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# Student School Board Member Poses Hybrid Questions

By Dick Myers  
Editor

What's the track record for hybrid learning? As the Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) begin their full rollout of the hybrid learning model (part in school, part virtual), Student Member of the Board Abigail Setzfand wanted to know if it's worked elsewhere.

At the school board's Feb. 11 meeting, Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry admitted, "This is so new to the whole country that there's no great measure for success. Just as we hear (about virtual) from students who say this is awful and parents who say I'm not able to manage my time and I'm not doing well; we also hear from students who say I'm doing great. So, I'm not aware of any research that supports one or the other. The whole premise is based upon, there's got to be other things that we can only do when students are in front of the teacher and in person. And that includes some of the social-emotional needs."

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Diane Workman said, "I would agree. There are no studies that I have seen about the concurrent model specifically. But, in talking with friends and relatives who are either teaching in other states or districts or have children and speaking with the parents and teachers in our district whose children have come in in Pre-K to two or special needs students or CTA (Career and Technology Academy), they are seeing that it is successful. It's a much better way to reach the majority of students."

She agreed the social-emotional needs of students have been suffering. "Kids are sitting at home and not interacting socially with their friends. They're not having the day-to-day conversations and their mental health needs right now are surpassing their academic needs."

Workman added, "I am hopeful, and I know how skilled our teachers are and how awesome they are to go above and beyond and do whatever they need to do to meet the needs of kids. I'm certain, if teachers in other districts can do this, we can do it."

Setzfand said she has heard from middle and high school students who are worried about being neglected during the times they are online during the hybrid system. "Inherently teachers are probably going to pay more attention to the kids in front of them," she said the students surmise.

She also noted that teachers have expressed



Student Member of the Board Abigail Setzfand being sworn in by Clerk of the Court Kathy Smith.

concern about the dual responsibility.

Director of Secondary School Improvement Dr. Susan Johnson responded, "Everybody is a little bit apprehensive about what it will be like. And unfortunately, our middle school and high school teachers haven't been through training." That training, she said, was scheduled for the week following the meeting.

Johnson explained, "They are going to be learning where points of instruction are, how to toggle back and forth between students sitting in the classroom and the students that are online, just to make sure that they're comfortable with those things."

Johnson noted: "One of the things that everybody has to be patient with is that students are returning to the buildings for the first time during the year. And teachers do need to set up classroom routines and rituals within that class of how things are going to operate within the classroom. So, there might be times that they're going to be working face-to-face with the kids in the classroom and students online might be doing something for a few minutes, as an assignment, and then they'll come back together."

She added, "We're learning about concurrent teaching and how to take that time block and use it effectively to support all kids, both those that are in the classroom and those that are virtual."

Setzfand also wanted to know what the protocol was "when or if a student gets COVID-19."

Curry said decisions would be made school by school instead of looking at community spread numbers, since the advice was that having kids in school had little impact on community metrics. "It could be that a positive test on behalf of a staff member or a student could lead to a few people having to

quarantine or at least get tested. It could mean an entire class being quarantined and tested. It could mean, in some cases, maybe an entire school . . . closes down for a week or two and then starts up again."

Most teachers will be teaching three groups, those opting for 100 percent virtual as well as those in hybrid with virtual and in-person concurrently. Only a few classes will be for all virtual learners.

Workman said, "We are past the halfway point of our school year. We didn't feel it was appropriate to expect students and teachers to build a strong relationship as they have been able to do since September of this year and to change teacher classes."

She added, "The principal and his team of teachers and assistant principals have identified students who may need a little bit extra support with the virtual learning. So, they would like to have one teacher dedicated just to those students to make sure they can focus 100 percent of their efforts on the virtual students."

New board member Antoine White wanted to know how sports would work with only half the students in school at a time. Curry responded, "There's no plan to separate A and B when it comes to the afterschool activities."

The Calvert Education Association had complained that the hybrid return began before some teachers had received their second vaccine shot. He was asked if there was any consideration for a delay. He said, "No! The

reason was that the governor's press conference encouraged everyone to return to school. At that conference, the head of the Maryland health department said vaccines are not a factor when it comes to whether or not you can get kids in school."

Curry said those teachers and staff members who didn't get their first dose through the school vaccination program and have now changed their mind will have to look elsewhere. "We are not getting any more vaccines to administer first shots." He added, "We have vaccines for everyone who's had the first vaccine."

Setzfand surveyed middle and high schoolers about their experience with virtual learning so far this school year. She said, "The overarching theme of what I got from my conversations with students is that they feel like the board and teachers are forcing a sense of normalcy. And this isn't a normal time. And being in the online learning environment, some students are facing more challenges than others; other students are thriving."

She added, "Some students feel like there is more work than usual, and that classwork and homework have been combined."

"We're pushing a sense of normalcy and sometimes teachers are plowing through the content a little bit too fast. And then they're getting frustrated," she reported.

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# Delegate Blasts School Board

*Fisher: Kids Should Be in School*

By Dick Myers  
Editor

"It's really child abuse at this time," is the way Calvert County Delegate Mark Fisher (R: 27C) describes the school board's failure to bring the kids back to school.

Even though Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry is beginning a complete rollout of hybrid instruction, Fisher doesn't support that policy.

Instead, he told The County Times he supports what he calls the Florida model in which students are either in school five days a week or online full time. He said that puts the onus on parents if their child doesn't succeed in the online environment.

Fisher, in a social media posting, wrote: "It is time to reopen Calvert County Public Schools - AND It's time to reign-in the insanity coming from our Board of Education! Parents and children want schools and sports programs open. So do I. Politicians who want to stop fami-

lies from making their own decisions will be removed from office in 2022."

Fisher insists the issue is one for the Maryland General Assembly. But he is skeptical of any success because of the hold on the legislature by the teacher's unions. He says the rank-and-file teachers support him.

Fisher continued: "The Calvert BOE continues to implement terrible policies that are rooted in leftist propaganda. For that reason, I have introduced HB 1158. Voters will decide on whether our children should be taught to hate themselves and their country. The indoctrination must end."

The bill requires the school board to have training in "The 1776 Report." That was released by The 1776 Commission, an advisory committee established in September 2020 by then-U.S. President Donald Trump to support what he called "patriotic edu-

cation". The report was released Jan. 18 and has been criticized by some historians. The commission was disbanded by President Biden.

Fisher criticized the anti-racism policy recently enacted by the board. He said that policy is counter to what Dr. Martin Luther King believed in.

At the Feb. 11 school board meeting, member Pat Nutter said he had gotten a call from Del, Jerry Clark (R: 29C) complaining that the school board was not accepting virtual public comment unlike the county commissioners and other public bodies. Fisher agrees that the school board should be receiving public comment even with the pandemic.

Fisher will be attending a rally on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Republican Headquarters in Prince Frederick. "If you're of like mind, then please join me!" he urged.

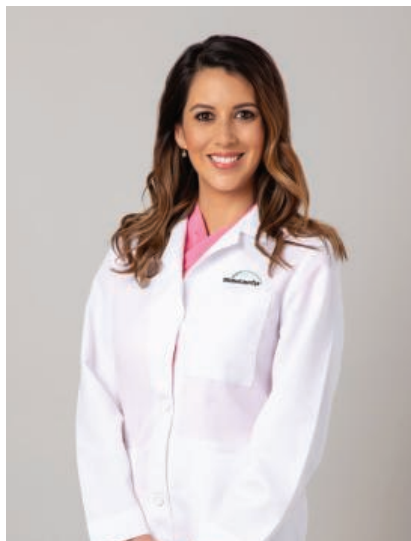
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# State of the Town: North Beach Strong

## Mayor Benton Issues Annual Report

By Dick Myers  
Editor

"I want to stress how proud I am of the residents, the staff and the council," said North Beach Mayor Mike Benton during his annual State of the Town message.

"North Beach Strong" was how the cover of the 46-page document described the year in which everything was turned upside down because of COVID 19.

According to the report, it was on February 28 that the town received the first COVID -19 email communication that included CDC and State of Maryland guidelines.

By March 12, the town hall had been closed to the public and since then there has been live streaming of the town council meetings, such as the one held Feb. 11 at which the State of the Town was delivered.

"We responded, but we did not react," is how Benton describes the way the town stayed ahead of the unraveling situation throughout the year.

"We didn't back down," was another way of describing some of the key decisions made, including keeping the town beach, its big tourism draw, closed all summer.

But Benton was clear: "We made sure everyone knew our businesses were open."

Benton touted the work the town did to put out the messages about COVID-19 safety in every way possible. "No way can somebody say, 'I didn't know,'" he said.

That included, according to the report: "Creating a COVID-19 resource center on the town website that includes any public notices, press releases, town news for residents and businesses, closures and openings, and shared information from Calvert County, the State of Maryland, Centers for Disease Control, etc."

Just as important as telling everyone the businesses were open with restrictions: "It was imperative to create impactful posts to alert any visitors prior to their arrival to the Town of North Beach that due to COVID19, public spaces were closed, and events were cancelled."

Some accomplishments in spite of it all:

- Completed transition to Microsoft 365 to improve reliability and security and support remote work.
- Implemented VoIP soft-phones to allow staff to make and receive phone calls regardless of their location.
- Refreshed mobile laptop hardware.
- Upgraded routing and switching hardware at Town Hall to increase speeds in support of remote work. Installed new Wi-Fi access points throughout Town Hall and the Welcome Center



County Times front page picture on Feb. 20, 2020 of Mayor Benton that also appears on page 2 of the State of the Town.

- Launched the Citizen Mobile App, Access NB. Soft release: July 2020 and full release to the public: November 2020. Currently have approximately 150 registered users.

During the year, the town council passed Resolution 20-04 "for the Town of North Beach to stand up against racial discrimination and social injustice."

