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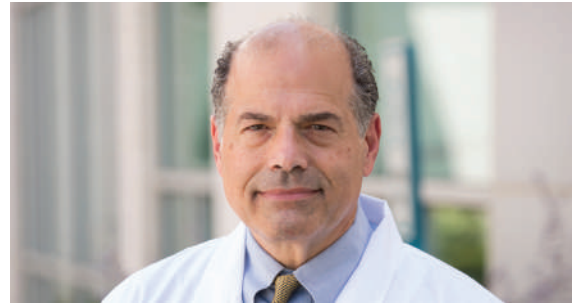


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Proposal Presented for County Redistricting

Would Add Population to 1st District

By Dick Myers
Editor

Should Calvert County's three commissioner districts remain the same for the next 10 years? That's the prime decision for the county's redistricting committee as they begin meeting to come up with a recommendation to give to the county commissioners. According to committee chairman Wilson Parran, who also was on the past two committees, 10 years ago they recommended a change and the then commissioners decided to keep them as is.

Parran says that with the 10 percent guideline for population disparity between districts, they could remain the same this time as well.

The southern county Commissioner District 1 has the lowest population based on the newest census data. That district has 28,617 residents, compared to District 2 with 32,444 and District 3 with 31,709.

At the commission's first meeting on Dec. 13, Election Director Gail Hatfield presented a proposed change which would take a portion of St. Leonard along Planter's Wharf Road and move that from the 2nd District to the 1st District. That would shift 1,350 residents, and with that one move, Hatfield said, bring the county into balance.

But Hatfield noted that every move had "a domino effect." Those residents vote at Mutual Elementary School and a new voting place would have to be found for them. She said there was no other apparent place for that to happen.

After seeing the map, which was created by the county's Information Technology Department, the committee members asked for some other options to review at



Calvert Election Director Gale Hatfield

subsequent meetings.

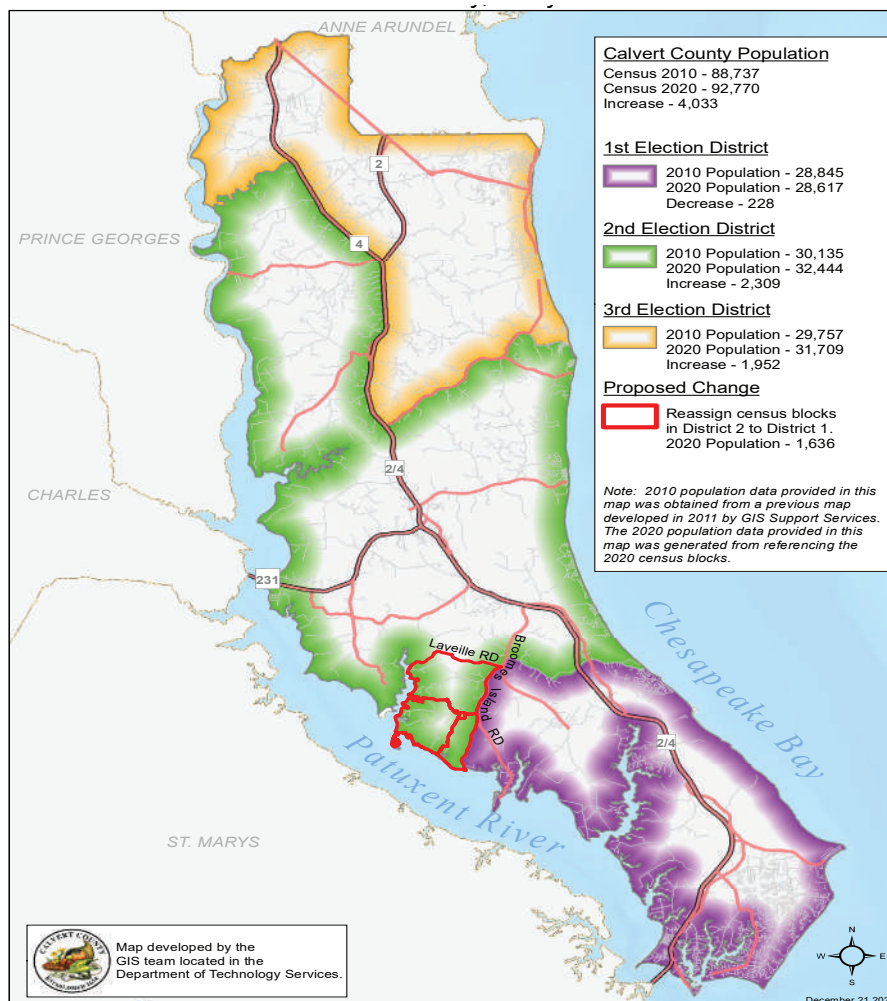
Three persons spoke virtually when public comment was solicited. One speaker wanted to know if any political party or demographic would be favored in the decision-making process. Parran said "I have done this three times and I don't see it favoring any one party or racial aspects."

The commission did decide at the first meeting to consider overall population and not just voting-age population in their decisions.

The committee has decided to meet every Friday in January in hopes of finishing their work by early February. The deadline for local candidates to file for election is Feb. 22.

Hatfield said the legislature has promised their redistricting plan by Feb. 15.

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Medical Leaders Urge Community to Get Vaccinated

*Would Combat COVID Hospitalizations and
Emergency Room Visits*

The medical leaders at CalvertHealth are sending a strong message to the community – Get Vaccinated and Get your Booster. After months of combating COVID – an unknown back in early 2020 – today, the vaccine is readily available to fight this virus.

“We have three vaccines to counter the effects of COVID which will keep individuals out of the hospital and out of the Emergency Room. This is a serious healthcare crisis and anyone who doesn’t realize this is putting themselves and others at risk,” said Dr. Theodore Tsangaris, chief medical officer of CalvertHealth Medical Center (CHMC).

Chief of Medical Staff at CHMC Dr. Wilfred Ehrmantraut reiterated, “As a community physician, husband and father, I strongly endorse vaccination for those aged five and older who are able to get the vaccine. Our emergency room (ER) has been overwhelmed with people – young and old. We need for everyone in the community to stay healthy and ensure our ER is used for true emergencies.”

Leading pulmonologist and medical director for CHMC’s intensive care unit, Dr. Ramin Pirouz from Calvert Internal Medical Group has seen first-hand the devastation caused by COVID. Dr. Pirouz stated, “COVID literally ravages the lungs and the pulmonary system to the point that some must be put on a ventilator because they are unable to breathe adequately on their own. It’s not a pretty sight, I can assure you.” Pirouz has treated every COVID patient who has needed intensive care at CHMC since the beginning of the pandemic. His message is strong – get the vaccine and get boosted. “Vaccine-induced immunity is the best way to protect everyone and especially those with underlying medical conditions,” commented Dr. Pirouz.

Director of Women’s Health and Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology Dr. Barbara Estes, a licensed Obstetrician and Gynecologist for more than 20 years, states, “It’s clear from the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine that the COVID infection puts pregnant women at increased risk of severe complications and even death. Vaccination is safe before, during, or after pregnancy.” Dr. Estes went on to add that it’s always good to talk to a women’s health provider when making these decisions.

Across the country, the state and



Dr. Theodore Tsangaris

right here in Calvert County, hospitals are struggling to care for the sheer volume of patients. Diane Couchman, chief nursing officer and vice president of clinical services, stated, “We simply cannot fill our Emergency Room with individuals that could be recovering at home if they got the vaccine. While the vaccine will not guarantee you don’t get the virus, it’s effective at reducing the risk of death, hospitalization and spreading the virus.”

CalvertHealth continues to care for the community despite the record number of patients coming for care. The goal is to continue delivering the highest quality of care to the residents of Calvert County and beyond. But the message is clear – the way to stay safe and healthy from COVID is to get vaccinated.

According to Dr. Larry Polsky, Calvert County’s Health Department Officer, as of Wednesday, December 15, there are 18,000 Calvert County adults who remain unvaccinated. Another 35,000 residents age 16 and older who are eligible for boosters but have not yet received one, including 4,000 seniors. For those who had their initial two-doses of vaccine, a booster dose will substantially raise immunity protection within one week – meaning prior to the upcoming holiday.

You can schedule a booster with your doctor’s office, local pharmacy or register online with the Calvert County Health Department for either a Moderna or Pfizer dose: <https://www.calvertcountycovid19.com/vaccination-registration>. CalvertHealth Medical Center is also hosting booster clinics this week. Make an appointment at shorturl.at/hituC.

