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# Officials Break Ground on New Veterans Clinic



Officials hope the new veterans clinic in Charlotte Hall will open in spring of 2020.

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

After nearly 14 years of planning, getting funding and acquiring land the new community outpatient clinic (CBOC) to serve Southern Maryland is on its way to becoming reality.

Elected officials at the county, state and federal level as well as from the Department of Veterans Affairs ceremonially shoveled the first dirt to be overturned for the construction of the new 17,000 square foot facility located north of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on Route 5.

A CBOC currently operates at the veterans home in a building that is 60 years old and has constant problems

with heating and air conditioning as well as elevators. Veterans seeking advanced care often have to travel to Washington, D.C. for treatment.

The new CBOC is designed to solve that problem. "There's little convenience in driving to Washington, D.C. from Southern Maryland," said Michael Heimall, director at the Washington, D.C. Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Heimall said the new CBOC should be finished and open by spring of 2020 while a new satellite CBOC for Lexington Park should begin operations by this summer.

"This represents our commitment to you [veterans], those who have borne the battle," Heimall said.

The services available at the new CBOC will include primary care, mental health, dental care, audiology, ophthalmology, nutrition services and social services.

Physical therapy and pharmacy services will also be available.

St. Mary's County Commissioner Todd Morgan, who also chairs the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland, said the new CBOC couldn't be finished soon enough.

"Everyone knows the hardships we've gone through... to get this done," Morgan said. "I expect everybody back in spring of 2020 to cut the ribbon."

George Owings III, Maryland's Secretary of Veterans Affairs and a Marine Corps veteran, said the new CBOC would be a welcome sight and would help many in the veteran-rich community of Southern Maryland.

He, too, had to get treatment at the aging CBOC.

"I get to move from over there to over here for my treatments," Owings said. "If you don't think this is



An artist rendering of the new veterans clinic.

welcome, think again.

"Good things come to those who wait."

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, who once chided the veterans administration for taking too long on finalizing plans for the CBOC, said the new facility was what was owed to local veterans.

"It's never too late to get the right thing done," Hoyer told those assembled at the ceremony. "Veterans always tell me: 'the medical care we get at the VA is excellent, the problem is getting it."

"When Johnny and Janice come marching home, they should understand that their community is behind them; that's what this CBOC is all about."

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# Blessing of the Fleet Returning to Two-Day Event



Visiting the Maryland Dove anchored off of St. Clements Island is a big part of the annual Blessing of the Fleet.

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

To combat declining attendance at perhaps their biggest event of the year, the 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimist Club is putting a new face on the Blessing of the Fleet this year, said the group's president Tim Bennett.

"It's going to be a new, revised format," Bennett told The County Times. "We're going to have more groups involved and more entertainment... we've got a reinvention of the event so to speak."

Bennett said an independent committee apart from the Optimist Club, to include participation from the St. Clements Island Museum and even Historic Sotterley Plantation, has taken on the task of planning the event for this coming October.

"We're still in the planning stages," Bennett said. "But we want to bring in new things to bring in new people."

"We want to bring it back to the two-day event it was."

The group, which operates under the motto of "Friends of Youth," held the event last October in just one day, leaving what had been the traditional second day as a rain date.

Bennett said the one-day approach was not palatable to any number of participants, which lead to the effort to restore the event.

The Blessing of the Fleet is the key fundraising event of the Optimist Club each year, providing money for charitable causes from providing medical assistance devices such as wheelchairs and crutches to scholarships for local students.

"A lot of people cannot commit to just a one-day event," Bennett said. "Especially the vendors."

"And the attendance has been declining in the last few years."

The Blessing of the Fleet began more than 50 years ago as a service project and partnership between Holy Angels Catholic Church and a fledgling 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimist Club, both as a fundraiser and as a community event to bless the local fishing fleet.

In the early days of the festival Navy landing craft on loan from the military would take thousands of visitors over to St. Clements Island, the first landing for English colonists in Maryland in 1634.

In later years the celebration expanded to have a parade, rides and games for children and amusement for families with fireworks marking the end of the two-day celebration.

Founding members of the local Optimist Club said it was the event that helped to bring the group to prominence and allowed it to boost its aid to the community but it has become increasingly difficult to stage it in recent years.

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# Commissioners Draw Fire Over Community Center Move

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Supporters of a new community center in Lexington Park are rallying against a decision by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to move money into renovating the Carver Recreation Center in South Hampton to act as a community center.

They fear this will lead commissioners to defund the modern community center in the county's capital improvement plan slated for 2022 at price tag of \$16 million.

William Hall, president of the local chapter of the NAACP and member of the coalition pushing for a new community center, said the proposal was far afield from what the coalition wanted.

"The steering committee does not support the project," Hall told The County Times. "It's very different from what was planned."

"That location provides a lot of difficulties."

The building, which was constructed more than 60 years ago, was aging and not what was promised in the previously proposed project as a state-of-the-art facility, Hall said.

The location at Carver was also not central to the entirety of Lexington Park.

"It's not necessarily walkable from other neighborhoods other than South Hampton," Hall said.

Also, since the aging facility was within the AICUZ (aircraft installation compatible use zone) established by the county in cooperation with Patuxent River Naval Air Station, expansion of the Carver site might be difficult to meet community needs, said Hall.

The AICUZ acts as a restrictive agreement, prohibiting or strictly limiting redevelopment or expansion within it to reduce civilian exposure to any aircraft mishaps or crashes.

Hall said the only part of the commissioners tentative plan was that it moved up the effort to establish a community center.

"I'd love to see something happen in fiscal 2020," Hall said. "But I'm not sure about the Carver location."

The vote to move \$250,000 from the commissioners' reserve into an engineering study for the Carver site took place Feb. 12; all commissioners voted in favor of it except Commissioner Mike Hewitt, who has been outspoken in his support for a new community center.

Commissioner John O'Connor said his proposition was based on finding ways to make cost savings.

"It eliminates \$16 million in debt and brings it down to \$3.54 million," O'Connor said, noting that the latter figure was the likely cost of the renovation.

He said a partnership with the YMCA could further benefit the proposal and county bus service could help make getting to the site easier.

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# Local Inventor Gets National Attention



Jordan's specialized finger prosthetic.

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Brian Jordan, a local inventor and entrepreneur may be missing some digits on his left hand but that hasn't slowed down his passion to create.

If anything, it's increased it.

Since losing part of his grip several years ago to an accident with a saw in his



Brian Jordan's boatcase project.

garage he has created prosthetics designed to replace fingers as opposed to entire limbs; it's earned him a measure of local fame and now national acclaim.

Last week, Jordan, an engineer and Navy retiree, was honored on Capitol Hill for his work as part of an event sponsored by the Small Business Development Centers.

He was one of just 11 entrepreneurs from around the nation to present his vision to members of Congress and the Senate.

He started developing the specialized prosthetics when he learned there were no such options available to him or people like him.

But Jordan's work branches out from

just prosthetics; he was an entrepreneur for years earlier, developing a toy called the Airzooka, which acts as a slingshot that propels bursts of air up to 100 feet, he said.

"We've sold millions world-wide," Jordan said.

Now being produced by another company in California under license, he and his family are now able to live off the royalties.

His prosthetics work continues on in a non-profit group he set up since the need was so specific and not for mass production.

He now produces the finger prosthetics using three-dimensional printer technology in partnership with the St. Mary's

College of Maryland.

From toys to prosthetics and now moving onto furniture that doubles as a boat in a survival situation, Jordan isn't satisfied resting on his laurels.

"We've never been a one-product company," Jordan said. "I don't want to be the guy who does one thing all his life.

"When we get an inspiration we jump on it."

The boatcase project, as Jordan calls it, is currently in the testing phase with a new partner, Ben Harding, who has a background in home renovations, management and art.

Working on different projects keeps things interesting, Harding, a county native, said.

"It's nice to get a paycheck and do what you're passionate about," Harding said.

The new project is designed to be a bookcase until a disaster, such as a hurricane or flooding occurs and people need waterborne transportation to escape.

Jordan likes the life of an entrepreneur.

"It's fulfilling and scary at the same time," Jordan said. "There's no safety net; the paycheck doesn't come unless you create."

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# Gun Bills Up For Hearing Next Week

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Several bills that will be heard in the House of Delegates and Senate next week would make Maryland's already strict gun laws even more so, banning the sale and even possession of certain so-called assault style rifles that were legal to purchase after the 2013 Firearm Safety Act's passage.

Another bill would prohibit the lending of a firearm, even to a person who was not disqualified from possessing one due to a criminal conviction.

Also the common transaction of selling a non-regulated firearm, other than a handgun or military-style gun, to a person who was not disqualified from owning one would also be illegal without going through a licensed dealer to oversee the transaction.

House Bill 612 would make possessing a type of AR-15 military-style rifle, commonly known as an HBAR, or heavy barrel, illegal has state-wide gun rights advocates calling the bill a draconian measure.

When the 2013 state assault weapons ban passed the legislature those who owned AR-15 type rifles, and other mil-

itary-style weapons, were grandfathered in under the legislation.

The type of AR-15 with a heavy barrel, the sort often seen at rifle accuracy competitions because of the increased accuracy they can afford, was still legal under the Firearm Safety Act of 2013.

The new bill would make those types of AR-15 firearms purchased after 2013 illegal to possess; owners would have to surrender them or sell them to authorized purchasers out of the state.

John Mountjoy, a St. Mary's County resident and vice president of the gun rights advocacy group Maryland Shall Issue, said the group was marshalling as many gun owners as it could to testify on gun bills in Annapolis next week.

"This is the greatest attack on the Second Amendment in Maryland since the... Firearm Safety Act of 2013," Mountjoy told The County Times. "They will impose onerous restrictions on law abiding citizens and they will have negligible impact on crime."