Planning continued during the year for the new Twin Beaches Branch of the Calvert Library at the northeast corner of 5th Street and Chesapeake Avenue. In 2020, Calvert Library held community meetings to get public input and to share information on the design process of the Twin Beaches Branch, scheduled to begin site work in September 2021.

The much-anticipated MD 261 Roadway Reconstruction Project began early 2020 and is expected to be completed by this summer.

The census was also successfully accomplished.

Mayor Benton is especially proud that "the Stormwater and Flood Mitigation committee continues to grow and be a major factor in helping to solve town stormwater and flooding problems."

As to fiscal accomplishments, the report notes:

- Net assessable real property base increased from \$253,600,795 on July 1, 2019 to \$260,153,320 on July 1, 2020.
- The town's Constant Yield Rate of 0.6170 per 100 of assessed value was adopted.
- Trash Rate remained the same at \$327.00 annually

The State of the Town is replete with civic and public works accomplishments throughout 2020.

The report's final page shows a picture taken by Brooke Kiatta of the first sunrise of 2021 over the town pier, symbolic of a "New Beginning."

The State of the Town can be viewed on the town's website on Board Docs for the Feb. 11 meeting.

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# Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan Workshop Set

Save the Date – February 25, 2021

The Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning will hold a virtual public workshop as a continuation of the Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan update process. The workshop will focus on transportation and land use in Prince Frederick.

The virtual workshop will be held Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. Details regarding how to watch the workshop and how to register to participate will be posted to the Calvert County Facebook page and the county's Town Center Master Plan Update webpage prior to the workshop. Those wishing to participate in the workshop will need to register in advance.

The workshop will be conducted by Planning & Zoning staff and Sabra & Associates, Inc., a Mead & Hunt Company. Sabra & Associates, Inc., is the consultant company that was selected to assist the county with updating the Prince Frederick



## Prince Frederick


Town Center Master Plan elements of transportation and land use.

For more information about the Prince Frederick Master Plan visit [www.CalvertCountyMD.gov/TownCenters](http://www.CalvertCountyMD.gov/TownCenters), email [TownCenterUpdate@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:TownCenterUpdate@calvertcountymd.gov) or call 410-535-1600, ext. 2356.

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# Hogan Signs Relief Act

*Provides a \$1 Billion Stimulus*



Governor Larry Hogan signs the RELIEF Act of 2021.

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan on Feb. 15 signed into law Senate Bill 496, the RELIEF Act of 2021. In remarks prior to the signing, Hogan said, "This emergency legislation will immediately provide more than a billion dollars in urgently needed tax relief and economic stimulus for struggling Maryland families, small businesses, and those who have lost their jobs due to the global pandemic.

"As a result of this bipartisan legislation, people who have lost their jobs will not have to pay any state and local income taxes on their unemployment benefits, letting them keep more money in their pockets.

"Tax relief for small businesses will let them keep up to \$9,000 in their pockets over the next 90 days so they can keep their doors open and keep more people on the payroll. And small businesses will now be protected against any sudden or substantial increase in their unemployment taxes.

"In addition, direct relief checks will go out to hundreds of thousands of Marylanders in need and families will receive expanded tax relief through the Earned Income Tax Credit.

"The legislation also provides more than \$100 million in additional grants to businesses and nonprofit organizations on top of the \$700 million in state relief we have already provided. The RELIEF Act offers a real lifeline to those hardest hit people who are struggling to get by and small businesses desperately trying to stay afloat.

"I introduced this emergency legislation at the start of the legislative session just a few weeks ago. I said that there wasn't anything that could possibly be more important for the legislature to pass, and I asked the legislature to work with us in a bipartisan way to help those Marylanders who really needed our help. Today I want to sincerely thank the leaders on both sides of the aisle for coming together to pass this measure with near unanimous support.

"It is almost unheard of for any major piece of legislation to pass in such a short period of time and with such universal bipartisan support. At a time when so many Americans have stopped believing that democracy can work for them. As Washington remains divided and gridlocked, Maryland has once again shown the nation that both parties can still come together, that we can put the people's priorities first, and that we can deliver real, bipartisan, common sense solutions to the serious problems that face us.

"We still face a long and difficult winter ahead, and many Marylanders are still in need, but our vaccination rate is rising every day. As we get more shots into the arms of our most vulnerable citizens and all of our key health metrics are continuing to decline, and now with this RELIEF Act being signed into law, even more tax relief and economic stimulus help is on the way for our struggling families and small businesses."

# Processing of Relief Act Payments Has Begun

Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot on Feb. 16 joined with key agency personnel to outline how the Comptroller's Office will process stimulus payments included in the RELIEF Act of 2021.

Comptroller Franchot's office will issue more than \$200 million in payments over the next several weeks to help struggling Maryland taxpayers, unemployment insurance claimants, small businesses and nonprofit organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"For 14 years during my tenure as Comptroller, our team has annually processed three million tax returns in an average of 2.5 business days and we will process these stimulus payments with the same outstanding level of customer service and efficiency that Maryland taxpayers have come to know and deserve from our office," Comptroller Franchot said. "Our agency has spent several weeks diligently preparing for the passage of the RELIEF Act and this morning, the first batch of state stimulus payments for our most vulnerable Marylanders are on their way to bank accounts."

Taxpayers can go to [www.MarylandTaxes.gov/ReliefAct](http://www.MarylandTaxes.gov/ReliefAct) to see if they qualify and check the status of their payments. They can also call 1-833-345-0787 or email [ReliefAct@marylandtaxes.gov](mailto:ReliefAct@marylandtaxes.gov) for more assistance. Those who qualify for a RELIEF Act stimulus payment will be automatically processed either via direct deposit or paper checks unless their address on file is not verifiable with the U.S. Postal Service.

Under the RELIEF Act, which was passed by the General Assembly last week and signed into law Monday by Governor Larry Hogan, 422,531 recipients are eligible for one-time stimulus payments of \$300 or \$500. Taxpayers who claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit in Tax Year 2019 and reside in or have permanent residence in Maryland as of February 12 are eligible for payments.

Specifically, 266,985 electronic payments to individuals with a value of \$113.6 million, as well as 148,972 paper checks with a value of \$61.7 million, are being processed, beginning today.

In total, 98 percent of RELIEF Act stimulus payments to individuals will be processed by Friday, Feb. 19.

Also, 32,000 Marylanders awaiting unemployment insurance adjudication will be sent \$1,000 grants once the state Department of Labor sends the Comptroller's Office a list of recipients.

"While the amount of these payments is not nearly as much as I urged the Governor to include and leaves out tens of thousands of Marylanders, I commend the General Assembly for improving the bill and pledg-

ing to adopt separate legislation that will make eligible for stimulus funds those who use an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, or ITIN, to file taxes," Comptroller Franchot said.

Additionally, money was allocated for a variety of small business and community support organizations. The Comptroller's General Accounting Division will disburse funds that are issued from state agencies to grant and loan awardees.

Electronic payments are being made via bank account information on file from the recipient's 2019 Maryland State Income Tax Return. Those receiving mailed paper checks either did not elect the direct deposit option when filing their 2019 taxes, or the direct deposit information used at that time is no longer accurate. Additionally, recipients who contact the Comptroller's Office to update their unverified mailing address on file will receive paper checks. There are approximately 6,000 recipients, or 1.5 percent of those eligible, for whom the agency does not have verified address information. Those individuals were previously contacted and asked to call 1-833-345-0787 or email [ReliefAct@marylandtaxes.gov](mailto:ReliefAct@marylandtaxes.gov) to provide updated information so the payments can be issued.

For several weeks, agency leadership and key personnel throughout the Comptroller's Office have been preparing for the bill's eventual adoption, tracking legislation, communicating with banking representatives, building a secure web portal, obtaining additional checks and envelopes, and otherwise developing a plan to ensure payments would be processed rapidly and efficiently.

The passage of the RELIEF Act last Friday also coincided with the start of this year's tax filing season. Tax season began smoothly and more than 20,000 returns have already been processed with most taxpayers getting refunds in less than three business days. More than 2,000 phone calls from taxpayers were answered on the opening day of the tax season.

The RELIEF Act also includes waiving state income taxes on Unemployment Insurance income received during 2020 and 2021 for single filers who report under \$75,000 in income and joint filers who report under \$100,000. Taxpayers who have already filed their 2020 State tax returns can file an amended return for a full refund of Maryland state income taxes on those UI benefits.

Additional information about the RELIEF Act and the Comptroller's role, including an assortment of Frequently Asked Questions, can be found at [www.MarylandTaxes.gov/ReliefAct](http://www.MarylandTaxes.gov/ReliefAct).

*Press Release from Office of MD Comptroller.*



# Lothian Grain Elevator Will Stay Open Two More Years



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Perdue Agribusiness, announced Wednesday it would continue to operate a grain elevator in Lothian in Anne Arundel County for two more years, allowing Southern Maryland farmers more time to find a solution as to where to store their grain shipment.

The grain elevator is critical to Southern Maryland farmers who used it as a waypoint to sell and store their grain without having to engage in costly transport to markets much farther away on the Eastern Shore and in Virginia.

Perdue had announced it would close the storage site for good in January, with its final day being March 31.

“We understand the hardship closing the Lothian facility would have on some Maryland farmers and have decided to keep it open for at least the next two years, while continuing our search for a suitable buyer,” said Scott Fredericksen, president of Perdue

AgriBusiness.

Jamie Raley, president of the St. Mary’s County Farm Bureau, said this latest development allowed farmers more time to come up with options in dealing with future crops.

“It gives local farmers the opportunity to make changes to their operations and for the sale of their product,” Raley told The County Times.

The grain elevator serves farmers in St. Mary’s, Calvert, Charles, Anne Arundel and Prince George’s counties; Perdue representatives said that the decrease in farmland in the region made operating the site untenable.

