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6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Solomons Conference Center & Marina**

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“The Traveling Apprentice” Works for Prince Frederick Animal Hospital

You're thinking about what you want to be when you grow up and you're considering a veterinary assistant's career because you just luv, luv, luv, luv, l-u-u-u-u-v animals of the pet variety. Well, here's a news flash: In order to be a good assistant you 'd better be a good people person, too, because pets don't make appointments at the vet's office, nor do they drive themselves to a clinic: It's their caring owners who do that. And...as I observed when I spent a day as a Traveling Apprentice at the Prince Frederick Animal Hospital (PFAH) ... concerned, worried owners often require just as much nurturing as their beloved pets.

And, l-u-u-u-u-ving animals can be a short sighted motivation unless you happen to also luv, luv, luv the less glamorous parts of the job.... like cleaning up poop, getting peeped on by an anxious animal, bitten by a nervous dog, or scratched by a frantic kitten.

Or smelling some horrific odors guaranteed to offend even the most debilitated olfactory system.

PFAH 's new facility was designed to offer medicine in a limited field known as "companion animal" or pet medicine, which includes small animals such as dogs, cats, and "pocket pets" such as ferrets, guinea pigs, etc. The hospital has several examination rooms, operating rooms, a recovery area, grooming area, retail area, stocked pharmacy, and a boarding area for dog and cat patients. The staff of 30 (six doctors, numerous technicians, kennel helpers, and office assistants) offer care that includes immunization, wellness care, grooming, internal medicine, dental care, surgery, radiology, micro-chipping, and pain management. The staff takes great pride in working closely with Southern Maryland animal shelters to provide shots and spaying and neutering to ready animals for adoption.

I learned the flow of events in an animal hospital, from the patient intake area to the examination rooms. I mastered the art of folding surgical drapes. I observed the treatment of a tiny Shih Tzu with infected anal glands, two cats requiring vaccines, a rescue puppy with a skin condition, a border collie with a growth in his ear, and other procedures for other assorted cats and dogs.

The only non feline or canine animals seen that that day were three small bunnies the owner needed "sexed", meaning she needed a veterinarian to tell her if she was the proud owner of three same sex bunnies, or if she needed to schedule a neutering procedure lest she begin an unplanned career in rabbit husbandry.

The best part of the day occurred when a teary eyed woman offered unsolicited praise for the doctors and the facility. That moment, Dr. Ramsey, owner of the hospital, assured me, was the reward that kept each staff person coming back each day--the knowledge that they'd been able to assist a sick animal and the bonus of seeing the joy on a relieved owner's face when she carries her cherished pet home.

That, all the staff confirmed, more than made up for all the less glamorous parts of veterinary care.



The Traveling Apprentice is a monthly column written by Carolyn McHugh, President/CEO of the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce. Each month Carolyn spends a day working for a Chamber member, then writes a column for a local newspaper about the experience. The article is later inserted into the Chamber's newsletter and posted on the Chamber's web-site in order to give the maximum exposure to the Chamber member. Her commitment to Chamber members and to the readers is that she's there for Chamber members and that whatever they do in their daily job, she'll do, too.

Press Releases

CSM Prepares to Set the Stage for Summer's Twilight Performances. Chautauqua Opens Series at La Plata Campus July 5, 6, 7 . . . The College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) Twilight Performance Series returns this summer with a new line-up to include both history and music. The free, family-friendly, outdoor performance series will feature artists performing a variety of music from bluegrass and folk to blues, jazz, motown, hip hop, rhythm and blues and classic rock at campuses in La Plata, Leonardtown and Prince Frederick. This year CSM will host the Chautauqua Series at the La Plata Campus July 5, 6 and 7. Twilight performances will continue at the Leonardtown Campus on Tuesdays, July 12, 19 and 26; at the La Plata Campus on Wednesdays, July 13, 20 and 27; and at the Prince Frederick Campus on Thursdays, July 14, 21 and 28. All performances will begin at 6:45 p.m. The annual Chautauqua program will kick off its series July 5-7 in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. from Chautauquan actors who portray historical figures. Twilight performances continue the subsequent weeks with Fitzmaurice, Adrian Duke's Jazztet and Another Level.

Southern Maryland Higher Education Center Will Offer a RN to B.S. in Nursing . . . SMHEC will hold an information session about Stevenson University's RN to B.S. option for registered nurses on June 30, 2011 from 3 to 4:00 p.m. SMHEC's open house will follow from 4 to 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Cshoe-maker@smhec.org if you would like to attend the session.

