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Major Changes Proposed for Open Meetings Law

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A law proposed by county government officials would allow elected leaders to discuss more topics in closed session, something strictly forbidden by the current St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act. Established in 1976, the county's open meetings regulations are recognized as amongst the most stringent in the state. One year later, in 1977, the state enacted its own open meetings act.

The proposed legislation, discussed at the Commissioners of St. Mary's County meeting on Tuesday, would allow the commissioners to discuss investment of public funds, to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice and to talk about cybersecurity in closed session.

According to the county proposal, all other counties in Maryland are allowed to discuss such topics in closed session as they fall under the rubric of the state law.

"The state law gets updated periodically and sometimes we forget to update that," said County Attorney David Weiskopf.

A similar proposal would also amend the county's open meetings act to exclude subcommittees from the definition of a public agency; this amendment was proposed by county Deputy Attorney Anuj Patel and Emergency Services Director Stephen Walker.

Subcommittees are groups of members from committees and advisory boards that gather to do, for example, Weiskopf said, research on a certain topic.

Any subcommittee that had enough members to reach a quorum would have to meet in public as a full



board, Weiskopf said.

Their parent committee would still be subject to the county open meetings act, Weiskopf said.

Subcommittees would make no motions or decisions, the county attorney said, leaving that duty to the parent board.

One amendment would add certain parts of the county apparatus to the public agency definition, including the Metropolitan Commission, the public library system and the Housing Authority.

Commissioners John O'Connor and Eric Colvin proposed this amendment to the open meetings act, which also presses for the use of "new technology," such as live streaming, to boost

public transparency.

The county library board had just held its first video recorded meeting on Monday.

The three amendments to the county's open meetings act appeared to receive the support of all commissioner members; local elected leaders are expected to take an official position on the proposed changes next week.

All the county legislative proposals will be discussed at a joint meeting between the county delegation to the Maryland General Assembly Oct. 1.

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Commissioners Seek \$37 Million in Bonding Authority

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A bonding authority bill for \$37.2 million that would be spent on capital construction improvement projects is one of many local bills the Commissioners of St. Mary's County could be sending to the county delegation in Annapolis for next year's session.

The commissioners are expected to take official positions, either in support or opposition, for 22 separate legislative proposals next week.

According to Jeanett Cudmore, the county's chief financial officer, the authority to borrow more money on the bond market would be for projects in the coming fiscal 2021 budget.

The total cost of all projects in the fiscal 2021 plan is \$83.5 million and is also funded by state and federal dollars, impact fees and transfer taxes.

The projects the bonds would fund include the upgrades and renovations to the county's Adult Detention Center, which includes improvements to inmate housing as well as to medical facilities there.

Other projects funded by the bonds would include a new salt storage facility for winter weather events, asphalt overlay on roads, synthetic turf fields, a county sports complex and school system safety and security projects.

Over all the St. Mary's County public school system wants \$6.5 million for security upgrades; \$11.13 million of the \$37.2



John O'Connor

million would be used for a variety of school system projects, including heating and air conditioning replacement at Green Holly Elementary School.

Commissioner John O'Connor expressed opposition to the bonding authority request, especially since some of the projects could be paid for out of school system and county reserves, he said.

O'Connor mentioned specifically a line item for \$1.3 million for school security actions.

"There's no reason that couldn't be paid out of school system reserves," O'Connor said. "I think there's more to be drilled down on on these [requests] regardless."

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Alcohol Beverage Board: CBD In Mixed Drinks Illegal

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The legal sale of the cannabis plant extract cannabidiol, more popularly known as CBD, has flourished in recent months in St. Mary's County at alcohol beverage retailers, gas stations and convenience stores.

But members of the Alcohol Beverage Board warned last week that mixing CBD, which has been touted as a reliever of pain, stress and other maladies, in alcohol at local bars is illegal.

Tamara Hildebrand, administrative coordinator for the alcohol beverage board said at their Sept. 12 meeting that there had been increased interest in possibly adding CBD to alcoholic beverages.

Hildebrand said she had also received calls from outside the county, asking about CBD mixed with alcohol because they had heard retailers were already mixing alcohol and CBD.

"I've been getting increased calls about CBD," Hildebrand said. "And I've gotten a few calls about CBD in cocktails."

But CBD has yet to be approved by

the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Hildebrand said.

"It's not regulated by the FDA... because of that it's not approved as a food additive," she said. "So, cocktails are off the table as far as CBD goes at this point."

Sgt. Stephen Myers, alcohol enforcement coordinator from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, confirmed that CBD had not undergone testing by the FDA.

"As far as putting it in [food and drink] it's definitely a no-no," Myers said. "The FDA is sending out letters warning them that the product has not been tested or regulated."

CBD is extracted from the cannabis plant, otherwise known as marijuana, but does not contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) which provides the psychoactive effect, or high, that the cannabis plant does.

The alcohol beverage board is currently working to educate alcohol retail licensees about the prohibition against mixing food and drink with CBD, Hildebrand said.

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Town Approves Auto Showroom Project

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Town of Leonardtown's Planning and Zoning Commission approved the concept site plan for a combined office building and auto showroom to be located at the town's main intersection at their Monday meeting.

The Old Town Office and Auto Showroom would be built on the same site as what is known as the old Saunders House at the intersection of Route 5 and Hollywood Road, said town planner Jada Stuckert.

The property had been rezoned in 2010 to allow commercial office space, she told the town planning commission, and "to protect the corner from high traffic volumes."

The proposed development would be 7,000 square feet in size and would not offer any retail sales, Stuckert said.

The establishment would offer a tags and title service that would only be open on Saturday, with the business only being open by appointment throughout the rest of the week.



A new auto show room has been proposed for the old Saunders property.

The rest of the business would be dedicated as an auto show room where vehicles would be on display; anyone desiring to purchase one of the automobiles being shown would have to go through the management of the business to buy the car from its owner.

The vehicles on display would be of the variety most often owned by collectors, town records show.

The project went before the town

council last month requesting additional sewer and water capacity allocations but was denied by a 2-to-3 vote; the project was now able to move forward, Town Administrator Laschelle McKay said, because engineers had worked to eliminate the need for the additional capacity.

"They eliminated the retail portion of the project, which required the additional EDU (equivalent dwelling unit)," McKay said. "The site already had one EDU because there is already a home there."

The home has long been vacant, town officials have said, and could even pose a danger since it is in poor condition.

Andrew Ponti, planning commission member, said the project could be beneficial to the overall economic conditions of the town.

It could help draw more interest to the downtown, he said.

"It would look nice on that corner," Ponti said.

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Maryland Oyster Season Dates, Limits Set for 2019-2020

DNR Begins Implementation of the Maryland Oyster Management Plan



The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has issued season limits for the 2019-2020 oyster harvesting season. Effective immediately, the 2019-20 season will begin October 1, 2019 with no commercial harvesting on Wednesdays, and temporary closures to wild harvesting in certain areas where there is a low abundance of oysters, low natural spat set or where spat-on-shell plantings are being protected, including some areas north of the Gov. William Preston Lane Jr. Memorial Bay Bridge. Additionally, the recreational harvest will be limited to three days a week (Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only) with no harvesting after noon and a 50 percent reduction in harvest limits. Details are issued by public notice and are available on the department's website under "Shellfish Closures/Opening."

Department scientists expect that these measures will result in approximately a net 26 percent reduction in oyster harvest. The approach was developed using modeling of historic data, findings of the 2018 Oyster Stock Assessment, and input from stakeholders and was scoped in a public meeting with the Oyster Advisory Commission, the Sport Fish Advisory Commission and

the Tidal Fish Advisory Commission. They will be combined with other measures outlined in Maryland's new Oyster Management Plan — the first revision in a decade — with a goal of increasing oyster populations and garnering a sustainable oyster fishery in 8-10 years.

"The department's Oyster Management Plan establishes a robust and science-driven framework for a sustainable fishery, which is an ecological and economic priority for the state," Maryland Natural Resources Secretary Jeanie Haddaway-Riccio said. "With an 8-10 year timeframe set as our goal, it is important that we begin implementation as soon as possible. If we combine sustainable fishing practices with other measures such as strategic investment, habitat restoration and sanctuaries, the result will be real, long-term solutions for the resource."

Oyster population fluctuations are caused by multiple factors, including nutrient pollution, disease, harvest pressure, and freshwater flows. Heavy rains the past two years have introduced large amounts of fresh water and greatly reduced salinity in portions of the bay, impacting oyster habitats and reproduction.

Christa Alana Serra & Matthew Ryan Beale were married on August 24, 2019 at the Leonardtown Wharf.

The bride is the daughter of Paul & Mary Serra of Lusby.

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Civil War Exhibit Featured at Calvert Library

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For years Jonathan Beasley, owner and operator of Budds Creek Motocross track in Budds Creek, has been searching high and low for the best Civil War artifacts he could find.

About 200 of his best pieces are now at the Prince Frederick library branch in Calvert County, many of them have photos and equipment from Southern Maryland soldiers from both sides of the war, Union and Confederate.

"It only stays [at a library] in two month intervals," Beasley told The County Times. "It's just come from the Frederick [County] library.

"It's getting ready to go to Ellicott City."

Beasley said he has enough to fill several cases with all of his artifacts; the items include cartridge boxes, belts, belt buckles and blades as well as currency.

"That's all the Civil War items I own," Beasley said.

The item Beasley said is especially important was a cartridge box that belonged to Pvt. Thomas Magill, of the 2nd Maryland Infantry.

A Confederate soldier, Magill was from Great Mills.

Beasley's collection also includes a photograph of Sgt. Peter H. Butler, a member of the U.S. Colored Troops and a Leonardtown resident, who fought at the battles of Cold Harbor, the Wilderness, Petersburg and Spotsylvania.

Beasley said he has gathered his collection from trade shows and reputable dealers of antiquities on the internet.



A Civil War Era cartridge box that once belonged to a Confederate soldier from Great Mills.

"I've been collecting for the past 40 years," Beasley said. "I've always preferred to get Maryland stuff, it's just been something that allowed me to focus my efforts in collecting. Beasley said he hopes that visitors, especially young people, will take a keen interest in the collection, espe-

cially as a way to spur interest in history.

"This is what I call hands on history," Beasley said. "It's the best learning tool known to man."

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1. AMENDMENT COMPREHENSIVE WATER/SEWER PLAN # 19-200-003, CARVER HEIGHTS (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Use Type # 15, Dwelling Unit, Detached)

OWNER: Cecills Mill Self Storage LLC AGENT: Chesapeake Trails Surveying LLC LOCATION: 21260 First Rd TIM-051 GRID-06 PAR-0249 ED-08 TAX ID-026637 LAND USE: Residential Low Density ZONING: RL / APZ-II ACREAGE: 0.55 ACTION REQUESTED: Amend Service Category Sewer from S-6D to S-3D.

2. CONCEPT SITE PLAN # 19-13200015, HOLLYWOOD AUTO SALES (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Use Type # 75, Auto Sales)

OWNER: Hodges Thomas H AGENT: Mehaffey & Associates, Pc LOCATION: 23535 Mervell Dean Rd TM-034 GRID-09 PAR-0010 ED-08 TAX ID-005893 LAND USE: Mixed-Use Low-Intensity ZONING: RMX/AE-2 ACREAGE: 0.30 ACTION REQUESTED: Review of an Auto Sales business.

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION # 19-11000024, EARL ACRES (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivision Ordinance 10-01)

OWNER: Earl Patrick & Sandra Dean AGENT: Robert Trautman LOCATION: 49195 Trapp Rd TM-068 GRID-01 PAR-0103 ED-01 TAX ID-009486 LAND USE: Rural Preservation ZONING: RPD / Mattapany Rural Legacy Area ACREAGE: 4.015 ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a 2-lot minor subdivision.