“The Lothian grain elevator plays a critical role in the agriculture community of Southern Maryland. It is important for the facility to remain open, and we look forward to finding a long-term solution,” said Maryland Agriculture Secretary Joe Bartenfelder.

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# What’s Coming to Calvert

The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their Feb. 17 meeting. That means that the proposals are on the list for consideration by the planning commission at a future meeting. The meeting was held via ZOOM and live streamed from the Harriet E. Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick.

1) SPR-2018-286, **Calvert Gateway**, Lot 4, located at 10825 Town Center Boulevard in Dunkirk on a 4.3 acre lot, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. Proposed 15,890 square foot building for commercial retail space with parking and site improvements. This project is on private water and sewer. The submittal was accepted December 19, 2018. Agent: Bay Engineering

2) SPR-1381 11, **Lusby Villas**, located at 11770 Lusby Parkway, Lusby, on one parcel consisting of 26.23 acres, zoned Lusby Town Center, Village Residential District. The submittal proposes the construction of 276 multi-family apartment units along with an associated community center and outdoor pool area. The submittal was accepted August 26, 2020. Agent: Barrett & Associates

3) SPR-2020-3 15, **Dunkirk District Park-Tennis Courts/Parking Lot**, located at 10750 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Dunkirk, on one parcel consisting of 81.42 acres, zoned Dunkirk Town Center. The submittal proposes additional amenities and parking to the existing public park. Scope of the project consists of three groups of tennis courts, parking lot and an ADA accessible restroom building in the back portion of the park. Also being proposed is a new on-site septic system, connection to existing on-site water well and site electrical service for lighting the tennis courts and parking lot. The submittal was accepted October 28, 2020. Agent: WBCM

4) CSPR-138130, **Stoakley Pavilion**, located at 125 Stoakley Road, Prince Frederick, on one parcel consisting of two acres, zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Entry District. The submittal proposed the demolition of the existing residence to be replaced with a 21,532 square foot, three-story medical office building with associated site development requirements. The submittal was accepted November 18, 2020. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates.

5) CSPR-138 165, 2J **Flex Space, Lot 11, Patuxent Business Park**, located at 11190 Homeport Court, Lusby, within 1 mile buffer of Lusby Town Center, on a 1.77 acre lot, zoned I-1 (Light Industrial), Tier I. The submittal proposes a 12,660 square foot single story building with associated site development requirements. The submittal was accepted December

16, 2020 as a Fast Track Project per the Department of Economic Development guidelines. Agent: Barrett & Associates

6) CSPR-138177, **Chesapeake Hills Golf Course Clubhouse**, located at 11352 HG Trueman Road, Lusby, within 1 mile buffer of Lusby Town Center, on one parcel consisting of 143.42 acres, zoned RCD, Tier I. The submittal proposes a new clubhouse and associated site improvements to replace the former clubhouse in same location. Project includes clubhouse building, outdoor patio space, golf cart staging area, a new drop off and building service area off the existing parking lot. Site improvements also include minor new golf cart path connection around the new building and improvements for ADA accessible parking spaces within existing parking lot. The submittal was accepted December 16, 2020. Agent: WBCM.

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

1) SD-138121, **Rebecca’s Field**, Lots 1-14, located on Cox Road, in Huntingtown, within one mile buffer of Huntingtown Town Center. 14 lots, on one parcel, consisting of 51.058 acres. Zoned RCD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted August 26, 2020. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates.

2) CSD2020-089 **Wyatt’s Ridge**, Lots 1-24, located on Skinners Turn Road in Owings. 24 lots proposed on one parcel, consisting of 100.368 acres. Zoned RCD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted December 16, 2020. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates.

3) CSD2020-090, **Bowen’s Pride Section II**, Lots 1-12, located on N. Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown, within one mile buffer of Prince Frederick Town Center. 12 lots proposed on one parcel, consisting of 34.32 acres. Zoned RCD/FFD, Tier III. As this project is in Tier III, a public hearing is required prior to preliminary approval. Submittal accepted December 16, 2020. Agent: Barrett & Associates

4) CSD2020-092, **Armory Square**, Lots 1 & 2, located between N. Solomons Island Road and Armory Road, Prince Frederick. 2 commercial lots proposed on two parcels, consisting of 12.95 acres. Zoned Prince Frederick Town Center-Newtown District, Tier I. Submittal accepted December 16, 2020. Agent: Barrett & Associates.

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## CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of February 1 – February 7, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,133 calls for service throughout the community.

### Damaged Property: 2020-6489

On February 5, 2021, Deputy Sturdivant responded to the 500 block of Thunderbird Drive in Lusby, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised unknown suspects entered a passenger vehicle in the victim's driveway, then began tampering with a Suzuki motorcycle parked nearby. The motorcycle was knocked over and was missing half of the rear fender. The value of damaged property is \$500.

### Damaged Property: 2020- 6591

On February 6, 2021, Deputy Lewis responded to an apartment in the 200 block of Shore Acres Way in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of damaged property. The complainant advised she noticed her blanket was ripped. The value of damaged property is \$30.

### Theft: 2020- 6560

On February 6, 2021, Deputy Jacobs responded to 3900 block of Williams Wharf Road in St. Leonard, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised unknown suspects had tampered with his trailer's tongue lock cylinder and that his trailer tag and bracket were stolen. The value of damaged and stolen property is unknown at this time.

### Theft: 2020-6514

On February 6, 2021, Deputy Plant responded to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office to meet with a complainant for the report of a theft. The complainant advised his blue Ford Mustang was parked in the 10900 block of Cedar Drive in Lusby, MD and several items to include handcuffs, a gun holster, flashlights, a dual magazine pouch, and batons were stolen from inside the vehicle between 7 p.m. on Feb. 5 and 5:20 a.m. on Feb. 6. The value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

### Arrests

On February 2, 2021, Deputy Lewis responded to the Safeway store located at 80 W. Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of an intoxicated subject standing in front of the establishment. Deputy Lewis made contact with the subject identified as **Joseph Frank Partonen**, 58 of no fixed address, and observed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath and person. Partonen was incoherent and his speech was extremely slurred. Partonen had been issued an indefinite Trespass Order for the es-

tablishment. Deputy Lewis advised he was under arrest for Trespassing and at that time Partonen refused commands and resisted arrest. Partonen was taken into custody, transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespassing: Private Property, Intoxicated Public Disturbance, and Resist/Interfere with Arrest.

On February 2, 2021, Deputy Wood and Deputy Idol responded to the scene of a single vehicle accident on Old Bayside Road in the area of 10th Street in Chesapeake Beach, MD. Upon arrival, deputies discovered a Dodge pickup truck in the snow on the other side of the guardrail. Deputy Idol made contact with the driver identified as **Arthur John King, III**, 37 of Chesapeake Beach, MD, and noticed a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his person.



Arthur King

King was asked to perform a field sobriety test in which he denied. King became aggressive, agitated, and threatening to the officers on scene. Deputies informed King he was being placed under arrest and was escorted to the deputies patrol vehicle where he refused to get into the vehicle, resisted arrest, and assaulted one of the deputies on scene. King was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Resisting/Interfere with Arrest, Obstructing & Hindering, Assault: Second Degree and other traffic related charges.

On February 4, 2021, Deputy Kwitowski and Deputy Anderson responded to the Kentucky Fried Chicken located at 65 West Dares Beach Rd in Prince Frederick, MD for a report of a routine alarm. Upon arrival, deputies observed the door unlocked and proceeded to enter the establishment. Investigation revealed, a suspect identified as **Jason Roy Hoyer**, 31 of no fixed address, had entered the restaurant through an unlocked door after business hours and was located in the restroom. Hoyer was arrested for Burglary: Fourth Degree.



Jason Hoyer

*Editor's Note: The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.*



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# Agencies Partner to Get Shots Into Seniors' Arms

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Maryland currently is in Phase 1C of its COVID-19 vaccination plan. That phase includes residents 65 years and older. Yet all of those 75 and older, who were in Phase 1B, who want to be vaccinated, have yet to receive their first dose.

Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky told the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners during a briefing on Feb. 9 that it would take a month to complete the 75 plus population.

In his latest missive on the health department website dated Feb. 8, Polsky wrote: "There are still close to 1,900 residents 75 and older who are awaiting vaccination, but we are only being provided with 500 first doses this week."

The problem according to Polsky and health officials around the state is their dosages they had formerly been provided are being diverted to mass vaccination sites and to pharmacies.

The health department and the Calvert County Office on Aging have partnered to assist senior citizens through the process.

Calvert County Commissioner Tim Hutchins during the briefing observed that the county was going to have to do something about providing transportation for seniors to the mass vaccination sites if the shots were not being made available locally.

County Administrator Mark Willis reported that Director of Community Resources Jennifer Moreland had informed him her agency was working on the problem. Moreland's department oversees the county's Office on Aging.

Moreland told The County Times, "Staff have contacted Office on Aging participants by phone and prepared flyers for distribution at meal delivery and via e-mail to assist with preregistration for clinics. Additional communications are planned for the Office on Aging newsletter to encourage seniors to register on the portal or call the number provided and reach out to their health care provider if



Director of Community Resources Jennifer Moreland

they have questions regarding the vaccine."

As to the need for the vaccinations, Moreland said, "Office on Aging staff are encouraging all seniors, regardless of age, to preregister for available vaccine clinics, whether coordinated by Health Department, local pharmacy or Veterans Administration clinic (if applicable.). Additionally, Office on Aging staff are assisting CalvertHealth (the hospital) in half day senior clinics at the senior centers for seniors living at local affordable and senior housing facilities and Office on Aging participants Office on Aging staff assist in outreach and support for the registration process, referring them to contact their health care provider if they have specific health-related questions."

