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# Solar Project Application Withdrawn

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The developers who have proposed building a solar panel field south of Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Lexington Park have withdrawn their application, according to county land use officials.

The county Board of Appeals was to have held a public hearing on the project Feb. 27, but that hearing has been cancelled.

"They withdrew with the intention of reapplying," said Bill Hunt, director of the Department of Land Use and Growth Management. "They're not abandoning the project."

Hunt said a letter written by the applicant to the county expressed their desire to resolve questions and issues raised by the Navy about the project before having a hearing with the county.

The Whitetail IV Solar Project, proposed by Lightsource Renewable Energy Development of Philadelphia, has been closely scrutinized both by elected leaders locally and by command elements on the naval base.

Since the state passed legislation last year mandating that 50 percent of Maryland's energy used be derived from renewable resources by 2030, there has been an increased emphasis on solar power.

The county has activated a task force to investigate the impacts the new energy mandates will have on St. Mary's County.

Initially believed to present a low risk to flight operations on the base, Capt. Chris Cox told local leaders in a missive dated Jan. 9 that new concerns had arisen.

They led to the Navy opposing the project.

"NAS Pax has serious concerns regarding some of the specified vendors, sub-contractors, and sourcing of materials which appear to be either foreign owned, sourced or controlled by foreign government entities and, or have, close associations with other foreign owned firms that have been added to the Department of Commerce's Entity List and banned from the U.S.," the latest missive states. "NAS Pax has additional serious concerns regarding maintenance, sustainment and industrial control systems that will be associated with this project."

"These factors are a serious concern and are the reason for the objection to the project as proposed."

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## Calvert Woman Charged in St. Mary's Bank Robberies

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County sheriff's detectives say a St. Leonard woman has confessed to committing two bank robberies here, each about a week apart, and is currently held on a no-bond status at the county adult detention center.

Angela Fitzhugh-Hill, 41, faces charges of robbery, armed robbery, threat of arson and second degree assault for the robbery of the BB&T Bank in the Wildewood Shopping Center in California on Feb. 8 and the M&T Bank in Charlotte Hall Feb. 13.

According to charging documents filed by St. Mary's law officers, Fitzhugh-Hill handed a note to bank employees in each incident threatening to detonate a bomb if they did not comply with her demands for money. She took about \$3,590 in the first robbery, police said, and about \$1,500 in the second; in the first robbery the defendant allegedly concealed her appearance but did not in the second.

Police reviewed surveillance footage from the first robbery that showed her fleeing the scene in a red Volkswagen Beetle, which police later found had been rented from the Avis car lot in Lexington Park. In the second robbery surveillance footage revealed the alleged suspect fled in a four-door Nissan that later turned out to have North Carolina license plates, court papers stated.

Police also found that the Volkswagen had been rented by a "male witness," according to charging documents on Feb. 5, just three days before the first robbery, with a real extension on Feb. 10.

Capt. Edward Willenborg, commander of the sheriff's office Criminal Investigations Division, said the male witness in question was not at any of the crime scenes, accord-



Angela Fitzhugh-Hill  
ing to surveillance footage, but detectives are still following up leads in the case.

"We're continuing to investigate whether anyone else helped with her endeavors," Willenborg said. According to court papers, both Fitzhugh-Hill and the male witness traveled together. Detectives arrested Fitzhugh-Hill the night of Feb. 13 when they saw her driving the four-door Nissan in Calvert County. She admitted to the robberies after being taken back to St. Mary's sheriff's headquarters in Leonardtown and questioned, court papers stated. This is not the first time Fitzhugh-Hill has been charged with robbing banks by threatening employees with a bomb. In 2011 she was charged with robbing two credit unions in Virginia by threatening employees that she had an explosive device. The robberies in Virginia also took place about one week apart as in St. Mary's. Willenborg was aware of her previous convictions.

"Apparently she didn't do much time,"

Willenborg said.

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## Driver In Fatal Dump Truck Crash Charged

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The driver of a county owned dump truck involved in a crash last year in Charlotte Hall with a motorcycle in which the passenger was killed and the driver severely injured is facing charges in county district court over the incident.

John Ronald Lyon has been charged with recklessly driving the dump truck with wanton and willful disregard for the safety of persons and property, according to online court records, and unsafe backing of the dump truck.

The charges were filed in December of 2019 after almost a year of investigation into the crash, which occurred on Mt. Wolf Road at Chapplear Drive on April 9.