"5th Annual Night Golf Tournament to Benefit Project Graduation" . . . The Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CAASA) and the Calvert County Division of Parks and Recreation (CCPR) are sponsoring a Night Golf Tournament on Friday, June 10th at Chesapeake Hills Golf Course in Lusby. The event will take place on the nine-hole par three course. The cost is \$35 per adult and \$15 per person 17 years and younger, which covers the cost of dinner, green fees, snacks and beverages. Pre-registration through Parks and Recreation is required. Check-in begins at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m. Tee time is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. or dusk. Come enjoy a night of fun. If you can play putt putt golf, you can play in this tournament. The course is illuminated by your glow-in-the-dark golf ball, which we provide; glow sticks that outline the greens; and tiki torches that light your way around the par-3 course. Hole sponsorships are available for \$75 each. If you would like to sponsor a hole, please contact the CAASA Office at 410-535-3733. The event will raise funds for Project Graduation, an alcohol-free and drug-free celebration for the 2012 graduates from Calvert, Huntingtown, Northern and Patuxent High Schools.

The Arts Council of Calvert County to Host 7th Annual Caitlin Classic . . . On Thursday, June 23 the Arts Council of Calvert will host the 7th Annual Caitlin Golf Classic at Twin Shields Golf Club. Honorary Host and Master of Ceremonies Doug Hill from WJLA ABC TV 7 will be on hand for this important event. Scholarships funded by this event are awarded to students pursuing an education in the Arts. For registration or questions please contact Pat Carpenter at pcarpenter@calvertarts.org or 410-257-7005

Calvert County, Md., Division of Parks & Recreation To Host 20th Annual Golf Tournament . . . The Calvert County Division of Parks & Recreation will host the 20th annual Employees & Friends Golf Tournament on Friday, July 8, 2011, at Chesapeake Hills Golf Club in Lusby, Md. Net proceeds for this event benefit the Calvert County Therapeutic Recreation Services program and all proceeds will increase and fund recreational programs and opportunities for people with disabilities. Fees are tax deductible and

receipts are available upon request. Business sponsorships are available at the following levels: Platinum Sponsor \$500, Gold Sponsor \$300, Silver Sponsor \$250, Bronze Sponsor \$100 Door prize and raffle item donations from local businesses are also welcomed. For questions or additional information, call 410-535-1600 or 301-855-1243 ext. 2229, 2227 or e-mail Phil D'Agostino at dagostpa@co.cal.md.us or Nate Smith at smithjn@co.cal.md.us.

The Calvert Library Provides Free Job Counseling . . . Unemployment claims have surged again to an eight-month high. The Calvert Library is still seeing quite a few job hunters on a daily basis so we are pleased to have job counselor Sandra Holler providing help with job search strategies, resume and interview tips every Thursday. Forty-five minute appointments are available from 12:30-2:45pm. Holler is a local mediator and job coordinator. She has professional knowledge and experience in psychology, career counseling, mediation, and community relations. She has worked for Calvert Career Center, Holler Associates, and Calvert County Circuit Court. Her services at the Calvert Library are free thanks to her generosity in volunteering her time. Please reserve a spot by calling 410-535-0291 or online at calvert.lib.md.us, click on calendar, and click on the time slot you want.

Calvert County, Md., Seeks "Beautiful" People for Annual Volunteer Awards . . . The Calvert County Department of Economic Development announced today that nominations are being accepted for the annual "Calvert You Are Beautiful Volunteer Awards." This project recognizes individuals whose volunteer service improves the quality of life for Calvert County citizens and visitors. All nominees must be residents of Calvert County. Nomination forms are available online by visiting www.ecalvert.com or by calling the Department of Economic Development at 410.535.4583. Completed nomination forms should be returned to "Calvert You Are Beautiful" c/o Tammy Loveless, Department of Economic Development, Courthouse, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678. Applications must be post-marked or hand delivered to the Department of Economic Development by July 15, 2011. All Calvert County nominees will be honored at a local awards ceremony sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners in fall 2011; one "special" nominee will be chosen as the volunteer of the year.

Top Businesses to be Recognized at 11th Leading Edge Awards, June 22 . . . Southern Maryland's leading businesses and executives will be honored at the 11th annual Leading Edge Awards ceremony, beginning at 6 p.m., June 22 at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center. The annual event celebrates individuals and businesses that spur economic growth within the region. This year's honorees exemplify the qualities synonymous with business success: performance excellence, innovation and an unwavering dedication to customers and staff, according to Dr. Daniel Mosser, vice president of the College of Southern Maryland's Corporate and Community Training Institute. Among those to be recognized this year are Sneade's Ace Home Center, Inc. as Calvert County Business of the Year; ERIMAX, Inc. President and CEO Eric W. Franklin as CEO of the Year; Studio 553 as Charles County Technology Company of the Year; Constellation Energy Nuclear Group, LLC as CSM Partnership in Education; Dominion Cove Point LNG as Excellence in Economic Progress; Wyle Aerospace Group as The Patuxent Partnership Member Firm of the Year; and Gateau Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine as Small Business of the Year. The Leading Edge Awards program will include a reception and banquet, 6 to 9:30 p.m., June 22 at the Jaycees Hall in Waldorf. For information about sponsorship opportunities or to attend, call 301-934-7585 or 301-870-2309, 240-725-5499 or 443-550-6199, Ext. 7585 or visit www.corporatecenter.csmd.edu.