The House bills are set to be heard Feb. 25 while the senate bills are scheduled for Feb. 27.

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# Bill Would Increase Tri-County Council Funding

## County Requirements Would Be Hiked

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Southern Maryland's three state senators have introduced a bill that would increase the funding requirements for the Tri-County Council by the region's three counties. The bill introduced by senators Mike Miller (D: 27), Arthur Ellis (D: 28) and Jack Bailey (R: 29) would also increase the business make-up of the regional agency headquartered in Hughesville.

The current law has a minimum funding requirement for each county (\$9,000 for Charles and St. Mary's and \$7,000 for Calvert). Until two years ago all three counties were funding slightly less than \$100,000 each. Then Charles in a controversial move pulled back to its minimum requirement.

The bill as introduced would mandate that Charles contribute \$150,000 beginning in Fiscal Year 2021, in effect overturning that county's decision to pull back, although there have been

some reports about the current commissioner board reconsidering.

The bill also would increase Calvert's minimum requirement to \$135,000 in the next fiscal year and the St. Mary's requirement to \$165,000 in Fiscal Year 2022.

Any future funding change would require commissioner approval.

The bill also changes the membership mix by increasing from one to two at-large voting members from each county and requiring both to be members of the business community. They would be appointed by the county commissioners. The requirement of concurrence by the legislative delegation from the particular county has been removed.

The bill, Senate Bill 973, was introduced Feb. 18 after the filing deadline, so it was referred to the Senate Rules Committee for consideration.

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# What's Coming to St. Mary's



St. Mary's County Technical Evaluation Committee Agenda for Feb. 27

1. CONCEPT SITE PLAN # 19-13200003, **INFINITY HAIR STUDIO** (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Use # 65) Critical Area

OWNER: Virginia Pierce

AGENT: Michael Hillan

LOCATION: 23945 Colton Point Rd TM-31 GRID-02 PAR-085 ED-07 TAX ID-000448

LAND USE: Village Center Mixed Use

ZONING: VMX/ LDA

ACREAGE: 2.113

ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a Concept Site Plan for a 1,000 square foot hair studio.

2. CONCEPT SITE PLAN # 19-13200004, **HOLLYWOOD SQUARE** (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Use # 74 and 78)

OWNER: Fountain Group LLC.

AGENT: Little Silences Rest, Inc.

LOCATION: 23845 Mervell Dean Rd TM-34 GRID-02 PAR-317 ED-06 TAX ID-000312 LAND USE: Mixed-Use Moderate-Intensity

ZONING: TMX/ AE-4

ACREAGE: 0.68

ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a Concept Site Plan for a 3,825 square foot retail and restaurant space.

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION # 19-11000002, **ERNEST CARTER SUBDIVISION** (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivision Ordinance 10-01) Critical Area

OWNER: Ernest Carter

AGENT: Little Silences Rest, Inc.

LOCATION: 20755 and 20606 Abell Road TM-47 GRID-13 PAR-258 ED-07 TAX ID-003676 LAND USE: Rural Preservation

ZONING: RPD/LDA

ACREAGE: 5.98

ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a 1 lot minor subdivision.

4. MINOR SUBDIVISION # 19-11000003, **PETER HALL SUBDIVISION** (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivision Ordinance 10-01)

OWNER: Adam Johnson and Victo-

ria Hall

AGENT: Chesapeake Trails Surveying

LOCATION: 24099 Hurry Rd TM-30 GRID-04 PAR-095 ED-04 TAX ID-031997 LAND USE: Rural Preservation

ZONING: RPD

ACREAGE: 73.5

ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a 1 lot minor subdivision.

5. MINOR SUBDIVISION # 19-11000004, **FRIENDSHIP ESTATES SUBDIVISION** (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivision Ordinance 10-01)

OWNER: Bill Mckissick Junior

AGENT: Chesapeake Trails Surveying

LOCATION: 41201 and 41195 Friendship Court TM-019 GRID-10 PAR-348 ED-06 TAX ID-043461

LAND USE: Rural Preservation

ZONING: RPD

ACREAGE: 30.33

ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a 1 lot minor subdivision.

6. MINOR SUBDIVISION # 19-11000005, **COMBS ESTATE SUBDIVISION** (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivision Ordinance 10-01)

OWNER: Larry Miller

AGENT: Little Silences Rest, Inc.

LOCATION: Off Shady Mile Drive TM-34 GRID-17 PAR-104 ED-08 TAX ID-180585 LAND USE: Residential, Low Density

ZONING: RNC/ AE-4

ACREAGE: 8.30

ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a 3 lot minor subdivision.

7. MINOR SUBDIVISION # 19-11000006, **PENERENE SIMPLIFIED LOT 2** (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivision Ordinance 10-01)

OWNER: Bernard Bailey

AGENT: Little Silences Rest, Inc.

LOCATION: 22085 Colton Point Rd TM-038 GRID-016 PAR-030 ED-07 TAX ID-001037 LAND USE: Rural Preservation

ZONING: RPD

ACREAGE: 71.21

ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a 1 lot minor subdivision.

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**Suspect Arrested in Store Robbery**  
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fixed address, has been arrested and charged with Armed Robbery, Robbery and Theft: \$100-\$1,500.

On Feb. 16, 2019, deputies of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the Donut Connection at 21801 North Shangri La Drive in Lexington Park for a reported robbery. Preliminary investigation revealed a black male suspect threatened an employee with a weapon and forced entry to the business. Once inside of the business, the suspect stole an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency and fled the area.

Anyone with further information on this case may call Det. Cpl. Hulse.

**Violation of Protective Order-** On February 9, 2019, Dep. Chase responded to the 23300 block of Holly Hill Lane in California, for the reported violation of a protective order. Contact was made with the victim who provided Dep. Chase with text messages and voicemails from **Audra Mignon Deitz**, age 41 of California, that were sent



to the victim. There is an active court order preventing Deitz from contacting the victim. Deitz was located and arrested and charged with Violate Protective Order. On February 10, 2019, Dep. Forbes contacted the victim who reported another violation. The victim advised once Deitz was released from the detention center, she again sent messages to the victim. Dep. Forbes observed the messages and located Deitz who was again arrested and charged with Violate Protective Order. CASE#'s 8609-19 & 8434-19

**Assault/Violation of Protective Order-** On February 11, 2019, Dep. Forbes responded to the 18200 block of Waterview Drive in St. Inigoes for the reported assault. The victim advised during an argument **David NMN Roche**, age 40 of St. Inigoes,



struck the victim in the face causing injury. Dep. Forbes observed injury and bruising to the victim's face. Investigation also determined an active protective order was in place prohibiting Roche from assaulting the victim. Roche was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree and Violate Protective Order. CASE# 8629-19

## Man Succumbs to Injuries in Crash

Kyle Andrew Capps, age 20 of Mechanicsville, succumbed to his injuries on February 17 after he was involved in a vehicle crash in Mechanicsville.

On Feb. 7, 2019 at 8:09 p.m., St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to a motor vehicle collision involving a single vehicle into a tree. Units arrived on the scene to find a Ford Focus had left the roadway and struck a tree, trapping the driver. Fire and EMS personnel removed the driver from the vehicle and the St. Mary's County Collision Reconstruction Unit members were called to the scene.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a 2009 Ford Focus, operated by Capps, was traveling southbound on Thompsons Corner Road. The vehicle had just negotiated a sharp curve in the area of Bethel Church Road when the

operator lost control of the vehicle. The car crossed the center-line and ran off the northbound edge of the road where it struck a tree, trapping the driver inside.

The driver was transported from the scene to MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown and then transferred to Washington Hospital Center for further treatment.

At this time, speed appears to be a contributing factor in the collision. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or events leading up to the crash are asked to contact Cpl. Brian Connelly at 301-475-4200, ext. \*8031 or email [brian.connelly@stmarysmd.com](mailto:brian.connelly@stmarysmd.com).

The parents of Kyle Andrew Capps, would like to share with the public that several of his organs were donated so that others may continue to live.

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# Community Rallies Around Burned-Out Family

## Fundraiser Held at Hollywood Firehouse



John Russell and Heather Payton posed with their combined family during the Feb. 16 fundraiser at Hollywood firehouse.

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Once again, the St. Mary's County community has pulled together to help a family in need.

John Russell and his fiancée Heather Payton had a blended family of six children, five cats, a dog and a snake. Fortunately, the humans were not at home when the house they were living in on Sandy Bottom Road in Hollywood burned down.

Unfortunately, the pets were at home and the dog

Bella, a lab mix, and the cats perished in the fire. The snake had sense enough to curl up in a water bowl and survived.

The family lost all of their possessions, but Payton said the loss of the pets was the toughest burden to bear. But she also said, "I lost a lot of things from my childhood," about possessions that couldn't be replaced. Her family also hunts and all of their guns were lost.

Her friend Crystal Nelson began collecting clothing in her garage and it quickly filled up. A gofundme account was set up to raise money. But the culmination

of the community outpouring occurred Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Hollywood firehouse with a fundraiser that so far has garnered more than \$19,000.

The event was coordinated by Nelson and her sister Dawn Burch. Both are members of the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad, and many of its members showed up to enjoy the fellowship and at the same time contribute to what was unquestionably a good cause.

The Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department donated the use of the spacious social hall for the event. And three bands, California Ramblers, Robbie Boothe and Don't Call Me Shirley entertained the crowd. Papa Johns and Chick-fil-A donated coupons for everybody, food was available and there was a silent auction to raise money.

Payton told The County Times she was humbled by the community support. "The community has been absolutely amazing with their love and support." She said that is particularly true considering the small size of St. Mary's County.

Burch said hers and her sister's family were close to Russell and Payton and all of their kids were friends. She said she was gratified to be able to help her friends.

