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Navy Investigating Contaminant Surface Runoff

Town Says Drinking Water is Safe

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Naval Research Laboratory - Chesapeake Bay Detachment (NRL-CBD) located just south of Chesapeake Beach is continuing to investigate potential contamination to drinking water wells and surrounding waterways from testing done there.

According to a release from the Town of Chesapeake Beach, "NRL-CBD occupies approximately 160 acres along the western shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay. Fire suppressant testing at NRL-CBD, including the testing of aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF), has been ongoing since 1968. Some AFFF contains per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, commonly known as PFAS. Results of a recent on-base groundwater investigation indicates that these substances are present in shallow groundwater as a result of historical activities at NRL-CBD; as a result, may have impacted off-base shallow groundwater which may be used for drinking water. The Navy conducted drinking water sampling for certain PFAS in drinking water wells in the vicinity of NRL-CBD; however, the town's drinking water source was not considered as a part of the testing due to the depth of the town's water source."

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPOA), "Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of man-made chemicals that includes PFOA, PFOS, GenX, and many other chemicals. PFAS have been manufactured and used in a variety of industries around the globe, including in the United States since the 1940s. PFOA and PFOS have been the most extensively produced and studied of these chemicals. Both chemicals are very persistent in the environment and in the human body - meaning they don't break down and they can accumulate over time. There is evidence that exposure to PFAS can lead to adverse human health effects."

The report from Town Manager Holly Wahl presented at the June 18 town meeting went on to say: "Even though the town was not a part of the additional testing, the Town of Chesapeake Beach has taken additional voluntary precautionary measures to test the town's drinking water, and publicly reported that the town's drinking water has no traces of per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Tests were conducted on all town drinking wells, which draw from the Aquia Aquifer."

Wahl's report added, "All continued monitoring is on a voluntary basis and is not required of the Town of Chesapeake Beach by any regulating agency. The town is coordinating with the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE), who serves as the regulating agency for the NRL-CBD site, to expand testing with the municipal boundary. The Town is coordinating to test:

- Oysters- samples will be taken from older oyster and younger oyster as a



Naval Research Laboratory - Chesapeake Bay Detachment (NRL-CBD)

comparison from the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society reef.

- Bayfront Park waters at the creek and at the beachfront - this test was collected Tuesday June 8, 2021; results take 10-14 days
- WRTP (water reclamation treatment plant) effluent- testing is planned to be completed in the month of June.
- Continual monitoring of the town's drinking water- there is no regulation on monitoring frequency on a clear water testing result.

"The Town will continue to follow the Navy's testing results and at a minimum voluntarily test the towns drinking water source once a year."

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Washington project manager Ryan Mayer appeared at the town meeting to answer questions from the council.

Mayer noted that during NRL-CBD's last Restoration Advisory Board (RAD) meeting on May 18, "We went over the status of our environmental investigations." He said the minutes on that meeting would be posted soon on their website.

As to ongoing sampling, he said, "We sampled for surface water sediment, soil sampling, and we're moving forward with more sampling, to better determine these migration pathways."

Council member Valerie Beaudin wanted to know any impact on the fisheries.

Mayer said, "That's something we're going to be looking at, at the remedial investigation phase. Absolutely."

Councilman Greg Morris asked, "Is it true that PFAS contamination is not contained to your site?"

Mayer responded that they've sampled 42 wells off site, and in four, "we did find some detections through the wells, which was well below the health advisory level. So, the drinking water in that area is safe to drink; it's safe on base, safe off base."

But Morris said he was really asking about surface runoff. Mayer said, "The surface water results, we just received those, those are not in the initial sampling that we did. We do have some high levels, I'll be honest with you. Those levels are high, and that's what we're looking at as far as the interim measures, so

that we can bring down those levels."

Morris then asked, "Has the Navy confirmed PFAS leaving the site via streams that are discharging to the Bay?"

He responded, "Well, that seems to be the case from the sampling that we have."

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Planning Commission to Return to In-Person

Will be Hybrid beginning in August

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Planning Commission will be returning to in-person meetings at their August session on Aug. 18. The meetings will be back at the Harriet Elizabeth Brown Recreation Center on Dares Beach Road, as they were before the pandemic drove everything to online.

The planning staff has found during more than a year of virtual meetings that attendance has gone up dramatically over when they were being done in person. So, the commission, at the suggestion of Chairman Steve Jones, will continue in a hybrid mode when they return to allowing commission members, staff and the general public to come out in person.

Jones said any commission or public member who decides they would be more comfortable attending the meeting via Zoom can continue to do so and the rest of the commission agreed.

Director of Planning and Zoning Mary Beth Cook said the Harriet Elizabeth Brown facility would be available until the new county administration building is ready for use. That will have a public meeting room in it.

The recording equipment was removed from the Brown center once the pandemic hit and the planners were told it would take until August to get everything back up and

running, so the July meeting will continue to be held virtually.

The meetings for the Prince Frederick Master Plan update, which was formally presented to the commission at their June 17 meeting, and now the Dunkirk Master Plan update, have had much larger virtual attendance than most in-person events.

The commission is continuing to solicit comments on the Price Frederick and Dunkirk plans online.

Long Range Planner Jenny Plummer-Welker told the commission at the June 17 meeting that the next steps for the Prince Frederick Master Plan update are:

- Review the draft Plan.
- Staff will complete the draft plan, distribute it for public comment, and set up public meetings.
- Public comments submitted on the draft plan will be provided to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Information on the Prince Frederick plan is available at Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan and Zoning Update | Calvert County, MD - Official Website (calvertcountymd.gov)

Information on the Dunkirk plan is available at: <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/2870/Dunkirk-Town-Center-Master-Plan-Zoning-U>

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Where Did She Come From?



William Adams and his son Jake bagged this alligator on Father's Day in Chesapeake Ranch Estates. They had come upon her weeks before and were worried she might attack kids playing nearby. The gator measured close to eight feet. William feels it might have been a pet let go when it got too big. Tackle Box Photo.





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Lonely fisherman on the Patuxent River by Terry Thomas



Catfish with transmitter implanted in the stomach cavity and streamer below the dorsal fin



Researcher installing stationary radio receiver in the field

Hidden below the surface of the calm waters of the Patuxent River lies a vast ecosystem. Over time, this aquatic environment has gradually changed, ebbing and flowing like the tide. However, along with natural change, this fragile ecosystem has been disturbed by human activity, very notably within the past century by the arrival and proliferation of invasive species.

The blue catfish (*Ictalurus furcatus*) was introduced in Virginia decades ago to provide an exciting angling experience to East Coast anglers. As an unexpected consequence, the species thrived in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and expanded into Maryland's tidal waters and tributaries. The blue catfish has today become more of a nuisance than a trophy catch.

With a ferocious appetite, blue catfish will indiscriminately and opportunistically eat anything. To better understand their impact on the local ecosystem, the department's Fishing and Boating Services is taking a close look inside the belly of the beast, asking exactly what species blue catfish consume in the course of their scavenging.

Examining the blue catfish's stomach contents will give biologists a better understanding of the fish's diet. Even more, biologists are curious whether the blue catfish is consuming some of our native aquatic life like blue crabs, striped bass, American shad, and yellow perch.

In addition to studying catfish's stomachs, scientists have new technology at their disposal to track and tag blue catfish throughout the Patuxent River watershed. This tracking technology will give biologists the fullest view yet of this species' lifestyle, habitat, and migration patterns.

Starting in the fall of 2020, biologists began tagging blue catfish using both radio and acoustic transmitters. Acoustic tags function well in deep, brackish water like the Chesapeake Bay and river mouths, while radio tags are especially useful in shallow water with thick vegetation, such as upper Patuxent River habitats. For the Patuxent River study, biologists

used a combination radio/acoustic tag that should function well throughout the entire study area.

These transmitters are small. They weigh less than an ounce and are roughly the size of a standard AA battery. Each transmitter is surgically implanted in the fish's stomach cavity. To help identify each fish, biologists also implanted an external streamer just below the back portion of the dorsal fin. Each tag has a unique fish identification number, instructions, and a contact phone number. After each tag is implanted, the fish are released back into the water, ready to be monitored.

To help aid in tracking the movement of blue catfish, 10 stationary radio receivers along the upper Patuxent River log the movement of blue catfish when they swim by. Due to the importance of the study, biologists are encouraging anglers in the Patuxent River who happen to capture a tagged blue catfish to report the tag number, call the phone number listed on the tag, and release the fish immediately back into the water. Like the radio transmitters, anglers' reports are an important element in helping biologists gain an understanding of these fish.

