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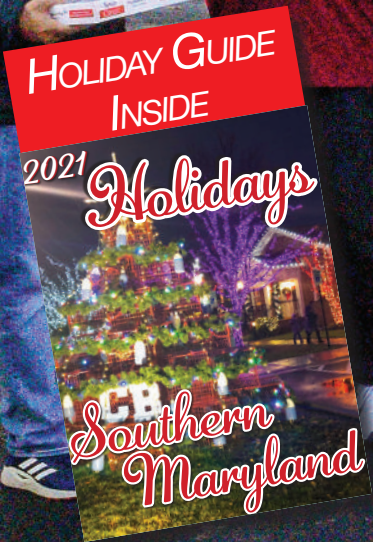
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# First Forum Held for Sheriff Candidates

By Dick Myers  
Editor

"You're looking at very conservative police officers up here," said Calvert County Republican Sheriff candidate Mike Wilson. "I think we all see them on the same page where we support the Constitution of the United States."

Wilson was one of five candidates for the office attending a forum Nov. 18 at the American Legion Stallings Williams Post 206 in Chesapeake Beach. Although the general election is more than a year away and the primary is in late June, the forum drew a large crowd indicating early interest in the wide-open election with Sheriff Mike Evans not seeking reelection.

Four Republican candidates and the sole Democrat so far appeared. Republicans are Craig Kontra, Dave McDowell, Richard T. Cox, Jr. and Wilson. The Democrat is Vaughn "Jay" Johnson.

Wilson's statement came in response to the question from the audience, "How do you view your authority as a senior law enforcement officer in the county in light of possible encroachment by federal law enforcement efforts?"

His comment reflects the fact that there appears to be more agreement than disagreement among the candidates.

The forum format featured five pre-selected questions answered in the same order determined by luck of the draw. After a break, three questions from the audience were selected.

One question that may have shed light on the candidates' philosophies was: "Have you identified any changes that you would want to make to improve law enforcement in the county?"

The responses (edited for space), in the order that they were given, were:

**Lt. Richard T. Cox, Jr.**, with the department since 2004 and currently a shift commander responsible for two squads of 12 officers:

"First the heroin problem. The current way we're doing business has not worked. Men, women and children are still dying. I have worked with the mobile crisis teams. I have worked with the mental health agencies in this county to ensure people do not fall through the cracks. I will make this better. We have also spoken to private investors

about more treatment options in the county that would help get the people, not off of heroin, but get them back to a good base and to help keep them free of chemical dependency. I have visited mental health facilities and I've worked drug areas here in the county. And I have a real plan to fix this major issue."

"Secondly, crime has been trending down for the last 20 years. We can say that of the major crimes anyway but give credit where credit's due. The men and women of the sheriff's office have done a great job, but if you're a victim of a robbery or a violent crime, you don't care what the crime rate is. We can do better. The three biggest things that we need to get done is creating a better working relationship with the state's attorney's office; leveraged technology, including getting a real crime mapping program; and competing with the tag reader systems to provide follow-up for victims, especially victims of domestic violence and violent crimes."

"Thirdly, the schools. I think my record shows I believe that children should be the priority. I will do everything I can to ensure that deputies are in every school."

**Craig Kontra** is a retired deputy with a 33-year policing career. His last position was supervisor of the Drug Enforcement Division:

"One is to continue the war on drugs, drug dealing and addiction that affects so many aspects of quality of life. It affects our crime rate. It affects families. It affects mental health and it's killing people daily."

"My plan will target the drug dealers because dealing is still a felony offense."

My second primary is establishing a relationship of trust and communication between the sheriff's office and the community. I'm a big proponent of getting deputies out of their vehicle and active in our neighborhoods. I'm also a supporter of a civilian advisory council, which would meet on a quarterly basis."

**Lt. Col. Dave McDowell** is currently assistant sheriff and has been in command positions since 2005:

"My first priority will be to establish what I've identified as the Sheriff's Council. It will be a 10-member panel of a cross section of the community meeting every quarter, to convene with the sheriff and talk about contemporary issues and determine what the problems are, what the priorities are."

"One of the things I would do with the Sheriff's Council is present my annual budget proposal for them. They will see it first. They're the taxpayers, they're the ones that pay the bill for what the sheriff needs to buy to fund the department."

"If you bring the community into the fold, all the problems that we had that have been discussed here tonight, the community may have some of the answers for that. The sheriff can't do it alone. And without the support of the community and the input of the community that the sheriff serves, we're not as effective as it could be."

**Mike Wilson**, a former state trooper, is currently Chief of Police for the Department of General Services, Maryland Capitol Police:

"Drugs and crime. With the current heroin epidemic, like you've heard before, it is a problem that not only bleeds out of law enforcement, but into our local community and into healthcare and into the hospitals and to the rehabilitation center."

"I think using a multi-jurisdictional task force probably would be a good way to approach that issue. A lot of these drugs that are coming into this county come in from Annapolis, Baltimore, across the bridge in St Mary's County."

"I will evaluate the current structure of the sheriff's department and allocate the resources and the personnel where it would benefit the community with the most commonsense, reasonable goals and objec-

tives, which are attainable to create positive change in the sheriff's department. This can include additional officers on patrol to increase police presence in the county and in the communities. It could be ensuring school resource officers remain in the schools down here."

**Vaughn "Jay" Johnson** is a school resource officer with 22 years with the sheriff's office:

"My biggest change would be to work on our relationship with the community. We need to get back to the service part of law enforcement. We focus so much attention on the protecting part of law enforcement. That is a good thing. We definitely need to protect the citizens, but we've forgotten to be just as passionate about serving the community as well."

"We need to be in the neighborhoods. We need to be going to events and need to be in the shopping centers."

"Yes, we have a drug problem and yes, we have crime issues, but if we get back into communities and we get back in so communities are comfortable with us, we can help to solve those problems a lot easier."

"I think at times it's just the distance between us and the community."

As an indication of their solidarity on some issues, all five candidates, on the controversial issue of vaccine mandates, said they would not require it of their deputies and staff.

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# Polsky Under Fire from Commissioners

## Petition Supports Health Officer

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has issued a statement expressing concerns about the performance of County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky. And the community has rallied in support of Polsky, with more than 1,500 citizens signing a petition indicating that.

The BOCC statement says it “confirms that a private discussion was held regarding performance concerns of the Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky. Although we cannot comment on specifics of personnel issues, we can confirm that no official decision has been made at this time. However, the board believes that the performance issues are such that they must be addressed immediately for the best interests of our community as a whole.

“There is no denying Dr. Polsky’s commitment to the wellbeing and health of every member of our community. We acknowledge that this is a challenging time to consider a leadership transition in public health. The board would

not seek the separation of the health officer if other viable options were available.”

Polsky has met with the commissioners regularly during the pandemic to give public updates. Since his appointment, Commissioner Chris Gadway has been the most publicly critical, questioning the health officer’s statistics and charging they have been inconsistent.

The change.org petition was initiated by Lucinda Keller, who says she has been a health care provider in the county, a Huntingtown dentist, for many years.

Keller said, “I was moved to start this campaign to support Dr. Polsky of Calvert Health Department, who was asked to resign by the County Commissioners.

“Even before the current pandemic, I knew him as an extremely competent leader at the Health Department. There are many health department programs which benefit all of us in Calvert, from maternal/baby health and resident wellness to environmental health, mental health, and substance abuse prevention and treatment. While I certainly hope



Calvert County Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky

and believe that these programs will continue, even under a different director, we all know the role the right leadership plays in any organization.

“Dr. Polsky is rightly beloved by his staff of hard-working professionals and the Calvert healthcare community at large.

“The past two years have been difficult for all of us, and I believe wholeheartedly that without Dr. Polsky’s brave leadership there would have been more tragedies of COVID deaths in the county. He displayed nothing but integrity, honesty, and professionalism through it all. He made difficult decisions based on science, not

political expediency.

“It would be a grave mistake to let go of Dr. Polsky. We are still in the middle of a pandemic. We need him to help steer us out of it and for who knows what’s lurking in the future.”

As of press deadline 1,688 people had signed the petition. Keller said her goal was to secure 2,500 signatures in support.

An example of the comments on the petition came from Melanie Thompson, who wrote: “The Calvert Commissioners should be ashamed of themselves. They sound completely ignorant when they think they have their ‘gotcha’ moments with Dr. Polsky during their meetings. I’m afraid the commissioners have no conception/or common sense of science. Dr. Polsky is one of the good people we have here in Calvert County, and I support him. He should remain in his position.”

Today, local health departments in Maryland’s 23 counties and Baltimore City are overseen by the Public Health Services of the Maryland Department of Health.

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# 'Serving the Unserved' Cable Rollout Continues

## Grant Will Allow Service to Everyone

By Dick Myers  
Editor

With additional state funding in hand, Calvert County is moving ahead with making cable service available for everyone at no charge to them.

At the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Nov. 16 meeting, they unanimously agreed to reimburse anyone in the county who had paid during 2021 for cable service. The estimated cost would be slightly less than \$18,000.

The total estimated cost of the buildout is \$3.7 million, with the state paying \$2.2 million in grants, the county kicking in \$1.4 million and cable provider Comcast contributing \$406,000. The state monies were from federal pandemic aid funds.

According to Deputy County Administrator Linda Vassallo, most of the work on the first two phases is expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2022. There are 335 homes in those two phases, the most (173) being in Barstow.

According to Comcast Government & Regulatory Affairs Director Chris Comer, the timing of the completion could be affected by regulatory issues with SMECO over use of their poles.

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Deputy County Administrator Linda Vassallo

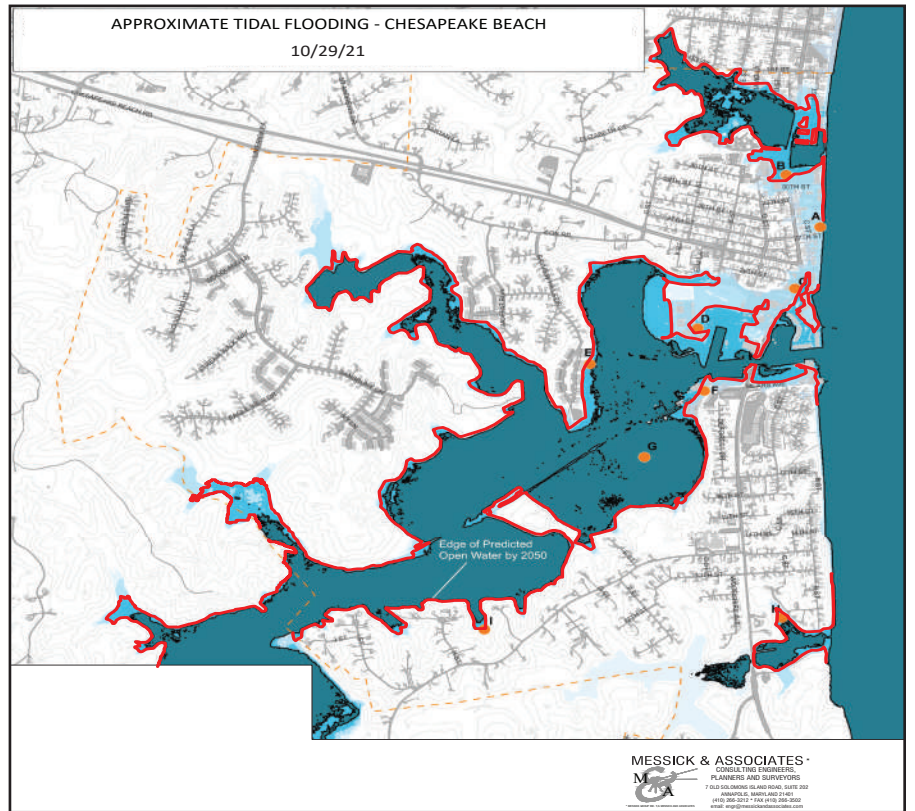
ago to the BOCC, an additional 372 homes have been identified as needing service.