Lyon, 64, told police on the scene that while traveling on Mt. Wolf Road, he passed Chapplear Drive and noticed his crew working.

He advised police that he stopped the truck, checked the mirrors and drove in reverse to turn on Chapplear Drive when the truck crashed into the motorcycle. State police say the motorcycle was stopped behind the dump truck when the crash

occurred.

A spokesperson for Maryland State Police, said last year that their investigation showed there were no safety crews in the area of the crash; though there was one where the crew was working on Chapplear Drive.

Their preliminary investigation, a spokesperson said, also found that the motorcycle came to a stop because the dump truck also stopped momentarily.

Killed in the crash was Chrystal Rae Rounds, 33, of Charlotte Hall. She was transported to University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center where she was later pronounced deceased. Chrystal Rae Rounds was the rear passenger of a 2018 Honda MSX 125 Grom motorcycle involved in the crash.

Her husband, Michael Rounds, 40, was critically injured in the crash and was treated at a regional hospital.

The passenger of the dump truck was identified as Robert Raley of Ridge. Neither Lyon nor Raley were injured during the incident.

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# Outrage Over Removal of Items from Graves

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Family members who have loved ones buried at Charles Memorial Gardens in Leonardtown were incensed by the removal of memorial items left at gravesites by the new management of the property over the weekend.

They were stunned to find out that the management of the cemetery, no longer in the Mattingley family, had removed items from dozens of graves left by family members and dumped them in a large pile in front of the management office Feb. 14.

The cemetery property is now owned by the Earnshaw family, who also are the proprietors of excavating and septic system replacement companies in both St. Mary's and Charles counties.

A representative of the family who posted a message on social media said that Christmas decorations were to have been removed 30 days after the holiday; family members claim they were never informed of such a rule and had never had their items removed from graves in the past by the former management.

Kim Howe, a St. Mary's resident who has several family members interred at the site, including her father, said more

than Christmas items were removed.

There were also items that had been left for Valentine's Day as well as American flags left at the graves of veterans, Howe said.

Many of those small flags were left in the heap at the management office.

"Seeing the American flags being disgraced like that does dishonor to these veterans who are there," Howe told The County Times. "We've never had anything removed like this."

A set of rules were available at the front office, Howe said, detailing the requirement for families to remove certain items after a period of time or forbidding certain others from the property, but they had not been sent out to families of Charles Memorial Gardens.

"We were not informed of this," Howe said. "It was a poor decision not to communicate with us about the ownership change."

Wendy Tippett, whose son is buried on the property, said her family has never had anything removed from a grave site before except on a rare occasion.

She said the items removed were private property removed from land they had paid for.

"I've got a deed to that site," Tippett said.

Nolan Scully, who died three years ago from a rare form of cancer at the age of 4 and was memorialized throughout the region by firefighters, police and emergency responders for his love of their work, also had items removed from his grave, said Tippett.

Tippett had been in close contact with Nolan's mother over the incident.

A toy military truck, fire helmet and flowers had been

removed from his grave, Tippett said.

Nolan's mother later confirmed the removal of several items from her son's grave site.

"Sgt. Rollin Nolan lost fire department memorabilia, toys and brand new flowers... but according to the 'NEW' rules of the graveyard it looks like you basically can't put any flowers out there now unless you buy a vase from the office, for another... you got it!!... hefty price!!" Ruth Scully wrote in a Facebook post on her son's memorial site.

Wayne Earnshaw, the new owner, told The County Times that the rules for removal of items from around gravesites had been in effect for more than 40 years there, but apparently had not been enforced.

Earnshaw said he decided to enforce those rules and that the sign noting the 30-day rule leading into the cemetery had been there before he purchased it in late December.

He said he regretted assembling all of the items in a pile for families to pick through.

"I should've just thrown it all in the dumpster," Earnshaw said in a Monday phone interview.

Brandy Earnshaw, a member of the owner's family, claimed families had been given extra time before the impending removal of items.

"Please be advised the families were given an additional 20 days to remove their loved ones items, before removal occurred on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February," Earnshaw wrote. "Sadly, if rules were followed as posted, this would never have to happen."

Wayne Earnshaw told The County Times that he waited the extra 20 days but did not inform families.

He said other families had been "complaining about so much old stuff being left in there that it was getting cluttered" and making the cemetery appear in poor condition.

"I think we've been very, very fair," Wayne Earnshaw said. "But you can't please everybody."