4. MINOR SUBDIVISION # 19-11000025, STAUFFER MINOR SUBDIVISION (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivision Ordinance 10-01)

OWNER: Martin Marvin & Raymond S. Stauffer AGENT: D. H. Steffens, Inc. LOCATION: 25120 Dove Point Ln TM-025 GRID-02 PAR-0115 ED-03 TAX ID-032566 LAND USE: Rural Preservation ZONING: RPD ACREAGE: 99.32 ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a 1-lot minor subdivision.

5. MINOR SUBDIVISION # 19-11000026, JONES FAMILY RETREAT (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivision Ordinance 10-01)

OWNER: Mark H Jones Jr AGENT: VARC, L.L.C. LOCATION: 44692 Richey Rd TM-057 GRID-15 PAR-0014 ED-02 TAX ID-011433 LAND USE: Rural Preservation ZONING: RPD ACREAGE: 12.465 ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a 2-lot minor subdivision.

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Troopers Continue Investigation of Fox Chase Shooting

State troopers from the Criminal Enforcement Division at Leonardtown Barrack are actively investigating a reported shooting in St. Mary's County.

The victim is not being identified at this time. Investigators do not believe this is a random act of violence.

At approximately 1:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2019 police responded to the area of Fox Chase Apartments in Great Mills, Maryland for the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers learned an adult male victim was struck by gunfire. The male victim was air lifted to Prince George's Hospital Center.

Maryland State Police from the Leonardtown Barrack responded to the scene

and were provided assistance by sheriff deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office. Forensic crime scene analysts responded to process the scene for evidence. Criminal Enforcement Division investigators responded to the scene and have taken the lead in the investigation.

Police urge anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has relevant information to contact the Leonardtown Barrack at 301-475-8955. Calls may remain confidential.

The investigation continues.

Maryland State Police Press Release

Leonardtown Man Arrested for Rape

On September 11, 2019, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, along with investigators from Child Protective Services (CPS), began an investigation into allegations of sexual abuse involving an eight-year-old victim and an adult male. The investigation determined Gilbert NMN Estevez, age 30 of Leonardtown, had sexually abused the female victim. Estevez was arrested and charged with the following:

- Rape Second Degree
- Sexual Abuse of a Minor
- Sex Offense Third Degree
- Assault Second Degree

Estevez is currently incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center on a no bond status. Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact Detective Taylore Nauman at (301) 475-4200 extension *8109 or by email at Taylor.Nauman@stmarysmd.com.

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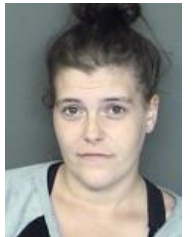
Peace Order Violation- On September 9, 2019, Dep. Budd responded to the 48800 block of Park Pines Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported peace order violation. Investigation determined **Alvin NMN Thomas, age 58** of Lexington Park, had violated an active court order prohibiting him from being on the victim's property. Thomas was arrested and charged with Peace Order-Fail to Comply. CASE# 51762-19



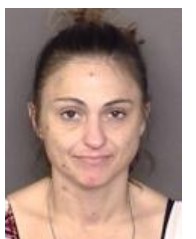
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Escape- On September 10, 2019, Dep. Lawrence responded to the 30000 block of Three Notch Road in Charlotte Hall, for the reported sentenced inmate walking away from a treatment facility. In-

vestigation determined **Virginia Leigh Bissett, age 24** of Lexington Park, left a court ordered treatment facility she was ordered to attend as part of her pretrial commitment. Bissett was located and charged with Escape-2nd Degree-Condition of Release. CASE# 52701-19



Drug Arrest- On September 10, 2019, Cpl. Connelly responded to the 19800 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park, for the reported trespassing. Upon arrival the complainant advised **Teia Marie Craig, age 32** of Lexington Park, was refusing to leave the victim's residence. As Craig was gathering her items to leave, Cpl. Connelly observed a plastic straw in Craig's belongings which contained suspected cocaine residue. Craig was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Paraphernalia and CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana. CASE# 52013-19



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The 17th Annual WineFest at Historic Sotterley will be held October 5 and 6, 2019, opening noon daily. Discounted tickets are available at sotterley.org.

WineFest is a celebration of the best of Southern Maryland. WineFest at Sotterley will feature 18 wineries this year with 100+ wines to taste. Wines include red, white, desert, fruit and bubbles. WineFest has a wine for every palate and all who enjoy a glass. Also available, delicious fare including Southern comfort, BBQ and Maryland crab cakes plus sweets and treats to pair with your favorite vino.

Additionally, the music line-up has been expanded this year to include Southern Maryland favorites: John Luskey Band, Trilogy, Philip Michael Parsons, Robbie Booth and Wes Ryce & the Vice. "This year patrons are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs. The format of our 17th year of WineFest includes more room for guests to access wineries with most

wineries having their own booths. Also, more space for gathering with friends and enjoying in the music has been added" said Nancy Easterling, Director of Sotterley.

For those who enjoy craft beer Sotterley is bringing back the Beer Cave. Draught beer will be available for purchase in pints and half-pints.

WineFest admission consists of a commemorative wine glass, unlimited samples, access to Sotterley grounds, gardens and free tours. The cost of a ticket is \$30 at the gate Designated driver tickets are \$20.00. Advanced tasting tickets are available at the discounted price of \$25 through September 30th, 2019.

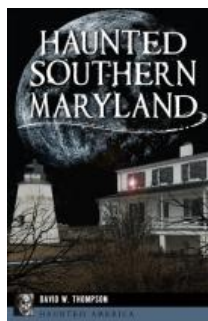
Riverside WineFest at Sotterley will be open from noon to 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 5th and noon to 5:00 pm on Sunday, October 6th. The address of WineFest is 44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood, Maryland 20636.

For more information please contact (301) 373-2280 or visit sotterley.org

Local Author of Haunted Southern Maryland to Attend Retrofest

Piney Point Lighthouse Museum is pleased to host a book signing of Haunted Southern Maryland by local author David W. Thompson Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019 during RetroFest on the Potomac. Thompson's latest book was recently released by History Press and is available at the Museum Stores at both St. Clement's Island Museum and Piney Point Lighthouse Museum. "We are excited to add this book signing to our Retro Fest event," said Jayne Walsh, manager of the museum stores. "I am especially thrilled that the Piney Point Lighthouse was chosen to grace the cover of David's new book, Haunted Southern Maryland."

Southern Maryland is home to a vast number of legends and ghost stories, many of which are recounted in Thompson's book. Brave readers will encounter otherworldly specters like the spirit of the famed "witch" Moll Dyer, the haunted history of Sotterley Plantation, and the tales of the ghosts that remained after



Maryland's long, and oftentimes haunted, history.

This book signing is a welcome addition to an event that promises something for everyone who loves all-things "retro." Admire classic cars, browse for vintage treasures, and step back in time to the nostalgic tunes of yesteryear. From the 40s to the 70s, whatever your, decade the public is invited to get their "Rockabilly" on and support the mission of Piney Point Lighthouse.

Additionally, this great new event will feature lots of fun, including: live Rockabilly Music performed by the local band

the Civil War at Point Lookout. Thompson takes the reader on a spooky journey through Southern

"The Wanderers;" vintage vendors selling nostalgic items from the 40s to the 70s; a special travel exhibit from the National Capital Radio and Television Museum in Bowie, MD; appearance by the Southern Maryland Pin-up for Paws; Hot Rod & Classic Cars on display from the St. Mary's Rod & Classic Car Club with a People's Choice Award; food trucks & beer wagon (no outside food or drink will be allowed into the event); and much more.

The event, a fundraiser for the Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums, will take place Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 per person and include event admission as well as access to all museum sites and exhibits at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite, by visiting [Facebook.com/1836Light](https://www.facebook.com/1836Light), or by calling Piney Point Lighthouse Museum at 301-994-1471.

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Annual Community Health and Wellness Fair Scheduled

It's that time of year again! The 2019 Health Fair, sponsored by the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services, will be held on Friday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, located at 44219 Airport Road in California, MD.

During this year's Community Health & Wellness Fair, screenings will include body composition, glucose, skin cancer, hearing, vision, and blood pressure. Licensed Massage Therapist Gwynne Hill with California Total Body Massage will be on site from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. offering free mini-massages. The Pharmacy at PJ Bean will be supplying flu shots. Bring your insurance card to get your flu shot; all insurance agencies are accepted.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and St. Mary's County Health Department will be on-site to collect expired or unwanted medications, including diabetic supplies such as needles and lancets.

Nearly 500 people attended last year's event to learn more about the latest health and wellness news and products. The Department of Aging & Human Services looks forward to a similar turnout at this year. Attendees can register in person or online at: www.stmarysm.com/aging/healthfair.asp. Online registrants will be eligible for a special prize! Online registration closes at 12 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17. This event is free and open to the public.

The Department thanks our many sponsors for this event, including ClearCaptions, the Center for Vein Restoration, and St. Mary's County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

For more information, contact Community Programs & Outreach Manager Sarah Miller at 301475-4200, ext. 71073, email sarah.miller@stmarysm.com, visit www.stmarysm.com/aging/healthfair.asp, or find us on Facebook, keyword St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Government

Jennifer Marple and Heather Arthur, local residents of St. Mary's County participated in the Sept. 18th Direct Selling Day on Capitol Hill, hosted by the Direct Selling Association (DSA), the national trade association for direct selling companies. Marple and Arthur joined with 18 other direct selling companies, bringing together more than 125 direct selling distributors and executives to urge nearly 100 members of Congress to consider the implications and importance of maintaining the independent contractor status for all direct sellers.

Direct Selling Day on Capitol Hill is part of the DSA's broader efforts to urge passage of H.R. 3522, the Preserving the Direct Seller Independence Act, which is intended to modernize independent work laws to keep pace with updates in the economy and with the nature of labor.

"As an independent distributor, I am grateful for the opportunity to meet with lawmakers and promote the flexibility, freedom, and opportunities that come with an independent contractor status in the direct selling industry. I am proud to use my voice to advocate for the rights of direct sellers nationwide," said Marple.

This is Marple's second time attending Direct Selling Day on Capitol Hill, and Arthur's first. Marple is the spouse of an Active Duty Marine and Arthur is local to St. Mary's county. Both have been



Heather Arthur (L) and Jennifer Marple (R)

with SeneGence International for roughly three years.

"We are pleased to have direct sellers and executives from SeneGence@take an active role in the Direct Selling Day on Capitol Hill Day this year," said Joseph N. Mariano, president and chief executive officer for the Direct Selling Association. "As we see more people choosing independent work in today's economy, it's important

that we recognize that all independent work is not the same. Choice is a critical distinction to make, and H.R. 3522 preserves direct sellers' ability to choose the products they want to sell, the customers they engage with, and the hours they will work – and make those decisions based on their own needs, responsibilities, and aspirations."

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Schools Focus on Renovations No New Schools in Capital Plan

By Dick Myers
Editor

“All indications are that we should be growing,” St. Mary’s County Public Schools (SMCPS) Director of Capital Planning Kimberley Howe told the school board at their Sept. 12 meeting. That’s because the county itself is growing. But the school population has leveled off in recent years after a growth spurt from the expansion at Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

The school system won’t have an official population figure for this school year until Sept. 30, but School Superintendent Dr. Scott Smith indicated it may be slightly lower. He said they are seeing some increases at kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades, believing new residents may be seeking other education alternatives (home schooling or private schools) for their children until they reach those milestone grades.

