



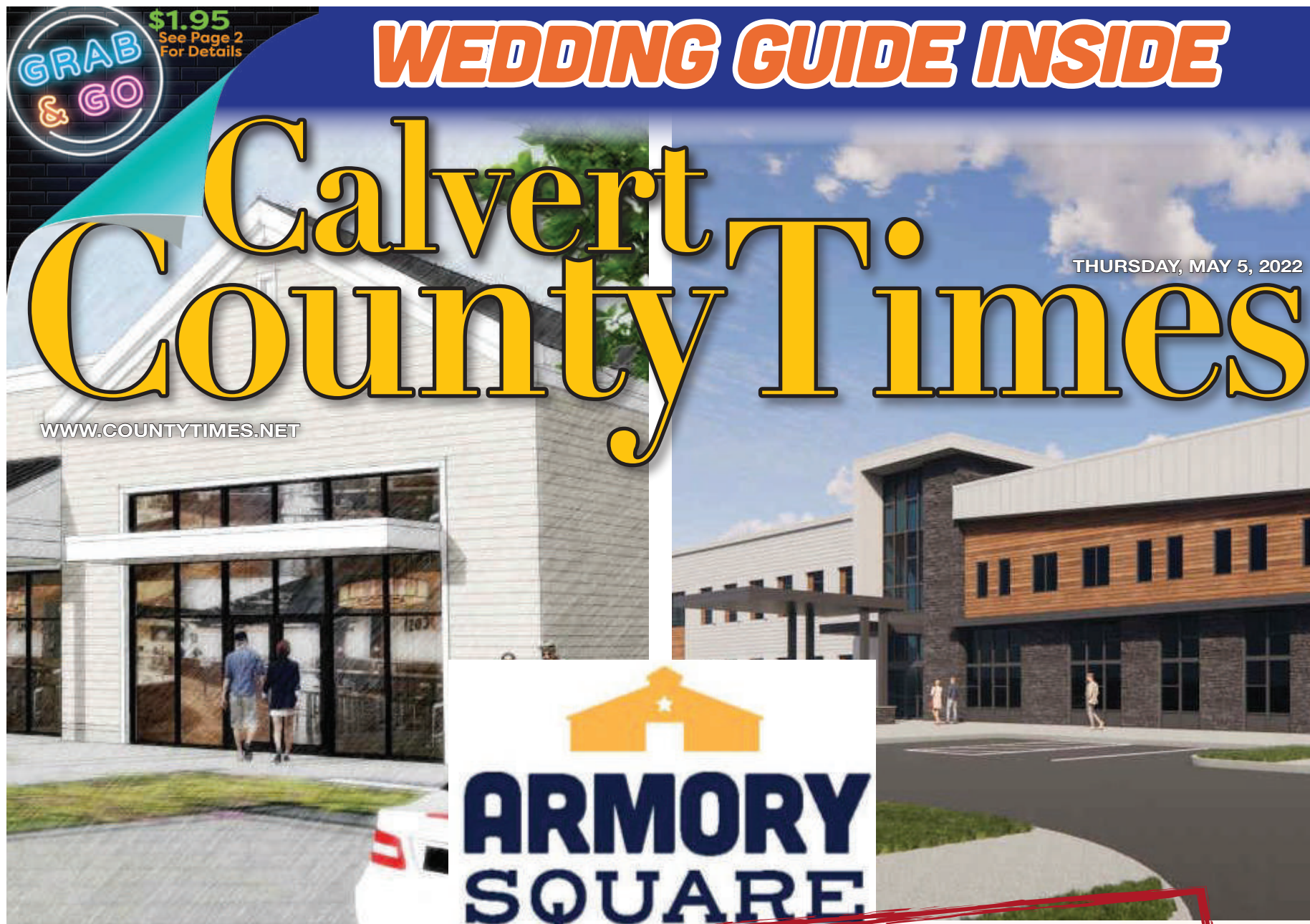
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THU 5/12		<b>77°</b> /59°	Plenty of sunshine

# Planners Approve Armory Square Concept

## Aldi, Dash In, Medical Office Coming

By Dick Myers  
Editor

It was in recent years held out as a potential centerpiece for the Prince Frederick Town Center. The community charette held more than a half-dozen years ago showed the Armory Square site, where Calvert Middle School and before that Calvert High School once stood, with a downtown kind of feel. The concept plan presented to and approved by the planning commission on April 28 has some of that, but largely it's a conventional shopping center with an Aldi grocery store, Dash In convenience store/gas station/car wash and a medical office building. In other words, much like the rest of Prince Frederick.

The staff report presented to the planning commission by Principal Planner, Christine Finamore said the project was in two parcels totaling 12.95 acres, with frontage on MD 2/4 (Solomons Island Road) to the west, Armory Road to the east, and MD 402 (Dares Beach Road) to the south.

The report said, "The project proposal includes 64,409 sq. ft. of retail and grocery space, 39,400 sq. ft. of medical office space, and 4,843 sq. ft. total for the automobile filling station and convenience store, including a car wash, and associated site improvements."

Finamore noted the site's education history and the transfer of the property by the Board of Education to the county in 2011. The former middle school was razed between 2011 and 2013. It was originally constructed in 1941.

The property is currently under a purchase and sale agreement between the county and Armory Square LLC and Fox Run Professional Center, LLC. The sale was contingent on planning approvals.

The staff report said, "Vehicular access into the site is proposed from MD 2/4, MD 402, and also from Armory Road. A private access and util-



Concept plan for Armory Square

ity easement proposed as 'Carnival Way' bisects the site 'east-west' from Armory Road to MD 2/4. This access point lines up with the median cross-over recently constructed by the Maryland Dept. of Transportation, State Highway Administration (SHA) as part of the MD 2/4 improvements."

The intersection of MD 2/4 and Carnival Way into the site is proposed to be signalized with a traffic light to accommodate the full vehicular movements.

The Department of Public Works recommended "the signal should be installed prior to issuance of Use & Occupancy within the site development; However, the site development may move forward prior to the signal if the following conditions are met:

- "A right in from northbound MD 2/4 and a right out from Carnival Way onto MD 2/4. This shall be a temporary configuration that will be approved by MDOT.

- "A single left in from southbound MD 2/4 through the intersection of northbound MD 2/4 onto Carnival Way. This shall be a temporary configuration that will be approved by

SHA."

Finamore's report contained five stipulations, including the developer meeting any agency conditions still outstanding. The developer's attorney Edward Gibbs argued it would be difficult for his client to agree to something that they had not seen. But Finamore said the condition was the same as for other concept plans.

In the end the planners agreed to abide by the staff recommendations on the five conditions.

Regulations require 385 parking spaces and 408 are proposed.

Signage is proposed on site to note its significance in the county's education history.

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# Commissioners Tighten TDR Regulations

## Projects in Pipeline Grandfathered

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and the planning commission held a joint public hearing on April 28 on three proposed zoning text amendments designed to limit growth somewhat. In an unusual outcome, the two bodies disagreed, with the BOCC overriding the planners on proposed transfer of development rights (TDR) requirements.

The proposal at the public hearing changed the existing sliding scale for TDR requirements which had been implemented several years ago to encourage multi-family development in the Prince Frederick, Solomons and Lusby town centers. Developers had argued the requirements in place at the time were too restrictive for them to build.

The majority of the commissioners recently have expressed concern about the increasing pace of multi-family development in Prince Frederick.

So, the commissioners, against the recommendation of their TDR advisory committee, voted to move ahead with reverting back to the old way of determining the number of development rights required to be purchased



Commissioner Kelly McConkey

for multi-family development. The new scale pegs the requirements to the number of bedrooms in a unit, with three bedrooms requiring three TDRs for each unit.

The public hearing on the proposal drew 14 commenters, with most supporting the change. But when it came time for the planning commission to vote, member Richard Holler moved to reject the proposal, noting that the TDR committee had recommended against it. That motion carried with one dissenting vote, John Toohey.

That prompted considerable discussion amongst the four commissioners remaining after President Buddy Hance recused himself.

Commissioner Chris Gadway, seeking to address Commissioner Kelly McConkey's concerns about the impact on projects that are now in the pipeline with developers having spent much time and money.

Gadway at first suggested that any project with concept site plan approval would be grandfathered. But McConkey balked, arguing for grandfathering for projects that had submitted the plans but short of their approval.

Gadway eventually relented and the motion approved by the four commissioners grandfathered projects with concept subdivision or preliminary site plan submissions.

During the public hearing, developer Rodney Gertz argued for the grandfathering.

Gertz said the multi-family housing was addressing a need and was in response to earlier county concerns. "I do what is best for the county," he said.

Advocate for the disabled Joseph Cormier questioned how the changes would help with providing affordable housing.

Former planning director Greg Bowen noted the county doesn't require TDRs for affordable housing.

And the majority spoke not only

in favor of the proposal but against the second phase of expansion of the Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan update now underway.

Commissioner candidate Catherine Grasso, running against McConkey, said she had been waiting for a chance to express her concerns about growth. "Tonight is a chance for the citizens' voice to be heard," she said.

Traffic was also on the minds of several of the speakers

Denise Breitberg said people move to the county for its beauty. "You can't see the beauty of the place when you are sitting in traffic," she said.

The other two changes which were also subject to the public hearing were not controversial. One reduces from 24 to 14 units per acre the allowable density in the New Town District in Prince Frederick. Virtually the only land zoned for that is Armory Square (see separate story) and no residences are proposed there.