The commissioners have established a portal on their website that allows citizens to find their unserved home on a map and determine the status on when service can be expected.

Commissioner President Buddy Hance urged everyone not receiving service to check the website and inform the county if they are not on the map. Hance said since grant monies are being used to finish the rollout, anyone not included in the project will not be able to get free service at a later date. Even if someone does not want cable service now, they should, Hance said, at least let the line be laid to their house to avoid future costs should they or a future resident want service.

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# Chesapeake Beach Flooding Identified



Chesapeake Beach experienced a four-and-a-half-foot tidal surge during the Oct. 28-29 storm. The area shown in red flooded during the storm. The town is encouraging residents to upload pictures of flooding events to the MyCoast: Maryland portal at <https://mycoast.org/MD>.

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# Growth Debate Divides Commissioners

By Dick Myers  
Editor

A debate about growth policy at the Nov. 16 Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting led to a split vote and lack of resolution about the next step.

The issue was over how many development rights would be needed for developers to build multi-family residences in town centers such as Prince Frederick and Lusby.

Under the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program, farmers sell rights to future development to builders who use those TDRs to increase their project's density.

The debate centered on the conflicting desires to preserve farms and open space versus the policy to concentrate growth in town centers and opposition to more multi-family housing such as apartments and town houses there.

The TDR program was changed in 2015 to lessen the numbers of development rights needed to do multi-family housing in the town centers. A committee formed to study the issue was concerned that the TDRs weren't selling, and farmers were stuck with them while development had stalled.

The result since then has been four major projects: 96 apartments in Calvert Hills in 2017; 249 apartments in Beech Tree in 2018; 68 townhouses in Patuxent Commons in 2020 and 276 apartments planned in Lusby Villas. Those projects involved the purchase of 662 TDRs for the 689 units.

The committee made up of farmers, developers and conservationists was reconvened and recommended the BOCC not make any changes until the planning commission finishes work on updating the Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan. Planning staff had presented to the BOCC a proposal for increasing the requirements to one TDR for every bedroom proposed.

Commissioner Chris Gadway, however, suggested that the requirements be increased to four TDRs for every unit and five for single family homes in the town centers. The cost per TDR established by the county for their Pur-



Commissioner Steve Weems

chase and Retire (PAR) program is \$4,500 each.

Commissioner Mike Hart seconded the motion, but Commissioners Steve Weems and Kelly McConkey opposed it. An alternate motion by Weems to allow the staff recommendation carried by the four commissioners, but reluctantly by Gadway and Hart, who agreed just to keep the process moving along to the planning commission for consideration.

Commissioner President Buddy Hance, who participated in the discussion, rescued himself from the vote because he owns development rights that can be sold.

Conflicting opinions about multi-family housing in the county led to the vote.

In a presentation from planning staff, the commissioners were told, "The program is out of balance between the supply and demand of TDRs. TDR price is inaccurate due to the imbalance of the supply/demand, which if left up to the free market drives the TDR price down, which is an inaccurate true value of the TDR for the farmer. Completing TDR transactions is difficult, time consuming and costly because of private negotiations that are unreliable. The county's land preservation program is suffering from a moratorium placed on the creation of new APDs (Agriculture Preservation Districts) that has been in place for years because of TDRs have been stagnant."

But Hart said Calvert is a bed-

room community. "I believe when folks come here, they're leaving areas that reflect a lot of apartments. I've never seen anybody come up to me and want to build more apartments. In fact, I hear the contrary."

Hart added, "I just don't think we can afford it. There's already enough coming on the books that's going to put a little strain on things."

Developer Rodney Gertz of Quality Built Homes and a member of the TDR committee said it was a complex issue. "The old process that was in place led to no growth, no use of TDRs in the town centers for over a 10-year period."

He said when the changes were made, "at the time, the state of Maryland and the Calvert County part of the comprehensive plan was pushing everybody to these types of town center projects that have apartments and townhouses and some commercial mix. And that's what everybody was told to do in the state of Maryland. I was doing completely the opposite. I was out in the rural areas building on farms and single-family houses. And I was told that's a horrible thing. And now you come to town centers and we're here. It's a horrible thing."

He said he doesn't want to see runaway growth. But he said, "I would just ask that you would grandfather people who've already spent millions of dollars on projects that are basically vested."

"It's surely not a runaway situation. It's not something where 10 projects are coming to here. There's not even the land or the place for it."

In supporting some multi-family, he said, "Not everybody can afford the \$550,000 single-family home out on the one-acre lot."

Gertz said what was needed was a balance "to keep people that do

want to stay here, that young police officer, that schoolteacher."

Hance said he was told by a friend in the banking industry that for an apartment unit "one TDR would increase that rent from \$60 to \$61 a day. So, it's the economic analysis that one more dollar a day on that apartment kills it?"

Gertz said it was the upfront costs charged to be financed by a bank for the TDRs impacts the economics.

Hart touted homeownership over renting. "I'll tell you there's houses out there now for \$200,000, but the interest rate is less than 4 percent. So, when you take that mortgage out and actually have home ownership to somebody who's paying \$1,600 a month to rent, that's where I have the disconnect."

Gertz challenged Hart to find a \$200,000 house.

Hart said, "There's a need for rentals, but how many? And to me, they're not the answer for the young family starting out because they have no equity at the end of this."

He added, "When you've got skin in the game, you're tend to likely take more pride in ownership, because it's yours."

Hance brought up the financial issue. "To be honest, people don't want to talk about that either. Every time we build an apartment, as county government, we lose \$2,000 a year. That has to be subsidized from somewhere else."

The next night at the Calvert County Planning Commission meeting, member Dr. Richard Holler questioned the concerns. He said statistically, multi-family units have fewer children than single family ones.

The controversy will be aired again before the planning commission when the issue is presented to them.

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On November 11, 2021, Deputy Anderson responded to 12300 block of Catalina Drive in Lusby, MD for the report of a burglary that had already occurred. Upon arrival, contact was made with the complainant who advised she heard unusual noises outside of the residence and inside the garage of the home. Deputy Anderson observed two window screens that had been pried open and tampered with resulting in damage. The estimated value of property damage was \$200.00.

### Theft: 21-64376

On November 14, 2021, Deputy Durnbaugh responded to 2000 block of Natures Way in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of a stolen vehicle. The complainant advised his 2012 dark gray Nissan Altima was stolen from the driveway of the residence. The value of stolen property is \$10,000.00.

### ARRESTS

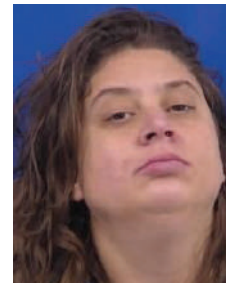
On November 12, 2021, Deputy Shoemaker responded to 500 block of Stamper Ct. in Prince Frederick, MD for the report of a burglary in progress. Upon arrival, contact was made with a complainant who advised a male suspect, identified as **Quentin Aaron Holland**, 46 of Prince Frederick, MD, had broken into the residence through a window in the living room. Deputy Shoemaker observed the



Quentin Holland

window to have been knocked out. Holland had fled the residence, but was located nearby. Holland was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Burglary-Third Degree, Burglary- Fourth Degree, Trespassing on Private Property and Malicious Destruction of Property Less than \$1000.

On November 9, 2021, Deputy Durnbaugh responded to the 900 block of N. Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick, MD for report of a disorderly subject. A female subject, identified as **Jennifer Lorraine Woomer**, 39 of Chesapeake Beach, MD, was observed running into oncoming traffic, causing vehicles to slam on their brakes to prevent hitting the female.



Jennifer Woomer

According to witnesses, citizens observed Woomer huffing hazardous substances outside the Health Department, before she took off running. EMS arrived on scene for evaluation and Woomer refused treatment. Woomer was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where she was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Public Intoxication, and CDS- Inhaling Harmful Substances.

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

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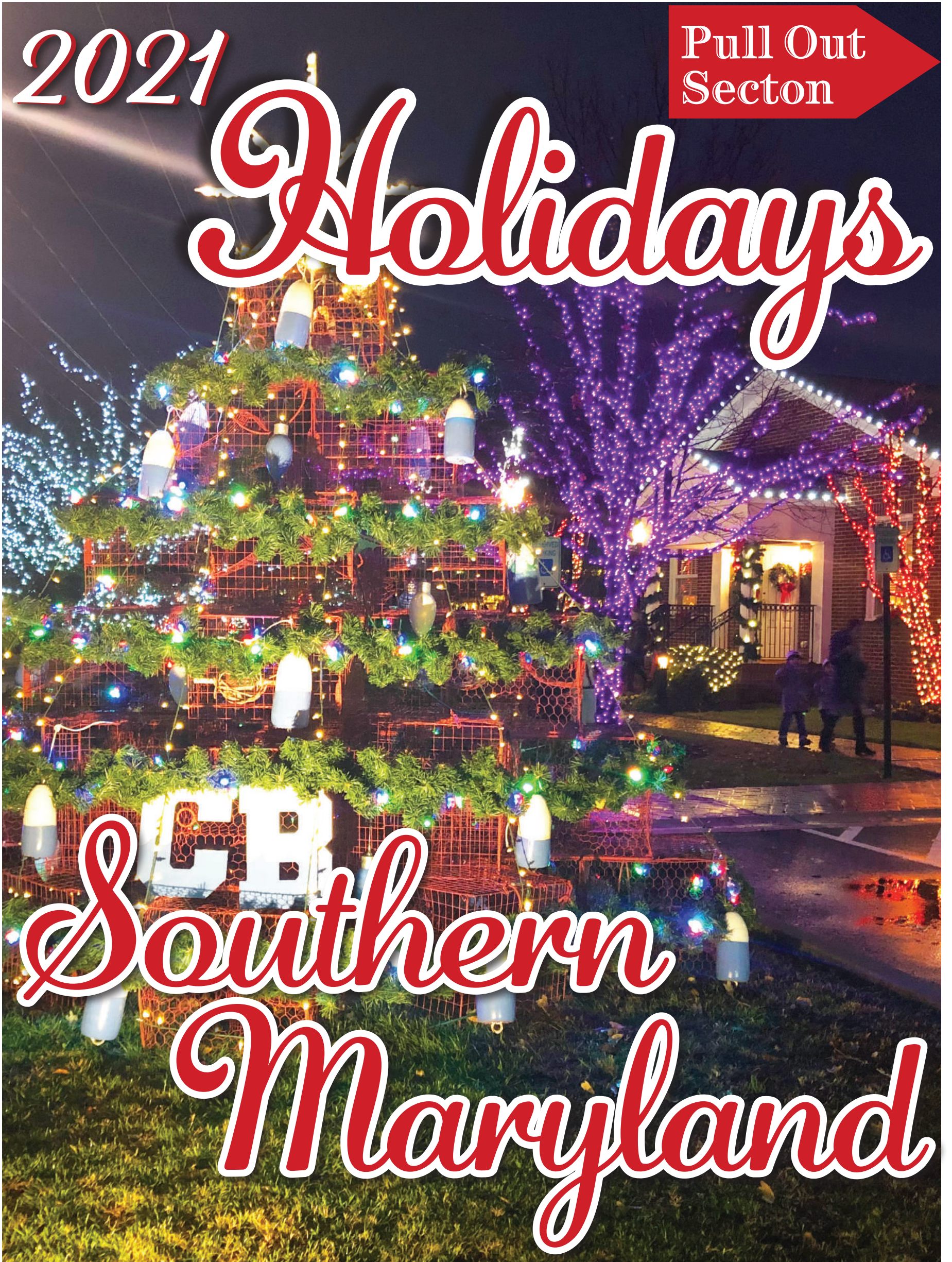