She added, "For medically homebound seniors unable to transport, Office on Aging Case management staff is referring cases to the Health Department for in-home vaccinations."

elaborated on what's being done by the Office on Aging. She conceded the transportation and technology challenges of reaching "our more vulnerable seniors."

Moreland said, "Oftentimes we're reaching out to the family members. Our staff is reaching out to the family members or we're working one-on-one with them to get their appointments scheduled. And we've had some, a few drop in, but for the most part, it's, we've been able to arrange all appointments."

Moreland explained what's being done at the senior center clinics. "So far we vaccinated over 300 residents and we just finished up our second week and we're moving into our third week."

She said CalvertHealth has been providing the vaccines and their nurses and EMTs have been on site giving the shots.

She added, "Our staff is assisting with the registration process and moving them in and out of the building, because these are not drive-through clinics. These are sit-down clinics. So, we've really had to keep folks in their cars. And that's one thing we want to encourage that if they're coming to a senior center clinic, they stay in their car to their appointment time, because that helps us maintain that social distancing."

Moreland said their clinics have been ahead of other areas in the state. She said, "Interesting enough, we've been doing this now for two weeks and we just got a memorandum from the department of aging and from the department of health saying they wanted county area offices on aging to start partnering with the health department."

She noted, "The hospital's been a great partner. I think we'll be moving now with the health department's vaccines. Second clinics have already been set up for those that have already been registered. So, it all seems to be going well. And I'm just very grateful for our staff because they moved into that position even before the state indicated that it was their role. That was very brave of them and I just feel very fortunate to work with them."

Transportation to the vaccination sites may be an issue. Moreland said, "Calvert County Public Transportation will provide transportation to the half-day vaccine clinics at the senior centers by appointment for residents living along the public transportation routes. However, transfers may be necessary and regular fares will apply. If a resident is an existing paratransit rider, they can make an appointment for curb-to-curb service. Appointments should be scheduled in advance by calling (410) 535-1600, Ext. 2360. The public transportation buses are limited to a maximum of 11 riders at once to meet social distancing requirements. Masks are required and thorough cleaning is done in between trips. For routes and schedules, see information on Public Transportation service. If residents don't qualify for transit service, the Office on Aging Senior Rides Coordinator can assist them at (410) 535-4606, Ext. 139."

In a briefing to the commissioners. Moreland

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# Office on Aging Offers Virtual Senior Center Videos Include Recreation, Education

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The last year has been tough for everyone. Many cite the reduction in human contact as the toughest rub of all. For senior citizens living alone at home and depending on their regular visits to Calvert County's senior centers for that social contact, there has all of a sudden been a huge void. The centers are closed.

The Calvert County Office on Aging website listed the types of recreation and educational opportunities available pre-COVID for senior to make that social connection: "cards, games, ceramics, computer labs, crafts, educational classes, fine arts, game rooms, intergenerational activities, physical fitness, billiard tournaments, special event celebrations/activities, trips, cultural events and more."

Parents are clamoring for a return to in-school learning because they have come to appreciate that virtual learning, while having some advantages, is no substitute for the

real thing.

Senior center staff understand that is the case for senior citizens as well. But in the meantime, they have tried to fill that void as best as possible with their Virtual Senior Center, filled with video activities and educational programs.

One thing is clear about seniors that those kids at home may find hard to accept. Through experience they know that life doesn't always deal you what you would choose, so you roll with the punches.

So, the senior citizens who would normally be visiting the senior centers on a regular basis can roll with the punches through the Virtual Senior Center.

The virtual center has nine categories from which to choose:

- Exercise classes
- Nutrition education classes
- Lectures
- Live entertainment
- Art tips
- Elder Law

- Commission on Aging
- Instructional Videos
- Care Giving

The exercise classes include: "get moving and have fun," "seated exercise," and "yoga practice to address tension throughout your body."

Some of the nutritional education classes include: "Benefits of Spinach and Salad Recipe," "Everything You Need to Know About Ancient Grains," and "How much Sugar is in Your Favorite Soda."

Lectures include: "Keeping Your Pets Safe Through the Holidays," and "Summer Tips for Staying Cool."

Entertainment includes: Brian with his guitar; Kristy playing Amazing Grace, Sounds of Silence and Hallelujah on the cello; Ashley Gaines and her brother Brandon Gaines entertaining with singing and guitar; and several spooky stories

The art tips include making a table runner, stained glass tips, and making a yarn rug.



Mindful Mobility - Chair Yoga with Melinda

The instructional videos are eclectic, and include:

- Make an Easy Salt Scrub
- Vintage Pineapple Jell-O Desert
- Simple Crockpot Mac & Cheese
- Guitar Lessons for Beginners
- Fresh Corn & Tomato Salad
- Tuna Salad with Chickpeas
- Learn to make Taco Dip
- Ranch Snack Mix

The Virtual Senior Center can be accessed at <https://calvertcountymd.gov/2715/Virtual-Senior-Center>

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# Modifications Can Make Driving Safer for Seniors



Driving provides an almost unrivaled level of independence. The ability to travel beyond a neighborhood or even one's hometown without a chaperone is probably what excites new drivers so much and makes them eager to get their licenses and cars. Senior drivers also may define their independence by their ability to drive. Few things diminish senior dignity and independence faster than losing the ability to drive.

Despite popular misconceptions, seniors are some of the safest drivers around. The experts at Hartford Auto Insurance indicate that the number of accidents involving older drivers actually decreases as age increases. It's the risk factors like medical conditions, medication usage and reduced physical function that increase the risk for accidents and injuries involving older drivers. Thanks to technology and some other well-designed devices, seniors may be able to continue driving longer than the aging drivers of years past.

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, a nonprofit research and education association, says roughly 90 percent of seniors don't take advantage of simple, often inexpensive features that can greatly improve safety and extend their time behind the wheel. Here are some considerations.

- **Cushions and seat pads:** Cushions do more than just alleviate hip and back pain while sitting. Cushions and pads can raise drivers up and improve their line of sight over the dashboard. Swivel pads can make it easier to enter and exit the car as well.

- **Adaptive cruise control:** This feature can adjust speed automatically to maintain a consistent space between

vehicles.

- **Adaptive headlights:** These headlights, also known as steerable headlights, can improve visibility by changing the direction of the light beam with the movement of the steering wheel.

- **Pedal extenders:** Extenders help short drivers reach the pedals while maintaining a safe distance from the steering wheel and potential airbag deployment.

- **Hand controls:** Whether one has sensory changes in the feet from surgery or a medical condition, adaptive hand controls can move the "pedals" up to the steering column.

- **Blind spot warning and other sensors:** Today's cars can be equipped with any number of sensors that can detect oncoming traffic, cars to the left or right of the vehicle, items or cars behind the vehicle when reversing, and even if the vehicle has drifted out of the lane. These are all great safety features for any driver, but may be especially helpful to seniors.

- **Parking assist:** Parking assist technology can steer the vehicle into a space with little input from the driver.

- **Voice control:** Avoiding distractions and keeping hands on the wheel is enhanced by voice controls, which can be set up to do things like turn on the radio or adjust climate control.

- **Convex mirrors:** Special mirrors increase the field of vision.

Seniors have many tools available to make driving safer and more comfortable, which can prolong their years behind the wheel.

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# How to Prevent Slips and Falls in the Bathroom



Bathrooms can serve as sanctuaries, providing a warm tub to soak in after a long, weary day or a private place to retire for a few minutes of peace and quiet. Bathrooms also can be dangerous places, as various groups warn that most slip and fall accidents that occur at home will happen in the bathroom.

The combination of hard surfaces and moisture from sinks and showers can create dangerous conditions. Furthermore, bathrooms tend to be small spaces, so should a fall occur, it's more likely a person will hit various surfaces on the way down.

The risk of falling in a bathroom increases with age. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, seniors over age 65 have a 25 percent chance of falling in the bathroom. Seniors generally have less flexibility and balance than younger people, meaning falls can be life-threatening. Bones easily can become fractured and internal bleeding may occur in serious cases. Bathrooms can be made more safe in a few simple ways.

- Keep the bathtub clean. Soap residue or other grime can contribute to slippery conditions in the shower and tub. Cleaning these surfaces frequently can improve traction.

- Declutter the space. Remove extraneous items from the bathroom that can pose as tripping hazards.

- Choose the right bath mat. Bath mats can contribute to slips and falls. For those who cannot live without them, choose a mat with slip-resistant backings and add double-faced tape for added security.

- Limit moisture. Use a weighted shower curtain or install shower doors to prevent water from getting on the floor. Mop up any water or additional condensation to help dry the bathroom. Install an exhaust fan to help vent moisture that can condense and accumulate on the floor and fixtures.

- Improve bathroom lighting. Make sure lighting in the bathroom illuminates all areas.

- Wear non-slip shoes. Wearing non-slip shoes when in the bathroom can reduce the chances of slipping on wet floors.

- Install a walk-in shower or bathtub. These lipless fixtures can assist those who have difficulty entering a standard tub or shower. Grab bars also can help with maneuvering in and out of the shower area.

- Use a raised toilet seat. A raised toilet, or one with a special seat that reduces the distance one has to go to reach a seated position, may help prevent falls.

Any individual with a health condition that causes vision disturbances or difficulties with balance should work with a doctor to find a resolution. These conditions may contribute to falls.



# How Expenses Can Change During Retirement

Work is a major component of daily life, so much so that Andrew Naber, an industrial and organizational psychologist and an associate behavioral scientist at RAND Corp., determined that the average person spends 90,000 hours at work over the course of his or her lifetime. According to a 2014 Gallup poll, the average American retires at age 62, but roughly 64 percent of professionals bid farewell to the workplace between ages 55 and 65.