The home destroyed was owned by Russell's family and they had lived in it for five years. They were fortunate enough to be able to move into another house on the same property temporarily and may move back into their old home once it is rebuilt.

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# King's Christian Academy Spelling Bee



King's Christian Academy hosted its first middle school spelling bee Friday. Winners (1st place Mathew Triggrett and 2nd place Chatlynn A. Lowe) advance to the regional competition in Annapolis, MD March 23 and then hopefully on to the Scripps national spelling bee in DC. Back row from left to right: Jason Chen, Violet D'lima, and Bella Owens.

# SMADC Hosts Southern Maryland Agriculture Marketing Conference

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) is hosting an Agriculture Marketing Conference specifically tailored to benefit Southern Maryland region farm enterprises. The Conference will be held at the College of Southern Maryland Prince Frederick Campus on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"This is SMADC's first ever Marketing Conference," remarked Karyn Owens, SMADC's Program Specialist and conference coordinator. "SMADC is well known



for its niche marketing workshops, this conference will broaden our reach with a full-day slate of tracks designed to meet the needs of beginning and experienced growers and farmers engaged in all types of agriculture."

Producers and farmers (land or water-based) looking to brush up their marketing skills before the 2019 season kicks-off, or learn something new to enhance their business trajectory, will find topics are broadly applicable to wide range of ag. enterprises. Four tracks with breakout sessions will be offered: New and Beginning Farm Enterprises, Advanced Marketing Skills, State-Wide Trainings and 'On the Horizon' featuring new or popular industries, including Industrial Hemp, Urban Agriculture, Grains, and Agritourism.

Conference speakers are drawn from SMADC's extensive network of credentialed organizations and industry partners - Grow and Fortify, The Institute of Applied Agriculture, University of Maryland Extension, and regional marketing and economic development specialists.

Conference Keynote speaker, Kellie Hinkle, Chief of Tourism for Charles County, is well known for her enthusiastic support for local agriculture. Hinkle has a background in marketing and teaching and has particular expertise in assisting start-up and expanding ag. and rural businesses. She recently served as the acting assistant director for the Loudoun County Department of Economic Development and as an agricultural development officer for Loudoun County Department of Economic Development and Jefferson County Development Authority.

For conference details, agenda and to register visit: 'What's New?'/News and Announcements' at SMADC.com. Early bird registration (\$35) is being accepted now until March 8th, 2019; thereafter general admission will increase to \$45 per person. Ticket includes light breakfast and a catered lunch.

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Dr. Guy received her Bachelors in Exercise Physiology with an emphasis in Aquatic Therapy from West Virginia University and her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the George Washington University. She has been practicing as a physical therapist in Washington, D.C. until recently moving back to Southern Maryland to be closer to her family.

Dr. Guy has experience treating many patient populations, from Ironman athletes to those suffering aches and pains from working a desk job. She has obtained a wide range of additional training including Active Release Techniques, McKenzie Method, and Dry Needling enabling her to successfully treat a variety of conditions.

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## St. Mary's College Invites Prospective Students to An April Open House

St. Mary's College of Maryland, the National Public Honors College, invites prospective students and their families to learn more about the value of a St. Mary's College education at a Spring for St. Mary's Open House on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The open house will feature opportunities to learn about St. Mary's College's distinctive academic programs, integrated career development program, campus life and extra-curricular activities, as well financial aid, scholarships and the admissions process. Student-led tours of the College's waterfront campus will also be offered.

Attending an open house is an opportunity to learn about how a St. Mary's College education will prepare a student for a lifetime of personal and professional accomplishment.

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Mary's Open House, visit [go.smcm.edu/oph](http://go.smcm.edu/oph). If students are unable to join us for April's open house, campus tours are available on a daily basis throughout the year.

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## Registration Now Open for Chesapeake Writers' Conference at St. Mary's College of Maryland



Registration is currently taking place for the 8th Annual Chesapeake Writers' Conference held on St. Mary's College of Maryland's campus, Sunday, June 23 – Saturday, June 29. Workshop tuition is \$800. There is also a course credit option for an additional fee and optional meal and housing packages available. For more information, visit [go.smcm.edu/chesapeake](http://go.smcm.edu/chesapeake).

The Chesapeake Writers' Conference hosts writers at all levels of experience for a rich week of lectures, craft talks, readings, and panel discussions, as well as daily workshops in fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, translation, and screenwriting. Workshops are led by a variety of writers at the top of their field, such as Angela Pelster, winner of the Great Lakes Colleges Association "New Writer Award in Nonfiction;" Patricia Henley, a finalist for the National Book Award; and Elizabeth Arnold, a Whiting Writer's Award winner.

### College Students

Course credit is available for college students enrolled in a degree program. College students wishing to pursue the course credit option should check the appropriate box in the application. The two-credit course has a prerequisite of a 200-level writing course or permission from the instructor. St. Mary's College students will need to sign up for the course during summer enrollment. There are also a limited number of scholarships available for SMCM students. For more information, contact Conference Director Jerry Gabriel at [chesapeakewritersconference@smcm.edu](mailto:chesapeakewritersconference@smcm.edu).

### Teachers

The teachers' seminar meets daily to discuss ways of connecting one's own writing practices with their pedagogy, as well as to share and learn innovative ways of implementing writing and literature in the classroom. Teachers participate in the activities of the larger conference, but also develop a strong community of educators. The seminar will offer two graduate credits from St. Mary's College of Maryland, which can be used toward fulfilling continuing professional development requirements in Maryland and elsewhere.

### High School Students

A workshop designed for high school-aged youth (grades 9-12) explores poetry, fiction, personal narrative, and playwriting. Students read and write in traditional forms such as sonnets, villanelles, short stories, memoirs, and plays, as well as read and use less traditional forms and techniques, from prose poems and automatic writing to cut-ups, magical realism and first-person journalism. There is also a focus on script-writing for television, movies, and graphic novels.

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## YOUR SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS

Once you have made the decision to set up your own business and have chosen whether you want a limited liability company or a corporation, you need to focus on protecting your business. That is done through contracts and what you need depends on the type of business you have.

If you are a retail business, your primary focus will be on your suppliers. Each of them will likely have their own form of contract they want you to sign on behalf of your business. Make sure you read and thoroughly understand these contracts. How many times have I heard "I didn't know the contract required..." Read before you sign. Many suppliers will want your business to commit to purchasing a certain amount of widgets per month. Understanding what the supplier wants and what you can provide is key. Suppliers want to ensure they have a steady flow of customers so will offer you a discount if you commit to purchase certain amounts on a regular basis. However, that discount is meaningless to you if you do not have a good idea of how many widgets you really need to satisfy customer demand per month.

As a new business, you probably will not know how many widgets you will need to supply to your customers. Start small with the supplier until you have a good idea of the flow of widgets. Once you have a handle on how many you will need, then you can commit to purchasing over a period of time.

What about personal guarantees? Of course, this request from a supplier may be more than a request. Many suppliers do not want to do business with a new entity and the only way they will do business is if they have a personal guarantee that your business will be able to pay for the widgets they will supply to you. This supplier request is to be anticipated. Obviously your personal guarantee to back up your business purchase defeats one of the purposes of setting up as a company which is to avoid personal liability. But, since requests for guarantees are standard, you need to think about inserting terms in your contracts with suppliers that drop the demand for a personal guarantee after a period of timely payments to the supplier. If you can prove that your business is a reliable customer of the supplier and pay the supplier bills on time, the supplier anxiety should be reduced and you should be able to drop the demand for a personal guarantee.

That's a retail business. But suppose you have a construction business. That business is heavily dependent on contracts with customers. The contracts need to set forth the expectations of the customer and your ability as a business to meet those expectations. Suppose, for example, you agree to build someone a front porch. The important points of your contract are going to be when you will start and finish the project, how much it will cost, what guarantee you will give as to the workmanship and what payment terms you will need. Often, your request for a payment up front is based on your estimate of the cost of materials to complete the job. Too often, the cost of the labor to get the job started is forgotten,

leaving your business with paid for materials and no cash flow to handle labor costs. The entire project must be mapped out so you know, as the business owner, how much cash flow you need to complete each stage of the job.

Starting dates are usually not an issue. Finish dates are always an issue. However, weather can and does often interfere with the starting date and certainly impacts the finish date. Weather delays when working outside must be taken into account before you write the contract. Guarantees are easier. Your competition will offer guarantees of workmanship and you should too. You need to understand the implications of the guarantee. Under your contract, can you be called back after three years to repair something on that porch or will your responsibility last one year. There is a difference between the manufacturer's guarantee of the materials and your guarantee of workmanship. The roof materials for the porch may be guaranteed for twenty years—your workmanship cannot be guaranteed for that length of time unless you are independently wealthy.

Payment terms on the construction contract will usually follow the staging of the job. Keep this in mind. New construction is far easier to deal with than renovation. Builders have told me there is often no way to tell what is required on the renovation until walls are opened. Leave enough room for problems by using the "change order" concept. This means, when you run across an unanticipated problem, the customer approves your fixing the problem at an additional cost. Without the change order, your business could be stuck with any repairs to problems you did not anticipate.

There are many different types of contracts used for different businesses. Consulting contracts need to focus on deliverables—exactly what the consultant will do for the customer and when. Language is all important in any contract. Use of the proper language will protect your business no matter what the situation with your customer. Although you may use an attorney to draft your contracts, you as the business owner are critical to giving the attorney an understanding of how your business works and what critical points need to be included in your contract.

My best advice is to take your time. Think about the type of contract you need and focus on all the "imaginary horrors" that can happen to prevent you from completing the contract and/or your customer from receiving what they paid for and draft against these horrors. The time to enter into a contract with your customer is right up front, never after the fact. And, miscommunication is the primary reason customers sue businesses. The best protection you can have for your business is to make sure your contracts communicate clearly.