The other change reimposes the requirement that at least 50 percent of a site in the Village District in Prince Frederick be commercial, office or industrial but allows for exemptions.

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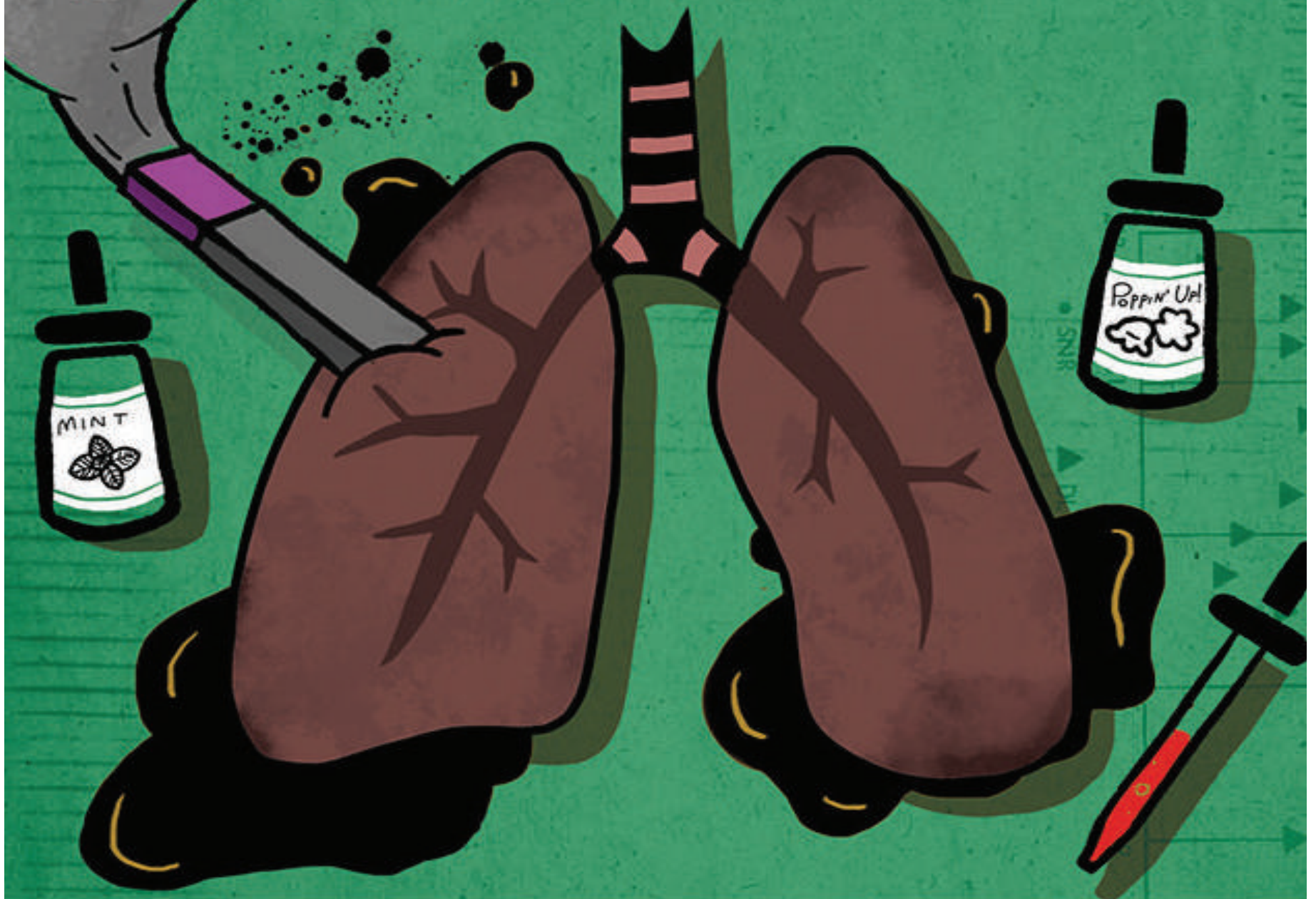
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# Commissioners Visit Local Businesses

## Part of Business Appreciation Week

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners conducted a series of visits to local businesses for Calvert County's 15<sup>th</sup> annual Business Appreciation Week. Business Appreciation Week celebrates the contributions of local businesses, and the vital role local businesses play in the economy.

Each commissioner paid three visits on May 3. Commissioner President Buddy Hance's first stop was in Huntingtown, at Wear Your Spirit Wearhouse. While there they put him to work, helping to do a screen-printing job.

Owner Ali Banholzer explained, "I started my first business in 2004. It kind of morphed and changed over the years to what it is now. Originally, I was a military spouse, and it was a business kind of done out of my home just to pay for some vacations and spending money. But it kept growing and growing. And in 2007, I moved it out into commercial space and started doing the business as it is now, which is the decorated apparel and promotional items."

Tragedy caused a pivot in 2014. She said, "My husband, at the time he was the commander of Air Force One, was diagnosed with terminal cancer. So, I closed down my commercial space and I brought the business back home and just maintained a few loyal customers and took care of him."

Her husband passed away in 2016 and she had a decision to make – going back to her career field of criminology or reopening the business and growing it. She opted for the latter.

"So, we moved back out into commercial space in 2017, outgrew that location within a year, moved to the location we're at now. And we just keep growing and charging ahead."

Why the business decision? She said, "When I worked criminology, I worked for robbery, homicide, and sex crimes, and I was already in a dark place having lost my husband and had two teenage daughters. I just didn't think my mental health would withstand it."

But she added, "We do absolutely have a special heart for first responders and military, and they make up a significant portion of our business."

They had moved to Calvert in 2002 when her husband was stationed at Andrews AFB. "It was always a natural fit to be here in Calvert County, because that's where our home was," adding, "My kids were in middle school and high school, and I promised them we wouldn't move until they had both graduated from high school."

"Initially I received assistance by way of economic development,

kind of helping me find commercial space," Banholzer said. "Helping me find locations that would be a good fit during COVID. I did receive a couple of their grants to help sustain small business through COVID."

Her location on Prospect Drive has a showroom. "It's not a traditional retail space where you can just come in and buy, but people can come in and look at samples and touch and feel and get an idea of the products that we carry before placing an order," she explained.

The manufacturing consists of "traditional silk screen on apparel. We order blank sweatshirts and things. That way we have an in-house graphic designer. We can print designs that customers bring us as long as they either own the copyright or they're not a copyrighted image."

"We screen apparel, we embroider apparel and hats and bags. We do sublimation, a process that can be done on apparel or hard goods like mugs, key chains, lanyards, really hundreds of different products. And then wide format printing, which is banners and stickers and yard signs," she said.

They have a dozen employees.

She said she would tell Hance that her main challenges as a business in Calvert County are "manufacturing is very much blue-collar entry-level work. We do pay more than minimum wage, but it is very hard for me to find full-time employees because the cost of living in Calvert is so high that most of the people seeking jobs can't live off of \$15, \$16 an hour. And so, finding employees is a challenge. And then the cost of real estate on the commercial side is a challenge."

"I'm a one hundred percent female owned business in manufacturing, which is very rare," she said.

Hance also visited Sassafras Farms in Dunkirk and Friday's Creek Winery in Owings.

Commissioner Vice President Steve Weems visited Spring Hill Suites in Prince Frederick, Patuxent Seafood Company in Broomes Island and Benedict Metal Works in Prince Frederick.

Commissioner Chris Gadway visited Capps Mechanical in Huntingtown, K&K Adventure Park in Prince Frederick and Bowensville Farm & Nursery in Prince Frederick.

Commissioner Mike Hart visited Hilton Garden Inn in Solomons, Solomons Veterinary Medical Center in Solomons and Chesapeake's Bounty in St. Leonard.

Commissioner Kelly McConkey visited Rod 'N' Reel Resort in Chesapeake Beach, Bayside History Museum in North Beach and Freedom Hill Horse Rescue in Owings.

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# Commissioner Candidates Talk About Growth

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Calvert County Republican Central Committee held a forum for GOP county commissioner candidates on April 27 at Southern Community Center in Lusby. All 12 appeared. There is no contested Democratic primary.

The forum featured opening and closing statements from each candidate and a series of questions. The first question was: "Will you restrict development until the required infrastructure is in place and fully operational and who pays for the infrastructure?" The following are the responses (edited for clarity) in the order given:

## At-Large

**Earl "Buddy" Hance:** "The other night I was at a forum where we talked about growth and that night I said, people are going to tell you that the growth rate in Calvert County for the last decade has only been four-tenths of a percent and that we shouldn't worry about growth. The issue is that we're in that decade we grew by 4.4 percent, but we're two or three decades behind on infrastructure. And those infrastructure costs are expensive, and we can't afford it. What I have learned in my last three years is most growth costs. It doesn't pay, and we're still trying to catch up with those infrastructure concerns that happened years ago when we were growing so fast, and we didn't keep up. And my job is to make sure that we don't outgrow the infrastructure that already are bulging."