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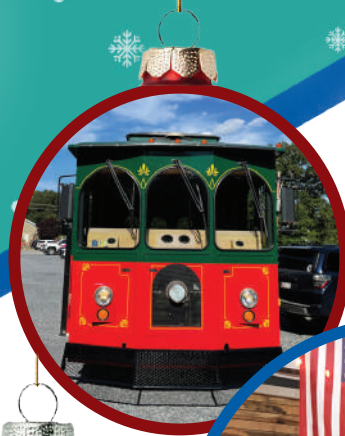


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# Annmarie Garden in Lights Returns

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Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons will host Annmarie Garden in Lights, from November 26, 2021, to January 1, 2022, 5-9 p.m. nightly (closed Nov 29 & 30 and Dec 6, 7, 24, 25). Bundle up and enjoy, the most magical time of year as the 30-acre grounds of Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center are transformed into an interactive, nighttime experience unlike anything else in the region.

Annmarie Garden in Lights will transport you and your family to an enchanted world full of glowing "light sculptures" and immersive light installations. Discover magical creatures, wintery wonderlands, musical holiday scenes, deep sea treasures, sparkling trees, and so much more! You'll find sparkling delights and fun photo ops around each corner!

Most of the light show activities are outside, including admissions, holiday pop-up shops, food & drink service, seating, and of course, the light show, featuring a quarter-mile walk-through unique lighting experiences. The Arts Building will be open for holiday shopping; masks are required to go inside.

Advance tickets are required; and attendance will be limited each night, with timed-entry admissions, to ensure social distancing. Hardesty Haven Holiday Café will be open nightly for snacks and hot chocolate.

Special nights throughout, including Santa Night, Merry Menagerie Night, Holiday Character Nights, Wine & Lights Night, the Holiday Train Display, Local Heroes Nights, Special Needs Night, Golf Cart Tours, and more! A full schedule and details can be found at [annmariegarden.org](http://annmariegarden.org).

This outdoor family-friendly light show is a joyful outing for all ages, so bundle up and make memories with your loved ones at Annmarie Garden in Lights. Masks are encouraged outside and required inside the Arts Building,

Advance timed-entry tickets are required. Admission is \$10/12 (depending on the date), free for ages 2; free for Annmarie members. Visit [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org) to purchase tickets and review complete safety information.

*Press Release from Annmarie Garden.*



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# Calvert Holiday Events

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## **Holiday Train Display**

*Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons, December 1-12, in the Arts Building, 5-8:45 p.m. each evening (masks required in the Arts Building)*

Guests of all ages will delight in this beautiful train display by George Leah, Jr. It's a charming exhibit that will spark memories of Christmases past and delight those new to model trains. George will be operating an "O" scale train display featuring trains from the 1950s

through today, meandering through a miniature landscape. Included with cost of admission; advance tickets required.

## **Local Heroes Appreciation Nights**

*Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons December 1, 8, 15, & 29, 5-8 p.m. each evening*

Celebrating our local heroes with free admission for 1st Responders (police, fire, EMS, hospital staff), Active Duty Military, Veterans, and Educators. Our local heroes will enjoy free admission on the night of their choice - Dec, 1, 8, 15, or 29. Reservations for local heroes are not required, just come! Please wear your ID badge to enjoy free admission. All other guests must reserve their ticket(s) in advance.

## **Wine & Lights Night**

*Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons Thursday, December 2, 5-9 p.m.*

Bundle up and enjoy a walk through our beautiful light show -

with eight tasting stops along the way. From sparkling wine to wine jellies, each stop features a different festive option! A few stops will include treats, including chocolate, cheese, and other yummy surprises. It's a tasting event like no other surrounded by the glittering beauty of Annmarie Garden in Lights! Join us for a festive outdoor tasting experience, along with twinkling lights and great shopping in the Arts Building. The Hardesty Holiday Cafe will also be men. Participating businesses include: Patuxent Wine & Spirits, Nick's of Calvert, Port of Call Liquors, Blue Wind Gourmet, Bay Wine & Spirits, Twin Valley Distillers, Tobacco Barn Distillery, and DeVine Wine Jelly. Advance tickets required - \$30/person for tastings plus cost of ticket to light show. Purchase light show ticket separately. Must be 21.

## **Light up the Town and Christmas Market**

*Please join the Mayor and Town Council for Town of Chesapeake Beach's annual "Light up the Town"*

*illumination ceremony, November 28th starting at 4:00 pm at Town Hall.*

To add to the festivities, the Town is offering an outdoor Christmas Market of local vendors providing an easy start to your holiday shopping. Visit with Santa, hear Christmas carols and live music, while enjoying sweet treats from our local bakeries. Start your decorating and leave with a Christmas Tree in support of the North Beach Fire Department. Enjoy gathering with your neighbors as we Light Up the Town for all to see.

## **Solomons Christmas Walk at CMM**

*Calvert Marine Museum, Saturday, Dec. 4 - 6 - 9 p.m.*

The museum is open and FREE to the public. Enjoy musical entertainment, Santa, the Otter mascot, holiday crafts, and shopping in the Museum Store. Santa's Coffee House will be open with complimentary coffee, hot cocoa, and holiday cookies. Museum members save 20% off in the Museum Store during the walk and all weekend.



# Elf, The Musical

**November 12- December 12 2021**

**Book by: Bob Martin & Thomas Meehan • Music by: Matthew Sklar**

**Lyrics by: Chad Beguelin**

### **Show Times:**

Fri. - Sat.: 8:00 p.m.

Sat. Sun.: 3:30 p.m.

No Shows on Thanksgiving weekend

### **Running Time:**

2hrs 15mins

### **Rated PG**

The show is suitable for all ages

### **Box Office Information**

Adults: \$18; Seniors/Students/Military: \$15; Children \$13

Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth.

With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh realities that his father is on the naughty list and his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. After all, the best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear.





# Calendar

## Christmas Treasure Hunt!

Artworks@7th in North Beach;  
December 4, 2021 – January 2, 2022.

Open House December 4, 1-4 p.m.

Artworks@7th continues to be your place for Christmas treasures! We are showcasing unique, one of a kind treasures for everyone on your gift list. We have 23 local artists who have wonderful art of all mediums for the most wonderful time of the year. There are many items at affordable prices to help you with your Christmas list! .

## Chamber of Commerce Holiday Fun

Saturday, December 4

On the grounds of Calvert County  
Historical Society

70 Church Street, Prince Frederick

Join us for this free festive, family-fun event! Featuring: Santa Claus & The Grinch, Tree Lighting (5:45 p.m.) Caroling, Vendors, Seasonal Food & Beverages, Activities For All Ages and Much More!

Accepting Toys for Tots donations  
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## Holiday Character Nights

Annmarie Sculpture Garden &

Arts Center in Solomons

December 5 & 19, 5-8 p.m.

Holiday characters from elves to princesses to superheroes, will be greeting guests from various locations around the garden from 5-8pm. Guests will be able to take a family photo with characters in the background. Included with cost of admission; advance tickets required.

## Merry Menagerie

### Live Animal Photo Op

Annmarie Sculpture Garden &

Arts Center in Solomons

Thursday, December 9, 5-8 p.m.

Snap a photo with one our sweet animals from the Merry Menagerie! Visit with a camel, donkey, mini cow, and pony, each decked out in their holiday finery! Animals courtesy of Mary's Go Round. Included with cost of admission; advance tickets required.

## Scout Caroling Night

Annmarie Sculpture Garden &

Arts Center in Solomons

Thursday, December 9, 5-8 p.m.

Don't miss this jolly and fun event as area scouting groups carol outside at Annmarie Garden In Lights! Don't miss this jolly and fun event as area scouting groups

carol outside at Annmarie Garden In Lights! Interested in bringing your scout group to this event? Email programs@annmariegarden.org.

## 19th Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Northern High School

December 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join us for the 19th annual Northern Band Boosters Holiday Craft Fair! With over 80 expert crafters and vendors, you are sure to find the perfect gift for everyone on your holiday list. Free admission.

## Greetings from Santa Night

Annmarie Sculpture Garden &

Arts Center in Solomons

Sunday, December 12, 5-8 p.m.

Join us for an evening with Santa at Annmarie Garden In Lights. Santa will be greeting guests from the Front Patio of the Arts Building. Guests will be able to take a family photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Please note that Santa may take warm-up breaks at 5:45-6:00 and 6:45-7:00. Thank you for your understanding. Included with cost of admission; advance tickets required.

## Golf Cart Tours

Annmarie Sculpture Garden &

Arts Center in Solomons

December 13 & 28, 5-8 p.m.

Golf cart tours will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for guests with mobility issues on December 13 & 28. Included with cost of admission; advance tickets required.

## 16th Annual Christmas Market

Sat, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All Saints' Episcopal Church Parish  
Hall corner of Rts. 2 & 4, Sunderland,  
MD.

Expert craftsmen with sensational gifts for your holiday giving, homemade gourmet cocoa and Glühwein, music and home-baked goods make the this the place to be. Bring your red or green boot mug from previous years to buy beverage refills. Rain, snow or shine! Free admission & parking. Proceeds benefit parish & community projects.

## Pet Night

Annmarie Sculpture Garden &

Arts Center in Solomons

Saturday, January 1, 5-9 p.m.

Pets are welcome at the last night of Annmarie Garden In Lights! Bring your well-behaved pet for the last night of our holiday light show! Must be on a leash 6' or shorter. Included with cost of admission; advance tickets required.

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# SMILE Thrift Shop

## Special Places for the Holidays, a

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Tucked away out of sight off HG Trueman Road in Lusby is a unique place for holiday shopping. It's a department store of sorts – surely not of the size of a Macy's or Walmart -- but nonetheless a place with a great variety of gift-giving ideas or for yourself. It's kind of a thrift shop on steroids.