These tracking and tagging efforts are expected to last a few years. At that point, the data will be analyzed to determine where populations of blue catfish are thriving and how they are affecting the environment. Ultimately, survey results will provide guidance for both recreational and commercial anglers who can use this information to harvest blue catfish.

While it may be too early to determine the lasting impacts of blue catfish in Maryland waters, continuing studies like these are an important first step in keeping tabs on our ecosystems.

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By Eric G. Wilson, public affairs officer for DNR's Fishing and Boating Services. Article appeared in Vol. 24, No. 2 of the Maryland Natural Resource magazine, spring 2021.

Juneteenth Celebrated in National Spotlight

Calvert Holds Annual Community Day

By Dick Myers
Editor

With the national spotlight shining on it, Juneteenth celebrations all across the country took on special significance this year. It was a celebration of the historical event that happened on June 19, 1865 when the black residents of Galveston, Texas learned two years after the fact about their freedom with the Emancipation Proclamation. President Biden signed into law the creation of June 19 as a national holiday.

So, after a year's hiatus because of the pandemic, the Calvert County Juneteenth Community Day celebration on June 19 at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum also took on a special celebratory tone. And with it being one of the first events after the lifting of restrictions, one of the largest crowds ever came out to enjoy the late spring day.

Billed as African American Community Day for many years, the event is sponsored by the Calvert County Branch of the NAACP. And local President Michael Kent kicked things off with the recognition of the day's newly-established importance.

Two pillars of the community who

passed away in the last year were honored – Mike Miller, long-time state Senate President, and Michael Moore, the county's first elected black county commissioner.

Senator Michael Jackson, whom Miller chose to replace him when he resigned from the Senate, accepted the award for Miller's family, saying it was an honor to have been chosen by Miller.

Moore's widow Sheila and her family accepted the honor and were joined by Jackson and Delegate Rachel Jones. The Moore family noted Michael's entrepreneurial spirit and urged attendees to catch that spirit.

Outside there were food, and business and non-profit vendors and games for the kids.

Later inside, the annual talent contest was held. First place winner in the youth division (\$300 prize) was Ann Lula. Second place went to Esther Iwuede (\$150) and third place went to Destiny Watkins (50).

In the Teen division, first place was garnered by Leslie Tenneson, who won \$500. Second place was earned by Taylor Lynn Bowman (\$300) and third place by Melina Ashwood (\$100).



Michael Moore's widow Sheila and her family accept the award in his honor as Sen. Michael Jackson (l) and NAACP President Michael Kent look on.



Games were available for the young Juneteenth attendees

In the adult category, Jaylen Henderson captured first place and \$500. Second place went to Allison Beatrez (\$300) and third to Favion Streat (\$100).

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Jacob's Children: Slave Breeding in Maryland

By Michael Gayhart Kent

Editor's Note: The following was submitted by Calvert County historian Michael Kent, author of "Mulatto: The Black History of Calvert County, Maryland." He told The County Times about his purpose in researching and writing the following story: "My goal is not to assess blame and judgement of tragedies of the past. My goal is to learn our complete history, and to let people know about the many unsung heroes of the past. The women who endured and survived the horrors of Slave breeding did not just give up and die, instead, they held on to give future generations a chance for a better life. That is heroic. Secondly, my research would not be possible without the help of the Calvert librarians. Others who want to explore the past should take advantage of their records collections and skills."

In 1899, a roving reporter from the Boston Globe newspaper, named Townsend, finished his assignment in Washington D.C. and decided to travel south to Chesapeake Beach in Calvert County Maryland to see the new railroad. Upon seeing a steamboat coming south from Baltimore, Townsend decided to take a ride down the Chesapeake Bay and then back up the Patuxent River. While walking towards the pier to catch the steamboat, Townsend saw a Black man fishing and asked if the steamer stopped nearby. The Black man told him he could board about a half mile away and began to walk with Townsend to the boarding spot.

Trying to make conversation, Townsend asked if the Black man was a native. The response was "Yes, sir. I was a slave of the Chew family, which still lives yonder in the old Chew house. I am 88 years old, sir. I am credited, sir with being the father of 376 children"¹

The old man was talking about being a part of a "slave breeding" operation. But, was he telling the truth? In 1904, the Department of Commerce and Labor issued Bulletin no. 8, entitled "Negroes in the United States". The Bulletin stated that as worn-out farms of the Border States were abandoned for farming purposes, they were utilized as slave breeding farms. As a result, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri became the seat of internal slave trade.²

The foregoing account of slave breeding was loudly denounced as lies by the Democratic party who ascribed it to pandering to Negroes by the Roosevelt Republicans. However, in 1851, Horace Greeley, while discussing the possible extension of slavery into northern territories, said, "In slave breeding Maryland and Virginia, two thirds of the local voters would today prefer the Union without slavery to slavery without the Union."³ Greeley, was very matter of fact about the breeding activities.

Townsend, the Boston reporter, learned the father of 376 children was named Jacob Broom. Mr. Broom said that all the children were slave born and some were sold to Georgia, Louisiana, Kentucky and other states. When Jacob was questioned about other events, like the War of 1812, to test his credibility, Jacob stated that all



he knew was hearsay because he was so young. When asked about Michael Taney, the father of Supreme Court Justice, Roger B. Taney, Jacob remembered the children were frightened that "old Michael Taney", might be "hiding around the corner to catch them?" Michael Taney had killed a neighbor in a dispute over a woman and had fled the State before he could be charged. In fact, Michael Taney was also rumored to be a slave breeder⁴.

Finally, as Townsend was leaving on the steamboat for St. Mary's County, he questioned the captain about Jacob. The captain responded that he had worked for the Weems steamboat company for 46 years, which would place his employment back to 1855. The captain confirmed that what Jacob had said was true.

In 1859, Governor Foote of Georgia stated, "We have as much labor in the South at present as our local interests demand, and more if we were wanted could be easily obtained from Virginia and Maryland and other slave breeding states."⁵

Was slave breeding part of a conspiracy? Some believe the Federal government banned the international slave trade in 1808 as a favor to the state of Virginia. Thomas Jefferson, who was from Virginia signed the law banning importing slaves from Africa, but did not abolish slavery itself. This had the effect of opening the domestic market of slave breeding.⁶

So, what becomes of the mothers and children? The 1900 census is very telling, because it asks the questions about the number of children conceived and the number of children surviving. The number conceived during slavery is often far greater than the number surviving. For example, Rebecca Brooks had 13 children overall, with the ones born during slavery not having survived (at least in the mother's eyes).

When a slave child was sold to a different farm, the other slaves of that farm, by necessity, would have to rear the child. Those duties usually fell to the very old and very young.

Medical care did not improve for Blacks

after slavery, so the survival rates should not have changed. Black children continued to be delivered by Black mid-wives. In fact, more Black mid-wives delivered White babies than medical doctors.

The distance was often far too great for a medical doctor to reach the patient. The census numbers reflect the fact that many mothers had their children taken away at such a young age, and that they could not know if the child still lived. The loss of children is one of the everlasting scars of slavery. Whereas males like "Jacob" may have a sense of pride in the number of children conceived, women would feel shame and remorse.

On the other hand, slave breeders did not feel remorse. In fact they would often impregnate slaves themselves and then sell their own children. In most of the world where slavery existed, the children of slaves were born free. According to English common law, the bloodlines of children followed the father. As early as 1662, America adopted a new standard whereby children followed the mother's bloodline. Any child born to a slave woman was automatically a slave.

This twisting of morality could not have happened without the consent of Church institutions. Several Episcopal, Catholic, and other dioceses are acknowledging this fact and are offering reconciliation and reparations.

Jacob Broom indicated he was owned by the Chew family. In the 1600's, the Chew family came from England and were "granted" hundreds of acres of land along the "Herring Bay" which today is known as "Fairhaven" in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

The Chews were Quakers. In 1667, William Hunt received a "patent" from Lord Baltimore for 350 acres that bordered 600 acres of Chew property. He named it Maidstone. A change of municipal boundary lines placed Maidstone in Calvert County. When the sale by Hunt failed, the property was acquired by members of the Chew family, which retained ownership until

1745.⁷

Maidstone became the subject of court litigation (likely revolving around which side the parties took during the Revolutionary war). The dispute was ultimately resolved in 1820 with the property being transferred to Phillip Chew (not related to the original Chew family). Phillip Chew retained ownership of Maidstone and Jacob Broom until 1855. Ownership of Maidstone was transferred to various owners over the years and in 1971, it was placed on the National Register of Historical places. Maryland Environmental Trust has a perpetual easement on 117 acres surrounding Maidstone, assuring it will not be developed.