**Paul Harrison:** "You're going to hear different statistics tonight. Prince Frederick is growing big. Thousand-unit apartment buildings make the growth rates go pretty fast overall in Calvert County. Essentially, single-family building is slowing. I had a conversation with Rodney Gertz of Quality Built. He's getting out of the business because it's just too hard. It's too expensive to build here. The issue in Prince Frederick, we have a septic plant that was built years ago in the 70s technology. They'll tell you, it's only at 71 percent capacity. Whatever the pumps can do, that's great. But in the wet season, the affluent can't get in. A lot of times, if you are given a permit for 80 percent capacity and your stuff isn't sinking into the ground at 71 percent capacity, then it might be giving you a warning sign. So, I think we need to pare back on the high-density development because we just don't have the infrastructure to handle it."

**Myra Gowans:** The comprehensive plan and the master plan, which is being worked on right this very minute in Prince Frederick and the duplicating (of) it up in Dunkirk. There is no sewer and water avail-

able for this massive buildout that they intend to bring to the county. Until recently it was going to be 14 to 24 residences on one acre in Calvert County, Maryland in Prince Frederick. That means they're putting in commercial on the bottom and high-rise development on top. Not only will that ruin the ability of our roads to handle the traffic, but it will also start a new market value and we won't be able to live here."

**Todd Ireland:** "The infrastructure definitely has to be looked at. Our roadways need to be able to keep up with what's going on. We have a sewer issue and there's going to have to be some land acquisition somewhere down the road in order to be able to sustain the sewer from the current building that's going on. I sat in on the county commissioner's meeting yesterday, and this was discussed thoroughly with the pipeline versus other options. And the last two weeks, the county's done a tremendous job coming up with other alternatives to ensure that pipeline doesn't have to come into place right now. The next four to six years will be crucial. However, steps have to be taken now to prepare for that growth."

## 3rd Commissioner District

**Catherine Grasso:** "We are in phase one of Prince Frederick grow out and already we have a sewer problem. That's unbelievable. I'm requesting a pause on growth, period. I'm also requesting that we step back, look at our budget, look at what we can absorb in Calvert County. And I recommend that we proceed, when we proceed, strategically."

**Evan Turzanski:** "I also agree with the majority of the individuals here. I believe that currently we need to pause on growth. We need to work on actually building what we have here in the community. We don't have sidewalks. We don't have crosswalks. We don't have service lanes. We don't have basic necessities on what we already have. This is what we need to focus on instead of looking at adding high rises to the community. I think we need to make it safer in Calvert and that needs to be the first thing we need to worry about before we look at other growth."

**Kelly McConkey:** "Currently, the commissioners are working on a text amendment that is going to reduce the units from 24 to 14. That's going in place very soon. There won't be a sewer line going from Prince Frederick to Solomons. It's not going to happen. We don't have a failing sewer system. It was 67 percent six years ago; today it's at 68 percent. By law, you have to put a plan in place when it reaches 80 percent. We're probably 10 to 12 years away from reaching the 80 percent

mark. So, the county is way ahead of the game to make plans to have something done right in the area of Prince Frederick. Like I said, it took six years to go up one percent. This board has not built anything in this county in the four years that we've been in there. Everything that's been built, residential or anything, has been with the zooming since the 1986 range. And if somebody owns a piece of property and they have all the rights to go before the planning commission, the planning commission approves it, not the county commissioners. So, we don't have a right to stop somebody from building. The only thing we've built is firehouses, parks, and things for the community."

## 2nd Commissioner District

**Mark Cox:** "We need smart growth in keeping with our rural roots. We have an adequate facility ordinance that looks at our roads, schools, sewers, and water. So, get back to the sewer line. We have a study going on now that was started in 2017 and that's in progress right now. We need to work with our consultants in our water and sewer department to listen, learn, and respond to our sewer challenges. Something else on the sewer side that I want to make a note of. There's a lot of citizens in Calvert County that are on holding tanks. We need to look at this and find new technology in new ways to help these citizens out."

**Chris Gadway:** "Short answer. Yes. We'll work on restricting development until proper infrastructure is in place. Who pays for it? The people that are going to be moving into those houses are ultimately going to be the ones. They're the users of the system. If they're using the sewer, that's how an enterprise system works. We currently have less than 1200 equivalent dwelling units left in the Prince Frederick sewer capacity. The current adequate facilities that we have in this county that would allow us to apply any type of moratorium, only applies to the best of knowledge to schools and roads. It doesn't have anything to do with sewer. That's one of the things that I'm looking to try to implement soon. One percent of sewer capacity is 37 homes, 37.5. According to the most recent math that I could come up with. So that 29 percent's going to go fast folks."

## 1st Commissioner District

**Steve Jones:** I don't think anyone on the current BOCC, or the planning commission will disagree with this. The planning commission years ago asked for a traffic study, and we asked for a Cadillac and we got a Yugo. I hope I haven't offended anybody that has a Yugo, but we didn't get exactly what we wanted. And I think it's expensive.

And I do believe that we need to invest in our roadways. I don't know that growth is the biggest problem. I think everybody sat in traffic on Route 4, and I find that to be the biggest problem. The sewer system, we keep talking about Prince Frederick. Our sewer system is collapsing from Dunkirk to Solomons. We need to get sewer systems looked at all over Calvert County and not just in Prince Frederick or just not in Solomons. There's a problem everywhere. And one of the other candidates stated it, the bottom line is, we have to do something to help these that have holding tanks. They are spending \$300 a month, their property values are decreasing, and we need to do something to help."

**Patrick Flaherty:** It seems like the planners forgot the five P's. Prior planning prevents poor performance. Before you build anything, you need a proper foundation. Infrastructure should always come first and who pays for it? Who profits from it? A ratio can be developed to where developers put in, the state puts in, if it's a state road, the county can contribute in and that's how it's paid for. But also, I would like to try and figure out a way to get a moratorium from the nuclear power plant south and stop all construction period until we get a new bridge, because that bridge was originally built as an emergency exodus in case of an accident at the nuclear plant. Right now, if there was one, considering the growth from the 70's until now, people would be hard pressed to get out of the area in a case of emergency."

**Mike Hart:** The simple answer is, we can't afford it. Been part of the budget process for seven years and it's bigger than just septic. We all know the septic are failing from the south end of this county. The north end had look at classroom sizes. We don't have the infrastructure in place. That's obvious. Everybody has seen that. We added nine officers last year. We can't afford it. You know, there's the expression of putting the cart before the horse. Well, that's what's happened. We can't afford it. We don't have the proper information. As Steve Jones just said, it's an accurate statement. We don't have the proper information. That's why none of this has worked, but we are working on that. Now getting the proper traffic study used to be to a 24-hour period and take the amount of cars and divide it by 24 hours. We know we're a bedroom community. People travel five in the morning until 8 o'clock, four in the afternoon till seven. That's the math that needs to be done, not just as it's been. And that's why I asked for a moratorium two weeks ago. And that's what I'm still presently working on."



# CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

During the week of April 18, 2022 – April 24, 2022, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,320 calls for service throughout the community.

## ARRESTS

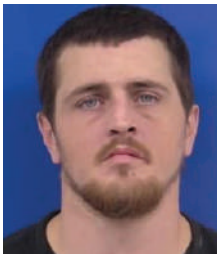
On April 19, 2022, Deputy Hendrickson conducted a traffic stop for an equipment violation along southbound Rt. 4 and Sherry Lane in Prince Frederick, MD. Contact was made with the driver, **Emmett Odyssey Harry Gantt**, 61 of Lusby, MD, who advised he did not possess a valid driver's license. Investigation revealed Gantt had an active warrant through the Calvert County Sheriff's Office. A search of the vehicle revealed a tie-off containing a suspected crack rock and a glass pipe (suspected crack pipe). Gantt was placed into custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.



Emmett Gantt

On April 23, 2022, Deputy Strong conducted a traffic stop following reports of a reckless driver in the area of Rt. 260 and Cox Road in Chesapeake Beach, MD. Contact was made with the sole occupant, **Brandon John Paul Sebrell**, 29 of Lothian, MD, who was attempting to exit his vehicle and stuff items in his front pocket. A search of Sebrell's person revealed four

Suboxone strips, two purple pills, and two cut straws with a white powdery residue. Sebrell advised the pills contained a combination of heroin and fentanyl. A search of the vehicle revealed a glass pipe with burnt ends and a scale covered in a white powdery residue. Sebrell was placed into custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.



Brandon Sebrell

On April 19, 2022, Deputy McCourt responded to the Giant Food store located at 655 N Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick, MD for the reported theft that already occurred. Investigation revealed **Craig Michael Ringler**, 40 of Lusby, MD, was observed leaving the store with approximately \$400 - \$500 worth of stolen merchandise. Ringer was seen loading the stolen goods into his vehicle and then fled the area.



Craig Ringler

Deputies located Ringler at his Lusby residence where he admitted to the theft. Investigation revealed Ringler had an open warrant through Prince George's County. A search incident to arrest revealed a cut straw covered in a white powdery residue. Ringler was placed into custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention

Center where he was charged with Theft: \$100 to Under \$1500, CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

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

## Sheriff's Office Mourns Passing of K-9 Taz

It is with great sadness that the Calvert County Sheriff's Office announces the passing of K-9 Taz. K-9 Taz served the Calvert County Sheriff's Office from the Fall of 2013 until his untimely passing on April 30, 2022.

K-9 Taz was assigned to M/DFC Burggraf and was a valued member of Patrol Squad 3.

K-9 Taz was a European import German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois Mix that went through Patrol class in 2013 and was certified in Patrol/Narcotics Detection. Taz was certified in tracking, evidence article search, building/area search, criminal apprehension, and CDS detection.

