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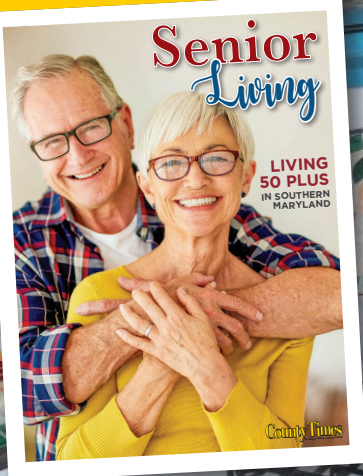
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# Database: Millions of Opioid Doses Flooded St. Mary's

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A federal database that required opioid distributors to log just how much of the drugs they were selling in local communities, recently revealed to the public, paints a staggering picture of prescription opioids inundating St. Mary's.

The ARCOS database, which collates data from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, showed that between 2006 and 2012 three CVS Pharmacies in the county were responsible for distributing more than 7 million doses of opioids; the second highest distributor was locally owned, Tidewater Pharmacy in Mechanicsville, with 5.8 million doses distributed during the same time.

Regarding all pharmacies in the county there were a total of more than 32 million doses of opioids distributed here, 25 million of them were in pill form.

The measures of opioids distributed were in total dosage units (TDUs) and medical morphine equivalents (MME).

The 7.3 million doses from the CVS pharmacies translated into 81.8 million MME, the data showed.

Tidewater Pharmacies' 5.8 million doses, however, translated into 126.9 million MME, showing the level of strength in prescriptions was much higher there.

Tidewater Pharmacy, now owned by CVS, ranked No. 9 in the state of Maryland for opioid shipments to their place of business by dosage.

The population of the county at that time was about 104,000 people; a county press release called the new information "grim."

Over 90 percent of the hydrocodone and 80.5% of the



This CVS Pharmacy, formerly Tidewater Pharmacy in Mechanicsville, was ninth in the state for prescription opioids being shipped to it from 2006 to 2012

oxycodone came through three manufacturers. Those manufacturers are SpecGx, Par Pharma, and Actavis Pharma, according to the same release.

The top two distributors of oxycodone were Cardinal Health and McKesson Corporation, followed by Wal-Mart, and other distributors. The top distributors of hydrocodone were CVS, Cardinal Health, and other distributors.

The information came to the attention of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County Tuesday during a presentation from an attorney, Bruce Poole, who has filed a lawsuit in federal court on their behalf seeking damages against the manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids.

Poole said the lawsuit was filed last year and currently resides in a federal court in Cleveland, Ohio.

The ARCOS database does not offer information be-

yond 2012.

"It's staggering," Poole said of the sheer number of opioids that came into the county.

Poole said Purdue Pharma, one of the main targets of some 2,000 multijurisdictional lawsuits across the country, lied in 1996 when they said their creation was "very safe" and "should be taken in much larger doses" as it was not as addictive as other opioids.

"That was a lie," Poole said. "It was a fraud and a misrepresentation."

The reports from the ARCOS database show that most of the pills distributed here were either hydrocodone or oxycodone.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said the six-year data stream in the recently publicized database did not show the whole picture of the opioid epidemic locally.

In 2018 there were 31 deaths due to opioids in St. Mary's, many from fentanyl, alone.

"I think it's gotten worse from 2012 to 2018," Hewitt said, questioning the motives of manufacturers and distributors "Is it all about the money?"

Poole answered that as the crisis grew, so did the profit margins of those marketing the prescription pills.

Commissioner Eric Colvin said any damages the county wins in the lawsuit could not compare to the damage inflicted here in terms of the loss of life.

"It'll never make up for the loss," said Colvin.

Poole said the case he would present on St. Mary's behalf would be well prepared, though he could not guarantee a result.

"I want you to nail them," said Hewitt.

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**6:00 P.M.**

SMCM field hockey vs.  
Eastern Mennonite University,  
on the artificial turf field

**7:00 P.M.**

SMCM women's soccer vs.  
Stevenson University,  
on the grass field



## Move to Return Library Funding Fails

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Citing possible legal action against the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for taking almost \$2,500 from the library budget retroactively to pay for the extra police security at the Drag Queen Story Hour in June, Commissioner Mike Hewitt made a motion to return the money given to the sheriff's office back to the library system this week.

Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy tabled the motion, saying that all five commissioners should be present for such a vote.

Commissioner Todd Morgan agreed. "We need all five commissioners in attendance," Morgan said.

Commissioner John O'Connor was absent from the meeting.

Prior to making the motion at Tuesday's meeting, Hewitt said conversations between the County Attorney's Office and the state's Office of the Attorney General lead him to believe that the county faced sanctions either by the state or the state would join a suit against it by another party.

"The tea leaves tend to show they'll act against us," Hewitt said. "We've already had... the threat of a suit being filed."

Hewitt said he made the motion on "advice of counsel."

On July 16 the commissioners voted to transfer the money to the sheriff's office from the library's budget over the objections of the library trustees to pay for the cost of the security at the June 23 event at the Lexington Park Library.

The Drag Queen Story Hour had small children, some as young as three, being read to by men dressed as women from books that bolstered alternative lifestyles.

The community was sharply divided over the event; those who supported it said the commissioners' actions last month amounted to an attempt to chill free speech in public places.

County Attorney David Weiskopf told The County Times Wednesday that he did offer the advice to return the money to the library system but that no legal actions had been taken against the county so far.

"We're still talking to the Attorney General's Office," Weiskopf said. "Nobody has filed suit."



Commissioner Mike Hewitt

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## Extended Services Sought for Distilleries

### Liquor Board Requests Legislation



St. Mary's County Alcohol Beverage Board Inspector Garland Thompson receives a plaque from Chairman Kevin Hill to mark his retirement after seven years in the job. Looking on are (l to r) board attorney James Tanavage, administrator Tamara Hildebrand, vice chairman Mark Denietolis, member David Willenborg and member Leonard Kohl. Photo courtesy of Senior Office Specialist Susan Winden.

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The St. Mary's County Alcohol Beverage Board (liquor board) has requested legislation to allow distilleries to sell mixed drinks. The request will go to the county commissioners to include in their legislative package to be presented to the county's legislative delegation for consideration.

The Maryland General Assembly, during their 2019 session, enacted legislation to give counties the authority to provide the extra option to distilleries, which are regulated by the state.

St. Mary's County currently has two distilleries – Tobacco Barn Distillery in Hollywood and Southern Trail Distillery in Mechanicsville.

Currently distilleries are allowed to give out samples of their own product to visitors. The proposed legislation would extend their authority to sell their product at their facility mixed with a non-alcoholic drink.

The decision to support the legislation came at the liquor board's Aug. 8 meeting on a 3-1 vote, with member Leonard Kohl voting against.

Board Administrator Tamara Hildebrand said the proposed legislation was only the first step in giving the distilleries the authority. She said there also

needed to be a change in the county's zoning ordinance to allow the activities to be a permitted use in the Rural Preservation District (RPD), where the county's two distilleries are located. That authority would have to come from the county commissioners.

Hildebrand said that one of the distilleries had inquired about the process, but she said they told her they were not nearly ready to proceed. The health department would also have to give their approvals.

Kohl argued that before the board made a decision, they should call in representatives of the distilleries to learn about their plans. "Maybe they don't want it," he said.

Hildebrand said that would delay the process a year since the request had to be into the county before the board's September meeting.

Also, at the board's Aug. 8 meeting, they bid farewell to their inspector, Garland Thompson, who is retiring. The board presented Thompson with a plaque to commemorate his seven years of service. He has more than 30 years of law enforcement service.

The board will begin advertising for a replacement.

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## CORRECTION

The County Times reported in our August 15 edition that Leonardtown Commissioner Jay Mattingly voted in favor of the sewer allocation for Dollar General and Commissioner Hayden Hammett voted yes on the sewer allocation for Olde Town Auto. Actually, those votes were the opposite. Hammett voted in favor of the Dollar General project and Mattingly in favor of the Olde Town Auto allocation. The County Times apologizes for the error.

# Parking Restrictions Coming to Lexington Park Neighborhood

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

For years the entrance to the Fox Chase neighborhood, Fox Chase Drive, just off Chancellors Run Road, has been festooned with parking on both sides of the streets, making it difficult to access for motorists, residents and emergency vehicles alike.

To solve the problem, the Commissioner of St. Mary's County took action at their Tuesday meeting to make the entrance lane of Foxchase Drive off limits to parking of any kind.

Both Commissioner Todd Morgan and public works chief John Deatruck said there had been numerous complaints of late regarding both tagged and untagged vehicles.

Unregistered or abandoned vehicles, including vehicles put up on cinder blocks were also found there as part of an investigation conducted by the public works department and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, Deatruck said.

"There were also some blocked fire plugs," Deatruck told commissioners. "There was only one through lane there."

While parking along county roads is mostly allowed in all but a few exceptions, Deatruck explained to commissioners, they could still act to restrict parking.

The public works chief said anyone found violating the new parking regulations on Fox Chase Drive could be punished in what he called an "escalation" leading to removing the offending vehicle.

"If they park there, we can tow it," Deatruck said.

The neighborhood there has both single-family detached homes as well the Fox Chase Apartment complex.



Parking on Fox Chase Drive will be prohibited along the northbound portion of the entrance off Chancellor's Run Road.

Morgan said the commissioners acted out of necessity, particularly in the interests of public safety.

"There was just no way for emergency vehicles to get through," said Morgan.

The parking restriction will run from the intersection

with Chancellors Run Road 518 feet into the neighborhood, county documents state, ending at the cul-de-sac on Fox Chase Drive.

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## Commissioners Look to Gov. Hogan's Comments on Kirwan



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

At last week's Maryland Association of Counties conference in Ocean City, Gov. Larry Hogan signaled to local elected leaders across the state that he does not support the current funding plan for the Kirwan Commission, which seeks to spend an extra \$4 billion over the next decade to improve the state's public education system.

The plan would almost certainly require tax increases and would shift at least half of the costs to local jurisdictions, an eventuality that leaders here dread.

In his speech, Hogan called the spending goals "well meaning" but "half-baked" and "fiscally irresponsible."

Commissioner Mike Hewitt, speaking at their regular meeting Tuesday, lauded the governor's comments.