Just as Church institutions have acknowledged their complicity in perpetuating and or benefiting as a result of slavery, Maryland institutions must take similar actions. Complete reconciliation and reparations cannot occur until there is a full admission that slave breeding existed as a business in Maryland.

The inventories and markers on properties recognized as historic sites by state entities must be updated to reflect all of the history. Slave women and men continued to do other work on breeding farms in Maryland, but the main source of income was the breeding and sale of Black children. Their stories must be told to give them peace.

Endnotes

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The Baltimore Sun Newspaper Archives, July 19, 1904 p.4

Southern Standard Newspaper Archives, May 10, 1851 p.2

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Augusta Daily Chronicle And Sentinel Newspaper Archives, June 14, 1859 p. 2

William Spivey, The typical model of the American slave breeding farm.

Williamspivey.medium.com/the-typical-model-of-an-american-slave-breeding-farm

Article by Anne Wisner, Chesapeake Country life, August 1980

What's Coming to Calvert

The following list of pending site plans was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission at their June 16 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 meetings will resume 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, 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-2020-315, **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

3) CSPR-138210, **First Lutheran Church Addition**, located at 6300 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Huntingtown, currently on one parcel consisting of 5.6 acres, zoned RCD. An approved Replat with a second parcel owned by the Church, will bring the total acreage to 8.1 for the proposed project. The submittal proposes construction of a one story 2,900 square foot addition with basement to the existing church. Existing classroom trailer will be removed upon completion of this project. The submittal was accepted March 24, 2021. Agent: Wilkerson & Associates

4) CSPR-138164, **Prince Frederick Crossing**, Phase 4, located at 30 Thoroughbred Drive, Prince Frederick, on 2.3 acres zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Forest District. The proposed project includes 20 townhouse units and a future commercial area to be developed at a later date. The submittal was accepted March 24, 2021. Agent: Bay Engineering

5) CSPR-138234, **Lynco Flex Space**, CCIP Lot 45C, located at 65 Jibsail Drive, Prince Frederick, on Lot 45C of Calvert County Industrial Park, consisting of 208 acres, Zoned I-1. The project proposes a 9,000 square foot Flex Space facility and associated improvements on the site. The submittal was accepted April 28, 2021. Agent: Collinson, Oliff & Associates

(6) SPR-138176, **Armory Square**, located at 435 North Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick on 12.95 acres, Zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, New Town District. This project proposes approximately 109,050 square feet of new commercial buildings, parking lots, utilities and related infrastructure. The submittal resumed agency review May 5, 2021. Agent: Barrett & Associates.

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 Cen-

ter. 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

5) CSD2021-097 **Lusby Villas**, Commercial Subdivision, Lot 1, located on Lusby Parkway in Lusby. One commercial lot proposed on one parcel consisting of 24.87 acres, Zoned Lusby Town Center, Village Residential Office District, Tier I. Submittal accepted February 24, 2021. Agent: Barrett & Associates

6) SD-138229, **Prince Frederick Crossing**, Phase 4, located at 30 Thoroughbred Drive, Prince Frederick, on 2.3 acres zoned Prince Frederick Town Center, Forest District. Subdivision of existing parcel to create 20 lots for the proposed 20 townhouse units. The submittal was accepted March 24, 2021. Agent: Bay Engineering.

Information provided by Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning.

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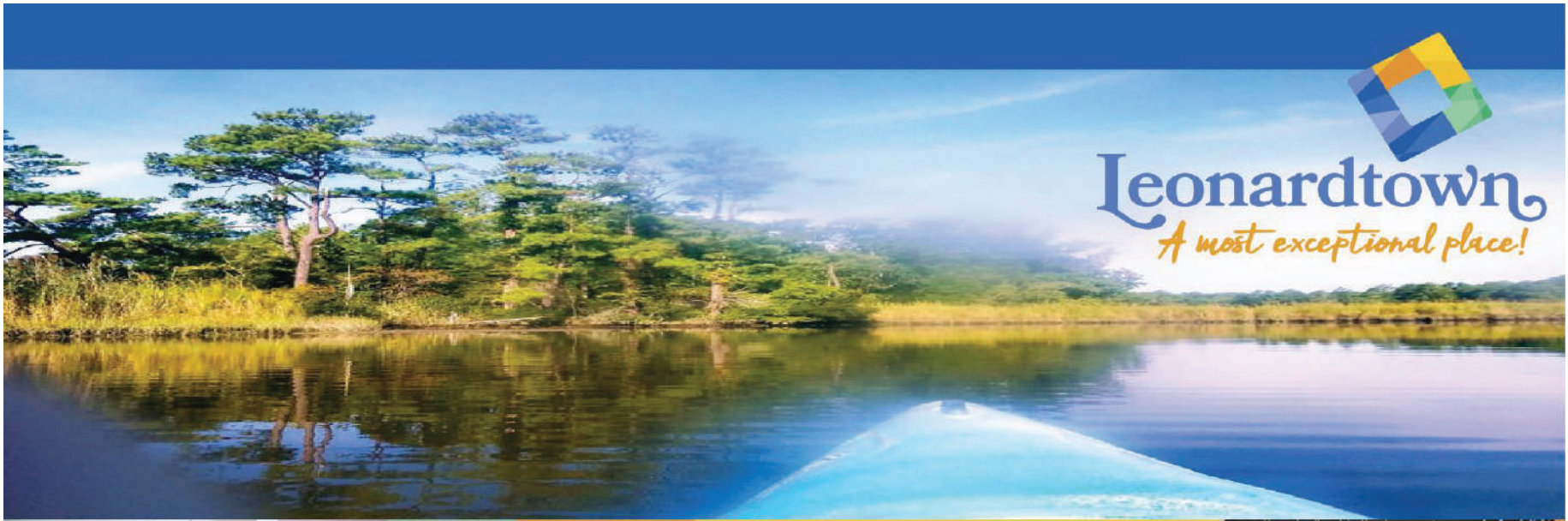
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New Prince Frederick Firehouse Holds 'Ribbon Cutting'

Company 2 Members Welcomed Home

By Dick Myers
Editor

It was billed as a ribbon cutting ceremony. Yet no ribbon was cut or otherwise damaged during the dedication of the new 29,929 square-foot, \$11-million Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, Company 2, firehouse.

Instead, a metal pipe stood in for a ribbon and instead of scissors, one of the department's tools of their trade, a Jaws of Life, cut through the pipe by Fire Chief Joseph Della Camera, to mark the occasion on June 15.

Before that Della Camera said, "A fire station is a very important part of the community. It's a place where trained professionals go out from to help people in times of need. It houses magnificent pieces of equipment of today and timeless treasures of the past like those that are behind me.

"Beyond the operational aspects of what a fire station is or does, a fire station is also a gathering point for people of the community. It's a landmark for directions. It's a place where community events are held. A place where mothers and fathers bring their curious and imagination filled children to explore. A place where memories are made.

"Many of my friends in this department know I'm a fan of a particular sitcom that aired years ago. I watched that show several times over and in the final episode, one of the characters made a statement that I believe resonates between our membership and this building. The character said, "no matter how you get there or where you end up, human beings have this miraculous gift to make that place home."

"The old firehouse was home. That building no longer exists except in our memories. The current and future members of this department will now set forth in making this building our home.

"On August 8, 2019, we departed the old station and continued our day-to-day operations from the Armory Road complex. Trying times beyond our control laid waiting for us. The members of Company 2 and surrounding departments powered through without hesitation. The same can be said for those that built this station. Every one of us in this room and those who are unable to attend adapted and overcame to the uncertain and troubling times.

"On May 8, 2021, 639 days later, we departed the Armory Road complex and walked across the threshold of these doors to begin our new journey. My words are simple but meaningful when I say thank you to all of the government officials, and those responsible for designing and building this station.

"To the members of Company 2 I express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Your time, effort, energy, compassion, and commitment to our organization and our community will never be forgotten. Thank you and welcome home."