During his tenure K-9 Taz was apart of many Narcotics seizures and patrol apprehensions. K-9 Taz was also well known for his demonstrations at many of the schools



and birthday parties in Calvert County.

K-9 Taz will be greatly missed by the Calvert County Sheriff's Office and the Burggraf family.

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## *Our Lady Star of the Sea Event Honors Founder's Legacy*



Dave Spigler received a signed chrome hubcap from the band for his 30 years of friendship. With him are his wife Deb (center) and Janie Noelte, the Hubcaps manager.

By Dick Myers  
Editor

It started as an event to help pay off the mortgage for Our Lady Star of the Sea's new church. The Solomons church dubbed the event the Father Alexander Gala in honor of their first pastor Maurice Alexander.

The Father Alexander Gala over time became a much-anticipated event. Held in the spring, it was considered the first big social event of the season. Previous galas were held in the parish's Providence Room and were attended by up to 140 church members and their guests. The events were given a theme each year, such as a day at the Kentucky Derby or an evening at the Oscars and the participants dressed according to the occasion.

Emerging from the pandemic, this year current pastor Father Ken Gill wanted the event to be bigger, something special. He wished to bring people out and start socializing as before. Church attendance was down somewhat although many were participating by watching mass via streaming. But something was missing by not regularly coming together for friendly conversations and catching up with the things happening with each other's families.

The sold-out crowd who attended this year's Father Alexander Gala at Solomons Inn Resort on April 23 saw Father Gill's wish come to fruition and then some. It was indeed big and special.

Father Gill put the planning in the hands of a parishioner used to doing things in a big way -- Dave Spigler of the famous Hoggettes of Washington Redskins (can we still say that) fame.

Dave and his wife Deb had been co-chairs of the event previously. They were charged with "coming up with a plan that would be classy as well as a lot of fun," Dave Spigler told The County Times.

Their first suggestion was moving the gala off the parish campus to a bigger venue that would double the size of previous galas, attracting people who might not have come to a church event. It was soon decided to hold the gala at the Solomons Inn [formerly the Holiday Inn]. They knew the Inn's Chesapeake Ballroom would comfortably hold 300 guests. So, the room was booked, and preparations were started.

The Spiglers sought our parish volunteers and committees were formed to plan the decorations, the menu, the tickets sales, and a Silent Auction. "Team Gala" came together with 16 members under Dave and Deb's guidance to carry out Father Gill's marching orders.

Father Gill also provided an idea for the group to consider. He decided there were greater needs in today's world than the those of the parish. Dave Spigler explained that the parish had just held a "mortgage burning last year once the new \$7 million church was paid off, so he chose to make the beneficiary for this year's effort the victims of the tragedy in Ukraine. His idea was the spark that ignited tremendous enthusiasm and response both with the parish and the local community as well."

With a great cause and an exciting night planned, in less than two weeks the gala sold out all 300 tickets and many asked to be put on a waiting list.

"We could have sold twice the number of tickets," Spigler said.

The decoration committee put together a ballroom worthy of a royal wedding with centerpieces complete with battery lit votive candles and small blue and yellow Ukraine flags, black tablecloths, and gold napkins. Prior to entering the ballroom, guests walked through a large arch consisting of blue and yellow balloons.

Guests were promised a banquet and they got it, with three selections, including carved beef and other choices for those who do not care for meat. Appetizers were served butler style with waiters walking about the tables. And Father Gill's goal of bringing people together was evident with guests table hopping and renewing old acquaintances.

The guest list included many notable members of the community, including Commissioners Steve Weems and his mother Shirley and Mike Hart and wife Carolyn. Both commissioners are graduates of the Our Lady Star of the Sea Parochial School.

Retiring Calvert County Sheriff Mike Evans and wife Susan along with Rear Admiral Shane Gahagan and wife Jill from the Naval Warfare Center at Patuxent River joined in the fun as well.



Reverend Irwin Beverly being presented with the Father Alexander Award by Father Ken Gill.

The occasion also attracted the three current senior Knights of Columbus leaders in the Maryland: State Deputy Vince Grauso and Lady Mary Jane, the most recent Past State Deputy Dale Trott and Lady Linda, and the incoming State Deputy Chris Powers and Lady Annie.

One of the evening's highlights was the ceremony to present the annual Father Alexander Award to an individual who has a distinguished record of service to others. The award was created to honor the legacy of the first resident pastor who built the parish from the ground up through hard work and strong determination in the then small fishing village of Solomons nearly 100 years ago. "It recognizes those who reflect the spirit of Father Alexander by working tirelessly to make our community a better place with their efforts," according to the award.

Father Gill presented this year's award to Reverend Irwin Beverly, an 86-year-old minister who currently is pastor of Bethesda United Methodist Church in Valley Lee in St. Mary's County. Born in Calvert County, he was the seventh child of ten. All six of his sisters and one brother are deceased, several of whom died in a car accident when they were hit by a drunk driver in the early 1950's.

Growing up at that time in Calvert County, racism and segregation were powerful forces, and despite that reality, Pastor Irwin's mother made him promise that he would not hold hate in his heart for those who hurt him but would learn to love them. After becoming a leader in his faith, he joined other leaders in Calvert, both Protestant and Catholic, to help form SMILE (Service Makes Individual Lives Exciting) in 1991. The Lusby based organization cares for the underprivilege of the community with food, clothing, and furniture as needed. For years he has served with the support of his wife Eileen as president, financial assistant coordinator, and bulk items manager for the non-profit group.

The award indicates, "Reverend Beverly shows his love for God's people in so many ways that embodies the spirit of Father Alexander's tireless energy and love for the people in Calvert County. He is most deserving of this recognition."

Two additional presentations took place during the evening. During the first intermission of The Fabulous Hubcaps show, which was the icing on the cake for attendees, all of the Knights of Columbus who were present stepped forward for a short ceremony to present Maryland State Deputy for the Knights Vince Grauso with contributions from the Southern Maryland Councils for the victims in Ukraine. Dave Spigler, the District Deputy for these five councils, presented checks totaling more than \$4000 from the more than 500 Knights he represents. This donation will be given to the Supreme Knight who started the Ukraine Initiative two months ago. The money will be added to the more than \$10 million already raised worldwide by the two million Knights of Columbus who can be found in most countries including the Ukraine.

And then Denny Cook, the leader for the Fabulous Hubcaps, called Dave to come up on the stage to surprise him with a chrome hubcap that was signed by all the performers and their crew. It was intended to show their appreciation and gratitude for Dave for the past 30 years for his friendship and for his promotion and scheduling of their concerts at charity events and parties throughout Southern Maryland. Unbeknownst to Dave, the hubcap was donated by friends with the Knights.

To cap off this evening, the 300 guests were treated to an evening of entertainment by the long-time area favorite band. This seven member Hall of Fame group based in Maryland has been entertaining audiences all over the country including the White House, national conventions, theatres, casinos, state fairs, and more for more than 40 years. They put on a show that captures the sound and appearance of many original Rock & Roll artists of the 50s, 60s, and 70s.

Spigler told The County Times, "To all involved, this night was a complete success as shown by the more than \$10,000 that has been raised thus far. And the donations are still rolling in. The folks at 'Our Lady' couldn't be happier!"

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- 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Artists in Wonderland Popup Art Show
- 5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.: Mad About Leonardtown Spin Sesh with eliv8 at mural in LTown Alley
- 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Opening Reception - Artists in Wonderland Popup Art Show Bell Motor Company (Leonardtown Arts & Entertainment Fundraiser)
- 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Opening Reception North End Gallery The Peace of Wild Things Plein Air and Studio Works by Alison Barry & Freeman Dodsworth
- 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Opening Reception for Sharon Weiner Art Show/ Hospice Fundraiser
- 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.: Live music at POL Winery David Sparrow
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- 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.: Drum Circle on AC grass (no drumline)
- 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.: First Friday Art Studio at Yellow Line
- 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.: The Mad About Leonardtown Cocktail Party & Fundraiser at the Fenwick Inn (private event)
- 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Toy Station Box Release and Painting Tea Party at the Yellow Line Studio
- 7 p.m.: Levi Stephens at Antoinette's Garden

### Saturday, May 7th

- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Landscape Painting Workshop at the Yellow Line Studio
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Spring Craft and Vendor Show at the Leonardtown Fire House
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Explore the Old Jail Museum
- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Mother's Day Brunch for the Fur Moms at EarthWise Pets
- 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.: Pet Adoption Events Earthwise Pets
- 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Artists in wonderland popup art show
- 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.: Hatter's Mad Mother's Day Tea Party at the Fenwick Inn
- 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.: Live Music (Faith Noel) at Port of Leonardtown Winery
- 6 p.m.: Sunset Cruises at the Wharf
- 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.: Alice in Leonardtown Mural Ribbon Cutting and A&E Movie Festival in Ltown Alley
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# Rural Lands Forum Emphasizes Preservation

The Sustainable Calvert Network convened a rural lands forum on Thursday, April 21. Held at the aptly bucolic Jefferson Patterson Park, the forum advocated for the importance of preserving Calvert's rural lands in light of upcoming local elections. The event was attended by Calvert residents and several candidates for Calvert's Board of County Commissioners, offering a candid setting for citizens to engage in conversation with their future representatives.