"The governor had some great comments in regard to Kirwan," Hewitt said. "We all know it's going to cost billions of dollars... they don't know where the money's going to come from."

Hewitt said there were ideas of legalizing and taxing recreational marijuana or legalizing sports betting to fund Kirwan, but officials don't believe it would

be enough to completely fund the plan.

"The governor came and said he would not support it," Hewitt said. "He does not support programs that do not have an identifiable funding stream.

"I support the governor on that but I believe something will happen once he leaves [office.]"

Democrats at the state level have already vowed to fund the Kirwan plan over Hogan's objections.

"It could mean taxes going up," Hewitt warned. "Kirwan is out there."

Commissioners signaled their willingness to raise local taxes in preparation for Kirwan's expenses but relented near the end of the budget cycle since the state was not yet ready to move forward with the funding scheme.

In regards to transportation funding, Commissioner Todd Morgan said the state's roads budget had just been reduced by about \$185 million to help pay for mass transit in the Washington, D.C. Metro area; this meant counties such as St. Mary's would have to wait longer for transportation improvements here.

"The rurals [counties] are going to take it on the chin," Morgan said.

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## Sheriff's Office Releases Bank Robbery Images



The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking information on the individual pictured. On August 2, 2019, the suspect entered the SunTrust Bank located on First Colony Way in California, and indicated he had a weapon. The suspect demanded money and fled the bank with an undisclosed amount of U.S. Currency.

Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect is asked to contact Detective Austin Schultz at (301) 475-4200 extension \*1953 or by email at [Austin.Schultz@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Austin.Schultz@stmarysmd.com).

On August 2, 2019, at approximately 3:29 p.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to a duress alarm at the SunTrust Bank located on First Colony Way in California. Preliminary investigation determined an unknown male wearing a dark jacket or hooded sweatshirt, entered the bank, indicated he had a weapon and demanded money. The suspect was last seen fleeing on foot towards the Target store. Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division responded to the scene and continued the investigation.



Anyone who may have witnessed an individual on foot during the time frame of the robbery, wearing a dark jacket or hooded sweatshirt is asked to contact Detective Austin Schultz at (301) 475-4200 extension \*1953 or by email at [Austin.Schultz@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Austin.Schultz@stmarysmd.com). Citizens may remain anonymous and contact Crime Solvers at (301) 475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.

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**Lightning Strike Destroys Mechanicsville House**



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The owner of a two-story single-family home and their pet are safe, fire marshals say, after escaping a Monday evening blaze started by a lightning strike.

The strike occurred just after 5 p.m. in the 36000 block of Dixie Lyon Road in Mechanicsville; it took 30 firefighters from the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department 20 minutes to control the blaze.

Both smoke detectors and home fire sprinklers were activated during the blaze, fire marshals report.

Between the house being destroyed and the loss of other property, the damage total came to about \$1 million, according to fire marshals.

The owner and family pet are currently receiving assistance from the Red Cross, fire marshals said.

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## Fatal Chaptico Accident Under Investigation

A Chaptico man has succumbed to injuries sustained in an Aug. 15 collision. Garland Lawson Coleman, 83, died at a local trauma center from his injuries received in the collision. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing the investigation. Anyone who witnessed the collision or events leading up to the collision is asked to contact Deputy Matthew Beyer at (301) 475-4200 extension \*8005 or by email at Matthew.Beyer@stmarysmd.com.

On August 15 at approximately 3:47 a.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 35800 block of Bay Drive in Chaptico, for the reported motor vehicle collision. Upon arrival deputies located a single vehicle off the roadway, on fire. The operator and sole occupant of the vehicle was transported to a local trauma center with incapacitating injuries. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined a 1999 Ford Ranger operated by Coleman was traveling northbound on Longview Road. For unknown reasons the vehicle continued through the intersection at Washington Avenue, through a field, and ultimately became disabled in a ditch alongside Bay Drive. Coleman was trapped in the vehicle which caught on fire. Coleman was removed from the vehicle by citizens who heard the collision prior to police and emergency responders arriving on scene.

At this time speed and alcohol do not appear to be contributing factors in the collision.

*Press Release from SMCSO*

## Police Say Call for Shooting was False

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A call to the county Emergency Communications Center early Aug. 17 brought both sheriff's deputies and state police to a report of a shooting inside a Lexington Park home but the report turned out to be bogus, officials said.

Sheriff's office spokesman Jason Babcock said an unknown

but apparently juvenile caller claimed that he had shot his mother in the bathroom of their home in the 21300 block of Carman Woods Drive.

The caller also claimed to have barricaded himself in his bedroom and would shoot any police who came in after him, Babcock said.

After police established a perimeter the woman and two others inside the home, who all

cooperated with police, came out without injury.

Babcock said police later determined the call came from somewhere outside the home and the woman's son was not aware of what was going on.

The identity and whereabouts of the "swatting" caller are still under investigation, Babcock said.

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## Calvert Man Sentenced to 15 Years For St. Mary's Robbery

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

William James Cooper, 32, of Dunkirk, was sentenced to 15 years in prison Aug. 16 for the robbery of the Subway sandwich shop in Leonardtown earlier this spring, court records show.

Cooper pleaded guilty to armed robbery and second-degree assault; prosecutors decided to not prosecute Cooper for the more serious charge of first-degree assault in the crime, which occurred April 4.

Cooper, according to police, entered the restaurant at Mer-



William James Cooper

chants Lane and placed a knife to the neck of an employee of the store and demanded money. During the robbery, Cooper cut the victim, which caused minor injuries, before fleeing the area in a vehicle.

St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputies located and apprehended Cooper, who was processed and charged at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown.

Cooper was originally sentenced to 20 years in prison but that sentence was reduced by five years.

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The two 3D printers are Prusa I3 MK3S printers that use PLA filament. The Library provides several colors of filament including black, white, transparent, blue, red, and yellow. The public is welcome to submit de-

signs for print via the Library website ([www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org)). Designs should be .stl format and cannot exceed 15MB. The Library will also be occasionally holding classes for various age groups to introduce the public to 3D printing and learn basic design principles. The first 3D printer is already set up at Leonardtown Library. Come by and see it in action today! The second printer will soon be available to watch and submit designs for



at Lexington Park Library. If additional funding becomes available, a third 3D printer will be purchased for Charlotte Hall Library. 3D printing is provided free of charge, though the Library asks for a donation to purchase filament and keep the service going.

In addition to the 3D printers, the Library purchased ten 3D pens. A 3D pen is a pen that extrudes heated plastic from the pen's nozzle. 3D pens don't need any software, there are no files to transfer, and no difficult tech to master. Watch for upcoming events at the three Library locations to try out this fun tech.

The Library also purchased three Cricut Maker machines. The Cricut Maker is the perfect machine for all of your crafting needs – this machine cuts hundreds of materials quickly and accurately, from the most delicate fabric and paper to mat board and leather. By late this year, there will be one Cricut Maker at each Library location available for the public to use. Members of the public will need to sign up for a one-on-one appointment to receive instructions on how to use the machine and to become certified. Once certified, they will then be able to sign up to use the machine free of cost. Cricut users will need to provide their own materials. The Library is in the process of training staff on the machine, and will have the Cricuts out for public use by the end of the year.

This fall at Leonardtown Library register for the Cricut for Beginners class on October 16, or come by for one of the drop in sessions in November. Attendance at the class or a drop in session can count towards becoming certified as a Cricut user.

The Oculus Rift S is Oculus VR's most advanced PC-powered virtual reality headset. The Library has purchased 2 Oculus Rift S; watch for opportunities to try the Oculus Rift S at various events at the Library locations throughout the year. Experiences include space exploration, games such as Beat Saber and Job Simulator, dinosaur encounters, stories, art and creative encounters, world travel, and more.

"We so appreciate the generosity of the Friends of the St. Mary's County Library," said Laura Boonchaisri, Marketing and Communications coordinator. "Without their wonderful donation, we wouldn't have been able to purchase all of this technology for our customers to use. We have already seen great interest in the soft launch of the 3D printing service at Leonardtown Library. Customers love to come in and see what's printing! The Oculus Rift S has also been a hit! It's an out-of-this-world experience; I encourage everyone to watch for the events coming up with virtual reality. We can't wait to have public use of the Cricuts later this year. The Cricut is a machine often used for small businesses or crafters that is a bit cost prohibitive for an individual to purchase. We hope having one available to use at the Library will be a helpful and popular option."

"In a recent community survey, we saw lots of interest in providing new technology for County residents to discover and learn from," added Michael Blackwell, director. "We're grateful to our Friends for the funding that has made it possible."

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# Linda Loves Cooking and Lexington Park



Linda's Café serving St. Mary's diners for more than 30 years

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

When Linda Palchinsky bought the small diner she now operates on Tulagi Place back in 1988, she had a lot of enthusiasm and just a little money to get started.

She opened on Labor Day; 31 years later her restaurant is a success, competing with larger chain restaurants.

"Nobody believed I would make it," Palchinsky told *The County Times*. "I always loved to cook, but the banks all turned me down."

There was one local financier, Jack Daugherty, who believed in her enough to cut a check for \$30,000 to get her started.

His faith put her on the path to success.

"He'd come in and have breakfast and he gave me advice," she said. "He'd say what I'd need to raise prices on and what I should offer."

Though she's not a county native - she was born in Texas and moved here in 1963 as part of a Navy family - she loves St. Mary's County and especially Lexington Park.

"I grew up in Patuxent Homes," Palchinsky said.

She graduated from Great Mills High School in 1967 and went to work for local lawyers John Hanson Briscoe and others, as a legal secretary, who eventually became judges.

Later, she had a varied career that took her to work for Holiday Inn in Memphis, Tenn. in food and beverage services and even as a tour guide for Elvis Presley's home of Graceland.

She met people from across the globe who came to see The King and his home, often waiting outside for hours for a glimpse of the icon.

In opening a new eating establishment more than three decades ago, Palchinsky has had struggles along the way.

Her menu was limited and she had many expenses to replace old equipment and faulty utilities in the aging commercial space.

"If you run a restaurant you can't go out and spend the money on yourself," Palchinsky said. "You have to put everything back in."

Palchinsky's business has put her in a position to give back to the community that has supported her for so long.

She has served on the county's alcohol beverage board for nine years before stepping down recently and has also worked on the board of directors for the Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad.

She also donates what she can to local school activities.

