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WEEKLY FORECAST

Thu 8/12	Fri 8/13	Sat 8/14	Sun 8/15
93° 76°F	92° 74°F	87° 68°F	79° 68°F
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	PM	Mostly Cloudy
Mon 8/16	Tue 8/17	Wed 8/18	Thu 8/19
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Calvert COVID Cases Showed Alarming July Spike

Calvert County has seen a concerning jump in COVID cases this month. During the 1st week of July, 12 cases were diagnosed. During the 3rd week of the month, 34 cases were diagnosed. This past week, 101 cases were diagnosed. We now have a case rate of 109/100,000 residents, which puts us in the High Transmission category as defined by the CDC. The Delta variant, which is currently responsible for >80% of COVID infections in Maryland, is 5-times more transmissible than the flu and more than twice of contagious as the original strain of COVID.

The positivity rate increased from 2.8% to 6.7% over the past week. Positivity rates in all age groups below 65 years-old are above the 5% threshold. This verifies widespread community transmission. The positivity rate is highest among high school-aged residents, clocking in at a very concerning 13.5%. Cases among elementary and middle school students have also jumped. If this trend continues through August, it will impact classroom learning, sports, and other extracurricular activities due to the number of students who will need to quarantine. Vaccinated students are less likely to get infected and do not need to quarantine if they have contact with an infected classmate.

We have 40,000 unvaccinated people in Calvert. If we generously estimate that 25% of them have already been infected and have sustained immunity, that leaves 30,000 susceptible individuals. Unless people's behaviors change, including willingness to be vaccinated, adjusting their social interactions, and mask wearing, this is shaping up to be a difficult few

months ahead.

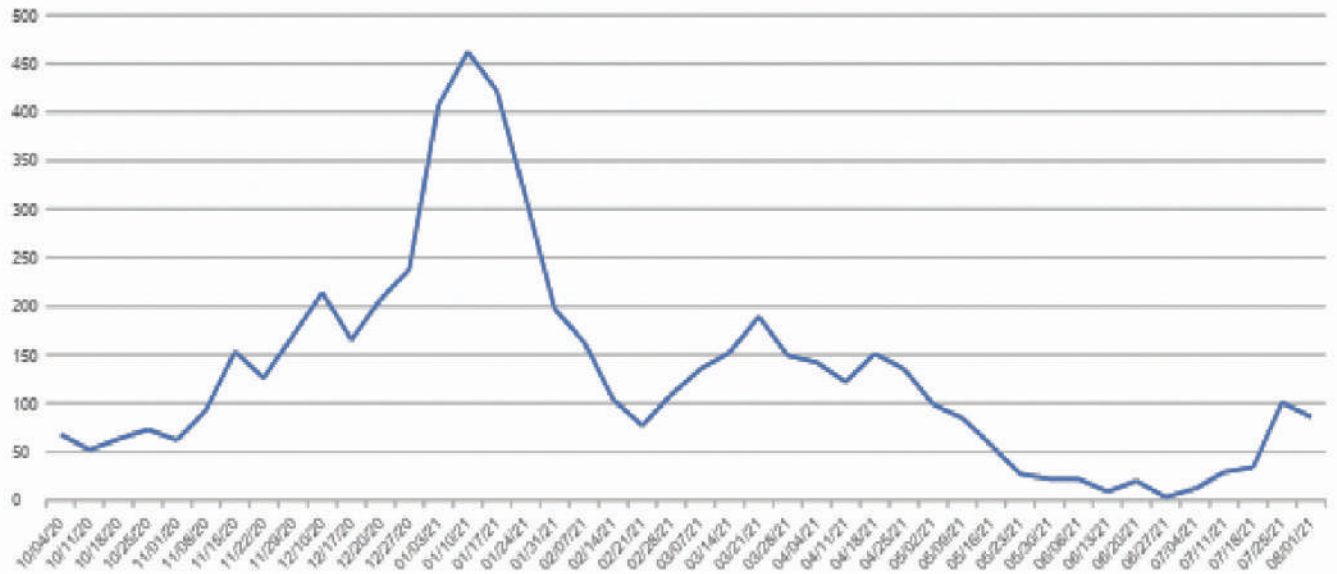
It is important to mention that infection from a previous strain of COVID is not fully protective against the Delta variant. Infectious disease doctors strongly recommend that people who contracted COVID in the past should boost their immunity with vaccination.

We encourage everyone eligible for vaccination to consider contacting their primary care provider or the Health Department to arrange their first dose. Vaccines continue to be extremely effective against infection and the serious health complications that have harmed so many Americans. Until you are fully vaccinated, please

avoid large gatherings and have your face covering available when you are indoors with people who don't live in your household.

Vaccines can be scheduled with Health Department nurses at <https://www.calvertcounty-covid19.com/vaccination>

Calvert County Weekly COVID Cases



This Past Week's Total Number of Cases: 86

Positivity Rate: 5.6%

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Broadband Expansion Stalls

Additional Funding Now Available

By Dick Myers
Editor

It's called "Serving the Unserved," an ambitious plan to provide broadband service to everyone who wants it in Calvert County. But the joint project between the county and Comcast, the county's cable provider, has slowed.

Deputy County Administrator Linda Vassallo gave an update to the county commissioners at their Aug. 10 meeting. The update, which included a Power Point presentation, was essentially the same one made on Dec. 1 of 2020, indicating that not much has been accomplished in the intervening time.

Chris Coren, a representative of Comcast, blamed the slowdown on supply chain problems for materials and delays in getting regulatory approvals from agencies such as SMECO and the State Highway Administration.

"I am hoping it will be done this year," he said.

The plan called for serving 20 unserved communities and approximately 475 homes, of which 165 have been reached.

Total construction cost for the project is \$3.7 million, of which \$2.25

million was expected from the state, although competition for those dollars from other counties has increased even though Calvert was the first to apply.

The county decided to use cable franchise fees to cover its anticipated \$1.4million cost. Comcast is expected to kick in more than \$400,000.

The county cable franchise agreement signed in 2017 extended the length of cost-free line drops from 125 feet to 300 feet.

At the Aug. 10 meeting, the commissioners unanimously agreed to pay for costs associated with extending the line farther than the 300 feet. Those costs will be borne with federal and state COVID grant monies.

During the meeting, Commissioner Chris Gadway questioned whether some state monies earmarked for school systems for broadband hadn't been lost in Calvert. Commissioner Kelly McConkey said the school system had inquired about the funding availability and was told they had to be expended in several months and Comcast said it could not meet that timetable. And, County Administrator Mark Willis said those funds were only available for purchase of comput-



Deputy County Administrator Linda Vassallo

ers and the school system already had a laptop for every student.

The commissioners impressed upon the Comcast representative the urgency of getting the job done considering the increased need for broadband for those working from home as the result of the pandemic and the possibility that kids may have to return to virtual learning if the situation worsens.

The commissioners asked Vassallo

to come back periodically for status reports on the progress.

Meanwhile the county has established on their website a map showing which homes are slated for broadband extensions and the timetable for that to occur. Residents who do not have service and are not on the map are encouraged to contact the county so they can be included.

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County's Role in World War II Recognized



By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has officially recognized the county's role in the June 6, 1944, D-Day landings in Normandy, France.

In a proclamation issued at their Aug. 10 meeting, it was noted that Calvert County was the site of a Naval Amphibious Training Base (in Solomons) during World War II; and that base played a vital role in preparing service members for the D-Day landings June 6, 1944, and the beginning of the liberation of Europe from Nazi tyranny.

The proclamation said, "The Normandy American Cemetery honors more than 10,000 American service members who gave their lives in defense of freedom," and that the cemetery "represents an unbreakable bond between the United States and their oldest ally, France."

The American Battle Monuments Commission, custodians of the Nor-

mandy American Cemetery, have undertaken an interpretive program in coordination with Calvert County Public Schools to provide students with an interactive program that tells the story of D-Day and the beginning of the liberation of Europe.

The proclamation expresses Calvert County's appreciation for the work done by Katia Lemerre, Muriel Rambert, Josiane Rudd-Guillemette, Anthony Foulquier, and Scott Desjardins of the American Battle Monuments Commission "for their meritorious service to Calvert County that is in keeping with the friendship and alliance of the United States and France."

Calvert County Heritage Commission Chairman Harry Wedewer attended the Aug. 10 meeting virtually and expressed the commission's appreciation for the county recognizing its role in such an important historical event.

