



# mark carey's chesapeake

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## Mark's morsels

The Dixie Drive-In Theater was billed as among the first on the East Coast. Who built the Dixie Bar-B-Que and the drive-in theater behind it in Deep Creek?

Answer: Willard C. Meigs built the restaurant with his brother-in-law, H.L. Culpeper, in 1941. They built the theater there some time later, using one big loud speaker - a precursor to individual car speakers.

**A**LWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT for Chesapeake talent to bring to your attention, I met Sophia Shedd, a 13-year-old harpist, while stopping for a quick meal at the Chick-fil-A at Sams Circle.

She was playing music for tips, and the music was extraordinary. The harp isn't an instrument most of us are used to hearing when we turn on the radio, but it was refreshing to listen to and witness.

Her brother, 11-year-old Stephen Shedd, accompanied her on acoustic guitar. They are both mature beyond their years and carry themselves with remarkable confidence.

These two come by their talents naturally - their mother and father, Alyson and Brad Shedd, are also musicians.

"Sophia and Stephen aren't the only children who are musicians in the family," Brad said.

There are eight children in the Shedd family, and they all play except for their two toddlers. They'll get there.

Sophia uses the money she makes playing to pay for her harp. She is available for weddings, parties, graduations, special events, funerals and more. If

you would like to add a little music to your next event, call the Shedd family orchestra at 718-9530. If you would like to see Sophia in action, she will be at the Sams Circle Chick-fil-A around lunchtime on Feb. 23.

## Mystery solved

Jay Craig of Barbury Arch was the winner of last week's mystery drawing location, 469 Battlefield Blvd., at the intersection with Kempsville Road.

Debbie Butler and Dale Ware of the Chesapeake Zoning Office say that records show the building was constructed in 1950, and it was originally built as a low-cost clubhouse. It was also used as the Little Theater of Chesapeake where the Hurrah Players used to meet. Today, it is the home of American Legion Post 280, which is celebrating its 67th year.

American Legion member JJ Wizieck said the building, at some point, was used as a school. The American Legion reclaimed the space in the late 1980s.

On Feb. 24, this post will demonstrate the proper disposal - by burning - of retired American Flags. You're invited to bring your old flag to be appropriately honored.

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