"I put my money towards all the schools, whoever walks in here," she said.

Her customer base runs the gamut from young to old, new arrivals to old friends.

"I still have people who come in from 31 years ago," Palchinsky said. "It's wonderful; I get lots of college kids in here."

Younger customers have prompted her to alter her menu options for people who want more vegetables and less-to-no meat.

Her eggs benedict recipe now has the option of cheese and avocado instead of ham, for example.

"I get a lot of my new ideas from them," Palchinsky said. "But there are a lot of retirees who come in who I simply adore."

Morning time, she opens the restaurant at 6 a.m., is busy at breakfast time and many contractors, civil servants and military personnel make their way there.

"That base [Patuxent River Naval Air Station] has been very kind to me," she said.

Palchinsky said in all the time she has lived in Lexington Park and worked there she has had only a few problems related to crime and rebuffs criticism from some areas of the county that Lexington Park is a dangerous place.

She said if that perception were lifted, it would do much to bring customers back to local shops and revitalize the area that has struggled for so long.

"I love Lexington Park," Palchinsky said. "I wish we could do more."

"There's so much bad news about this place; it really upsets me."

Despite the park's reputation, whether deserved or not, her customers keep coming back for her food, which she describes as "All American."

Aside from a plethora of breakfast items featuring meat, eggs, home fries, waffles and pancakes in many assortments and varieties, Linda's Café offers burgers, subs, sandwiches, salads, soups and seafood dinner favorites such as crab cakes and rockfish.

Though much of her fare is traditional at the res-

taurant, her new food truck has a menu that changes weekly; frequently it consists of specialty sandwiches and sides not available at the café.

The inspiration comes from her daughter, Melissa Rivera, who has been traveling the world to study different styles of cooking, to operate the truck.

"She always wanted to do a food truck," Palchinsky said of her daughter. "It's fun to work on it."

"Everything is right there."

She operates Wednesdays in Lexington Park at the NSI parking lot and Webster Field, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"We sell out in about an hour-and-a-half," Palchinsky said. "We hope to get another one."

When customers walk into the café they are greeted by flags celebrating the military services, Vietnam veterans and POWs/MIAs who have never returned from conflicts.

The café's walls are adorned with artwork and knick-knacks from her customers over the years, including a stuffed swordfish.

"Everything here has been given by customers," Palchinsky said as she looked out over her dining room.

Running a café for so many years has been a challenge, she said, but the rewards have been great, sometimes financially but also many times emotionally and socially.

The three things she loves most about her business are the everyday hustle, the people who come in to patronize her restaurant and the staff who work hard for her day in and day out.

"I have the best staff I've ever had right now," Palchinsky said. "This place gives me my energy, it gives me my soul."



Front, Holly Graves, Colleen Duby, Leigha Tudders, Darlene Young, and Karyna Aguilera. Back row Vicki Diehl and Linda Palchinsky.

"It's what keeps us going."

The future has been, and still is uncertain for Palchinsky and her business, since the owners of the shopping strip, based in Virginia, have signaled for years that they are trying to find a buyer for the place.

"I haven't had a lease in five years," Palchinsky said.

But that doesn't deter her from wanting to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner as long as she can.

And she hopes her daughter will carry on the café.

"I just believe in Lexington Park," Palchinsky said.

"I just hope the tradition goes to the next generation."

"I'd like to be here when I'm 100 years old still at my register."

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# Senior Center Construction Reaching Milestone

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The combined Garvey Senior Center/Leonardtown Library project under construction in Leonardtown will be completely enclosed next month, say officials with the county Department of Public Works and Transportation, marking a key step in the completion of the long-awaited facility.

“We are having a milestone event on Sept. 24; we’ll be closing in the building,” said Gary Whipple, deputy director with public works. “It’s a little bit ahead of the library, we phased the project so that we focused on the senior center first.”

The full-service commercial kitchen has been installed at the new facility, Whipple said, as well as four new pickleball courts.

The relatively new sport has become very popular with senior citizens, said public



Artist's rendering of the new Garvey Senior Center and Leonardtown Library complex

works Director John Deatruck.

“There’s going to be a lot of demand for those courts,” Deatruck told The County Times.

The new senior center will offer a vast increase in program space over the current Garvey Senior Center at the county’s governmental center, with exercise rooms and an art studio among the new amenities planned there.

The senior activity council, a group of citizens helping

to oversee the project’s completion, is currently working on bringing in new furniture for the new facility, Whipple said, while there are plans to bring other items such as a pool table, from the old facility.

“It’s really starting to come together,” Whipple said.

He said the finishing work for the new Garvey Senior Center, located off of Hollywood Road in the Leonard’s Grant community, should be finished during the fall with

all construction completed by January.

The facility should be open for operation by March, Whipple said.

The county public works department is also moving ahead with an addition to the Northern Senior Center in Charlotte Hall, to expand room for exercise, Whipple said.

A recently completed assessment of the Northern Senior Center, and its possibilities for further expansion and improvements, is already under review, he said.

“We wanted to make sure we didn’t leave anything behind,” Whipple said.

The entire Garvey Senior Center/Leonardtown Library project has a budget of about \$17 million and is just under 16,000 square-feet in size.

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# St. Mary's Senior Proves Golf's Health Benefits



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

At 93, Mechanicsville resident Peter Chen has had to stop playing golf, but he was recently inducted into the Maryland Senior Olympics Hall of Fame for his competitive excellence in the sport over decades of play.

Starting in his mid-20s, Chen has played all over the country and all over the world, but he didn't start to compete until he was 65.

"I've been golfing since 1949," Chen told The County Times. "Several countries and several continents; I've taken money from a lot of people."

The takes were nickels, dimes and quarters mostly, he said, in pick-up games.

Competing as a senior citizen, he's won several gold and silver medals to prove his skill.

Golfing, he said, is also a great way to get exercise and stay active.

"The longer you can stay active the better it is for you," Chen

said. "[For golf] you have to be able to walk."

For years Chen would carry his own clubs, often in high temperatures, and didn't use a golf cart until he was 76.

"As long as you've got that spirit, you can keep going," Chen said.

He's had a long career with various federal agencies, finally retiring when he was 60 but wherever he was, at whatever age he had his beloved game.

"Always there was golf," Chen said.



He's always placed value in athleticism, having been a tennis coach at Chopticon High School as well as soccer coach.

"I try to give back to the community," Chen said.

Sadly, Chen qualified for the 2017 Senior Olympics but was hit with gout and arthritis that makes it too difficult to swing heavier clubs.

He had to stop competing.

But he still loves the game and watches it on television.

Most importantly he can still put a coffee mug on the floor and send a golf ball into it.

"I can still putt," Chen said.



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# County Health Department Offers Services to Seniors

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Health and medical needs for senior citizens are among the most critical and the St. Mary's County Health Department has services that can help older people stay in the community.

The services are aimed at either the elderly or disabled who are at risk of being put into institutional living settings.

Home and community-based services can be applied for at the county health department by calling 301-475-4200 ext. 1057; Applicants must meet Medicaid program financial and medical requirements.

Once a health department assessment has been completed, successful applicants can work with a selected planning agency to develop a service plan.

A registered nurse working for the county health department oversees the care given to the elderly or disabled; the care can include help with bathing, toileting, transportation, eating and



dressing, according to the health department's website.

Citizens enrolled in the plan can also get assistance with household medical needs, escorts to medical appointments and hygiene and grooming.

These services are reserved in this program for participants with chronic illnesses, a medical condition or disability.

The health department's Personal Care Program can also help with daily living tasks for the elderly or disabled.

The care program can help with meal preparation and feeding, bathing and dressing and also cleaning up a client's living area.

Help with doing laundry is also available, according to health department information.

In the care program, health department nurses oversee the work done by personal care providers - who have been screened beforehand by the health department - to develop a personalized service plan.

The nurse visits the care provider and the client throughout the year and updates the client's medical history.

For more information on services provided by the county health department for seniors visit their website at [www.smchd.org](http://www.smchd.org) or call 301-475-4330.

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# St. Mary's County Senior Centers

Senior activity centers are the focal point for many daily and special programs offered by the Department of Aging & Human Services, including the mid-day meal program, opportunities for socialization and recreation, fitness opportunities, and access to special staff services. The Division of Senior Center Operations strives to provide a variety of high quality, dynamic, affordable programs and activities for the independent senior community that promote good health, fitness, education, socialization, and the development of skills and interests.

The Department operates three senior activity centers, that open at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Doors close at 4:30 p.m. and all activities end at 5:00 p.m. These are the Garvey Senior Activity Center in the main County Government complex in Leonardtown (a new, larger center is under construction nearby), the Loffler Senior Activity Center at Chancellor's Run Park in Great Mills, and the Northern Senior Activity Center on Charlotte Hall Road just north of the Veteran's Home.

Do you want to find something to do, but don't know where to look? The Department of Aging & Human Services offers many events that encourage seniors to enjoy themselves on a regular basis. You may wish to view the New Beginning Newsletter, a Department of Aging & Human Services publication which features upcoming activities and events at all the Senior Activity Centers.

Adults 50 years of age and older are welcome to attend activities at the senior activity centers.

## Loffler Senior Activity Center

The Loffler Senior Activity Center is located in Chancellors Run Park off of Chancellors Run Road in Great Mills, MD. Call or visit the Center today to arrange a tour of the center and meet the friendly staff. Amenities Include: Fitness Equipment, Craft & Activity Rooms, Kitchen, Large Room for Fitness and Social Activities, Reflexologist and Massage Services, Arts & Crafts Room, Library and Senior Lounge area.



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## Northern Senior Activity Center

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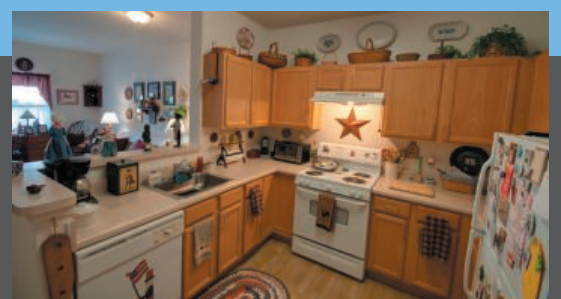
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**Ordinance No. 193** – Addition of Breweries, Distilleries, and Wineries as permitted uses in Commercial Business, Commercial Highway, and Commercial Marine Districts

This ordinance will become effective September 2, 2019. Full text of this ordinance may be viewed at the Town Office at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD or at [www.leonardtown.somd.com](http://www.leonardtown.somd.com).