Join me for a discussion of this and other planning matters at our next seminar on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am at my office at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach 20714. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot. I look forward to meeting you.

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The presentation time will be from 5:30-6:30 PM, doors will open at 5 PM. This is a free event with a door prize raffle to be held also, must be present to win. For more info visit www.stmarysartscenter.com or call (240)309-4061. The audience participation Drum Circle featuring the SoMar Drummers will follow from 7-8 PM, bring your own instruments or use ours- all skill levels and ages are welcome to attend.

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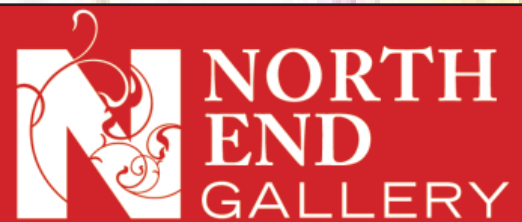
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# Restaurateur Living the American Dream



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

When Cuauhtemoc “Temo” Amezcua came to the United States almost 20 years ago from his native Mexico he didn’t have much, except plenty of drive and ambition.

After years of hard work, he’s the owner of three Mexican-themed restaurants in St. Mary’s County, all established within 10 years.

In Mexico he had worked for Pepsi as a distributor but when he came to America to become an entrepreneur, he had no experience in the restaurant industry.

He worked busing tables in North Carolina before coming to St. Mary’s County to work at a Mexican restaurant in Lexington Park.

“Back then my dream was to work and save money and go back to my country,” Temo told *The County Times*. “I got married and [his now ex-wife Cindy Sirk] was from here.

“So we decided to stay here.”

After years of hard work, learning the restaurant industry, Temo decided to strike out on his own and start Fiesta Café in Mechanicsville in February of 2009.

Temo said his initial plan was to offer a few dishes and close each day by 5p.m.; it didn’t work out that way.

“Since the first day we opened at Fiesta Café it was

like ‘Boom!’,” Temo said. “It was a lot of people who showed up.

“Everybody told me I’d fail; we were unexpectedly successful.”

Temo had opened just as the great economic downturn of 2008 had taken hold and many were worried about keeping their jobs, let alone going out to eat.

But Temo was bolstered by his success and had seen much worse in his home country.

“I come from a country where this kind of crisis is nothing,” Temo said. “I still believe this is the land of opportunities.”

Preparing Mexican food is neither simple nor straightforward, he said, requiring intense preparation of spices and salsas as well as how to prepare a wide range of complex dishes.

“It takes three years of experience to be a main cook,” Temo said. “We have at least 200 items on our menu.

“It’s fresh and we make everything from scratch.”

Between his three restaurants – Fiesta Café, Tequila Grill in Charlotte Hall and now Fiesta Pollo in Lexington Park – he employs about 50 people.

The Tequila Grill has more space for diners as opposed to the much smaller Fiesta Café, while Fiesta Pollo offers a quality alternative to fast food.

“It’s a different concept, it’s grilled chicken, not fried, so it’s healthy,” Temo said. “You get the chicken,

mashed potatoes or rice and steamed vegetables.

“If you order, in 30 seconds you get your plate.”

Temo said he wants to tap into the lunch rush business from Patuxent River Naval Air Station to make the site where several other restaurants have failed a success.

Temo’s life is one where he’s constantly on the move, overseeing his restaurants each day.

“I really enjoy it, it’s very hard work,” Temo said. “I enjoy the interaction with people, I feel like my customers are like my family.”

Cindy Sirk, who still does much of the promotion and menu work for Temo, said she is amazed at what Temo and his team, including her, has accomplished.

“We’re very good as business partners,” Cindy said. “Temo has always had that entrepreneurial outlook.

“He wasn’t worried about failure.”

Cindy said Temo has always reveled in interaction with customers, employees and suppliers while she has worked on administrative tasks.

“I’m organized,” Cindy said. “I can go in and figure out all the permits and things like that.”

Temo also helps get English language tutoring for his employees to better communicate with customers; he had to do the same years ago to communicate and be successful.

But Temo relishes his role, Cindy said.

“It has a lot to do with his personality,” Cindy said. “He’s just made for that.”

The rapid success they have seen is hard to believe, she said.

“It’s been an amazing 10 years,” Cindy said. “I can’t believe what we’ve accomplished.”

In the decade since he opened Fiesta Café, he has seen customers who were 10 years old coming in with their families grow up to become adults.

“That makes me feel satisfied,” Temo said.

That’s not to say there aren’t challenges every day. From dealing with employee problems to equipment failures and running out of food stuffs, Temo has to find ways to come up with solutions.

He’s even had to deal with telephone scams that could have wiped out thousands of dollars in fake utility bills if his employees hadn’t called him while he was in Mexico celebrating his father’s birthday.

“It’s a lot of unexpected things,” Temo said.

Despite any challenges he faces here operating a business, Temo doesn’t believe he could open and have a successful business in Mexico.

The everyday corruption, from elected leaders on down to civil servants and police, and the violence and the threat of violence would make it impossible.

In his journey through entrepreneurship, Temo was impressed with civil servants who just did their jobs without being bribed. “One thing that I like about America is the ethics,” Temo said. “There’s corruption but there’s a lot less of it.

“When you get to know the people, we’re all the same; we have the same fears, the same desires.”

Temo loves his native country and calls it a beautiful place, but this is his home now.

“This is my country,” said Temo. “Thank God I’ve got my American citizenship.”

His employees, such as Miguel Ramirez, Guillermo Lara and Arturo Moreno, often come first for him, he said.

“Even if you don’t have money, if you pay everybody around you, it’s worth it,” Temo said. “Because those 50 people support their families.

“It’s a family responsibility.”



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## Maryland Hunters Harvest 77,000 Deer

### Sunday Hunting Accounts for More than Ten Percent



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The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reported today that deer hunters harvested 77,382 deer during the combined archery, firearms and muzzleloader seasons, from Sept. 7, 2018, through Jan. 31, 2019.

The statewide harvest included 29,699 antlered and 44,249 antlerless white-tailed deer; and 1,609 antlered and 1,825 antlerless sika deer. The harvest was 11 percent lower than the 2017-2018 total of 86,542 deer, as multiple rain and ice events on key Saturdays limited success for hunters this season.

Counts were lower throughout Southern Maryland from the previous year. In Calvert the total was 1,561, a 7.5 percent decline. In St. Mary's the total was 1,877, a 30.3 percent drop. And in Charles the number was 2,359, a 30.9 percent decline.

Although the total harvest was down, the number of antlerless deer taken this year represented 60 percent of the overall harvest. Also, the statewide harvest of

button bucks was down 25 percent this year, an important outcome for future buck hunting opportunities in Maryland.

"Poor weather dampened success on prime Saturdays, especially during the firearms season this year," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. "However, the addition of Sunday hunting in several counties offered an alternative day to effectively fill the gap for hunters and farmers who are often limited to weekend hunting days only. Nearly 8,500 deer were taken on Sundays this season, up nearly 20 percent from prior year Sunday hunt totals."

The harvest in deer management Region A (Western Maryland) decreased three percent, from 10,003 deer last year to 9,705 this year. Hunters in these counties reported 5,608 antlered and 4,097 antlerless deer.

Hunters in Region B — the remainder of the state — harvested 67,677 deer, down 12 percent from 76,539 deer harvested last year. A total of 25,700 antlered and 41,977 antlerless deer were reported in this region.

Frederick County led the harvest totals again this year with 6,545 deer, followed by Carroll County with 5,421 and Garrett County at 4,973. Washington and Baltimore counties rounded out the top five with 4,620 and 4,604 deer, respectively.

## A View From The BLEACHERS

### A Quarterback for the Doubted

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

Last June, Kyler Murray was selected by the Oakland A's with the ninth overall pick in the 2018 MLB Draft. He may have been picked higher except for one little wrinkle: After backing up Oklahoma QB Baker Mayfield, the 2017 Heisman Trophy winner and first overall pick in the 2018 NFL draft, Murray was slated to be the Sooners' 2018 starting quarterback.

This football thing didn't end up where it seemed headed last summer. Murray, who played sparingly as a freshman at Texas A&M in 2015, sat out 2016 after transferring to Oklahoma and saw only spot duty in relief of Mayfield in 2017, entered last season as a talented but unknown commodity. The likely scenario: he would have a nice season while running head coach Lincoln Riley's potent Sooners offense. As for the A's, the only real risk seemed to be an injury on the gridiron.

By season's end, Murray's resume included nearly 4,400 yards passing, over 1,000 yards rushing, 54 touchdowns (passing and rushing), a Big 12 championship, a berth in the College Football Playoff and a Heisman Trophy - a "nice" year indeed. More accurate descriptions include "amazing", "transformational", "unbelievable" and "generational" - pick one, they all fit.

Murray's performance created a dilemma - stick with the A's and baseball or jump to the NFL. Murray recently chose the latter and will enter the 2019 NFL Draft. He is projected as a top-15 pick. A no-brainer, then? Hardly. Murray's transition to the NFL will involve all the normal challenges as well as the negative perceptions of fault-finders.

At just 5'10" tall and under 200lbs, Murray lacks prototypical NFL quarterback measurables. The issue of Murray's size is further compounded by his athleticism and willingness to scramble; Riley, his former coach, called him Barry Sanders at quarterback. It's an alluring skill-set, but as Washington fans know, there is great consequence to a slight franchise quarterback running through NFL defenses.

It will matter little on draft day. Murray is the most fascinating prospect in the draft and quality quarter-

backs are in short supply; an early first round pick he will be.