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<p>NARCAN TRAINING Participate in a free training on Aug. 31. All participants will receive a free Narcan kit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Community Center 20 Appeal Lane, Lusby 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Northeast Community Center 4075 Gordon Summit Ave., Chesapeake Beach 5:30-8:30 p.m. Harriet E. Brown Community Center 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 	<p>GUEST SPEAKERS Michael A. Jackson Maryland State Senator, District 27 Capt. Dave Payne, Calvert County Sheriff's Office Overdose Awareness Advocate</p> <p>GLOW VIGIL Glow sticks will be provided.</p>	<p>MEMORIAL EXHIBIT Lost Souls shoe exhibit at the North Beach pier. Register on Eventbrite to submit names and shoes at https://glowvigil-load-endthestigma.eventbrite.com</p> <p>MEMORIAL READING OF NAMES Sandra Mattingly, POSITIVEVIBES</p>
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<p>Aug. 19, noon to 2 p.m. CAASA Office 30 Duke St., Suite 104, Prince Frederick</p> <p>Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to noon Sneade's Ace Home Center 11861 HG Trueman Road, Lusby</p> <p>Sneade's Ace Home Center 1750 Prosper Lane, Owings</p> <p>Calvert Library 850 Costley Way, Prince Frederick</p> <p>North Beach Town Hall 8916 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach</p>	<p>Aug. 25, 5 -7 p.m. Calvert Library 850 Costley Way, Prince Frederick</p> <p>Aug. 25, 6-8 p.m. Chesapeake Beach Town Hall 8200 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Aug. 27, noon to 2 p.m. Calvert Library 850 Costley Way, Prince Frederick</p> <p>TIME TO REMEMBER. TIME TO ACT.</p>	<p>Aug. 28, 10 a.m. to noon North Beach Town Hall 8916 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach</p> <p>Calvert Library 850 Costley Way, Prince Frederick</p> <p>Sneade's Ace Home Center 11861 HG Trueman Road, Lusby</p> <p>Sneade's Ace Home Center 1750 Prosper Lane, Owings</p> <p>Aug. 29, noon to 2 p.m. Chesapeake Beach Town Hall 8200 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach</p>
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Chesapeake Beach Conducts More Tests of PFAS Contamination



Navy Research Laboratory - Chesapeake Bay Detachment

The Town of Chesapeake Beach continues to coordinate with the Maryland Department of Environment and the United States Navy regarding mitigation efforts at the Navy Research Laboratory - Chesapeake Bay Detachment.

In May of 2021, the Town announced 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.

In addition to testing the Town's

drinking water, the Town has taken additional steps to test the Town's swimming waters, local aquatic life and the Chesapeake Beach Water Reclamation (WRTP) effluent for per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

To view the webpage for further information, and testing reports, please go to <https://www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov/resident-resources/pages/naval-research-laboratory-chesapeake-bay-detachment>

Press Release from Town of Chesapeake Beach

Taste the Beaches Postponed

Planned Fireworks Also Affected

The Town of Chesapeake Beach announces the postponement of the annual Taste the Beaches event, originally scheduled for Sept. 18. The town planned to hold the Taste the Beaches event with the town's annual fireworks display serving as the finale; however, as COVID 19 cases continue to increase the town plans to postpone the event. The Mayor and Town Council look forward to celebrating with you, as a community in person, when it is safe to do so.

The Calvert County Health Department recently provided information on the concerning jump in COVID cases in Calvert County.

According to the Center for Disease Control, cases in Calvert County are up 48.48 percent in the last seven days, with the county being considered to have a "substantial" level of virus transmission. If you have already received your COVID vaccina-

tion read more information at Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People | CDC on how to continue to protect yourself. If you have not received your vaccination please read more information at Your COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC to learn how the COVID vaccine can protect you, and your family members, from serious illness.

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Press Release from Town of Chesapeake Beach



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By: Jeff Tomcsik

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The fixed option also allows you to care for and clean the prosthetic teeth while in the mouth like you would with your original teeth. No more removing your denture and soaking it or brushing it outside of the mouth. It will not fall out during active events or while you eat. In fact, it won't fall out ever! This creates peace of mind as it avoids embarrassing situations. Only you and your dental team will ever know your teeth are not your originals.

Implant retained dentures are also quite economical over the life of the denture as well. If you've been suffering with ongoing dental problems, finding yourself in the dental chair year after year getting fillings, root canals and crowns, just to lead to bridges and eventually dentures, you could spend tens of thousands of dollars over time.

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of July 26– August 1, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,346 calls for service throughout the community.

Damaged Property: 21-42391

On July 30, 2021, Deputy Sturdivant responded to the 3400 block of Bayside Forest Court in Huntingtown, MD for report of a hit and run. The complainant advised an unknown vehicle backed out of his driveway, struck the mailbox, knocking it over. The estimated value of damaged property is \$200.00.

Damaged Property: 21-42694

On July 31, 2021, Deputy Morrison responded to the 2000 block of Lowery Road in Huntingtown, MD for a reported destruction of property. The complainant advised sometime on July 30, unknown suspect(s) drove through his garden leaving tire tracks in a bean field. The estimated value of damaged property is \$500.00.

Damaged Property: 21-42844

On August 1, 2021, Deputy Conitic responded to the 4000 block of Ballard Rogers Road in Broomes Island, MD for a reported destruction of property. The complainant advised sometime between 12 a.m. and 8 a.m. on July 31, unknown suspect(s) drove through the yard destroying a fence, novelty traffic sign and numerous plants. The estimated value of damaged property is \$1,000.00.

Theft: 21-42538

On July 30, 2021, Deputy Aranda responded to the 8800 block of Chesapeake Lighthouse Drive in North Beach for the report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between July 17th and July 30th, unknown suspect(s) stole the rear Maryland registration plate from his vehicle. The estimated value of stolen property is \$100.00.

Theft: 21-41820

On July 27, 2021, Deputy Huy responded to 40 Commerce Lane in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised while she was inside of the Prince Frederick Walmart unknown suspect(s) stole prescription medication from her vehicle. The value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

Burglary/Theft: 21-42485

On July 30, 2021, DFC R. Shrawder responded to the 100 block of Holiday Drive (Holiday Inn boat slips) in Solomons, MD for report of a theft/burglary. The complainant advised sometime between July 18 and July 30, unknown suspect(s) had broken into his boat and had been living on it for the last two weeks. Numerous items were discovered stolen and damaged. The total amount of damaged property is \$1,700. The

total amount of stolen property is \$320.

ARRESTS

On July 28, 2021, DFC Kelly conducted a traffic stop in the 14000 block of HG Trueman Road in Solomons, MD for a potential stolen vehicle. Upon making contact with the driver, **Jordan Roderick Bell**, 26 of Solomons, MD, a glass smoking device was

observed in his hand. A search of the vehicle revealed, one plastic bag containing suspected Heroin, one glass smoking device, a wallet with a white paper fold containing suspected Heroin and plastic tubing. Bell admitted to operating the stolen vehicle. Bell was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

On July 26, 2021, Deputy Gough responded to the area of the North Beach Post for the report of a traffic complaint. Upon arrival, Deputy Gough observed a stationary vehicle at Bay Ave and 7th Street in North Beach, MD. Contact was made with the driver, **Patrick Michael Sullivan**, 57 of North Beach, MD, who had slurred speech and was incoherent. A search of Sullivan's person revealed a clear zip lock bag containing suspected marijuana. A search of the vehicle revealed a half smoked cigarette soaked in a brown liquid. Sullivan was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where a secondary search was conducted and revealed a metal smoking device, containing suspected marijuana. Sullivan was arrested and charged with Driving/Attempting to Drive) Vehicle While Impaired by a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Reckless Driving, Negligent Driving and other traffic related charges.

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



Jordan Rock Bell



Patrick Michael Sullivan

Defendant Pleads Guilty to Third Degree Sex Offense

Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey announced that George Andrew Taylor, 36, of Waldorf, has pleaded guilty to committing a third degree sex offense involving a minor child. In 2019, the child disclosed to her mother that Taylor, a family friend, had been touching her inappropriately.

During a forensic interview, the child also disclosed numerous instances of inappropriate contact that occurred in Charles County.

The most recent incident occurred in Calvert on Thanksgiving Day of 2019. Taylor



George Andrew Taylor

was charged in both counties.

Sentencing is scheduled for September 27, 2021, in Calvert County Circuit Court. The Defendant is facing a maximum penalty of 10 years incarceration. The case is being handled by Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca Cordero.

Press Release from Calvert County State's Attorney's Office.

Detectives Seek Identity of Armed Robbery Suspect

Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau deputies and detectives from the Criminal Investigations Bureau responded on Aug. 5 to the 7 Eleven located at 3855 Old Town Road in Huntingtown for an armed robbery.

Investigation revealed the subject (pictured attached) produced a black handgun and demanded money from the registers.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 5'08" to 5'11" tall, weighing between 150-180lbs. He was wearing a black facemask, black hoodie sweatshirt, light blue jeans, and white tennis shoes with black accents around the ankle and on the soles.

Anyone with information pertaining to



Robbery Suspect

this crime or the suspect's identity is asked to contact Detective S. Jernigan at (410) 535-2800 ext. 2772 or Sarah.Jernigan@calvertcountymd.gov. Please refer to case number 21-43651.