School board member Rita Weaver, like her colleagues, visited schools on opening day and she said she saw a lot



School board member
Rita Weaver

of parents registering their children. She said she was told at Spring Ridge Middle School that they had 40 new students. Those anecdotal observations led her to wonder why the school system isn’t showing growth.

Several years ago, there was a potential combined new middle and high school and a new elementary school on the six-year capital plan. Now the plan presented to the board at that Sept. 12 meeting shows no new schools on the horizon for as far out as they are planning.

Instead the focus is on Heating/Ventilation/Air-Conditioning (HVAC) and roof replacements and some interior renovation projects. Howe said they are seeking \$5.3 million from the state in the next fiscal year for switch gear and



HVAC systemic renovations at Green Holly Elementary School and roof and HVAC replacements at Dynard Elementary School.

Howe said there will be an increased funding requirement in Fiscal Years 2024 and 2026 for projects at Great Mills and Chopticon high schools.

Howe is still presenting a six-year

capital plan to the state even though they are requiring submission of requests only for the next fiscal year.

Of that policy change, board member Cathy Allen called it shortsighted. “I find it extraordinarily frustrating,” she said.

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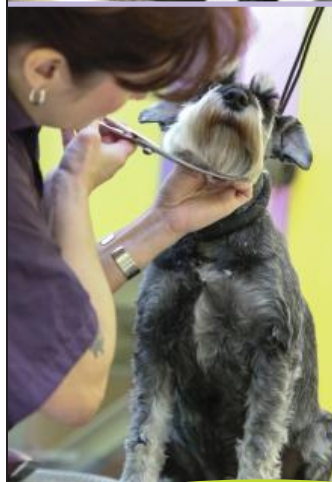
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- 4:00 PM - 4-H Photo Challenge starts
- 4:30 PM - 4-H Livestock Judging Contest (SR)
- 4:30 PM - Kountry K-9 Show (FM)
- 5:00 PM - Carnival opens (ride all evening wristband for \$30)
- 5:30 PM - 4-H Horse Drill Team Performances (GS)
- 6:00 PM - 4-H Market Goat Show (SR)
- 6:00 PM - Pig & Hot Dog Races
- 6:00 PM - Kountry K-9 Show (FM)
- 7:00 PM - Chain Saw Artist Rick Pratt
- 7:00 PM - Official Opening (Tolerance Hall)
 - Color Guard by Cub Scout Pack #1203
 - "The Star Spangled Banner" by Leonardtown Middle School Chorus
 - Introduction of the Queen of Tolerance Court
- Welcome, John Richards, President, St. Mary's County Fair Association
- Crowning of the Queen of Tolerance
- 7:00 PM - Miniature Horse Pull (GS)
- 7:30 PM - Pig & Hot Dog Races
- 9:00 PM - Exhibit buildings close
- 10:00 PM - Carnival closes
- Lion's Mobile Screening Trailer (Vision & Hearing) - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Suttler Post Farm Clydesdales on display
- Glass Blowing Demonstrations (FM)
- Quilts of Valor Demo (Home Arts)
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- Maryland Ag Education Showcase Trailer on display

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 21 PARADE DAY

- 8:00 AM - Open Class livestock show (SR)
- 9:00 AM - Exhibit buildings open
- 9:00 AM - Fair Parade Registration begins (Tech Center)
- 9:00 AM - Canine Weight Pull (Tractor Pull Track)
- 10:00 AM - Carnival opens
- 10:30 AM - Fair Parade begins (Tech Center)
- "The Star Spangled Banner" by Leonardtown High School: Potomac Voices
- 12:30 PM - Leonardtown High School Orchestra (PAV)
- 1:00 PM - Jousting Tournament (GS)
- 1:00 PM - 4-H Visual Presentation Contest (4-H)
- 1:00 PM - Reggie Rice's Fool of Illusions (Tolerance Hall)
- 1:30 PM - St. Mary's Dance Academy (PAV)
- 1:30 PM - Fins & Claws - Capt Jack Russell (FSA)
- 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM - Septic Education (outside Ext. Bldg)
- 2:00 PM - Canine Weight Pull (Tractor Pull Track)
- 3:00 PM - Southern Maryland Concert Band (PAV)
- 3:00 PM - Reggie Rice's Fool of Illusions (Tolerance Hall)
- 3:30 PM - Container Gardening Presentation (FSA)
- 4:00 PM - WMDM live remote broadcast
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Grow It- Eat It Salad Table Demo & Food Tasting (Outside Ext. Bldg)
- 5:00 PM - Gracie's Guys and Gals (FSA)
- 5:00 PM - Reggie Rice's Fool of Illusions (Tolerance Hall)
- 6:00 PM - 4-H Livestock Auction (SR)
- 6:00 PM - Bicycle Drawing (OF)
- 6:30 PM - Suttler Post Clydesdales Demonstration (GS)
- 7:00 PM - Heavy Weight Horse Pull (GS)
- 9:00 PM - Exhibit buildings close
- 10:00 PM - Carnival closes
- Pig & Hot Dog Races: 12:00 PM • 2:30 PM • 4:00 PM • 6:00 PM (times may vary)
- Chain Saw Artist Rick Pratt (FM): 12:00 PM • 2:00 PM • 4:00 PM • 6:00 PM
- Kountry K-9 Shows (FM): 1:00 PM • 3:00 PM • 5:00 PM • 7:00 PM
- Lion's Mobile Screening Trailer (Vision & Hearing): 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- Southern Maryland Decorative Painters (Arts & Crafts Bldg): 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- MD CHIP: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (FSA) (child ID program)
- Suttler Post Farm Clydesdales on display
- Glass Blowing Demonstrations (FM)
- Blacksmithing Demonstrations (FM)
- Quilts of Valor Demo (Home Arts)
- Southern Maryland Wood Carvers (ARTS)
- Bunky & Blondi Clowns
- Maryland Ag Education Showcase Trailer on display

FRIDAY • SEPTEMBER 20 SCHOOL DAY

- 8:00 AM - 4-H Livestock Show (SR)
- 8:00 AM - 4-H Horse and Pony Show (GS)
- 9:00 AM - Exhibit Buildings open to public
- 9:00 AM - SoMD Robotics Demonstration (PAV)
- 10:00 AM - Horticulture ID Contest (4-H)
- 10:00 AM - Carnival opens (special student pricing & tickets per ride: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
- 10:00 AM - 4-H Photo Challenge (4-H)
- 10:00 AM - Decorated Wagon Contest (ARTS)
- 12:00 PM - Deo Cantamus Children's Choir (PAV)
- 1:00 PM - Margaret Brent Middle Middle School Band (Tolerance Hall)
- 2:00 PM - Speech Contest (Tolerance Hall)
- "The Star Spangled Banner" by Great Mills High School: Amarillo Vert
- 2:00 PM - Reggie Rice's Magic of Laughter (Tent)
- 3:00 PM - Registration for Kiddy Tractor Pull (PAV)
- 4:00 PM - Kiddy Tractor Pull (PAV) 7th District Optimists
- 4:00 PM - St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department K-9 Demonstration (GS)
- 4:30 PM - Reggie Rice's Magic of Laughter (Tent)
- 5:00 PM - School Day Activities End, normal entry and carnival ticket prices resume
- 5:30 PM - Ice Sculpture - Bill Sonntag
- 6:00 PM - 4-H Cake Auction (GS)
- 6:00 PM - Bicycle Drawing (OF)
- 6:30 PM - Suttler Post Farm Clydesdales Demonstration (GS)
- 7:00 PM - St. Marys Community Fellowship (Tolerance Hall)
- 7:00 PM - Light Weight Horse Pull (GS)
- 7:30 PM - Boot Scooters (PAV)
- 9:00 PM - Exhibit buildings close
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- Southern Maryland Decorative Painters (Arts & Crafts): 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
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SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 22 FAMILY DAY

- 8:30 AM - Open Class Horse Show starts (GS)
- 9:00 AM - 4-H and Open Dairy Goat Show (SR)
- 9:00 AM - Exhibit buildings open
- 10:00 AM - Baby Show (FSA)
- 10:00 AM - Antique Tractor Pull (Tractor Track)
- 11:00 AM - Carnival opens (ride all day wristband for \$30)
- 11:00 AM - Chesapeake Spinners Wool Demonstration (Farm Museum)
- 1:00 PM - Chesapeake Country Cruzers (PAV)
- 1:15 PM - St. Lukes Gospel (TENT)
- 2:00 PM - The Daughters of Veda (PAV)
- 2:00 PM - Southern Maryland Sound Barbershop Chorus (Tolerance Hall)
- 2:00 PM - 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Contest (4-H)
- 2:00 PM - St. Peter's Gospel Men's Choir (TENT)
- 3:15 PM - Spiritual Song (TENT)
- 4:00 PM - Glass Sculpture Auction
- 4:00 PM - Pet Costume Contest (SR)
- 4:00 PM - Southern Maryland Community Choir (TENT)
- 4:30 PM - Chainsaw Sculpture Auction
- 4:45 PM - Brisco Brothers (TENT)
- 5:00 PM - 4-H Contest Results announced (SR)
- 6:00 PM - Bicycle Drawing (OF)
- 6:00 PM - Exhibit buildings close
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County Fair Needs M



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

County residents come out by the thousands each year to see all the best agricultural, livestock and craft work offered locally at the St. Mary's County Fair but it's just a relatively small group of dedicated volunteers who make the most popular of county events possible.

The fair's board of directors, about 20 members, work all year long to ensure the successful presentation of the fair.

They work with dozens of volunteers to make all the preparations.

"People think the county puts this on, that there's endless resources," said Allison Norris, board member. "We get no [monetary] support from the county."

The county owns the fairgrounds property but the fair board leases it.

"Everything you see above ground is ours," said John Richards, president of the fair board.

With ownership of all the physi-

cal plant comes the responsibility for maintaining it, and that means work year-round.

The members of the board have plenty of tasks to complete throughout the year, including organizing commercial and food vendors, dealing with registrants for the agricultural and livestock shows and ensuring the fairgrounds are accessible by all.

"We don't have position descriptions, everybody just does what needs to be done," Richards said. "It takes thousands of hours of planning to get this off the ground."

Things start in earnest in January, said Susan Mattingly, the secretary for the fair board, with any vacancies being filled with an election held by board members.

Few vacancies ever occur, she said, since many board members stay on to work for the fair for many years.

"They've usually been on the board for a long time," Mattingly said.

The fair board's budget is often the deciding factor in what work the board can afford to do at the fairgrounds for that year; keeping up maintenance at the fairgrounds also benefits the many other events that use space there throughout the year.

This includes outdoor shows, community festivals and other events.

"We go over what capital improvement's we'd like to have or the things we'd like to repair," Mattingly said. "The budget determines if we can do a really big project or smaller projects." Over the past several years the fair board has acted to significantly improve the fairgrounds by refurbishing the interiors of many of the exhibit buildings, building new restroom facilities and renovating the fairgrounds main gates.

As fair secretary, Mattingly has to inventory all the ribbons that are awarded for the three top performers in any of the competitions or exhibitions.

It's just one of many tasks that have to be completed ahead of time for the fair to go smoothly, Mattingly said.

Exhibits range from food entries, to flower arrangements to artwork.

"We have 5,000 entries in the fair and that's not including livestock," Mattingly said.

All of the members of the board are volunteers, she said, and receive no compensation for their efforts.

Only the fair secretary and treasurer get a small stipend for the work they do, Mattingly said.

A small portion of the funding for the St. Mary's fair comes from the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, which receives the funding for county fairs from unclaimed betting winnings at Maryland's horse tracks.

It has been a long-running funding stream but since betting on horse races has declined in recent years, funding has decreased, Mattingly said.