In an interview after the event, Company 2 President Patrick Hassler said like every new home, they are still settling



Prince Frederick VFD President Pat Hassler (right) and Chief Joe Della-Camera



The new Prince Frederick firehouse

in. "We may turn a bookcase this way this week and turn it a different way next week. It's truly a blessing to have that problem to learn our new home.

"And, we thank the citizens, the county government, and everybody for allowing us this opportunity to build and be part of the build for our home for many years to come."

Hassler has been working to get to the point of last week's ceremony for a long time. "I've been on this project since 2004," he said. He noted that when the company set its course for a new building, he promised to stay on as president until it was accomplished. He was asked if he was now ready to retire.

"I'll be on for a little bit longer," he responded.

One of the things the public notices first about the new building are its bright red doors on both sides, that don't go up and down like a typical garage.

Hassler said it's safer. "If you're sitting in the driver's seat, everything is right in front of you, where a typical garage door that goes up and there's a blind spot above you. So that's anywhere from a thousand, 1,200 pounds that you lose sight of. So,

if you're pulling out and say the spring broke, that's coming down and it's either going to come down on an individual, could come down on a piece of apparatus, or it could come and slam and all that glass gets shattered all over the place. The advantage with the bifold doors is it has fewer operational mechanical parts, and everything's right there in front of you. You can see the door the whole time."

Chief Della Camera said, "The firehouse is working out phenomenally. It was well planned out, well designed and executed perfectly by the architects and contractor that built it. Between our committee that we had put together our ideas and thoughts, and working with architects, the end product is great. It's working out well for the membership operationally and administratively."

As to improvements over the former building, which had stood on the same spot for 60 years, he said, "The building itself is vastly different than the old building. It has state-of-the-art equipment, as far as audio visual, appliances, larger space for the apparatus, more room for training, a state-of-the-art workout facility for the members' health and wellness,

and also a more comfortable place for relaxing when training and calls aren't taking place for our members."

He added, "The living quarters for our members that stay in temporarily is far greater than what we had in the past. The accommodations are just leaps and bounds above that."

The bunk rooms are on the second floor. "We have two general population rooms, which are individual areas where members that don't live there full time can come stay on the weekends. There are single and bunk beds in there. And then we also have individual rooms for members who do reside there on a full-time basis. Most of our younger, generation opt to live at the station rent free in lieu of a little payment. Their responsibility is to run calls when they're there and to keep the station orderly. Those individual bunk rooms have two beds in them."

Della-Camera explained the importance of having live-in members. "It's very important, especially for operations. The call goes out and your response time is very, very important. Getting out of the station and to somebody who calls, whether it be an accident or a medical emergency or whatever the call might be, time is of the essence."

He added the advantage of being at the firehouse is "being able to get on the fire truck and out the firehouse in 30 seconds rather than waiting for home response. I'm not saying home response isn't very important. However, with the congestion that we deal with these days, the numerous traffic lights, and then the locations that members are coming from their houses, the response time might be more than what we were facing in the past, when the population of the county or the congestion in the county wasn't as bad."

He also noted that Prince Frederick is largely commercial, so members might live some distance from the firehouse.

He said the new facility might aid in recruiting just like people are attracted to a new house.

At the "ribbon cutting" Commissioner President Buddy Hance said, "We rely on our volunteer firefighters, day and night, to safeguard our homes, our families and our lives. I cannot overstate the vital importance of providing our volunteers with the latest technologies and a comfortable place to call home away from home."

"The members of Company 2 are truly dedicated to serving our community and we are proud to provide them with this new facility," said Public Safety Director Jackie Vaughan. "The investments made in this new building will help our volunteer firefighters train effectively, work safely and to support their well-being for the next 60 years and beyond."

Company 2 is planning a carnival in August at the old middle school grounds at Routes 2/4 and Dares Beach Road intersection. And a public open house for the new facility is planned for later this year.

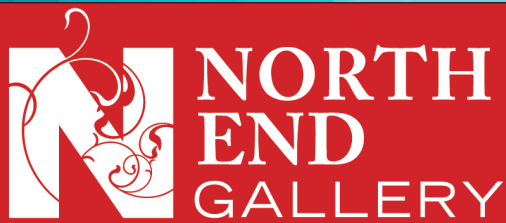
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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of June 7 – June 13, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,714 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 21-30676

On June 7, 2021, DFC Cress responded to Calvert Pools located at 3903 17th St. in Chesapeake Beach, MD for the report of a destruction of property. The complainant advised between the dates of June 4 and June 6, 2021, an unknown individual(s) had damaged the pickets located on the front deck of the office building. The estimated value of damaged property is \$1000.

Theft: 21-31910

On June 12, 2021, DFC Gilmore responded to the Chesapeake Beach Water Park located at 4079 Gordon Stinnett Ave in Chesapeake Beach, MD for the reported theft. Two patrons of the water park had reported items stolen from the areas where they had been sitting. The first victim advised her backpack was removed and an iPhone 12 Pro Max valued at \$1200.00 had gone missing. The second victim advised her Michael Kohrs purse and its contents had been stolen. Inside the purse was a \$100 Michael Kors wallet, \$400 in US Currency, \$80 Coach sunglasses, a set of keys valued at \$100, a Maryland Driver's License and a Master Card totaling \$30 to replace. The total value of stolen property is \$2260.00.

Theft: 21-32225

On June 13, 2021, Cpl. Fox responded to the 8700 block of D Street in Chesapeake Beach, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between

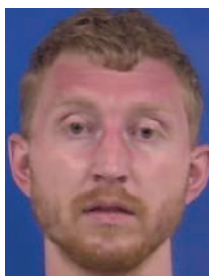
10 p.m. on June 11th and 4 a.m. on June 12th, unknown suspect(s) siphoned gasoline from his vehicle parked on the street outside of his residence. The estimated value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

Theft: 21-31283

On June 9, 2021, DFC Aurich responded to the 2200 block of N. Solomons Island Road in Huntingtown, MD for report of a theft. The complainant advised her front Maryland Registration plate was missing. The value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

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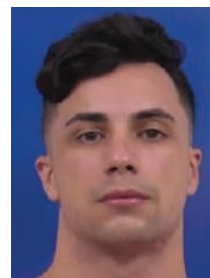
On June 7, 2021, Deputy Evans responded to the area of Fairground Road and Silverwood Lane in Prince Frederick, MD for a report of a suspicious subject. Contact was made with the complainant who advised an unknown male identified as **Kenneth Jeremiah Sipan**, 34 of no fixed address, walked into the residence without permission and grabbed a broom before realizing the homeowners were home and left the residence. A second victim advised, Sipan attempted to follow



Kenneth Jeremiah Sipan

her into her residence and later discovered her vehicle had been scavenged through. Sipan admitted to stealing a car charger (\$5) and a phone mount (\$5) from the mentioned vehicle. Sipan was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Fourth-Degree Burglary and Theft: Less than \$100.

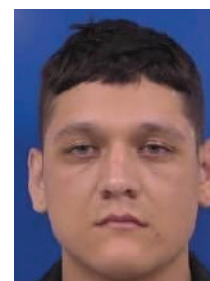
On June 13, 2021, DFC Shrawder and DFC Callison were alerted to a fight in progress at the Tiki Bar located at 85 Charles Street in Solomons, MD. Deputies on scene observed numerous patrons fighting in the rear parking lot. **Matthew Ryan Henderson**, 23 of Orlando, FL, was identified as an aggressor who was activity fighting. As DFC Shrawder was attempting to detain Henderson, a second aggressor approached DFC Shrawder from behind and wrapped his arms around the deputy's neck attempting to separate Henderson and the deputy. The suspect was identified as **Timothy John Virgen**, 25 of Lexington Park, MD. Virgen began to kick the deputy as he was placed into handcuffs. Both Henderson and Virgen were arrested and transported to the Cal-



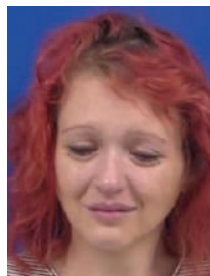
Matthew Ryan Henderson

vert County Detention Center where they were charged with Disorderly Conduct and Resisting/Interfering with Arrest. Virgen was also charged with Second-Degree Assault.

On June 11, 2021, Deputy Shoemaker responded to Calvert Health Medical Center located at 100 Hospital Road in Prince Frederick, MD for report of a disorderly subject. Upon arrival, the complainant advised **Leah Beth Sales**, 32 of Silver Spring, MD, was being disorderly, yelling at staff using profanity and cursing at them. As the deputy approached the room Sales was being seen in, a food tray came flying out of the room. Sales was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Disorderly Conduct.