Retirees must make a number of adjustments once they call it a career. No such adjustment is as significant as the financial one. Most people find their post-retirement income is considerably less than when they were working full-time. That is why financial planners often recommend saving and investing enough during working years to be able to replace 80 percent of preretirement income. Certain expenses get lower after retirement, but some will rise. Here's a look at what to expect when the bills come due during retirement.

- **Food costs:** Food costs may go down in retirement because shopping and preparing meals for one or two people is much less costly than feeding a family of four or more. However, dining out may increase as you have



more free time to visit local eateries.

- **Automotive costs:** According to data from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the average commuter spends 25.8 minutes behind the wheel twice a day, and the average driver puts in 13,474 miles behind the wheel each year — with people between the ages of 35 and 54 clocking close to 15,000 miles. Less time spent in the car means fewer gasoline fill-ups and

longer durations between oil changes and other services. In addition, based on the Internal Revenue Service reimbursement rate of 58 cents per mile, a typical commute of 20 to 30 miles a day costs \$11 to \$16 a day or \$55 to \$80 a week. In a year, you could easily be spending \$2,000 to \$4,000 a year commuting if you live within 15 miles of your job. Without commuting, that cash stays in your pocket.

- **Taxes:** Many people can expect to be done paying federal income taxes when they are retired and no longer earning an income. If the majority of retirement savings were in Roth IRA accounts, contributions are available for withdrawal tax- and penalty-free at any age.

- **Housing:** Your mortgage may be paid off before or soon after retirement. That eliminates the single largest expense in many people's budgets. If your home will not be paid off, it's possible to downsize to reduce monthly payments.

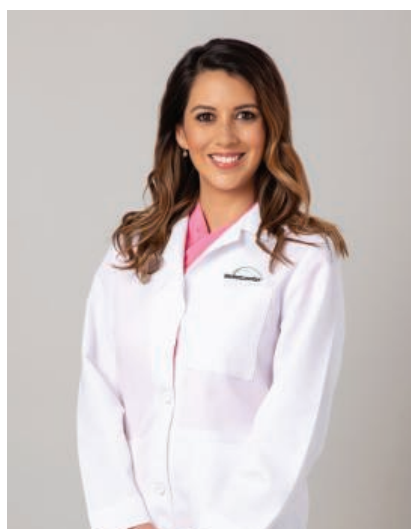
- **Travel:** While many other expenses can go down, travel is one expense that can shoot up during retirement. But many people are happy to bear this cost. With more time for travel, retirees may allocate more funds toward vacations and other great escapes.

- **Health care:** Seniors often see their health care needs and costs go up after retirement. It's important to understand what is covered by health plans, and it's equally important to set money aside for unforeseen medical expenses.

Many costs of living decrease after retirement. However, it is wise to take in the whole picture to understand how to budget for retirement.



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"With engaging speakers on high-interest topics and issues, this year's conference is an opportunity to reflect on the past year and look forward with renewed vigor and new ideas," said CSM Nonprofit Institute Coordinator Cara Fogarty.

Participants will have the opportunity to hear from 23 leaders on various panels after a kick-off featuring Master of Ceremonies CSM Assistant Director of Strategic Initiatives Kyle Kebaugh and CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. The conference's keynote speaker is CSM Executive Director of Equity and Inclusive Diversity Dr. Sybol Anderson, who is a social and political philosopher specializing in liberal theory, recognition theory, and the philosophy of race.

Anderson's commitment to building inclusive communities has been a cen-



CSM Executive Director of Equity and Inclusive Diversity Dr. Sybol Anderson

tral part of her career for more than 15 years. She has served as the inaugural chief diversity officer at Loyola University New Orleans, as senior program manager and senior consultant for the GE-NMF Primary Care Leadership Program of National Medical Fellowships, Inc. (NMF). At NMF, she provided oversight for two national service-learning and research scholarship programs for medical, law, and graduate health professions students, designed to increase diversity in the health professions and improve health outcomes for the medically underserved.

Anderson began her higher education career as a continuing education professional at CSM when it was known as Charles County Community College, where she also served as interim executive director of the Southern Maryland Job Training Partnership Administration (JTPA). When she entered graduate school, she worked part time as a training coordinator for the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc. (SMTCCAC), and later as executive director of the East-John Youth Center, Inc., in Lusby.

Anderson is author of Hegel's Theory of Recognition: From Oppression to Ethical Liberal Modernity; with Robert Bernasconi, Race and Racism in Continental Philosophy; with Ellen K. Feder and Karmen MacKendrick, A Passion for Wisdom: Readings in Western Philosophy on Love and Desire; and a number of articles and book chapters on Hegel, race, and pedagogy. Her awards include the Magis Outstanding Staff Member Award (Loyola University New Orleans), President's Lucille Clifton Award (St. Mary's College of Maryland), Homer L. Dodge Award for Excellence in Teaching (St. Mary's College of Maryland), Henry C. Welcome Fellowship of the Maryland State Higher Education Commission, and Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship.

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The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Nonprofit Institute (NPI) Conference occurs Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Register for the conference by Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. RSVPs are required to access conference information. Register here: [https://whova.com/portal/registration/niac\\_202102/](https://whova.com/portal/registration/niac_202102/).

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# CBL Scientists Awarded Fulbright Scholarships

## Will Study Climate and the Environment

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) Associate Professor Lora Harris and Ph.D. candidate Christina Goethel have been named Fulbright Scholars for 2021-2022. Harris will use her award to work in Finland on questions of estuarine ecology, and Goethel will use her award to support post-doctoral research and teaching in Iceland. They both work out of UMCES' Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in Solomons.

"These prestigious awards are a unique opportunity for our scientists to impact the future and make a difference, working with scientists around the world to find solutions to our global environmental challenges," said UMCES President Peter Goodwin. "To have two scholars from our institutions selected is a testament to the relevant and impactful work being done here in Maryland and its global impact."

The Fulbright program funds international exchanges between the U.S. and other countries. The scholars are selected for their academic merit and leadership potential to teach, research, and exchange ideas, and many have gone on to become heads of government, Nobel Laureates, and MacArthur Foundation Fellows.

"These two awards exemplify the impacts that the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science has on our local community, the state and the globe," said

Professor Tom Miller, director of UMCES' Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, home base for Harris and Goethel's research. "We are so proud of these amazing researchers."

### Seeking Solutions for Global Challenges Award

UMCES Associate Professor Lora Harris has been given the Seeking Solutions for Global Challenges Award by the Fulbright Finland Foundation in Helsinki. She will conduct research on coastal restoration and apply her understanding of restoration successes and challenges in the Chesapeake Bay with the Baltic Sea.

Harris is a marine scientist whose research focuses on how climate and management actions interact to affect water quality. She quantifies responses in estuaries to change at the whole system level, with a particular focus on understanding restoration pathways. Her research has included submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) and marsh plants, as well as how low levels of dissolved oxygen create challenges for restoration. She employs numerical modeling, takes advantage of large datasets, and for the past decade has leveraged a unique engineered aeration system to manipulate oxygen concentrations in entire tributaries.

"The opportunity to undertake comparative studies of our ecological understanding of restoration successes and challenges in the Chesapeake Bay and in the Baltic Sea, is



Lora Harris and Christina Goethel to begin research exchange in Finland and Iceland

both exciting and powerful," said Dr. Harris. "It is equally satisfying to have the opportunity for cultural exchange and relationship building that is a hallmark of the Fulbright program in service of international collaboration and understanding."

She will be hosted at the Tvärminne Zoological Station, a laboratory of the University of Helsinki, during her four-month exchange and will collaborate most closely with Dr. Aleksandra Lewandowska.

### Fulbright-Ministry of Foreign Affairs Arctic Scholar

Graduate student Christina Goethel has been named a Fulbright-Ministry of Foreign Affairs Arctic Scholar. She will teach courses at the University of Akureyri in northern Iceland on the importance of international and Arctic resident community scientific collaborations across the entire Arctic. For her Ph.D., she has been studying the effects of climate change on animals that live on the

sea floor in the Bering and Chukchi Seas with UMCES professors Jackie Grebmeier and Lee Cooper.

During her six-month fellowship, she will be teaching two courses—"International Science Collaborations in the Arctic" and "Survey of Socio-economic Models and Sustainable Ecosystem Practices in the Pan-Arctic"—during the Spring 2022 semester.

Goethel's research has shown that changes in the community composition of animals that live on the sea floor can be related to the warming of the Arctic and the retreat of seasonal sea ice. These changes on the Pacific side of the Arctic are affecting ecological trajectories and Indigenous communities that place cultural and subsistence value on Arctic animals such as walrus and several species of diving ducks, or eiders.

"The opportunity to expand my work into a different part of the Arctic Ocean will allow me deeper insights into how these ecosystems are responding to climate change and how we move forward as an international community," said Goethel.

She will use the University of Akureyri as a base and work with Dr. Oddur Þór Vilhelmsson, the director of the Natural Resource Science Program, and other faculty. This grant is funded by the Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

*Press Release from the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science*



## CSM Becomes Red Cross Challenge Winner

*Blood Drives; Garner 264 Units*

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) was named as a winner in the American Red Cross Pump It Up Challenge, which recognizes high-achieving blood drive sponsors that have grown the number of blood donations collected in their community to help hospital patients in need.

Committed to serving the Southern Maryland region, CSM staff and students have hosted six blood drives at its campuses to facilitate the collection of 264 units of blood between June 2020 and Jan. 28, 2021. CSM had already achieved the honored distinction of the Premier Blood Partner with the Red Cross.

“Giving blood is a simple act of generosity that can truly make a lifesaving difference,” said CSM Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) Professor Tiffany Gill. “Last year, we received an outpouring of support from the community at our blood drives, and our goal is to make it a success again this year for patients who are counting on us. We are proud to partner with the Red Cross as a Premier Blood Partner and help fulfill its critical mission.”