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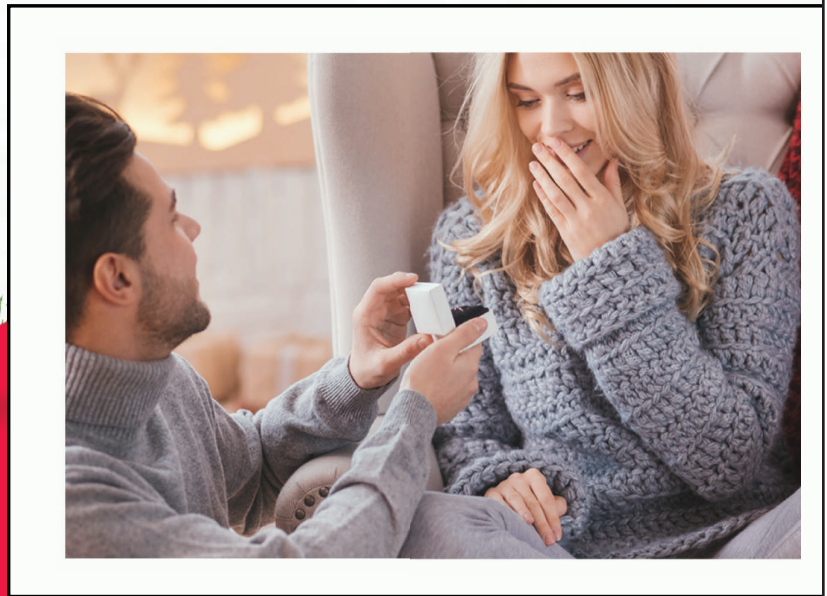
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Gadway Challenges School Board Again

Hance Re-elected, Says He's Cancer Free

By Dick Myers
Editor

With \$12.3 million in federal grants on the line, Commissioner Chris Gadway continued to vote against the school board on principle.

Gadway said at the commissioner Dec. 14 meeting, "I'd like to move that we approve this request contingent upon the Board of Education complying with the request that was unanimously adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on October 26th, 2021 in Resolution 47-21, which includes to receive all public perspectives and comments at its meetings without limitation."

Gadway's motion was seconded but after discussion was turned down by the rest on the board which then approved the budget transfer request for the grant monies.

The discussion came at the final commissioner meeting of the year at which Buddy Hance was re-elected board president and Steve Weems its vice president.

At the meeting Hance, who was not at last week's meeting, announced that he had surgery after being diagnosed with kidney cancer. He said he



Commissioner President Buddy Hance

had his left kidney removed and, "I am cancer free today."

School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry was at the meeting and Hance used the opportunity to say, "COVID has come back with a vengeance right now. And I just personally hope that going virtual again is a last resort. My daughter-in-law teaches in the county school system, and she said

it's amazing to her how far behind our students have fallen just because of last year."

Curry responded, "I don't disagree. Recently the state superintendent released an announcement along those lines, talking about how important it is, equity wise, for us to have kids in school to every extent possible to try to keep them safe and continue to our protocols and to advocate for masking and vaccines. But we know that kids need to be in school in person for more than just their education, for so many other things that are provided there, including their mental health as well as their physical health. So, I'm preparing a letter as we speak that'll go out to parents today that basically closes out '21 and says something along the lines I know many of you are wondering, and the answer is no, it's not in our plans at this moment to go in that direction."

The other commissioners agreed with Gadway on his concerns about the school board limiting public discourse. But they felt it wasn't the right time to take a stand.

Commissioner Mike Hart said, "I'm not going to stand in the way of

some funding that would come to the schools, but I completely understand Commissioner Gadway saying that at some point it's got to give; folks need to be heard."

Commissioner Kelly McConkey said, "I just cannot base my decisions on things that affect the kids, and these projects affect the kids and for the kids to suffer from any type of political decisions like this, I cannot agree with that."

Weems said, "We are elected officials, they are elected officials and I'm certain that at the forums, they may be questioned why, but that is their prerogative as a body politic."

Hance said, "I can't in good conscience turn down federal funding to improve the educational system in Calvert County. It's an unfortunate situation that we're in today. There's an election coming up and I hope people pay attention and make a choice."

The school board had originally requested to meet with the commissioners on Dec. 7 and then asked for it to be rescheduled to Dec. 14 and then cancelled that meeting.

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Gansler Touts Moderate Approach in Campaign for Governor

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Former Maryland Attorney General Doug Gansler, making a second run for governor in the Democratic primary, says that he believes he is the only one of his party who could win in the general election against a Republican candidate.

For the past two terms Maryland, a heavily Democratic state, has elected a Republican to the chief executive's position, Gansler, of Chevy Chase, told The County Times, signaling they want something other than an extreme far-left candidate to run the state.

"More than half [of the other

Democrats in the race] have never run for office or are not originally from Maryland," Gansler said Dec. 17. "Voters want to hear about someone who is going to help build small business... and someone who has experience work the levers of government."

"I can win the general election."

As a former federal prosecutor and Montgomery County State's Attorney, Gansler said supporting police was a significant part of his campaign.

Other candidates, he said, were following the de-fund the police mantra.

"You've got to be kidding me,"

Gansler said of such policy shifts.

"Crime is a huge issue right now. "What's going on in Baltimore is unbelievable."

Gansler said he supported women's reproductive rights, or their right to choose abortion.

That was also another issue that was under review by the Supreme Court after hearing legal arguments regarding a Mississippi statute.

"It's going to get tossed back to the states," Gansler predicted of the possible rescinding of federally protected abortion rights. "So, it's important to have a Democrat running the state who will protect that."

For Southern Maryland, Gansler

wants to help bring funding here for critical infrastructure needs such as the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge, broadband expansion and other transportation projects such as improved roads.

Gansler said he would impose vaccine mandates on all Maryland residents but said he was unsure on how he would enforce them.

"We've never balked at mandating them when we needed vaccines to go to school," Gansler said. "We live in a communal society... where there are certain ethics and standards we should maintain."

"I think getting vaccinated is one of them."

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Cove Point LNG Warehouse, Commuter Lot Approved

Would Be in Patuxent Business Park

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert County Planning Commission has approved a warehouse and commuter parking lot for the Cove Point Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility in Lusby. The warehouse and lot will be at 85 Anchorage Lane in the Patuxent Business Park.



Artist's rendering of proposed warehouse

The 7.027-acre lot is zoned Light Industrial. According to a report to the planning commission from Deputy Director of Planning Carolyn Sunderland, "The current Detailed Site Development Plan (DSDP) proposes a commuter parking lot and building with a total of 28,000 square feet, including 25,200 square feet for warehouse, and 2,800 square feet of office space." The parking lot has 250 spaces, of which seven are handicap accessible.

Although the plan as presented to the planning commission at their Dec. 15 meeting described it as the Dominion Cove Point Commuter Parking Lot and Warehouse, a company representative reported that 50 percent ownership of the LNG plant had been sold to Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway company and they now operate it and it is now called simply Cove Point LNG.

Approximately five acres of the sev-

en-acre site will be disturbed in the proposed plan. There is currently a temporary gravel parking area previously approved and constructed.

The report said, "There is a 100-foot building and use setback from MD 2/4, a 35-foot front setback, and 50-foot setback for side property lines. There is a 20-foot setback for parking from the front and side property lines, and 35-foot setback from the rear property line."

The report says two loading spaces are required for the warehouse portion of the building. A gated security fence exists on the site, and is proposed to remain, to accommodate the proposed building and commuter lot. Landscaping is proposed for the project.

The warehouse and commuter lot were unanimously approved by the planners.

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Rising Cost of Ag Facility Questioned

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Two years ago, St. Mary's County received an award from the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Council (SMADC) for \$1 million to build a new regional agricultural center (RAC) on a 7.4-acre piece of county land next to a north county elementary school.

Construction has still not begun, while the county commissioners entered into a new agreement with SMADC last week to push that process forward at their Dec. 14 meeting.

But St. Mary's County Commissioner Mike Hewitt questioned the return on investment the county would get from the facility as the price tag was now approaching more than \$4.7 million.

"This thing's almost up to \$5 million," Hewitt said. "The projection is \$569 per square foot.

"Some people might think that's high; I think it's really high."

St. Mary's public works chief John Deatrick said that the building's expense was due in part to the requirement that many of its spaces had to be refrigerated, sometimes to the point of freezing, for meat preservation.

"Much work has been done," said Chris Kaselemis, director of the St. Mary's Department of Economic Development. "Most

of it has been on refining the cost estimate of the project, ensuring full project funding is identified."

In November the St. Mary's commissioners allocated an additional \$1.5 million to the project to close funding gaps from tax payer funds.

The RAC is to be no less than 8,300 square feet in size and must be open to use by all farmers in the Southern Maryland region.

One of its key amenities is the addition of a meat processing activity there to support an Amish slaughterhouse that provides local meats.

According to St. Mary's County documents, the new agreement with SMADC could be terminated if the cost of the project exceeds the \$4.7 million; the county would then have to return \$900,000 of the \$1 million grant award to SMADC, which is a part of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

"We don't anticipate that happening, though," Kaselemis said, adding the RAC should be completed no later than late 2023.

SMADC would also provide another \$1.5 million in grants towards the construction of the project, Kaselemis said.

So far the county's actual expenditures on the project are less than \$50,000.