By Authority:  
Laschelle McKay  
Town Administrator



# Letters TO THE Editor

## To the Editor,

The passing of Bob Waxman last week at age 93 offers an opportunity to examine the many contributions he made to the Navy and the country over more than a half century of service. His many accolades have focused on his stewardship of Webster Field, significantly keeping it open when it was slated for closure during the base realignment and closure process in 1993 and the thousands of jobs he helped create and preserve here in St. Mary's County.

I would like to broaden the perspective on Bob Waxman's contributions. In 1973, I was a brand new Navy lieutenant Supply Corps officer assigned to the first crew of a new construction destroyer escort, USS Ainsworth DE-1090, the 38<sup>th</sup> ship in the Knox class of destroyer escorts. The first time the Ainsworth was underway, the Navigator came to me and lamented the fact that, while Ainsworth was the newest ship in the Navy, it was outfitted with outdated navigation equipment, LORAN-A. (This is because the equipment assigned to Ainsworth had been determined decades earlier when the Knox class was designed.) The Navigator told me I absolutely had to find the newest navigation equipment LORAN-C. Several phone calls led me to contact Naval Air Navigation Electronics Project (NANEP), St Inigoes, (headed at that time by Bob Waxman). NANEP engineers immediately sent my ship a LORAN-C. Bob Waxman's NANEP directly enhanced operational capabilities of USS Ainsworth.

Bob gave his engineers considerable freedom and encouraged them to find solutions for the Navy fleet. One of Bob's engineers who worked with Bob for 30 plus years said, "We did not work for him, he worked for us. Great leader." Another of his long-time engineer colleagues said "Bob gave his engineers their head while he had our back."

One example, under Bob's leadership his engineers developed total turnkey communications suites for Navy ships. While a ship was under construction in the shipyard, Bob's engineers were building the ship's communications suite incorporating the latest technologies. The communications suite was delivered to the shipyard and installed in the ship and the brand new ship had brand new communications electronics.

Another example is that Bob's engineers were involved in developing the systems that allowed the automatic landing of high performance jet aircraft on the Navy's aircraft carriers.

There are many more examples but today's Navy operates more safely and effectively thanks to the entrepreneurial spirit, innovation and engineering that started under Bob Waxman's leadership and continue today at St. Inigoes.

*John McAllister*

## Legal Notice

### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF MONROE SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Index No. 3512/2017  
Date Filed: 8/13/2019  
USAA Federal Savings Bank,  
Plaintiff,  
-against-

Maria A. Hryhorenko; Paul E. Hryhorenko, if he be living or dead, his spouse, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff, State of New York; and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises,  
Defendants.

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 4551 Clay Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613

#### TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty(30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

**TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:** The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. J. Scott Odorisi, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Monroe County, entered August 13, 2019 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Monroe County Clerk's Office.

#### NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT

of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$79,908.00 and interest, recorded in the Monroe County Clerk's Office on January 17, 2013, at Book 24842 of Mortgages, page 159 covering premises known as 45 51 Clay Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613 a/k/a Section 090.51, Block 3, Lot 25.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

**Dated:** June 5, 2019  
Frank M. Cassara, Esq.  
Senior Associate Attorney  
SHAPIRO, DICARO & BARAK, LLC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Plaintiff designates Monroe County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.

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# Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann  
Contributing Writer



## Does this dress work with my stubble?

You know it's going to be a different kind of day when you accompany your husband dress shopping at the local thrift stores. And it is not only finding the dress, but you have to find one that fits someone 6 feet tall and with a muscular figure. There is always a problem with the arm and neck openings. Then, of course he must accessorize too; the perfect hat is needed, especially when you have a nearly 2 foot tall blonde beehive to work with. Sometimes gloves, pantyhose, and the perfect purse must be found. The main thing is that he must be able to stoop, roll, and have a wide enough skirt and arm opening to stretch and catch ground balls, throw a ball, or steal a base all while in a dress.

Fortunately, I guess, my husband, Robert (aka Rockin' Roberta) loves shopping, any kind of shopping, so all I have to do is help with the hunt. He is a decisive man, must be the old fireman coming out in him, when he sees the perfect dress he knows it. He found one over a month ago that will work perfectly for this Saturday the 24th's Clements Cuties game against the Over 30 Women's Softball All Stars to raise awareness for childhood cancers at Back Road Inn in Clements. However, Robert is still partial to his flapper style dress from his first year joining the Cuties – you may see him in that.

Who are the Clements Cuties? "The Cuties originated in the 1970's as a group of male softball players who would dress as ladies and play softball games for charity. They were reprised 7 years ago by a second generation of young men who are descendants and friends of the original group." Now, the Cuties are led by an amazing, hardworking group of volunteers, headed by Ricky and Elise Ryce, along with Greg and Jeppa Thornburg, Harry and Deb Poole, Michelle and Eddie Bowles, Gary and Cindy Norris, and all the Cuties, Over 30 Women's All Stars, and their families. Our major sponsors are Guy Distributing and Cryer's Back Road Inn – Thank you. Also, a big thank you to The Rex Restaurant in Leonardtown for donating all of their brunch proceeds a few Fridays ago to the foundation and Jenna Mattera for setting us up with a Calvert Kettle Corn fundraising booth for this Saturday. Thank you to all the great people and local businesses who have also donated and/or sponsored a Cutie. Last year, over \$40,000 was raised through all the various events to help our recipients with extra medical costs and a much-needed vacation

for they and their families. Funds are also raised for the Nolan Scully Public Service Scholarship given to 3 high school seniors looking to advance their education in the public service field.

This year's recipients are: Max Long, 5 years old, "son of Scott and Chandi Long, and in October 2017 was diagnosed with High Risk B-Cell acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, a very serious type of blood cancer. Max has undergone every type of treatment from 20 types of medications, chemotherapy, blood transfusions, and tests, which have caused awful side effects. Max loves the outdoors and staying active with t-ball, swimming, and catching bugs when he is able. Mighty Max is an avid Washington Capitals fan. He would like to be a policeman, doctor, or Ninja warrior when he grows up. Max's grandfather, JF Long was one of the original Cuties many years ago."

Peyton Greer, 14 will be going into 9th grade. His parents are Suzanne and Chris Dudley and Peyton has two sisters and two brothers. "Peyton was diagnosed in December, 2018 with Rhabdomyosarcoma which is a rare and aggressive childhood cancer that forms in the skeletal muscle tissue. Peyton is undergoing 42 weeks of chemotherapy at Children's Hospital. At week 13, Peyton will begin radiation at Sibley Hospital for 5 days a week. Then on to extended therapy for 24 weeks back at Children's. When able, Peyton plays on a travel soccer team called LaPlata Power Red. He loves Basketball and football playing Fortnite, and going crabbing.

Saturday starts out with the Men's Allstar Slowpitch game at 2 and then THE BIG EVENT follows: Clement's Cuties Raising Awareness for Childhood Cancers event begins at 4 p.m. and includes silent auction items, crazy antics, raffles, refreshments and the Chip Wood Band will be performing on the Back Road Inn Pavilion Stage following the game. Come on out for a fun day at the Cryer's Back Road Inn ballfield in Compton on Saturday at 4 p.m. – you know I will be there. All Cuties Donations are tax deductible via the [www.clements-cuties-foundation.org](http://www.clements-cuties-foundation.org) ( and also on Facebook, Clements Cuties) PO BOX 992 Mechanicsville, MD 20659 Federal Tax ID # 81-2851051.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby.  
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# PAYING OFF CREDIT CARD DEBT

According to a survey by CreditCards.com, 13% of Americans say they'll never pay off their loans and another 8% say they won't pay off what they owe until they're at least 71 years old. You don't have to be one of these people. If you are stuck in debt, take action to help yourself. Credit card debt is the enemy of financial security. Here are 5 tips to help you pay off those high interest credit card balances:

## 1. STOP PAYING ONLY THE MINIMUM ON YOUR CREDIT CARD DEBT.

The minimum payment on credit card debt is 2% of the balance. Suppose you have a balance of \$5,000 on your credit card with a 15% interest rate. If you pay the minimum, it will take you more than 27 years to pay off the balance. It gets worse. Your total payments will amount to \$12,518 or about 2.5 times your original \$5,000 balance. Paying the minimum is keeping you in servitude to the bank or credit card company. What can you do? By boosting your payment to 3% of the balance you can pay off the credit card balance in about half the time. Boost the payment to 5% of the balance and you can pay it all off in about 8 years. If you do not have the cash flow to make one larger credit card payment every month, try making two minimum payments every month.

## 2. FOCUS ON PAYING OFF ONE CARD FIRST.

If you have multiple credit cards and want to show progress, pick the one with the lowest balance and pay that one off as soon as you can. Then, tackle the next in line. In any event, your credit score will decline based on whether you have used more than 20% of your available credit. Paying down your credit cards to show loans of less than 20% of the available balance on the card will immediately boost your credit score. So, even if you cannot pay off the entire card, paying down the balance will give you progress and a better credit score.

## 3. SPEAK UP.

If you have a good credit score (usually 730 and above) and are current in making your payments, call the credit card company and ask them to lower your rate. Most companies will accommodate their long-term customers who pay on time. If you have been offered a lower rate by a competitor, tell the bank. Most likely they will meet that lower rate to avoid losing you as a customer. Remember, you are valuable to the banks.



## 4. TAKE ACTION, BUT BE CAREFUL.

Transferring your credit card balance to another card with a 0% introductory interest rate is a good idea IF you can pay off the entire credit card during the time the introductory interest rate is 0%. Most of the cards will give you up to 18 months of 0% interest before the card reverts to the 15-25% interest rate category. If you can't pay the card balance off in 18 months, you may wind up paying more in interest on the balance than you had with your first card. Check the interest rates on the cards. If you find a card with an interest rate after 18 months of 0% that is significantly lower than your current rate, even if you cannot pay off all of the debt in 18 months, you will be better off. Try your online resources for education. Nextadvisor.com is helpful. Enter the balance you want to transfer, the amount you want to spend each month and the website will give you a list of credit cards that may help you. There are plenty of other online resources for you to choose from.