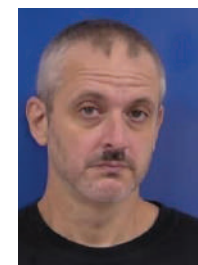
Press Release from CCSO.

Lusby Man Sentenced for Sex Abuse of a Minor

Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey announced that on August 9, 2021, Brian Cullen Sheridan of Lusby, received a sentence of 20 years imprisonment for the crime of sex abuse of a minor. Sheridan also received an additional 4-year term for a violation of probation.

Sheridan was convicted by a jury following a trial in May. The jury found that Sheridan inappropriately touched a 7-year-old girl after placing her on his lap. The victim was able to get away and call her mother using the "Messenger Kids" app. The victim reported the abuse and Sheridan was immediately arrested by Calvert County Sheriff's Office deputies and held at the Calvert County Detention Center.

Sheridan will have to serve at least half of his sentence before he is eligible for pa-



Brian Sheridan

role. He also will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

The case reflects the strong commitment of the Calvert County State's Attorney's Office to aggressively prosecute individuals who prey on the most vulnerable members of our community, our children. Harvey wishes to commend Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca Cordero for her outstanding work on the case.

Press release from Office of Calvert County State's Attorney



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CalvertHealth Foundation Returns to In-Person 5K Walk/Run

CALVERTHEALTH Breast Cancer



The CalvertHealth Foundation is returning, in-person for this year's 12th Annual Breast Cancer 5K on Saturday, October 2, in beautiful Solomons Island. In addition to the excitement of being back in person, this year's event will introduce new opportunities for team fundraising, day-of superlatives, prizes and community engagement.

Since its inception in 2010, the Breast Cancer 5K has raised more than \$300,000 to support the critical work of the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care. Funds raised have furthered the center's mission to provide local women and men access to an experienced team of breast health experts and the most sophisticated technology available today. The multidisciplinary breast center offers comprehensive care from outreach and screening to diagnosis, treatment and survivorship, bringing together, in one convenient location, a multidisciplinary team of breast health experts with an experienced navigator backed by the latest breast-imaging technology to detect even the most subtle signs of early cancer. Additionally, the CalvertHealth Foundation has raised more than \$850,000 for the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care since it opened in 2009.

Foundation Board Trustee and 5K Committee Chair Barry Friedman, said "As an avid runner and new board member, I am honored to chair this year's 5K. It has been such a great opportunity for me to learn more about the extensive services offered at the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care and the sheer number of people impacted by the care provided at CalvertHealth. I am excited to sponsor

this event and show my support for an amazing team of medical professionals treating our community."

The breast center honors the visionary legacy of Dr. Sheldon E. Goldberg, the dedicated surgeon who was the driving force behind its creation. This year marks the 10th year of his passing, but the community is still benefiting from the hard work he put into pioneering the Center for Breast Care. He is remembered for treating his patients with immeasurable understanding and compassion. He placed others before himself as a generous and altruistic humanitarian, a family man, and an incredible father and husband.

Race check-in begins at 7 a.m. and the program begins at 8 a.m. at the Solomons Medical Office Building located at 14090 Solomons Island Road. To take advantage of the \$40 early bird rate and a guaranteed t-shirt, participants should register by September 17. Same-day race registration will be available for \$50 per registrant. All proceeds benefit the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care. For more information or to register, go to CalvertHealthFoundation.org/CH-5K or contact the Foundation Office at 410.414.4570.

A special thank you to this year's current sponsors: Sneade's Ace Home Center; Asbury Solomons; Brother's Johnson, Inc.; Beechtree Apartments; A&W Insurance Services, Inc.; Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. and Dr. Ramona Crowley Goldberg. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Press Release from CalvertHealth Foundation.

Furniture Gallery Celebrates 12 Years



In a time where consumers are increasingly frustrated with purchasing merchandise online, Furniture Gallery of Prince Frederick is celebrating its 12th Anniversary this month. Located in the Fox Run Shopping Center in Prince Frederick, it is the only independent, family owned Furniture Store in Southern Maryland.

The combination of quality furniture, friendly customer service, and custom design options has

been key to the stores' continued success. Owner David Raley is carrying on his family's tradition which began in 1958 when his father Bill opened his first store in Lexington Park. Though Furniture Gallery is surrounded by corporate chain stores with huge advertising budgets in neighboring counties, business continues to thrive. Raley is grateful for his store's loyal customer base and their referrals.



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Dr. Michael Shisler: For 33 Years the

By Dick Myers
Editor

"I think I had some excellent teachers in high school, and I just felt like this is where I fit in," Dr. Michael Shisler said in a recent interview with The County Times. And fit in is exactly what he did in an education career that spanned almost 50 years before his retirement this summer. Of that time, 33 years was spent at Beach Elementary School (BES).

Shisler, known affectionately as Dr. Mike to his students, parents and staff, was principal at BES since July 1992. Before that he was assistant principal for years, having come from teaching for 10 years between Appeal ES and Mutual ES, where he was a Title I teacher and then AIA teacher. That adds up to a 43-year education career in Calvert County.

Shisler was born in Miami, FL but raised in the Baltimore area where he attended Loyola College, graduating with an English major and an Education minor. He did student teaching while there and caught the bug.

His life path to Calvert County has a two-year detour to the Central African Republic town of Mbaiki as a Peace Corps teacher of English as a foreign language. He eventually learned French, was able to travel some, but most importantly it solidified that decision to teach.

One of his mentors there advised him not to stay. "Grow in your own backyard," he was advised. "They need you back home in the states and, things worked out in Chesapeake Beach. The beach became my backyard."

So he returned to Maryland and taught in Baltimore City Public Schools and then was a house parent in a children's home, Villa Maria, in Timonium.

In 1982 he married teacher Joan Boker Shisler of Calvert County, which drew him south. They have four adult children: Rev. Dr. Sara Shisler-Goff of Maui, Hawaii; Mrs. Margo Quigley of Mt. Pleasant, SC; Colin Shisler of St. Leonard, MD; and Evan Shisler of Richmond, VA.

My wife was teaching down here in Calvert County," he explained. "She started her own tutoring business, and I thought I was potentially interviewing for her job, but it turned out I interviewed for a job down at Appeal."

When he decided to get into administration, he applied five times before getting the slot as assistant principal at BES. "So, my message from that was, if you want something, you have to keep knocking on the door until you get what you

think you're good at, what you want to do. And, you know, in hindsight, I never would've thought I would've stayed at Beach for the 33 years. And, it never got to the point where I wanted to leave."

He said, "The community was constantly changing and there were lots of good people there at the school, lots of good people in the community. I just felt it was important to stay there. So, as I say, at one end, that became my backyard. I'll also say on the other hand, we often don't know as well as we think we know some places. There's a lot of things I could still learn about the community. It was a great place to work."

Dr. Shisler said, "A Great Place for Kids has been our motto for at least 30 years – started with our yearbooks in the early 80's – on our school sign – it's the short version of what our school mission and vision have been – if we're not a great place for kids, then why are we in business?"

Shisler said, "BES has had the active support of Chesapeake Beach through the mayors and town councils – Mayor Donovan (who just passed away), Mayor Wahl, and now Mayor Mahoney."

Shisler noted that "Beach Babies" was a term first coined by music teacher, Bill Browne. He explained, "Beach Babies are any and all former students, former parents, and former staff. Browne originally said, 'Once a Beach Baby, always a Beach Baby.'"

So Shisler reported, "The mayors are all Beach Babies either by default of attending BES (Donovan) or having their kids attend BES (Wahl and Mahoney). Several of the current and former town council members have kids who attended BES."

He added, "We have had many great staff members at Beach, but they're not saints. They are people who – I believe—come to school every day to do the best they can to teach and care for our kids."

"We do the best we can, with what we have, for as long as we can. It's been an honor to work with so many good, caring people for 33 years."

"BES was, and remains, a community school," he said. "We have five current staff members who are former BES students: Mrs. Rantessa Anderson (5th gr teacher), Mrs. Kim Fridman (3rd gr teacher), Mrs. Jen Humphreys (3rd gr teacher), Mrs. Casey Grenier (Media teacher), and Mr. Joe Brooks (Head Building Services Worker). I think that speaks volumes about our community and our school."

His vice/assistant principals included: Mrs. Berta Airey, Anthony



Navarro (now Assistant Superintendent), Ms. Valerie Weems-Garber, Mrs. Kelly Cleland (now principal of WHES), Gene Mancuso (now a principal in NY state), Mrs. Pam Kasulke (now principal of Sunderland ES), Rob Korsan, and Mrs. Beatriz Gonzalez-Wilson.

He said, "Our staff developed eight Beach norms over the years. The first one, and probably the most important one, is: Greet everyone, every day. That builds and reinforces an inclusive community."

"Some wise person said, 'The sound of one's own name is the sweetest sound.' That remains true for kids and adults."