"That goes back 50 or 60 years," she said. "The pot has shrunk."

The funding from unclaimed winnings often does not cover all of the costs at the St. Mary's County Fair, Mattingly said, so the rest has to be covered through entrance fees; the fair's budget must also cover cash rewards for entries that win either a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place award.

The fair must also pay for all of the trophies and ribbons it awards, she said.

Residents who enter their exhibits at the fair pay nothing to do so, said Mattingly.

Ryan Emmert is the newest member of the fair board and he has focused on doing whatever needs to be done to get, and keep, the fairgrounds in working order.

"It's a collective effort, it's not something that we do in the two weeks before the fair," Emmert, a Mechanicsville native told The County Times. "I'm whatever they need me to be."

Much of his time has been spent on smaller projects at the fairgrounds, anything from replacing a light bulb or fixing a leaking faucet to replacing rotting wood in one of the buildings.

One of his major projects was installing a handicapped accessible ramp at one of the exhibit buildings there, Emmert said.

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rine Corps who now has a security job at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, he continues to call on his experience growing up on a farm in Mechanicsville to get things done at the fairgrounds.

“We just had to have the attitude to do whatever we needed to do to keep things running,” Emmart said.

After serving all over the world, from Japan to two tours in Iraq, Emmart was glad to come back to St. Mary’s County to raise a family and become involved in

activities like the fair.

“I couldn’t wait to get out of the county when I was 17,” Emmart said. “But this place is nice when you have a family.

“Coming back was an easy decision for me.”

Despite being run by a volunteer organization, the fair board has worked hard to maintain the grounds, Emmart said.

“They’ve done a bang up job of maintaining the grounds,” said Emmart.

The St. Mary’s County Fair runs from

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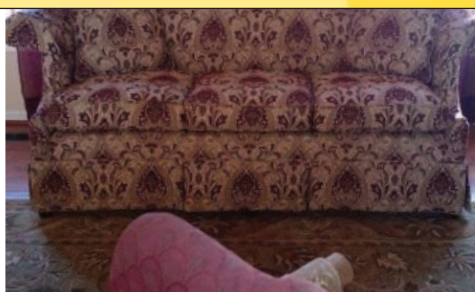
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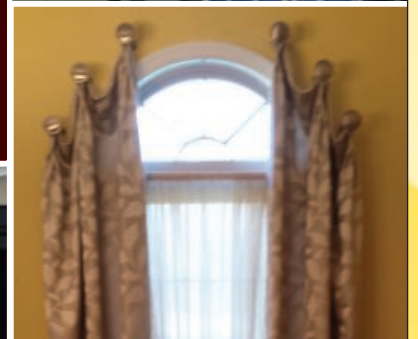
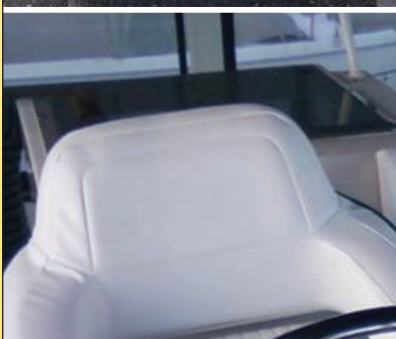
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The performance will take place on Tuesday, September 24 at 8pm in the Auerbach Auditorium at St. Mary's Hall. This will be a ticketed event. St. Mary's College of Maryland students will be admitted free of charge; seniors, college faculty and staff, as well as St. Mary's Arts Alliance members, will be charged a \$10 admission fee; general admission will be \$15. For more information call (240) 895-4498 or visit <http://www.smcm.edu/events/organizer/music-department/>.

"The point of departure for our program is James Whistler's magnificent 10 O'Clock Lecture, a beautiful piece of writing and a lucid exposition of many of Whistler's ideas about art," said pianist Ganz. "The presentation will include an edited delivery of Whistler's lecture along with imaginary dialogue with a musician from our time. Michael will play the part of



Whistler and I'll play the musician. The lecture and dialogue will be illustrated with performances and discussion of several works of Claude Debussy and other composers, along with readings of a few poems by the Symbolist poets, who influenced both artist and composer."

Ganz was invited to create this presentation for the

Freer Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with an exhibit of Whistler watercolors. "I immediately thought of Michael, and was delighted when he was available and interested. I've always wanted to try my hand at acting, and to do that alongside a former colleague at SMCM is a joy. The writing was an added challenge... and pleasure. I fell in love with Whistler's lecture, and it provided all the inspiration we needed." The Freer Gallery performance will take place on September 28th. For more information about that performance, visit <https://www.freersackler.si.edu/events-overview/performances/>.

"Whistler and Debussy were friends, and Debussy was captivated by Whistler's lecture," Ganz continued. "We associate the phrase 'art for art's sake' with Whistler, and credit him with a fresh vision of artistic beauty. And we also say that Debussy taught us to hear harmony in a new way, thus ushering in a 20th century of extraordinary creative vitality in music. This presentation explores common ground in their artistic world views."

Press Release

St. Mary's College Announces Dates for Hawktoberfest

Registration is now open for one of St. Mary's College of Maryland's most popular events, Hawktoberfest, Oct. 4-5, 2019. Combining family weekend and homecoming, the annual event attracts more than 1,000 visitors to the College's waterfront campus each year for a weekend full of festive fall activities.

Hawktoberfest weekend is comprised of a variety of free and low-cost events for students and their families, alumni, community members, and the College community to enjoy, including:

- Taste of Southern Maryland, Friday, 5 - 7:30 p.m.
- Seahawks' Got Talent Showcase, Friday, 8-10 p.m.
- 20th Annual Petruccielli 5K, Saturday, 8 a.m. race start
- Seahawk Family Social, Saturday, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

- St. Mary's River Cruises, Saturday, 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4 p.m.
- Great Bamboo Boat Race, Saturday, 4 - 5 p.m. (construction begins at 12 p.m.)
- Hawktoberfest Crab Feast & Picnic, Saturday, 5 - 7 p.m.

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Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



“Pies by Mommie”

I'm still on a fall roll. This morning I decorated my china cabinet top with my favorite fall plates and all my other fall pieces. However, I did add one piece that has never been in the display before, a ceramic pie pan hand decorated with the words “Pies by Mommie”. The pretty pan has been stored away in Rubbermaid for 19 years -from the time my mother passed away. And with the County Fair this weekend, I am naturally thinking about apple pies. Doesn't everyone?

Maybe you remember Breton House Gift Shop which was in Leonardtown from nearly 40 years ago. The shop was in the house next to where the Leonardtown Pub is now. What a wonderful place to buy gifts, besides The Elephant's Trunk of course. As a freshman college student at St. Mary's College of Maryland and new to St. Mary's County I was always looking for the unique or unusual places to explore, still am. It may have been also a way to find distractions from studies.

When I was nearing the end of my second semester the timing coincided with Mother's Day, so a week or so before Mother's Day off to Leonardtown I went to go gift hunting. Anyway, I found Breton House and wandered around inside of it with eyes as big as saucers, because I don't remember ever shopping at a place so wonderful in Clinton. All my gifts came from Clinton five and dime before this, some probably from Ripple's Hardware store too. There had to be something to get my mother that she would like and not throw out or sell – she was not known to be nice about receiving presents.

My mother did not like anything frou-frou, hated live flowers (because they would die), didn't like crafts (they were all junk to her), and didn't collect anything. Our house looked the same as it did in 1963 when they bought it until 2000 when she died. But she baked and cooked amazing things. What was my favorite? I started to think about it and realized it was Mommie's apple pies of course. I think I already told you that we all called her Mommie, upon fear of our lives. I can still remember when I saw the cream-colored ceramic pie pans in the last room on the left. The saleswoman told me they could be personalized too. That was it!

The next Monday, I had this urge to go home, even though the next day I would be home for the rest of the summer figuring I would get money for the pie pan. I went home by the bus that ran from St. Mary's to Clinton and got off the bus right at my old school bus stop: Shuler's Restaurant on Rt. 5. Our house was diagonally across the street. I asked Daddy, the sweetest, gentlest man ever, if I could have my \$10 allowance (YES, \$10 a month even while in college) to add to what I already had



to purchase the pie pan. After much whimpering (on my father's part not mine) he finally opened his wallet, similar to Jack Benny's wallet, and moths and dust came out as it slooowly creaked open enough for him to even more slooowly take out a \$10 bill, kiss it goodbye, and hand it to me. He was working on the old, '60s something Ford Falcon station wagon he proudly bought for me that I swore I would never drive. Quickly, I said, thank you love you and back to college I went. As I rode back on the bus I couldn't wait to pay for the pie pan, and pack what I needed to come home for summer break.

Life had other plans naturally, my mother called me at 10:30 the next morning to say my father had died of a Cerebral Hemorrhage. I would have been home later that day. The pie pan was forgotten for a while, and I again rode the seemingly longest bus ride of my life back home to Clinton that Tuesday. My mother was eventually given the Pies by Mommie pan and she did love it and gave it a nice spot in the Old Mid-Century-Modern china cabinet. It stayed there until her death. Once it was mine, I never could seem to bring it out. But, enough is enough, all the good memories have to come back out just like the pan, and they have, with encouragement from thinking about the County Fair and apple pie's by Mommie.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby
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TRUE OR FALSE

I have often heard from clients that they have a Will so their loved ones will not have to go through probate. True or false? False. When you die, if you are holding property in your sole name, that property must go through the probate process to be distributed to your loved ones. It doesn't matter whether you die intestate (without a Will) or with a Will.

What does holding property in my sole name mean? For real estate like your house or for cars and trucks, for example, the title to the property is in your name alone. If you hold any property this way and you die, then the property has to go through the probate process to be distributed to your loved ones.

The probate process in Maryland takes between 8-12 months. Why so long? One reason is that under the process, creditors are allowed 6 months to come in and claim against an estate. When a person dies and a probate proceeding is required, the personal representative or executor has to find all of the person's property in order to report on it to the Register of Wills. Since many people are not at all organized about what they own, the personal representative has to reconstruct the estate before they report on it. One of the filings is called an "Inventory". This is a listing of all the property held by the deceased when they die. If the deceased has not been an organized person it can take a long time to figure out what they owned when they died. For example, if the deceased has not left a detailed list of investments they have, often the only way to know for sure what the deceased owns when they die is to wait for the mail for at least 3 to 6 months for quarterly or semi-annual reports on dividends or interest.

What does the probate process require? It is a process where filings are made detailing the assets and liabilities of the estate, the expenses of the estate and the monies left over to be distributed to the beneficiaries of the estate.

There is administrative probate, which is where the executor of the estate makes filings with the Register of Wills, or judicial probate, where the filings are made with the Orphan's Court. If a beneficiary challenges the Will or any filings made by the personal representative, the matter goes to judicial probate where the Orphan's Court judges decide on the challenge. Without challenges, most probates are administrative. To find out what filings are necessary in a probate proceeding, go to the Register of Wills website.

Some clients say that the personal representative has no liability for making filings in a probate proceed-

ing. False. The personal representative is a fiduciary—that means they are under a duty to settle and distribute the estate in accordance with the terms of the Will and the law. Fiduciaries cannot act in their own self-interest. They must make sure investments are reasonable and monitored and they must make full and accurate reports to the Register of Wills or Orphan's Court.

Most people faced with the duties of a personal representative consult an attorney and ask them for help to prepare the reports for filing. This costs money in legal fees, but gives the personal representative some comfort that they are correctly performing their duties.