## 5. NEVER BORROW FROM YOUR HOME OR YOUR 401(K) TO PAY OFF CREDIT CARD DEBT.

Your home and your retirement funds are critical to your financial well-being. Why jeopardize either of them by borrowing against them?

No matter how you tackle the problem of credit card debt, the important point is to take action to pay down that debt. Get a plan and stick to it.

A reminder: Join me for a free estate planning seminar on the third Wednesday of every month at 11 am at our office at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

Lyn Striegel

## The Tackle Box Fishing Report



Tyler Caldwell, center, chummed up this 42 inch cobia below the Target Ship and cast a live ell to it as it surfaced Monday Aug. 19.

By Ken and Linda Lamb  
Contributing Writers

Spanish mackerel, spot, perch, rockfish, bluefish and cobia continue to satisfy fishermen in southern Maryland. The problem can be crowded waterways on the weekends. The fishing is so good no one wants to be left out so everyone is out on off days to get in on the bonanza.

The bottom fishing in the Patuxent and Potomac is fabulous for spot and perch, the problem is that there are so many small spot and tiny croaker that they eat up all the bait before and mess of decent fish can be caught. We have at least six weeks before the fall migration to the ocean begins and the

fish will grow to keeper size around the first of October. The future looks bright.

Spanish mackerel, bluefish, and rockfish were taking trolled spoons behind planers all up and down the bay and into the mouth of the rivers. Most of the rockfish are undersized in the mix.

The shallow water rockfishing is excellent at daybreak for lure casters. The early morning window is short and the early worm gets the fish.

This week is forecast to be hottest spell of the year (well, it is August!), but there is a break coming Friday and the weekend will be chilly by comparison. The fish will go crazy. Do not miss this opportunity.

## Pet OF THE WEEK

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Come meet me and the wonderful gang at Tri-County Animal Shelter (6707 Animal Shelter Road, Hughesville) or call **301-932-1713** for more information. To see more of my amazing friends available for adoption, "like" us on Facebook @ Tri-County Animal Shelter Southern MD.



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## A View From The BLEACHERS Fare Thee Well

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

I never saw Washington Hall of Fame QB Sonny Jurgensen play a single down and I have been in his company but twice: once at an autograph show in Chantilly, VA and again at The Gingerbread Man in Carlisle, PA where he was having a pre-training camp lunch with then NBC 4 sportscaster Wally Bruckner a few tables down from my wife and me. For the record, I avoided fanboy mode and let the man eat in peace. Still proud of myself. Rare restraint.

Undeterred by my lack of personal experience, I have created – with the help of research, random videos and stories from elders – a mythical football hero of Jurgensen. He is – correctly – a swashbuckling, beer-bellied, golden-armed gunslinger who, had he played on better teams, would have been considered among the greatest of all time and not just of his era. Don't try to convince me otherwise. Greater minds have the gods of Greek mythology; I have Sonny Jurgensen.

As a child of the 80s, my exposure to Jurgensen was through his long, do-all-things-'Skins media career. Jurgensen's on-air style reinforced his reputation as a player. Whether it was television pre-game shows, live broadcasts from the 'Skins' team facility or post-game locker room interviews, Jurgensen carried himself with hall of fame cool accompanied by a dash rascal – playful needling of co-hosts and "I know something you don't" wry smiles were part of his routine and charm.

Making a "People to have a beer with" list? Add Jurgensen...now.

Despite numerous accomplishments as a media member, Jurgensen's post-playing career legacy is his nearly 40-year run doing color commentary for 'Skins game day broadcasts. Along with Frank Herzog and fellow Hall of Fame player Sam Huff, Jurgensen formed one of sports' very best radio teams and provided 'Skins fans the soundtrack to the greatest moments in team history. Sadly, Herzog was nudged out in 2004. Huff retired in 2013. And last week, Jurgensen, the franchise's living legend and one of the last links to the glory days of the 1980s and early 1990s, called it a career. There was no attention-seeking, self-aggrandizing farewell tour; Ju-

rgensen just quietly called it quits before a preseason game and bid 'Skins nation adieu.

It has been an abysmal 25-year stretch for 'Skins fans. The once elite franchise is now among the most dysfunctional in professional sports. Pride was first replaced by frustration. Frustration gave way to embarrassment. Embarrassment is now being displaced by indifference. Jurgensen's ever-presence was at least something to feel good about, something to remind us of better times and something by which to maintain hope for a brighter future.

Since Jurgensen's retirement, I've been thinking about that long-ago afternoon when our paths crossed at The Gingerbread Man. Had I been so inclined to approach him, what would have I asked Jurgensen? The first thing that comes to mind is his timing. Does he regret not being able to play in this modern, pass-happy era of football? He could have compiled video games statistics while carving up helpless defenses. Jurgensen was Drew Brees...30 years before Drew Brees became Drew Brees.

I can imagine Jurgensen's answer. He's chewing on a cigar, cracks a smile and says, "Forget the stats, it's the money I could be making today...that's my beef with my D.O.B." A loud, authentic, infectious and room-filling belly laugh would follow.

Jurgensen is a character who is full of class. He will be missed. Recalling a roadside quote I saw off Route 50 heading out from Ocean City a few years ago will temper the melancholy: "Don't be sad because it's over, be happy because it happened." Good advice – for expired vacations, retired broadcasters and life in general.

Bill Walton – another Hall of Fame athlete turned broadcaster – did color during an Angels baseball game last week. Walton, being a huge Grateful Dead fan, reminded me of a quintessential Dead phrase that is perfect to send Jurgensen off on his next adventure. So, Mr. Jurgensen, if you happen upon this piece, thank you...and "fare thee well." A simple ending from an extraordinary band to accompany a simple exit by an extraordinary man.

Send comments to  
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## In Remembrance

### John Bernard Yates



John (Johnny Boy) Bernard Yates, 81, of Clements, MD passed away on August 15, 2019, peacefully with his wife by his side.

He was born August 28, 1937 in Leonardtown, MD. John was the son of the late Joseph L. Yates and Nettie Tennyson Yates.

John was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. Johnny Boy worked in the family excavating business, and was also a tobacco farmer. Later, he became a fuel truck driver at Pax River until his retirement. He loved playing cards, playing softball in his younger years, and crabbing with his family and friends. He also loved gardening and his green houses. He loved his family and he was everybody's friend.

John is survived by his loving wife, Patricia A. Yates of 57 years. In addition to his wife, John is survived by his daughter, Frannie Yates Taborek (Larry)

and Timmy Yates (Tammy) and grandchildren Dillon, Alex and Kayla, all of Clements, MD. Siblings, J. Lewis Yates (deceased), Jake Yates (deceased), Evelyn Clark (deceased), Jeannette Foley, Dale Yates (deceased), Linda Williams, Carol Alvey (Jackie), Georgia Nelson, Brent Yates (deceased) and Winnie Kpacko and lots of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Seventh District Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 7, Avenue, MD 20609 or Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### Benjamin Thomas Farrell III



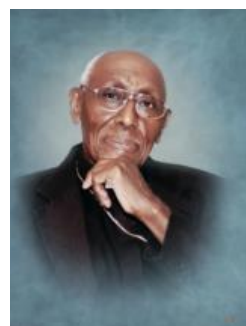
Benjamin Thomas Farrell, III, "Tommy", 52, of Avenue, MD passed away on August 12, 2019 in Callaway, MD. He was born on

December 28, 1966 in Leonardtown, MD and was the son of Mary Frances Abell Farrell of Leonardtown, MD and the late Benjamin Thomas Farrell, Jr. Tommy was the loving husband of Aleta Domenica Farrell whom he married on March 15, 1997 in Our Lady Star of the Sea Solomon's, MD. Tommy is survived by his son Dominic Thomas of Avenue, MD siblings Michelle Wathen (Eddie) and Kevin Farrell (Shelby).

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Chopticon High School in 1984. Tommy was a welder and sheet metal mechanic for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, DC for 32 years. Tommy enjoyed sketching, antiques. Along with, woodworking, especially making furniture for his family and being with his family.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650 or Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation 1615 L Street NW #430 Washington, DC 20036.

### Rev. Dr. Rudy C. Brooks



On Sunday, August 11, 2019, God called home his servant, Rev. Dr. Rudy C. Brooks. He departed this earthly life for his heavenly wings at Calvert County

Nursing Center in Prince Frederick, MD.

Rev. Dr. Rudy C. Brooks was the beloved and former Pastor of St. Mark and St. Luke Union American Methodist Episcopal Churches for 44 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lou Ella Brooks; his son, Jimmie Lee Brooks; his daughter, Rena M. Smith; a sister, Helen Hilson; a brother, Eddie London; a brother-in-law, James "Jim" Hilson; and a son-in-law, Francis E. Thompson.

He is survived by his children, Johnnie L. Brooks (Lillie), Pearl L. Brooks, Mary H. Brooks, Osie M. Shade, Sarah L. Brooks, and Ruby L. Thompson; a sister-in-law, Wynonia Duggans; and a host of grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Funeral arrangements and interment will be entrusted to Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, 41590 Fenwick Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### Joseph Raymond Adams



Joseph Raymond Adams, 83, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on August 9, 2019 in Callaway, MD surrounded by his family.

Most commonly referred to as "Snuffy", he was born on October 26, 1935 in Waldorf, Maryland to the late John "Jack" William Adams and Sarah Helen Coombs - Adams. Joseph married the love of his life Katie Blanche Mc Bee in 1956 and together they raised their family in Waldorf, Maryland. Joseph and Katie were married for 63 years. He retired in 2000 from Southern Maryland Gas Company after a 50 year career as a Service Technician. Shortly after retirement, Snuffy and Katie relocated to Maynardville, Tennessee where he enjoyed retirement life, before returning to Maryland in January 2019. His hobbies included fishing, crabbing and going to the race track. Snuffy also enjoyed watching WWE Wrestling, and listening to Country music.

Joseph is survived by his wife, three children, Joseph Adams (Nancy) of Virginia, Robert Adams of Vicksburg, Mississippi and Lisa Miller (Paul) of Maynardville Tennessee; seven (7) grandchildren and twelve (12) great-grandchildren, and sister in law Grace Adams of Waldorf Maryland. Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, son (Michael P. Adams) and his siblings (Russell Adams, Mary Lou Gardner, Marvin Adams, Marie Adams, Estell Montgomery, and Agnes Alluman).

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

All arrangements have been made by Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A.