Those who spoke at the forum were members of the Sustainable Calvert Network, each representing different roles in the community and providing unique perspectives toward a common vision for Calvert County. Following an introduction by Greg Bowen, Executive Director of the American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT), President of the Calvert Farm Bureau, Cathy Cosgrove, gave a farm owner's perspective on the importance of agriculture in Calvert. Cosgrove remarked upon the decline in family farm profitability over time, emphasizing the need to revitalize Calvert's agriculture going forward. To ensure farms are profitable, sustainable, and affordable for subsequent generations, Cosgrove offered solutions such as buying local, joining the Farm Bureau to endorse beneficial agricultural legislation, and supporting a variety of land preservation programs.

Many of the night's speakers shared their personal experiences and connections with

Calvert's natural landscapes, reiterating the importance of land preservation in such an ecologically rich county. President of the Calvert Nature Society, Joyce Baki, championed the power of land preservation to give "our children and our grandchildren the opportunity in the future to walk into a forest, or to the bay, or to wherever, and enjoy themselves." Chris Banks, former President of the Calvert Historical Society, similarly shared her connection to Calvert's rural lands through the story of her great grandmother Christiana Parran, a passionate landowner in the county's history. Ben Hance, President of the Southern Maryland Sierra Club, nostalgically relayed several anecdotes about the prior state of the county's natural lands, as told by family members who lived through Calvert's building boom and saw first-hand the drastic changes to its natural landscapes. Each of these speakers upheld the importance of Calvert's natural landscapes to their pasts as well as their futures, expressing strong sentiments towards seeing Calvert's critical lands undeveloped well into the future.

Scott Knoche, director of Morgan State University's Patuxent Environmental and Aquatic Research Laboratory and economist by training, provided an economic perspective of Calvert's natural landscapes by ascribing numerical values to several of the county's ecosystem services.

For instance, Knoche said the local fa-



Joyce Baki, Calvert Nature Society Speaks at Rural Lands Forum

vorite blue crab rakes in "over \$50 million in economic impacts." Because of preserved land and healthy waterways, Calvert continues to offer invaluable ecosystem services to the region. However, potential development remains a threat to these services, and the forum's speakers all verbalized the critical role of land preservation to counteract this threat.

Following a lineup of speakers who articulated the necessity of land preservation, Greg Bowen concluded with a presentation on how this land preservation happens. According to Bowen, many landowners sell their land for "highest and best use" to developers, assuming development generates the most profit. Bowen disagrees. In fact, this presumption has been disproven on several occasions in Calvert wherein the highest bidders were land trusts. These land trusts have been able to make back all of their money, taking on the role of "critical lands buyers", by subsequently selling both

the property and its development rights. Ultimately, Bowen hopes to shatter the notion that selling to developers is the most economical option for landowners. Land preservation is not only a lucrative alternative course of action for landowners, but it is also highly beneficial to the quality and sustainability of the environment as well as the innumerable services we gain from it.

The night closed with short introductions by each of the candidates present, including Mike Hart, Steve Jones, Catherine Grasso, Chelsea Monague, Myra Gowans, Todd Ireland, Tricia Powell, Buddy Hance, Christopher Gadway, and Evan Turzanski. Attendees were given the opportunity to speak with the candidates and further discuss their hopes for the future of Calvert in preparation for the primary elections on July 19, 2022.

By Mary Hoover, Chesapeake Conservation Corp Intern '21-'22

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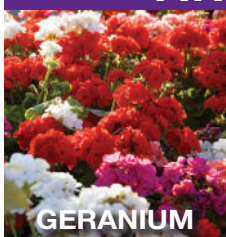
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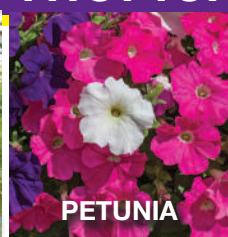
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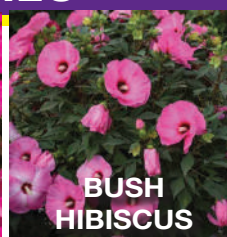
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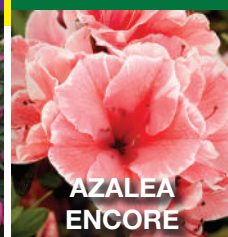


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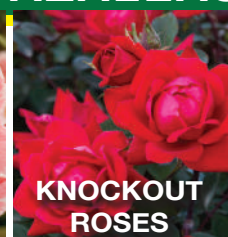


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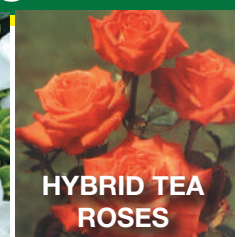
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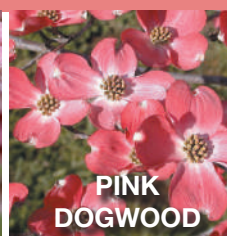
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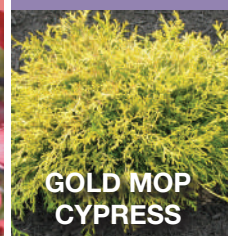


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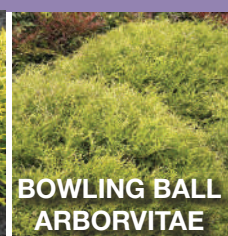


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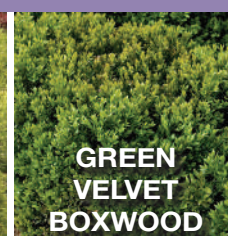
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# Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb  
Contributing Writer

It was calm, it was cold, it was slow. Trollers had limited success, on Sunday, May 1, as the big stripers were few and far between.

There were big fish caught, but many fishermen came home with nothing in the cooler. I have heard of only one fish caught under the 35 inch minimum; so most of those landed have been true trophies approaching 40 inches, and some closer to 50.

I had some of the best fishermen I know contact me on Monday asking for info as they had struck out. I had no hot spots or success stories to relay. The Potomac River may have been the best for trollers. Many there were able to catch a fish or two off Stuart's and St. George Island.

Tandem rigs and umbrellas have been the favorite lures.

Cat fishing continues to be excellent. The big catfish are still in the mouth of the Patuxent. Surf fishermen at Hog Point in the mouth of the Patuxent and at Myrtle Point above Point Patience have caught catfish steadily all week, mostly in the late afternoon and into the night.

The Potomac is loaded with catfish in Breton Bay, Piney Point, Bushwood, and points north. The further



Robert Lagrange with catfish from Hog Point at the Naval Air Station in the mouth of the Patuxent River

up the river the bigger and better numbers.

The tides have regained a normal footing, and with the warmer weather this week, we should have perch in the creeks.

The winter grasses have not begun the spring die off and that will make lure casting difficult. But, the carp and snakehead love that stuff so that can provide some fun.

Fresh water continues to be good with bass, crappie, pickerel, and stocked trout. Some rain will help conditions and improve the bite.

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# Letters to the Editor

## BOCC Had Already Decided

### To the Editor:

Until this week citizens have been ignored so we know it's builders who have been running this county. On election day who will the voters support? NOT those of you who consistently have voted for SBIG's agenda of unchecked buildout, (Steve Jones, and Commissioner Kelly McKonKey included.)

BOCC, thank you for requesting an Adequate Public Facility Ordinance without a sundown for water and sewer, but it must include road infrastructure. All building permit applications which use manipulated and out of date statistics and methodology should be unacceptable and rejected, intended cheating or not.

A moratorium is needed while waiting for implementation of this APFO to prevent overloading facilities due to grandfathering projects.

An insufficient and low-level sewage system calls for drastic measures so be creative.

YES, the more TDRs for residential development the better! Developers make their money upfront, then leave the county and taxpayers holding the bag. Which we cannot afford. Every Dwelling Unit costs the County \$2,000 & \$1,900 for each Apartment Unit, per year in services and infrastructure. Cumulatively, through 2040, that's \$150,000,000.

Waiving TDRs for projects that meet Senior, affordable and workforce housing criteria is not wise as it gives builders permission to overload Prince Frederick with multiunit buildings.

Lowering maximum density to 14 units per acre is great but most citizens agree 10 units per acre would be better for septic and environment.

Get rid of Prince Frederick Expansions 1 & 2. These areas are not suited for development due to poor soil and steep slopes. Use some of that land for septic processing while the rest remains forests, wetlands, and streams for recharge of aquifer, ecosystem and Bay.

Yes, require more land to be set aside for commercial use, instead of residential. Rezone some residential land to allow room for sewage facilities in Prince Frederick.

The BOCC, elected by the citizens, are legally the only ones who should be running the county not Planning & Zoning.

BOCC, NO thanks for late in the day before the meeting changing your 4/28/22 Agenda so that the citizens could not speak nor be heard by the public.

My error as I misunderstood. I was able to speak at the meeting. Please print my letter anyway as despite the many impressive speeches by our citizens, the BOCC had decided how they would vote before the meeting began. They voted for the items as is, with the exception of grandfathering in an unknown number of projects already in the works. It will be interesting to see how many builders get in project conceptual applications in the next 10 days before the vote becomes law.

*Charlene Tobey Kriemelmeyer  
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## Gail Marie Dove



Gail Marie Dove, 78 of Lusby, MD peacefully passed away on April 9, 2022 at her residence with her son by her side.

Born September 5, 1943 in Prince Frederick, MD, she was the daughter of the late Elbert Ireland and Ella Marie (Edwards) Ireland.