Regardless of Murray's ultimate destination, I'm already a fan. Not because I have an affinity for Sooners football or even Murray himself; rather my affection is based solely in the fact that Murray is so unorthodox. The NFL likes its quarterbacks to be at least 6'2", have a cannon arm and possess just enough athleticism to extend plays. Having played only football since age 10 and only quarterback since age 14 is desired. And why not? Games are won by big quarterbacks, utilizing precision footwork and throwing mechanics, delivering throws mostly from the pocket.

That is conventional wisdom.

Murray can probably do stereotypical quarterback things, but he'll never be 6'5", he'll routinely use his legs and his mechanics will include a dash of baseball flavor, as needed. Every time he takes a snap in the NFL, coaches will question what thought they knew and fans will doubt the promulgated (and stale and unimaginative) "franchise quarterback" profile.

And I love it. I love that Murray played multiple sports and that he confronted his body and mind with diverse endeavors. I love that he will challenge NFL organizations to think differently and to recognize and adapt to the game's evolution.

Murray's not the first quarterback to put the NFL's groupthink on tilt. Russell Wilson and Patrick Mahomes are others with baseball backgrounds. Wilson, at 5'11", shares a similar vertical challenge. And league-wide mobility at the quarterback position might be at its highest ever. Still, Murray's specific profile - his overall size, athleticism and multi-sport background - still qualifies for unicorn status.

But that's just the football side of Murray's story; his NFL journey carries broader relevance. Murray will play for everyone who has ever been doubted or outright dismissed for being too much of one thing or too little of another. Be it because of race, gender, age or some other baseless or blatantly unjust qualification, Murray will play for those who didn't fit a pre-cast mold and succeeded anyway.

I'm rooting for him. How could anyone root against him?

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# News

## U.S. Naval Test Pilot School Named Top Innovator at Pentagon Awards Ceremony

Ellen M. Lord, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, awarded the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS) the 2018 Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Innovation Award at the Pentagon, Feb. 5.

The award recognizes USNTPS for graduating over 250 test pilots, naval flight officers, flight test engineers, industry civilians and foreign partners over the course of 2018—more graduates than all primary test pilot schools combined.

“The U.S. Naval Test Pilot School is integral to betterment of the test and evaluation profession at large,” said Cmdr. Glenn P. Rioux, USNTPS commanding officer. “Every aviation program within the Department of Defense has been influenced by USNTPS graduates.”

USNTPS received recognition for its modernized syllabus integrating unmanned aircraft systems, advanced radar, acquisition and student exposure to live virtual constructive concepts, in addition to the school’s output of test pilots. USNTPS participated in a number of flight test projects throughout the year including test programs supporting the UH-60L variable stability system and performance testing of the T-38C. The school also contributed to the testing of its newest flying classroom, the Airborne Systems Training and Research Support (ASTARS) III, a C-26 equipped with naval subsystems.

During the award period, USNTPS established a research cell to collaborate with educational institutions and engineering centers to adapt its knowledge base to an ever-evolving airspace. The cell enables the school’s constant evaluation of its educational offerings and serves as an industry hub for international test techniques.

The United States Naval Test Pilot School trains the world’s finest developmental test pilots, flight officers, engineers, industry and foreign partners in full spectrum test and evaluation of aircraft and aircraft systems. Located in Patuxent River, Maryland, the school is forefront in development of modern test techniques and leads aviation in standardization of flight test. It



U.S. Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS) Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Glenn Rioux, accepts an award recognizing USNTPS’ innovation in workforce development from Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Ellen M. L.

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# St. Mary's College Students and Faculty Travel to Antigua and Barbuda to Study its History, Culture



President Tuajuanda C. Jordan was hosted by Sir Rodney Williams, Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, in Antigua Nov. 5-6, 2018

by his wife, Lady Sandra Williams.

Shortly after His Excellency's visit, St. Mary's College President Tuajuanda C. Jordan was hosted by Sir Rodney Williams in Antigua. While there, His Excellency shared that it is his hope that the faculty and staff of the College as well as the Government House Restoration Initiative would benefit significantly from each other.

The Government House, located in St. John's (Antigua's capital city), is the official residence of the Governor General. The house and its surrounding property date back to the 19th century. The property and the house hold a legacy of slavery.

Casey said the opportunity to participate in the seminar allows students to see directly how memory and preservation of past histories and places related to colonialism and slavery happen in a particular environment.

"It's an invaluable opportunity to get to expose my students to places where the things they are learning in the classroom are happening," Casey said.

The St. Mary's College group will also have an opportunity to meet His Excellency, Sir Rodney Williams, Lady Williams, Cultural Envoy Dr. Barbara Paca, O.B.E., and distinguished guests.

According to information from the World Monuments Fund, The 2018 World Monuments Watch called attention to the Government House and the restoration program as an opportunity to connect heritage solutions with issues of urban deprivation, health, and other social issues.

While in Antigua and Barbuda, students and faculty will take part in the World Watch celebration.

They will also help with preparations for the Antigua and Barbuda Pavilion for the Venice Biennale, titled "Find Yourself: Carnival and Resistance."

According to information provided by Paca, curator for the Antigua and Barbuda Pavilion, "For this island nation, the development of the religious tradition of Carnival into an act of resistance remains true in modern festivals. With the pageantry of costumes, parades, resolute songs, and dances, Carnival has been the manifestation of defiance from its inception as a slavery and post-abolition phenomenon to the present day."

St. Mary's College of Maryland is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education through 2024-2025. St. Mary's College, designated the Maryland state honors college in 1992, is ranked one of the best public liberal arts schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Approximately 1,600 students attend the college, nestled on the St. Mary's River in Southern Maryland.

Several students and two faculty are traveling to the West Indies this week for the Antigua and Barbuda Governor General's Seminar on Historic Preservation as part of a recent partnership between St. Mary's College of Maryland and the Office of the Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda.

Ellen Kohl, assistant professor of environmental studies, and Emily Casey, assistant professor of art history, along with four first-year students participating in a pilot integrated inquiry program connecting several general education studies to the theme of resistance, rebellion and liberation, arrived in Antigua on Feb. 15 for the week-long seminar.

Students and faculty will study the history and heritage of the island nation including archaeology, traditional building methods, historic conservation, therapeutic gardening, prison rehabilitation. They will also learn about drafting an economic and environmentally sustainable plan for the Government House Restoration Initiative as a model of Caribbean historic preservation.

A partnership between the College and Antigua and Barbuda, spearheaded by Maryland Secretary of State John C. Wobensmith, began last year when Sir Rodney Williams, Governor General, visited the St. Mary's College campus. His Excellency connected with students, faculty, and staff to initiate a partnership with the College to provide cultural exchange, including student internships and other opportunities for collaboration. During the visit, the Governor General gave a presentation on Antigua, Barbuda, the Government House Restoration Initiative, and charitable work led

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No matter the source, Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers always put their distinctive stamp on a song, making it at once their own and a part of the chain of tradition that lies at the heart of bluegrass. JMR's professionalism, engaging presentation, and successful, heavily played recordings have kept them in demand with a national audience. Fans across the continent and Europe have experienced their energetic performances at esteemed concert productions including the National Folk Festival, Bluegrass Underground, Bluegrass Nights at the Ryman, and the Grand Ole Opry. Mullins is also the International Bluegrass Music Association's (IBMA) 2016 Broadcaster of the Year, recognized for a respected radio career spanning over 30 years and rooted in the Midwest. He also hosts "Front Porch Fellowship," a weekly syndicated radio program broadcast over 200 stations in 30 states and Canada, and enjoyed by thousands of Internet listeners. Recently they won the 2018 IBMA Song of the Year for, "If I Had Wrote That Song".

On February 1st, Billy Blue Records announced the debut release of the first single from Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers forthcoming, album. The song titled,



"The Guitar Song," is a duet between Joe Mullins and legendary Grand Ole Opry member, Del McCoury. The song was co-written by Country Music Hall of Fame member, Bill Anderson,

Opening the show will be Recycled Bluegrass. Popular local favorites known as the 'nursing home' band, appears every third Tuesday of the month at the St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown, MD.

The doors open at Noon at the American Legion with food available for sale by the Sons of the American Legion. The show starts at 2:00 pm and tickets are

available at the door for \$20.00 per person, under the age of 12 admitted free with a paid adult. Although not required, non-perishable food donations will be collected for the Helping Hands Food Pantry of Southern Maryland.

The final show in the series will be the Lonesome River Band. Originally scheduled for January 13, but rescheduled due to weather, the new date for this show will be on Sunday March 24. For more information on these shows, please call 301-737-3004 or visit the website at [www.americanlegionbluegrass.com](http://www.americanlegionbluegrass.com).

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## In Remembrance

### Barbara Jean Wilson



Barbara Jean Wilson, 78, of Leonardtown, MD passed away February 15, 2019 at her home.

She was born August 15, 1940 in Washington, D.C. to the late Charles E. Beach and Evelyn Elizabeth McCoy Beach.

On August 24, 1957 Barbara married her beloved husband, David Edward Wilson in Washington, D.C. Together they celebrated 9 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in 1966. She worked for over 30 dedicated years at the Clinton Inn as a delicious cook and bartender. She was an avid sports

fan, especially of the Baltimore Orioles, Washington Redskins and Florida Gators. She knew statistics on the Orioles that dated way back in history and was an Honorary Redskin Hogette. She enjoyed listening to music and dancing. As a delicious cook, some of her family's favorites included her homemade pizza, gyros, and creamed chip beef. Being a chocoholic, she also made delicious brownies. She enjoyed everything related to the water; boating, crabbing, fishing and going to the beach. She loved to eat Maryland crabs. Her family was her first priority and her greatest love; she enjoyed spending as much time as possible with them, especially her grandchildren.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Deborah Gunnell (Richard) of Avenue, MD; her siblings, Shirley Northern of Lexington Park, MD and Wayne Beach of Mechanicsville, MD; her grandchildren: Jennifer Jones (Dave), Joshua Howard, Ashley Marrow (Liam), Michael Wilson, Michelle Clark and Brittany Wilson; her great grandchildren: Joey, Jordan, Riley, Jacob, Laila, Jackson, Doug, Colin, Alyssa and Cameron; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by her sons, David Wilson and Joseph Wilson;

and her brother, Donald Beach and Marvin Mayhaugh.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., with a Celebration of Life Service at 5:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be private.