### Susan Margaret Christian



Susan "Sue" Margaret Christian, 66 of Mechanicsville, MD formerly of Clearfield, PA passed away on August 3, 2019 at her residence. She was the daughter of

the late Thelma and Joseph Farrell. Sue was the loving wife of Anthony "Chris" Christian whom she married on May 26, 1979 in Clearfield, PA. She is also survived by her children: Jonathan David of Studio City, CA, Joseph Christian of Pasadena, CA, Sarah Christian of Al-

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buquerque, NM and Andrew Christian of Mechanicsville, MD, siblings: David Farrell and Raymond Farrell both of Clearfield, PA and Diane Cathcart of Glen Richey, PA.

Sue graduated from Clearfield High School in 1970 and Duquesne University with a B.S. in Nursing in 1976. She served in the U.S. Navy at Balboa Naval Hospital from May 24, 1976 until April 29, 1979. Sue moved to St. Mary's County in July of 2009 from State College, PA. She enjoyed Organic gardening, sewing, quilting, crafts and writing and was Maryland Master Gardener. Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

**Linda Faye Hammett**



Linda Faye Hammett, 64, of Valley Lee, MD passed away on August 15, 2019 at home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on January 1, 1955 in

Leonardtown, MD to James Aloysius "Bunky" Knott, Sr. and the late Doris Teresa (Angle) Knott.

Linda married the love of her life, Alfred Orem "Rocky" Hammett, Jr. on April 30, 1977 in Leonardtown, MD. They spent 42 wonderful years together. She was employed as a budget analyst for the government for 35 years where she made many lasting relationships with her co-workers. Christmas was her favorite holiday and every year she looked forward to decorating her home, shopping, and celebrating with family. Her most cherished memories were made while in the company of her family and friends especially her four grandchildren. She loved telling everyone she had twin grandkids even strangers. She was the kindest most giving person with the sweetest heart. She loved to travel, take care of others and make everyone she knew smile. She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

Linda is survived by her husband, Rocky; father, James, of Leonardtown, MD; daughter, Crystal "Crissy" Heron (Justin), of Mechanicsville, MD; siblings, Jim Knott (Trish), of Leonardtown, MD, Joan Fennington, of Hollywood, MD, Brenda Laney (Mike), of Leonardtown, MD, and Jenny Russell (Robert), of Abell, MD; four grandchildren, Henley Herron, Scarlett Herron, Madison Herron, and Lily Hill as well as two nieces that she loved as her own grandchildren Sophie and Chloe Russell. She was preceded in death by her mother Teresa.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at St. George Catholic Church, 19199 St. George's Church Road, Valley Lee, MD 20692. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens, 26325 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Suite 120, Baltimore, MD 21220 or Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Condolences may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com)

**Marilee Graham Hill**



Marilee Graham Hill, 79, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on Thursday, August 8, 2019, surrounded by family. Born on March 1, 1940 in Asheville, North

Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Jack Graham and Vivian Paris Graham.

Marilee was married to James Hill for over 50 years. They enjoyed spending time with their beloved dog Penny, and their granddaughters. Marilee and James both worked for Sam's Club of Waldorf for over 10 years until their retirement. She was also the co-owner of Carvel Ice Cream located in Waldorf and enjoyed serving tasty, frozen treats to her customers for years. Marilee loved the Lord and spent much of her time at her beloved River Church. She loved gardening and watching the horse and buggies pass by her home.

She is survived by her son, John Hill and her daughter in law, Mary of Mechanicsville; seven (7) grandchildren, two (2) great-grandchildren; a large extended family and many friends.

Along with her parents, Marilee was preceded in death by her husband, James Earl Hill, Jr., and her infant son, Joseph Hill.

The family will receive friends for Marilee's Memorial Gathering on Saturday, August 24, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at River Church of Southern Maryland, 7627 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, MD 20637, with a Memorial Service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Joe Wible officiating. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Marilee's name to: Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or online at Hospice of St Mary's

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

**William James Jordan**



William "Will" James Jordan, 42, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at his home.

Will was born on February 27, 1977 to

John Pitt Jordan Sr. of Bethesda, MD and Donna Blackwell Mendez of Waldorf, MD.

He worked as a flooring mechanic for Metropolitan Flooring. Will felt great pride in how hard he worked to provide for his family. Family and friends meant everything to him. He was the proud father of two; son, Donovan J. Jordan and step-daughter, Layla Richards of Mechanicsville.

Will was the life of the party. He was a singer who couldn't carry a tune, a dancer with two left feet and had a smile as bright as the sun. His children and family were everything to him. He enjoyed fishing and spending the day on the water. A day spent with Will,

would involve laughter, friendship and fun. His personality was infectious and his soul kind. His family finds peace in the knowledge he is with his brother in heaven and singing along with the angels. Will was loved by many and will be truly missed.

Along with his parents, Will is survived by his step-father, Billy Mendez of Waldorf, MD; father John Jordan Sr.; children, Donovan Jordan of Mechanicsville, MD; step-brother, Anthony Mendez of Wyandotte, Michigan, niece and nephew Felicity and Dylon Jordan great niece Kinsley Acquaviva and many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. He was preceded in death by his brother, John "JP" Jordan, Jr.


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Arrangements made at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

**Guy Matthias Wilson**

Guy Matthias Wilson, Jr. 91 of Lexington Park, MD died August 9, 2019 at home with his family by his side.


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ty, Maryland he was the son of the late Guy M. Wilson and Myrtle Dresher Wilson.

Guy was a World War II Veteran who served in the European and Pacific Theater during his enlistment. He was Honorably Discharged from the United States Navy on January 29, 1948. After that, he worked in Washington, DC as a bus driver, where he met his future wife, Pearl. They were married on May 3, 1952. Then, they relocated to St. Mary's County and started their family. They were happily married for 60 plus years.

Once back in St. Mary's County, Guy started working for his father's roofing/sheet metal business, GM Wilson Roofing Inc. During his apprenticeship, he mastered the trade of sheet metal work then, became a sheet metal mechanic for 50 plus years. Later, he became co-owner of the business. He was a member of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church choir and congregation. Guy enjoyed traveling to new places, especially New Hampshire/New England with his late wife, spending portion of their golden (retirement) years living and visiting family and friends. He had a great passion for cooking and sharing his Southern Maryland/Dutch foods with his family and friends. He thoroughly enjoyed spending many hours preparing these feasts. He made the best fried chicken, stuffed ham and homemade noodles (his mother's recipe of course!!). Guy really loved crabbing and fishing. He would also amaze people with his ability to shuck a bushel basket of oysters in a jiffy, but best of all he loved eating all types of foods. His greatest passion was spending time with his entire family and making special memories with each one of them. This would often put a huge smile on his face and filled

his heart with happiness. He taught his family many different things such as camping, crabbing, fishing, horse-back riding, playing outdoor activities, but most importantly spending quality time together. He often shared memories about his childhood and adulthood through stories, whether funny or serious to instill important life values. Guy had a big heart, he never met a stranger. He was loved and cherished by all who knew him! His memories will continue to live in our hearts and minds forever!

Guy is survived by five his children: Wayne A. Wilson (Cindy) of St. Mary's City, MD; Jayne L. LaForge (Ray) of Ellicott City, MD; John M. Wilson (Ellen) of Abell, MD; Brian J. Wilson (Cher) of Hollywood, MD; and Scott A. Wilson (Amy) of Ellicott City, MD; nine grandchildren: Chris LaForge, Bryan LaForge, Ryan LaForge, John Wilson, Paul Wilson, Ryan Caruso-Wilson, Lauryn Bullard, Dylan Wilson, and Camryn Wilson; six great grandchildren: Gavin LaForge, Olivia Caruso-Wilson, Aubree Caruso-Wilson, Emilia Caruso-Wilson, Alexa LaForge, and Danail LaForge; sister Audrey Albaugh of Florida. In addition, Guy was preceded in death by his wife Pearl Wilson and parents Guy M. Wilson and Myrtle Dresher Wilson.

Contributions may be made to the Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown MD 20650.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

### Eva Rau Brown



Eva Rau Brown, 92, passed away on Monday, August 5, 2019 in California, MD with her son and daughter by her side.

She was born

in Königsberg, East Prussia on February 26, 1927 to the late Erich Max Felix Rau and Ella Charlotte (Augustin) Rau.

Eva earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago and met her future husband while a student there. She married Kenneth Stephen Brown in Chicago, IL in December of 1955. They had 59 wonderful years together. Eva spent her career working for the U.S. Food & Drug Administration, first as a virologist in a lab at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, then as an inspector for the Bureau of Diagnostic Standards in Silver Spring, MD. On retirement, Eva and Ken sailed their 37' cutter "Windswept" across the Atlantic (twice) and lived on the boat for 5 years, exploring the rivers, canals and coastline of Europe. After they sold the boat, they continued to travel all over the world, often on ocean and river cruises. In her spare time, Eva enjoyed gardening, but most of all she cherished spending time with her family.

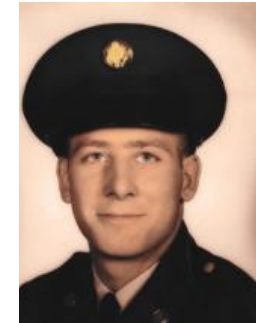
Eva is survived by her children, Duncan Brown and Susan Brown, both of California, MD; grandchildren, Eric Brown, of Frederick, MD, Virginia Brown, of Potomac, MD, Andie Brown, of Carlsbad, CA and Madison Brown, of California, MD. In addition to her

parents and husband, she is preceded in death by her son, Andrew Eric Brown, brother, Richard Rau, and brother-in-law, James W. Brown.

Services will be private.

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

### SFC. Thomas James Owen



SFC. Thomas James Owen, United States Army, Ret. 73 years old, passed away at home on Monday August 5, 2019 in Heinsville, Ga. Born July 2, 1946.

He leaves his wife and two stepsons. He was the son of late Mac and Mary Owen.

Memorial services were held on August 8, 2019 at Carter Funeral Home. Interment was at Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glensville, Ga. with full military honors.