Timothy John Virgen



Leah Beth Sales

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Remembering Redskin Ron Saul

Charter 'Hog' Had Deep Area Roots

By Dave "Spiggy" Spigler
Contributing Writer

Sadly, "Redskin Nation" lost another beloved member of our football team with the passing of fan favorite Ron Saul, jersey #64 and an original member of the famed offensive line "The Hogs." Ron was an offensive guard on the biggest offensive line in the National Football League during the 1970s and early 1980s.

These players averaged 280 pounds each and were directly responsible for the three Super Bowl championships won by the team during the "Glory Days" of the organization. Led by the likes of Joe Jacoby, Russ Grimm, Mark May, George Starks, Jeff Bostic and others, this group of behemoths named "The Hogs" by offensive Coach Joe Bugel protected Quarterbacks Joe Theismann and Billy Kilmer, while opening holes that sprung the "Diesel" John Riggins to many winning touchdowns under Coach Joe Gibbs.

Ron said his proudest football achievements were being selected to the Pro Bowl in 1979 and winning the Superbowl in 1982.

Although Ron was only slightly older than most of these teammates, they named him "Grandpa Hog." He was super tough and gritty and loved to get down in the mud to prevent opposing teams from crossing the line and getting into the back field. He was a grizzled veteran of twelve years in the NFL, first with the Houston Oilers in 1970 where he was drafted in the fifth round and after six great years there, he was traded to the Redskins to play for George Allen who had admired his abilities for years. Coach Allen had coached Ron's twin brother Rich Saul during his stint with the Los Angeles Rams. The Saul twins had made a name for themselves at Michigan State and were a major reason for their team's National #2 ranking in 1969. Both were later named college "Academic All Americans," the first twin brother duo to make it together! Their older brother Bill also played in the NFL for nine years mostly for the Pittsburgh Steelers and then as a teammate of Johnny Unitas and the Baltimore Colts. The three Saul brothers are thought to be the only family trio to ever have played professional football at the same time.

Ron had deep roots here in Southern Maryland and often played with several teammates in the annual "Spiggy & Friends Children's Hospital Charity Golf

Tournaments" at the Chesapeake Hills Golf Course in Lusby. It was during one of these tournaments Ron mistakenly got into the wrong golf cart assigned to another Redskin Ron "The Dancin' Bear" McDole. Already sitting in the cart was a young Lexington Park golfer named Robin Robison, an employee for a local defense contractor at Pax River who was invited by fellow employees to play in this charity fund raiser. And just like the movies, this accidental pairing led to a fond relationship that resulted in their wedding several years later in October 2016 in Hedgesville, West Virginia.

While they were dating, they continued to play in this annual tournament and Robin would sing the National Anthem prior to the start of play. She was often invited to sing at large NFL player dinners that she and her husband were often invited to as well.

A very outgoing and humorous speaker, Ron was asked to speak at many testimonials, award presentations, and any number of fund raisers or sporting events. A few years ago, Ron was invited to the St. Mary's Judicial Review Board Annual Dinner held at Piney Point. This group of county judges and lawyers come together each year to break bread and invite a celebrity to be the evening entertainment. Ron was a hit with this crowd that included many fans of other football teams besides the Redskins. Ron interlaced his remarks with little anecdotal stories about his teammates "Riggo," Dexter Manley, Joe Thiesmann, Coach Allen, and Coach Gibbs to name a few. He told of the days when Riggo would hide a case of cold beer just off the practice field in an equipment shack out of sight of Coach Gibbs for the Hogs to have a "cold one" following a long practice! This group became known as the secretive "Five O'Clock Club" but once word leaked out about its existence, the Coach tried to "reel" it in. He liked to tell stories about Coach Gibbs and often talked of the time at old RFK Stadium where the fans would stand and scream while making the seating section shake yelling "We want Saul! We want Saul!" Finally, Coach Gibbs would call Ron over to his side as he anxiously put on his helmet and say, "Yeah Coach!?" Gibbs would then respond, "Saul go over there and see what they want!"

At the end of his talk, Ron would ask the crowd if they had any questions and Judge Michael J. Stamm, the senior Judge in St. Mary's



County at the time raised his hand while showing off his New York Giants tie and asked, "Why did people refer to Ron as the Judge?" Ron's immediate answer was, "Your Honor, it's because I sit on the bench!" The crowd had a big laugh.

He also loved to tell stories involving the legendary stunts "Riggo" has been known to pull off. One of the more popular tales concerns the time "the Diesel" was driving home in his special "John Riggins" Chevy personalized pickup truck and was stopped by two Virginia State Police for being too quick to want to get home to dinner! Approaching the truck, the Sergeant said, "Mr. Riggins we need to ask you for your license" and just then there was a terrible accident on the other side of the highway. The officers said they need to run over there to see what happened and said to Riggo "your truck better be here when we come back!"

And sure enough once they were done, they crossed the road and Riggo's truck was still there, but their police car had vanished! They had John's license and they knew his address, so they drove his truck to his home and knocked on the door. While waiting for an answer, the younger officer said to the Sergeant, "Sir, what will it look like when we tell the Chief Riggins stole our car?" When Mrs. Riggins answered the door,

they just decided to just give her John's keys and left without pressing charges!!! The crowd roared with laughter!

Ron and Robin would dine in local restaurants and were often recognized by diners who would come up and ask for an autograph or a photo. He loved to let children wear his Superbowl Ring for the photo. He was fond of young fans and never denied a child an opportunity to shake his hand. Again, he was a crowd pleaser and enjoyed being in the public spotlight unlike many of his other famous teammates! He was loved by all that knew him, and he will be truly missed.

His mother-in-law still lives in Calvert County. Robin lost her father a few years ago. His funeral was held at St. George's Parish in Valley Lee. Her dad was a celebrity in his own right having written songs for Lloyd Price in the 1950's and as a member of the Charlie Daniels Band. Charlie sent a large 5 foot spray of white roses, the largest arrangement most folks have ever seen.

In retirement, Ron and Robin became heavily involved with many charity activities. They were truly devoted to each other in everything. Ron was seventy-three. His services will be held in West Virginia in July with many of his former teammates present. I am truly grateful to Robin for her help in preparing Ron's story.

CSM Commemorates 62nd Spring Commencement

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) celebrated 466 candidates for 480 associate degrees and 271 certificates during its 62nd Spring Commencement Ceremony. The 2021 graduating class earned several exceptional characteristics, including having spent their last academic year participating in distance learning with limited in-person instruction. And while the 2021 CSM graduates turned their tassels in a virtual ceremony shared during a Facebook live, many also participated in a socially distant photo opportunity with CSM leadership on an outdoor stage at the La Plata Campus May 18.

Of the students being celebrated today, 171 are from Charles County, 157 are from St. Mary's County, 108 are from Calvert County and 30 are from outside of the region. Nearly 72 percent of the graduates are women and 28 percent are men. Twenty-six percent of the students graduated with honors.

The majority of degrees, or 27.9 percent are in the field of arts and sciences, nursing (15.2 percent), business administration (6 percent), social sciences (5.6 percent) and criminal justice (5.6 percent). General study transfers, accounting and business management are the primary certificates awarded. The oldest graduate is 70 years young and the youngest is 17 years old.

The virtual ceremony was marked with pre-recorded speeches, video salutes from professors, 2021 graduate and 21-year-old Waldorf resident Domonique Rinaldi's mesmerizing rendition of the national anthem, graduate photos and quotes, and a webpage filled with well-wishes from elected officials at the local, regional, state and federal levels. More than 990 Facebook viewers tuned in to leave more than 428 comments and clicked their love, like and hug reactions more than 590 times in the first hour.

'Pioneers in Our Post-COVID World'

"Students gathered here at graduation today navigated a global pandemic, along with the rest of the world, that turned our lives upside down," shared CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "Many of us felt the impact the pandemic has had on mental health and finances. Members of our community experienced food and housing insecurity, perhaps for the first time. Students, amid all this, you dealt with an emotionally charged environment around race relations and politics."

Murphy praised the students for demonstrating compassion at an unprecedented level.

Eighteen-year-old Huntingtown resident Josephine Orié and Elizabeth Campbell, 17, of Bryantown, were among the youngest in the class of 2021 to graduate. Both homeschooled, the women earned high school credits



Youngest graduate, Eighteen-year-old Huntingtown resident Josephine Orié.

at CSM in conjunction with their college credits and both have earned their diplomas and degrees, concurrently.