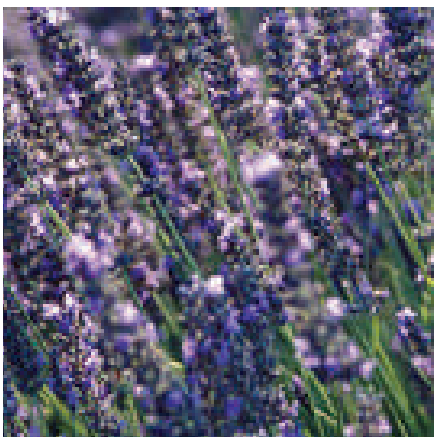
Gail was a life long resident of Calvert County. She graduated from Calvert High School in 1961 and was a secretary/store clerk. Gail endured many health problems in her life, but her strength, perseverance, and ability to still find joy, love, and caring for others everyday was an inspiration. Her life was blessed with an organ transplant in 1996 and she enjoyed twenty six years afterwards. She encouraged everyone to donate their organs. Gail had a huge heart and loved people and children.

Gail is survived by her son, Kevin Dove of Lusby, MD.

Gail's final resting place will be in Olivet United Methodist Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Liver Foundation, P.O. Box 299, West Orange, NJ 07052, the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016 or Olivet United Methodist Church, 13575 Olivet Road, Lusby, MD 20657.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.rauschfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rauschfuneralhomes.com).

## Althea Dove Foley



Althea Dove Foley of High Springs, Florida passed away peacefully on April 19, 2022 in Asheville, North Carolina surrounded by close family.

She was born February 6, 1950 on Broomes Island, Maryland, to a large

Catholic family. As the second eldest, she helped raise her younger siblings after her father passed away.

The family moved to Cocoa Beach in the mid 1960's, where she met her first husband and moved to Central Florida to raise their daughter, Angela.

After graduating from the University of Central Florida, Althea worked in the banking and financial services industry for several decades.

Althea met Mike Foley through two of their daughters, who went to high school together. Althea and Mike fell in love and were married in 1989. Together they raised their blended family, that included a son and three daughters. Later they enjoyed the merriment of many grandkids.

After Mike retired from teaching, they moved to Punta Gorda, Florida in 1994. This was also the time that Althea's financial services career took her all over the world.

In 2002, Althea semi-retired and they moved to Bakersville, North Carolina where they enjoyed 18 years surrounded by gorgeous mountain views and some of the best neighbors they ever had.

Althea was never one to let the grass grow under her feet. During her second attempt at retirement, she volunteered with Hospice of the Blue Ridge for seven years, including being president for three years. She was instrumental in securing the Blue Ridge Thrift Store in Ledger for Hospice.

She later went back to school and got her real estate license. She was employed by Tree House Mountain Realty in Spruce Pine, where she added more dear friends to those she already cherished.

In early 2021 Althea and Mike moved to High Springs, Florida to be closer to family and enjoy the more temperate climate.

Her hobbies included traveling, gardening, hiking, baking, playing with her grandkids, laughing with her diva gals, bantering with her five sisters and drinking coffee on the porch with Mike every morning.

She is survived by her husband Mike Foley, her children: Angela Warm, John Foley, Shannon Foley and Trese Foley, as well as her siblings Diane Higgins, Marsha Dove, Elaine Gaztambide, Chris Dove, Cindy Dove and April Appelblatt.

Her memory will forever live on in her sweet grandkids: Michael, Dylan, Serenity, Tara, Alison, and Miles and the many extended family and friends she knew over her lifetime.

She will be deeply missed.

At this time there will be no memorial or funeral services.

In lieu of flowers, if you are so moved, please consider making a donation in her honor to Hospice of the Blue Ridge or The Nature Conservancy, two organizations that were near and dear to her heart.

## Barbara Ann "Nana" Long



Barbara Ann "Nana" Long, 83 of Lusby, MD, passed away on April 25, 2022 at her residence.

Born November 6, 1938 in Olivet, MD, she was the daughter of the late Louis Alexander Barrett and Mary Estelle (Thomas) Barrett.

Barbara was a life-long resident of Calvert County and a homemaker. She married the late Leonard Edward Long on November 13, 1954 at Middleham Chapel, Lusby, MD. Barbara was a member of the Solomons VRSFD Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed knitting, making rolls, playing slots, and making Christmas stockings for the family.

Barbara is survived by her children, Dinah "Lynn" Long Crush (Jerry) and Sandra Long of Lusby, MD, and Annie Nelson, and Penny Long of NC; son, Christopher Leonard Long (Happy) of St. Leonard, MD; son-in-law, Danny Sutphin of Prince Frederick, MD; nine grandchildren; thirty great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; brother, Allen Barrett (Theresa) of FL; and sister-in-law, Mary Lou Hiordahl of La Plata, MD. She was preceded in death on July 11, 1990 by her husband, Leonard Edward Long, her daughter Pam Moses and great-granddaughter, Skyler Moses.

Serving as pallbearers at the April 29 memorial service were Barbara's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad

and Fire Department, 13150 H.G. Truman Road, Solomons, MD 20688. Condolences to the family may be made at [www.rauschfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rauschfuneralhomes.com).

## Tonette Michele "Toni" Swanson



Tonette Michele "Toni" Swanson, 66, of Dunkirk passed away April 28, 2022. She was born September 1, 1955 in Altoona, PA to William Kenneth and Janet (Shimmel) Poust. Toni was raised in Prince George's County and graduated from Suitland High School. She married Robert Swanson, Jr. on June 4, 1976 and they lived in Dunkirk where they raised their family. Toni worked at the Census Bureau for over 35 years and was set to retire later this year. She loved animals, especially dogs, gardening, going to the beach, attending drag races in PA, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Toni is survived by her husband Robert Karl "Bob" Swanson, Jr., sons Robert Karl Swanson III of Baltimore, Eric Daniel Swanson and his wife Jessica of Port Republic, and David Andrew Swanson and his wife Dacia of Georgia, grandchildren Cannon, Isabella, Channing, Darren, Dylan, and Dawson, sisters Valorie Shields, Nicolette Comstock, and Crystal Stevens, and her beloved dogs Sadie and Remi.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 5, 2022, noon – 2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane,

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Owings, MD 20736. A service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

## Lawrence Raymond Crum, Jr



Lawrence Raymond Crum, Jr., 75, of Prince Frederick, Maryland passed away April 27, 2022 at his home. He was born on April 11, 1947 in Montclair, New Jersey to the late Lawrence Raymond Crum, Sr. and Margaret "Betty" Schofield Crum. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Dorothy Virginia "Ginny" Schlosser (Ed).

Beloved husband of Virginia "Jenny" Buckler Crum whom he married July 13, 1968. Father of two; Jessica M. Crum and Andrew C. Crum. He is also survived by siblings; Donna Hume (George), Stacy Loveland (Stewart), and Leslie Green (Stuart).

Larry retired from Government Employment at Patuxent Naval Air Station in January 2012.

Larry was a kind and caring man who was devoted to his family and friends. He is gone from us now, but we know he is at peace with his Lord and Savior. He will truly be missed.

Services will be private.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

## Lawrence Sylvester Bowen



Lawrence Sylvester Bowen, 85, of Huntingtown, MD, passed away on April 27, 2022 at his home. Born June 22, 1936 in Brooms Island Creek, MD, he was the son of the late Ernest Bowen and Susie

Bowen (Mister). A true Calvert County soul, Lawrence grew up on a tobacco farm before the paving of Route 4. During the scarcity of World War II, Lawrence's family of 11 harvested most of their food. Lawrence graduated from Calvert High School in 1955. He was drafted in the U.S. Army in 1959 and served two years as a Military Policeman. After serving as one of our nation's heroes, Lawrence became a well-renowned plumber for Magnolia Plumbing. He "finally retired" as many would say, at the age of 81.

In 1991, he married Darlene Bowen (Jones) and they shared four children together. After living in Prince Georges County for a number of years, the couple settled in Huntingtown, MD. That sacred piece of land would become their forever home. A home filled with much foot traffic, Lawrence and Darlene were the true glue of their family. After losing Darlene in 2012, Lawrence spent a quiet decade keeping up with sports, watching the "news that repeats itself," tending to his plants, and perfectly cutting his grass. Lawrence will be dearly missed by many – but his legacy of grit and persistence will be admired forever.

Lawrence is survived by his brothers, Charles Bowen (Darleen Bowen) of Lusby, MD, Landell Bowen of FL, and Everett Bowen of IL; his children, Ronald Bowen (Trina Bowen), of Kingsport, TN, Tammy King (Russell King) of Lusby, MD, and Terry Bowen, of Huntingtown, MD; his grandchildren Roy Rickett, of St. Leonard, MD, Thomas "Boots" Rickett (Lori Rickett), of Owings, MD, Kristina "Turkey Bird" McKeever, of Huntingtown, MD, and Gregory Rickett (Lindsay Goodwin) of Loris, SC; and great-grandchildren Riley, Beau, and Summer Rickett of Owings, MD, and Brianna "Breezy" Flores of Loris, SC.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kevin Bowen; parents, Ernest and Susie Bowen (Mister); brothers George, John, Paul, and Daniel Bowen; sister, Cecilia Brooks (Bowen); and wife, Darlene Bowen (Jones).

Visitation will be Monday, May 9, 2022, 11 a.m. to noon at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. A memorial service will follow at noon at the funeral home.