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Citizen Input Invited on Parks & Recreation Plan Update

The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation invites citizens to provide input on the Land Preservation, Parks & Recreation Plan (LPPRP) update. Citizens can provide input by taking a quick survey addressing the conservation and development of outdoor recreation opportunities in Calvert County over the next five years. The survey is available online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/LPPRP-Survey.

"We're excited to set in motion a plan to capture Calvert County's goals for future recreation development and land preservation," said Parks & Recreation Director Shannon Nazzal. "This plan cannot move forward without public input and we encourage all residents to take the survey and help us shape the county's future together."



The Calvert County LPPRP will set a vision to integrate planning of the county's amenities, natural resource conservation, recreation land use and open space. The current LPPRP and additional information is available for review online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/LPPRP.

For updates on Parks & Recreation services, park availability, field closures and more visit Parks & Recreation at www.Facebook.com/CalvertCountyParks.

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Hogan Warns of New COVID Surge Pushing Hospitals to Their Limit



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Gov. Larry Hogan urged all Marylanders who remain unvaccinated against COVID-19 to get their inoculation and those who are vaccinated to get a booster shot as the state is moving into yet another viral surge.

Hogan said his own recent COVID-19 diagnosis was confirmed by a PCR test.

"I'm doing fine and feeling minor cold like symptoms," Hogan said, noting his full vaccination status and booster shot. "It's still a strong defense against this virus and its variants."

"We're entering another pivotal moment in the fight against COVID-19."

The state's positivity rate is now at 11.6 percent, Hogan said, and the state, as of Dec. 21, had a one-day high of 6,218 new cases.

There are now 1,457 COVID-19 hospitalizations statewide, confirmed Dr. Ted Delbridge, Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS).

"Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 have doubled since the beginning of December," Delbridge said, following Hogan's address.

Roughly 20 percent of all patients in hospitals are COVID-19 cases, Delbridge said.

Hogan said that the state was

projecting over 2,000 COVID-19 cases in hospitals by mid-January, which was more than the pandemic high of 1,952 reached in January of 2020.

The governor said 91 percent of adults in the state have been vaccinated.

"Those remaining nine percent are responsible for 75 percent of hospitalizations for COVID-19," Hogan said during the virtual press conference. "They're pushing our hospitals and our health care heroes to the brink."

Hogan announced the state was providing \$100 million in emergency to hospitals and nursing homes to help hire more health care staff to fight key labor shortages that have exacerbated the hospitalization problem.

Emergency funding — \$30 million — was also announced for more testing resources for schools, while Hogan said he was expanding the hours of testing sites opened in Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties.

He urged Marylanders to remain vigilant but also not to panic.

"You shouldn't think term fully vaccinated means fully protected," Hogan said. "This is not March 2020."

"We've withstood surges before and we'll do it again."

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On December 9, 2021, Deputy Strong responded to the 5800 block of Broomes Island Road in Port Republic, MD for the report of a burglary. The complainant advised sometime between Dec. 2 and Dec. 9, unknown suspect(s) forced entry into the residence and pried the locks off two sheds on the property. Nothing appears to have been taken. The estimated value of damaged property is unknown at this time.

Burglary: 21-69053

On December 7, 2021, DFC Cress responded to the 8000 block of Silver Fox Way in Chesapeake Beach, MD for the report of a burglary. The complainant advised unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an unlocked basement window. Three credit cards were stolen from inside the victim's purse. The total value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

Destruction of Property: 21-69032

On December 7, 2021, Deputy Newton received a report of property destruction. The complainant advised sometime on Dec. 5 around 10:30 p.m., unknown suspect(s) cut the victim's Christmas lights outside the residence. The value of damaged property is \$9.00.

Theft: 21-69701

On December 9, 2021, Deputy Hendrickson responded to the 12900 block of Olivet Road in Lusby, MD for the report of a theft from a vehicle. The complainant advised she observed an unknown subject inside of her car parked in the driveway of her residence. Once the suspect noticed the victim, the suspect fled the scene. A pair of keys valued at \$100 was stolen from the unlocked vehicle.

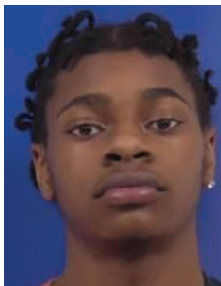
Motor Vehicle Theft: 21-68781

On December 6, 2021, Deputy Krueger responded to the 1000 block of Golden West Way in Lusby, MD for report of a stolen vehicle. The complainant advised his white 2020 Dodge Ram Dually pick-up truck was stolen from his driveway. The value of

stolen property was estimated to be \$78,000.00. Six hours later, Cpl. Durner responded to the 500 block of Thunderbird Drive in Lusby, MD for report of a recovered stolen vehicle. Deputy Durner observed a 2020 Dodge Ram matching the description of the mentioned stolen vehicle. The complainant advised cigars, two Lego sets and a key fob were missing from the truck. The value of stolen property is \$680.00. The vehicle was returned to its owner.

ARRESTS

On December 6, 2021, Deputy Hudson responded to the 1100 block of Wilson Road in Huntingtown, MD to assist with a traffic stop. During the stop, a search of the vehicle and its occupants revealed pistol firearm parts, a scale, a CDS smoking device,



Ishyne Pratt

3 baggies containing marijuana residue, 4 bags of marijuana totaling 57 grams, and \$1,605.00 in US currency. The passenger, **Ishyne Diamontae Pratt**, 18 of Prince Frederick, MD was arrested and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged CDS: Possession of Marijuana 10 GM+ and CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute.

On December 9, 2021, shortly after 5 p.m., DFC Boerum responded to the area of TJ Maxx for a shoplifting that had just occurred. The complainant observed two black males acting suspicious in the store. The suspects were seen leaving the store and entered a vehicle in which they removed clothing items hidden from inside their jackets and placed into the trunk of a gray Toyota Camry. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on the Camry for an expired registration. While making contact with the occupants of the vehicle who initially provided fake names, multiple clothing items with TJ Maxx tags were observed in plain view. A

vehicle search revealed multiple clothing items, perfume items, watches, and electronics that were determined to be stolen from TJ Maxx in Prince Frederick MD and Walmart in Prince Frederick MD, for a total of \$1,800.00 in stolen merchandise. In addition to the stolen items, a black digital scale with a white powdery residue and a glass smoking device was found. **Angus Winston Mackall**, 52 of



Harry Lewis Williams

Brandywine, MD and **Harry Lewis Williams**, 54 of Bowie, MD were both arrested and charged with Theft Scheme: \$1500 to Under \$25,000.



Angus Mackall

Mackall was also charged with and Fraud - Per Identification to Avoid Prosecution.

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

Sunderland Felon Convicted of Illegal Firearm Possession

A federal jury convicted Earl Leroy Griffin, Jr., age 45, of Sunderland late on Dec. 17 for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The conviction was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Erek L. Barron; Special Agent in Charge Jarod Forget of the Drug Enforcement Administration - Washington Division; Calvert County Sheriff Mike Evans; and Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey.

According to the evidence presented at his four-day trial, on September 5, 2019, law enforcement executed a search warrant at Griffin's residence and on his vehicle as part of a drug investigation. In Griffin's locked vehicle, law enforcement recovered a stolen .40 caliber handgun, loaded with 14 rounds of ammunition; powder cocaine, crack cocaine and marijuana; and three Maryland driver's licenses bearing Griffin's name and photo. The vehicle was registered to Griffin. When he was searched incident to his arrest, Griffin had the keys to his vehicle and \$1,870 in cash in his pockets.

Griffin had four previous felony drug convictions and knew that as a result, he was prohibited from possessing a firearm and ammunition. This conviction qualifies Griffin for armed career criminal status.

The jury acquitted Griffin on charges of possession with intent to distribute controlled substances and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking.

As an armed career criminal, Griffin faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in federal prison and a maximum of life in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. U.S. District Judge George J. Hazel has scheduled sentencing for April 19, 2022 at 10 a.m.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts. PSN is an evidence-based program proven to be effective at reducing violent crime. Through PSN, a broad spectrum of stakeholders work together to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in the community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. As part of this strategy, PSN focuses enforcement efforts on the most violent offenders and partners with locally based prevention and reentry programs for lasting reductions in crime.

United States Attorney Erek L. Barron commended the DEA, the Calvert County Sheriff's Office, and the Calvert County State's Attorney's Office for their work in the investigation and prosecution. Barron thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Michael Morgan and Timothy F. Hagan, Jr., who are prosecuting the case.

Press Release from Maryland U.S. Attorney's Office.