SMILE Thrift Shop, since its founding 30 years ago, has always been intended as a way of funding the SMILE (Service Makes Individual Lives Exciting) Ecumenical Ministries mission, "to address the issues of those in need in Southern Calvert County, specifically those living south of Broomes Island Road." Their food pantry is one of the main activities funded in part by proceeds from the thrift shop.

SMILE was started by a group of clergy and lay persons from seven religious congregations in southern Calvert County and it's still a collaboration of local churches today.

Current church partners are:

- Patuxent Presbyterian, California
- Solomons United Methodist Church
- Christ Episcopal Church, Port Republic
- Our Lady Star of the Sea, Solomons
- Middleham Chapel Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish, Lusby
- Southern Calvert Baptist Church, Lusby
- St John United Methodist Church, Lusby
- St Peter's Chapel, Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish, Solomons
- St Paul United Methodist Church, Lusby
- Olivet United Methodist Church, Lusby
- Harvest Fellowship, Lusby
- Eastern United Methodist Church, Lusby

After spending its early years in an unused parsonage of the Solomons United Methodist Church in Solomons, they later moved to trailers behind the Solomons Volunteer Fire Department.

The thrift shop and food pantry in 2001 moved into their own facility adjacent to Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish Hall at 10290 HG Trueman Road in Lusby.

It's an organization that runs on

about 200 volunteers. "Our volunteers come some from the churches, some just from the community, some from our shoppers, some from prior clients who have come back to volunteer for us. Word of mouth. We're a small community. Recently I've had a lot of people come in and say, 'I've been shopping here for years. And now I have extra time on my hands, and I'd like to help'," said Assistant Manager Barb Pudlo, who is volunteer coordinator.

Pudlo and Thrift Store Manager Susie Sherrin, she said, "do just about everything, from the beginning of donations coming in from the community all the way through to the sale of that item and everything in between."

"Everybody's a volunteer, 100 percent volunteer," said Food Pantry Manager Kathy Mazur.

"Looking at our latest numbers, budget wise, we're about 85 percent funded by thrift store sales, 15 percent funded by donations and grants. So, the bulk comes from our thrift store sales." Sherrin said.

So, when the community shops at the thrift store, they are not only finding great bargains, but they are also supporting the organization's work, whose need has been heightened by the pandemic.

Since the start of the pandemic, for instance, SMILE has waived the requirement that food pantry clients be only from southern Calvert. They are serving anyone in need who shows up.

"We did not want anyone to be in need of food," Mazur said.

When people come in for help, they are assigned to an interviewer who finds out their issues and signs them up as a client. "There's a vetting process that they go through," Sherrin explained. "These clients are allowed so much per child for a voucher, as far as clothing goes. And then they're sent over to the food pantry and everyone is given food that is needed."

They currently have about 600 clients. "They get a card when they come in and they sign up and the card has an expiration date of six months. And because we want to see them again in six months to connect with them, to see where are you at? What changed? How can we still be of help to you? Where else can we point you for

needs? Sometimes they expire after the six months, and they don't need us again for another year. And then they'll come back. They come back when they need us," said Sherrin.

In addition to the uptick in shopping at the thrift store during the holidays, it also is an especially busy time for the food pantry. This past Saturday, frozen turkey dinners were distributed at a drive-in location at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Lusby. One-hundred-sixty families received a turkey, several different kinds of vegetables, stuffing, potatoes, brownie mix for dessert, and cranberry sauce, Mazur said.

This year the county provided federal CARES monies to End Hunger to purchase turkeys from Maryland Food Bank for all county food banks to hand out for Thanksgiving, and SMILE participated in that program.

When this reporter visited on Nov. 19, volunteers were busy preparing a Santa's Workshop. "Clients will sign up their children to be able to receive gifts. We shop for the kids specific age and gender. And then the first week of November, the parents are allowed to come in and pick out the toys that they would like for their children to have," Sherrin explained.

She added. "The second week of December, they can see Santa Claus and receive a free gift."

Mazur said, "We will serve Christmas breakfast because we're closed the week between Christmas and New Year's. So, we try to give extra food to help families sustain themselves through that time period."

And this Christmas Day they are returning to the tradition of inviting everyone in the community to a free Christmas dinner at the American Legion post in Lusby. "Anyone who just wants to eat a meal with someone else, perhaps they're alone this year and you want to come and have fellowship with someone else. You can do that," Mazur said.

Sherrin explained how she became involved: "Once I became an empty-nester, I just didn't have a whole lot to do with myself. And so, I just showed up here one day, thinking maybe I could volunteer. And from the very first day I was hooked. I liked the atmosphere. I like the idea of giving back to the

community and the volunteers are just so enjoyable to be with.

"And it's a social event as well. We have a lot of volunteers that come for that. They're elderly and they need a social outlet. And not that they don't work. They do. We have a 94-year-old who is a receptionist. And she works. We have a 93-year-old that still lifts things and takes care of many, many things here."

She added, "We enjoy what we do. It's just a good feeling. You would have to do it to understand what it is that we feel."

Sherrin said, "Last week, a homeless man came in and he was in need of a jacket and hat and gloves and what we had out on the floor wasn't heavy enough to get him through the winter. And so we go back to a closet that we have called the coat closet because we put things out in a timely manner. And so, we went back to where we have a stash and we found him a very nice, heavy, thick coat. And we got our stash of hats and gloves down that we have. And we made sure that he was completely taken care of to the best of our ability of what we had to offer him before he left. And then we sent him over to the food pantry so that he could get food."

Mazur explained, "When my children became middle-schoolers and no longer needed parent volunteers in the school system, I was part of a Bible study that was talking about service outreach to the community. And I thought there had to be something beyond the schools that I could do. So, I walked into the food pantry one morning and have been coming back ever since."

Mazur added, "Just loving the volunteers that were here, feeling very satisfied with the work, knowing that there was a need. And just that feeling that yes, you can contribute and give back to the community that has given us already so much."

Pudlo said, "I've always volunteered in schools, and I continued all through high school. because my kids were in band and there was always something to connect with." When ready for something new, she said, "This is the first place I came to because, at that point I had shopped here, and you could just see how much direct contact the



# Top and Food Pantry and Year Round



In the thrift store (l to r): Assistant Manager Barb Pudlo, Thrift Store Manager Susie Sherrin and Food Pantry Manager Kathy Mazur.

store has with the community.”

Of the thrift store, she said, “It’s a shopping center to help people purchase things without going online; it serves on many different levels and that was really obvious to me. So, I think it’s well worth the time. And I’m grateful to be here. It gives a lot back, without a doubt.”

Everything brought into the thrift store is cleaned and washed and made sure it works before being put on the shelf.

The store is quite large and contains items such as women’s clothes, maternity wear, children’s clothes, men’s clothes, furniture, home decor, appliances, toys, exercise equipment, books, and much more.

Sherrin said, “All of our tops and shirts and jeans and pants are \$3. But if it’s brand new, it’s \$5. How-

ever, if it’s, if it’s brand new and it was, \$200, then our motto is we sell it for one-fourth of what it was brand new.”

The back end, which is equally busy with volunteers includes the intake area, sorting, cleaning and washing, and pricing and tagging.

Sherrin said, “I would like for people to know that anybody can come shop here, it’s not just for clients. And by shopping here, you are supporting the community.”

She added, “I talk with people at the yacht club, and I’ve got many yacht club members now that are actually shopping here and volunteering here. Because if you shop here, you’re giving back to the community; all the monies that we make go right directly back into the community. And so, when they have that mindset, it makes you want to



come in here and shop. And then also the quality of things that are donated. We get a lot of things with brand new tags on them that have never been used. And it’s just amazing the things that come in here. Absolutely.”

The SMILE Thrift Store is closed Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday it’s open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

They gladly accept “gently used items” and will help you unload. They do not accept tv cabinets, computers, mattresses, nonworking items, upholstered furniture with rips and stains, mold or mildew items, magazines, printers, drop side cribs, china cabinets, and tv boxes.

All who come to the SMILE Food Pantry are eligible to receive food

once a week. They have suspended the zip code requirements for food indefinitely.

The SMILE Food Pantry offers a wide variety of foods that can help you supplement your groceries each week. You can pick up a grocery bag of canned and packaged foods once a week by bringing a SMILE card (for registered clients) or a form of ID, to the Food Pantry. Depending on availability, SMILE also offers meat, cereal, and bread. Fresh vegetables may be offered during the summer months when they receive donations from local community gardens or other sources.

Food pantry hours are Monday, 9 to 10 a.m; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

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# Cheasapeake Beach in Lights



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## Solomons Christmas Walk

*Saturday, December 4th, 2021*

**Gazebo Christmas Tree Lights: 5pm**

**Santa Parade with SVRS Fire Dept: 5pm**  
& Gospel Business Men Fellowship in America float

**Solomons Decorated Boat Parade:** Organized by  
SIYC arrives at riverwalk at approx 7:15pm

**Competition - Best decorated homes and businesses**  
Vote on photos published on the SBA Facebook page! Photos taken  
from 11/30 - 12/18. Winners announced 12/20!

**Santa's Mailbox in Solomons Gazebo - 12/1 - 12/20**

BHHS McNelis Group will scan and publish letters on  
SBA Facebook page and elsewhere. If you do not want your  
child's letter to be published please make a note on the letter

**Solomons Carolers:** Neighborhood caroling bringing  
Christmas cheer - meets at Tiki bar at 4pm ends at gazebo

**Christmas Dance Troup:** details TBA on website

**Solomons Island Cheer:** More details to come!

**Solomons Victorian Inn:** Open house meet & greet 5-9pm

**Solomons Mission Center (SUMC):** Outdoor Christmas  
movie "The Star" at 6pm - Refreshments. Food  
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For more information on Christmas Walk check our  
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# CSM Alumna Takes Foundation Helm

College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Alumna Chelsea (Brown) Clute '06 is very busy these days getting ready to participate in her seventh CSM Giving Tuesday – a 24-hour, online giving event that will raise needed monies for CSM's scholarships, athletic programs, and the college's food pantries. Coming up Nov. 30, this international day of giving has become CSM's largest single-day fundraising event, garnering more than \$675,000 in support over the last nine years. But Giving Tuesday is more special for Clute this year because she is proudly leading the effort as the Foundation's executive director – a position she was promoted to in July, and what she calls her “full circle moment.”

Perhaps even more poignant, is that Clute is getting into her stride as CSM's new Foundation executive director while also having to mark the one-year anniversary of her mother's death Nov. 13. Her mother – Pamela Starkey – retired from CSM in June 2020 after an extraordinary 30-year career at CSM working as an administrative assistant, office manager, benefits coordinator and human resource generalist, but most notably, as a beloved friend to all of her CSM colleagues.

## Growing Up A CSM Hawk

Clute grew up surrounded by educators and academia – and learning at a very young age that attending college – was as expected of her as was working at her grandparents' house every weekend.

“When I was little, we would go over to my grandparent's house every weekend and they would put us to work,” Clute shared. “We'd sort coins, do yard work, clean the pool. They instilled in us at a strong work ethic and commitment to family. They grew our sense of community and taught us the importance of always learning things. In fact, I learned to use a rototiller at a very young age,” laughed Clute.