Interment will be private at Southern Memorial Gardens, 10155 Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link:

<https://calverthospice.org/>

## Doris Mickey Lowe

Doris Mickey Lowe, 78 of Lusby, MD and formerly of Washington County, MD, passed away on April 26, 2022 at the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center. Born August 4, 1943 in Catonsville, MD, she was the daughter of the late Wesley C. Peugh and Margaret (Williams) Peugh.



Doris graduated from Howard County High School. She was a healthcare manager for KPT Physical Therapy for twenty seven years, retiring in 2013. Doris enjoyed an active lifestyle. She enjoyed walking, sewing, knitting and crafting. Doris was a member of Southern Pines Senior Center, Chesapeake Church and Life Church.

Doris is survived by her children, Lynn Lowe of Chincoteague, VA, Barry Lowe of Silver Spring, MD, Jeffrey Lowe (Trisha) of Plano, TX, Tracy Lowe (Kelly) of Martinsburg, WV, Brian Lowe of Germantown, MD and Shawn Lowe (Debra) of Lusby, MD; thirteen grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and siblings, Virgil Peugh of Richmond, VA and Clarence Peugh of Charlotte, NC. She was preceded in death on January 28, 1996 by her husband, Charles Lowe, whom she married on September 2, 1961; her son, Michael Lowe; her grandson, Brian Spencer Lowe, II and siblings, Wesley Peugh, Joan Peugh, Nancy Rose and Katherine Woods.

Family will receive friends on Friday, May 13, 2022 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. A Funeral Service conducted by Pastor Bill Collette will follow at 5 p.m. in the Rausch Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 11 a.m. in Meadowridge Memorial Park Cemetery, Elkridge, MD.

Serving as pallbearers will be Tim Lowe, Lyle Lowe, Wesley Lowe, Justin Lowe, Liam Nerich and Michael McNulty. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Brian Spencer Lowe II and Clarence Peugh.

## Catherine Patricia Abell



Catherine Patricia Abell, nee Mattingly, quietly departed this life on April 25th, 2022. The sun was shining. The windows were open. And colorful birds were perched on her hanging bird feeder. Our Granny peacefully left us behind to go on to her well-deserved eternal rest, and into the arms of her husband who we know has been waiting for her.

Catherine was born on August 26th, 1932, in Chaptico, Maryland. She first met the future love of her life, William Abell, at St. Joseph's grammar school where he pulled her pigtailed on the playground. Future meetings would fare much better, and they eventually married on July 7th, 1951, in Washington D.C. He preceded her in death in 2016, and she has never stopped missing him. We know their reunion was sweet indeed.

They had four wonderful daughters, Brenda (Gerry), Robin (Tom), Debra (Jimmy), and Susan (Mike), whom they deeply cherished. They spent years as a close-knit family living in DC before eventually settling in Clinton, MD. The memories their daughters hold are too plentiful to list, but ultimately paint a picture of parents whose devotion never wavered and who always made them feel important and loved, even when a stray baseball went through a window.

Their life together was a decidedly simple one, and yet never without the bustling activity having a young family brings. Despite the busyness and constant activity, Granny was always a steadfast, calming presence. Bill worked for Giant Foods for over 50 years. Granny managed the home for their daughters, and eventually a slew of many grand and great-grandchildren, who she sometimes let roller skate in her basement and watch The Price Is Right with her when they had to stay home sick from school.

Her Thanksgiving stuffing was unspeakably delicious, while her Christmas fudge a taste of heaven. Granny was the center of holiday celebrations and family gatherings, usually on her feet in the service of someone else. It was always a trick to encourage her to sit down and enjoy herself. She enjoyed watching gameshows such as Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune to pass the time. Often, you could find her with Bill, animal watching out their backdoor.

Her warm heart and quiet generosity were always felt and will be missed. And though she may have been a gentle spirit, there is no question that she was the strongest of all of us. We know how it hurt to be without her Bill. And now we mourn not the length of years she had, only that we can no longer share our love with her. There was always space under the shelter of her wings and a place on her lap for a grandchild to rest on in her favorite rocking chair.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Zachariah Hayden and Clara Elaine Mattingly, and siblings Charles Llewellyn, Sophia Adele and Perry Hayden.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Frances "Mankie" Trumwell (Bobby) as well as her daughters, twelve grand-

children, David, James, Tiffany, Brian, Justin, Joel, Ashley, Gary, Shelby, Wil, Christopher, Matthew and seventeen great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to extend the staff of Bayleigh Chase in Easton, Maryland our deepest and most sincere gratitude for their constant unwavering professionalism as well as their profound kindness and support. We will never forget those who made our Granny part of their family during these challenging past few years.

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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Catherine's name to Smile Train, P.O. Box 96231, Washington DC 20090-6231; Link:

<https://www.info@smiletrain.org>;

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Robert Wayne Wilcox



Robert Wayne Wilcox, 57, passed away April 20, 2022. He was born July 20, 1964 in Annapolis, MD to Louise Chestlo. Robert was raised in Edgewater, MD where he spent his days crabbing on the South River and tinkering with project cars. He graduated from South River High School in 1982 before he began his career working at the IRS. He worked for the IRS for over 30 years as a systems analyst. In 1991 Robert moved to Calvert County where he continued to build his passion for working on project motorcycles and cars. Robert custom built two Harley Davidsons, named "Pearl" and "Dragon". He loved riding down country roads to motorcycle shows, where he won many trophies that he displayed throughout the house. To the many fortunate enough to have known him he was a constant source of humor and positivity. He was loved by many, and will be greatly missed.

Robert lives within his daughter, Amberleigh Wilcox, and brother, Edward Wilcox. He is laughing and cracking dad

jokes in heaven with his mother, Louise Chestlo, and sister, Robin Stone.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2022, 4-9 p.m. at Northeast Community Center, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

### Captain Arvid Edwin (Ed) Forsman



Retired Navy Captain Arvid Edwin (Ed) Forsman, 89, of Laurel Lodge Retirement Community, Cleveland, GA (formerly of Solomons, MD & Eveleth, MN) passed away on April 15, 2022, at Northeast Georgia Medical Center with his son, Dan, by his side.

Capt. Forsman was born on Nov 26, 1932, in Des Moines, Iowa, to the late Adolph Edwin Forsman and Esther Reisenbichler Forsman. At age 3, he and his younger sister, Mary, lost their dear Mother to pneumonia. His father then moved the family to Eveleth, MN. During his years at Eveleth High School, he graduated with honors, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, played cello in the orchestra and band, acted in plays, sang in the choir, and played on the football and basketball teams, all the while working in the family furniture business.

After graduating from Eveleth Junior College at the age of 21, he joined the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Cadet. On December 26, 1956, he married Navy Nurse Ann Manley in Oak Harbor, WA, and they celebrated 64 years of marriage until her death on October 3, 2021.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School Class 41, the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, a graduate of the U.S. Air War College, and he received a Master of Science from the University of Rochester.

His first tour of duty was with the Heavy Attack Mining Squadron 10 in South Korea in 1953. In 1956, he was assigned to Patrol Squadron 17 at NAS Whidbey Island, WA, where he was a

Plane Commander and was also the Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer and Operations Control Center Officer for the Commander Fleet Air, Whidbey Island, WA. He was a graduate of the Naval Test Pilot School Class 41; he served in the Weapons Systems Test Division of the Naval Air Test Center from 1965 to 1968. In 1968 Capt. Forsman was Skipper of the Heavy Attack Squadron 21 at Cam Ranh Bay, Republic of Vietnam; conducting low-level, night attack missions using electric optical sensors in Vietnam and Laos. From 1971 to 1975 he served as the Chief Officer in the Strategic Analysis Section, Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff at Offutt AFB, NE; conducting worldwide computerized war games of the Single Integrated Operations Plan (SIOP) assessing the U.S. nuclear strike plan. Capt. Forsman served as Director, Programs Division at Naval Air Systems Command when he was assigned as a special assistant to the Chief of Naval Material conducting studies on manpower balance. His final command was the Director of Anti-Submarine Aircraft Test Directorate from 1977 to his retirement in 1980. He logged 8600 flight hours in 40 different fixed-wing aircraft and 3 helicopters.

After retiring from the Navy he worked for Sperry Univac and later UNISYS, and became Site Manager for their operation in NAS Pax River, MD for 11 years. In 1991, he became Site Manager for SEMCOR directing all their programs at the Naval Air Test Center, later Naval Air Warfare Center. In 2003 he left to form his consulting firm, A&A International, and after several years retired.

Capt. Forsman was a Past President of The Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, Past President of The Rotary Club, headed the Oyster Festival in 1994, was a Paul Harris Fellow, was on the Board of St Mary's College, sang in St. Maries Musica for years and was part of many recordings, was an elder and sang in the choir at Patuxent Presbyterian Church. He also volunteered in the community and prepared tax returns for those who could not.

He was an avid golfer, who for many years, played golf regularly, and qualified

for the Senior Olympics in golf. He immensely enjoyed participating in Father-Son Golf Tournaments with his son, Dan, in Myrtle Beach, SC and traveled with him to Scotland to play St. Andrews. Annual hunting trips to South Georgia with his son, grandsons, and nephews was a special time. He also became certified in deep-sea scuba diving and traveled with his son, Alec, to scuba dive in Belize. For many years, he enjoyed traveling with his wife, Ann, on frequent trips to visit their daughter, Laurie, in Arizona and Canada.