In fact, Dr. Shisler is legendary for having stood at the school's front door every day to personally greet every student.

He said he got the idea to greet the students from a professional development course taught by a principal from outside the area. "He talked about greeting kids each day by name," adding, "I thought that's real important. I guess I think it's important. The most pleasant sound to anyone is their name. So to call someone by name, whether it's a kid or a parent, you're building a really good bridge with that person knowing that you know he or she is very important to you and your school."

It became a school discipline "to get in the habit of saying, hello, good morning to everybody. And that took some doing, as we have

people on our staff who were not greeted every day, were almost ignored by other members or not all. It wasn't good. It wasn't fair. So, just saying somebody's name does lots of good for you and for that person."

The building Shisler spent so much time in will be demolished after the new school, for which ground will be soon broken, is complete.

"I think it's going to be a beautiful place," he said, adding, "I was really impressed with the SEI architect firm. They got the contract to design it. They spent a lot of time speaking with us, myself, parents, staff members and what we thought about a new school, and I liked their design, like they were looking for ways to take advantage of being able to see Fishing Creek from the front of the top floor, being able to see the Bay on the top floor."

"I just think it's going to be a wonderful addition to the Chesapeake Beach community, and I'm just glad it's going to happen."

The school has been known for its interest in the environment of its surrounding community. Students routinely visit the oyster revitalization program of the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS).

"There have been times when we've heard school districts had talked about magnet schools becoming a magnet and what would be your selling card? And I think

Face (and Voice) of Beach Elementary



where Beach is located, the Bay and the creek environment would be our selling card.”

Shisler was asked if he believes the pandemic was the biggest challenge of his career. He responded, “No, I think the most difficult time for us was years ago when we were dealing with state tests, like the Maryland State Assessment, MSP, AP, and all of those annual rankings and we had a year where we were labeled a low achieving school. I thought that was a black mark. That wasn’t fair.” He said the assessments were based on results for a couple of kids. “I remember one of those kids had had a severe physical trauma that year and had his tests still counted against us because he didn’t do well.”

Shisler said, “In spite of all the emphasis on standardized tests and test scores over the last three decades with MSPAP, NCLB, MSA, PARRC (Common Core), and now MCAP, I’ve felt that our duty to our kids and their parents is to make sure that each of our kids learns how to read well, think well, write well, compute well, and speak well – and learn how to be active citizens in our democracy.

“One lesson from this information age is that we will never be able to learn and retain all the content knowledge because it is constantly changing – but we can teach our kids the skills how to find the content, evaluate it, and use it wisely and fairly for the

‘common good.’ So, test scores and grades are just ‘snap shots in time.’

“Personally, I think it’s important to teach our kids history and geography. We and our kids need to know our collective past and why and how our space (location) and our place (community) in the world connect to other spaces and places.

“We need to teach our kids how to think and problem-solve.

I think the best way to do that is to teach kids how to play chess – not for the sake of developing chess masters – but for the sake of teaching kids how to see the whole situation, see a good move, then stop and think of a better move. Maybe it was John Wooden (UCLA basketball coach) who said, ‘Winning reveals some of your character. Losing reveals all of it.’ Chess is a great way to learn those character lessons.”

Shisler noted, “Public schools have a unique and difficult duty in our democracy – we are to pass along our society’s beliefs and norms to our children, and at the same time we are obliged to show our kids how to improve our society. But we cannot pass the buck and expect our kids to make this a better world by themselves ‘when they grow up’ – we are obliged to also tackle the big problems now: fairness, equity, equality, racism, climate change, health care, and divisive politics just to name some

of the headlines.

“Do we want a society where we are all on rungs of a ladder – where some are higher up or better off than those on the rungs below us? Or do we want a society where there is room for all at the table? Those are dangerous metaphors.

“One is inclusive and focuses on the common good – on sharing the resources we have. (To some that sounds like socialism and capitalism... very un-American...)

“One is hierarchical and focuses on power, rankings, and status – and where it is the norm to exclude folks who are different, and to distribute resources according to wealth, power, status.

“We have to keep asking ourselves: What is fair? What is not fair? We have to let our kids ask those questions, too --- and they’re very capable of answering them.

“So yes, public schools have a unique and difficult duty in our democracy. There was a description of the American Revolution: one-third were patriots, one-third were Loyalists, and one-third were sitting on the fence. We cannot afford to be ‘fence-sitters’ for the sake of our kids, and for the sake of our democracy.”

When asked why he stayed so long at BES, he said it was a combination of the kids, their parents and the staff.

He said there’s a cliché in education administration that “you stay

someplace at a school for maybe five years and then move on.’ He said, “I had one or two opportunities to leave, and I never thought that I wanted to. We had some issues over the years at Beach that I didn’t want to walk away from, that I felt was important to resolve. I didn’t think they were fair reflections of the community or the school. So, I wanted to stay until those were settled.”

He noted, “It’s just a nice, friendly place to be. There’s always issues. There are always problems wherever you are. And I say to myself at times, and I don’t know that I said it enough to people, we had great kids.” He added, “But they’re not angels. And we have great staff, but they’re not saints. They are people, so you take people as they are.”

In his retirement, he said, “I have a lot of catching up to do, personally with things that I’ve been stockpiling for years.”

A lot of that stockpile accumulated in his office for 33 years and was hauled out in boxes.

“My wife has been very patient,” he said, “She understands that I’ve got a lot to go through. So, I’ll be taking a box at a time or a couple of boxes at a time and go through that and reclaim my part of the house here.”

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CSM Announces Millions in Scholarships/Relief Funds

Available for New, Existing, Returning Students



The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announces it has millions of dollars in scholarships and COVID-19 relief funds available this Fall Semester to assist anyone who wants to attend CSM full-time or part-time in a degree pathway or for a workforce development certificate. The scholarships and financial assistance can be used for tuition, college expenses and living expenses and is available to new and existing students, or former CSM students who want to return or have had restrictions on their accounts related to past debt.

"We are currently conducting a robust outreach campaign to our former, existing and potential students to help them understand all of the funding that is available to them," shared CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "The impact of the pandemic put so many of our students in a tailspin – financially, physically, and emotionally – and we want them to know that we're here for them. We've been working hard to secure funding to help them either start, or finish, their education with us."

Among the funds available are new County Commissioner Cares scholarship – funded by Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties' Boards of County Commissioners. Each county board is providing scholarships in the coming year to help students in their respective county attend CSM (Calvert \$225,000; Charles \$405,000; and St. Mary's \$270,000). In addition, there is nearly \$5 million dollars available to CSM students through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) which was authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), of 2021.

"Add the availability of Pell Grants, the Maryland Community College Promise funds and the outpouring of financial support that is always provided by our CSM Foundation and we are positioned, perhaps better than we have ever been, to help our students financially with some of the problems that the pandemic presented," Murphy said.

CSM is also reaching out to students who may be eligible to have their financial restrictions lifted and is providing them information on how to qualify and register for the fall semester, according to CSM Associate Dean of Financial Assistance and Retention Christian Zimmermann. "We are acutely aware that our students just need a break," he said.

"We believe we have funding available for everyone who wants to attend CSM, and we will prioritize the funding based on need," Zimmermann added. "We will not be requiring students to fill out their (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) FAFSA forms to receive this scholarship money, but certainly students who complete their FAFSA's will help us to identify who is neediest, quicker."

The College of Southern Maryland offers an affordable and wide array of programs of study including Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Applied Science degree programs. CSM has more than 150 guaranteed transfer agreements with four-year colleges and universities and in some cases, CSM's university partners provide scholarships specifically for CSM graduates to help make the baccalaureate degree more affordable. Furthermore, CSM offers a wide range of continuing education certificates and career training programs such as computer programming and repair, truck driving, and nursing.

Beginning with the Fall 2021 Semester, CSM is offering a year-round Focus to Finish schedule that greatly expands the classes offered via a 7-week course format. Instead of taking all your courses in a given semester simultaneously for four months, Focus to Finish lets students take half of their classes in the first 7-week session and the other half in the second 7-week session.

For more information about CSM's scholarships and financial assistance and to how to enroll in the Fall Semester which begins Aug. 25, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/Fall/>.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS REVIEW YOUR IRA, 401(K) BENEFICIARIES

If you've had an IRA and a 401(k) for many years, you may occasionally ask yourself some questions: "Am I contributing enough?" "Am I still funding these accounts with the right mix of investments for my goals and risk tolerance?" But here's one inquiry you might be overlooking: "Have I used the correct beneficiary designations?" And the answer you get is important.

It wouldn't be surprising if you haven't thought much about the beneficiary designation – after all, it was just something you once signed, possibly a long time ago. Is it really that big a deal?

It could be. For one thing, what if your family circumstances have changed since you named a beneficiary? If you've remarried, you may not want your former spouse to receive your IRA and 401(k) assets or the proceeds of your life insurance policy, for which you also named a beneficiary.

