was a member of the Deale Elks Lodge and the Moose Lodge in Suitland. In his spare time he enjoyed

country music, traveling, gardening, and going to Ocean City and spending time with his family.

Kenny was preceded in death by his wife Marjorie Frances Ferguson in 2013 and brothers Lacy and Garry Ferguson. He is survived by his children Paula McNeese of Glen Burnie, Kathryn Khanna of Salisbury, Christine Rousseau and husband Chuck of Salisbury, Michele Hurt of Crownsville, and Kimberly Patey and husband Jon of Salisbury, grandchildren Rebecca Endres, Joseph and Matthew McNeese, Andrew Crosby, Kenneth and Lexi Khanna, Jacob and Cade Rousseau, Sydney Hurt, and Zackery, Joel, and Luke Patey, and great-grandchildren Sailor, Matthew, and Jaxon.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 12, 2019, 1-2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral Service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Southern Memorial Gardens, 10155 Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754.

Anthony Wayne "Tony" Mosher, Sr.



Anthony Wayne "Tony" Mosher, Sr., 61, of Huntingtown passed away September 5, 2019. He was born June 22, 1958 in Washington, D.C. to Benjamin Franklin and Margaret Elizabeth (Barlow) Mosher. Tony was raised in Capitol Heights, attended Crossland High School, and graduated from Lincoln Technical Institute. He was employed as a union millwright for many years and also owned and operated National Automotive for 13 years. Tony was married at age 17 and became a father to his son Anthony. He was a hard worker all of his life and did everything he could to provide for his family. In his spare

time Tony enjoyed riding motorcycles, fishing, hunting, demolition derbies, and racing. Most of all Tony enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his granddaughters. He will be remembered as an honest and loyal man.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Roger Lee Sipe



Roger Lee Sipe, 72, of Middletown, DE and a longtime resident of Calvert County, passed away September 5, 2019. Roger was born December 2, 1946 in Prince Frederick to William Cecil and Sadie Mae (Brightwell) Sipe and was raised in Owings. He was a lifelong tobacco farmer working with Wilson Dowell for over twenty five years, and worked as an attendant at Gibson's gas station in Lothian and as a truck driver, equipment operator and supervisor with Southern Maryland Cable Company for many years. Roger enjoyed working, and loved rabbit hunting and vegetable and flower gardening.

Roger is survived by daughters Mamie C. Blizzard and husband Michael Winner of Middletown, Dawn Marie Booze and husband Larry, Sr. of Prince Frederick, a stepson Brian Gibson, Sr. and wife

Linda of Glen Burnie, grandchildren LB Booze, Kiara Flannery, Brandon Greenwell, Cortez Booze, and Brian Gibson, Jr, seven great-grandchildren, brothers Glenn Allen Sipe of Wayson's Corner, Charles Edward Sipe of Chantilly, VA and Brian K. Sipe of Wayson's Corner, and a sister Deborah Howlin of Chantilly, VA. He was preceded in death by his parents and by brothers William N. "Jim" Sipe and Donald "Doodle" Sipe.

Funeral Service will be Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

Interment will be at All Saints Episcopal Church Cemetery, 100 Lower Marlboro Road, Sunderland, MD 20689.

Charles Ray "Butch" Kissinger, Jr.



Charles Ray "Butch" Kissinger, Jr., 75, of Mechanicsville passed away September 4, 2019. He was born October 23, 1943 in Washington, D.C., to Charles Ray Sr. and Agnes Maria

(Johnson) Kissinger. Butch was raised in Clinton and graduated from Surrattsville High School. He joined the United States Army on April 1, 1965 and was honorably discharged on March 15, 1967 having earned the National Defense Service Medal. Butch was employed with the Machinist Union in Upper Marlboro as a supervisor, retiring in 1998. He married Jo Anne Burton in 2004 and they lived in Prince Frederick before moving to Clovis, New Mexico in 2003. Jo Anne passed away in 2014 and Butch moved back to Mechanicsville in 2015. Butch was a life member and past president of the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a member of Calvert Elks Lodge 2620, American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206, and the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge. In

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his spare time Butch enjoyed socializing and volunteering.

Butch was preceded in death by his wife Jo Anne Kissinger and stepdaughter Stacie Jo Herche. He is survived by his sons Charles Michael "Mike" Kissinger and wife Karen and Steven Ray "Steve" Kissinger and wife Roberta, all of Mechanicsville, stepson Robert Bowen of Dunkirk and sisters Rosalie King, Joan Day, and Frances Rocawich.