What about "registering" your Will with the Register of Wills. Clients have said that their Will is not effective because it has not been "registered" with the Register of Wills. False. A Will doesn't have to be filed with the Register of Wills or the Orphan's Court to be effective. If you think you will lose your Will, then paying a small fee to the Register of Wills office to keep your original on file is a convenience to you. Otherwise, the effectiveness of a Will depends on whether it is properly executed, not whether it is filed somewhere. You can keep your Will in a safe place. But, the original Will is necessary to open the probate proceeding so make sure your loved ones can find it.

Some clients have said "I don't need a Will because everything will go to my spouse when I die." True or False depending on how your property is titled. If all of your property is held in "joint" name with your spouse and you die then your spouse will take sole ownership of the property. And, there will be no probate because you have not held any property in sole name when you die. So, with a married couple, it is not unusual for one spouse to die and leave everything to the other spouse and have no probate. However, when the surviving spouse dies holding all the property in their sole name there will be probate.

If your Will says your personal representative doesn't have to file a bond, that means no bond is required. False. Even if the Will says no bond, the Register of Wills usually requires that a nominal bond be filed, usually costing the estate \$100.

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Lyn Striegel

What is a Hurricane Deductible



Hurricane Dorian swirls over North Carolina's Outer Banks on Friday, September 6th. Satellite photo courtesy of NOAA.

By Kevin Bobkoskie
Owner of Riverside Farmers Insurance, California MD

It's hurricane season! Time to brush up on the difference between all peril and hurricane deductibles.

Like an auto, health, or Home Insurance Deductible, a hurricane deductible is the amount of money you pay out of pocket before your insurance benefits kick in to cover a claim. If you live in an area prone to hurricanes, like Maryland, your home insurance will likely have two deductibles:

- The standard all peril deductible. This is the amount you owe when you make a claim for fire, non-hurricane wind or hail, theft, or vandalism damage to the home or your personal belongings.
- The hurricane deductible. This is the amount you owe when you make a claim to cover hurricane related damage or hail damage to the home or your personal property.

When Do Hurricane Deductibles Apply

In general, wind damage incurred during specific weather conditions and timeframes trigger your hurricane deductible. A hurricane is generally defined as a windstorm of 74 miles an hour or more that touches ground. When the National Weather Service "names" a storm, that's typically when your hurricane deductible will apply.

Timing is also a factor in triggering hurricane deductibles. For example, the hurricane deductible may apply if the damage occurs within 24 hours before the storm is named, or in a hurricane up to 72 hours after the hurricane is downgraded to a lesser storm, or when a hurricane watch is cancelled.

Insurers and states may have their own hurricane deductible requirements, so ask your provider for clarification. For example, in Maryland, hurricane deductibles apply to windstorm losses that occur when the National Weather Service declares a hurricane, during a hurricane watch or warning anywhere in Florida up to 72 hours after the watch or warning ends, and during a hurricane season.

To illustrate why these triggers matter, consider Hurricane Sandy. Homeowners across the East Coast were saved perhaps billions of dollars in out-of-pocket damage costs because it was downgraded to a "post-tropical cyclone" before it made landfall.

Lastly, keep in mind that hurricane coverage doesn't address flood damage from storm surges.

You must have Flood Insurance for that protection.

Many Insurance carriers require a separate hurricane deductible in St. Mary's, Charles or Calvert Counties. At Farmers, we are one of the last Insurance companies in our area to offer one flat deductible for all perils including hurricanes. Be sure to check with your insurance provider about their hurricane deductible policy.

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A View From The BLEACHERS

Time Travel, Adversity and Comebacks

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

What if I suggested that the best story of Golden State Warriors' recent dynasty, one that included five consecutive NBA Finals and three championships between 2015 and 2019, wasn't the rise of Stephen Curry to the NBA's fan darling and league MVP? Or Curry and Klay Thompson becoming the three-point raining "Splash Brothers" – the game's best backcourt? Or the arrival of Prince George's County's own Kevin Durant in 2016 to help win back-to-back titles? Or even that this uber-talented group willingly sacrificed for a greater mutual cause?

Nope, it wasn't any of those. The best story during this great run by this very entertaining team was the incredible journey by a low-profile reserve who never averaged 10 points per game (PPG).

Before getting to that, rewind to late February 1991. I am 18 and engrossed in sports. I also have a budding fascination with sports injuries, for which I have no explanation. I had neither the grades nor the nerve to consider even a modest career in medicine. Nevertheless, my interest in Achilles and patella tendons, rotator cuffs, ACLs and Tommy John (ulnar collateral tendon) surgeries was and is real.

That passion was stoked on that long-ago February when The Sporting News arrived in my parents' mailbox. On the cover was a close-up of Washington Bullets forward Bernard King's right knee with a long gruesome scar running down its middle. The headline read "Anatomy of a Comeback."

Those of adequate vintage will remember King as one of the NBA's best pure scorers - quick, explosive and equipped with an unstoppable turn-around jumper. For those who don't remember King, look up his stats. My favorite: his career field goal percentage of 51.4. That's unheard of for a high-volume shooter and non-center. To give it context, it's better than the career field goal percentages of Curry, Durant or LeBron James.

In 1985, while averaging a league-best 32.9 PPG, King tore his right ACL. ACL tears are tough injuries now; in 1985 they were career-enders. It took two years, and he never fully

regained his explosiveness, but King beat the odds, returned to the NBA and posted four more 20-plus PPG seasons, including 28.4 PPG in 1990-91 (hence The Sporting News feature).

Fast-forward to February 2007. Shaun Livingston, a 21-year-old, up-and-coming point guard for the Los Angeles Clippers suffered a horrific left knee injury while playing against the Charlotte Bobcats. Livingston tore his ACL, PCL and MCL, dislocated his patella and sustained meniscus damage. I saw it live - it was catastrophic. For all intents and purposes a young career ended just like that.

But like King, Livingston wasn't interested in the limits of conventional wisdom. After 20 months of rehab, Livingston returned to the NBA with Miami Heat in October 2008. He was back, but just barely: from 2008-2014, Livingston played for seven teams (including the Wizards...twice) and was traded or waived multiple times.

Before the 2014-15 season, at the age of 29, Livingston signed with the Warriors where he became, over the next five seasons, a key reserve on three championship teams and the 2015-16 Warriors that won a record 73 regular season games.

Jumping back to the present, Livingston, after 15 years and a truly remarkable journey, announced his retirement last week. Of all the amazing things these Warriors did over the last five years, it was Livingston – for his mere presence on the court and tenacity in finding a key role on this uber-talented team – who I found most inspirational. He shouldn't have been there, but he was; he certainly shouldn't have thrived, but he did.

How did King and Livingston beat the odds and make it back to the NBA? For that answer we travel back in history again – about 400 years this time – to revisit these prophetic words from William Shakespeare: "Sweet are the uses of adversity, which, like the toad, ugly and venomous, wears yet a precious jewel in his head."

Ah yes...when adversity, hideous and poisonous, cometh to our doorstep, recall Sir King and Sir Livingston, and the hidden jewel that lurks on the other side of conquering uninvited misfortune.

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Tackle Box Fishing Report



Marck Morlock caught this spanish mackerel jigging under breaking fish near the power plant north of Cove Point

Rockfish, bluefish, and spanish mackerel are schooled up all up and down the ship's channel and in them mouth of the rivers breaking with plenty of birds diving in them. Lure casters are easing up on them casting spoons, bucktails, or jigging under them with shiny metal jigs. The results are spectacular. Plenty of fish for all. Undersized rockfish on the top; big ones underneath. Snapper, blues by the score and mackerel if you can wind in your lure fast enough. There are some big bull red fish under some of these schools.

There were spanish mackerel caught off the Point Lookout Pier this week by both lure casters and bottom fishermen using cut bait.

There are cobia for trollers, chummers and sight casters in the lower bay below the target ship. The big red drum are there too. The drum like big flashy spoons trolled on the middle grounds. Cobia like sugical eel lures.

These predator fish are chasing alewives and bay anchovies. They are also feasting on the spot which appear to be

everywhere. A dozen bloodworms and a double hook bottom rig will produce spot in the Potomac and Patuxent and in the bay. The challenge is to find big ones to make a mess for dinner. The smaller ones can become live bait for rockfish.

Perch fishing is excellent with big ones in the St. Mary's River off Chancellor's Point and in the horseshoe. Perch are in the Patuxent at Green Holly, Hawk's Nest, and most all oyster bars up river. The Potomac is loaded with spot and perch.

Hordes of small speckled trout are in the rivers and creeks. There are keeper sized specks in the Patuxent on the oyster beds and be caught by trollers using small bucktails. These fish are on the bottom and 16 to 20 ounce weights on drop rigs is the key. Plenty of keeper rockfish too.

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COMFRC Focus on I-Level Top Degraded Effort Yields Results

An additional three to four F/A-18 E/F Super Hornets will be mission capable (MC) by the end of the fiscal year after Commander, Fleet Readiness Center (COMFRC) intensified its attention to six high-level components this summer.

That effort was part of the Naval Sustainment System (NSS), an approach that implements industry best practices and addresses all elements of aviation maintenance—people, parts and processes—to improve the health and lethality of naval aviation’s inventory. Its initial focus is on the Super Hornets, with plans to scale the initiative across all other type/model/series aircraft.

NSS efforts are making a difference, according to Capt. Darren Jones, COMFRC Production Group Director. The total inventory of Super Hornet repairable components have increased by 15 percent since January. Among these are the generator convertor unit (GCU), multi-purpose color display replacement (MPCDR), combined interrogator-transponder (APX-11), missile rail launcher (LAU-127) and heads up display (HUD). However, this increase in throughput brings a greater demand for their associated subcomponents.

I-level maintenance facilities at FRC Mid-Atlantic and FRC West are the first points of repair for many of these components. Driven by a lack of inventory of associated subcomponents, many parts are inducted as expeditious repairs (EXREPs).

“An EXREP occurs when there is demand for the part by a squadron and the local supply system does not have one readily available on the shelf,” Jones said.

This is not uncommon, he explained, as constraints in one part of the repair process and supply chain often emerge after another constraint is ameliorated. “It just means we have to pivot our attention and apply process improvements to the emergent constraint,” he added.

Future efforts will continue to focus on retail supply stock, taking into account already identified constraints—supply, equipment, facilities and manning—to the point where the Naval Aviation Enterprise can sustain an 80 percent MC rate.

“We must continue those actions that will eliminate



Petty Officer 3rd Class Kaylen Brooks, an aviation electronics technician, re-assembles a Multi-Purpose Color Display Unit in the Consolidated Automated Support Systems work center at Fleet Readiness Center West.

EXREPs and support a repair cycle to refill allowances at Aviation Supply Detachments (ASD). This effort is not singular to COMFRC but will require a cross-functional effort in conjunction with Naval Supply Systems Command Weapon Systems Support, the Defense Logistics Agency, type commanders and the F/A-18 and EA-18G Program Office (PMA-265) to reduce turnaround time on repairs, increase capacity at the repair sites and improve end-to-end processes,” said Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers Rear Adm. Mike Zarkowski.

Improving the effectiveness of the local supply system will require actions such as financing and filling the local ASD shelves with the physical component allowances to prime the repair system; a sufficient supply of sub-components and piece parts to support the velocity of repair; and continuing to pursue operational

improvements at the I-levels, according to Boston Consulting Group (BCG) industry experts.

BCG has been involved in NSS efforts from the beginning and is an enabler of FRC reform.

The immediate effort underway will leverage lessons learned and identify new opportunities to reduce EXREPs. The comprehensive effort, to include an improved supply system, modernized equipment and facilities and necessary manning, will focus on areas with constraints to eliminate EXREPs and replenish allowances.

“We continue to push hard and look at all facets of sustainment to meet and achieve our goals. The collaborative effort among all NSS stakeholders is a true display of teamwork,” Zarkowski said.