However, upon remarrying, many people do review their estate plans, including their wills, living trusts, durable powers of attorney and health care directives. If you've revised these documents, do you have to worry about the old beneficiary designations? You might be surprised to learn that these previous designations can supersede what's in your updated will and other documents. The end result could be an "accidental" inheritance in which your retirement accounts and insurance proceeds could end up going to someone who is no longer in your life.

Furthermore, your retirement plans and insurance policy may not just require a single beneficiary – you may also be asked to name a contingent beneficiary, to whom assets will pass if the primary beneficiary has already died. As you can imagine, the situation could become

quite muddled if stepchildren are involved in a remarriage.

To avoid these potential problems, make sure to review the beneficiary designations on all of your accounts at some point – and especially after a significant change in your family situation. If you see something that is outdated or incorrect, contact your retirement account administrator – or your insurance representative, in the case of life insurance – to request a change-of-beneficiary form.

And if you really want to be on the safe side, you may want to enlist a legal professional to help you with this review to make sure the beneficiary designations reflect your current family situation and are consistent with what's in your estate plans.

In fact, if you're already working with an experienced estate planning attorney – and you should – you might also pick up some other suggestions for dealing with beneficiaries. Just to name one, it's generally not a good idea to name minor children as beneficiaries. Because children can't control the assets until they become adults, a court would likely have to name a guardian – one that you might not have wanted. Instead, you could either name your own custodian to manage the assets designated to the minor or establish a trust for the benefit of the minor, which can distribute the money in several disbursements over a period of years – which is often a good move, since young adults aren't always the best at managing large lump sums.

If you're like many people, you have a strong desire to leave something behind. But you'll want to do it in the right way. So, pay close attention to your beneficiary designations – when you first create them and throughout your life.

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CSM Vice President Chosen for National Fellowship

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program and the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) today announced that CSM Vice President for Operations and Planning Dr. Bill Comey is one of 40 leaders selected for the 2021-22 class of the Aspen Rising Presidents Fellowship, a highly selective leadership program preparing the next generation of community college presidents to transform institutions to achieve higher and more equitable levels of student success.

The Rising Presidents Fellows will embark on the 10-month fellowship beginning in November 2021. Delivered in collaboration with the Stanford Educational Leadership Initiative, the fellows will be mentored by esteemed current and former community college presidents who have achieved exceptional outcomes for students throughout their careers, and will learn strategies to improve student outcomes in and after college, lead internal change, and create strong external partnerships with K-12 schools, four-year colleges, employers, and other partners.

“To become institutions that truly advance social mobility and talent development, community colleges must have presidents with a clear vision for equitable student success,” said Monica Clark, director of leadership initiatives at the College Excellence Program. “We have selected these fellows because they share that commitment and are well-positioned to become transformational leaders.”

“Bill has dedicated his career to developing innovative programs and services that expand access to higher education, assist students in identifying and achieving their goals, enhance the learning environment, and serve the community,” said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. “He is a thoughtful and dynamic leader – as demonstrated repeatedly over the last 17 months during the COVID-19 crisis. Bill’s tireless work to ensure the safety and well-being of our faculty, staff, and students during the pandemic



CSM Vice President for Operations and Planning Dr. Bill Comey

allowed us to stay focused on student success and maintain the continuity of our mission. We are all thrilled to hear of Bill’s selection to the Aspen Rising Presidents Fellowship and look forward to following and supporting his continued success.”

The Aspen Rising Presidents Fellowship responds to the growing need for a new generation of leaders well-equipped to meet the challenges of the future. Nationally, nearly 80 percent of sitting presidents plan to retire in the next decade. While the traditional pathway to the presidency has often excluded women and people of color, the incoming class of Aspen Rising Presidents Fellows is composed of 68 percent women and 70 percent people of color, and represents institutions of varying sizes and locations.

Together, the 2021-22 fellows are leaders at colleges that collectively serve more than 400,000 students. As well, 67 Rising Presidents Fellowship alumni have become presidents of community colleges that collectively serve an additional 953,000 students nationwide.

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CSM Positions Area to Become Work Ready

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has announced that CSM leadership has convened Southern Maryland economic development specialists and numerous regional businesses to identify the tri-county region as a certified ACT® Work Ready Community. This practice demonstrates CSM’s commitment to developing a strong workforce pipeline, desirable to employers, economic developers and current and future citizens of the region.

The ACT® Work Ready Communities (ACT® WRC) initiative empowers states, regions and counties with data, processes and tools that drive economic growth by identifying skills gaps and quantifying the skill level of their workforce. Participants leverage the ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate® (ACT® WorkKeys® NCRC®) to measure and close skills gaps and build common frameworks that link, align and match their workforce development efforts.

“CSM will not only offer the WorkKeys® curriculum that has been designated by our business champions as a necessity, we will now also serve as a recognized ACT® WorkKeys® NCRC® testing site,” explained CSM Continuing Education and Workforce Development Associate Vice President Ellen Flowers-Fields. “Our work in bringing this designation to our region is one more example of how CSM’s serves as an economic engine in Southern Maryland and demonstrates our commitment to improve our students’ skills and wages.”

To begin the Work Ready Communities process, CSM Continuing Education and Workforce Development leaders attended the ACT Work Ready Communities Boot Camp, an executive leadership and training program designed and led by ACT to initiate, deploy, and drive carefully tailored efforts to improve the county’s work readiness. Leaders met with local employers, policymakers, educators and economic developers to reach established goals and build a sustainable WRC model to fit community needs.

A key stakeholder in this effort was the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) who collaborated with CSM at the onset of the pandemic to launch ‘Getting Southern Maryland Back to Work.’ The Getting Southern Maryland Back to Work effort aligns the federal, state and local investments designed to provide access to industry recognized trainings and certifications leading to high demand and high wage occupations. The alignment of these resources provided targeted responses to critical needs – including the ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate® – to maximize the regional impact and preparing for a future in which the workforce is being redefined.

“Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, job readiness was the key challenge facing businesses seeking talent,” shared Ruthy Davis, director of Regional Workforce and Business Development for TCCSMD. “Post-pandemic recovery will bring even greater challenges on the talent availability front. This new reality illustrates the value of the ACT Work-Ready Communities initiative.”

“Site selectors and major corporations identify available workforce as a key consideration when choosing a business location, and we emphasize available, skilled workforce in our outreach efforts,” said Charles County Deputy County Administrator and Acting EDD Director Deborah Hall. “The ACT Work Ready Certification will allow us to demonstrate that our workforce has the skills employers need and that the community is united in maintaining a program to support business growth with a pipeline of job candidates with nationally certified skills.”

Calvert County Government Director of Economic Development Kelly Robertson-Slagle agreed.

“Having an available, skilled workforce is the top priority for current companies doing business in Southern Maryland or those considering a move here,” said Robertson-Slagle. “This certification signals we as a community understand what skills employers are looking for, and that we are working with our education, business leaders and workforce development partners to meet those demands.”

Included among the area business champions are: Modern Door, Patuxent Brewing Company, Balancelogic, Datjerk Caribbean Chargrill and MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital.

“Balancelogic is proud and excited to be part of the Act Work Ready Community program,” said Balancelogic Chief Executive Officer Bill Campbell. “This program will bring tremendous value to our local economic workforce development effort and help close the gap between our workforce and our local businesses, resulting in a well-prepared workforce and well-staffed businesses. This in turn, will make our region an attractive to place for businesses to start and grow as well as for a place for other businesses to relocate, a winning combination for any community.”

Flowers-Fields said the initiative will also do extensive outreach to 18-26 year-olds who are already in the workforce as well as high school completers, current high school students and incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals seeking work.

“Congratulations to CSM and the Southern Maryland region for joining this initiative, and a growing list of counties dedicated to building a robust workforce,” said ACT Regional Manager Cheri Tune. “The determination of Southern Maryland’s leadership to engage in this process demonstrates active partnerships between all stakeholders in the community and will provide the county with an economic development advantage, helping them stand out nationally for their workforce development efforts.”

For more information on this initiative, and how to participate in Southern Maryland, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/non-credit/workforce-training/work-ready-community.html> or visit www.workreadycommunities.org and view all of ACT’s workforce solutions at www.act.org/workforce.

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Twin Beach Players Set

'Frankenstein' Auditions

Twin Beach Players will hold auditions for their production of *Frankenstein* on Sunday and Monday, August 15-16, 7-9 p.m. at the North Beach Boys and Girls Club, 9021 Dayton Avenue in North Beach.

The Mark Scharf adaptation of the classic Mary Shelley novel will be directed by Sid Curl, and had its world premiere in 2012 on the TBP stage. *Frankenstein* will have performances October 15-31. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m.

All performances by Twin Beach Players are at the North Beach Boys and Girls Club, 9021 Dayton Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714. For more information, visit Twin Beach Players at www.twinbeachplayers.org, email info@twinbeachplayers.com, or call 443/646-3858.