Her grandfather, the late Jesse L. Starkey, a long-time Maryland educator who rose through the ranks from a Carroll County math and science teacher, to principal positions in Calvert County before joining Charles County Public Schools in 1967 first as deputy superintendent, and then serving as superintendent of schools for 12 years. The Starkey patriarch retired in 1981 and 10 years later, his daughter – Clute's mom – Pam began working at then Charles County Community College.

Clute remembers all 30 years of



Chelsea (Brown) Clute

her mother's career at CSM having often tagged along to work with her. “I was always at the college as a child,” Clute shared. “I attended college events and summer camps and eventually I attended as a student.”

When she became a full-time CSM student, Clute said she stayed even busier with the college. “I had multiple student assistant jobs across campus, including as event staff with athletics and traveled with the men's basketball team as their statistician.” Clute joined the ranks of proud CSM alum in 2006 along with her mom ('93) and her sister, Jennifer (McCarthy) Marth ('98).

“Mom was a single, working mom, and she still managed to graduate with her associate's degree from CCCC and then later went on to UMUC and received her bachelor's degree at the same time my sister was getting her master's degree from McDaniel College,” explained Clute. “I went on to Towson University to get both my bachelor's of science in Sport Management and master's in Business Administration. I began my career at the University of Maryland where I got involved with development, donor relations and stewardship – first with the Terrapin Club and then with the A. James Clark School of Engineering.”

Clute said she had an inkling that she wanted to make another career move in 2013. That's when she attended a ceremony to cel-

ebate commemorative bricks purchased by Pam Starkey and engraved with her and her sister's names along with their alumni year for placement at CSM's La Plata campus. The event was part of the CSM Foundation's annual brick fundraising efforts in support of student success.

“When you're fundraising, it is often hard to see the impact,” Clute shared. “While I learned a lot from working at UMD, I felt far away from the students. I saw those bricks and participated in the ceremony and realized I wanted to do more for students in need in my own hometown.”

## Honoring Legacies, Building New Paths

About the same time as the brick ceremony, Clute's mom – a cancer fighter and survivor since 1998, decided to make more of an impact at CSM. Though she had co-founded the support group Cancer Survivors and Friends (CSF) at CSM years before, and had raised thousands for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Starkey decided to establish a cancer survivor scholarship and started hosting events to raise funds. The Cancer Survivors and Friends (CSF) Scholarship became the first of its kind at CSM in 2012 to directly benefit CSM students who are cancer survivors or whose lives have been affected by cancer.

“That's about the time I knew that I wanted my career path to take me back to CSM,” Clute said. “I accepted the development director job in 2015, and it felt like I was coming home. CSM did so much for me growing up. I wanted to give back and dig deeper into my Southern Maryland community.”

Clute also joined the Rotary Club of Charles County – La Plata of which her grandfather Jesse Starkey was the charter president. She served as the club's president in 2018. She then went about the task of honoring her grandfather and mother and their lifetime commitments to not just improve education in Southern Maryland, but also make it affordable and accessible for all.

“It is very meaningful for me to be in this place, at this very moment and continue the Starkey legacy,” said Clute. “It is rarely lost on me that I have had a fortunate life and every day is precious. Now I can also roll my sleeves up every day to do the hard work to help transform lives through social justice and education.”

Pam Starkey Cancer Survivors and Friends Memorial Scholar-

ship Endowment

“One of the things that Mom said to me before she passed away last year, is that she wanted to select the recipients of the CSF Scholarship.” Clute shared. “We were able to make that happen and Mom picked the recipients for the 2020-21 academic year. We decided to award all of the money in the annual scholarship fund because we thought it was the last time we would be able to award the scholarship. It was a moving experience for all of us.”

But when Pam Starkey passed away, Clute and her sister knew immediately what they wanted to do in her memory. The two decided to convert their mom's annual scholarship to a permanent endowment, and asked their friends and family to give to the fund in lieu of flowers.

“We started actively fundraising when she passed and reached the \$15,000 endowment level by the spring,” said Clute. “It was truly inspiring to see the impact our mom has had on so many people. We are again matching donations on Giving Tuesday this year to continue to grow the fund in her memory.”

Countdown to Giving Tuesday

Donations to CSM's Nov. 30 Giving Tuesday event are tax-deductible and will champion student success by supporting scholarships, athletics or the campuses' Hawk Feeder micro-pantries and Hawk pantries.

“Our Southern Maryland friends and neighbors have always gone above and beyond in support of our students, and we are grateful,” said Clute. “This Giving Tuesday, we are asking for the community's continued show of support to help change lives here in Southern Maryland.”

To learn more about CSM's annual Giving Tuesday event, visit: <https://www.givecampus.com/3vwy2v>.

The CSM Foundation, a non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1970, helps increase access to higher education at CSM through scholarship funding and assures the excellence of that education by raising and managing funds for college projects and objectives – including workforce development in Southern Maryland. The CSM Foundation is comprised of a tri-county, all-volunteer board of directors. To learn more about the CSM Foundation or to donate, visit the CSM Foundation online.

Press Release from CSM.



## School Foundation Awards Educator Grants

Calvert County Public Schools is proud to announce the 2022 recipients of the Calvert County School Foundation grants that foster creative approaches to education. Bonnie Barrett, President, Board of Directors for the Foundation, stated "We are very excited about this year's recipients, we look forward to seeing the lasting impact in each school."

**The eight proposals that will be funded this year are:**

*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rock Garden*- \$2000.00, awarded to Michelle Ward and Cassidy Aley, Barstow Elementary

*Northern High Expressions*- \$1735.00, awarded to Timothy Sinclair, Northern High School

*Book Clubs for All*- \$1545.00, awarded to Jessica Gentile, Calvert High School

*Positive on Purpose*- \$1687.00, awarded to Joanne Gay, Southern Middle School

*Improving Equity in all Kindergarten Classrooms*- \$1034.00, awarded to Shelby Metcalf, Patuxent Appeal Campus

*Bridging the Gap-College and Career Readiness*- \$2000.00, awarded to Dr. Michelle Mercado, Patuxent High School

*Culinary Food Truck*- \$2000.00, awarded to Alessia O'Dell, Career and Technology Academy

*Get Growing*- \$1073.00, awarded to Theresa Young, Plum Point Elementary

Members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation include Bonnie Barrett, Senior Vice Presi-



dent & Manager of Business Development, Community Bank of the Chesapeake; Barbara McKimmie, Past President and Member, Calvert Retired School Personnel Association; Dona Ostenson, President, Calvert Education Association; Guffrie Smith, President, Calvert Collaborative for Children & Youth; Mark Wanamaker, General Manager, Bayside Toyota; Janna Jackson, Regional Communications Manager, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant and Victoria Samuels, Vice President of Community Relations, Educational Systems Federal Credit Union.

The Calvert County School Foundation provides a source of supplemental funding for Calvert County Public Schools through donations and community involvement. The resources are allocated for innovative educational programs that foster creative approaches to teaching and learning.

*Press Release from CCPS.*

## State's Attorney's Office Welcomes High School Students

In conjunction with Calvert County Public Schools, the State's Attorney's Office is offering criminal justice students the opportunity to "shadow" attorneys in court as they prosecute criminal and serious motor vehicle cases.

Students from all four Calvert County High Schools have signed up to participate in November and December.

State's Attorney Robert Harvey hopes that this program will evolve into a long-term commitment, giving students the chance to learn about the role of prosecutors in the criminal justice system.

Students interested in partici-



Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey

pating should contact their criminal justice instructors.

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

## HA! for the Holidays: Come See Elf (The Musical)



The cast Photo for Elf

Prepare to laugh until you shake like a bowl full of jelly, because "Elf" is coming to sleigh audiences! This yuletide yuk-fest, based on the movie directed by Jon Favreau, with a score by Matthew Sklar and Chad Beguelin, and the adaptation written by Bob Martin and Thomas Meehan, will definitely warm hearts and put a massive, elf-like grin on your face this holiday season.

The story of Elf should be familiar to anyone who already loves the classic Christmas comedy from 2003. The central character, Buddy (played by Kenneth Faison with joy, hilarity, and just a slight hint of attitude) is an "elf" who lives in the North Pole with Santa (Paul Rose, who imbues St. Nick with a funny, subtle hue of warm crankiness) and the other elves, played in this production as hilarious puppets.

The twist, of course, is that Buddy is no elf, but rather a man, who must travel to New York City to find his real family. He soon meets his long lost father, Walter Hobbs (played as a business-minded grinch by Patrick Schoenberger). After thoroughly annoying said father, Buddy is swept off to the department store "North Pole", and meets and instantly gets a crush on Jovie, a Macy's employee who has forgotten about the magic of Christmas and refuses to sing for anyone (wistfully performed by Kellie Podsednik). After causing yet another hilarious ruckus after meeting a knock-off Santa Claus, Buddy is shipped off once more to his father's home, where he meets Walter's wife, Emily (Dawn Weber playing a mom with a New York edge), and son, Michael (who's friendship with Buddy is heartwarming depicted by Finn Kantor).

Will this new family accept the eccentric Buddy into the fold? Will Jovie overcome her skepticism of the holidays? Will Buddy inspire peace on earth and good will towards men in the Big Apple? Come see "Elf" for all of those answers and more!

The Elf Himself, Kenneth Faison,

spoke about his character: "It's finding the right balance of being super cartoony, but also having those moments of realism, like *he's a real person!*" Kellie Podsednik agreed, while speaking on her character, Jovie: "Jovie's an interesting character, there's a sense of realism to her... but she falls in love with a 30 year old man who thinks he's an elf!"

Dawn Weber added that the show "has such a spirit of whimsy and delight", and Paul Rose "liked working with a very diverse and eclectic group of people. I have a soft spot for Christmas shows. With a droll little mouth drawn up like a bow, Rose added, "I like dressing up." When asked about surprises during the rehearsal process, Director Tim Joyce described how one of his actors was "cast in a role that required them to be able to tap-dance, and I did not realize that when I cast them... turns out that they are a trained tap-dancer. I was very lucky to find that out."

Integral to the show's sense of festive wonder is the set, which makes ample use of the rotating stage (courtesy of set designer Chris Maulden), as well as a rotating backdrop, which makes shifting from the North Pole to New York City a breeze. The costumes (designed by Shawn Davidson) recall all the warm, fuzzy feelings of Christmas, and a veritable Santa's sack worth of props are ably managed by Rosann Stamper. Last but certainly not least, the wonderful, show-stopping dance numbers were choreographed by Kristan Kauffman.

The show runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 3:30 p.m., through December 12 at the Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park, MD 20653. Tickets may be purchased online at [newtowneplayers.org](http://newtowneplayers.org). Discounts are available for seniors, students, military and children under the age of 12.

*Press Release from Newtowne Players.*



# Deer Firearms Season Set to Open



Photo by Ranger Elena Gilroy, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced that the two-week firearms hunting season for sika and white-tailed deer opens Saturday, Nov. 27 and runs through Saturday, Dec. 11.