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In Remembrance

Robert Wesley Cooper



Robert Wesley Cooper, (Bob and Coop) of Leonardtown, MD, passed away in Callaway, MD on September 13, 2019. He was born on October 24, 1932 in Leesburg, VA. Bob was the loving husband of

Joyce Barber Cooper and the late Elizabeth Adele Cooper. Bob is survived by his children; Barbara Ann Demko of Ridge, MD and her fiancé Jack Flatley, Beth Joseph and her husband Joseph Joseph of Hollywood, MD children of his first wife Elizabeth Adele Cooper (deceased), Bandit-beloved pup (deceased) and Roxy-beloved pup. Grandchildren Wesley Demko of Fort Myers, FL, Joseph Joseph of Sacketts Harbor, NY, and Carlee Joseph of Beaufort, NC. Siblings Patti Krause, David Gaines, and Davida Lawler both of Missouri. He was preceded in death by his brother Mickey Cooper.

Bob served in the United States Coast Guard from 1950 to 1956, United States Navy from 1956 to 1971 and later joined the fleet reserve in 1973. While serving in the United States Navy he earned the National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Award Medal (First, Second, Third, and Fourth Award's). He had a lifetime of aviation! When he wasn't flying or giving flight lessons, he was under the cowling doing maintenance or inspecting someone else's effort or stripping down an antique airframe to rebuild it. He once re-

built a Cessna Piper Cub that he realized he had flown as a kid. He had thousands of hours of flight time in everything from P-3s, Lear Jets and numerous of private planes. He was most proud of flying Panchito, a B25 J WWII Bomber in airshows.

The pilots Prayer: For you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with our eyes turned skyward. For there you have been and there you will always long to return.

In Lieu of flowers donation may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Jeanette Louise Taylor



Jeanette Louise Taylor, 47 of California, MD passed away on September 6, 2019 at her residence.

Born June 26, 1972 in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of Carol Ann Taylor of Calvert County, MD and the late Danny Matthew Taylor.

Jeanette was the loving wife of James Ernest Morgan whom she married on August 20, 1992. She is also survived by her children: Nathaniel Taylor of Calvert County, MD Skylar Morgan, Zoey Morgan and Zachary Morgan all of St. Mary's County, MD, and two grandchildren.

Jeanette graduated from Northern High School in 1991, she moved to St. Mary's

County in 2004, she was a Self Check-Out Host with Walmart for four and a half years.

Peggy Ann Taylor



Peggy "Peg" Ann Taylor, 90, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully at her home on September 15, 2019.

Peg was born on July 8, 1929 in Washington, D.C. to the late Alvah K. Randall and Anna. S. (Sanalitra) Randall.

Peg met her best friend and forever love, Aaron N. Taylor and they spent over fifty-five (55) years together before his passing in October 1999. Peg always knew she would be welcomed into her heavenly home by her beloved husband.

Peg began her career as a buyer at the Hecht Company before turning to her lifelong passion of family--three sons, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Peg found joy in knitting, crocheting, gardening, cooking, sewing, and quilting--leaving her family with numerous quilts to keep and pass on as family heirlooms for generations to come. She never missed a chance to go out to lunch with her friends in the "Chicken Club" and Scarlet Ladies, and was an active member of the Northern Senior Center's Quilting Group, 5th District Homemakers, RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), AARP, and NARFE Chapter 969. To call Peg a community activist would be an understatement, she never left someone out in the cold or without a hot meal. Volunteerism was a calling she embraced and she found pleasure in knowing she made a difference.

If you were ever in need, Peg would be available with a friendly smile, loving hug, shoulder to cry on or just a hand to hold. She was the pillar of her family. She adored her three sons and was so proud of the men they became, reminding her of their late father. From daycare to Teen Club, she always had a heart for children. She enjoyed seeing them with their own families and felt great joy in the love they spread. As her family grew so did her generous heart and she lived to snuggle every grandchild and great-grandchild. Her family was her greatest accomplishment and Peg felt blessed beyond measure when she spent time with them.

Peg is survived by her sons, Robert R. (Janis) Taylor, of Murrells Inlet, SC, James E. (Darlene) Taylor of Mechanicsville, MD and David K. (Susan) Taylor of Charlotte Hall, MD, four (4) grandchildren, Bryan, Tracy, Alicia and Shelby, and seven (7) great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Trystan, Giuliana, Taryn, Isabella, Addison, and Aaron, numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brother, Kenneth R. Randall.

To know Peg was to know a kind, loving soul. She will be missed and memories of her inherent joy will last a lifetime for her family. After all, she is "just on another one of her trips."

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

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Jason Troy Medlin



Jason Troy Medlin was born July 24, 1978 in Baltimore, Maryland. He resided in Southern Maryland. He was a Journeyman electrician employed at A&G Electric in Hollywood Maryland. Jason was a

graduate of Thomas Stone High school. He is survived by his Fiancé, Tiffany Mohler, Daughter, Cynthia Medlin, Mother, Chris Early Forbush, Father, Lonnie Medlin, Stepfather, Ken Forbush (pop) and Wife, Kathy Forbush, Grandmother, Catherine Conley, Aunt, Carla Clubb, Aunt, Dawn Edelen and family along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and amazing friends. Jason went home to be with the lord on Sunday September 8, 2019 at the age of 41. He leaves to cherish his memories to all of his close family and friends. Jason had a captivating personality, a big laugh and a beautiful smile. He had a love for souped-up cars and diesel trucks. He enjoyed snap chatting silly pictures with his daughter Cynthia.

He enjoyed weekends at the beach sunbathing with his fiancé. He had 3 kitties he adored. He was passionate about the gym. He loved good food and the company of family. Jason was a loving, caring affectionate man and adored spending time with his grand baby Kinley Grace Hornbeak. He expressed how much he loved sitting at home with his fiancé watching their favorite movie (The Notebook).

He will be missed by many but his memory will carry on forever. We will be having a Celebration of Life on Friday September 20, 2019 at 2pm at Hollywood Fire Department in the Huseman room, 24801 Three Notch Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636. Memorial contributions may be made on Jason Medlin's behalf to Brinsfield Funeral home located at 22955 Hollywood Road, P.O. Box 279, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650. (301-475-5588) bhf@brinsfieldfuneral.com.

Paul Wilfred Clements



Paul Wilfred Clements, 92, of Ridge, MD passed away on Sunday, September 15, 2019 at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown, MD.

He was born in Washington, D.C. to the late Stephen Bernard and Ruby Kendrick Clements.

Paul served in the U.S. Navy during WWII from 1945 - 1946. He was an electrician before he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. As a member of the Seabees he was deployed to Guam to assist with the establishment of a base there. After his discharge from the service he worked again as an electrician for Archie Burgess Electric in Washington, D.C. and then for a short time with the Pullman Company in D.C. before becoming a Prince George's County Police Officer in 1952. Paul retired as a Lieutenant from Prince George's Count Police Department in 1974 after serving 22 years. After his retirement he was trained to be a T.V. repair technician, which he did prior to moving to St. Mary's County in 1977. After moving to St. Mary's County Paul worked at Point Lookout State Park where he established the first tackle shop. After a year at Pt.

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Lookout he became a school bus driver for a private contractor driving for the parochial schools in St. Mary's County. He retired from bus driving after 17 years.

Paul was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, FOP Lodge 89 in Prince George's County and of the P.G. County Retired Police Association.

Paul is survived by two children from a previous marriage to France M. Crawford (deceased), Kathleen Marie Evans of Greenville, NC and Rosemary Louise Knox of Ridge, MD. He is survived by another daughter Julie Marie Oakley (Bob) of Port Republic, MD, two sisters, Anne Bustillos (Luis) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Alice Baker of Laurel, MD and a brother, Albert Clements (Barbara) of Leonardtown, MD. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, his beloved wife of 46 years Laura Ridgeway Clements, his sisters, Esther Rita Davis (San Marcos, CA), Thelma Koelsch (Newnan, GA), his daughter, Paulette Eileen Barber (Minneapolis, MN) and a grandson, Luke Kendrick Barber (Warsaw, VA).

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. by Reverend Peter Giovanoni at St. Michael's Catholic Church Ridge, Maryland. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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E. Leigh Alvey



E. Leigh Alvey, 86, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on September 12, 2019 at Med-Star St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD.

Leigh was born on January 25, 1933 to the late Charles Thebaud Cullison and Mary Claudia Wood Cullison.

Leigh was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, born and raised in Ridge, MD. On March 21, 1958 she married her beloved husband, Clayton Edward Alvey, Jr. at First Baptist Church in Prince George's County. Together they celebrated over 33 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in January 1990.

She was a lifelong member of Holy Face Catholic Church in Great Mills, MD. She was employed as a dedicated secretary with the St. Mary's County Board of Education at Park Hall Elementary School for many years until her retirement. Leigh was a generous woman and enjoyed being an active member in her community. She enjoyed volunteering her time every day at the Loffler Senior Center and also helped with other organizations such as Meals on Wheels and Relay for Life. She received numerous awards for her volunteer work, including Woman of the Year.

Most of all, Leigh enjoyed being surrounded by her family. She loved to spend quality time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren whenever she could.

Leigh is survived by her son, Lawrence Richard Alvey (Julie) of Great Mills, MD; her sister, Shirley Ann Skrabacz of Great Mills, MD; her granddaughters, Taryn Alvey Wallace (Michael) of Waldorf, MD and Lyssa Alvey of Prince Frederick, MD; her great-grandchildren: Tyson, Riley, Montana and Teagan; her sister-in-law, Eleanor Cullison; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by her brothers John Joseph Cullison and Charles Thebaud Cullison, Jr.

Family will receive friends on Friday, September 20, 2019 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., with a Funeral Service celebrated by Reverend Jaroslaw Gamrot at 4:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Ste. 120 Baltimore, MD 21220.

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Brenda Lee Johnson



Brenda Lee Johnson, 64, of Oraville, MD passed away on September 13, 2019 at the Burnett Hospice House located in Calvert County, MD surrounded by her loving family.

Born on November 13, 1954, at Old Sibley Hospital in Washington D.C, she was the daughter of the late James Oscar Buckler and Helen Louise Buckler (Burroughs).

Brenda graduated from Chopticon High School in 1972. After high school she worked for the FBI in finger printing, which she was always incredibly proud of. Upon leaving the FBI she worked as a bank teller with various institutions, then with Walden Sierra Inc. as a secretary/intake coordinator before obtaining a job with the Charles County Health Department as a professional receptionist. She retired early in 2000 to care for her father who was terminally ill. Shortly thereafter she became disabled due to various health issues. Brenda was also a former member of the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge and previously held the position as Treasurer. She also was a Sentinel with the Woman of the Moose #444.

Brenda had a contagious smile and a heart of gold; she would do anything to help anyone that needed it. It was this giving and kind nature that led her to be so close with so many people over the years, especially with her family. She adored and loved all of them, often putting others first before her own self-interest. This was evident in the fact that Christmas was always her favorite time of year, because she enjoyed the idea of giving selflessly, and she never left anyone out. She cherished their company immensely. She also greatly enjoyed traveling together with them to the beaches of the Outer Banks, the mountains of Appalachia, and many other places. She had a passion for life that consisted of concerts/live music, antiques, crafts, travel, and an abundance of outings, events, and memories shared amongst her family and friends. In her spare time she regularly read, watched the news, crocheted, decorated her house, and made ceramics. She also loved gardening and flowers, her favorite one being yellow carnations.