Frankenstein begins as Captain Robert Walton is on an Arctic expedition and rescues Victor Frankenstein from the cold. Frankenstein had been pursuing the Creature he created and brought to life. Having learned of Frankenstein's travails, Walton retells



the tale of the monster's creation and the resulting mayhem as the story, like the creature, comes alive onstage. The Creature sets out on his own to seek his education and identity, but remains full of anger at Frankenstein for creating him. Frankenstein, filled with remorse, seeks peace and solitude, while trying to keep his bride-to-be Elizabeth and other loved ones safe. When the Creature confronts Frankenstein about creating a female companion for him, the doctor refuses and the Creature vows the most hurtful revenge: he will find and kill Elizabeth.

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Tackle Box Fishing Report



Andy caught a 23 inch speckled trout off the shore at Hog Point.

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

Spanish mackerel and buefish are now fully encamped in the lower bay and the mouth of the and Potomac.

Catches of mackerel in the lower Potomac from St. George Island to Point Lookout have been very consistent. Trollers are using planers and small spoons (Clarke, Drone, and HHCB) at fast speeds. Birds diving give away the location of the schools of mackerel and there are often bluefish mixed. If there are no birds to make a target, trollers are blind trolling and doing very well. The fish are in Cornfield Harbor, Point Lookout, and scattered along the Ship's Channel in mid bay. The mackerel are approaching Cedar Point and have been at Hooper's Island light for about 10 days. Spanish mackerel have traveled up the Potomac to Stuart's Pier and the rock pile at Piney Point near the mouth of Herring Creek.

Bluefish were breaking just east of the Target Ship last Friday morning. Lure casters using jigs and jig heads with plastic shads landed dozens of blues to to 27 inches. The birds were overhead picking up scraps from the feeding frenzy, The bite was red hot until about noon when the tide stopped. The birds were strung out for miles.

There are more slot redfish being caught in our waters right now than I can recall. Usually we have small rat reds in the creeks competing with perch for small spinner baits, and huge 25 to 50 pounders breaking in the pay in big schools eating the mackerel, blues and menhadden. The legal size (one per day) of 18 to 27 inches are the ones that are rare here except for this year. They are in

the shallows feeding on crabs and minnows and small spot, If you spend some serious time hunting them you will be rewarded.

Speaking of the seriously big channel bass (another name for redfish), they are here now with several big breaks in the bay near bouy 72A, below the Target Ship and in the Mud Leads. When you find them, just toss in a big jig into the frothy water and hold on!

Cobia continue to be prevalent in the Triangle off Point Lookout. Chummers using chum logs, fresh cut bait and live eels in the slick are getting a steady bite. Many are now between 32 and 39 inches, just below the 40 inch minimum. Trollers using big surgical eel lures have also scored.

Spot are everywhere and they are now getting big. We have six weeks of excellent spot fishing left with the "yellows, jumbos, and hump backs" of prime size coming to the fore. The prize bait of bloodworms are in short supply as the shipments from Maine and Canada have been very poor. Substitues of Fish bites, Lug worms, night crawlers and bits of squid will work.

There are plenty of white perch in the creeks for lure casters. The perch are mixed with the spot in the deeper water.

Speckled trout are big and common mixed with rockfish in the shallows for lure casters.

The bay and Patuxent are open for stripers. The Potomac season returns Aug. 21. There were plenty of stripers (rockfish) at Hog Point this week at daybreak for lure casters. Swimming baits like Wind Cheaters and Youzuris work very well. They like top water poppers too.

Sailing Association Hosts Annual Show



Singer-Songwriter Scott Kirby performs at the Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA) in Solomons last Sunday. Kirby has released nine albums over the past 23 years. He was accompanied by violinist Emily Randle. Local businesses supporting the SMSA show include Bozick Distributors, the Solomons Holiday Inn Conference Center and Marina, Quantum Sails Solomons Island, Spring Cove Marina in Solomons, and PRMI Mortgage in St. Mary's County.



Singer-songwriter Scott Kirby is accompanied by violinist Emily Randle during Kirby's show at the Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA) in Solomons on Sunday, August 8th, 2021. Kirby has recorded nine albums over the past 23 years. Randle has played with the U.S. Army Band, The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, the Cleveland Orchestra, and the St. Mary's City based Chesapeake Orchestra. She has recorded one album and has contributed to albums by many other artists. The SMSA show was sponsored by Bozick Distributors, the Solomons Holiday Inn, Spring Cove Marina, Quantum Sails, and PRMI Mortgage in California.



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, August 12

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

Sea Squirts

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

Children 18 months to 3 years, with an adult, are invited to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. 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.

Friday, August 13

Food Truck Fridays

Annmarie 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 gallery 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, August 14

Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail

Calvert Marine Museum; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sail on the Dee of St. Mary's, leaving from the museum dock. Fee is \$25 for ages 13 and up, \$15 for children 5 - 12. No children under 5, please. Preregister by noon on the Friday before each cruise at <https://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/238/Dee-of-St-Marys-Cruises>.

Tuesday, August 17

Things that Bloom and Buzz by the Bay

Calvert Marine Museum; 10 a.m. - noon

Join CMM educators for a morning of exploration, crafts, stories, and fun related to plants and pollinators. For ages 5-7. Capacity is limited and there is a \$10 program fee. Registration will begin Monday, June 28. See our website for details. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Thursday, August 19

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.

Ongoing

Calvert Library Openings

All library locations extended their walk-in building hours to Monday through Thursday, 10am to 7pm, Friday 1-5pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm. Curbside services continue to be offered during those times as well. All study/tutoring rooms, quiet study room, and some meeting rooms are open as well. Call any Calvert Library location for assistance or appoint-

ments. 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 with any reference questions you may have.

Enchanted Summer at the Garden

Annmarie 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.

Kenneth Bruce "Kenny" Chase



Kenneth Bruce "Kenny" Chase, 76, of Owings passed away August 6, 2021. He was born January 12, 1945 in Washington, DC. He was raised in DC and graduated from Suitland High School. He joined the United States Navy in 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1971. Kenny was employed as an elevator mechanic with Local Union 10 and worked for US Elevator, retiring in 1999. Kenny met Mary in 1999 and they have been together ever since, living happily in Owings. Following his retirement, Kenny received his master's license and worked as a charter boat captain for eight years operating out of Happy Harbor. He was an active member of the Deale Elks Lodge and served as house committee chairman for many years. Kenny was a jack of all trades. He enjoyed boating, fishing, building, antique cars, puzzles on his iPad, sudoku, scratch-offs, and spending time in Marathon, FL in the Florida Keys.

Kenny is survived by his wife Mary Chase, children John Botts III and his wife Lori of Friendship, Bruce Chase and his wife Faith of Lusby, Debby McGraw and her husband TC of LaPlata, and Gloria Wick and her husband Troy of Huntingtown, stepchildren Christy Randall and her husband Robert of Lusby, Ryan Gallagher of Owings, Megan Deaner and her husband Jimmy of Lusby, and Katie Gal-

agher of Kansas City. He is also survived by grandchildren Krista, Kyle, Kayla, Linda, Johnny, Lacey, Allie, Chase, Olivia, Tyler, Kyle, Kevin, Hailey, Elise, Jackson, and Samantha, as well as 5 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother and sister, and grandson Ryan Easterly.

Visitation will be Wednesday, August 18, 2021m, 2-3 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Memorial Service will follow at 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 13770 Noel Road, Suite 801889, Dallas, TX 75380; Link:

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

Brian David Noble



Brian David Noble, 59, of Deale passed away August 3, 2021 at his home surrounded by family. He was born October 6, 1961 in Cheverly to Claud Everett, Jr. and Alice Lorraine (Jones) Noble. Brian was raised in Dunkirk and attended Northern High School. He married Tammy Lynn Schaffner on August 21, 1993 and they made their home in Deale. He was employed as an auto mechanic and later got into the boat industry. He worked for Boat Lifts Unlimited as an installer, Herrington Harbor North as a travel lift operator and most recently worked for Weaver Boat Works as a fabricator. Brian loved

spending time with his family, including his boxer Duke. He also enjoyed fishing, especially with his younger brother Bobby, dancing, cooking and riding Harley's with his brother Richard. He loved making people laugh and was always the life of the party.

Brian is survived by his wife, Tammy Lynn Noble, daughter Emily L. O'Brien and husband Liam of Churchton and step daughter Lauren N. Tawney of Lusby. Also surviving are a sister Carol Lawrence of Pittsburg, PA and brothers Richard Noble and wife Marcia of Berkley Springs, WV, Robert Noble, Jr. of Prince Frederick, William Noble of Indianapolis, IN and Barry Noble of Seabrook, MD, and sister-in-law Amanda Collinson of Churchton. He was preceded in death by his parents Claud and Alice Noble and a brother Robert Noble, Sr.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

John Henry Lawson Mullikin "Mully"



John Henry Lawson Mullikin "Mully", 52, of Hughesville, MD passed away on July 31, 2021 in Brandywine, MD.