At two of the blood drives held at CSM’s La Plata campus last fall, Gill’s MLT students were on hand to educate donors about



the role of laboratorians in helping to find safe and compatible units of blood for hospital patients in need of transfusion. Plus, MLT students earn extra credit for volunteering at the blood drives.

CSM will host another blood drive Feb. 24 at the Prince Frederick Campus, located at 115 JW Williams Rd., Prince Frederick, Md. 20678 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The need for blood is constant. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs a blood transfusion, according to the Red Cross. To locate a blood drive or a donation center near you, go to [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org).

*Press Release from CSM*

## Annual ‘On Watch’ Brick Campaign Underway



Citizens are invited to honor a World War II veteran with a memorial paver brick on the Veterans Patio at the “On Watch” memorial statue in Solomons.

The Calvert County Department of Public Works, General Services Division, is coordinating the annual campaign, which runs through May 3, 2021.

The monument commemorates those who served the United States during World War II. The cost of each brick is \$100, which is tax deductible. Purchasers will be notified when engraving and installation are complete. Gifts made toward the memorial brick campaign are used for the maintenance and care of the statue and grounds, located at 14485 Dowell Road in

Solomons.

An application is available online at [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/OnWatch](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/OnWatch). To learn more, contact Theresa Windsor at 410-535-1600, ext. 2565.

The “On Watch” memorial statue is an 8-foot bronze piece by Maryland artist Antonio Tobias Mendez commemorating the people and work done at the Solomons Amphibious Training Base during World War II. This facility, the nation’s first amphibious training facility, was active from 1942-1945 and its effect on the area continues to be felt today. The statue was unveiled in August 2007.

*Press Release from Calvert County government.*

## CSM Charters New Black Engineers Chapter

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has made history by chartering the nation’s newest National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) during a recent virtual ceremony attended by 14 CSM student inductees and 30 well-wishers, including state Maryland State Delegate Dr. Edith Patterson.

Calling the new NSBE charter members “trailblazers,” Patterson praised inductees and the mother-daughter team who will serve as advisors for the new NSBE chapter – CSM Pre-Engineering Program Coordinator and Adjunct Professor Jehnell C. Linkins and her daughter CSM Alumna Jehnae Linkins. The pair have worked closely in recent years to also sponsor CSM’s “Engineer Like a Girl” summer programs for high school students and the college’s Engineering clubs. Most recently Jehnell Linkins and CSM Instructor Judith Moore also started CSM’s new Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Club.

“Students you are all to be commended for the historic role your new chapter is playing at the College of Southern Maryland and in your communities,” she said before extending a proclamation from the Southern Maryland Delegation to mark the occasion.

CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy also extended congratulations. “Your leadership will guarantee the success of our new chapter of the Society of Black Engineers at the College of Southern Maryland,” she said. “I couldn’t be more proud.”

Murphy told the students they were joining a powerful national network that will allow them to grow and develop. “You have worked hard—both in and out of class—during a global pandemic, and yet you lean in to do more,” Murphy added. “I’m humbled by your persistence and resilience, and I applaud you. We live in a complicated world filled with complicated problems, and I’m heartened to see in all of you the discipline, the technical expertise, and the leadership skills to improve our future.”

The National Society of Black Engineers mission is to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally

and positively impact the community, explained Jehnell Linkins. “The main goal of the society’s current 10-year Strategic Plan is to lead the United States to produce 10,000 Black Engineers annually by 2025.”

The NSBE is 24,000 members strong and collaborates with several global organizations to improve the number of the engineers in the world, including representation at the United Nations. This offers members the opportunity to extend their reach outside of their own communities.

“We are excited and filled with pride to welcome this new chapter and its inductees here today into our diverse and global membership,” Jehnell Linkins added.

Jehnae Linkins shared that the NSBE offers academic excellence programs, scholarships, leadership training, professional development and access to career opportunities for thousands of members annually and provides opportunities for their success that remain unmatched by any other organization.

Inducted by the NSBE Board of Directors as CSM chapter’s first officers were CSM Engineer students Asha Gaines as president; Shareese Adams, vice president; Arianna Gaskins, treasurer; Glory Sebulime, Secretary; Grantley Bourne, senator; and Kourtney Goldring serving as parliamentarian. Also taking oaths as the chapter’s first members were: CSM Engineering students Jaliyah Blackwell, Lauren Chandler, Nyah Christen, Emily DePew, Tehya Gaines, Cornelius Hightower III, Joan Popoola and Johnne Webster.

“These students hold grade point averages above a 3.3 plus they work jobs, are officers in other clubs on campus, hold internships, some are members of a rowing crew, girl scouts, or are baristas,” said Jehnell Linkins. “A few are returning to CSM to enhance their education by changing careers to engineering, some have suffered great losses this semester in their immediate families due to COVID-19, yet they persevered. Jehnae and I are so proud of each and every one of you.”

Learn more about the NSBE at <https://www.nsbe.org/home.aspx>.

*Press Release from CSM*

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# Spiggy Takes a Stroll Down Memory Lane

Dave Spigler, our contributing writer, is famous for having been one of the Washington "Redskins" Hogettes. He got an unexpected trip back to his old haunting grounds recently. Here's the story in his own words:

I thought I would put a smile on your face and maybe bring back a memory or two. My son Richard and daughter in law Danielle gave me an "early" birthday gift a few months ago by ordering a "Fan Cutout" to be placed in a seat at FedEx Field for the Washington Football Team's games this year. We watched every game to spot it, but there were so many cutouts we never saw it. A couple of weeks ago we were notified by the team if we wanted to retrieve our cutout, we had to make an appointment to come up to the stadium to get it. I went up this past Thursday afternoon with instructions to go to Gate A and have a mask and Identification with me. I was met by an official from the team that took me down to the bowels of the stadium to a large room where several thousand cutouts were numbered and sorted. A sweet young lady who I believe may be a cheerleader was assigned to get my cutout then give me a "tour" and take me out on the field.

She asked if I was ever in the lower part of the stadium under the seats and I said many times. When we went out of the tunnel onto the field, she asked had I ever been on the field



itself and I told her at least a dozen times or more! Then I asked her to take a good look at my cutout! Then she understood and could not stop laughing! And as part of the deal, she gave me burgundy rally towel and took several pictures.

In the photo of me in front of the seats, the area above my head was where we sat overlooking the tunnel - we had a banner on the railing in front of us that "Mikey T" brought to each game that said "Pig Pen" in big black letters. So many great memories came rushing back of those "Glorious Days"...it was the best feelings I have had since COVID-19 took a lot of fun out of our lives! I know for many of you those were great times as well!

I thought I would share with you this quick stroll down Memory Lane.

# Input Sought on Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has posted the proposed 2021-2022 Migratory Game Bird Seasons for public review and comment through Feb. 26.

The department's website also features a short presentation detailing the remaining steps in the regulatory process, data updates, and the status of the Atlantic Population (migratory) Canada goose population. Citizens can provide input online, by phone at 410-260-8540, by fax at 410-260-8596, or in writing to: Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Heritage Service, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-1, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401.

The public comment period will close at noon February 26.

Licenses, stamps, and permits may be purchased online by phone at 855-855-3906, at a Natural Re-

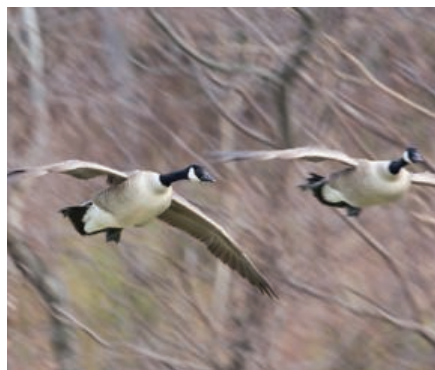


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sources Service Center or at any one of the more than 250 Sport License Agents statewide.

Hunters with questions may contact the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Heritage Service at 410-260-8540.

Press Release from MD DNR.

## A View From The BLEACHERS



# Math Class

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

The text arrived mid-day. I sat unread for hours on my overwhelmed phone, temporarily lost amidst a flurry of emails, virtual meetings, ill-timed dog barks, expressions of outrage at the slightest Wi-Fi interruption and the echo of an on-going band lessons. Such is the COVID life - a chaotic existence where roles as parent and employee and child and student co-exist, and homes have morphed into makeshift offices and classrooms.

Sound familiar?

But we are getting to the end of this. Surely it won't be as long as it has been. The light is detectable. Science is readying a rescue. The new and present normal will soon be the abnormal past.

The text...yes, yes, yes...susceptible I am to pandemic drift. The source was a friend, a dear one, the kind whose mere name on the screen prompts warm feelings and an involuntary grin. He was sending breaking news about the Washington Football Team, a shared love that has been, shall we say, strrrrrrrugling of late.

The team is nameless. Its embattled and hate-able owner is trying to fend off a coup attempt by minority owners and lawsuits stemming from what is allegedly decades of sexual deviancy tracing to the top of the org chart. Meanwhile, the NFL and, no doubt, the team's sponsors are watching closely as the franchise makes sweeping changes to cleanse the stench of what had become a corporate frat house. For Daniel Snyder, this must be like a public proctology exam. Ah, but who deserves such humiliation more? Unlike the brave-to-the-end William Wallace, if Snyder were to scream "merrrrrrrrry," none would be granted.

This, of course, looms over all on-field happenings which are, by comparison to much of the last 20 years, not entirely awful. Is that a compliment? As close as it gets. There is on-going ugly. Another first round quarterback just flamed out - Dwayne Haskins joins the dubious company of Heath Shuler, Patrick Ramsey, Jason Campbell and Robert Griffin III. Are the players to blame, though? Add in free agent escapees - Trent Green and

Kirk Cousins - and trades gone awry - Donovan McNabb and Alex Smith - and the evidence seems to indicate that Washington is uniquely adept at screwing up the most important position in American sports.