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### Nancy W. Lippert



Nancy W. Lippert, 82 of Charlotte Hall, MD passed away on February 11, 2019 at her residence in Charlotte Hall, MD. Nancy was born on April 29, 1936 to the late John E. Walsh and the late Mary W. Wright in Archbald, PA. Nancy was a member of the 5th District Homemakers; Scarlet Ladies, Knights of St. John Ladies Auxiliary #359. She enjoyed playing cards and going to the Northern Senior Center.

In addition to her parents, Nancy was predeceased by her siblings, Yvonne Moore and Jimmy Walsh (Twins). She is survived by her children, Caren Williams (John) of Waldorf, MD, Anmarie Lippert of Charlotte Hall, MD, Robert Lippert of Charlotte Hall, MD, Richard Lippert (Catherine) of St. Leonard, MD; siblings, Marian Chronoy of Cumberland, RI, June Teeple of Archbald, PA, John Edward Walsh of Colts Neck, NJ; grandchildren, Melanie, Ricky and Celia Lippert of St. Leonard, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Immaculate Conception Church, P.O. Box 166, Mechanicsville, MD 20659 or Hospice of St. Mary's, P. O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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### Ethel Louise Gainer

Ethel Louise Gainer, 72, of Mechanicsville passed away on February 10, 2019 at her home surrounded by her family. Ethel was born on December 30, 1946

in Leonardtown, Maryland to the late Lawrence Raley Buckler, Sr. and late Mary Catherine "Sis" Smith (Ryce).

Ethel was a graduate of Margaret Brent High School. She married David "Dave" Gainer on August 20, 1995. They celebrated over 23 years of marriage.

Ethel was the owner and operator of a fleet of school buses for St. Mary's County Public Schools. She loved her career driving a school bus. She took great pride in her buses and the safety of the children for over 38 years, retiring in June, 2018. If she transported your child, you knew they would be in the best of care. She transported as many as three generations from the same family on her buses over the years.

Having the sweetest personality, Ethel was quickly adopted into Dave's police department family making many friends who think so very highly of her. When Dave took up the hobby of flying airplanes with the Patuxent Aeromodeler's Club, she quickly became a favorite spectator as she loved to make and bring treats for the guys.

Ethel will be dearly missed by her husband, children, extended family and friends, but our hearts are full knowing how fondly she will be remembered.

Ethel is survived by her husband, and four children, Catherine Stasch Guy (J.R.) of Mechanicsville, Joyce Stasch Seekford (David) of Mechanicsville, Mike Stasch, Jr. (Melanie) of Mechanicsville and David Joseph Gainer (Brandi) of Shady Side, Maryland. Also surviving are 3 siblings, 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her brother, Lawrence "Teeny" Buckler.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Hospice of St. Mary's, Post Office Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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### James Earl Myers

It is with a heavy heart, that the family of James Earl Myers, 75, of Riviera Beach, Md. announce his sudden passing. James was born on August 22, 1943 in Baltimore, Md. and passed away peacefully on February 13, 2019 at the Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home, with



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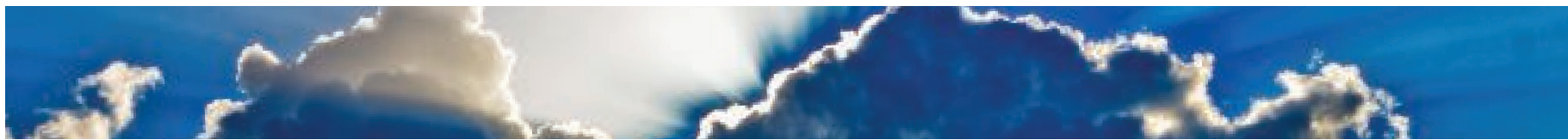


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daughter, Julie, by his side.

James is predeceased by his parents, Albert C. Myers, Sr. and Norma S. Myers (nee Harold) of Riviera Beach, Md. He is survived by his loving daughter, Julie Ann Myers of San Diego, Ca., his brother A. Charles Myers, Jr. and sister Renea Skovron both of Riviera Beach, Md, along with many loved extended family members in the Maryland area.

He served honorably in the US Navy during the Vietnam War from 1962 to 1964 and was later employed by the Baltimore City Fire Department, Truck Co. 21, from 1968 to 1988. James had a generous spirit and loved telling great stories of his travels and years gone by. He enjoyed: going to the race track, American History shows, visiting casinos with his daughter all over the country, and in his younger years was an avid outdoorsman. James was known for his beautiful singing voice and performances at many a karaoke night. Lyrics from one of his favorite songs by Lynyrd Skynyrd tell of his latest journey, "Big wheels keep on turning, carry me home to see my kin...Sweet Home Alabama, Lord I'm coming home to you..."

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations in memory of James may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Memorial and Honor Gifts, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

### David E. Wright



David E. Wright, 65, of Solomons, MD died on January 31, 2019. He is survived by his brother Richard A. Wright of Alexandria, VA and his stepmother, Joyce M. Wright of Poquoson, VA. Dave was preceded in death by his mother, Hope Dahl Wright and father, Howard T Wright. Dave was born in Hempstead, Long Island, New York. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in philosophy

with honors from the University of Wisconsin which propelled him to Naval Aviation Officers Candidate School at Pensacola, Fla. Upon earning his wings as a Naval Flight Officer, Dave flew as tactical operator and mission commander in the S-3 Viking anti-submarine aircraft for the next 10 years. He deployed several times aboard the aircraft carrier America. Dave transitioned from active duty to the Navy reserves, flying similar missions in the P-3 Orion, where he retired as a Commander. Since 1986 he worked for Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, MD supporting S-3 and F/A-18 aircraft flight test, until retiring in June 2018. Dave was an avid and accomplished photographer throughout his life. This hobby started in his early teens and included developing his own negatives and pictures. His vacations often centered on his photography, promoting travels not only throughout the US, but around the world, in search of "the perfect shot". Dave was also a passionate and educated astronomer, and loved to sit and gaze at the evening stars with friends and family, with many facts and stories shared. Among Dave's greatest passions was playing golf with his friends which included group trips to historic golf locations in US and abroad. But most of all, Dave enjoyed being with his wonderful friends for an evening out. Dave will be sorely missed, but never forgotten. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or the charity of your choice.

### Juliana Marie Vallandingham



Juliana Marie Vallandingham, "Judy", 72 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on February 4, 2019 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on February 2, 1947 in Washington, DC she was the daughter of the late Mary Delia Davis and Philip Henry Davis. Judy was the loving wife of late Stephen Guy Vallandingham who preceded her in death on January 20, 2015. She is survived by her children; Stephen Davis Vallandingham of California, MD, Jessica Vallandingham Myers (Ryan) of Mechanicsville, MD and Mary Ann Burroughs of Mechanicsville, MD.

5 grandchildren; Susan Vallandingham (Bobby), Donald Burroughs, Jr. (Hannah), Cathy Kershaw (Chris), Stephen Riley and Madison Vallandingham. 8 great-grandchildren; Trent, Delia, Levi and Colby Vallandingham, Lane and Maci Burroughs and Leroy and Ernest Kershaw. Siblings; Hazel Stultz and Catherine Fowler. Best friend, Merlene Goldsborough and many relatives and friends.

Judy was a lifelong St. Mary's County MD resident. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy and Churchman Business College. Judy was employed as a secretary for Test & Evaluation Group, NAWCAD for 31 years, retiring on October 2, 2010. Judy was an organist who loved music, dancing, yard sales, gardening and most of all loving her family.

Contributions may be made to Mechanicsville Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 15 Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

Arrangements provided by Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. Leonardtown, MD 20650.

### June Lorraine Farrell



June Lorraine Farrell, 74, of La Plata, MD passed away on February 4, 2019 in Washington, DC. She was born on June 22, 1944 in Washington, DC to the late Estella Phillips and Willard Phillips. June was the loving wife of Charles Farrell whom she married on February 5, 1982 in Upper Marlboro, MD. June is survived by her children Kenneth Carpenter of Silver Spring, Robert Carpenter of Waldorf, MD, Amy Carpenter of Gaithersburg, MD, and 1 Granddaughter. Along with her siblings Willard Phillips, Jr. and Mary Jane Mcrae. She was preceded in death by her son Franklin Carpenter. Siblings Nancy Mauney, Estelle Casteel, and Clyde Phillips.

She moved from West Lanham Hills, MD to St. Mary's County, MD in November of 1999. June was a bus driver for Prince George's County Public School for 25 years, retiring in June, 2006.

### Estelle Louise Lacey

Estelle Louise Lacey, "Gar-Gar", 83, of Avenue, MD formerly from Oakley, MD passed away on February 6, 2019 at her residence. She was born on Decem-



ber 28, 1935 in Oakley, MD and was the daughter of the late Estelle M. Farrell and Robert J. Farrell, Sr. Estelle was the loving wife of John Stephen Lacey, whom she married on October 16, 1954 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church Bushwood, MD. Estelle is survived by her children Pat Vallandingham, (Frankie) of Avenue, MD, Wayne Lacey (Jackie) of Mechanicsville, MD, 5 grandchildren Chris Nelson (Kristi), Cindy Williams (JF), Lynn Vallandingham, Jonathan Lacey (Danielle), and Shannon Lacey. Along with 11 great grandchildren Tiffani Russell (Zach), DJ Williams, Destiny Russell, Emily Nelson, Anthony Russell, Jace Williams, Owen Lacey, KJ Rhodes, R.J. Harbold, and Baby Lacey (due in July), and 1 great great granddaughter McKenna O'Sullivan. Siblings Robert Farrell (Lou), Agnes Hayden and Clyde Farrell (Jeryle). She was preceded in death by her great grandson Jonathan Lacey, Jr. and her brother Francis Farrell.