Johnny was the most loving, kind and caring man, who gave the best hugs. Johnny loved life, his most prized possessions where his children, wife, family and friends. EVERYONE loved Johnny. He always had a smile on his face, always saw the silver lining in a dark cloud and would take the shirt off his back to give it to anyone in need. Johnny was the man that everyone wanted to be around, a man that when God made the mould there will be no other. Johnny loved music of all kinds, from Gene Watson, Kenny Chesney, Elvis to Chuck Brown. If it was a song he sang it, if it was a dance song you would find him dancing to it. Some people may not have known that Johnny was an amazing dancer and created a dance group in High School that was asked to open for New Edition! Johnny had Moves!

Johnny was an ASCI Mechanic and Maryland State Inspector. Johnny was an avid motorcycle racer since he was the age of 18. Johnny is a beloved member of The Legion of Doom Racing (LOD) and will be racing in heaven as a member of the LOD FOREVER. One of his proudest ac-

complishments was winning Pro Star National Motorcycle event in Atco, NJ 1993. Johnny has won several other races during his racing career with Pro Star, Man Cup, IDBA, and XDA. In 2019 Johnny won the Superbike Showdown Pro E.T. race at Maryland International Raceway (MIR), with his LOD family, the "Mully Mull" Crew and fans by his side. Johnny's happy place was the racetrack, whether it was to race his motorcycles, cheer on his fellow racing family, or traveling to support his best friend and brother Rob Hunnicutt to race his Pro Nitrous Car. Johnny's death has left a large void in the Motorcycle Racing family/community, but Mully Mull 1660 will race on in heaven and in our hearts forever.

Johnny was a Beloved husband to Deanna, Devoted father to Shae, Ty, Bree and Cole; Stepfather to Kevin, Nicholas and Zachary; Grandfather to Drayden, Lilly, Brooklyn and Cameron "Cam Shaft"; Brother to Betty Jean, Ricky, Dixie, Pam (Ronnie), and Mary (Steve). He also leaves behind several nieces and nephews that were like his children (Jack, Donnie, Jamie, Jen, Jimmy and Angie), Honorary brothers Rob and Tony Hunnicutt, cousins, extended family and friends as well as his LOD Family.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Gerald Wesley Donovan



Gerald Wesley Donovan of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland peacefully passed away at his home on Saturday, July 31st. Gerald was surrounded by his loving wife, Mary, daughter Mary Lanham, and sons Wesley and Ryan along with their families, his siblings, and many of his grandchildren.

Gerald was born on October 31, 1948 to the late Daphne and Fred Donovan. Gerald attended Calvert High School, Baltimore College of Commerce, Prince George's Community College, and University of Maryland.

Gerald is survived by his wife Mary E. Donovan of Chesapeake Beach, sons Wesley and wife Julie of Dunkirk, Ryan and husband Erik of New York City, Roger O'Dell of Drum Point, daughters Mary Lanham and husband Mike of Dunkirk, and Veronica Fleming and husband Ricky of Flinton, Pennsylvania. He is survived by sisters Joan Kilmon of Huntingtown,

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Gail Harkins of Chesapeake Beach, Diane Harrison and husband Griffith of Huntingtown, brother Freddie Donovan and wife Carol of Chesapeake Beach. Thirteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren survive Gerald. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter Addison Donovan and son Ricky O'Dell.

Gerald was a humble man who loved to serve. As a young man, he was on active duty in the US Marine Corps from 1968 to 1971. He was a former president and a lifetime member of the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department. Gerald graduated from Leadership Maryland, was an executive committee member of the Maryland Tourism Board, and a board member of the Maryland Restaurant Association. He served a term as chairman of the Calvert County Democratic Central Committee and initiated the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum.

One of his proudest accomplishments was starting the Cancer Gala/Celebration of Life along with his brother Freddie in memory of their father, Fred. Together, they raised more than \$4 million dollars in thirty years of events for the American Cancer Society. In 2011, Mary and Gerald received The American Cancer Society's Award of Excellence for Income Development in honor of their efforts during the thirty years of the event.

Gerald served on the Chesapeake Beach town council from 1976 to 1983. After being appointed mayor in 1983, he went on to be elected for six straight terms as mayor from 1984 until 2008, when he retired after thirty-two years of service. As mayor, many of his accomplishments are enjoyed by thousands of residents and guests every year: the Water Park, the Railway Trail, Bayfront Park, the town's annual fireworks display, and Veterans Memorial Park. Gerald loved the Christmas season and was able to garner support from the town council to light the entire town with festive lights and displays. After he retired from his mayorship, he loved to drive around town looking at the new sidewalks, the decorative light poles with the hanging baskets full of flowers, all the while listening to Motown. As mayor, he would often tell people it's amazing what you can accomplish when you don't worry who gets the credit for it.

He loved Chesapeake Beach more than anywhere else, knew its history better than anyone, and made it his mission as mayor to put Chesapeake Beach back on the map, just as Otto Mears did in 1900. He was a teacher of all things business and Chesapeake Beach to those around him, like his grandfather Wesley Stinnett had been to him.

Gerald gave so much to our community, where he set forth his vision for The Rod 'N' Reel Resort. Always a visionary, he was so proud of his life's work. He felt immense gratitude to those who helped him fulfill his dreams. He loved coming to work every day and as he often said, "If you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life." He truly loved what he did.

There will be a private family service

by invitation and a Celebration of Life to be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to One Breath at a Time, Inc.'s Butterfly House, which provides room and board for families during the lung transplant process, to PO Box 4619, Tampa, FL 33607; Link:

<https://onebreathatatime.net/donate-now/>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Joseph Vincent Spargo



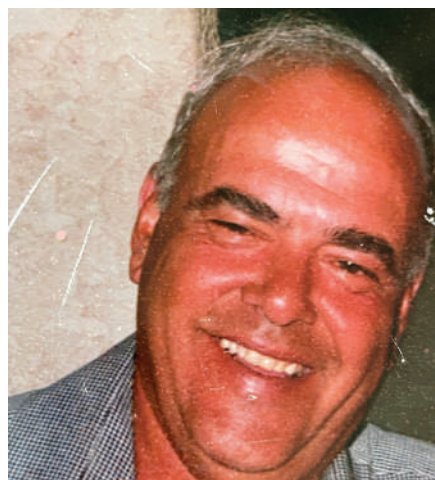
Joseph Vincent Spargo, 83, of Shady-side, MD passed away July 30, 2021 at Anne Arundel Medical Center. He was born September 22, 1937 in Stanley, NC the son of Calvin Wesley Spargo and Virginia Rhyne Hovis Spargo. Joe was a retired Insurance Agent.

He was preceded in death by his wife Susan Lee Kelbaugh Spargo.

Surviving are a daughter Lisa Spargo Palla and her fiancée of Sykesville, MD and son Anthony Spargo and his wife Christina of Lothian, MD; grandchildren Joseph McQuilkin, Anthony Spargo, Jr., Jason Spargo, Elizabeth Spargo and Julia Palla; and a great granddaughter Cameron McQuilkin.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Louis John "Lou" Kollar, Jr.



Louis John "Lou" Kollar, Jr., 80 of Solomons, MD passed away on August 4,

2021 at his residence. Born February 2, 1941 in Bronx, NY, he was the son of the late Louis J. Kollar, Sr. and Rose Kollar.

Lou graduated from Jamaica High School in 1959, from the Academy of Aeronautics and City College of NY in 1961. He was a Technical Sales Representative for thirty nine years, and founded his last company, K&A Technical Sales before retiring in 2003. Lou was a member of the Old Crows Association for twenty two years, Engineers of America, and the Indigo Run Men's Club of Hilton Head, SC. He was an active supporter of Denville NJ Soccer, and Morris Catholic, where his sons attended high school.

Tradition was extremely important to Lou. He cherished family gatherings and celebrations. He loved a good cigar, a great round of golf, and a home-cooked Italian meal. He loved his wife and children fiercely, and adored being Pop Pop to his twelve grandchildren. He will be forever missed.

Lou is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Patricia A. Kollar whom he married in Greenwood Lake, NY; his children, Matthew Kollar (Kimberly) of Stamford, CT, Louis J. Kollar III (Clair) of California, MD, Kevin Kollar (Kathleen) of Rhinebeck, NY, and Kristen Constantino (Michael) of Bayport, NY; twelve grandchildren; and siblings, Riki Grayvensky (Ijo) of Lawrence, NY and Robert Kollar (Janice-dec.) of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 10 a.m. until 11, with a funeral service directly following at the chapel from 11 to noon. The services will be held at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD 20657. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Anderson Center for Autism.