But someone has to line up under center, so the little franchise that could (but often can't) is back searching for an answer...again. When in the name of Sonny Jurgensen and Joe Theismann will this end?

Maybe with a text?

My buddy's e-note brought this news: WFT had resigned Taylor Heinicke, a 27- year-old journeyman of four previous NFL stops, to a two-year, \$8.75M contract. What a story: The guy who sounds like a cross between a car-care center and a European beer, was yanked out of math class at Old Dominion last December, signed to WFT's practice squad, was elevated to the active roster on December 19 and started a playoff game against Tom Brady, The GOAT, in January. Despite the loss, Heinicke played like such a cold-blooded gangster that he will be doing a different kind of math - i.e. counting his millions - next year. Stand by for the ESPN 30 for 30.

Look, despite the fairy tale flirtations, the future remains uncertain for Heinicke. If WFT history is any guide, his story ends back in the classroom before the 2022 midterm election. But for now, Heinicke is a legitimate D.C. sports entity. Whether he flames out or sticks, there's practical utility in his rise. The first thing that comes to mind: Don't be too quick to abandon Plan A - your dream. Real jobs and personal responsibility quickly beckon upon entry into the adult world. But if circumstances allow, smile in the face of preliminary failures (like being released from multiple teams) and steadfastly chase your dream. The next Heinicke-isms: If you get a shot behind the wheel, drive like you stole it. Be prepared and execute fearlessly - like there's nothing to lose. And lastly, no matter how old you are, it is never too late to go back to college - a good thing, for sure, even it requires a return to math class.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com





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# Calvert Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, February 18

### CSM Transfer Thursday

Virtual; 11 a.m.

CSM hosts Transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Representatives from two different institutions will be available to chat with students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. [csmd.edu/transferthursdays](https://csmd.edu/transferthursdays)

### CSM Literary Connections Series Online; 1 p.m.

Adam Karlin is an author, journalist, and travel writer. Karlin has written on travel, crime, politics, archaeology, and civil wars – both contemporary and historical – for outlets like the BBC, NPR and Christian Science Monitor. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. [https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/community-events/2021-02-18\\_connections-Adam-karlin](https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/community-events/2021-02-18_connections-Adam-karlin).

## Saturday, February 20

### Free Paper Shredding Event

Huntingtown High School; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Residents are required to wear face masks and practice safe social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. There is no limit per resident and proof of residency is required. All paper must be removed from plastic bags and cardboard boxes prior to shredding. Paper clips and staples are acceptable. Binders and binder clips are not acceptable. Certificates of destruction will be provided if requested. Businesses are prohibited from residential shredding events. Shredding events are held monthly throughout the year. For more information about recycling events, call the Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, at 410-326-0210, visit [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Recycle](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Recycle) or download the Recycle Coach app.

## Thursday, February 25

### CSM Transfer Thursday

Virtual; 11 a.m.

CSM hosts Transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Representatives from two differ-

ent institutions will be available to chat with students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. [csmd.edu/transferthursdays](https://csmd.edu/transferthursdays)

## Ongoing

### Body, Soul, Peace, and Harmony

Artworks@7th Gallery; Thursday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

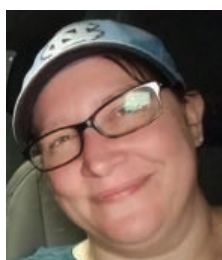
Masks, limited gallery numbers, and physical distance precautions are required. Shop the gallery 24/7 online at [www.artworks@7th.com](http://www.artworks@7th.com) and Instagram or call for an appointment at 410-286-5278. Attached below are featured works from the gallery's cooperative membership of 25 artists, one of whom is always on hand to greet visitors to the gallery and talk about the show and fellow artists. Multi-talented in multi-media Suzanne Sheldon is the gallery's newly themed "Featured Artist". Her beautiful Southern Maryland landscapes, seascapes give the viewer a feast to behold. 'Body and Soul, Peace and Harmony' offers new works in stained glass, acrylic, silk painting, ceramic arts, scratchboard, mixed media, sculpture, and jewelry.

### Calvert Library Openings

Thanks to declining COVID-19 positivity numbers, Calvert Library is welcoming customers back in for short visits. Customers are still asked to keep visits as short as possible and no longer than an hour, wear an appropriate mask over your nose and mouth, maintain a social distance of 6' from others and help your children do the same. At all four library locations, in-person library hours will be Monday-Thursday, noon to 5pm, Friday, 1-5pm and Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Curbside pickup appointments will continue Monday-Thursday, 10am to 7pm; Friday, 1-5pm and Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Call any Calvert Library location for assistance or appointments. Customers can also follow and interact with library staff on Facebook and Twitter. More information about coronavirus is available in the Research & Learn section of the library website. Call 410-535-0291 or email [getanswers@calvertlibrary.info](mailto:getanswers@calvertlibrary.info) with any reference questions you may have.



**Tessa Dawn "Tess" Grosskurth**



Tessa Dawn "Tess" Grosskurth, 42 of Lusby, MD passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by family on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. She is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband of 26 years, Ian Grosskurth; her two children, Summer (age 24) and Abigail (age 20); her mother, Lisa Bilotta (John); father, Rick Reeder (Jaclyn); brothers, Dennis Reeder (Angela) and John "Rusty" Reeder (Christina); and her many nieces and nephews (Isaac, Caela, Ayden, Charlotte and Nora).

Tess spent her time making memories with her family and loved spoiling her nieces and nephews. She loved going to the theater, camping, enjoyed Baysox games -when they win, Renaissance festivals, and Comic-cons. Tessa loved history and visiting the old battlefields. She spent her free time reading, following her beloved UNC Tar Heels, and watching her favorite shows with family. Tess was a dedicated Paralegal for over 15 years, finding her work family with the law firm of Dugan, McKissick & Longmore.

In lieu of flowers, her family asks you to make a donation to the charity of your choice in her name. To leave the family a condolence please visit [www.rauschfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rauschfuneralhomes.com)

**David Owen Johnson**



David Owen Johnson, 76, of Dunkirk passed away February 8, 2021 surrounded by his family. He was born June 28, 1944 in Onley, MD to Clarence Preston and Janet

Opal (Malabey) Johnson. David was raised in Deale and graduated from Southern High School. After high school, he worked for the state roads before joining the Navy in January of 1966. While in the Navy David served two tours in Vietnam and earned the Vietnam Campaign and Service Medals and National Defense Medal. Also, while in the

Navy he received his HVAC certification. He later worked for the federal government at the Washington Naval Yard, where he then retired. David married Virginia Miller on June 2, 1966 and they lived in Hawaii, North Beach and then settled in Dunkirk in 1973. David was very proud of his military service and also enjoyed hunting, fishing, crabbing, being on the water and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and step-father, Clyde A. Crofts and brother Geoffrey Corbin Crofts. David is survived by his wife Virginia C. Johnson of Dunkirk, daughters Shelly Johnson (Tracy) of Bowie, Christina Thomas of Hollywood and Erik David Johnson (Charlene) of Dunkirk, grandchildren Emma, Lillian and Samantha Thomas and Alexandra and Gage Johnson. Also surviving are a brother Sidney Johnson (Genevieve) of West River and sister-in-law Penny Murphy of Brandywine.

A Memorial Service will be Monday, February 22, 2021at 2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane Owings, MD 20736.

**Everett Fairfax Inscoe**



Everett Fairfax Inscoe, 68, of Lothian passed away February 3, 2021 at his residence. He was born September 1, 1952 in Washington, DC to Everett Fairfax Inscoe, Sr. and Helen Pettipher. Everett was

primarily raised in foster care by his foster parents Nick and Audrey Wyvill. He was employed with the Maryland State Highway Administration for many years and was a long-time dedicated volunteer fireman with the Upper Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department Company 20. Everett had a passion for fire-fighting and helping others. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, baseball, and animals.

Everett is survived by his sisters Carlene Crawford and her husband Ronald of Hagerstown, MD and Ann Pennington and her husband Mickey Swindell of Winnsboro, TX as well as nephews Samuel Sikes of Santa Anna, TX and Alex Geiss of Hagerstown, MD.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

**YOUR TAX REFUND AND FIVE SUGGESTIONS**

*Contributing Writer:  
Lynda J. Striegel*

You worked hard in 2020 and have now paid your taxes and are expecting a refund. Keep in mind that your refund money is not a gift from the government—it is your money. This article makes some suggestions on how you can use your tax refund money.

Some people purposely withhold too much money from their paychecks, knowing that they will receive a larger lump sum tax refund. A type of forced savings. But, why do that when the government provides you with no interest on your money? You would be better off to take the money in your paycheck and set some aside in an interest bearing investment. Even if the interest amounts are small, your money will be earning something. If you are receiving a huge tax refund, take a look at your W-4 form and adjust your federal income tax withholding.

What are the smartest ways of dealing with a tax refund? Making a plan for your refund money is always a good idea. Without a plan, that money can easily disappear into a cloud of buying whatever suits your fancy. You will be better off if you make a plan to handle the tax refund.

To get you started, here are five suggestions on how to use your tax refund:

1. Pay down your consumer debt.
2. Set up an emergency fund.
3. Protect your loved ones.
4. Invest in yourself.
5. Plan a vacation.

**Pay Down Your Consumer Debt.**

High-cost consumer debt is a killer. Times have been tough and many people have lived on their credit cards, racking up huge balances at very high cost borrowing rates. For many people, the amount of the debt is so large, it is intimidating. Don't be discouraged. Try to stop charging on the credit cards and use all excess funds, including your income tax refund, to pay down the debt. The smartest thing you can do is to pay off that consumer debt so that when you do use a credit card, you can afford to pay off the entire credit card bill within one month.