"I definitely felt like it was harder to learn remotely," Orié said. "I had more trouble focusing on classes when I was at home rather than actually being on campus, and my grades took a bit of a hit this past year. I will be happy to start in-person classes again soon."

Grateful for the affordability of community college, she said she was glad for CSM's "wide selection of classes" and how her credits will transfer into the next steps of her education at Virginia Tech ... "which is nice," she said. "I lightened my school workload for next year."

Campbell will be attending Regent University in Virginia Beach this fall where she will be working toward a fine arts degree with a double major in Theater and Acting.

"I have been involved in the performing arts since I was seven years old, so it was very weird to suddenly have all that stripped away last March," Campbell shared. "However, I am thankful for the opportunities I did have because of the pandemic. It was a blessing in disguise to be able to learn to perform on Zoom while still in college as that is a skill that will most likely be used in the arts for years to come. Aside from school, the pandemic made certain friendships stronger than they probably would have been and it strengthened my faith."

Campbell is also a dancer and was also part of a powerful performance recorded on CSM's campus recently and airing virtually as part of the CSM Spring 2021 Dance Ensemble. Highlighting the stress of the pandemic, and eagerness to return to campus, the dancers' talented expressions of healing and excitement is entitled "Our Way Back Home."

Press Release from CSM.

CalvertHealth Foundation Makes Largest Scholarship Award



Scholarship recipient, Erin Parks is a nurse in Calvert's Emergency Department and is working toward her Master's in Public Health Nursing.



Anne E. Spitzer recipient, Katie Berkley shares her certificate and banner as she celebrates a \$10,000 scholarship!



Peyton Fort added her own flair with a mask to match the cape she received in celebration of being a #FutureHealthcareHero.



Scholarship recipient, Haley Brady shows off her cape in celebration of receiving a scholarship award.

The CalvertHealth Foundation Scholarship committee recently awarded the largest scholarship total in its history – providing \$115,625 to 29 award recipients. Twenty-four of the applicants will receive Allied Health scholarships in the amount of \$3,750 each and three will receive \$1,875 due to mid-year graduation dates. Two E. Anne Spitzer applicants will receive \$10,000 each for their studies in pursuit of a medical degree.

Since the scholarship program began in 1991, it has awarded more than 510 scholarships totaling \$755,000 in student assistance.

In lieu of an annual scholarship reception, each recipient received a box of #FutureHealthcareHero themed goodies to help celebrate their accomplishments.

Vice President of Brand Strategy and Philanthropy Theresa Johnson said, "At a time when our nation is experiencing critical shortages of individuals entering health care, we are honored to have provided this assistance to students who made the decision to join this noble profession."

The 2021 scholarship recipients are Madison Attick, Salisbury University, Nursing; Marissa Beil, Marymount University, Nursing; Katie Berkley, University of Lynchburg, Physician Assistant Medicine and Doctor of Medical Science Program; Rachel Black, University of Maryland, Kinesiology; Haley Brady, Salisbury University, Nursing; Julia Carbo, College of Southern Maryland, Nursing; Kaitlyn Culbert, Stevenson University, Nursing; Amanda Cur-

ran, Stevenson University, Nursing; Adam Davis, Salus University, Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Doctor of Optometry; Logan Davis, University of Lynchburg, Doctor of Physical Therapy; Pamela Farrall, Salisbury University, Respiratory Therapy; Ashley Farrell, York College of Pennsylvania, Nursing; Emily Farrell, York College of Pennsylvania, Nursing; Peyton Fort, Cornell University, Global and Public Health Services; Hannah Gates, Stevenson University, Nursing; Alyssa Gibson, Salisbury University, Nursing; Kathleen Hyde, University of South Alabama, Family Nurse Practitioner Master of Science in Nursing; Caroline Keegan, High Point University, Doctor of Pharmacy; Kristi Kelly, College of Southern Maryland, Nursing; Candice Mackall, College of Southern Maryland, Nursing; Zoey Masters, Stevenson University, Nursing; Kathleen McClellan, University of Maryland, Hearing and Speech Sciences; Sabrina McGuigan, York College of Pennsylvania, Respiratory Therapy; Erin Parks, Walden University, Master of Science in Public Health Nursing; Mark Rachic, York College of Pennsylvania, Nursing; Rebecca Reimer, Wake Forest, School of Medicine, Physician Assistant; Dataya Resenois, Howard University, Nursing; Jack Sturge, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Nursing; Megan Zegel, Salisbury University, Nursing.

For more information, contact the foundation office at 410.414.4570.

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SHARKFEST Returns to Calvert Marine Museum



SHARKFEST returns to the Calvert Marine Museum on Saturday, July 10 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Celebrate the ultimate apex predator of the marine world during one of the museum's most popular events. Regular museum admission applies; CMM members are FREE. Space is limited, advance ticket purchase is recommended. Complimentary museum passes will not be honored and strollers are not allowed in the museum for SHARKFEST.

Sharks are one of the world's most riveting creatures and SHARKFEST is a chance to learn more about them. Live sharks will be featured in the Corbin Pavilion for viewing. The museum and grounds will be full of opportunities to explore the diversity of sharks and their remarkable history on planet Earth. Learn fascinating 'sharktooids', examine evidence of prehistoric sharks, and take a picture with the life-size jaws of a Megalodon shark or in a real shark cage. Viewings of shark documentaries will take place in the Harms Gallery throughout the day. Take home a shark themed

craft kit to continue the fun.

Shop early in the museum store for shark shirts for adults and children, while supplies last. The store will be stocked with shark-themed mementos including toys and books. Museum members save 10 percent off in the store every day. Dan D's Concessions and Rita's Ice will be on site with food and drinks for sale. For more information, visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Explore how the prehistoric past, natural environments, and maritime heritage come to life and tell a unique story of the Chesapeake Bay. The Calvert Marine Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a timed entry system. Admission is \$9 for adults; \$7 for seniors, military with valid I.D., AAA and AARP members; \$4 for children ages 5 - 12; children under 5 and museum members are admitted free. For more information about the museum, or to make a reservation for your next visit, please go to our website at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Press Release from CMM.

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Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, June 24

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

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum; 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

For preschoolers ages 3 - 5, with an adult, this program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Join us for story time and a carryout craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Capacity is limited. No pre-registration; sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Friday, June 25

Food Truck Fridays

Annamarie Garden; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Enjoy dinner and evening hours in the garden! Grab dinner from one of the food trucks, take a walk, tour a gal-

lery show, and frolic in the Fairy Lolly. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs and picnic blankets. Some evenings will include additional activities and a cash bar. This is a "pay what you can" event with a suggested donation of \$5/person (amount of suggested donation may vary). Well-behaved pets on a short leash are welcome; rain or shine event; no smoking or vaping; masks and social distancing required. Complete food truck schedule, visit www.annmariegarden.org

Saturday, June 26

Toy Boat Building

Calvert Marine Museum; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Toy boat building, sponsored by the Patuxent Small Craft Guild, has been part of the museum for over 30 years. A \$2 donation per boat is requested. Museum admission is required. This activity is ideal for ages 5 and up and will take place outdoors in the Corbin Nature Pavilion. Capacity is limited; visitors will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Thursday, July 1

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Virtual; 11 a.m.

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Ongoing

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 Face-

book and Twitter. More information about coronavirus is available in the Research & Learn section of the library website. Call 410-535-0291 or email gensanswers@calvertlibrary.info with any reference questions you may have.

Enchanted Summer at the Garden

Annamarie Sculpture Garden; until September 6

Enjoy a safe, outdoor, engaging experience where you will find a variety of low-touch, no-touch fun along the trails and paths of the sculpture garden. During the Enchanted Summer, daily visitors can explore the galleries; search for over 100 fairy houses; play in the Fairy Lolly Nature Play Space; build your own fairy house in the forest; search for gems and fossils at the Fairy Grove Mining sluice (additional fees apply); try the Wild Rumpus Run; enjoy unique photo opps along the trail; find the hidden Dragons Nest; search for the hidden tree pop paintings; and more! Grab your bug spray, pack a picnic blanket or chairs, and spend a fun, creative and active day at Annmarie. Well-behaved pets on a short leash are welcome; no smoking or vaping; masks and social distancing required. Details: www.annmariegarden.org

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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 dickmyers@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

John Duncan "Jack" Moore



John Duncan "Jack" Moore, 94, of Towson, died May 29 after a fall at his home. He was born Jan. 5, 1927, near Pittsburgh and grew up in Dundalk, MD. He was the son of John Moore and Elizabeth Leven Moore.