"The cemetery had been let go; we're trying to get it back into shape."

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A workman throws items left on graves at Charles Memorial Gardens into a dumptruck for disposal Feb. 17.

## Perc Testing Begins for 2020 Season

Due to high seasonal groundwater levels, the St. Mary's County Health Department began wet season perc testing on Feb. 18. Perc testing was suspended in April 2019 due to declining groundwater levels.

Perc test applications received since April 2019 which were not able to be conducted are being scheduled first. While the levels are high enough for testing, the testing may not run continuously through the winter and early spring. The water table may recede causing the testing to be suspended – testing would be resumed when tables rebound to wet season ranges.

The health department's Environmental Health Division staff conduct soil evaluations for the construction of residential and commercial septic systems. The application for a new construction perc test is located at the St. Mary's County Department of Land

Use and Growth Management (LUGM) and requires a fee. The LUGM Department is located in the Patuxent Building on the Governmental Center Campus in Leonardtown. The application may also be downloaded at the Land Use and Growth Management link - under Public Agencies - at the St. Mary's County Government's website. All permit applications are available for download from the Permits webpage.

For more information, please contact the St. Mary's County Health Department's Environmental Health Division at 301-475-4321 or the St. Mary's County Land Use and Growth Management Department's Permit Services at 301-475-4200 x1500, or visit the health department's website at [www.smchd.org](http://www.smchd.org).

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# State Signs Off on Hollywood Sewer Amendment



The parcel where Hollywood Square is to be built.

By Guy Leonard  
 Staff Writer

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has approved an amendment to the county's Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan that allows earlier public sewer upgrades to a piece of commercial property in Hollywood.

The amendment applies to the parcel where the Hollywood Square project is to be built, at the intersections of Three Notch, Clark's Landing and Mervell Dean roads, next to the Bruster's Ice Cream shop.

The amendment moves sewerage service from six to 10 years away to service from three to five years from now, a letter from the MDE to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County stated.

The county commissioners adopted the amendment in December of last year, but the state had to give its final approval.

The upgrades are to be developer financed.

The developer of the project wants to build three food service shops on a .64-acre parcel and there were several procedural votes designed to place the project on so small a parcel.

In November the county Board of Appeals voted by a 3-to-2 margin to approve variances for the project that much reduced buffers and setbacks normally required by the zoning ordinance.

That vote took place Nov. 14 with some of the appeals board members opposing the variance for the project because they claimed it was too large for the small space upon which it was to be built.



The site plan had been revised since its first hearing before the board of appeals in August, with square footage reductions to the restaurant and carry out to 1,400 square feet and 1,225 square feet respectively with the coffee shop increasing to 1,200 square feet from 952 square feet.

The conditions of the variance were that the developer must put up a 10-foot buffer of plantings along the immediate section of Clarks Landing Road as well as Mervell Dean Road and a 6-foot buffer of plantings along its rear towards Route 235.

The variances the developer requested were to reduce the setback from roadway from 50 feet to 35 feet along Route 235 and from 35 feet to 25 feet along Mervell Dean Road.

At the December vote on the amendment before the county commissioners, Commissioner Todd Morgan opposed the amendment, citing the same concerns about the parcel being too small for the project.

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# Governor Hogan Submits 168 "Green Bag" Appointments

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Governor Larry Hogan today submitted 168 appointments to the Maryland State Senate. Secretary of Appointments Chris Cavey presented Senate President Bill Ferguson with the names of the "Green Bag" nominees, including 84 women, half of all appointees. Governor Hogan recently declared 2020 as the Year of the Woman, which includes highlighting women leaders and their accomplishments across Maryland.

"Marylanders deserve the most capable and dedicated representatives for these critically important positions, and I am extremely proud of the men and women being submitted today," said Governor Hogan. "These appointments reflect the diversity of our state, and I am confident that these appointees will help us continue to change Maryland for the better."

In St. Mary's County, Hogan appointed Barbara Hill and Leonard L. Kohl, Jr. to the Alcohol Beverage Board; Kenneth W. Abell and Sonja M. Cox to the Board of Trustees for the College of Southern Maryland and Hon. Christy Holt Chesser to the District Court of Maryland for District 4 (Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties.)

"I am extremely proud of the process allowing Governor Hogan to fill important leadership positions in every region of the state," said Secretary Cavey. "These qualified appointees come from diverse ethnic and professional backgrounds, and we are confident that these men and women will work hard to serve our citizens."