“The two-week firearms season is our most popular season with deer hunters,” Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. “The season traditionally has been a time for hunters to head to hunting camps or otherwise spend time with family and friends enjoying the outdoors. The harvest during this popular season helps significantly with managing the state’s abundant deer population.”

The two week season includes Sunday hunting in all but three counties, affording hunters more weekend opportunities to hunt and contribute to managing Maryland’s deer population.

Hunters are reminded that an antler-point restriction remains in effect. Deer hunters may harvest one antlered white-tailed deer within the yearly bag limit that does not meet the requirement of having at least three points on one antler. Any additional antlered deer taken within the established bag limit must meet the minimum point restriction. Licensed junior hunters and apprentice license holders, 16 years of age or younger, are exempt from this restriction.

During firearms season, Maryland requires deer hunters and

their companions to wear daylight fluorescent orange or daylight fluorescent pink in one of the following manners: a cap of solid fluorescent daylight orange or pink, a vest or jacket containing back and front panels of at least 250 square inches of fluorescent daylight orange or pink, or an outer garment of camouflage daylight fluorescent orange or pink worn above the waist and containing at least 50 percent daylight fluorescent color.

More information on the firearms season, along with season bag limits and other deer hunting regulations, are available in the 2021-2022 Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping.

Hunters should carefully inspect all tree stands and always wear a full-body safety harness while in the stand and while climbing in or out. The department strongly recommends using a sliding knot, commonly known as a prusik knot, attached to a line that is secured above the stand that allows the hunter to be safely tethered to the tree as soon as they leave the ground.

Hunters are encouraged to help others by donating deer taken in Maryland. A state tax credit offers licensed hunters an incentive for donated deer. Other local or state programs are also available so please check with your deer processor.

*Press Release from MD DNR.*

# Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb  
Contributing Writer

Rockfish are the target this week. The stripers are in the bay shipping lanes from the Gooses to Smith Point. The main body of rockfish that have spent the summer from Deale to above the Bay Bridge are now moving south. There are huge schools of bait fish from the Gas Docks to buoy 72 and the stripers are feeding daily in this food bonanza. The fish have been located on the eastern side of the bay, east of the HI bouy south to the Mud Leads. Good catches have also been made on the edge from buoy 74 to 76.

The feeding fish are attracting birds, but the fish are fickle and may be up for a thrash on the surface for only a few minutes. So, the birds are mostly high and searching most of the time. The bigger stripers can come up and roll on the surface causing a disturbance visible in calm conditions.

Most everyone has gone to troll-



ing now, so a lot of water can be covered in the search for hungry schools of rockfish. Smaller lures of tandems and umbrellas are very effective.

The Potomac and Patuxent still have plenty of rockfish in the deeper areas with breakers attracting birds. The fish are still concentrated in the northern regions from Piney Point to Ragged Point in the Potomac, and Captains Point to Sheridan Point in the Patuxent.

The Potomac stripers have normally moved south to mouth by now, but are stubborn this year. There have been some smaller rockfish breaking in the middle of the river west of Smith Creek.

Some have done well jigging with light tackle in the mouth of the Patuxent in the deeper areas landing some fine rockfish.

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# EASY MONEY MAY NOT BE SO EASY

Contributing Writer:  
Lynda J. Striegel

These days it is hard to avoid the “get cash quick” advertising commercials. It seems so easy, especially if you need money fast. You know the adage, however—if it looks too good to be true, it probably is. As you will see below, easy money options can be very expensive. Look for another way to solve your money problems and keep away from these five get cash quick/easy money options:

## 1. Debt Consolidation Loans

Banks and finance companies offer loans to consolidate all your debts and pay them off with a new loan. Sounds good, but carefully check the fine print. The amount of interest you can be charged on the new loan can vary from 10% to more than 40% depending on your credit rating and the security you post as collateral. If the debt consolidation loan is “secured”, that means you will be required to post collateral to secure repayment of the loan. In most cases, that collateral will be your home or vehicle. If you default on the consolidation loan and have secured it with your home, car or other property, the finance company can foreclose on your home, take your car or other property. Make sure this type of loan is worth having.

## 2. Pawnshop Loans

At pawnshops, you leave your property, like jewelry, electronic and photo equipment, musical instruments and firearms with the shop in return for a loan of 25-60% of the item's resale value. The average amount of a pawnshop loan is \$75-\$100. You are given a few months to repay the loan at high interest rates that can vary from 12% to 240% or more depending on whether state law restricts the interest rate charged by pawnshops. If you default on the loan, the pawnbroker is the new owner of the property.

## 3. Refund Anticipation Loans (“RALs”):

Tax preparation companies offer RAL loans for the short timeframe between the date when the taxpayer receives the refund and the date when the IRS repays it by depositing the refund into the lender's account. This is usually only a one or two week timeframe. The amount of the loan is the amount of your anticipated refund minus the loan fees and the tax preparation fee. The interest rates on these loans can be expensive—annual rates of 70% are not uncommon. There also are other risks with these loans. If your refund is less than expected, you will still be responsible for paying the full amount of the loan. If you default, the lender can assign the debt to a collection agency and hurt your credit rating. All because you didn't want to wait one or two weeks.

## 4. Payday Loans:

Payday loans are a fast growing phenomenon and payday loan companies are often a replacement for banks. With a payday loan, you give the lender a check and get back an amount of money less than the face value of the check. Or, you can sign an agreement giving the lender the right to withdraw money either from your bank account or from a prepaid credit card to which money, like wages, is regularly added. For example, you give the lender a check for \$300 and the lender pays you \$250 in cash and keeps the

remainder as his fee. The lender holds the check for a few weeks (until your payday). At payday, you must pay the lender the face value of the check (\$300) usually by allowing it to cash the check. If you cannot make the check good, the lender requires you to pay another fee (\$50). At this point you owe the lender \$350 (the \$250 you borrowed plus the first \$50 fee plus a new fee of \$50). If you need another loan that week, the lender charges another fee and so on. The annual interest rate on payday loans can range from 200 to 500% and more.

## 5. Car Title Loans:

When you get a car title loan, a bank agrees to make a secured loan against the value of your car. You keep and drive the car, but the lender keeps the title as security for repayment of the loan, as well as a copy of your car keys. Missing even one payment can mean losing your car. Lenders may also ask you to use your home, as well as your car, as collateral. Missing a payment with your home as collateral means you risk losing the home. Interest rates are steep with these loans because your car is considered a used car with a restricted resale value and monthly finance charges of 25% (300% annual interest rate) are not uncommon. Since these loans are often targeted to members of the military, Federal law prohibits lenders from charging more than 36% interest to military personnel. There are no restrictions on interest that can be charged to non-military personnel unless state law regulates interest rates.

The term “usury” is defined in Webster's as “the lending or practice of lending money at an exorbitant interest.” All States, including Maryland, have laws prohibiting usury. Interest rates in Maryland range between 6 and the usury limit of 33%, but lenders have found ways to ignore State usury laws. How?

One answer is that national banks are allowed to charge their customers, no matter where they are located, interest at the rate allowed by the state in which the bank is located. North Dakota has repealed its usury laws which is why banks like Citibank and others have their principal offices in North Dakota. North Dakota's lack of an interest rate cap has become the standard national interest rate on credit cards.

Another reason State usury laws are ignored is that many consumers now use loans provided through the internet by out-of-state lenders. And, be aware that loans provided through Indian tribes are not subject to Federal or State usury laws.

The bottom line to all of these get cash quick/easy money schemes is that they are just that. You are going to pay dearly for getting that cash. Why put yourself in that position? Setting aside even a small amount of money from every paycheck in an emergency fund is a much better and less expensive way to handle your needs for cash.

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# A View From The BLEACHERS



## Giving Thanks

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

History being the great predictor of the future that it is, the end of humanity seems a matter of when, not if. Dark, yes, but that is just how evolution and planetary upheaval works. Should Armageddon happen soon, an appropriate epitaph for our species, at this moment in history, would be, “They had so much potential.”

Fact: No resident of Earth has accomplished anything like Homo sapiens (alien visitation is a different conversation). One-time cave dwellers, we have conquered the world. Temperature controlled homes. Two-day delivery of...stuff. Machines to jet us all over the planet. Devices that have provided instantaneous, worldwide connection – for good or ill. Ice in our glass, as Chuck Noland, Tom Hanks's character in “Cast Away”, marveled. And phones? From rotary, to cordless, to massive first-generation cell phones to whatever you want to call Apple's latest gizmo (“phone” seems so understated). And that's just in my lifetime...which isn't THAT long.

But for all of that, human flaws are on display, even in the United States - the grandest experiment in democracy ever attempted. Racism remains a social malignancy. Evidence of misogyny, xenophobia and homophobia are ever-present. Climate change, despite overwhelming scientific evidence and the disturbing impact on human life it predicts, is ignored or denied by an alarming number of people. Many dark souls can found at the confluence of power, greed and fame. And more recently, a pandemic - a different kind of war but a war nonetheless - not only failed to unite us around a common national crusade, but sowed bizarre divisiveness around masks, science and even whether the disease, which has claimed nearly 800,000 American lives, is real. America's adversaries no doubt found this reaction intriguing.

As much as sports can be a welcomed distraction from such human shortcomings, hardly a day passes without a troubling headline. The sign-stealing Houston Astros cheat the game and forever stain their legacy. Jon Gruden sends racist emails. Henry Ruggs, former Raiders wide receiver, allegedly causes a high-speed crash while driving under the influence that claims an innocent life. Tomahawk chops and “chant-

ing” in Atlanta...cringe. Adrian Peterson, Tyrek Hill and Deshaun Watson...sheesh. The Washington Football Team keeps breaking its own record for ethical and moral rot.

That's enough to make the point: Sports often reminds of the depths our species can reach as much as they provide an antidote.

Down a few levels, though, is youth athletics. It is a place absent the vices of fame and fortune, above the dirty business of major college athletics and outside the control of boosters, the influence of agents and the greed of owners. Here...solace. Here...rejuvenation. Here...sports – the way I remember it, the way I want to experience it.

The competition and athleticism in professional and major college sports is inarguably amazing. Throwing a baseball 100 mph or hitting something moving that fast is difficult to comprehend. A dude 6'4" and 250lbs running a 4.5 40-yard dash or another casually draining threes from 30 feet (I see you Steph Curry) seems...worthy of Avenger membership. But the real attraction of sports is much deeper than jaw-dropping physical feats – always has been. Sportsmanship, commitment to teammates, coping with adversity and having fun – give me all of that. Let me observe environments where athletes develop socially, build self-confidence, feel connected with a group, sweat for nothing more than love of sport and team, and learn that a common cause can trivialize differences in race, upbringing or economic status.

That is all still happening - not on television in prime time or on Sunday afternoons, at least with any consistency or without all that aforementioned inescapable garbage. But it is happening. Schools and rec leagues are making it happen. Dedicated coaches who give and give of their time to create positive environments are making it happen. Parents, who act as criminally underpaid Uber drivers, are making it happen. And kids, the young athletes, are making it happen.