A Memorial Service will be Friday, September 13, 2019 at 1 p.m. at MD Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

Memorial contributions may be made to Burnett Calvert Hospice House, 4559 Sixes Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Ralph Edward Stone



Ralph Edward Stone, 70, of Chesapeake Beach passed away September 2, 2019. He was born April 1, 1949 in Washington,

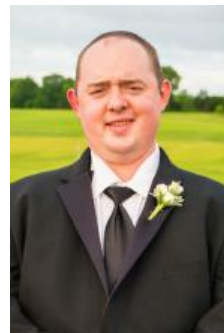
D.C. to Henry R. and Grace Elizabeth (Rowe) Stone. Ralph was raised in Bladensburg and graduated from Bladensburg High School. He joined the United States Marine Corps April 1, 1969 and was honorably discharged January 18, 1971. Ralph served in Vietnam and earned a Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Combat Action Medal. He married Janine Younger on October 1, 1984 and they have lived in Chesapeake Beach for almost 35 years. Ralph was employed as a driver of sales for Frito Lay, retiring in 2010 after 25 years of service. Ralph was a past member of Stalling Williams American Legion Post 206. He enjoyed playing pool and softball, watching his children wrestle and play football when they were younger, animals, and building haunted houses. He built many haunted houses throughout Prince George's and Charles Counties and helped build the Monster Mansion at Northern High

School. Ralph loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was very proud of his sons, especially when they became fathers. Ralph will be remembered for being a very kind and generous person.

Ralph is survived by his wife Janine Marie Stone of Chesapeake Beach, sons Bryan Michael Stone and wife Tammy of Manassas, VA, Sean Patrick Stone and wife Erica of Chesapeake Beach, and James Randall Stone and wife Tina of Leonardtown, grandchildren Helena, Schuyler, Riffin, Shealyn, Donovan, Waverly, Christopher, and Justin, brothers Richard Stone and wife Margie, John Stone and wife Betty, and Robert Stone, mother-in-law Rita Younger and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Harry and Paul Stone.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Richard Howard Pickeral, Jr.



Richard Howard Pickeral, Jr., 27, of Lusby, MD passed away on September 1, 2019 at Chesapeake Shores Nursing Center, Lexington Park, MD.

Born May 29, 1992 in Clinton,

MD, he was the son of Richard H. Pickeral, Sr. and Kimberly Pickeral.

Richard graduated from McDonough High School in 2010. He served in the Army Reserves from January 27, 2010 until January 28, 2018 and was a Maintenance Technician for Charles County Government for three years. He married his wife Ashley Pickeral on May 19, 2018 at Bowles Farms in Leonardtown, MD.

Richard is survived by his wife Ashley Pickeral; his parents, Kimberly and Richard Pickeral, Sr. of Mechanicsville, MD; and siblings, Billy Pickeral and Lauren Pickeral both of Mechanicsville,

MD.

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

Carl Jeffrey Michaud



Carl Jeffrey Michaud, 71, of Lusby, Maryland, passed away on Sunday, September 1, 2019 after a year-long fight with recurrent renal cancer.

Carl was a native of Fort Kent, Maine, and a

proud veteran who served in the Army in Germany during the Vietnam War. As the son of two teachers, Ludger and Bernice (Bourgoin) Michaud, he was a born educator, teaching Math and Science in Van Buren, Maine for fourteen years. Overlapping with his teaching career came the beginning of his work with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which eventually became his primary career. Transitioning from Inspector to Assistant Port Director, he eventually led the National Firearms Unit in Altoona, PA for several years and before his retirement served in Washington, D.C. as a Deputy Director of the National Firearms and Tactical Training Unit.

Anyone who knew Carl knew that firearms were not just a job but a lifelong passion. In the Police Pistol Combat (PPC) competitive arena, he achieved the highest rating of High Master and represented the United States at the World Police and Fire Games in Calgary and Germany. He was on the Border Patrol (later ICE) Pistol Team for sixteen years, including six years as its captain. He was a skilled instructor to whom many nationally ranked shooters owe the honing of their skill. In recent years he switched disciplines to NRA Precision Pistol shooting, enjoying the opportunities to shoot in matches with his son Dennis.

Carl is survived by his wife Bernadette (Bunny) Michaud (née Perreault), also originally from Fort Kent, and his

son Dennis Michaud, daughter-in-law Lisa, and beloved grandchildren Noah and Renée, of Massachusetts.

A memorial service and celebration of Carl's life will be held on November 10, 2019 in Lusby, MD. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Carl's memory to a local charity of your choice.