Dating back to 17th-century England, the term "Green Bag" refers to the green satchel that is used once every year to bring the gubernatorial nominations to the Senate. It is a longstanding tradition for a member of the governor's staff to deliver the bag once a year to the Maryland State Senate.



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The meeting format will include informational displays along with representatives from the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Maryland Department of Environment, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and the St. Mary's County Health Department.

The event open house will be held at the St. Mary's County Public Library, Lexington Park Branch

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For additional information regarding the meeting, visit the public web site at <https://go.usa.gov/xnBga> and [www.secnv.navy.mil/eie/pages/pfc-pfas.aspx](http://www.secnv.navy.mil/eie/pages/pfc-pfas.aspx)

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Medeiros is a 27-year-old white female, 5'5" tall, 130 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information about Medeiros' whereabouts is asked to call Detective Cpl. Melissa Hulse at 301-475-4200, ext. 71996 or email [melissa.hulse@st-marysmd.com](mailto:melissa.hulse@st-marysmd.com).

The sheriff's office is also seeking Ryan Nicholas Cherrico, 29, of Mechanicsville Wanted on a Child Support warrant, Offenses Against Family and Children

If you know where this offender can be found, call the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at 301-475-8008.

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## Sheriff's Office Crime Report

**Assault-** On February 11 Dep. Wilson responded to the 45200 block of Happyland Road in Valley Lee, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined Demetrius Roy Dyson, age 30 of Valley Lee, assaulted the victim by grabbing the victim by the hair and dragging the victim outside. Dyson also grabbed the victim by the neck and arm during the assault causing visible injuries. Dyson was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

**Assault-** On February 9 Dep. Wilhelmi responded to the 46469 block of Franklin Road in Lexington Park for the reported assault. Investigation determined Vicki Marie Curtis, age 42 of Lexington Park, retrieved a pair of scissors and began swinging the scissors at the victim causing lacerations to the victim. Curtis also bit the victim. Curtis was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

**Burglary/Trespass-** On February 9 Dep. Forinash responded to the 48000 block of Compass Circle in Lexington Park for the reported trespassing. Investigation determined Michael Clarence Fenwick III, age 38 of no fixed address, entered a vacant residence with a key not returned to the rental office. Fenwick was arrested on scene and charged with Burglary 4th Degree and Trespass: Private Property

### Warrant Arrests

02/10/20- Danicco Theodore Hall, age 18 of Lexington Park- Failure to Stop After Accident, Failure to Remain on Scene After Accident, Failure to Stop After Unattended Accident, Failure to Locate and Notify Owner of Unattended Property, Reckless Driving, and Negligent Driving by Dep. Henry

02/11/20- Jeremie Aaron Johnson, age 25 of Lusby- Assault 2nd Degree by Dep. Katulich# 363.

02/11/20- Joanna Marie O'Neil, age 36 of Baltimore- Burglary 1st Degree by Dep. Katulich# 363

02/12/20- Pierre Jamal Curtis, age 19 of Lexington Park- Failure to Appear/CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana by Dep. Manns# 275.

02/12/20- Walter NMN Loyd, age 60 of Lexington Park- Driving Motor Vehicle on Highway without Required License by Dep. Chase# 346.



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## Accreditation Team Accepting Public Comment

A team of assessors from the Commission on the Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) is scheduled to arrive on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, to examine all aspects of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office policies, procedures, management, operations and support services.

As part of the onsite assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, at 6 pm. The session will be held in Room 14 of the Potomac Building at 23115 Leonard Hall Drive in Leonardtown.

Comments will also be accepted over the phone between 2-4pm on Feb. 25, 2020 at 301-475-4200, ext. 72508 or at 301-904-2668.

Both in-person and telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes each and must address the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office's ability to comply with CALEA's standards.

Written comments regarding the Sheriff's Office's ability to meet accreditation standards may also be sent to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Blvd. Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155

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## Researchers to Present Chesapeake DNA Study

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Researchers from the University of Pennsylvania Department of Anthropology on Saturday, February 29, will give a presentation entitled, "Chesapeake DNA Study: Project Update and DNA Testing Results". The presentation, which will begin at 2 p.m. at the College of Southern Maryland, Leonardtown Campus, is part of a research project undertaken in collaboration with the St. Mary's County Historical Society involving 124 current and past county residents.