If you fit into any of those groups, know that you are the best of sports. Know that this sportswriter is thankful. And know that I am not alone in my gratitude.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com



# Reminisces of Legendary Hall of Famer Sam Huff:

## *Spiggy's Special Memories with a Personal Note from Frank Herzog*

By Dave Spigler  
Contributing Writer

For those of us “diehard fans” growing up in the Washington, DC area with the Washington Redskins during the past several decades, we once more are saddened to learn of the passing of another great hero who played a large part in the creating of our “glory years!” Robert Lee Huff, better known to all as “Sam,” just passed away at 87 years of age in nearby Winchester, Virginia. A beloved gentle giant of a man known for his ferocious ability as a middle linebacker, he is credited with establishing this position as the necessary cog for a great defensive unit. Sam was the model for later greats such as Dick Butkus and our own Chris Hanburger. He played with a fierce abandon unlike any other in his day.

Sam was drafted by the New York Giants upon graduating from the University of West Virginia in 1956 and played under defensive coach Tom Landry's 4-3 defense scheme. He immediately made his presence known on the field and was selected to 4 Pro Bowls as a Giant and a Redskin. He played his last 3 years with Washington under the legendary Vince Lombardi and was named the NFL's top linebacker in 1959! Following an iconic career 13-year Hall of Fame career, he came back to coach the Redskin linebackers for a year before getting into broadcasting as an analyst with the Giants.

Born in 1934 into a poor coal mining family in West Virginia, he was the first in his family to go to college winning a football scholarship to WVU. When asked how he got the name “Sam” since he was named Robert, he was never able to explain how it came about as he always responded, “I really don't know!” It remains a mystery today.

I must confess as a young Redskin fan in the 50's, I did not care for Sam or any of those Giants such as Y A Tittle, Fran Tarkenton, Allie Sherman, Frank Gifford, etc. but once he put on the “burgundy and gold” with the dark red helmet with the feather up the back, I grew to really like him along with another guy we picked up from the Philadelphia Eagles, the “red head,” quarterback Sonny Jurgensen. Little did we know what a great combination they would become in later years! The two



of them became a part of great team doing the color commentary along with my good friend Frank Herzog who did the play by play for every Redskin game radio broadcast over 30 years! During their time, there was no better trio of sports broadcasters of any sport at any level than “Sonny, Sam, and Frank!” They were so good at playing off one another and providing truly interesting stories. I, like many of my friends, would turn off the volume on my TV set and listen to the three of them banter over the radio. They were fun and entertaining and informative and would often take a dull game and make it seem exciting! Who will ever forget Frank Herzog bellow “Touchdown Washington Redskins!” after Riggo would run into the endzone after breaking through a hole opened by our “Hogs!” Geez those were the days and how I miss them!

Of the great experiences I gained during my 25 years as a Redskin Hogette, the best takeaways I have are the longtime friendships I have with many of the players and staff. Frank Herzog and I have become great friends over the years and communicate with one another on a regular basis. Frank played in many of my “Spiggy and Friends” Children's Hospital Golf Tournaments. He often served as Master of Ceremonies at our Benefits as well as a few of my birthday parties. He was a big supporter of the Hogettes during our “hay day.”

I once asked Frank why he never used the name of the player that scored the touchdown? He said “Spiggy, it took all 11 players on the field to move the ball down to the endzone and it was always a “team” effort so I wanted to recognize that fact.”



Wow, what an eye opener! I miss his voice when listening to a game these days! I am sure there are many reading this who feel as I do.

Upon reading of Sam Huff's passing a few days ago, the first thing I thought of was to ask Frank to reflect on his longtime partnership with Sam. I wasn't sure if he had the time nor the desire to put his thoughts to writing as I was sure he was receiving a flurry of requests from the news media for his thoughts. I mean who better to ask for glimpses into Sam's character and make up than the guy who sat next to him all those years and delivered the games into our homes and our car radios. But, within 24 hours I received Frank's note below that I am privileged and proud to share with our readers:

“If you want to see a story about the American Dream, about raising yourself up by the bootstraps and finding success then Sam Huff's story is all you need to see. He grew up at #9 West Virginia, a coal mine camp. Vowing to get out of that life, he excelled on the football field, got a scholarship at West Virginia University and was drafted by the New York Giants as an offensive lineman. It wasn't working, but a coach named Tom Landry was impressed with Sam's attitude and suggested he try a new position in the other side of the line. He became the middle linebacker

in a 4-3 defense that absolutely dominated professional football. The rest is history. NFL titles, Pro Bowls, the cover of Time Magazine, star of a CBS documentary and, finally the High School, College, and NFL Hall of Fame – one of only ten men ever to achieve that honor.

Once retired from football he went to the Marriotts with an idea: why not offer room packages in their hotels for NFL teams while they travelled? Sam not only convinced them the idea would work but put it in place as a corporate vice president, eventually expanding the idea to other sports leagues.

Sam fell in love with Middleburg, Virginia, a place for “country gentlemen” and a place to breed thoroughbred horses. With partner Carol Holden he purchased a farm built a broadcast center in town and gave birth to the West Virginia Breeder's Classic.

Oh, one other thing. He became part of the Washington Football Network broadcast team and helped call games for 30 years – a stretch that includes five Super Bowls appearances and three NFL titles.

Sam Huff was human, he had some faults, but he overcame a divorce and a lot of life's hardships to create a story we all can admire. Sadly, the story has come to an end.

*Frank Herzog November 15, 2021*

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# Calvert Community Calendar

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## Thursday, November 25

### Project Echo 10th Annual Turkey Trot 5K

This year, it's taking place on the grounds of The Calverton School, in Huntingtown. The first heat goes out at 7 a.m., so early arrival is recommended. There's a 1K for walkers, and a separate partially wooded, off-road 5K trail for runners. If you're unable to join us in person, you can participate virtually. You can also make a donation or sponsor a resident of Project ECHO.

It's a really great way to spend some early-morning time with family and friends, and you're home in time to get your own Thanksgiving plans underway.

## Friday, November 26

### "The Ghost Before Christmas"

North Beach Boys and Girls Club  
9021 Dayton Avenue

North Beach, MD 20714; 7 p.m.

Pericles Redlaw is offered a gift: the chance to forget all his bad memories, and to pass it forward to others. He accepts the bargain, not knowing that it will work out badly for all concerned in this story of love and forgiveness, based on a holiday season novel by Charles Dickens, author of "A Christmas Carol."

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## Sunday, November 28

### Light up the Town and Christmas Market

Please join the Mayor and Town Council for Town of Chesapeake Beach's annual "Light up the Town" illumination ceremony starting at 4:00 pm at Town Hall.

To add to the festivities, the Town is offering an outdoor Christmas Market of local vendors providing an easy start to your holiday shopping. Visit with Santa, hear

Christmas carols and live music, while enjoying sweet treats from our local bakeries. Start your decorating and leave with a Christmas Tree in support of the North Beach Fire Department. Enjoy gathering with your neighbors as we Light Up the Town for all to see.

### Museum Store Sunday

Calvert Marine Museum

For the fifth consecutive year, more than 1,700 museum stores representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, 24 countries, and 5 continents will offer inspired shopping at museums and cultural institutions during Museum Store Sunday (Nov. 28). The Museum Store at Calvert Marine Museum (CMM) is thrilled to participate in this signature annual initiative and join museum stores worldwide in offering quality gifts filled with inspiration and educational value to consumers, with all purchases supporting CMM's mission. This year, CMM will extend the event to Monday, Nov. 29 to allow patrons to shop safely with fewer crowds.

On Nov. 28 and 29, the Museum Store at CMM is offering members 25 percent off their entire purchase, with the opportunity to increase their discount to 30, 35, or 40 percent off their purchase. One lucky member may even get their entire purchase for FREE! Additionally, non-members will receive a special 20-percent discount on both days. [www.calvertmarinemuseum.com](http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com).

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## Thursday, December 2

### Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum  
10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

This program invites children 18 months to 3 years, with an adult, to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a take away craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme is Animals in Winter – Migration.

### Transfer Thursdays

College of Southern Maryland  
1 a.m., Zoom.

CSM hosts transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 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. <https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/transfer-services/transfer-fairs/index.html>

## Ongoing

### November 26-January 1

Annmarie Garden in Lights

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons will host Annmarie Garden in Lights, from

November 26, 2021, to January 1, 2022, 5-9 p.m. nightly (closed Nov 29 & 30 and Dec 6, 7, 24, 25).

Advance timed-entry tickets are required. Admission is \$10/12 (depending on the date), free for ages 2; free for Annmarie members. Visit [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org) to purchase tickets and review complete safety information.

## Upcoming

### Chamber of Commerce

#### Holiday Fun

Saturday, December 4

On the grounds of Calvert County Historical Society, 70 Church Street, Prince Frederick

Join us for this free festive, family-fun event! Featuring: Santa Claus & The Grinch, Tree Lighting (5:45 p.m.) Caroling, Vendors, Seasonal Food & Beverages, Activities For All Ages and Much More!

Accepting Toys for Tots donations Event Sponsorships are still available.

### 16th Annual Christmas Market

Sat, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All Saints' Episcopal Church Parish Hall, corner of Rts. 2 & 4, Sunderland, MD.

Expert craftsmen with sensational gifts for your holiday giving, homemade gourmet cocoa and Glühwein, music and home-baked goods make this the place to be. Bring your red or green boot mug from previous years to buy beverage refills. Rain, snow or shine! Free admission & parking. Proceeds benefit parish & community projects.

### Solomons Christmas Walk

Calvert Marine Museum,

Saturday, Dec. 4 – 6 – 9 p.m.

The museum is open and FREE to the public. Enjoy musical entertainment, Santa, the Otter mascot, holiday crafts, and shopping in the Museum Store. Santa's Coffee House will be open with complimentary coffee, hot cocoa, and holiday cookies. Museum members save 20 percent off in the Museum Store during the walk and all weekend.



# 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](mailto:dickmyers@countytimes.net) after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

## Jeffrey (Jeff) Todd Copsey



Jeffrey (Jeff) Todd Copsey died on November 18, 2021 at his residence on Sixes Road with his longtime love Yvonne. He was born March 2, 1966, the son of Webster Leroy Copsey and Mary (King) Copsey. He was predeceased by his father Webster Roy Copsey and his brother Louis Franklin Copsey (Flea). He is survived by his children, Brandon Webster Copsey and Lauren Nicole Bowen; long-time partner Yvonne Marie Bowen; his mother Mary (King) Copsey; brother Roy Webster Copsey and may nieces and nephews.

He married Monica Smith in 1994 and from that union their son Brandon Webster Copsey was born on July 5, 1996. They later divorced and he began a long-lasting relationship with Yvonne Bowen resulting in the birth of his daughter, Lauren Nicole Bowen. His two children were the source of his greatest pride.

Jeff attended Calvert County public schools then went to work in the construction field. He was mostly self-taught and never quit learning. Approximately three years ago he started a new chapter and started working at 231 Farm and Outdoor Sports. He started with delivering equipment, then moved onto boat

sales, and servicing SeaDoo's.

Jeff was known for his good nature and love of speed! He loved driving fast, boating fast, and anything with an adrenaline rush. He spent a lot of his free time boating, watching NASCAR, and hanging out with friends. Jeff was loved for his good-nature and willingness to help his friends when in need. He could make or fix anything and make it enjoyable.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic.