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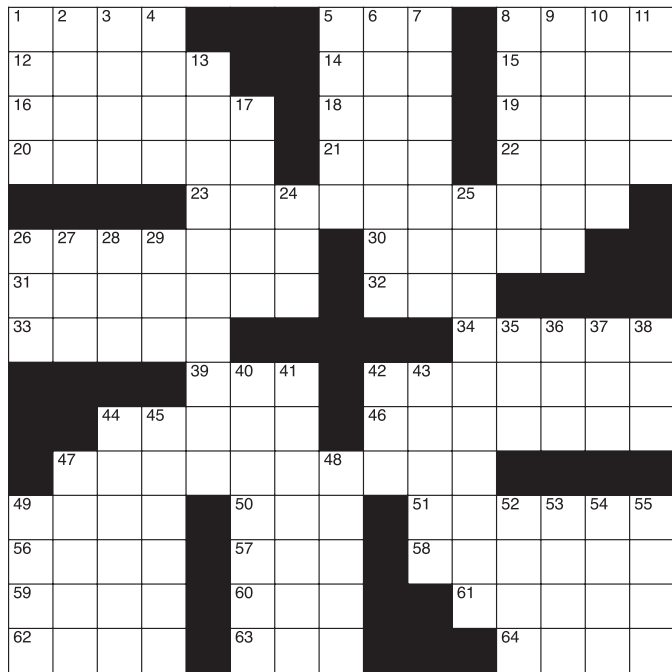
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# Fun & GAMES



**CLUES DOWN**

1. Pack full of clay
2. Relating to wings
3. Type of bean
4. Former MLB commish Bowie
5. Short-tailed lemur
6. Cheese dish
7. To any further extent
8. Enzyme
9. Taiwan capital
10. Extensive landed property
11. Remove
13. Remove the head
17. High IQ group
24. Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
25. Sportscaster
26. Hastily set up
27. Midway between northeast and east
28. Beloved basketball player Jeremy
29. Consumed
35. One point east of due south
36. Television network
37. Allow
38. Wife
40. Grayish-brown mammal
41. Written language for blind people
42. Insecticide
43. Della \_\_\_, singer
44. Cleaned
45. Eye membranes
47. Past tense of fly
48. Anwar \_\_\_, Egyptian statesman
49. Currency exchange charge
52. Dark stain
53. Easily manageable
54. One who does not tell the truth
55. Soluble ribonucleic acid

## Southern Maryland Film Festival This Weekend



This year's Southern Maryland Film Festival will be held at R/C Theatres' Lexington Exchange Movies 12, 44800 Oak Crest Dr., California, MD 20619, on Saturday, August 24th from 10 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. Tickets for the Festival are officially on sale, and may be purchased on the venue website: rc theatres.com.

The Festival features 30 films being shown throughout the day in 90- and 120-minute blocks. Each block will include several films and a filmmaker Q&A session where audience members can discuss the movies and talk to those who made them.

Tickets will be \$8 per block, per person, regardless of age or number of tickets purchased. Seating is limited and assigned, and most movies will be shown only once. For movie titles and detailed descriptions of each film, please visit the Southern Maryland Film Festival Facebook page.

**The schedule for the day is as follows:**

**10 a.m. block:** Documentaries – non-fiction stories, interviews and historic footage about local farmers and artists, mindful meditation and Tibetan refugees, raising support for a local community center, and the social history of West point. Created by filmmakers from St. Mary's, Calvert, Prince George's, and Charles Counties, as well as Virginia. Appropriate for all audiences.

**1 p.m. block:** Animation and Comedy – fictional works including puppetry, colorful sketches and humor. Created by filmmakers from St. Mary's, Prince George's, Charles, Howard and Carroll Counties, as well as Virginia, California, Brazil and Australia. Some films contain mild language and action sequences.

**3:45 p.m. block:** Drama – fictional works of a slightly more serious nature, including suspense, murder, interper-

sonal relationships, and social commentary. Created by filmmakers from St. Mary's, Charles, and Montgomery Counties, as well as Ohio. Some of these films contain adult themes and language, action sequences and mild violence.

**6:15 p.m. block:** Suspense (for audiences 18+) – fictional works depicting intense subject matter, including moral and ethical dilemmas, overcoming trauma, and violent crimes. Created by filmmakers from St. Mary's, Anne Arundel, and Howard Counties; Baltimore, MD; Virginia, California, and Florida. Some of the films in this category contain strong language, depictions of violence and nudity. Audience members under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

**8:15 p.m. block:** Jury-nominated - films that are eligible for judging and grand prize. Films were selected by the Steering Committee for the SMDFF and were independently judged by local and national film and media professionals. Must meet submission criteria: Members of the cast and/or crew are from or living in Southern Maryland, part or all of the film was shot in Southern Maryland, or the subject matter of the film is about Southern Maryland. Some of these films contain mature language, depictions of violence and action sequences.

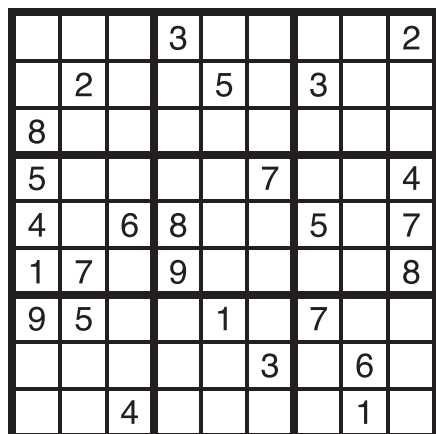
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Visit [smdff.org](http://smdff.org) and the Southern Maryland Film Festival Facebook page for event updates. For more information email [smdfilmfest@gmail.com](mailto:smdfilmfest@gmail.com).

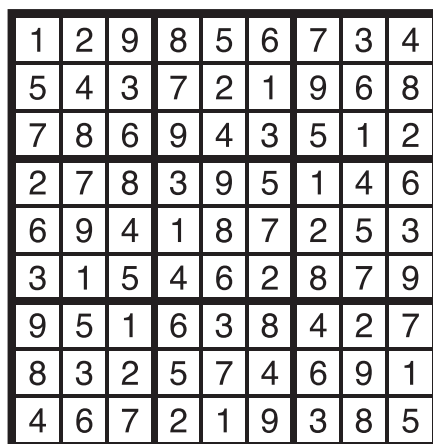
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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Job
5. Retirement account
8. Parent-teacher organizations
12. Audibly
14. Leavened bread in Indian cooking
15. "To \_\_\_ his own"
16. Violent disorder
18. Not wet
19. Worst (French)
20. Move with springy steps
21. Georgia rockers
22. Moved quickly
23. Blood proteins
26. Return to
30. Related to Iran
31. The first
32. Pearl Jam's debut
33. Nocturnal, catlike mammal
34. Hymn
39. One who engages in arbitrage
42. Less bright
44. Indian lute
46. Discovers
47. Weatherman
49. Jai \_\_\_, sport
50. Spy organization
51. Ancient Greek oracles
56. Swindles
57. Not young
58. Log-shaped pastry
59. Professional engineer association
60. Arabic feminine name
61. Sacred text
62. \_\_\_ and ends
63. What remains after taxes
64. Type of watt



## LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



# Community Calendar

To submit your event listing to go in our Community Calendar, please email [timescalendar@countytimes.net](mailto:timescalendar@countytimes.net) with the listing details by 12 p.m. on the Monday prior to our Thursday publication.

## ONGOING

### Summer Skate

Leonard Hall Recreation Center, Leonardtown

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in August Wednesday & Friday. 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. every Sunday all year

Beat the heat and have some fun before summer is gone! \$5 per person, \$2.50 skate rental.

## UPCOMING

### Great Mills High School Joint 50<sup>th</sup> year Reunion Classes 1969 and 1968

The multiple dates include Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at Tall Timbers Marina meet and greet. Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at Bay District Volunteer Fire Department. The Social starts at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. The Cost for the evening is \$45 per person. Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Crab and Oyster Picnic at Elms Beach Pavilion. For class of '69, contact Randy Morris at 301-872-4266 or [moriswr@starpower.net](mailto:morriswr@starpower.net) and Danny Dixon at 301-373-5948 or [danny20636@yahoo.com](mailto:danny20636@yahoo.com). For class of '68, contact Bill Little at [falconwittle@aim.com](mailto:falconwittle@aim.com). Make checks payable to Randy Morris or Danny Dixon and indicate Class of '68 or '69 on the check.

### 28th Annual Golf Tournament

The Center for Life Enrichment and Special Olympics will be holding its 28th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, September 27th at Wicomico Shores Golf Course. We are still looking for players & Sponsors for this event. More info can be found at our website [www.tcle.org](http://www.tcle.org) or by calling Ora Sikorski at 301-373-8100 Ext. 18 or by email at [sikorskior@tcle.org](mailto:sikorskior@tcle.org).

### Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Dinner

7th District Rescue Squad Building, 21530 Colton Pt. Rd.

11:00 a.m. until sold out

This event will be taking place on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$14. Menu includes ½ Fried Chicken, Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, & Homemade Dessert.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

### Park Place Toastmasters Club

Church of the Ascension, 21641 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park, MD

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Come visit us to find out how we can help you develop your speaking, listening, and leadership skills in a non-threatening environment!

### Queen of Hearts

Brass Rail Sports Bar, Great Mills

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Ticket sales for our weekly Queen of Hearts drawing begins at 4:00 p.m. and ends at 6:50 p.m. Tickets cost \$1. The drawing takes place at 7:00 p.m. Dinner can be purchased between 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. or until sold out. Proceeds go to the Archangel Scholarship Foundation in support of St. Michael's School.

### SC Low Country Boil American Legion Post 238

6265 Brandywine Rd Hughesville, MD

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

South Carolina Low Country Boil featuring shrimp, sausage, corn on the cob, and potatoes. Cost is \$15. For more information, call 301-274-3522. [www.al-post238.org](http://www.al-post238.org)

### Summer Concert

9690 Shepherds Creek Place, La Plata, MD 20646

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! We'll have games, vendors, concessions, and more! Admission is Free! [bit.ly/summerconcert2019](http://bit.ly/summerconcert2019)

### Southern Maryland Film Festival Meet & Greet

Taphouse 1637

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The "pre-event" for the festival. This is a chance to meet with local filmmakers, join a panel discussion, and find out about the jury prize announcements.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

### Car Wash at 2nd District VFD & RS

2nd District VFD & RS, 45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee, MD 20692

7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

\$15 and up! Proceeds go to benefit the new 2<sup>nd</sup> District Volunteer FD building.