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

Marsha Elaine Henrichs



Marsha Elaine Henrichs, 53, of Lusby, MD (also known as Miss Meanie; a name given to her as a toddler) passed away on September 3, 2019 at her residence.

Born July 30, 1966 in Cheverly,

MD, she was the daughter of the late Emory Wayland Barnett and Ruth Leona (Abbott) Barnett.

Marsha completed Business School in 1996 and was employed as a School Bus Driver for Calvert County. She married her husband Jonathan Henrichs on December 12, 1997. Marsha enjoyed silk flower design, house plants, and spending time with family and friends.

Marsha is survived by her husband Jonathan Henrichs; and her siblings, Ruth McDonald of Davidsonville, MD, Robert Barnett of Prince Frederick, MD, and Vicky Richardson of Lusby, MD. She was preceded in death by her sister, Diane Smith.

Serving as pallbearers for the September 9 funeral service were Eric McDonald, Ronald Richardson, Steve Henrichs, Myrl Leach, Tony Winter, Dave Blevins and Robert Barnett.

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

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

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Artworks@7th hosts 21 visiting artists in September's show. New two-dimensional and three-dimensional works, textiles and more. The show runs until September 29. 8905 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach. 410-286-5278. www.artworksat7th.com

SMYOC Auditions

The Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra & Choir (SMYOC) through September 16. Non-profit working to expand opportunities for talented young musicians ages 8 and older. Info, Susan Lambert, 301-741-7767. ExecDirector@smyoc.org. Visit: www.smyoc.org

Thursday, September 12

St. Mary's County Camera Club

Will not meet; the next week it will be sponsoring the public Photography Department competition at the St. Mary's County Fair. Come to the county fairgrounds on Wednesday, September 18, to enter your photos. For entry rules, see pp. 79-80 in the fair catalog at <https://www.smcfair.somd.com/>.

Friday, September 13

Golf Tournament

Oak Creek Golf Club, 600 Bowieville Manor Lane, Upper Marlboro
7:00 AM check-in. Start 8:00 AM
Benefit children and youth programs. Captains Choice. Send \$100 checks to AL Post 206, PO Box 428, Chesapeake Beach MD 20732. Attn Golf Tournament. Open to the Public. Questions: Ross Crampton 240-367-6185 or Al Landis 443-968-5518.
American Legion Stallings-williams Post 206 Annual Golf: www.MD-Post206.org

Ribs & Crab Dinner

American Legion, 3330 Chesapeake Beach Rd., East, Route 260
5:50 - 7:00 PM
Sons of the American Legion Stallings Williams Post 206 serve their popular dinner. \$15 includes salad, sides, roll, and beverage. Public welcome. 410-257-9878. www.MD-Post206.org.

Aqua Squares Square Dance Club

Southern Community Center, Appeal Lane, Lusby
7:00 - 9:30 PM
Introductory square dance. Individuals, couples, families are welcome. No experience necessary, no partner needed.

Saturday, September 14

Yard Sale

North Beach VFD, Rt. 260, Chesapeake Beach
8:00 AM - Noon
Hosted by the North Beach VFD Auxiliary 2nd Saturday each month thru October. Reserve table in advance. \$15, two/\$25. Diana, 410-231-1775, after 5:00.

Fossil Field Experience

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Explore the fossils of Cove Point with a trained museum educator. Return to the museum for tours of our paleo hall and fossil prep lab, and explore the rest of the museum. For ages 8 and up. Pre-registration required. Visit bit.ly/CMMfossils to register.

Food Truck Festival

Herrington Harbour North, 389 Deale Rd., Tracys Landing 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Featuring over 25 Sweet & Savory Food Trucks, live music, beer, wine & spirits, and an area just for the kids! Live music throughout the event!

Pet Adoption

Pepper's Pet Pantry, Solomons Towne Center (behind CVS)
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
A dog and cat adoption event with local Saint Mary's and Calvert County animal rescue groups. 410-326-4006.

Taste of the Beaches

Kellam Field, Chesapeake Beach
12:00 - 5:00 PM
Outdoor festival showcasing local businesses, artists, restaurants, wine vendors, breweries and other attractions. Live music, children's activities, educational presentations and more. Raffle to benefit Project Echo. Free admission.