## Ann Marie Lane



Ann Marie Lane, 65, of Lusby, MD passed away on November 16, 2021 in LaPlata, MD. Ann was born in 1956 to Roland and Betty Lane. She enjoyed spending time with her family. She was predeceased by her parents and is survived by her sisters, Betty Parrott, of Lusby, MD; Mary Jost, of Prince Frederick, MD; and Pam Turner of Lusby, MD.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic.

## Shirley Ann (Williams) Hutchinson

Shirley Ann (Williams) Hutchinson, age 70, of Dunkirk, MD passed into the hands of our Lord on Mon-



day, November 15, 2021 when she was greeted in Heaven by the love of her life Buddy (John H.) Gullledge. Shirley was born in St. Louis, MO on December 21, 1950 to Clone and Sylvia. She graduated from Normandy Sr. High School in 1969. After high school Shirley began working for a local company selling industrial and construction equipment. In 1972 Shirley married Rod Hutchinson and followed him and his work with the U.S. Air Force White House Communications to the District of Columbia area. Living in nearby Maryland, Shirley took employment with United Rigging & Hauling, Inc. in 1974 as an administrative assistant to the owner. In 1995 after the passing of the owner of United Rigging & Hauling, Inc., Shirley was able to purchase some of the equipment and continue to serve customers as Hutchinson United Rigging (HUR). HUR remains successful with the current great team of employees. In her free time Shirley enjoyed travel around the country with family and friends. She especially enjoyed time she could spend on a beach.

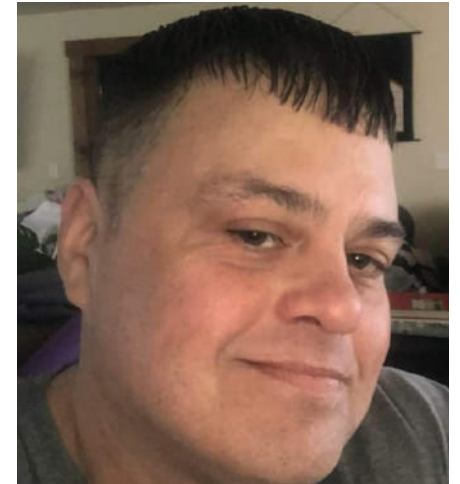
Shirley is survived by her brother, Warren O. Williams and her niece, Laura Bissonette. Shirley enjoyed meeting the needs of her customers and felt a great pride for all the highly skilled employees that work at her company.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to USO, PO

Box 96860, Washington, DC 20077-7677; Link: <https://www.uso.org/> or Calvert Animal Welfare League, 1040 Prince Frederick Boulevard, PO Box 1660, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-9300; Link: <https://www.cawlrescue.org/>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Theodore Matthew "Matt" Bohrer



Theodore Matthew "Matt" Bohrer, 52, of Huntingtown passed away November 14, 2021 at his home. He was born November 12, 1969 to Elizabeth and William Bohrer. Matt grew up in Wayson's Corner and attended Southern High School. He lived in North Beach before moving Huntingtown. Matt worked as a carpenter for Caruso Homes, specializing in framing houses. He enjoyed listening to Metallica, watching sports, especially football, and cheering for the Dallas Cowboys.

Matt is survived by his children Troy, Todd, Taz, and Brandi Bohrer, and his mother Elizabeth Ricketts and her husband Buddy. He was preceded in death by his father Theodore Bohrer and brother Sean Bohrer.

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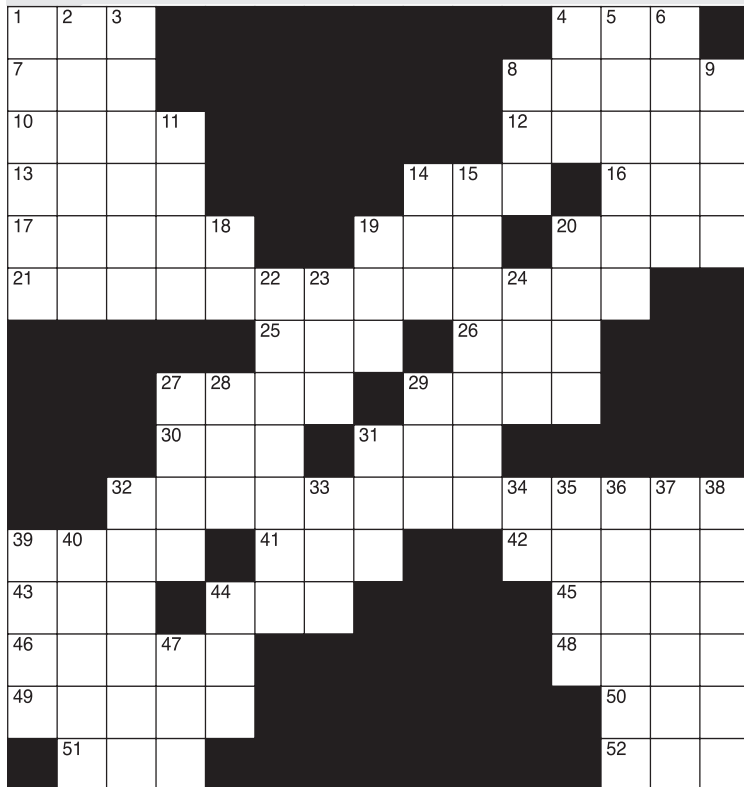
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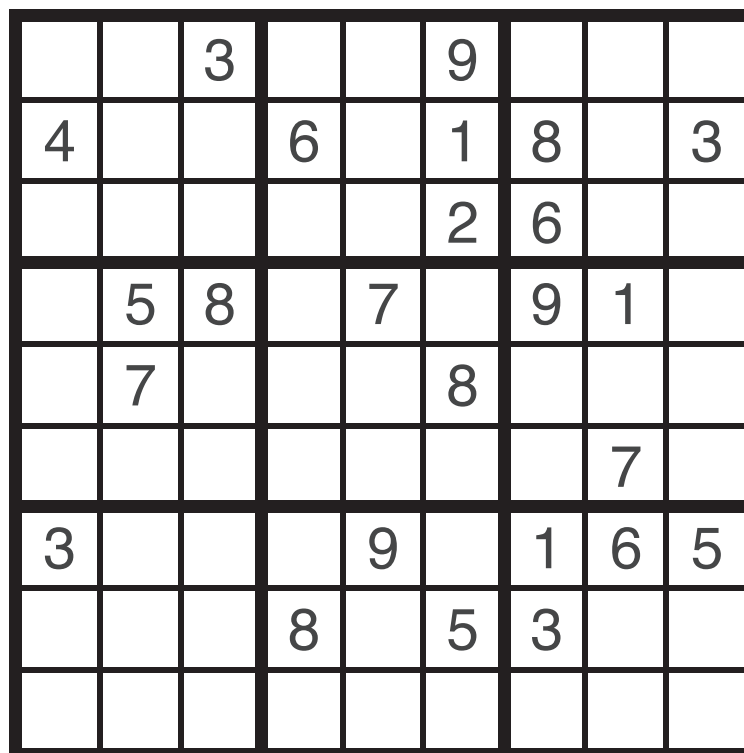
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- 4. Hideout
- 7. Trent Reznor's band
- 8. Old World tropics plants
- 10. Places to stay
- 12. Group of organisms from a common ancestor
- 13. TV character Goodman
- 14. Not around
- 16. Title of respect
- 17. Ceramic jars
- 19. British legal authority (abbr.)
- 20. A companion (archaic)
- 21. Where groups of people live
- 25. Indigenous person of NE Thailand
- 26. Red-brown sea bream
- 27. Ridge of jagged rock
- 29. Meat from a pig (French)
- 30. A way to save for the future
- 31. Opposite of bottom
- 32. A term of endearment

- 39. Weight used in China
- 41. You need it to hear
- 42. Frighten
- 43. Basics
- 44. Computer data collection (abbr.)
- 45. The best point of something
- 46. Jewelled headdress
- 48. Spoke
- 49. Mammary gland of female cattle
- 50. Midway between north and northeast
- 51. Defunct European economic group
- 52. Foul-mouthed Hollywood bear

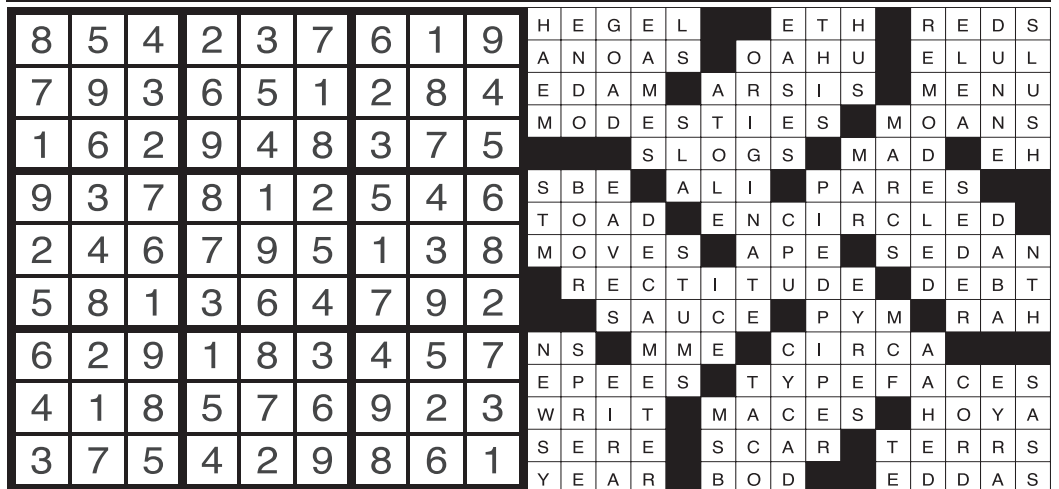
- 15. Each of two or more forms of the same element
- 18. A baseball stat
- 19. Corporate PR exec (abbr.)
- 20. Insures bank's depositors
- 22. Made dim
- 23. Uncultured person
- 24. Paddle
- 27. Currency of Cambodia
- 28. Pitching stat
- 29. A place to put mail
- 31. God of battle (Scandinavian)
- 32. 10 years
- 33. Resinous substance secreted by insects
- 34. Losses
- 35. S. American plants
- 36. Void of thought or knowledge
- 37. Stout-bodied moth
- 38. Transferred property
- 39. Russian pop act
- 40. Accept
- 44. A retrospective military analysis (abbr.)
- 47. A type of center

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. In tune
- 2. Ending
- 3. Ring-shaped objects
- 4. Equal to 10 liters (abbr.)
- 5. Removes from record
- 6. The lowest point
- 8. Plant cultivated for its tubers
- 9. Dry or withered
- 11. Stony waste matter
- 14. Speedometer reading



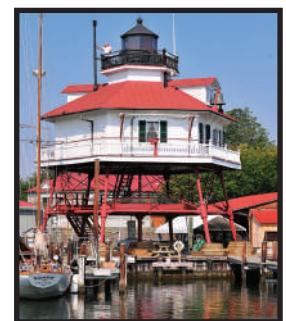
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