**Create a Fund Just for Emergencies.**

Many people live in fear of having an emergency because they have saved nothing to help them. In most cases, giving yourself some financial peace of mind is all that is required to make life much more enjoyable. By setting aside your tax refund money in an emergency fund, you will be able to weather the downturns like the loss of a job, expensive car repairs, medical emergencies and other catas-

trophes. Generally, the amount you need to save for emergencies should represent at least six months of living expenses plus whatever it takes to make you feel secure. Setting up an emergency fund will take away that fear of the unknown and put you in the position of being able to cope with whatever happens.

**Take Care of Your Loved Ones**

The vast majority of people have done absolutely no estate planning. Everyone needs to have a Will or a Trust, a Power of Attorney that covers medical and financial needs, and a Living Will. Why? To protect your loved ones and yourself. Once you have organized your estate plan, you will feel a great burden has been lifted from your shoulders. Whether this relates to appointing guardians for your minor-aged children, designating someone to take care of you if you can't do that for yourself, or deciding how your assets will be divided on your death, taking steps to put your strategy into writing is well worth the effort. This year, make an effort to get yourself organized.

**Invest in Yourself**

If you have been putting off career or skills training because of the cost, it may be time to use your refund to help you start a new career. College courses, technology skills improvement, books to help you help yourself, all of these are part of a strategy to improve your skills and your job prospects. Or, consider joining a health club or purchasing a piece of exercise equipment to improve your own health. Taking steps to improve yourself will always pay dividends.

**Have Fun-Take a Vacation**

Hopefully, the pandemic will soon be under control. Since the money you are receiving is money you have already earned, why not use it to take that vacation you have always planned? Yes, you can buy that big screen TV but over the long term you will probably benefit more from the memories you make on a great vacation.

Whatever you decide to do with your tax refund, take your time and make a plan of action for that refund money so that you can use it wisely to your advantage. Enjoy!

Join me for a free seminar on estate planning on the third Wednesday of every month at 11am in our offices at 8906 By Avenue, North Beach, Maryland 20714. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your seat. See you there.

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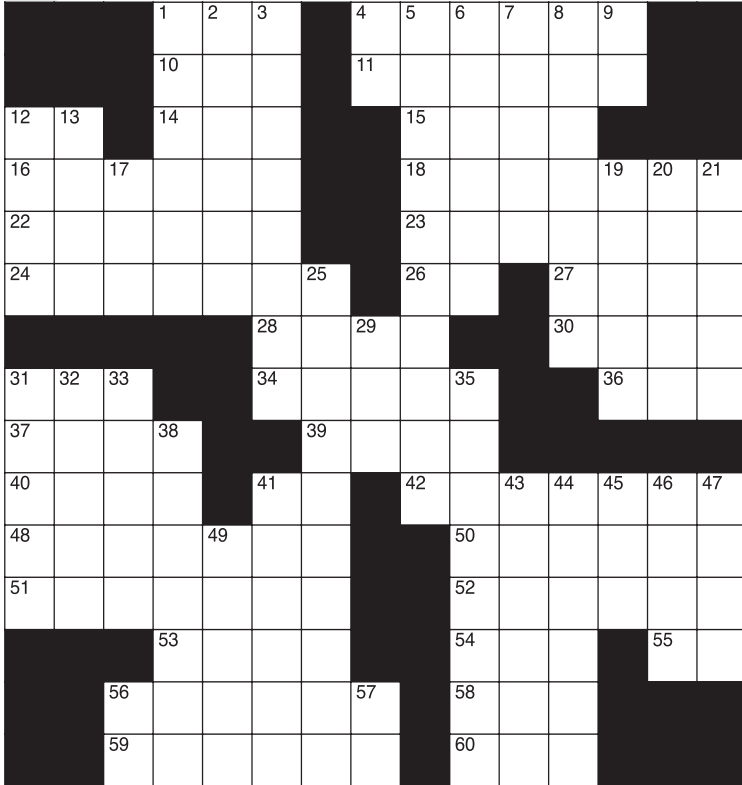


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# GAMES & PUZZLES



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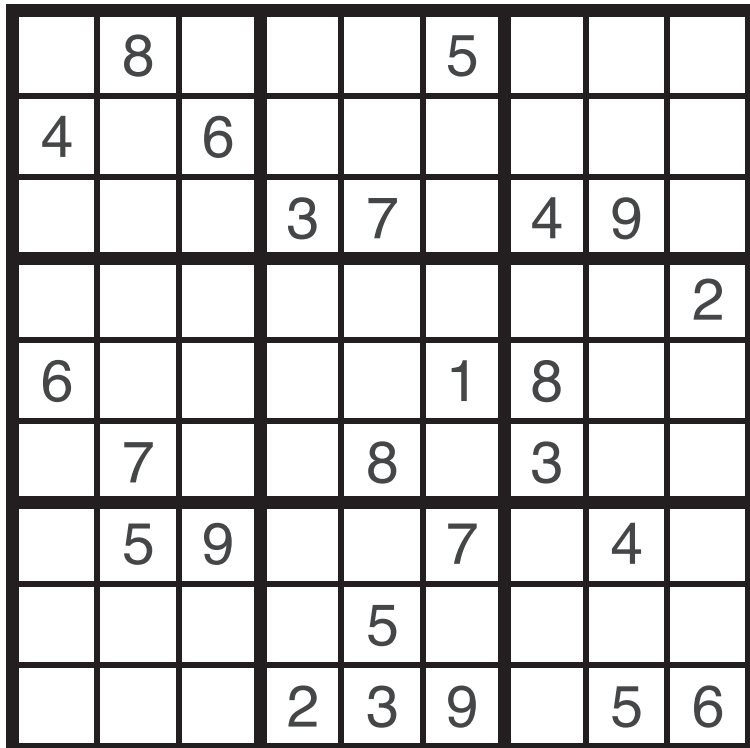
- 1. Big tech firm
- 4. Picked
- 10. Type of whale
- 11. A woman of refinement
- 12. New England state
- 14. Common gibbon
- 15. Tall coniferous tree
- 16. State capital
- 18. Making a liquid muddy
- 22. Vinegary
- 23. Peninsula
- 24. Thee
- 26. Atomic #55
- 27. Used in units of measurement
- 28. Welsh female name
- 30. Arab ruler title
- 31. One's mother
- 34. Trap
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 37. Assn. of oil-producing countries
- 39. Holy fire
- 40. Emit coherent radiation

- 41. Atomic #81
- 42. Orthodox Jewish college
- 48. Herbs
- 50. Ran after
- 51. Begin again
- 52. Named
- 53. Barbary sheep
- 54. Unwell
- 55. Postscript
- 56. Drivers
- 58. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 59. Prim
- 60. A facility equipped for sports or physical training

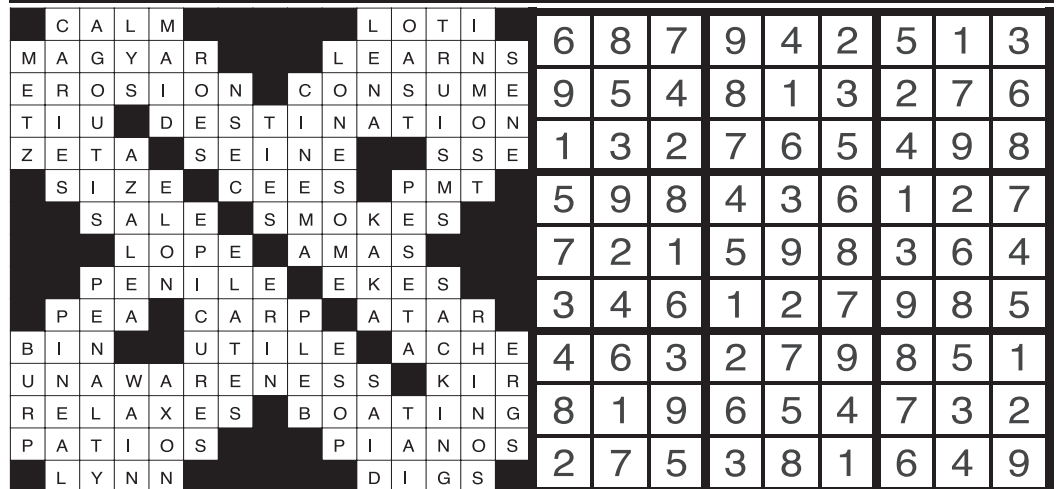
- 9. Northeast
- 12. Chew the fat
- 13. Innovative industry
- 17. Land to put down to grass
- 19. Products
- 20. Nostril
- 21. Surprise Icelandic politician
- 25. Conclusive acts
- 29. Inform on
- 31. Grinding tooth
- 32. Keep up
- 33. Tablelands
- 35. Raising
- 38. Mythical creature
- 41. Hums
- 43. Mountain in Antarctica
- 44. Neighborhood in Manhattan
- 45. Distinctive practice
- 46. Vice president
- 47. Contributes to
- 49. Small bones
- 56. Oil company
- 57. Empire State

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Small islands
- 2. Skullcap
- 3. Unexplained events
- 4. One hundredth of a meter
- 5. Beloved baseball announcer
- 6. Repulsive
- 7. Northern European languages
- 8. Match or surpass



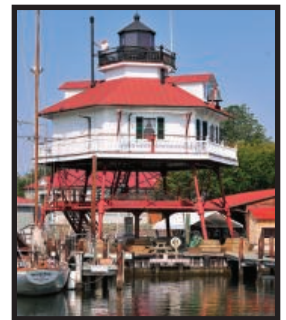
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