Fossil Club Meeting & Public Lecture

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
1:00 & 2:30 PM
Quarterly meeting of the CMM Fossil Club at 1:00 Public lecture at 2:30 in the Harms Gallery. Dr. Lucy Edwards will present a lecture: Favorite Fossils and the Chesapeake Bay Impact Structure. 410-326-2042

Sip and Save

American Chestnut Land Trust, North Side Trailhead, 676 Double Oak Road, Prince Frederick.
1:00 - 5:00 PM
Sip the Beer / Save the Land! Featuring the music of southern Maryland native Dylan Galvin! Sample a wide variety of beers from local and regional breweries and local gourmet food. Play corn hole or yard pong! Proceeds support ACLT. Beer-tasting tickets online \$20; at door \$25. Info/purchase tickets: www.acltweb.org <http://bit.ly/SipSave>

Quarter Auction

Stoney's, 3939 Oyster House Road, Broomes Island
3:00 - 6:00 PM
Support CAWL-Calvert Animal Welfare League. Auction begins at 4:00. Paddles \$3 each; 2 for \$5. Food and drink available to purchase. Reservations encouraged, not required. Darlene at 301-751-7475 or Beth at 240-475-5640.

Art Show Reception

The CalvART Gallery, Prince Frederick Center, Rts. 4/231
5:00 - 8:00 PM
Lonnie Harkins—Master of None. Photography, scratch board, painting, wood, pencil, glass, stone, metal and pottery. Through October 8. Gallery open Wednesday through Sunday 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. 410-535-9252. www.calvartgallery.org

Sunset Supper Cruise

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
5:00 - 7:30 PM
Aboard the Wm. B. Tension for a 90-minute cruise through history followed by a light supper. \$50 per person. Reservation: bit.ly/WmBTensionCruises. Info: 410-326-2042, ext. 41 or email: Melissa.McCormick@calvertcountymd.gov.

Comedy Night with 321 Improv

Patuxent High School 12485 Southern Connector Blvd, Lusby
6:00 - 8:00 PM
A unique, interactive comedy experience unlike any you've been a part of before. 321 Improv turns audience suggestions into hilarious scenes. Benefit Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland. Tickets and info: comedynight.info.

Country Dance

American Legion Post 206, Chesapeake Beach
8:00 - 11:30 PM
If you can't dance, teachers will give instruction at 7:00 followed by dancing in the upper level Ballroom. \$15 includes soft drinks or draft beer and light munchies. Public welcome. Reservations: LBloyer@verizon.net. 410-257-9878. www.MD-Post206.org

Sunday, September 15

Appraisal Roadshow

Fridays Creek Winery, 3485 Chaneyville Road, Owings
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Hosted by the Calvert County Antique Arts Association. \$10 per appraisal item (limit of four items). Items may include jewelry silver, porcelain, china, artwork, coins, statues, sculptures, historical memorabilia. Sponsored by Paradigm Experts Appraisal Roadshow. Info: Rita, 410-610-4798.

Calvert County Watermen's Festival

Solomons
12:00 - 3:30 PM
Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
2:30 - 4:30 PM
Leaves from the museum dock. \$25 ages 13 and up. \$15 children 5-12. No children under 5 please. Pre-registration required; visit bit.ly/DeeOfStMarysCruises to register. 410-326-2042

Tuesday, September 17

Steak Dinner

American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206, Route 260, Chesapeake Beach
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Order your Steak direct from the Grill-Master. \$15 includes all the trimmings and a beverage. Lower-level dining room. Public welcome. 410-257-9878. www.MD-post206.org

Bingo

North Beach VFD, Rt. 261, Chesapeake Beach
6:00 PM
Join friends and neighbors and support your local first responders. Games at 7:30. Food and drinks for purchase. Jackpot - possible prize \$1,000.

Southern Maryland Community Meeting

Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Smith Hall), 10210 H G Trueman Rd, Lusby
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Free to the public. In addition to our mindful meditation, we will talk about our upcoming meditation gatherings. Info: www.somdmeditationcommunity.org

Wednesday, September 18

Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum, 14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons
10:00 - 10:30 AM
FREE drop-in program for ages 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers. This month's theme is "Animal Camouflage." Space limited; if the session is full, another program will be offered at 11:00.

Thursday, September 19

Holiday Crafts

Harriet E. Brown Community Center, 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick
10:00 - 10:45 AM
Your child will make a fun, holiday-themed craft item to take home and display during the holidays. \$2. 410-535-7080

NARFE Meeting

Fairview Library, Dunkirk
1:00 PM
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), Calvert County Chapter 1466. Presentation on county transportation plans. Early lunch at 11:15, Chesapeake Grill, Dunkirk. 410-326-9024. email NARFE1466@gmail.com

CSM Fall Transfer Fair

College of Southern Maryland (CSM), Prince Frederick Campus, Bldg. B, Multipurpose Room, 115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick
2:00 - 4:00 PM
CSM students can meet representatives from a variety of colleges and universities, explore college majors, degree programs and meet with CSM faculty to gather information about planning the next step in their education. Free. 443-550-6026. www.csmd.edu/transferfair.