### Yard Sale 2nd District FH & RS

Valley Lee FH & RS, 45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee, MD 20692

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Reserve a table for \$10. Great way to get rid of unwanted items! Sponsored by the 2<sup>nd</sup> District VFD and RS Auxiliary. For more information or to reserve a table, call Kelly at 240-299-5261.

### 2019 Women's Conference

First Missionary Baptist Church, 46370 Pegg Lane, Lexington Park, MD

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee is \$25 per person. This year's theme is "God's People Fulfilling God's Purpose". Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. For more information, contact FMBC at 301-863-8388.

### DivorceCare

Our Fathers House (OFH)

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

People hurting from divorce or separation looking for help and healing. Thursday sessions will take place from August 29<sup>th</sup> through the November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the church sunroom. Cost is \$25 for book and first Saturday. For more information, call the office at 301-862-9200.

### Jameson's Jamboree

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

There is a rain date of August 25, 2019. Games! Moon bounce! Touch-a-truck! Suggested donation of \$5. Jameson's Jamboree is a fundraising event to benefit the Spoonbill Foundation in honor of Jameson Miller.

### Southern Maryland Film Festival

R/C Lexington Exchange, 44800 Oak Crest Dr, California

10:00 a.m.

Tickets are \$8 per block. There will be one theater reserved for the festival. The blocks include a documentary at 10:00 a.m., animation and comedy at 1:00 p.m., drama at 3:45 p.m., suspense at 6:15 p.m., and jury selected films at 8:15 p.m. Several of the filmmakers will be on hand to field questions about their works.

### Brown Bag Auction

Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad

12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Must be present to win. Be sure to address labels and stamps to mark your tickets faster. Light refreshments will be sold and a 50/50 raffle will be held.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 26

### Toastmasters Meeting Talk of the Town

21677 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Blvd, Lexington Park, MD 20653

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

If you want to improve your communication and leadership skills, pay us a visit and bring a friend! Open to anyone to join! [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org) club9410. [easy-speak.org](http://easy-speak.org)

### Prophetic Painting Workshops

Our Father's House 45020 Patuxent Beach Rd. California, MD 20619

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration is to be done on Grace Bailey's website ([www.gracebailey.net](http://www.gracebailey.net)). Even if you've never painted before, Grace Bailey has been leading workshops for years and will guide you through your own painting. For more information, call 301-862-9200 or visit [ourfathershouse.org](http://ourfathershouse.org).

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### LIFE Books Now Available!

LIFE (Learning is ForEver) booklets are now available for pick up at your local senior activity center. Don't miss out on the many interesting, educational trips and presentations that are being offered. Registration opens on Monday, Aug. 26 and events fill quickly so register early. The booklet is also available online at <https://www.stmarysmd.com/aging/life/>

Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71063 for more information.

### Senior Bowling League Announcement

Esperanza Lanes will not be open for business within the next few months, therefore the mixed senior league that normally bowls on the second and fourth Thursday of each month will not be able to start the next season this fall. Sale negotiations are still underway for a new owner of the business and if it reopens as a bowling center in the near future, the Dept. of Aging & Human Services will contact league members about resuming play. If you have any questions, contact Shellie at 301-475-4200, ext. 71655. Or e-mail [Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com)

### Walk Maryland

Wednesday, Oct. 2, has been declared by Governor Larry Hogan as Walk Maryland Day! In preparation for the 5K Walk that the Department of Aging & Human Services has planned that day, start tracking your time spent walking. You'll have an

opportunity to win a great prize, raffled off monthly. Pick up a log sheet at any of the County's senior activity centers, keep track of your time walking, and turn in your log by the 5th of the following month to be entered into the monthly drawing. Raffle prizes will be drawn for those who participate in July, Aug., & Sept. Then, join us on the Three Notch Trail starting at Baggett Park in Laurel Grove for the finale, the 5K Walk, on Oct. 2. For more information, contact Alice at 301-475-4200, ext. 71063. Log sheets are also available on the Department of Aging & Human Services website - [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging).

### Loffler Strength Training Classes

At the Loffler Senior Activity Center, the Strength Training classes are taught by different instructors with entirely different styles. On Tuesdays at 10 a.m., instructor Dave Scheible conducts a class that is accompanied by conversation and student feedback. The atmosphere is laid back and friendly. Thursday's classes are held at 8:40 a.m. and are taught by Helen Barnett, who also teaches yoga on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Helen's classes are set to music and the exercises follow more of a routine pattern. Both classes are fun and appreciated. If you are interested in trying either or both of these classes, the first session in each new class you try is free. If you wish to continue, you can purchase a fitness card for \$35. Each fitness card is good for 10 classes of any kind at any of the three senior activity centers in St.

Mary's County. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to learn more.

### AARP Safe Driver Course

AARP Safe Driver Course will be at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Tuesday, Sept. 3, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Topics covered in this course include, but are not limited to: roundabouts, pavement markings, stop-sign compliance, red-light running, and safety issues such as speeding, seatbelt and turn-signal use. The cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for nonmembers, payable to AARP. Members must show their membership card to get the member rate. Advance sign up is required. Lunch is available at the Center; cost is \$6 for those under the age of 60 and a donation for those ages 60 and above. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050 to register for the class. Make lunch reservations when registering.

### Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention was developed by Dr. Paul Lam with the Tai Chi for Health Institute as a safe and effective exercise program for those with Arthritis to improve balance, build strength, and promote total-body wellness. The Northern Senior Activity Center will teach this program on Tuesdays, Sept. 3-Nov. 19 from 10-11 a.m. In this class series, participants will learn the Tai Chi for Arthritis system over a 12-week period. Space is limited. Advanced sign up is required and a commitment to regular attendance is needed. No drop in space is available. Please visit

the signup table or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103 with questions.

### R&B Line Dancing

The Northern Senior Activity Center will host R&B Line Dancing on Fridays, Sept. 6-Oct. 25 from 1-2 p.m. Get ready to jam with Marie Bond and Catherine Bush during R&B Line Dancing. These ladies will guide you step-by-step as you learn some of today's trendiest line dances. Payment of \$12 for 6 classes/\$2 per class is made directly to instructors the day of class. To sign up for this 6-session class in advance, please visit the signup table or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

### Water Color Pencil Art

Watercolor pencils are a unique medium for creating art. They combine drawing with painting in a manner that no other medium can replicate. Watercolor pencils are a medium that give the artist the best of both worlds of painting and drawing. They are like colored pencils but behave differently when water is added. This is because colored pencil pigment is held by a waxy or oil-based binder, while watercolor pencils have a water-soluble binder. If you have ever wanted to try water color and just aren't sure you're ready for it this is the perfect class for you. Join us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Monday, Sept. 9, at 9:30 a.m. as we guide you through the process. This class is FREE! Be sure to sign up early as there is limited space. Call the Garvey Senior Activity Center at 301-475-4200, ext. 71050 for more information.

## ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

### Paws to Read

Lexington Park Library will hold Paws to Read on Friday, August 23 from 2 - 4 p.m. Register for a 15 minute session on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org). For beginning readers, or any student who needs a confidence boost. Join "Pets on Wheels" to practice reading out loud to a therapy dog for 15 minute sessions. Registration opens 2 weeks before each program. Readers should bring a book, or arrive at least 20 minutes early for help to choose a book.

### Library Closed for Labor Day

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. All three locations will be open regular business hours on Tuesday, September 3.

### LexiCon - Save the Date!

Save the Date for LexiCon at Lexington Park Library on Saturday, September 21 from 12 - 4 p.m. Celebrate your fandom by participating in Lexi-

Con - the St. Mary's County Library Comic Con. There will be a variety of events for people of all ages to enjoy ranging from trivia to author talks! Meet local graphic artists and see their work. Come dressed as your favorite movie, anime, or comic book character and participate in our cosplay contest to earn prizes from the secret "library vault." Enjoy all of this and much more!

### Hooray for Grandparents!

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Hooray for Grandparents on Tuesday, September 3 from 10 - 11 a.m. We love our families! Come make a fun craft to give your grandparents, or other love ones, on Grandparents day! Ages 2-5. Registration required.

### Storytime at Greenwell State Park

The St. Mary's County Library will hold a storytime at Greenwell State Park (25420 Rosedale Manor Ln, Hollywood, MD 20636) on Saturday, September 7 from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for children ages 2-5 with their adult caregivers. Since the barn will be open to guests on this day, be sure to check out all the friendly horses and goats after the program. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch in case you get hungry! It's a rain or shine event. Siblings welcome; no registration required.

### Common Thread

Lexington Park Library will hold Common Thread on Tuesday, August 27 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Whether you have been stitching for years, or you just want to learn, join fellow crafters who love all things fabric and fiber. Open to knitters, crocheters, quilters, embroiderers, cross-stitchers, and any other kind of needleworkers. Bring your current project, mingle with like-minded makers, and swap patterns, ideas, and tips. Basic supplies available, if needed. All skill levels welcome. No registration required.

### Drop-In Tech Help

Leonardtown Library will hold Drop-In Tech Help on Wednesday, August 28 from 6 - 7 p.m. Drop-In Tech Help is open for any and all basic technology questions! We'll do our best to assist you in a relaxed, low-stress environment. Learn how to download eBooks and eAudiobooks to your phone or tablet. Learn how to navigate the internet, email, and social networks. Learn how to connect devices to a network, Bluetooth, or the cloud. Using technology effectively is right at your fingertips!



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(POSITION #123404)

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's Degree, M.S. Degree preferred. Experience working with volunteers. Must be able to pass a criminal background check. Valid MD driver's license and personal car for work.

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**BEST CONSIDERATION DATE:** September 6, 2019. EEO/AA

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## Pitch Tournament High - Low - Jack - Game



**Date:** Friday, October 25, 2019

**Where:** Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department

**Time:** Doors open at 6:00 PM • Tournament starts at 7:30 PM

**Must be on time as all tables have to start at once!**

**Cost:** \$20.00

**NOTE:** Each bump will cost an additional \$1 per partner at your table. Bid 4 and have a chance to win the Buddha Bump Money Fund - \$100.00

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**NOTE:** Prize money is guaranteed with 80 or more players.

### Amenities:

Cash Bar (beer & mixed drinks) • Food  
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**Additional Info:** Contact Jenny Russell

Email [jennifer1107r@msn.com](mailto:jennifer1107r@msn.com)

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