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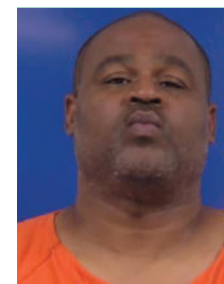
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Dog Fighting, Animal Cruelty Conviction

Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey announced that Rodney Carlton Rance, 53, of Lanham, pleaded guilty on December 17, 2021, to 14 counts of felony animal cruelty relating to the use and possession of dogs for dogfighting. The agreement includes a recommendation by the State that Rance serve 3 years, 6 months of active incarceration at the Maryland Division of Corrections. As part of the plea agreement, Rance forfeited his ownership of the 22 dogs recovered at his property and will pay \$84,056 in restitution to the Calvert County Government. Sentencing is set for March 28, 2022 at 1:00 pm before the Honorable Mark S. Chandlee.



Rodney Carlton Rance

These charges are the result of a collaborative effort between the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, St. Mary's County Animal Control, Humane Rescue Alliance, and the Calvert County Animal Cruelty Task Force, comprised of members of the Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, and the State's Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Christopher J. Monte.



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Christmas: 'The Gospel's Core'

A New Pastor's Long Journey to Calvert

By Dick Myers
Editor

"It is the core of the Gospel," said Rev. Myungha Baek of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Lusby. Pastor Baek noted that John 3:16 is the Gospel of the Word, and God sent "his one and only son to save us, that is the Word. God really made the Word, he sent Jesus Christ. As you know, the Word became flesh."

Pastor Baek said, "Christmas is an action of love. God really made that Word. I love you. I want to save you, and how, through Jesus Christ. So, this is a season of love, a season of action."

His church is aptly named for the Christmas season since St. Paul wrote 13 out of 27 books in the New Testament. "We take this Christmas spirit. So, we try to reach out to more people and serve people."

This year St. Paul made and distributed 89 shoeboxes. It was part of the international "Operation Christmas Child, part of Samaritan's Purse, whose mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ"

St. Paul is also an active partner with SMILE Ecumenical Ministries, which operates a food pantry and thrift shop just up HG Trueman Road next to Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish Hall. St. Paul, at the intersection of HG Trueman and Cove Point roads, lent its parling lot for the distribution of Thanksgiving dinners to needy families in the area.

"We try to focus on God's ministry here. That there's a reason that we are here in Southern Maryland, the Lusby and Solomons area," Rev. Baek said.

Pastor Baek's life path that led him to Lusby was an interesting one to say the least. A biography supplied to the County Times said, "He was born and raised in South Korea. He and his wife (Rev. EunJoung Joo) came to the States for study in August 2001. Pastor Baek is the proud father of his daughter, Abigail (Abby) who is seven years old. The Baek family has a great companion, Lily. She is an English Lab and 2 1/2 years old."

His wife is pastor of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Huntingtown. They live in the St. Paul parsonage.

Pastor Baek says he was not a Christian when he was young. His father was an atheist, his mother was a non-practicing Catholic. He said Sundays were play days when



Rev. Myungha Baek

he was young. One of his friends invited him to his church youth service when he was in middle school. Since then, he has lived as a Christian, he said.

Pastor Baek said he had tried to be a schoolteacher when he was in the university. However, God called him into ministry. He earned a B.A. (Theology) and Th.M. (Spirituality and Psychology) at the Korean Methodist Seminary in Seoul, Korea and M.Div. at Wesley Theological Seminary in D.C.

His discussions with his atheist father about his calling to enter the seminary were tense ones.

Rev. Baek said, "When I was a senior in high school, I thought about my future, but I had no idea what to do. Even though I was attending church, I had no idea what to do. So, I started praying, praying, and praying, and I felt that God called me into ministry."

In his culture getting his father's approval was essential. He said, "My father was a very, very hot-tempered and strict person. My father was an elementary school teacher. His nickname was 'white tiger.' He was a white tiger at his school. And at home. So, I was afraid, frankly, when I felt that calling. So (I said) it cannot be true. So, I just passed."

He added, "When I was about to graduate the university I had this thought again, what should I do with my future? So, I set up 30 days

and started to pray about that. Every night I went to my church and prayed and prayed and prayed."

He said he was inspired when he was listening to a Christian radio station and they talked about the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary and how, no matter how unreal the message that she was going to be the mother of Jesus Christ, she wanted to be the servant of God. "When I heard the sermon, I knew that God still called me into ministry."

This time, even though his father was still upset, he realized his son was an adult and that he should go his own way.

In South Korea, he said, "The father of the family is a very important center of culture. The church is almost the same. The pastor is a very important person." Congregations, he said, tend to follow the lead of their pastor.

In the United States, on the other hand, congregations work more collaboratively with the pastor.

In the United Methodist Church, Rev. Baek said, "We serve, we love, we listen." He said there is much in common with his church and other mainstream Protestant denominations. "The differences are how we read and interpret God's word." For instance, he said, they do not believe, as some denominations do, in predestination.

He said some churches have no liturgy and just gather and sing.

Others, like the United Methodist Church, rely heavily on liturgy.

"The United Methodist Church has a lot of liturgical tradition," with a Book of Worship handed down from John and Charles Wesley in England.

But he added, "Practically it's more up to a local church, each church's mission. And if they want to reach out to young people who like a contemporary service, the pastor and all the leaders get together and decide what to do and where to go. So, there's flexibility and freedom to run the church."

St. Paul has a Youth Pastor, Rev. Dave Showalter.

Pastor Baek was assigned to St. Paul during the height of the pandemic. He came from two small churches, in Montgomery and Frederick counties.

At first, they had a combination of virtual and drive-up services and still provides those after transitioning back to a live 10 a.m. service.

"It's been one and a half years because of the pandemic," he said. "I still need to meet people. Sometimes people came to worship service, and I say, 'Do I know you, have we ever met before?' And this person says, 'I've been here for a long time.' So that makes me feel I'm still new."

This year St. Paul is having two candlelight Christmas Eve services, at 7 and 11 p.m. and invites the community to join them.

"Some people, when they visit their family members, they come and join our services at Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day," he said.

Pastor Baek said St. Paul has lay pastors, which he was not used to at his previous churches. "It's like a shepherd and they have a flock, a couple of different families. They keep checking on each other and they call, they visit, and they care, take care of people. So, when people visit us, when they join us, one of our lay people try to connect this person, invite them more, ask their connection. And when I get the information, I send out an email, sometimes a text. And because of the pandemic, I couldn't visit them, but I try to do my best to connect with those people."

"So as a pastor," he said, "I'm here to work together, provide the resources, ministry sources, and different ideas. And that's my major role in this church too."

With his unusual (for Calvert County) first name, he said. "I don't want to give my congregation an extra burden with my name. So, I go with Pastor Baek (pronounced Beck).

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Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry Celebrates 20 Years



Debbie Weber, Chesapeake Church's Director of Community Care, speaks at the 20th anniversary celebration.

This year, Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry is celebrating 20 years of serving the community! For two decades, the Chesapeake Cares has served thousands of families in need in Southern Maryland and has consistently been a source of hope in the community.

When a person comes into Chesapeake Cares, they receive more than a bag of groceries—they receive encouragement, partnership, and resource opportunities. This interaction between clients and the Chesapeake Cares team leads to forming relationships, which helps move individuals from dependence to their highest level of self-sufficiency.

“Serving others at the Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry has been a blessing and touched my heart in ways that I could never have imagined,” says Debbie Weber, Chesapeake Church’s Director of Community Care. “Seeing the

gratitude on the faces of the clients makes a long-lasting impression which carries me through each and every day.”

During the anniversary celebration, State Farm insurance presented Chesapeake Cares with a \$25,000 grant that they had won in a nationwide competition this September. The grant will be used to continue to feed the hungry here in Calvert County.

Chesapeake Cares distributes 15,000 pounds of food to 1,100 families in our community every week. To learn more about Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry, visit their website at chesapeakechurch.org/foodpantry.

If you would like to learn more about food pantry assistance, visit chesapeakechurch.org/visitfoodpantry or call 410-257-3444.

Press Release from Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry.

Chesapeake Beach Awards Brightest Beacon on the Bay



Chesapeake Beach's Brightest Beacon on the Bay at 2406 Woodland Court.

By Dick Myers
Editor

A home on Woodland Court in Chesapeake Beach has been deemed the Brightest Beacon on the Bay.

It’s all part of the town’s annual Barbara “Jo” Finch Brightest Beacon on the Bay awards which were announced at the Dec. 16 town council meeting.

The home at 2406 Woodland Court was decorated by Patrick Edgington.

The other awards announced were:

- First Place: Steven Van Ert, 707 Silver Charm Lane.
- Second Place (tie): The Gingerbread House, Jenifer Yarish, 8204 Hart Lane.
- Second Place (Tie): Clark, the House is on Fire, Roger Jacobs, 2649 Richfield Lane.
- Third Place (tie): New England on the Chesapeake, Daniel Poirer,

7494 Cavalcade Drive.

- Third Place (tie): Snow Place Like Home, Tina & Jim Cirillo, 3236 Ina Chase.
- Best Entrance: Bucciarelli’s Lights on Christmas, Dominic Bucciarelli, 7155 CV Blvd.
- Most Creative Name: Chillin’ with My Homies, Laura Lillig, 2635 Sansbury Drive.
- Community Spirit: Home is Where the Heart Is, Four Neighbors, 8203, 8204, 8207, 8208 Hart Lane.