In June 2019, Professor Theodore Schurr and PhD Candidate Raquel Fleskes partnered with the St. Mary's County Historical Society to collect DNA samples from Southern Maryland residents who were able to trace their ancestry back to the 17th century colonial Chesapeake period. Through this study, the researchers seek a better understanding of the ancestry and kinship of contemporary African and European individuals, and their relationships with living and colonial populations.

During the February 29 presentation, Dr. Schurr and Ms. Fleskes will discuss the details of the project including the methods used in DNA analysis, the project timeline, the current state of their research, and the anticipated results. They will explain how the genetic ancestry tests work, and discuss their use in genealogical research. They will also discuss the results for study participants, including the mitochondrial DNA, Y-chromosomal and autosomal DNA data. Once reviewing this information, Dr. Schurr and Ms. Fleskes will describe the second phase of the study, which begins this year, which provide new insights into the kinship and ancestry of 17th century European and African descent populations, including populations known through archeological investigations. The presentation will conclude with a question and answer session about the study and DNA testing outcomes.

This event is free and open to the public. Persons who did not participate in the DNA study are welcome to attend.

For questions about the event, please contact Peter LaPorte, Executive Director of the St. Mary's County Historical Society, at 301.475.2467.

*Press Release from St. Mary's County Historical Society*

## Sheriff's Office Thanks WARM Nights Partners

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office thanks its numerous community partners for their continued assistance in the WARM program (Wrapping Arms 'Round Many), a local winter emergency sheltering program.

The Mission, Trinity Episcopal Church, the Three Oaks Center, the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, Texas Roadhouse and Target have all provided additional assistance this season by providing shelter, food and other supplies.

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# Public Asked to Donate Non-Perishable Food Items for Soup Kitchen Spring Break Program

The St. Mary's County Museum Division is once again partnering with St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen, the only full-time soup kitchen in Southern Maryland, to help feed residents (most especially local children) in need during St. Mary's County Spring Break week through their "Feed the Families" program, which provides groceries for the poorest families at three Title 1 schools in St. Mary's County.

The public is encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to either St. Clement's Island Museum in Colton's Point or Piney Point Lighthouse Museum in Piney Point during regular daily museum hours from Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020 through Sunday, March 29, 2020, and they will receive free admission. Though a minimum of one food item per person will be accepted in order to receive free admission (i.e., a family of four must have at least four donated items), the public is encouraged to bring as much as they can contribute. Preferred items include pancake syrup, cereal, tuna, ramen noodles, canned chicken, hot chocolate packets, pasta sauce, rice, pancake mix and other similar foods.

St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen, founded in 1993 under the name "Mary's Song," is a small community-based nonprofit organization serving the underprivileged in St. Mary's County. Though their primary mission is to serve breakfast and lunch, free of charge, Monday through Saturday, they operate many other programs of service, including those that provide to food-insecure families and children at local schools.

Kristine Millen, Executive Director for the St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen, is ecstatic to continue partnering with the Museum Division, seeing how well the first food collection went in December 2019 during the Museums' holiday open houses: "We are thrilled that the Museum Division will continue working with us on our 'Feed the Family' program when our schools go on Spring Break. Our mission is to provide free meals to anyone in need, no questions asked, serving all with a spirit of compassion, dignity and respect, so every little bit helps to make sure no one goes hungry during this time."

In 2019, St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen provided an amazing 42,000 free meals to needy local individuals, children and families. They operate their facility on Great Mills Road and large number of programs with a very active volunteer board of directors, two part time staff members and about 100 regular volunteers. They are completely independent and are not directly funded by any larger parent organization.

"The Museum Division is pleased to continue supporting the 'Feed the Family' program this spring break," says Karen Stone, Manager for the St. Mary's County Museum Division. "It is a perfect complement to the 'Museums for All' initiative already in place at our sites, where anyone with an EBT card can receive reduced or free admission at our museums. Our effort to collect food during this past 2019 holiday season went incredibly well, and we're glad to continue to have St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen as one of our many important collaborating community partners."

The public can get free admission with a food donation at St. Clement's Island Museum and Piney Point Lighthouse Museum from Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020 until Sunday, March 29, 2020. During that time, the museums are open daily, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. until March 25, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from March 26 until March 29. For more information regarding events at the museums, or this initiative, please visit the St. Mary's County Museum Division at Facebook.com/SCIMuseum or Facebook.com/1836Light, or at museums.stmarysmd.com.