Louise was married 64 loving years to John Stephen Lacey. She was Secretary of the family business Lacey's Plumbing and Heating for 31 years. Louise was given the name Gar Gar by her first grandchild Cindy and has been called that every since. She is the Master of the Mashed Taytays and Pea's, if they aren't Gar's they aren't right! Everything she cooked was the most amazing thing you've tasted, stuffed turkey rolls, meatloaf, barbecue chicken, coleslaw, and so much more! Every family gathering at her house or not she always made several dishes. Louise spent hours in her chair with her big water cup and a word search book finishing a single puzzle every 5 minutes. Louise loved all children. Sitting in her recliner chair she would rock her grand babies and great grand babies to sleep, patting and rubbing their arms and back while singing or humming nursery rhymes. Louise had a contagious smile and a warm heart, always gave amazing hugs and loved her family deeply. You will be forever loved and forever missed, we know you are watching over us all.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Margaret Brent. Estelle was the office manager for Lacey's Plumbing and Heating for 31 years, retiring in 1997.

Contributions may be made to the Seventh Dist. Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609.

# 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.

## Thursday, February 21

### St. Mary's Republican Club Monthly Meeting

Nicollettis Pizza California  
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Discuss events to share with the community and elected officials.

### Divorce Care

Our Fathers House, 45020 Patuxent Beach Rd, California  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

A support and recovery group offering hope, help, and healing during and after divorce. 12-week program Feb. 21 through May 9. 301-862-9200. [www.ourfathershouseag.org/resources/divorce-care](http://www.ourfathershouseag.org/resources/divorce-care)

## Friday, February 22

### Park Place Toastmasters Club

Church of the Ascension, 21641 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park  
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Develop your speaking, listening, and leadership skills in a non-threatening environment!

### Reggie Rice's Fool of Illusions

St. John's School MSGR Harris Center, 43900 St. Johns Road, Hollywood  
6:30 - 8:00 PM

A family-friendly experience. Be amazed and fooled at the award-winning comedy illusionist, Reggie Rice, and his outrageous show. Proceeds benefit the children of St. John's School. \$10 advance. \$15 door. 3 years & under are free. Tickets at [www.FOOLOFILLUSIONS.com](http://www.FOOLOFILLUSIONS.com). 240-307-0050

### Queen of Hearts Drawing

Brass Rail Sports Bar, Great Mills  
7:00 PM

Ticket sales, \$1 each, begin at 4:00 PM. Drawing at 7:00 PM. 50/50 raffle each week. Jackpot begins at \$2,000+ and continues to grow each week until the Queen of Hearts is found.

Benefit the Archangel Scholarship Foundation Corporation in support of St. Michael's School, Ridge. Info/updates: Facebook page or: [archangelfoundation.wordpress.com](http://archangelfoundation.wordpress.com)

### Pitch Tournament

Leonardtown VFD,  
22733 Lawrence Ave.  
7:30 PM - 6:00 AM

Doors open at 6 PM, Early Birds starts at 6:30 and tournament starts at 7:30. Be on time; all tables start at once! Early Birds \$10 and \$20 Registration Fee. Cash bar and food available. e-mail: [jrussell@lvfd1.org](mailto:jrussell@lvfd1.org)

## Saturday, February 23

### Free Women's Wellness Day

Forrest Career & Technology Center  
24005 Point Lookout Rd, Leonardtown  
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Presentations on nutrition, mindful eating, stroke, mental illness, and palliative care. Health and wellness displays, health screenings, medicine collection and continental breakfast and lunch. Free - pre-registration is required. 301-475-6019

### Pet Loss Grief Support Program

28095 Three Notch Rd., Suite 2C,  
Mechanicsville  
10:00 - 11:30 AM

For anyone experiencing the loss of a beloved pet. Registration required. [www.melindaruppertlepc.com](http://www.melindaruppertlepc.com)

### Stuff a Truck

Century 21 New Millennium, 23063  
Three Notch Rd., California  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Benefit for the Tri-County Animal Shelter. The shelter frequently runs out of items: wet and/or dry food for dogs and cats, indestructible pet toys, bleach, vanilla and almond extract; and money.

### Gals of SOMD Book Club Brunch

Blue Wind Gourmet, 22803 Gunston Dr., Lexington Park  
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Monthly book club and brunch meet up! February's book: Daughter of Fortune by Isabel Allende. RSVP so I know how big of a table to get. [www.meetup.com/GALSOFSD](http://www.meetup.com/GALSOFSD)

### Annual Purse Bingo

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge  
12:00 - 5:00 PM

Presale tickets \$30. At the door \$35. Includes 20 regular games, additional books and specials available for purchase at the door. Food available for purchase. 301-752-9802 or [bbfschool@hotmail.com](mailto:bbfschool@hotmail.com)

### 3rd Annual Gun Bash

St. Mary's County Elks Lodge, 45779  
Fire Dept. Ln., Lexington Park  
1:00 - 5:00 PM

\$50 for a chance to win 11 long guns includes free draft beer and BBQ, soda and door prizes.

\$30 not participating in the raffles includes food and drink. Hand guns will be raffled for additional cost. 301-863-7800

### Humanizing Histories: 7 Short Plays about Resistance

Bruce Davis Theater, Montgomery Hall, St. Mary's College  
8:00 - 10:00 PM

A festival of 10-minute student-written performance pieces. The community is invited to attend staged readings of other student-written work, theater workshops, and public discussions. Free. Visit [www.smcm.edu/tfms](http://www.smcm.edu/tfms) information

about the day's activities. 240-895-4243.

## Sunday, February 24

### All You Can Eat Breakfast

Hosted by the Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad Knights of Columbus Hall,  
Ridge

8:30 - 11:00 AM

Association. \$10/person. \$8/seniors. \$5/under 6. \$10/carry out. 301-481-2129

### A Taste of History Bridal Show

Reconstructed State House of 1676,  
47418 Old State House Road, St. Mary's City

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Lots of vendors showcasing various aspects of a wedding to make your dreams come true! \$5 at the door for all unregistered attendees. Call 240-895-4991 or email [MaryB@DigsHistory.org](mailto:MaryB@DigsHistory.org) to register, or for more details!

### CABS

Garvey Senior Center, Leonardtown  
6:00 PM

Companions and Buddies for Singles is an adult social group of friends. \$15/year; no dues first four visits. 240-794-8033.

[CABSorg.WixSite.com/CABS](http://CABSorg.WixSite.com/CABS)

### From Newtown to Georgetown: Connections and Legacies

St. Francis Xavier Church Hall, 21370  
Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown  
6:30 PM

Speaker: Dr. Adam Rothman, Georgetown University professor. Desserts and coffee will be served. Sponsored by Newtown Manor House Committee. 301-247-7416

## Monday, February 25

### Talk of the Town Toastmasters

21677 FDR Blvd, Lexington Park  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Toastmasters can help you develop better speaking, listening, and leadership skills. Toastmasters International website: [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org)  
Club website: [club9410.easy-speak.org](http://club9410.easy-speak.org)

### Refuge Recovery

21770 FDR Blvd., Lexington Park  
4:00 - 5:00 PM

Addiction recovery support group. Features meditation, readings, information and discussion. Free. Everyone welcome at Beacon of Hope! 240-298-0212.

### Visiting Anthropologist

Cole Cinema, Campus Center, St. Mary's College  
4:30 - 6:30 PM

Sameena Mulla, associate professor of anthropology at Marquette University, will discuss "Anthropology and Sexual Assault: U.S. Clinics and Courts

in 21st Century." Free and open to the public. 240-895-2045

### Elks Hold'em Bounty Tournament

St. Marys County Elks Lodge, 45779  
Fire Department Lane, Lexington Park  
7:00 PM

No Limit Holdem Poker Tournament. \$25 Buy in = 4,000 chips. \$5 add-on = 1,000 chips and raffle drawing. Food and beverage for purchase. 240-577-0828. Email: [jdeanjanior@yahoo.com](mailto:jdeanjanior@yahoo.com)

### Annual Reeves Lecture

Daugherty-Palmer Commons, St. Mary's College  
8:00 PM

Jeffrey Hammond, professor of English and George B. and Willma Reeves, Distinguished Professor in the Liberal Arts, lecture titled, "I'm With Her: A Feminist Parable from Ancient Egypt." Free and open to the public. 240-895-2045

## Tuesday, February 26

### Herbicide Resistant Weed Workshop

St. Mary's County UME Office, 26737  
Radio Station Way, Leonardtown  
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

For farmers interested in learning about the problems of herbicide resistant weeds and how to manage them. Designed to equip farmers with the knowledge to improve weed control on their farms. Register 301-475-4484.

## Wednesday, February 27

### 7th District VFD Auxiliary Fundraiser

Kevin's Corner Kafe, 24509 Point  
Lookout Road, Leonardtown  
11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Chicken Dinner includes 4 pieces of chicken with fries and cole slaw for \$9.99. Crab Cake Sandwich includes fries and cole slaw for \$14.99. Carryout available. The Auxiliary will receive \$2.00 from each meal. An all day event.

### Spirit Night

Showtime Deli  
4:00 - 7:00 PM

Fundraiser for Christmas in April, St. Mary's County. Full menu available. 301-862-3354 or 301-884-2905.