Participating businesses who contributed towards the awards were: Rod N Reel Resort, Rolands, Butterflies & Wishes and Wires Inc. They partnered with the town to provide gift packages for each category of the Brightest Beacon on the Bay awards.

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A View From The BLEACHERS



Transitory

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

This is going to be a busy “View.” Let’s get to it, or as Sgt. Joe Friday from “Dragnet” might have said, “Just the facts, ma’am.”

That wasn’t sarcastic. Indisputable facts still exist. A Russian bot on Facebook or an ill-intended political network blasting doctored videos and spliced quotes into the viral-sphere couldn’t skew these truths. So here it goes. Dan Marino set the NFL’s single-season passing record with 5,084 yards in 1984. Marino’s record stood for 27 years until Drew Brees broke it in 2011; it has been broken eight additional times since 2011. Staying with 1984 statistics, MLB averaged 5.34 strikeouts per game that year; in 2021, the average had ballooned to 8.68 “K’s”/game, a 63 percent increase. Darrell Griffith led the NBA with 91 three-pointers in 1984; last year, Steph Curry led the league with 337.

Gasp. Smirk. Furrow your brow. Hold that thought.

In the 1985 film “Back to the Future,” a young Marty McFly, under great duress, jumped in a DeLorean modified with a flux capacitor, sped across a mall parking lot and, upon reaching 88 MPH, was zapped 30 years into the past to a 1955 version of Hill Valley. McFly struggled to process the changes. There were enough artifacts to recognize where he was, but three decades of alterations to the landscape, the infrastructure, vehicles and the products being sold, created confusion. He was a stranger in his hometown.

This “View from the Bleachers” is a bit like McFly’s experience, only in reverse. The games on the field before me now are superficially similar, but strange in so many ways. In the NBA, the center position is obsolete, low post offense is non-existent and threes rain from anywhere inside the half court line.

Baseball is dominated by bizarre defensive shifts, launch angles and bullpens – all supported by advanced analytics. Putting the ball in play? Stolen bases? Pitchers throwing complete games? All marginalized or flirting with extinction.

In the NFL, where quarterbacks can’t be hit in the head, the knees or landed on by defenders, footballs sail through air and with the great-

est of ease and at a pace where Marino’s record is matched nearly every season.

Which is all okay, I think. Contemporary sports are better in some ways; 1984-ish sports are better in others. Tuh-may-toe. Tuh-mah-toe. See, here’s the thing. Sports in 1984 didn’t look anything like sports in 1954. Nor will 2021 sports look anything like 2051 sports. That’s just how it works - all of it. Sports. And life. Nothing is static. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell initially described the rise in inflation as “transitory;” but most things are, given a sufficient time horizon. Pay-phones. Paper maps. Waiting in line to order at Starbucks. The inability to order anything and have it show up on your doorstep in two days. The one-time dominance of the Washington Football Team. All most definitely transitory!

The holiday season ushers in many familiar things – lights, decorated trees, wrapping paper, high-calorie spreads and family gatherings. There’s a rhythm to it - difficult for some, warm and joyous for most, I hope. The wisdom and context that come with age, though, bring an understanding that the perennial aspects of the season mask never-ending change. The young McFly had no such frame of reference in 1985, so confronting a 1955 version of Hill Valley was overwhelming. Advance through a generation or two and such incomprehensible change becomes, well, comprehensible. Equipped with this perspective (and a few gray hairs), the holiday season becomes all the more special. The realization that time transitions children into parents, and then parents into grandparents, is powerful. Grandma’s famous sweet potato pie becomes Aunt Annie’s and then it is yours. Family units fracture, then reform as loved ones pass on and new ones arrive. There is no great authority over it. It is just life and our unique human experience. So consider, while stockings are again hung by the chimney with care, there’s nothing like this year, nothing quite like the people you are with and nothing like this singular, transitory moment in time.

That is, of course, until a time-traveling DeLorean becomes reality.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

Winner Chosen for Migratory Game Bird Stamp



Towson resident Jim Taylor won this year’s 48th annual Migratory Game Bird Stamp Design Contest held by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Judges chose Taylor’s depiction of snow geese flying over a cornfield to be featured on the stamps hunters purchase to hunt all migratory game birds in the state.

“It is an honor to participate in and win the contest with my snow goose submission,” Taylor said. “This is my fifth time winning and they are all special.”

The new stamps will be available for

purchase in 2022. Proceeds from the stamps’ sale fund migratory game bird research and habitat enhancement on public lands.

“Congratulations to our winner and all participants. It was a great collection of entries representing many species of waterfowl and our first winning submission of snow geese,” Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. “We appreciate and thank all of the artists who participated this year.”

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Thursday, December 23

Little Minnows

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

For preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult. 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
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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.csm.edu/student-services/transfer-services/transfer-fairs/index.html>

Monday, December 27

Winter Birds of the Chesapeake

Calvert Marine Museum
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Chesapeake Bay becomes home to many waterfowl during the winter months. Check out a bird watching kit to use along the museum's marsh walk and play a round or two of the bird migration game. Create a pine cone bird feeder to take home (limited, while supplies last). Activities are appropriate for ages 5-10. Program included with museum admission.

Tuesday, December 28

Chesapeake Oysters

Calvert Marine Museum
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Winter is peak harvesting season for *Crassostrea virginica*, the Eastern oyster. Programming will showcase "Rock E. Feller," the museum's giant oyster model and oys-

tering boats in the museum collection. Create your own toy skipjack to take home (limited, while supplies last). Activities are appropriate for ages 5-10. Program included with museum admission.

Wednesday, December 29

Blizzards and Bones

Calvert Marine Museum
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

At the close of the Miocene Epoch, regional waters began to cool as the world entered a new age. Discover which animals adapted to these changes and which faced extinction as you explore our Treasures from the Cliffs exhibit. Practice excavating a fossil (limited, while supplies last). Activities are appropriate for ages 5-10. Program included with museum admission.

Thursday, December 30

Little Minnows

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

For preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult. 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

Ongoing

Annmarie Garden in Lights

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons will host Annmarie Garden in Lights through January 1, 2022, 5-9 p.m. nightly (closed Nov 29 & 30 and Dec 6, 7, 24, 25).

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June Gayle "Ju Ju" Shepherd



June Gayle "Ju Ju" Shepherd, 70, of Lusby, MD and formerly of Camp Springs, MD passed away on December 12, 2021 at Charles Regional Medical Center, LaPlata, MD.

Born August 9, 1951 in Bayshore, NY, she was the daughter of the late Henry Shepherd, Jr. and June Gayle (Hall) Shepherd. June graduated from Falls Church High School in 1969. She worked in the dry cleaning business.

June is survived by her brother, Robert Shepherd (Michelle), nephew, Michael Shepherd and niece, Tina Shepherd; brother, Brian Shepherd; sister, Karen Denny (Charles) and niece, Holly Bennett; sister, Bonnie Davidson (Gary) and nephews, Gary Davidson, Jr. and Tyler Davidson; brother, William Shepherd, nephew, William Shepherd, Jr. and niece, Courtnie Shepherd; brother, Douglas Shepherd; brother, Thomas Shepherd (Casey) and niece, Kaitlyn Barnes; brother, Henry Shepherd (Gayle) and nephews, Justin Shepherd and Brandon Shepherd; brother, Scott Shepherd and nieces, Isabel and Grace Shepherd; and brother, Eric Shepherd; nephews, Christopher Morris (Amanda) and Shawn Shepherd; and niece, Tammy Peters; five grand-nieces and two grand-nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Marion Shepherd and her husband Edward Morris, and nephew, Edward Morris, Jr.; and brother, Melvin Shepherd.

Serving as pallbearers at the December 17 funeral were Justin Shepherd, Brandon Shepherd, Michael Shepherd, Shaun Shepherd, William Shepherd, Jr. and Eric Shepherd.

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

Christopher Todd Henrichsen

Christopher Todd Henrichsen,



of Lusby, MD, was born in Washington D.C. on November 19, 1976. He passed away unexpectedly on December 13, 2021, due to surgery complications. He grew up in the suburbs of DC, where he gained his love for politics and became a devout Republican. He served as a full-time missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints from 1995 to 1997 in Anaheim California, Vietnamese-speaking. While in the service of the Lord, he saw the light and he came home a devout Democrat.

While studying journalism at Ricks College in Rexburg Idaho, he met his Lyndee Marie Curtis. Wasting no time, they were married and sealed for all eternity 8 months later on August 21st, 1998 in the Salt Lake City, Utah Temple. Their first son, Todd Abraham Henrichsen, was born, and two weeks later, with his wife and son at his side, Chris graduated with a bachelor's in political science from the University of Utah. Almost two years later, Shem Foster Henrichsen, the second, biggest, and most athletic was born. Shortly after finishing his master's degree in Political Theory, his first and favorite daughter, Geneva Adriane Henrichsen, was born.