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Escape from the norm this summer with two evenings of cultural entertainment, delectable cuisine and enjoyment. Smart Ride has planned two trips to the Kennedy Center, each including a stop for dinner, round trip transportation and orchestra seating. The first trip will be to attend *I Wish You Love* on June 16th at 7:30 p.m. With the Civil Rights Act unsigned, and equality still a dream, one black man was welcomed in houses every week. *I Wish You Love* looks at the African American community of 1957 through the words and music of one of its heroes, Nat King Cole. The second trip will be on August 4th at 7:30 p.m. to see *Wicked*. *The New York Times* calls *Wicked* "the defining musical of the decade." Call 410-535-6932 to reserve your tickets. Tickets for *I Wish You Love* are \$90 per person and a \$15 non-refundable deposit per ticket is required. Tickets for *Wicked* are \$149 per person and a \$50 non-refundable deposit per ticket is required. The cost of dinner is not included in the ticket price.



The Chamber would like to thank the following members for reaching this membership milestone in June!

Five Years

*Adult Day Care of Calvert County
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Fifteen Years

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CHAMBER INFO

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The New Member Orientation is run by the Ambassadors Committee and is open to new and prospective members as well as existing members. This is a great opportunity to network, introduce themselves and their business and find out about the benefits of Chamber membership. The next orientation will be held on **Thursday, July 7th** at 9:00 a.m. at the Chamber. Reservations are required. Please call 410-535-2577. There is no cost to attend.

WOMEN to WOMEN

Please note that there have been some changes to the attendance fees for the Women to Women luncheons. Chamber members may attend for free and may purchase a lunch for \$12. The cost for non-members to attend is \$20 and they may also purchase a lunch for \$12. Non-members must pay in advance and may apply the \$20 towards membership to the Chamber for up to 30 days. The Chamber encourages everyone to pay ahead of time to avoid a crush at the registration table. Please make your reservation and lunch choice by calling the Chamber at 410-535-2577. The luncheons are always held on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at 12 noon at Dreamweaver Café in Prince Frederick.

June Event Reminder

- Tuesday, June 7- Lead Share 8:30 a. m. Chesapeake Church
- Wednesday, June 8 - Women to Women noon Dream Weaver Cafe
- Thursday, June 9 - BAH 5:30 p.m. PNC Bank
- Friday, June 10 - Executive Board Meeting 8:30 a.m. Chamber
- Tuesday, June 14 - Govt. Affairs Mtg. 4:00 p. m. Davis, Upton, & Palumbo, LLC
- Wednesday, June 15- Board Meeting 4:30 p.m. Chamber



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Golf is a game in which you yell “fore”.... shoot in six....and write down five.

~ Paul Harvey

Everyone Was in Full Swing at Our 15th Annual Golf Classic

Thank you to the following businesses for their sponsorships, contributions of food, beverages, gift bag items, and services.

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The happy winners of the 2011 Chamber Golf Classic

Show Place Arena

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- Infinite Errands
- Interlude, The Pet Resort & Spa
- My Phone Man
- Raleigh Weckbaugh, SendOut Cards
- Show Place Arena
- Your Silver Lining, Silpada Designs
- Smoothie King

The Chamber is always in need of door prizes. If you are interested in donating prizes for our BAHs, please contact the Chamber at (410) 535-2577 or calvertchamber@calvertchamber.org
Businesses receive recognition in the Navigator, monthly BAH flyers and on the Chamber website.

We would also like to thank Prince Frederick Ford for sponsoring the Hole-in-One, Community Bank of Tri-County for sponsoring the Putting Contest, Brooks Grady for providing great photos of the event, and Flavorful Impressions for a great lunch buffet.

The Chamber would also like to especially thank Beverly Brown, Patrick Welton and Linda Fadely for volunteering to help with the beverage carts!

Thank you members of the Golf Committee for all of your hard work in putting together a GREAT event!

Brian Bucci, Bill Chambers, Sonja Cox, Dave Fitz, Brooks Grady and Carolyn McHugh

Congratulations to the Following Winners:

- Longest Drive Men - Steve Del Giudice
- Longest Drive Women - Linda Black
- Closest to the Pin # 2 - Scott Williams
- Closest to the Pin # 4 - Steve Del Giudice
- Closest to the Pin # 13 – Tom Hejl
- 1st Place Team - Show Place Arena
- 2nd Place Team - Constellation Energy Nuclear Group
- 3rd Place Team - Show Place Arena # 2



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