Dinner and Movie Night for Caregivers

Calvert Pines Senior Center, 450 W. Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick
5:00 - 7:00 PM
The Office on Aging offer a break to caregivers and feature the film "Alive Inside." Dinner and dessert provided; giveaways. Register for this free event: 410-535-4606. www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd.

Business Success Networking Event

Calvert Library, Costley Way, Prince Frederick
6:30 PM
CCMBA Fall Meeting: Wealth Creation Tips for Businesses and Individuals. Learn strategies to build wealth, financial planning options, strategies to exit their business, and options for retirement. Calvert County Minority Business Alliance. email info@ccmba.org.

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Calvert LIBRARY Events

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

Thursday, September 12

S.T.E.A.M. PUNKS: Robot Rumpus! 6:30-7:30pm. Question, Discover and Explore! Build and program robots made from LEGOs, using LEGO WeDo kits! For engineers in grades 1 - 7. Please register. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

MakePlayLearn. 6:30-7:30pm. 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 Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-2411.

Friday, September 13

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, September 14

Learn Mahjongg. 1:00-3:00pm. Want to learn Mahjongg? Games are a great way to keep your brain sharp while having fun! Join us! No registration. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289.

Garden Smarter: Invasive Plant ID for Homeowners. 1:00-5:00pm. Learn to identify and manage invasive plant species in this 4-hour workshop that includes a presentation, hands-on exercise & short grounds tour. Visit <http://go.umd.edu/invasive-home> for full description and required registration. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Monday, September 16

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

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

Monday Night Fun. 6:30-7:15pm. Wind down with us as we share stories, songs, movement, and fun in the evening time. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Tuesday, September 17

Calvert Library Board of Trustees Meeting. 4:00-7:00pm. Monthly meeting of the Calvert Library Board of Trustees. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Destination Book Discussion at Mamma Lucia's. 6:00-8:30pm. Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. Let's talk about the importance of human connection. If you want to join us for dinner at Mamma Lucia's, that's at 6pm. Discussion starts at 7pm. Please register. Calvert Library Prince Frederick at Mamma Lucia's, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Wednesday, September 18

Happy Crafternoon! 1:00-2:00pm. 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.

Wednesday, September 18: Book Discussion. 2:00-3:30pm. Join us for a lively discussion of Boy, Snow, Bird by Helen Oyeyemi. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Friends of the Library Board of Directors. 5:30-6:30pm. Friends of the Library monthly meeting. No registration. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

Thursday, September 19

Teens Storm Area 51. 6:00-8:00pm. Storming Area 51 in Nevada is a bit too far out there for most of us so let's have our own local storming! Let's see them aliens! 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 Inside the Body. 7:00-8:00pm. Cardiovascular System. Please register. Calvert Library Fairview Branch, Rt. 4 and Chaneyville Road, Owings, 410-257-2101.

Young at Heart

By Office of Aging Staff

Food Service Substitute Employment

The Office on Aging is looking for a Food Service Kitchen Substitute to work at our three senior centers. Centers are located in North Beach, Prince Frederick, and Lusby. Must receive food from caterer, take and record temperatures, serve lunch, wash dishes clean, and work well with seniors. Other duties as assigned. Substitute employment only as needed. Please contact Ed Sullivan, Program Manager, at 410-535-4606 if interested.

Christmas in April

Christmas in April* Calvert County, Inc. **will be accepting applications through September 30, 2019** for Christmas in April 2020. This volunteer, non-profit organization makes home repairs and improves the homes of low-income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly, disabled, and have families with children. There is no cost for the homeowners who are selected to be part of this program. The goal of Christmas in April is for persons to live in warmth, safety, and independence. Homes must be located in Calvert County and all homeowners must live in the home. If you wish to refer someone other than yourself, please first obtain that homeowner's consent. Applications are available at the senior centers, libraries, and churches. Call

Christmas in April at 410-535-9044 to request that an application be mailed to you, for more informa-

tion, or to learn how you can volunteer. Applications are also available on the website: www.christmasinaprilcalvertcounty.org and may be submitted online.