Chris is a lifelong teacher. His teaching began on his mission and continued as an adjunct professor at Utah Valley University. He later taught political science at BYU Idaho and Provo as well as Casper College. He taught middle school in Las Vegas and most recently taught social studies at Huntingtown High School. Chris taught driver's education at Chesapeake Driving School and was working on his Ph.D. He loved each and every one of his students, and they loved him. His family often participated in long conversations about his students and colleagues. They meant so much to him.

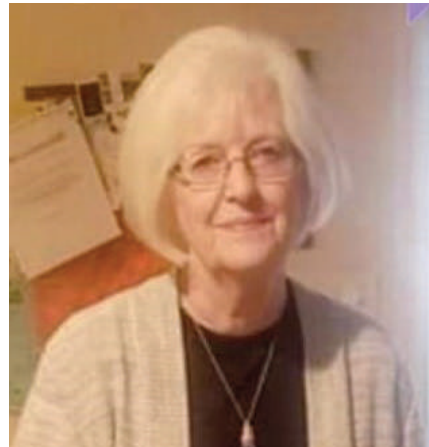
Chris loves punk rock, politics, and Diet Coke. But most of all, he loves his family. They have been and will always be his number one priority, and they will be forever blessed to have had him in their lives.

Chris is preceded in death by his grandparents, his father Richard Ernest Henrichsen, and his niece SarahLyn Henrichsen. He is survived by his wife, Lyndee, and his three children, Todd, Shem, and Geneva. He is also survived by his mother, Carla Henrichsen, his two siblings, Richard Henrichsen (JoAnn) and Britt Mageras (Mark), and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Huntingtown High School, Calvert County School District, and the Lexington Park Ward. Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.

"Lift up your head and be of good cheer" 3 Nephi 1:13

Janet Lee Bewley



Janet Lee Bewley, 76, of North Beach passed away December 19, 2021. She was born January 7, 1945 in Baltimore to Irvin Thomas and May Catherine (Spealman) Hann. Janet married William Charles Bewley on January 30, 1966 and they lived in Glen Burnie until moving to Harford County in 1972. Janet and Bill later moved to North Beach in 2003. She was employed as an administrative assistant for a financial planning company for many years. Janet was a member

of Friendship United Methodist Church and in her spare time she enjoyed spending time at the North Beach Senior Center, sewing, baking, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Janet was preceded in death by her husband William Bewley in 2019 and brother Irvin Hann. She is survived by her daughters Tonia Parent and her husband Timothy George of Prince Frederick and Shelie Smith and her husband Ron of Aberdeen, grandchildren Jessica Lorenson and her husband Rob, Jamie Hoffman and her husband James and Billy Scott and his wife Jennifer, great-grandchildren Rylee, Mayleigh, Emily, Benjamin, Ashton, Alyssa, and Owen, and sister-in-law Brenda Hann.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, December 23, 2021 at noon at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736.

A reception will immediately follow the service at The Wheel House, 4109 7th Street, North Beach, MD 20714.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Janet's name may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892' Link:

<https://calverthospice.org/>

Edward Walter Moeller

Edward Walter Moeller, 83, of Dunkirk, MD passed away December 17, 2021. He was born in St. Mary's County on October 11, 1938 to William and Martha Mueller Moeller. He was raised and received his education in St. Mary's. Edward was a concrete mixture truck operator with Chaney Enterprises.

He was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church on Lothian. He was a Baltimore

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Ravens fan and enjoyed watching the games.

Edward was preceded in death by brothers William and Robert Moeller, sister Dorothy Davis and his wife of 35 years Mary Ann Moeller in 2010.

Surviving are his son Leonard Moeller of Dunkirk, MD

Visitation will be Monday, December 27, 2021, 10-11 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. A service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Robert Paul Neaverth



Robert Paul Neaverth, 83, a long-time resident of Hyattsville, MD, passed away December 14, 2021. He was born July 16, 1938, to Elmer and Dorothy Neaverth, of Washington, DC. Robert grew up in DC and graduated from St. John's High School and attended Catholic University. He worked in real estate relocation services for many years. Robert, also known as "Cowboy Bob", was an accomplished country dancer, enjoyed traveling, the Washington Redskins, fishing, and being anywhere on the water, especially in his favorite red Old Town canoe. Robert was a member of the College Park and Greenbelt American Legions. He was a very social and outgoing person who had many caring friends who will greatly miss him.

Robert is survived by his daughter Christine Michelsen and grand-

children Raymond and Angela Michelsen, all of Huntingtown, Md, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother Joe Neaverth and sister Helen Pittser.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Charles County Hospice, 2505 Davis Rd., Waldorf MD 20603; <https://www.hospicechesapeake.org/giving/donate-now/>

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Owings.

Cody Austin Blackwell



Cody was born early on Monday, December 20, 2004, at Calvert Memorial Hospital, in Prince Frederick, Maryland, to parents, Russell Brent Blackwell and Jennifer Lynn Canter Blackwell.

On the evening of December 13, 2021, Cody Blackwell was called to Heaven due to complications from an automobile accident at the age of 16 years old.

Cody attended Northern High School where he was a sophomore. Cody also attended Beach Elementary and Windy Hill Middle. Cody loved taking Photography at school. He just obtained his first DSLR Mirrorless camera so he could go out with his mother and shoot photos and edit them together. He wanted to own and operate his own garage after graduating. Cody loved fishing, riding and working on his bike, taking things apart and fixing them, practicing his acoustic guitar and electric guitar, and hanging out with friends. He had a great sense of fashion. He had a great love for cars, especially classic muscle cars. Cody was one of four dream sons. He was deeply loved by his friends and family.

Cody was well known by his peers. Cody carried a charisma about him. His smile and laughter were contagious. Cody never met a stranger. Everyone couldn't help but want to be his friend. There wasn't an unkind bone in his body. He went out of his way to make everyone else's day brighter. Students, teachers, friends, and loved

ones will truly miss him.

Cody sadly leaves behind his brothers Russell Blackwell, Jr., 23, Brent Blackwell, 20, and Seth Blackwell, 15, along with his brothers, he leaves his grandparents, Calvin Blackwell, Shirley Blackwell, David and Marie (step-grandmother) Canter, Robert Francis, and Peggy Francis, William (Billy) Hardesty (step-grandfather). He is survived by aunts and uncles Calvin Jr. and Melissa Blackwell, Christina and Melvin Boswell, and Theresa and Zachary McGuire. He also leaves behind niece Lilianne Blackwell and longtime girlfriend Chloe Turnbaugh. He is preceded in death by grandmother Barbara Flynn Hardesty.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Owings.

Terri Lynn Troutman



Terri Lynn Troutman, 69, passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by her family on December 12, 2021, after a long illness.

Terri was born on November 29, 1952 in Washington, D.C. to Glenna Mae Taylor and Harold Gilbert Taylor. She grew up in Prince George's County (College Park & Beltsville) with her parents and younger sister, Debbie. She graduated from High Point High School in Beltsville, Maryland in 1970. Terri retired from Computer Science Corporation in 2006. Terri was a people person, always glad to see everyone and willing to give a hand or step in to help in any way. She did NOT know how to say "no" to anyone who needed help. Terri's pride and joy were her two daughters and seven grandchildren. Terri was a quintessential Momma-Bear and would move mountains for her girls, if necessary. She was a single mom who worked relentlessly to give her girls everything they could possibly need and want, especially hugs and kisses!

Terri loved animals of all types, but none more than her beloved late puppies, Dusty, Maggie, Coco and Cookie. They had every toy and coat you could imagine. Her lap was never empty.

Terri loved to sing...even if she didn't hit every note or know the words. She was always humming or singing to herself, be it to the radio, through every movie, commercial and especially through Football games. HAHA

Besides spending time with her family and pups, Terri loved spending time at her church, First Lutheran in Sunderland, MD. She was a woman of deep devoted faith. She loved her church friends and was a proud member of the church choir and the altar guild. Terri was amazingly skilled at arts and crafts. When home, she always had a crochet needle in her hands working on a baby blanket for friends, family or even for people she didn't know. Terri also loved making jewelry, but it was making crafts with her grandkids that she loved most.