Family was everything to Brenda, always saying her greatest accomplishment was becoming a mother, she was so proud of her son and the young man he has grown into. She devoted much of her life to being there for him, her family and countless others. She loved when her family would get together for cookouts during the summer time, especially when crabs were available (her favorite), and most of all during the various celebrations of the holidays. She enjoyed Friday nights at her parents' house playing horseshoes and cards, usually Pitch, with family and friends while watching the Grand Ole Opry; which she finally was able to attend a live taping, as well as see Graceland, she being a huge fan of Elvis. She loved music, especially classic rock and country; an absolute favorite past time was listening to her daddy play the guitar along with her brother Jimbo, husband Jimmy and eventually her son Joshua.

Brenda is survived by her husband of 38 years, James "Jimmy" Claude Johnson II; her son, Joshua Spencer Johnson; her sister, Joy Guy, her brothers James "Jimbo" Buckler (Cathy) and Duane Buckler; all of Mechanicsville, MD; her best friends Debbie Russell and Barbara Morgan; close friends Dorothy Miller and Eleni Langas; with many beloved nieces and nephews as well as innumerable extended family and friends. Brenda is predeceased by her parents, in addition to her brother in law Dennis "Buttons" Guy and dear friend Billy Farr.

Brenda's family will receive friends for her Life Celebration's Visitation on September 19, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 pm with a Prayer Service at 7:00 pm, being officiated by Deacon Bill Kyte from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday September 20, 2019 at 10:00 am in the funeral home chapel, officiated by Chaplin Bill Miller. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3221 Mattawoman-Beantown Road Waldorf, MD 20601.

Pallbearers will be: Jamie Guy, Bradley Guy, Amanda "Mandy" Buckler, Scottie Buckler, Debbie Russell, and Brandon Buckler.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Post Office Box 128, Charlotte Hall, Maryland 20622 in Brenda's name.

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

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John Alexander McPherson



John "Jack" Alexander McPherson, 93, of Brandywine passed away peacefully on September 12, 2019 at his home surrounded by family and friends. Jack was born on July 17, 1926 in Aquasco,

MD to the late Charles Henry Adams and the late Emily Ruth Summers McPherson. Jack served in the US Marine Corps during the Korean War constructing roadways and air strips. While in the Marines, he picked up his trade, barbering. Jack was a barber for more than 55 years, serving multiple generations of families in Southern Maryland. He was a member of St. Paul's Parish in Baden. Jack was a kind but stern, simple and humble man. He enjoyed being at home, taking pride in his yard, flower beds, light farming and antiques. He treasured time with his family and friends and could be quite witty and a joker.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents; wife of 60 years, Julia Carr McPherson; son-in-law, William Scott Jenkins; brothers Harry, Joseph (Joe), Kevin (Duck); sisters Evelyn Mitchell, Dorothy Moler, and Margaret Herbert. He is survived by his daughter, Julia Doremus M. Jenkins; grandson, William Tyler Jenkins (Randi); brother, Michael; sisters, Emily Mills, Nancy Howser, Julia (Judy) Edelen, Nora Maters and Rita Miller; and a number of nephews, nieces and other family members.

Jack's Life Celebration Visitation will be held on Friday, September 20, 2019 from 4pm to 7pm at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. The Funeral Service will be held at 11am on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 13500 Baden-Westwood Rd., Brandywine, MD 20613, with Reverends Christian Lehrer and Bruce McPherson officiating. Interment immediately following at Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3221 Mattawoman-Beantown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601.

Memorial donations may be made to: Baden VFD, 16608 Brandywine Rd., Brandywine, MD 20613 or St. Paul's Parish, 13500 Baden-Westwood Rd., Brandywine, MD 20613

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From The Family of the Late Faith Cassandra "Brooks" Campbell



True thoughtfulness is lovely and rare, to all of you, thank you for yours. Just saying, "Thank you," doesn't seem like enough, but we hope you know how much your many expressions of heartfelt love, kindness, support, and condolences extended to us meant during our time of bereavement.

Special thanks is extended to her co-workers at the Patuxent Naval Air Station, Bishop William Williams and the Powerhouse Apostolic Church members, Pastor Roderick McClanahan and the First Missionary Baptist Church members, Pastor James Spence, Oasis of Victory Christian Center International, Briscoe and Tonic Funeral Home of Mechanicsville, and Program Designer Christopher Alston.

Community Calendar

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

Ongoing

Divorce Care

Our Fathers House
45020 Patuxent Beach Rd California MD
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

People hurting from divorce or separation looking for help and healing. Thursday sessions through November 7th 6pm start in church sunroom. Cost: \$15 for book, scholarships available. Please call the office at 301-862-9200 for more information.

Upcoming

Artillery Weekend

Point Lookout State Park
Sept. 28 and 29
Scotland, MD

Activities will include Civil War living history programs with small arms and artillery firing demonstrations from that period as well as other living history programs. Tours will also be given of the historic Civil War areas.

Park entrance fees apply, however the tours and demonstrations are free. The event is rain or shine both days. For questions, please contact the state park at (301) 872-5688 or crickenberger@comcast.net.

Mindful Meditation

Southern Maryland Meditation Community meeting

Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Smith Hall), 10210 H G Trueman Rd, Lusby, MD 20657

Oct. 1, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Free to the public. In addition to our mindful meditation, we will talk about our upcoming meditation gatherings. For more information on book groups and events, visit <https://www.somdmeditationcommunity.org/>

Jazz Cabaret

Christ Episcopal Church
Chapico, MD
Oct. 19 at 6p.m.

Featuring Gretchen Richie, on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 6:00 pm.

Music will include selections from Broadway, great jazz, romantic standards and contemporary popular tunes.

Gretchen Richie and her husband, keyboardist Randy Richie have performed in the Washington, DC area -and beyond- for over 30 years. Dinner will feature salad, a main course and a variety of desserts. The cost of the evening is \$50 per person, all profits will support Christ Church. Silent auction.

Thursday, Sept. 19

"A Curious Tale of Jesuit Priests and an Unlikely Mission"

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Meet at the Visitor Center Auditorium. Join us for a presentation by Dr. Laura Masur of Catholic University. This lecture is free and open to the public. (240) 895-4990, info@HSMCdigshistory.org, www.HSMCdigshistory.org

Friday, Sept. 20

Queen of Hearts

Brass Rail Sports Bar
Great Mills, MD

Ticket sales for our weekly Queen of Hearts drawing begin at 4 pm and end at 6:50 pm. Ticket cost \$1. The drawing will take place at 7 pm. 50/50 tickets are also available. Dinner can be purchased between 5-7 pm or until sold out. Proceeds go to the Archangel Scholarship Foundation in support of St. Michael's School.

Elks TEXAS HOLD'EM Tournament

St. Mary's County Elks Lodge, 45779 Fire Department Lane
Lexington Park, MD 20653
7:00 PM to 12:30 a.m.

No Limit Texas Hold'em Tournament. \$60 Buy in = 7000 chips, optional \$5 add-on and receive 1,000 chips. Sign up by 6:50 and receive an extra 500 chips. Each player can re-enter one time before the end of the first break for \$60 (8000 chips). This is not a late entry event you must be signed in before the start of the tournament. Call 301- 863- 7800

Saturday, Sept. 21

Militia Muster

Historic St. Mary's City, 47414 Old State House Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686
10 AM to 4 PM

Experience the sights, smells, and sounds of a 17th-century militia encampment. \$10 adult; \$9 senior; \$6 youth; free to ages 5 and younger, and to Friends members (240) 895-4990, info@HSMCdigshistory.org, hsmcdigshistory.org/event/militia-muster/?instance_id=22687

Support Disabled Veterans – Southern Maryland Slam

21801 Whites Neck Road, Bushwood, MD
5p.m. to 9 p.m.

Southern Maryland Slam is designed to raise

awareness and fundraise to strengthen efforts to reach and support disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans. This exciting fundraiser will be held at the Sander's Waterfront property in Bushwood, MD.

Sunday, Sept. 22

Family and Friends Day

First Missionary Baptist Church, 46370 Pegg Lane, Lexington Park, MD
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

First Missionary Baptist Church of Lexington Park, MD cordially invites you to attend Family and Friends Day on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 3:00 PM and Sunday, September 22, 2019, during our 10:00 am Divine Worship. Our Guest Preacher on Saturday, September 21st will be Apostle Donn Hall, Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Kinsale, VA and on Sunday, September 22nd our Guest Preacher will be Reverend D. Malcolm Williams, Associate of Zion Baptist Church, Kinsale, VA. For additional information please contact First Missionary Baptist Church at 301-863-8388, we are located at 46370 Pegg Lane, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

Family Skate

Leonard Hall Recreation Center, Leonardtown, MD
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Join us each Sunday afternoon for roller skating at Leonard Hall Recreation Center.

All ages are welcome from 2:00-5:00pm year-round. Cost is \$5 per person and skate rentals are \$2.50 per person. Food is available from vending machines to purchase snacks and drinks.

Monday, Sept. 23

St. Mary's County Genealogy Society Monthly Meeting

Southern Maryland Higher Education Center 44219 Airport Rd, California, MD 20619
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

My Summer Research Discoveries (SMCGS) Monthly Meetings. All are welcome to attend. For more information please visit smcgsi.org

Elks Holdem Bounty Tournament

St. Marys County Elks Lodge, 45779 Fire Department Lane
Lexington Park, MD 20653
7p.m. to 11p.m.

No Limit Holdem Poker Tournament. \$25 Buy in = 6,000 chips. \$5 add-on = 1,500 chips and raffle drawing. Earn a bounty chip worth \$5 for every person that you bust out of the

tournament. Food and Beverage are available for purchase. Call 301- 863- 7800

Tuesday, Sept. 24

Blood Drive

22733 Lawrence Ave, Leonardtown, MD
20650

2p.m. to 7p.m.

Blood Drive sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Dept. Register online. www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time

Wednesday, Sept. 25

Historic Food Ways in the New World

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686
10a.m. to 4p.m.

Explore the many roles of food in early Maryland through its cultures, customs, and traditions. Come for a day of engaging activities relating to food. \$5 per child age 5 and older; one accompanying adult free; \$10 each additional adult; reduced rates for Friends members of the museum. (240) 895-4990, info@HSMCdigshistory.org

National Issues Forum: A House Divided.

Calvert Library
850 Costley Way, Prince Frederick
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Every American is affected by the divisions and outrage that prevent us from making progress on urgent problems. This discussion is designed to help people deliberate together about how we should approach the issue. What should we do to get the political system we want? What should we do to revive our ability to work together on the most urgent problems? What are we willing to give up in order to do so?

Thursday, Sept. 26

Tobacco 21 Town Hall

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, MD
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A new state law goes into effect on October 1 which raises the minimum age to purchase and use tobacco and electronic vapor products from 18 to 21 years of age. The Tobacco Free Living (TFL) Action Team of the Healthy St. Mary's Partnership will host a town hall on the new Tobacco 21 law.

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

Visit www.stmarysmd.com/aging for the most up-to date information

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Free Enhance Fitness classes during the month of September

September is National Senior Center month, and to celebrate, the Department of Aging & Human Services is offering Enhance Fitness for free at the county's three senior activity centers. Come join us for an invigorating workout that gives you the three components of a well-balanced exercise program all in a one-hour class. You'll work on balance, strengthening and aerobics with a trained instructor. Normally on the Fitness Card at \$35 for 10 classes, take part during the month of September at no charge. For more information or for class locations and times, call Alice at 301-475-4200, ext. 71063 or look for the schedule on the Department's webpage.

Identity Protection Day

The Department of Aging & Human Services, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works & Transportation and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, will host an Identity Protection Day on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center, located at 41780 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown, MD.

Learn about scams, frauds, and how to protect yourself against them! Informational workshops will be held with Jeannine Robinson-Hurley from the Office of the Attorney General at 9:30 a.m. and Cpl. Kristi Nelson with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at 11:30 a.m.