## St. Mary's Department of Aging & Human Services Programs and Activities

Loffler Senior Activity Center 301-475-4200, ext. 71658  
Garvey Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4200, ext. 71050  
Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 73101

Visit [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging) for the most up-to date information

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### Home-Delivered Meals Program Seeking Volunteers

The Home-Delivered Meals Program for St. Mary's County is seeking volunteers to serve in the Lexington Park area and the southern-most parts of St. Mary's County.

Drivers would pick up meals at the Loffler Senior Activity Center and pack into coolers provided to maintain a safe temperature. Volunteers would be assigned to an established route and deliver meals to homebound seniors on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis.

Volunteers must be age 21 or older. A valid driver's license and reliable access to a vehicle are required. Training for drivers is provided by the Home-Delivered Meals Program Coordinator and experienced Home-Delivered Meals volunteers.

Meals are delivered Monday through Friday, 11:15 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. No meals will be delivered on days that the Senior Activity Centers are closed. Mileage reimbursement or income tax deductions are available for volunteers.

Anyone interested should contact Home-Delivered Meals Program Coordinator Monika Williams at 301-45-4200, ext. 71060, or email [Monika.Williams@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Monika.Williams@stmarysmd.com).

### Diabetes Support Group

A peer facilitated Diabetes Support and Discussion Group for those with pre-diabetes, diabetes and those caring

for others with diabetes has formed at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. It is open to all seniors age 50 or older. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Club Room. Lunch is available from 12-12:30 p.m. by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71050 and reserving by noon the day before the meeting. The monthly menu is available on-line at the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services website or can be picked up at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. If you are interested in joining the group please call 301- 481-5850. Seating is limited so please RSVP.

### Nutrition Talk at Loffler

Donna Taggart, licensed dietician, will offer the presentation Eating for Your Heart on

Monday, Feb. 25, at 1 p.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. This will be a good opportunity to get some questions answered about foods that are good for your heart. Additionally, Donna will offer private nutrition counseling at no cost on the same date. To sign up for the presentation, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658 or stop by the reception desk at Loffler. To make an appointment for nutrition counseling with Donna, text or call her at 240-538-6539.

### R & B Line Dance

If you have ever wanted to learn some of the line dances that are all the rage

right now come on in and join us! We will be taking it step by step and learning dances like the Cupid Shuffle or The Wobble. The class is held at the Garvey Senior Activity Center from Monday, Feb. 25-April 1, at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 per class or \$12 for all 6 classes payable to Marie Bond; payment is due at time of reservation. Call the Garvey Senior Activity Center at 301-475-4200, ext. 71050 for more information.

### Lunch Bunch to Meet at Salsa's

Would you like to have lunch with a group of (age 50+) friends? On the last Tuesday of each month, Lunch Bunch meets at a different restaurant where individual checks are requested. February Lunch Bunch will be meeting at Salsa's located at 25470 Point Lookout Rd in Leonardtown on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 11:15 a.m. Call your BFF, then call Shellie at 301-475-4200, ext. 71655, to reserve your seats.

### Benefits of Massage

Licensed massage therapist Gwynne Hill will give a free presentation on the benefits of massage on Friday, March 8, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This class will guide you on types of massage and their specific health benefits. Space is limited so sign up for this presentation in advance, please visit our sign up table or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

### Video of Tesla to be shown at Loffler

There will be a showing of the video Tesla (American Experience) on Wednesday, March 13, at 10 a.m. Nikola Tesla was a genius engineer and tireless inventor whose technology revolutionized the electrical age of the 20th century. Although eclipsed in fame by Edison and Marconi, it was Tesla's vision that paved the way for today's wireless world. Register to see this video by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to sign up. Seating is limited. Free (60 min.)

### The Shamrock Shindig with Mean Gene

Join us at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, March 13, from 1-4 p.m. and get down with your Irish roots at the Shamrock Shindig. Dress in your gaudiest green and show your St. Patty's Day spirit. DJ Mean Gene will lead the way in an afternoon of pure dance fun. There will also be a money raffle so bring the luck of the Irish with you! The ticket cost is \$5 and supports the cost of the DJ. Refreshments will be provided as a courtesy of the Northern Senior Activity Center while supplies last. Payment is due at sign up. To sign up and pay for this program in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.



### Master Gardener Series: Love Your Houseplants

Leonardtown Library will have a Master Gardener class "Love Your Houseplants" on Tuesday, February 26 from 1- 2:30 p.m. Master Gardeners will teach attendees how to plant and take care of succulents, African violets, and orchids, as well as perennial houseplants and container gardens. Attendees will create and take home their own small container garden.

### Protect Yourself: Online Security and Privacy

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Protect Yourself: Online Security and Privacy on Tuesday, February 26 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Learn how to protect your data with strong passwords and two-factor authentication, avoid internet scams, and use freely available tools to limit what personal information is collected and shared

while you browse the web. Registration recommended; walk-ins welcome as space allows.

### Art on Your Own Terms

Lexington Park Library will hold Art on Your Own Terms on Monday, March 4 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Dark, winter months got you feeling down? Come brighten your day with a little "art therapy," and use creativity as your outlet for stress! Experiment with a variety of art supplies, and make a project to take home. Materials provided. Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

### Lawyer in the Library

Lexington Park Library will host Lawyer in the Library on Wednesday, March 6 from 12 - 2 p.m. The Lawyer in the Library project provides FREE civil legal services in your community! No appointments necessary. Attendees will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring all relevant documents with you.

### Escape Junk News

Lexington Park Library will host Newseum Education for Escape Junk News on Wednesday, March 6 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Feeling lost in today's media landscape? Join Newseum Education as they tackle buzz-

words, bots, and bad actors on social media. In 90 minutes, you'll get clear definitions of current media terms, practical tools to identify fake and flawed news, and practice with real examples. Registration required.

### Drop-In Tech Help

Leonardtown Library will hold Drop-In Tech Help on Wednesdays starting March 6 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!

### Paws to Read

Leonardtown Library will hold Paws to Read on Saturday, March 9 from 2 - 4 p.m. 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.





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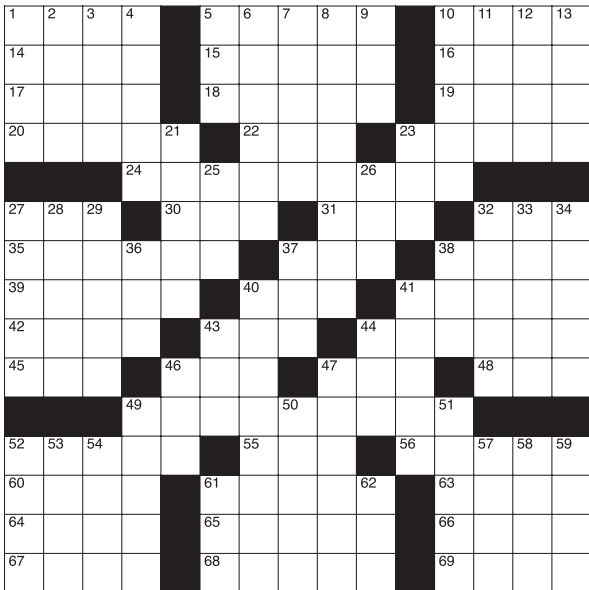
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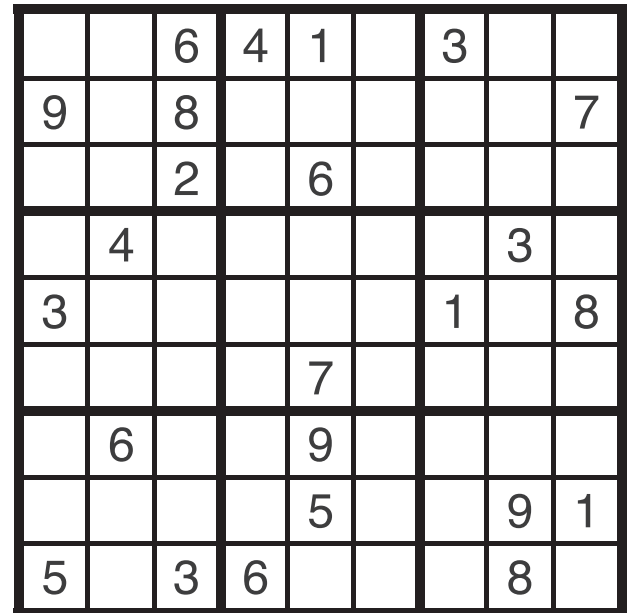
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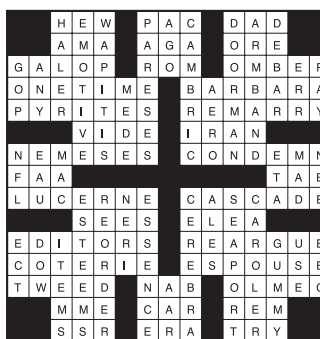
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- 18. Take
- 19. Catches
- 20. Eating houses
- 22. Consumed
- 23. Lawyers try them
- 24. Hugh Jackman character
- 27. Basics
- 30. No (Scottish)
- 31. Duct
- 32. Athlete who plays for pay
- 35. Unit of distance
- 37. Female bird
- 38. Predatory reptile
- 39. Regions
- 40. Dishonorable man
- 41. Dry white Italian wine
- 42. A way to understand
- 43. Actors' organization
- 44. Beach hut
- 45. Disappointment
- 46. Police officer
- 47. Digital audiotape
- 48. Western Thai people
- 49. Of a polymer
- 52. Secret political clique
- 55. Sound unit
- 56. Cavalry sword
- 60. Whale ship captain
- 61. Eastern Austria spa town
- 63. Holds food
- 64. Filippo \_\_, Saint



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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

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