Terri is survived by her daughter Traci A. Evans, son-in-law William (Doc), grandchildren William II, Nathaniel, Benjamin and Kaitlyn of Owings, Maryland and daughter Patricia L. Morse, son-in-law Adam and granddaughters Olivia, Alyson and Elena of Ellicott City, Maryland. Terri is also survived by her sister, Deborah Taylor Goldbach, brother-in-law John C. Goldbach and nephew John P. Goldbach, his wife Kimberly and their daughter Lily of St. Mary's County, MD.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Linda L. Kelly Animal Shelter, 5055 Hallowing Point Road,

Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678; Link:

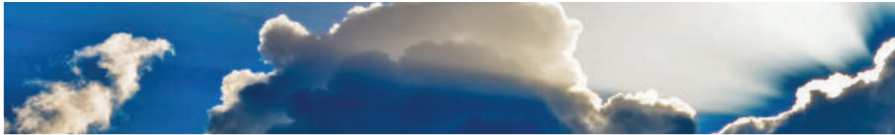
<http://www.calvertcountyanimalshelter.com/>

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Clyde Bernard (Bernie) Fowler



Clyde Bernard (Bernie) Fowler, 97, went to be with his heavenly Father on December 12th, 2021, and be reunited with his wife Betty who preceded him in death on November 5, 2018.



Bernie was born in Baltimore, Maryland on March 30, 1924. He was the fourth of six children of Howard and Lillian Fowler. His family moved to Broomes Island, Maryland before he was a year old, and it is there that he grew up and developed his deep love for the Patuxent River. The river supported his family through the tough times of the depression, and as Bernie grew up he learned the value of hard work helping his family make ends meet by working as a waterman, carpenter, and machinist. World War II was a defining time in his life. He worked as a machinist at the Navy Yard during the first few years of the war before enlisting in the Navy and serving in the Pacific on the USS Engstrom until the war was over. After the war he returned to Broomes Island and started his first business "Bernie's Boats". It was there that he met the love of his life, Betty Lou. They were married on September 9, 1949 and were together for 69 years before she passed.

Bernie's love for the Patuxent River, Calvert County, and his family lead him gradually into politics where he served on the School Board from 1963 to 1969, then as county commissioner from 1970 to 1982, and finally as a Maryland State Senator from 1983 to 1994. His efforts contributed significantly to many aspects of life in Calvert County and Southern Maryland during his time in office, yet he is best known for his efforts to save and preserve the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay. He continued to fight to preserve them until his last days, living out the motto he repeated often – Never, never, never give up.

He was a long-time member of Trinity United Methodist Church, and in his later years was also a frequent visitor at Life Church of Calvert where his grandson is pastor. Above all he loved our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His faith served as the cornerstone for how he lived his life and was integral to whatever he did. He did not hesitate to share that with those he met.

He is survived by his daughters Mona Lisa Monsma (Michael), Lora Lee Fowler, Betty "BB" Forrester (Steve), and son Bernie Fowler Jr. (Rose), grandchildren Steve Forrester Jr. (Monica), Kristi Wood,

Karla Osburn (Richard), Ryan Forrester, Stacy Davidson (Greg), Lauren Fowler, Cody Fowler, Hailey Fowler, Nicholas Torboli, Vince Torboli, great-grandchildren Alys-

sa Osburn, Alex Osburn, Rebecca Forrester, Steve Forrester III, Seth Forrester, Carter Dailey, Avalee Davidson, Grayson Torboli, great-great-grandchild Wesley Sherbert, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Betty, his sister Louise, and brothers Howard, Marvin, Edward, and Merrill (Snaz).

Due to the Covid Pandemic, the previously announced Celebration of Life service has postponed till a later date.

Bernie's final request was that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Farming 4 Hunger, P.O. Box 2348; Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678 or Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 6 Herndon Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403; Link:

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

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Alfred Keen Hobbs



Alfred Keen Hobbs, 64, of North Beach, MD passed away December 17, 2021 at Thomas Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, PA. He was born January 31, 1957 in Washington, DC to Alfred Paul and Norma Elizabeth (Owens)Hobbs.

Alfred was an Electronic Technician with Metro.

He was preceded in death by his father.

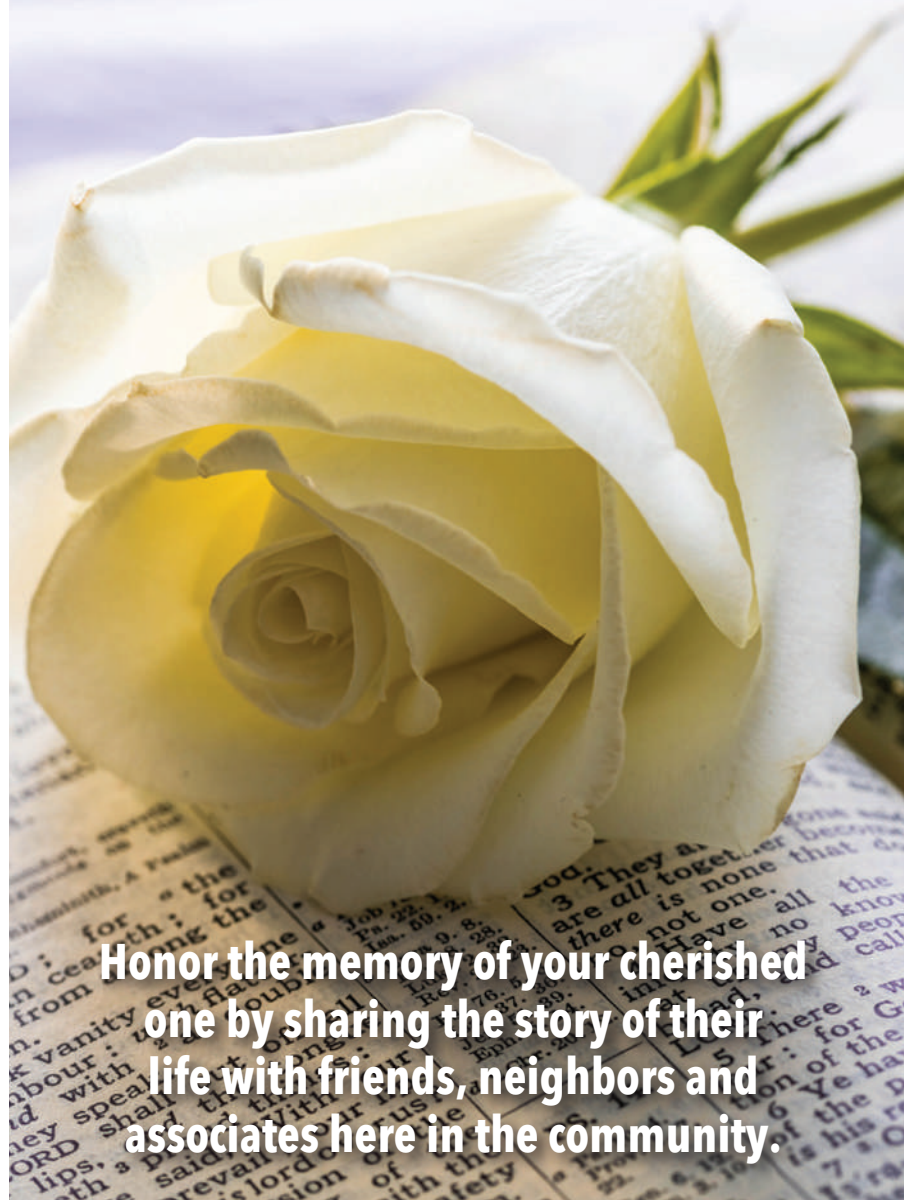
Surviving are his mother Norma E. Lietz of North Beach, brother Anthony Hobbs and his wife Mary of Burtonsville, and sisters Alice Parks and her husband Gregory of North Beach and Lisa Sessoms and her husband Ronald of Bowie.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday January 29, 2022 from 4-7 p.m. at William Stallings Post # 206 American Legion in Chesapeake Beach. Attendees are requested to be vaccinated.

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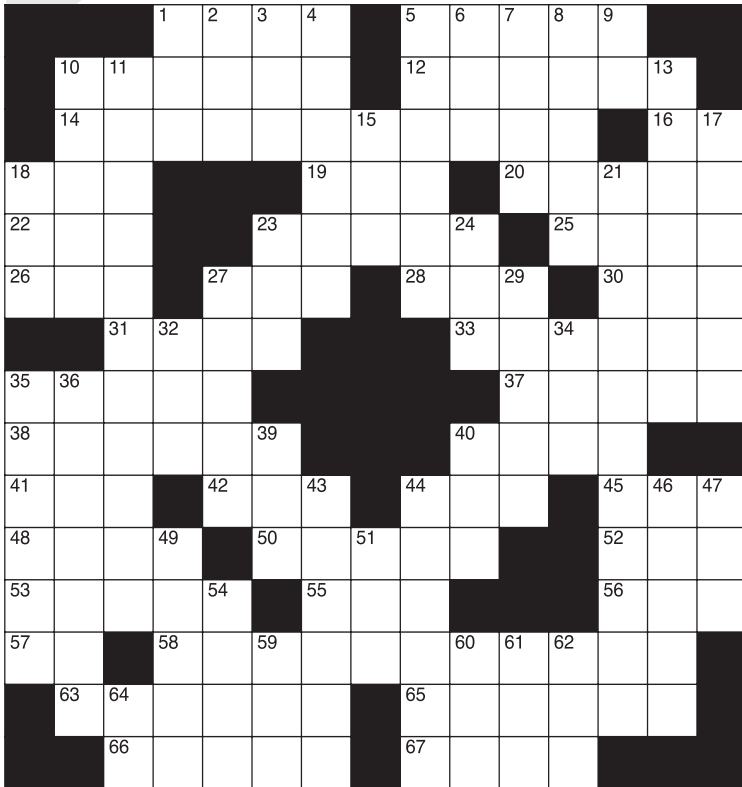
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GAMES & PUZZLES