AARP Driver Safety Education

A Driver Safety Class will be held at North Beach Senior Center, Thursday, September 12/AARP members, \$20/non-AARP-members. Members must show AARP cards. Please call 410-257-2549 to register.

Calvert Pines Senior Center

The Calvert Pines Senior Council is now accepting new or gently used purses from smoke free environments. We are open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Fall Purse Sale will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

North Beach Senior Center

Make beautiful works of art with our Ceramic Crusty Crab Craft, Wednesday, September 18, 10 a.m. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$10.00

Southern Pines Senior Center

Learn about the latest assistive technology with our Assistive Technology Presentation, Tuesday, September 17, 1 p.m. These aid in the functioning of everyday activities.

Eating Together Menu

Monday, September 16

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Parmesan Cheese, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Brussel Sprouts, Pears

Tuesday, September 17

Roast Beef & Swiss Cheese Sandwich w/Lettuce & Tomato, Carrot/Pineapple Slaw, Fresh Orange Slices

Wednesday, September 18

Pork Roast, Gravy, Baked Sweet Potato, Spinach, Roll, Apple Crisp

Thursday, September 19

Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Tossed Salad w/ Dressing, Dilled Carrots, Dinner Roll, Mandarin Oranges

Friday, September 20

Spinach Baked Fish, Seasoned Brown Rice, Succotash, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, 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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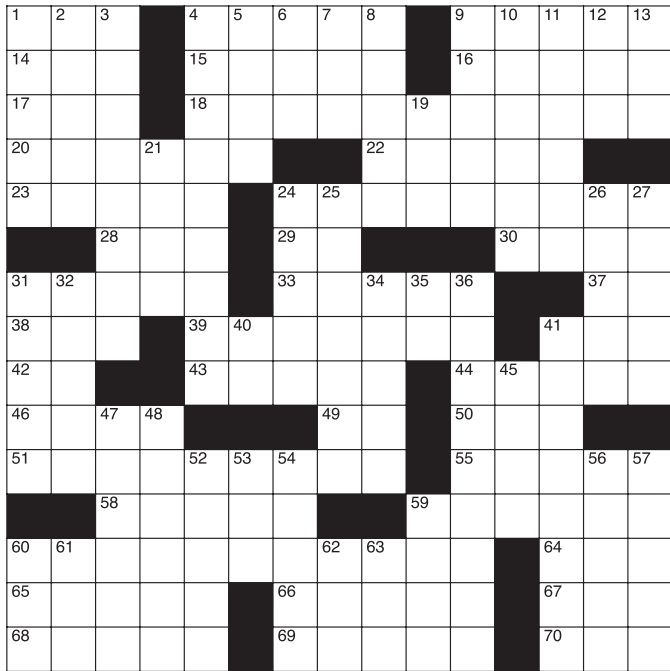
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- 24. Academy Award statue
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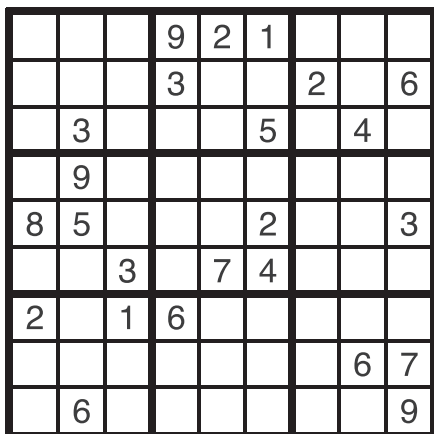
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- 66. Cosmic intelligence
- 67. No (Scottish)
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REPLACEMENT OF HVAC SYSTEM

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Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department
Re: (Vendor Name)
Proposal for the Hollywood VFD "HVAC Replacement"
Attention: Steve Facini
Hollywood VFD
P O Box 7
Hollywood, MD 20636

Proposal packets are available online at <http://www.hvfd7.com> or contacting Steve Facini, Treasurer, Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department at sfacini@hvfd7.com.

A pre-bid conference will be held on September 30, 2019 at 6PM with pre-site visits scheduled on September 17, 2019 and/or September 25, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department 24801 Three Notch Road Hollywood, MD 20636. All bidders must attend one pre-bid conference and one site visit.

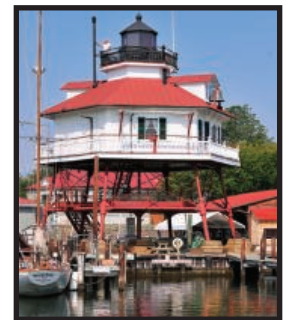
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