Capt. Forsman is survived by his children, Daniel Thomas Forsman (Rhonda) of Lawrenceville, GA, and Laurie Ann Hogan of Ft. Frances, Ontario, Canada; his grandchildren: Jennifer Forsman (Nate) Hansford, Daniel Stephen Forsman, Stephanie Forsman, and David Forsman; his great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Daphne. He also is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Margy (Forsman) and Les Nelson, and sister Jane (Forsman) Harrison, and brother-in-law Bob Buchanan, in addition to several nieces and nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by his son, Alec Edwin Forsman, his sister and brother-in-law, Mary Esther (Forsman) and Mark Hovland, his sister Nan (Forsman) Buchanan, Stepmother Dorothy Schlenker Forsman, and sons-in-law, Pat Cochran and Murray Hogan.

Memorial Services were held on April 30, 2022, at Patuxent Presbyterian Church in California, MD with Pastor Matt Pooley officiating. A eulogy was given by his son, Dan. A graveside service with military honor guard was held immediately after the memorial services on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Trinity Episcopal Church Cemetery, 47477 Trinity Church Road, St. Mary's City, MD.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Captain Arvid Edwin Forsman may be made to Patuxent Presbyterian Church, 23421 Kingston Creek Road, California, MD 20619, or to the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, 22156 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653

The family has made a memorial video in tribute to Captain Forsman. <https://vimeo.com/701357346/0d3cfe73c8>



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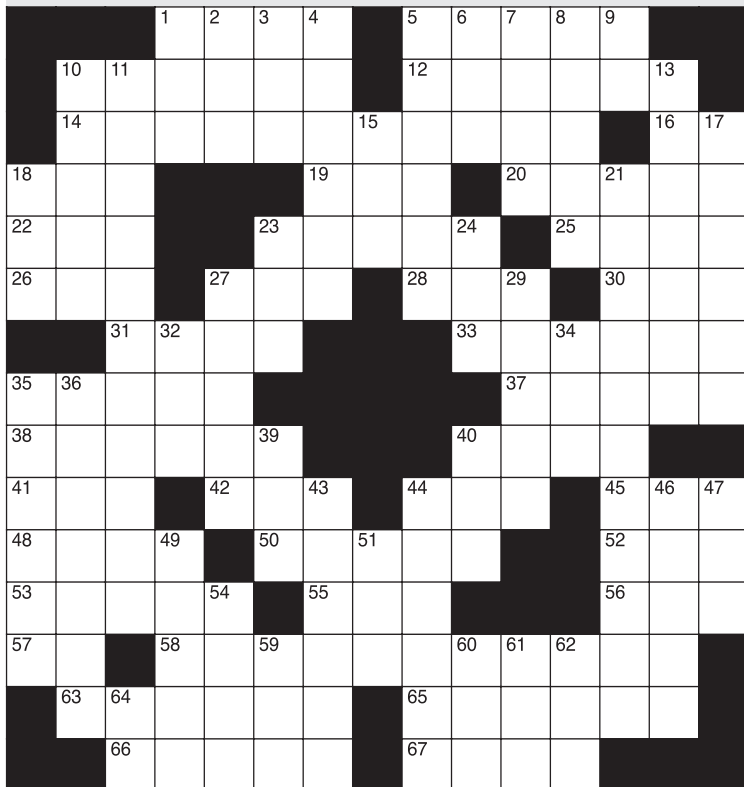
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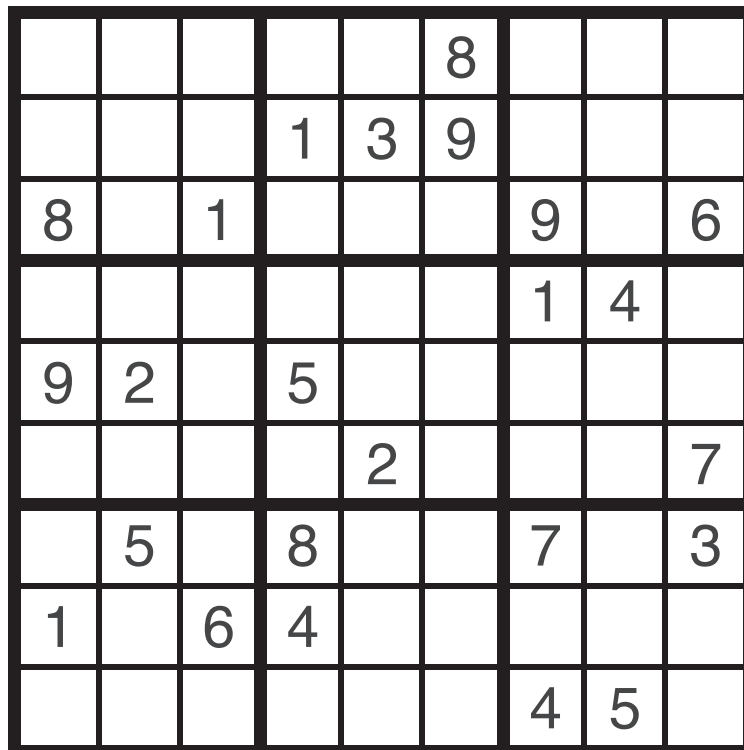
- 1. Amounts of time
- 5. A ship's place at a wharf
- 10 Point a finger at
- 12 Large, burrowing rodent
- 14. Raises the stakes
- 16. Measure of illumination
- 18. Cast out
- 19. One who is staid
- 20. A word used for emphasis
- 22. Military missions
- 23. Wet with rain
- 25. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 26. Word element meaning ear
- 27. \_\_ student,
- 28. Blood relation
- 30. Make into leather
- 31. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- 33. Containing salt
- 35. A seat
- 37. A type of fine pottery
- 38. You're caught red-\_\_!
- 40. "Heat" director Michael
- 41. Expression of creative skill
- 42. Title of respect

- 44. Crony
- 45. Payroll experts
- 48. Actress Remini
- 50. Famed consumer advocate
- 52. Indigenous Thai person
- 53. Fitzgerald and Baker are two
- 55. Cooking tool
- 56. Decorate a cake with frosting
- 57. The seventh note of a major scale
- 58. Transfer from private to state ownership
- 63. A set of five
- 65. Removes
- 66. Foolish persons
- 67. Lower parts of a wall

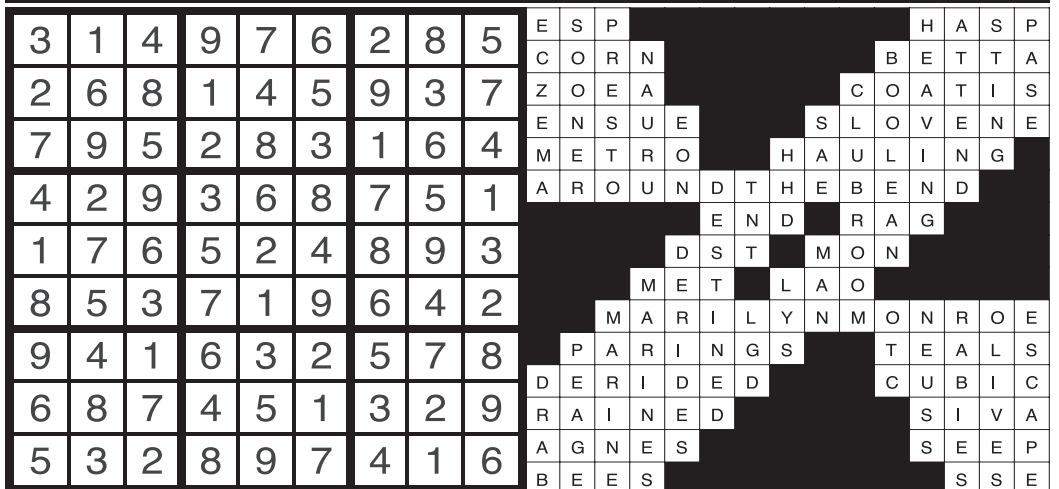
- 15. Carpenter's tool
- 17. Small football player
- 18. Ghosts say it
- 21. Explain through logic
- 23. Having ten
- 24. Criticize
- 27. Arms of the sea
- 29. Belonging to a bottom layer
- 32. \_\_ Caesar, comedian
- 34. Licensed health care pro (abbr.)
- 35. Swiss cottage
- 36. Cleft lip
- 39. Loud, unpleasant noise
- 40. Disfigure
- 43. Kayakers traverse them
- 44. Authored
- 46. Small freshwater fishes
- 47. Macabre poet
- 49. Carthaginian statesman
- 51. Principle underlying the universe
- 54. Common Japanese surname
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Small constellation
- 61. Chap
- 62. Equal
- 64. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Old EU money
- 2. Some put it on steak
- 3. Sign language
- 4. Sowed on the ground
- 5. Tags
- 6. Everyone has one
- 7. Arguments
- 8. N. African capital
- 9. Midgame (abbr.)
- 10. Change as needed
- 11. Functioning as a consonant
- 13. An island in the north Atlantic



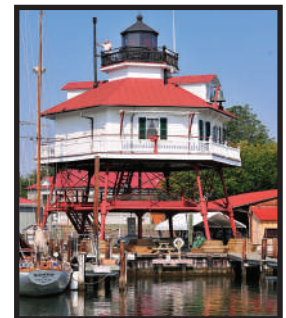
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