For more information about the wonderful work St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen does for the residents of St. Mary's County, or how you can volunteer or donate, please visit StMarysCaring.org.

## Answering the Call to Serve

Some fourth through eighth grade students at Father Andrew White SJ School in Leonardtown visited Cedar Lane Assisted Living to serve the residents there. The children brought special handmade bookmarks to go with over 500 donated books, 250 cans of soup with hand-written messages, and 100 care packages filled with toiletries and treats. They also served the residents cookies, juice, and water and enjoyed listening to stories. The items collected, created, and distributed



were all part of a school wide project to help students develop empathy and to learn to look beyond themselves to positively shape their community. Pictured above is seventh grader, Hunter Russell serving cans of soup with special messages to residents, Logan and Sharon Berger with fourth grader, Nathan Raley (background) assisting with waters. The residents were extremely grateful and the students found this experience to be truly heartwarming.

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The Mission has started a campaign to raise money for the down payment to purchase the building they have been located for the past 8 years. The Mission, a Christian Outreach is located on 21015 Great Mills Rd. Once the location of the (Midway Lounge Bar). The Mission is 100% funded with local private funds, mainly from generous individuals, businesses and a handful of churches, who make The Missions' 365 day a year Outreach possible.

The landlord has given The Mission notice that their lease which ends in April will not be renewed. The Owners have placed the property on the market.

If anyone has a question(s) please call Richard Myers, Director of The Mission at 562-822-8752 or Robert Myers at 240-587-0517. God Bless and Thank You for your support.

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## Whitesell named UX-24 test pilot of the year



Lt. Neil Whitesell has been named Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (UX) 24's test pilot of the year for 2019. Whitesell said that the award is a reflection of a team effort. "It's an affirmation not just of the hard work that I did, but that everybody put into it," he said.

For the past two years, Whitesell and his team have been focused on integrating a brand-new radar system into the MQ-8C Fire Scout, an unmanned helicopter that is designed to provide surveillance and targeting data to warfighters.

"It's a big change for the platform," Whitesell said. "It comes with a brand-new supporting software system that required a pretty substantial hardware modification to the airframe. There were several instances of change requirements during the test planning, which required a lot of change management for the team."

Furthermore, the MQ-8C test planning had to incorporate the development of guidance for operating the aircraft's new radar, in order to broaden the skill set of operators in the fleet who may not have experience using radar-equipped UAS.

Densing described Whitesell as "an exemplary test pilot and a model officer." Last year, Whitesell managed five test and evaluation projects simultaneously, including ship-board testing of the first MQ-8C detachment aboard a Freedom Class littoral combat ship (LCS). Despite operating in extreme weather that cut the number of flying days in half and even affected the ship's steering, Whitesell's team still managed to execute nearly 18 flight hours over the course of 36 launch and recovery evolutions over a four-day period.

Whitesell said that he hoped that news of his team's accomplishments will encourage other pilots and engineers in NAVAIR to consider pursuing careers in unmanned systems at UX-24, which is based at Webster Outlying Field in St. Inigoes.

"It's the big story that you haven't heard of," Whitesell said. "It's a small, quiet base, but there's a lot of very important working happening down here. We're at the birth of a new era in military aviation. It's going to be huge, and this is where it starts."

## Rising Freshmen Orientation Nights Scheduled

St. Mary's County Public Schools will host three Rising Freshman Orientation Nights this March. The purpose of the events is to provide an opportunity for rising ninth graders and their families to preview ninth grade course selections, learn about available Academies and Pathways, meet counselors and school administrators, and get an overview of high school graduation requirements. The Rising Freshman Orientation Nights will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9th, at Great Mills High School; Wednesday,

March 11th, at Leonardtown High School; and Tuesday, March 17th, at Chopticon High School.

Families are welcome to attend any night. All information will be repeated each night. For more information, contact the Office of Strategic Planning and Communications at 301-475-5511, extension 32133 or email [classof2024@smcps.org](mailto:classof2024@smcps.org).

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# Teachers Say It's 'a Great Budget'

## Hearing Airs Bus Driver Concerns

By Dick Myers  
Editor

St. Mary's County School Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith's budget for next year may not be too well received by the county commissioners because the \$234.5 million proposal asks for \$9.6 million more from the county. But the county's teachers sure love it.