He married Jean C. Somervell of Prince Frederick on Dec. 12, 1953, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Prince Frederick. Over the course of his life, he enjoyed frequent visits to his wife's friends and relations in Calvert County, among them many Somervells, Grays, Parrans, Sollerses, and Turners. Jean Somervell Moore survives him, as do his four children: John Duncan Moore, Jr., of Chicago, IL; Elizabeth Somervell Holcomb, of Austin, TX; William David Moore, of Miami Beach, FL; and Alexander Dorsey Moore, of San Jose, CA. He is also survived by five grandchildren.

Jack graduated from Sparrows Point High School in 1943 and attended the University of Maryland College Park, from which he obtained an engineering degree in 1951. He worked as a mechanical engineer in Baltimore for his entire career. In 1972 he started

his own engineering firm, Moore/Lewis Consulting Engineers. He designed heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems for many buildings throughout Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. In particular he worked on many public schools in St. Mary's County and a renovation of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in California, MD, as well as numerous buildings for the federal government in Prince George's County and the District. He retired in 1992.

Jack lived and raised his family in Ruxton, MD, north of Baltimore, and moved to the Pickersgill Retirement Community in 2013. In his younger days, he had been a jazz bassist, organizing jazz groups and gigs in Washington and Baltimore while at college. In later years he was an avid sailor on the Chesapeake Bay. He played tennis and later golf for recreation.

A private memorial service was held June 1 at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Ruxton, where he had been a member since 1962. He is interred in the columbarium there.

Clifford McClain Foust



Clifford McClain Foust died on Father's Day, Sunday June 20, 2021 after a short illness. Cliff was born August 14, 1928 in Schenectady, NY to Emma Gertrude Karch and Clifford McClain Foust, Sr. and grew up in upstate NY. In 1945 he graduated high school from Delanson Union Free School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University, a master's and doctorate degrees in history from the University of Chicago. Cliff began his teaching career at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He married Roslyn Hinkelman in 1953 and they had three daughters, Amy, Emily and Polly. In 1970 the family moved to Bethesda, MD and he began teaching at the University of Maryland. In 1984 Cliff married Juanita Shold Heizer. Cliff and Juanita traveled extensively worldwide and in 1995 they retired to Fairhaven, MD on his beloved Chesapeake Bay after 35+ years at the two central state universities. Cliff published numerous articles in academic journals and wrote four books, three of which were published, completing the last one while in his 80's.

Cliff is survived by Juanita, his wife of 37 years, his sister, Ellen Foust Dodson, his extended family of Amy (Skip) Whyte, Emily (Keith) Manders Mayes, Polly (Mike) Johnson, Julie (Larry) Heizer Wells and John (Karen) Heizer, 9 grand children and 5 great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his first wife, Ros and his grandson Jason.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122; 410-987-2003; Link:

<https://www.hospicechesapeake.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Donald Eugene Holtzclaw, Jr.



Donald Eugene Holtzclaw, Jr., 67 of Lusby, MD passed away suddenly on June 19, 2021 at his residence. He was born on January 11, 1954 in Washington, DC to the late Joanna Bell Holtzclaw and the late Donald E. Holtzclaw, Sr.

He is survived by his children, Donald E. Holtzclaw, III and Amanda Hemming.

Visitation will be Friday, June 25, 2021, 6-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home—Lusby, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657.

Irma Stockton



Irma Stockton died Wednesday June 16 after a long struggle with dementia. She was at home, with all three of her daughters.

I have had trouble writing this, I finally realized, because nothing short enough to be an obituary could to her justice. Consider this a mere hint, a sketch, of Irma Stockton.

Two threads run through her adult life: the importance she placed on family, and her wide ranging hospitality. Her greatest joy was her marriage to Bill Stockton, cut tragically short after a mere 61 years when he died in 2014. She kept close to her parents, her sisters, and her nieces and nephews. In particular, she was very grateful for her niece Sara, who was born on her 16th birthday.

She worked for a few years as a medical technician, and taught me how to pronounce sphygmomanometer, for which I am grateful. I think that she and I are the last two people on earth who know how to pronounce that. Now there is only me.

She spent the years when her children were young being there for us in many ways. As we got older she went to work for the Presbytery office of the Presbyterian church. She was always proud to be a Presbyterian, and attended Silver Spring Presbyterian church with her husband Bill for

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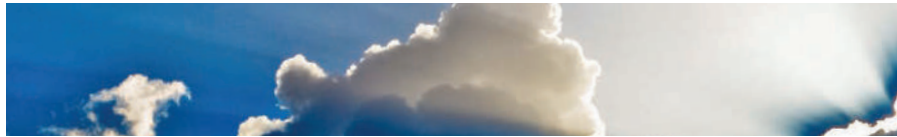
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over 50 years. During that time, between the two of them, I think they did every possible volunteer position in the church. About the time when she stopped going to church, due to her difficulties in getting out, Silver Spring needed a new pastor. I wondered if they would be able to find a new pastor without her on the search committee, but apparently her legacy included people who could take up her mantle. Fortunately, Silver Spring Presbyterian Church has a new pastor.

Later she took a volunteer position as a tour guide at Washington National Cathedral. Although she never persuaded the Cathedral to become Presbyterian, she very deeply loved the beauty and history there. She was often in demand, as people who took her tours would specially ask for her again. Her favorite tour to give was the Angel tour.

She loved to have people over to her house, and feed them, whether a casual drop in, a large family gathering, or a formal dinner party. Except for the formal dinner parties, with seating charts, us kids always knew that if we asked if we could bring a friend, the answer was yes.

For a couple of years while I was in high school I hosted a Bible study at my house. It did not occur to me until many years later, when I had my own house and kids, that it might just possibly have been inconvenient to have a large group of teenagers descend on the house every week. She never complained about them and in fact many of them continue to think of her as a friend.

When she became a grandmother, her happiness knew no bounds. She was one of those that inspired the sign "Warning! Grandmother within!" As she later also became a great grandmother it rejuvenated her, and she helped with babysitting for many years after a reasonable person would have thought

it was time to sit in the rocking chair. Even when she slowed down a bit, she still invited the great grandchildren over regularly, and always had good food and fun times for them.

She will be greatly missed.

I am sure that nearly everybody who knew her will read this and think of something I left out, and they will all be different things. She was so full of life, so interested in people, that everybody who knew her will have something to tell. I am sorry this is so relatively little. It is a measure of how much there was to her life that so much is left out.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic.

Betty Lee (Sewell) Liddle



Betty Lee (Sewell) Liddle, 90, of St. Leonard, Maryland passed away June 16, 2021 at her home.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 29, 2021, 5-8 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic, 4405 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676.

Funeral Service will be Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 11 a.m. at Broomes Island Wesleyan Church, 8520 Church Road, Broomes Island, MD 20615. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

IF YOU HAVE A LIVING TRUST, PLEASE READ THIS

Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel

If you have created a living trust, you have already taken steps to avoid the probate process. The concept of the living trust is to re-title all of a person's assets into the name of their trust so that when they die they are not holding any assets into their sole name and therefore there is no probate. But, beware. A living trust is just what it says—a living document. If you have a living trust you must make sure you have (1) placed all your assets into the name of your trust; and (2) kept your trust and beneficiary designations up to date.

1. Placing your assets into your living trust.

So many times clients have come to see me proudly holding their binders for their living trusts. Upon review, I have found that the client's assets are not in the trust and, without that, the assets must go through the probate process to get to loved ones.

Unfortunately, many people who have living trusts die without realizing that they have not funded their trusts and their loved ones then have to go through the probate process—something their living trusts are intended to prevent.

For example, you must re-title your house into the name of your living trust through filing a new deed to the house. The house will not technically be moved into the trust by simply saying so in the trust document. The same holds true for your other assets. Each asset is different, but the approach must be the same—fill out all required forms to technically re-title the asset.

How does it happen that some clients have no assets in their trusts? Some attorneys that create living trusts require that their clients take all the steps necessary to re-title the assets into the name of the trust. I recommend you do not obtain a living trust without assurances that the attorney will prepare all transfers of your assets into the trust. This is not something you should try to do yourself. First, life often intervenes in plans and clients do not have the time or knowledge to figure out how to re-title their assets. Second, moving assets can be complicated with various forms to fill out that are confusing. The clients should not have to do work to fund their trusts. Their attorneys should do that work for

the clients.