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Chinese Muslim group
- 5. Alternative name
- 10. Resounds
- 12. Supporter
- 14. Furnishes anew
- 16. Beloved Hollywood alien
- 18. Supervises flying
- 19. Ballplayer's tool
- 20. Coarse edible red seaweed
- 22. Former CIA
- 23. Basketball player
- 25. Travel necessities
- 26. Honey producer
- 27. Military analysis (abbr.)
- 28. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 30. Mental sharpness and inventiveness
- 31. Popular Easter meal
- 33. Man (Spanish)
- 35. ___ de la ___
- 37. Counterweights
- 38. Made a harsh, grating noise
- 40. Monetary unit
- 41. Commercials
- 42. Cool!
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 45. Expression of

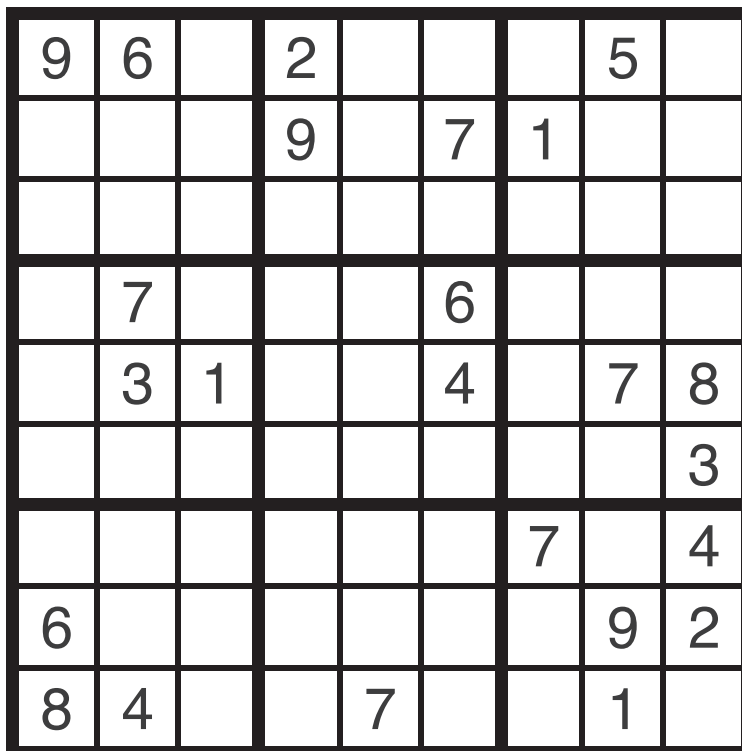
creative skill

- 48. Unit of angle
- 50. Transported
- 52. N. American people of Kansas
- 53. Computer game character Max
- 55. Moved swiftly
- 56. Everyone has one
- 57. Tin
- 58. A mole is one
- 63. Nocturnal hoofed animals
- 65. Oppositional to
- 66. Monetary units
- 67. Not on time

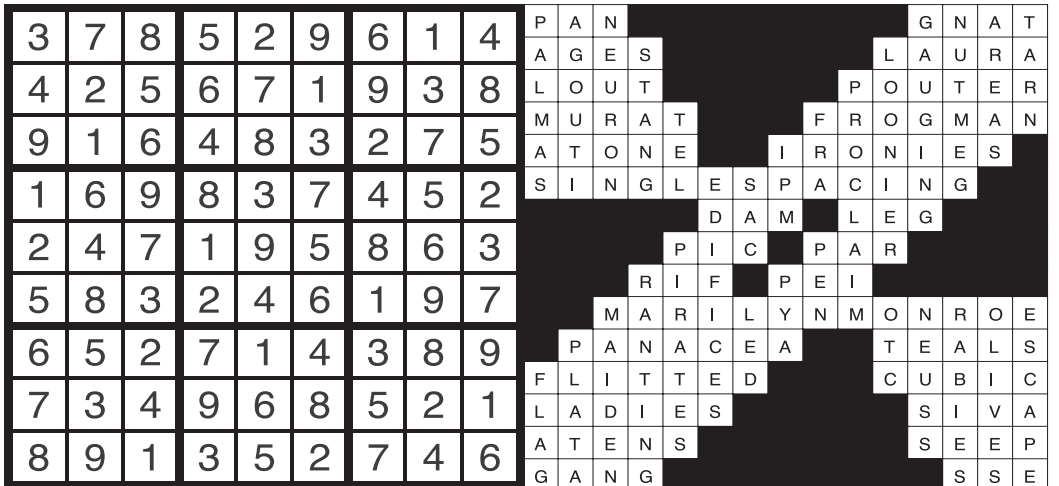
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Hoghead (abbr.)
- 2. Misery resulting from affliction
- 3. Defunction European group
- 4. Line on a map
- 5. Becomes less intense
- 6. Back muscle
- 7. Frosted
- 8. Ethiopian town
- 9. Midway between south and east
- 10. Wipe from the record
- 11. In a continuous way
- 13. Breathe

- 15. Cleaning device
- 17. Male organ
- 18. Tab on a key ring
- 21. Criminals
- 23. Taxi
- 24. Cheer of encouragement
- 27. Wartime American escort carrier
- 29. Polish river
- 32. Current unit
- 34. Life form
- 35. Painful contractions
- 36. Glowing
- 39. Press against lightly
- 40. Melancholic
- 43. Something you can be under
- 44. Of the mind
- 46. E. Indian cereal grass
- 47. Couple
- 49. Sharpshoot
- 51. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 54. ___ Blyton, children's author
- 59. Human gene
- 60. Data mining methodology (abbr.)
- 61. Examines animals
- 62. Mineral
- 64. Cools your home



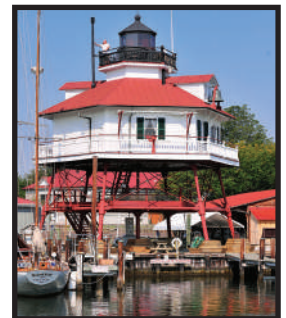
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A MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN

Merry Christmas to everyone!

I know that during this time of Christmas there are wonderful times of joy, family time, creating new memories, and sharing; however, for some, it comes with times of uncertainty, loneliness, and great need. I pray that this message is an encouragement to all.

1 Peter 5:7 – “Casting all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you”

I would like to tell you my story. It was 1984, and I had just completed Marine Corps Administration School at Camp Johnson, NC. After two weeks of leave, I headed to my first duty station, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, CA. Since I did not have a car, I took the Greyhound bus from Merced, California to Santa Ana, California. My orders were to report by 12 midnight.

It was past 11:15 pm when I got off the bus, and it was pitch black with only a small telephone pole light at the corner. I was in full uniform, and I was carrying everything I owned within my green sea bag. I was shocked that the bus station was closed; however, there was a pay phone nearby so I called the duty officer thinking they were going to pick me up. Unfortunately, that was not the case. I called a cab and after about 20 minutes it arrived. The driver got out and opened the back of the cab to drop my sea bag in the trunk. As he was doing that, I asked, “Hey, I have five dollars. How far will that get me?” I knew that at my former duty, Camp Johnson, five bucks would get me anywhere. The cab driver expressed, “not far!” I was only thinking that “I am going to get in trouble for not being on time.” The Marine Corps does not mess around when it comes to being irresponsible, even if the Greyhound bus driver drives like grandma. At that moment, before I could even worry about my lack of cash, I just saw this hand come from the other side of the cab across the roof and hand me five bucks. I could not believe it. No one was in the cab, and it was in the middle of the night in drug-infested Santa Ana! Who would be out this late? I just remember looking over the cab and expressing to a man who was fully dressed in a suit that until my dying day, I would tell everyone what he had done for me. He said not one word, and actually, I do not even remember his face.

All I knew is on one given day in the middle of the night, the Lord with his unspoken hand helped me with what most would say was just a small gesture. It turned out to be life changing. Friends, like Christmas, in the middle of the night, a child was born for one reason: to give the world a savior to rescue us from trouble. For **Isaiah 9:6** tells us, “**For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**” Friends, it still is the most important thing that has happened to all of us. The question is: Do you believe?

By the way, I got to my duty station on time, with five minutes to spare. My promise: I would tell the story of when the hand of God came down and saved me in the middle of the night, in the middle of nowhere, and put me somewhere for his purpose. I do not know about you, but this sounds a lot like Christmas.

Merry Christmas

Richard Myers, Executive Director

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