At the Feb. 12 school board public hearing on the superintendent's request, Education Association of St. Mary's County (EASMC) President Jill Morris, harkening back to the fate of President Trump's State of the Union address in the hands of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, enthused, "There will be no ripping up of anything tonight. This is a great budget that puts people first. I am so proud of what the superintendent perceives our needs to be. I am proud that year after year he asked for what our students and our staff deserve. And you as the board of ed back him up 100 percent."

Morris said EASMC, the teacher's bargaining unit, should be soon concluding contract negotiations with the school system for next year. She said she told her members, "I am so proud to be part of a school system that honors our negotiated agreement."

She added, "Every year you have funded our STEP and this past year we got a fabulous two-percent COLA. We're very proud of that."

Benjamin Baneker pre-school special education teacher Kristie Mattingly said, "Thank you Dr. Smith and S MCPS Board of Education for advocating for the success of students in need of special education and those educators who support them. The proposed four-percent increase in the 2021 budget for special education, including five new special education teachers and para educators, is necessary to meet and exceed the requirements of special ed."

All the speakers were not as enthusiastic, however. Three spoke on the continuing concerns of bus drivers about pay and benefits. CeCe Lyons said, "We are lagging behind Charles and Calvert counties' income compensation. We are the first step in all our children getting to school to receive their education. Some days we're the first adult these kids see. We are not here to place blame on anyone. We're just asking for you, St Mary's County Public Schools, our contractors and the St. Mary's County Commissioners to take our valid concerns very seriously."

There also were concerns expressed about teacher workloads. Patricia Garrett, a 20-year veteran and Chopticon High School science teacher, said "With the advent of the computer and No Child Left Behind, the workload has seriously increased. For example, our day begins at 7:45 and our first bell rings at 7:50. Our computers in no way can boot up fast enough within five minutes to be able to set our smart boards, nor even read some emails before the day begins. Many of us come in earlier just to do those responsibilities."

She added, "My suggestion to solving some of the time problems would be to reduce meetings, give us more professional responsibility time the first week of school and time during two-hour early dismissals. This wouldn't cost anything but time, time to do our jobs efficiently without multitasking and giving our full undivided focus on instruction."

At the end of the public hearing, school board Chair Karin Bailey told the bus drivers, "it's a priority in the budget and we will continue to fight for every dollar that we can get."

Bailey added, "I understand the volume of wraparound services that we offer now that we didn't even have five or six years ago when I first came on here. It is tremendous and unfortunately I think we need some type of big media campaign, of everything that we do provide to the students and families within the school system because I don't know how widespread it is."

Several speakers talked about relatives having to leave education for better paying jobs. Smith said, "I continued to be challenged by the challenging things said tonight. I absolutely, positively recognize the need for people who work with children to make a living wage."

The school board will finalize the budget and present it to the commissioners later this month.

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Education Association of St. Mary's County President Jill Morris

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# Heavy Lifting for Transforming



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

For years plans have been in place to change the face of Leonardtown. From revitalizing the town square, to opening the wharf on Breton Bay to applying for and winning the state's designation as an arts and entertainment district in Southern Maryland, Leonardtown has been seeking to redefine itself.

Mayor Dan Burris said 2020 will be the year when these plans will begin to move full force.

Burris, along with town and county officials laid out the accomplishments of the town thus far of the State of the Town meeting Feb. 14 and mapped out the near future Leonardtown.

The focus of much of this coming year's efforts in transforming the town will focus on the downtown area, which has come to define the face of Leonardtown.

"Our downtown is what separates us from anything else in St. Mary's County," Burris told *The County Times*. "We're going to start

implementing some of the suggestions [from the recently adopted downtown strategic plan.]"

Some of those suggestions have already been implemented, with the removal of shrubs and hedges from the town square memorial to create more space there, Burris said.

It's a small first step, he said, but an important one.

"We want to make it more user friendly, more spacious and we're adding shade trees," Burris said of the revitalization work.

At the State of the Town meeting last week, Town Administrator Laschelle McKay said the culling of hedges to make way for space in the town square was bringing it back to its state of nearly 70 years ago.

"It's really kind of ironic," McKay said. "We want a vibrant square useable everyday and not just for events."

Burris said Leonardtown was once the center for commerce of St. Mary's County, but the advent of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station and the Route 5 bypass, which was completed in the 1980s, effectively took that away from Leonardtown.

By revitalizing, transforming and reshaping Leonardtown, town leaders aim to regain some of its former glory.