Don't let this be your reality. If you already have a living trust, make sure all your assets have been re-titled into the name of your living trust. And, don't forget. If you acquire a new piece of real property, acquire it in the name of the trust so that you do not need to file a separate deed to re-title it. Most attorneys will provide you with an affidavit of trust to enable you to provide a document to the title company so that they can title the property in the name of your trust.

2. Keep Your Living Trust Up to Date

In our practice, we meet with clients every few years to update their trusts. Why? We want to make sure that the clients have not purchased an asset (like a house, for example) in their sole name. If they have, we will take steps to prepare a deed to transfer the house into the name of their trust. Often, clients' wishes will change over time. Clients that have named certain beneficiaries for their estates may wish to change the names of beneficiaries. Beneficiaries may die and precipitate a change. Investments and brokers may change. Retirement funds may change, etc. Whatever it is, you must keep on top of the changes in your life by including the changes in your living trust package. If you do not, there may be terrible consequences.

For example, one married couple prepared a living trust and the wife died leaving her share to the husband. The husband remarried but the trust was never changed to reflect this. On the death of the husband, part of the estate went to the relatives of the first wife.

It isn't difficult to amend a trust to make changes. The concept of a living trust is to avoid the hassles of the probate process and create a very easy transition for loved ones when you die. But the transition is only going to be an easy one if the trust is up to date. If you have not reviewed your living trust in more than three or four years, do it now.

If you would like to learn more about living trusts and other estate planning matters, join me at 11am on the third Wednesday of each month at our office at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

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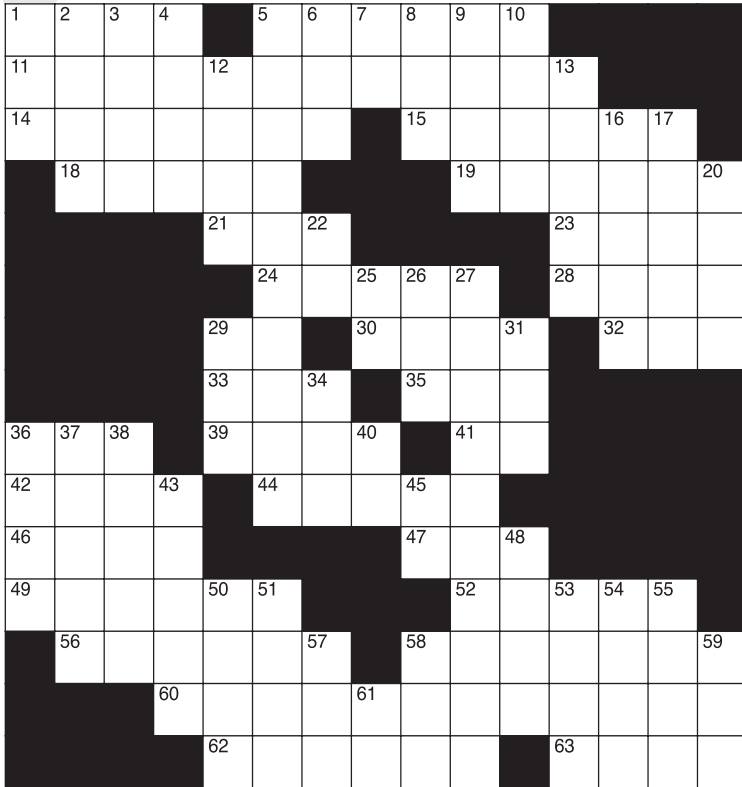
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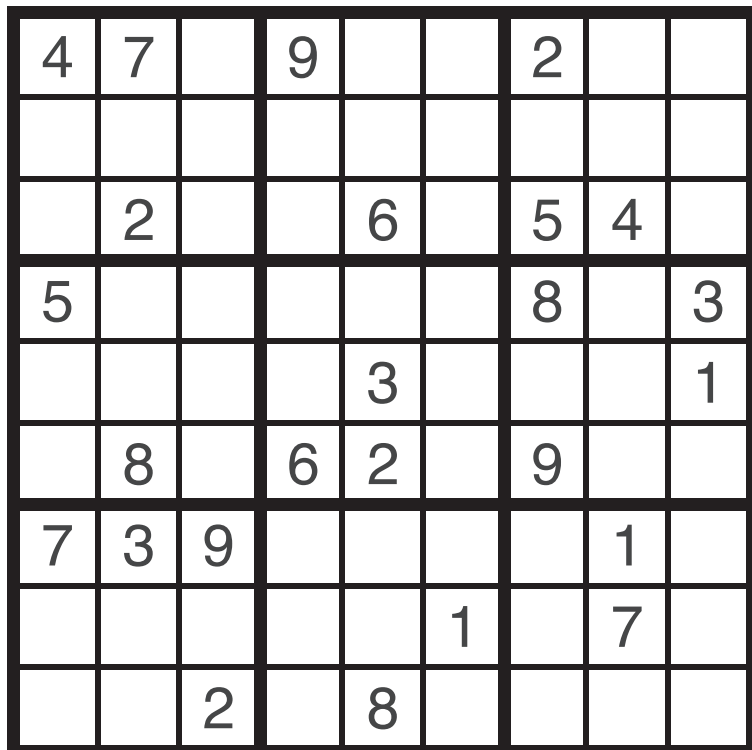
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- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. More cushy
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. NY Mets legend Tommie
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pop
- 29. Hammer is one
- 30. Senses of self-esteem
- 32. Trigraph
- 33. Not around
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Driver's licenses and passports
- 39. Snake-like fishes
- 41. Military flyers
- 42. Raincoats

- 44. Type of community
- 46. Feature of worm's anatomy
- 47. In the center
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jewelled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo
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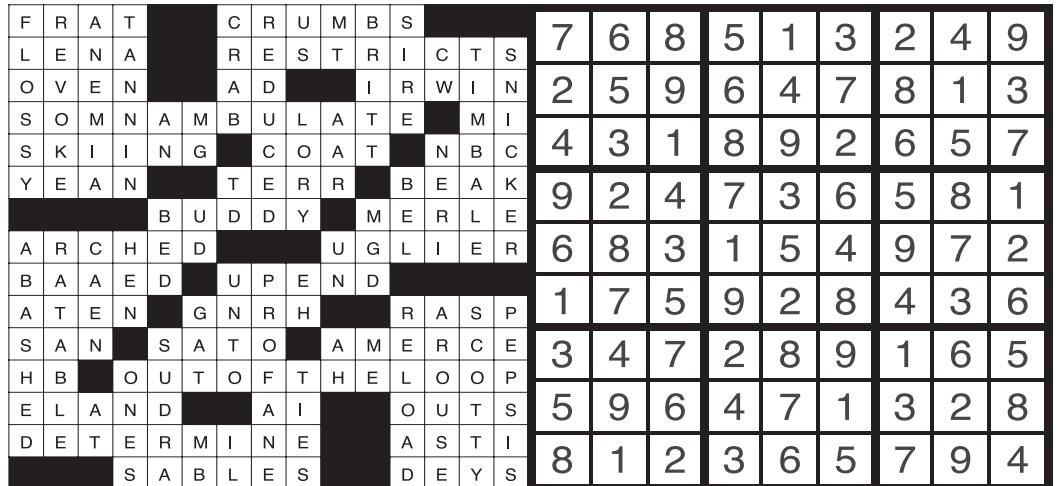
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- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel or eject
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. Subdivision of cenospecies
- 6. Dialect of Chinese
- 7. Mr. T's character on "The A-Team"
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees
- 16. Fungal disease

- 17. Willis and Jerry are two
- 20. Affirmative!
- 22. Potato state
- 25. "The First State"
- 26. A way to develop
- 27. Associations
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Mosque prayer leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Jr.'s father
- 43. Scad genus
- 45. Morning
- 48. Length of a straight line (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. Small thin bunch
- 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Of the ears
- 58. "To the ___ degree"
- 59. Residue
- 61. It keeps you cool



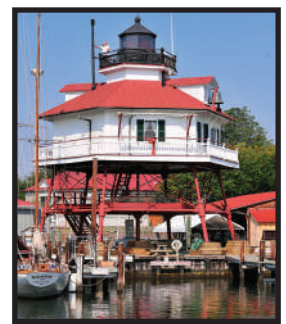
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