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

Timothy Aloysius Muscolino

Timothy Aloysius Muscolino, who battled his cancer for 25+ years, passed away in a private residence with the presence of



his family in Prince Frederick, Maryland on July 29, 2021. Tim was born on June 12, 1952 in Washington, D.C. to Frank and Ruth Muscolino. Tim graduated Suitland High school in 1970. Tim worked as a pressman at Kelley Press, where he later retired in 2003.

Tim is survived by his former wife Sue Muscolino; his children Rachel (Justin Wood) and Sarah Muscolino; his stepchildren Michael (Michelle) Burnett and Dawn (Greg) Huss; his siblings Barbara Rollman, Betty Jenkins, and Frank (Kay) Muscolino; his grandchildren Kameron, Tyler, Kiersten, Kayla, Dalton, Brayden, and Ava; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Tim was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Ruth Muscolino; and brothers-in-law, James "Bubba" Jenkins and Gilbert "Buddy" Rollman.

Tim was a cherished father and loved spending time with his family. He was also a fighter who battled his cancer for several years. He taught those around him to never give up. He enjoyed playing cards, listening to music, watching movies, and reading. Tim was also an avid animal lover who enjoyed spending time with his pets. Tim was also witty and frequently made his family and friends laugh. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and cats.

There will be a private service and burial.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.



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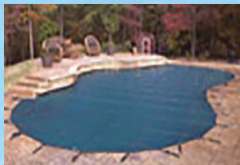
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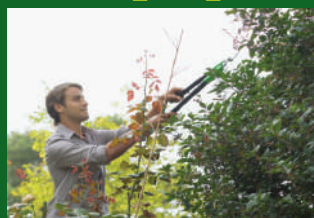
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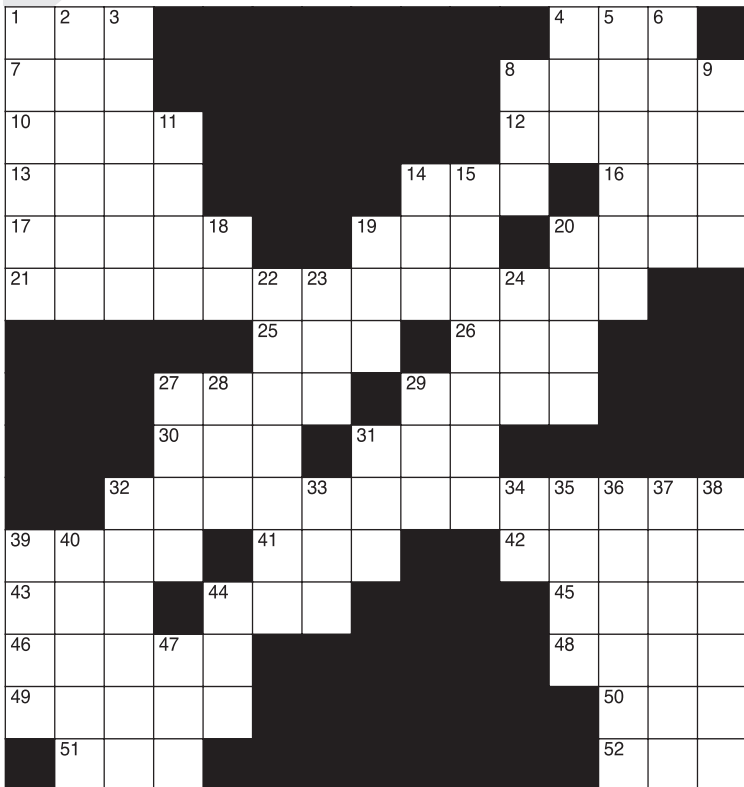
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Midway between east and southeast
- 4. Sun up in New York
- 7. Japanese honorific
- 8. Czech name for Prague
- 10. Ochocinco's first name
- 12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
- 13. Scots word for "home"
- 14. Upper class young woman (abbr.)
- 16. Monetary unit of Albania
- 17. Raise
- 19. Drain of resources
- 20. Uncultured, clumsy persons
- 21. Hikers use them
- 25. Retrospective analysis (military)
- 26. Tibetan form of chanting
- 27. Influential European statesman
- 29. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 30. Monetary unit of

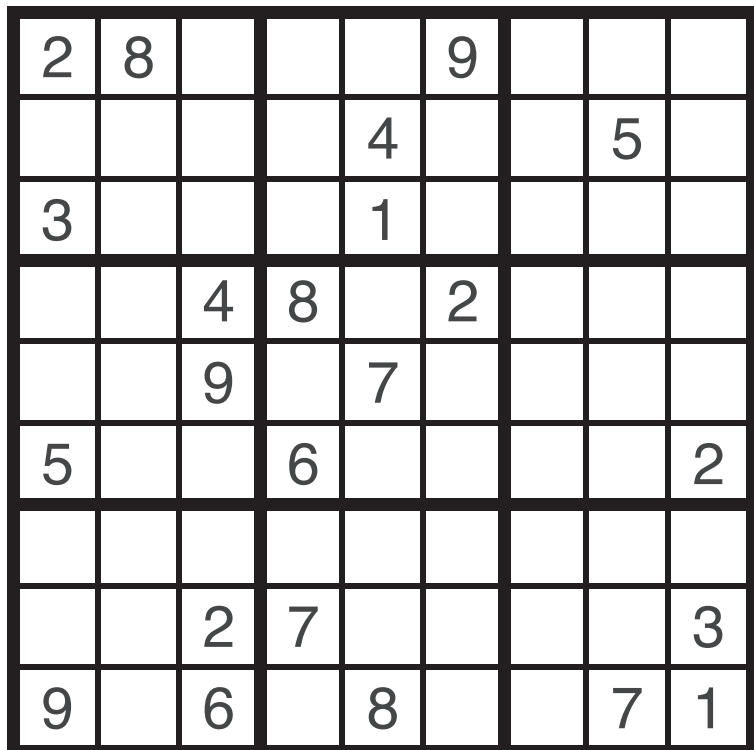
Romania

- 31. Round green vegetable
- 32. Well acquainted with
- 39. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 41. Basics
- 42. "The Godfather" actress Keaton
- 43. Snakelike fish
- 44. Tall deciduous tree
- 45. Russian river
- 46. Long Balkans river
- 48. Ancient Greek coin
- 49. Senegal's capital
- 50. Unwell
- 51. Snout
- 52. Low bank or reef of coral

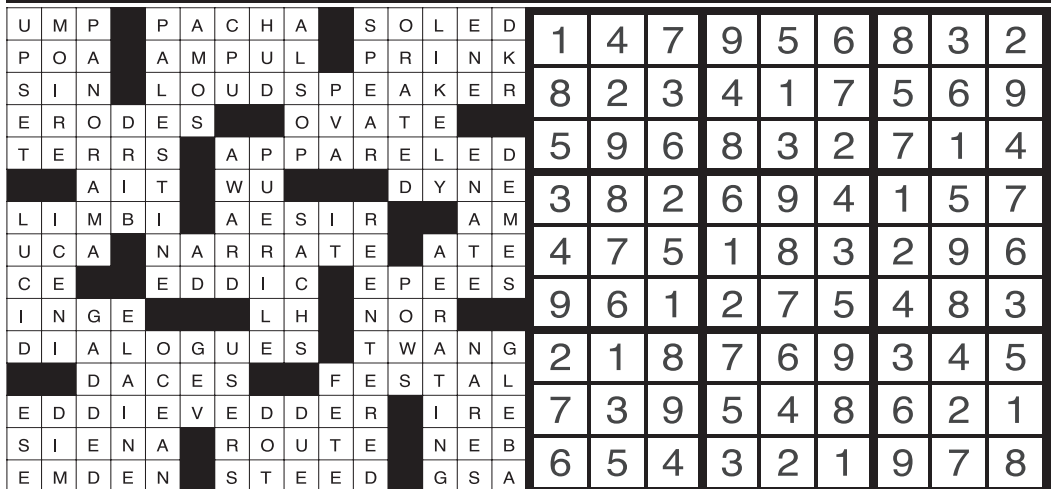
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Abstain from Africa
- 2. Vast desert in North Africa
- 3. Cover the crown of a tooth
- 4. A major division of geological time
- 5. Urban center
- 6. Crook
- 8. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 9. Questions


- 11. A pack of 52 playing cards
- 14. Recording of sound
- 15. Pithy saying
- 18. Atomic #22
- 19. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 20. Plant with ridged seedpods
- 22. Innate
- 23. Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
- 24. Soda receptacle
- 27. Spanish stew: ___ podrida
- 28. Viet Cong offensive
- 29. Large body of water
- 31. Beginning military rank
- 32. Dissimilar
- 33. Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
- 34. Shows who you are
- 35. Chinese dynasty
- 36. Type of verse
- 37. African nation
- 38. Quite
- 39. Former Bucks star Michael
- 40. Showed again
- 44. Body part
- 47. Steal



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