Two shred trucks will be available to safely dispose of confidential documents. Please refrain from bringing materials that are not confidential in nature, such as newspapers and magazines (acceptable at the six Convenience Centers in St. Mary's County) as they will cause the truck to fill up more quickly. The shredder can handle simple staples, paper clips, spiral note books, and thin metal prongs. Three ring binders will not be accepted.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and the St. Mary's County Health Department will be on-site to collect unwanted and outdated medications. The Health Department WILL be able to collect sharps, such as diabetic needle supplies and lancets.

This event is free and open to the community. For more information, contact Sarah Miller, Department of Aging & Human Services Community Programs & Outreach Manager, at 301-475-4200, ext. 71073, or Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com.

Maryland Real ID Presentation

REAL ID is federal legislation that establishes security standards for all driver's licenses and ID cards. After Oct. 1, 2020, you will be required to have a REAL ID compliant driver's license or ID card in order to use your driver's license or ID card to board commercial aircraft for domestic flights or to gain access to federal facilities. Learn about how REAL ID will affect you, how to

check your REAL ID status, and how to become REAL ID compliant. A question and answer session will follow. The Garvey Senior Activity Center's presentation will be Friday, Sept. 20, at 12:30 p.m. For more information or to sign up please call, 301-475-4200, ext.71050.

Lunchtime Theater

Please join us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 12 p.m. for another exciting and hilarious performance by our own Reader's Theater. They will perform one act before we serve lunch and the second after the meal. Law and Disorder features nursery rhyme characters in a radio broadcast from the land of none other than Mother Goose. The bickering news team reports on the bizarre happenings in the community while an exciting trial at the courthouse is covered by remote broadcast. Who knew there could be such mischief in storyland?! The Elevator Misadventure opens in a department store elevator which has become stuck between floors. Your worst nightmare, right? Most of the five people on the elevator are strangers to each other, and one is pretty strange all by himself. Thinking they might die in the trapped elevator; an interesting conversation takes place among them. The lunch that day will be pork roast, gravy, baked sweet potatoes, spinach, WW dinner roll & apple crisp. Cost for lunch is by donation for those ages 60 and above and \$6 for those under the age of 60. To

make reservations, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Perennial Garden Workshop

Come to the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 10 a.m. for a free workshop where Patricia Armstrong will discuss the latest in our perennial garden and give you some great garden tips before leading the class outside for some hands-on gardening which will include planting daffodils in preparation for the spring. No previous experience needed! Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to sign up.

Harvest Festival

Get your tickets now while supplies last for the harvest festival on Friday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Northern Senior Activity Center as we celebrate the fall season. Dance to live music provided by a fan favorite, P.M. Barber and enjoy lunch of Salisbury Steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad, roll and brownie. There will be several crafting stations where you can make adorable fall crafts while supplies last such as cards, tic tac toe game, and spider jar. We will also have a money raffle and door prizes. The suggested donation for a ticket is \$7 and is due at sign up. Space is limited. To sign up with payment for the festival in advance, please visit the front desk. For availability call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

LexiCon

Lexington Park Library will hold LexiCon on Saturday, September 21 from 12 - 4 p.m. Celebrate your fandom by participating in LexiCon - the St. Mary's County Library Comic Con. There will be a variety of events for people of all ages to enjoy ranging from trivia to author talks! Meet local graphic artists and see their work. Come dressed as your favorite movie, anime, or comic book character and participate in our cosplay contest to earn prizes from the secret "library vault." Enjoy all of this and much more!

Healthy Cooking with Chef Gayle

Leonardtown Library will hold a Healthy Cooking with Chef Gayle on Tuesday, October 1 from 12 - 1 p.m. If you are looking for some easy cooking ideas that are healthy and inexpensive, join us for another cooking demonstration by Chef Gayle Owens. Cooking samples will be enjoyed by all. Registration required.

Expungement Day with Williams, McClernan, & Stack LLC

Lexington Park Library will hold Expungement Day with Williams, McClernan, & Stack LLC on Friday, October 4 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Williams, McClernan, & Stack LLC will be offering free legal help to those seeking expungement of criminal records. Call the Lexington Park Library (301-863-8188) to register for a time slot. Registration opens September 20th. Walk-ins are welcome. This is part of the Dismantling Racism series, and is a Choose Civility Southern Maryland event.

First Time Home Buyers Seminar

Leonardtown Library will hold a First Time Home Buyers Seminar from 10 a.m. - 12 noon on Saturday, October 5. Are you tired of renting? Come join Samara Dinnius, with The Benya Group at Keller Williams, and Trey Reed, with MVB Mortgage, as they discuss everything you need to ask yourself before looking for your dream home. They will be explaining the multiple programs and grants available for first time Maryland home buyers and the steps necessary to get your credit ready for the process.

Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park Storytime

St. Mary's County Library will hold a special storytime at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Histor-

ic Park (44720 Lighthouse Rd, Piney Point) on Saturday, October 5 from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for children ages 2-5 with their adult caregivers. After storytime, enjoy free admission to the museum and explore the lighthouse and the Potomac Maritime Exhibit. Picnic lunches welcome. It's a rain or shine event. Siblings welcome; no registration required.

R.A.D Women's Self Defense Class

Lexington Park Library will hold a two-day class for R.A.D Women's Self Defense on Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6. Free R.A.D. Self Defense Program for Women & Girls (ages 13-80 yrs. old) Co-sponsored by Lexington Park Baptist Church. Taught by Darlene Gentry, a R.A.D. and Martial Art Certified Female Instructor with over 25 years experience. Class Includes:

9 hours of instruction and practice, training manual, and snacks. Parental consent required for participants ages 13-17. Registration is required due to very limited class size on www.stmalib.org and closes on October 1. Registrants e-mail addresses will be shared with the course instructor who will provide participants with the registration forms and details about the class.



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


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PLAY 12 ROUNDS

Pitch Tournament High - Low - Jack - Game



Date: Friday, October 25, 2019

Where: Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department

Time: Doors open at 6:00 PM • Tournament starts at 7:30 PM
Must be on time as all tables have to start at once!

Cost: \$20.00

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

****NEW** Early Bird Pitch Games!**

Play 5 QUICK rounds of cards. Games start at 6:30.
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NOTE: Prize money is guaranteed with 80 or more players.

Amenities:

Cash Bar (beer & mixed drinks) • Food 50/50 • "King of Diamonds"

Additional Info: Contact Jenny Russell

Email jennifer1107r@msn.com

Cell 301-904-0169 Monday-Friday after 4:30 PM
Saturday or Sunday (anytime)

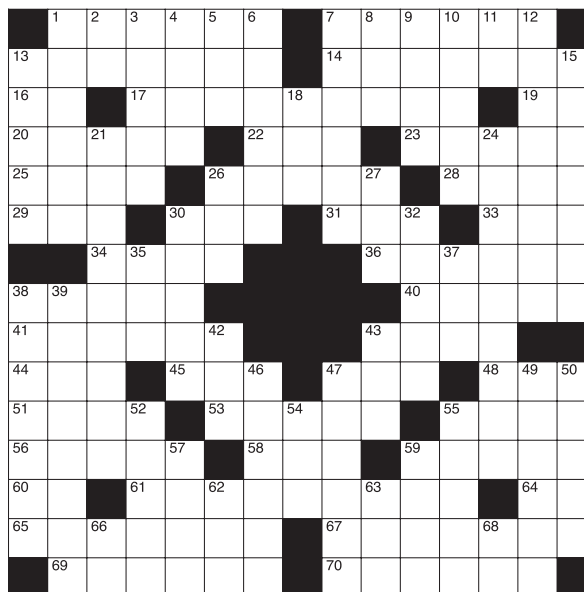
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4th Friday of the Month
January 24, 2020
February 28, 2020
March 27, 2020

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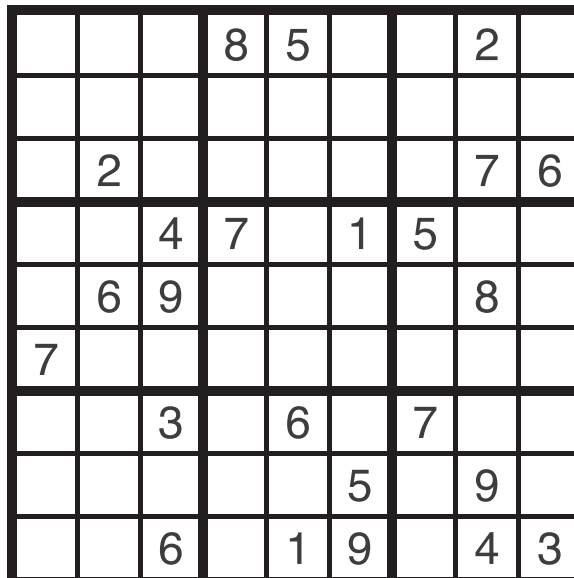
- Study of sight
- Becomes less intense
- Juicy, soft fruit
- A great ape
- All-time NY Giants great
- Big Apple native
- Home of the Flyers (abbr.)
- People stand in them
- Automotive legend
- Iacocca
- Influential linguist
- ___ and Andy, TV show
- Wives (law)

- Discriminating
- Star Wars hero Solo
- Married woman
- A digital tape recording of sound
- Chinese dialect
- Angolan monetary unit
- A type of sheen
- "Ash Wednesday" poet
- Nobel Prize-winning chemist
- Spoke angrily
- Separated with a tool
- Relative biological

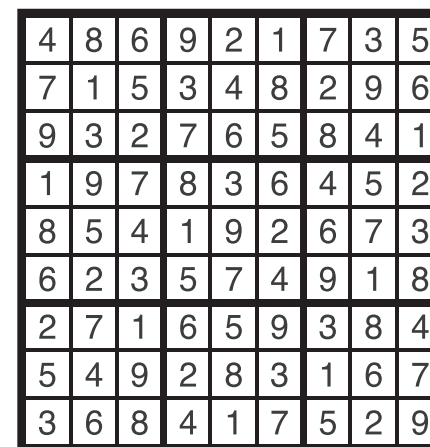
- effectiveness (abbr.)
- Actors' group
- A type of ship (abbr.)
- Bar bill
- Romanian city
- Greek sorceress
- Small water bird
- Tropical Asian plants
- "Unforgettable" singer
- Belonging to a bottom layer
- Potato state
- A toy that spins
- "A-Team" character
- Ornamental molding
- Covers again
- Poets write them
- Appear

CLUES DOWN

- Popular mid-size Kia
- Image management (abbr.)
- Prongs
- Cools
- It produces milk
- Trends
- Concurred
- Chinese cabbage ___ choy
- Greek war god
- Straits along the Red Sea
- Railway
- Washing with water
- Supreme being
- Ductless gland
- Parts producer (abbr.)
- Not arranged in a straight line
- Red sweet peppers
- Famed protest yacht
- Drain
- Distributes
- Small, savory dishes
- Web of Things (abbr.)
- Defunct aerospace company
- Lacking consistency
- Type of retriever
- Barrier
- Senior officer
- Categories
- Call it a career
- Suitable for growing crops
- High jumping legend
- Iolanda
- Hairy
- Dish made with lentils
- TNT broadcaster Craig
- Used to align parts
- Cold, dry Swiss wind
- Water in the solid state
- A great play
- Atomic #45 (abbr.)
- Big shot lawyer (abbr.)



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS





AUCTION

**Mechanicsville Rescue Squad Auxiliary
Annual Public Auction**
Friday, October 18, 2019 – 6:00pm

Doors Open at 4:30pm
Auction Begins at 6:00pm

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