"I've got pictures of about 20 boarded up buildings in Leonardtown from the 90's," Burris said of the economic hardships the town has fought to put behind it. "Now we're making a tremendous comeback."

"We're trying to be the hub of entertainment for the entire population of St. Mary's County and beyond, a real destination." Part of the plan to accomplish this is making the downtown more vibrant, by taking alleyways and beautifying them with artwork, furniture and lighting for night time events as well as during the day.

Also the town's rebranding with new logo and advertising materials will present the town as a prime tourist destination; and new signage and wayfinding will help visitors identify where businesses and shops are located, as well as pockets of parking besides the town square that

often go unnoticed.

The rebranding of Leonardtown whose adjective can be changed to features, beauty, vibrancy and prosperity for the town's business community, according to association president Ellen Lewis.

"It's a brand we fully embrace,"

The town is also considering plans for the Street roadway leading down to the wharf. The most unique piece of property is east of the wharf has been completed with a new road to boost tourism and business.

Burris said it should be fully open to the public.

The major business district on Route 5 is a focus of town efforts, Burris said.

The widening of Route 5 between the entrance to MedStar St. Mary's and the much-needed center turn lane there will benefit businesses and drivers alike.

That section of road, Burris said, has been closed for the past several years.

"It's a dangerous stretch of roadway," McKay told attendees at the meeting.

In the coming years several major projects are being built out, and the planned Tudor City is connected by pedestrian friendly streets between communities and the downtown area.

"It's what residents want now," Burris said.

All of the transformational activities



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already underway, has county officials in economic and tourism de-  
velopment excited about the town's ability to further put St. Mary's  
County on the map as a destination all its own.

Chris Kaselemis, director of the county's Department of Econom-  
ic Development, said Leonardtown had distinguished itself from its  
counterpart development district of Lexington Park, which had a more  
conventional mixture of chain and franchise stores.

"The town commissioners have stepped up and said 'We're going to  
make a change,'" Kaselemis said. "Leonardtwn is forward looking."

Leonardtwn's vision on smaller scale shops with specialty focus is  
more akin to the desires of the millennial generation, Kaselemis said.

"They want something different besides all the shops in Lexington  
Park," he said.

Jason Aul, director of the non-profit Visit St. Mary's group that  
shapes the county's tourism policy and vision, said Leonardtown's fo-  
cus as a venue for community events makes it a special attraction; he  
emphasized on-line comment opportunities its own residents could  
take using the Visit St. Marys' site to boost its profile as a destination.

"Events are key to getting people down here," Aul said. "We see

increased interest in Leonardtown when our own residents become its  
biggest champions."

Rodney Gertz, owner of Quality Built Homes and the Meadows of  
Town Run project on Hollywood Road, said Leonardtown's push to  
change itself put it in an elite group of communities.

"You don't find many places like this town," Gertz said at the State  
of the Town meeting. "What you have here is amazing.

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# In Remembrance

## Edward "Eddie" Carl Remsburg



Edward "Eddie" Carl Remsburg, 71, of Mechanicsville, Maryland passed away on February 9, 2020 unexpectedly. Born on January 31, 1949 in Poolesville, Maryland, he was the son of the late Owen Joseph Remsburg and

the late Myrtle Beall.

Eddie is survived by his wife, Linda Lee Remsburg; his daughters, Donna Remsburg, Margaret Remsburg and Tammy Quesenberry; his brother Freddy Remsburg and sister, Mary Phillips, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, Frank and Roger and his sister, Martha; and two grandchildren, Christina Quesenberry and Joseph Remsburg.

Eddie was a hard-working man who provided for his family by working as a Painter in the construction business. When he was not working, he enjoyed playing horseshoes with the St. Mary's County Horseshoe League.

All services are private.

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

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

## Vivian "Jane" Mays Madjeski

Vivian "Jane" Mays Madjeski, 78 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on February 12, 2020 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center with her family by her side.

Jane was born on September 7, 1941 in Fairmont, WV to the late Clarence Melvin Mays and Nellie Janette (Morgan) Mays. Jane moved to Maryland in the fall of 1963 once she completed her degree at Fairmont University. She started her teaching career as a science teacher at Esperanza Middle School and continued teaching in the public school system for the next 20 plus years with time at Leonardtown Middle and High School. In 1995, she began a new adventure when she accepted a position at Lexington Park Christian School (now known as King's Christian Academy) as their high school Biology teacher. She eventually transitioned from teacher to Parent Liason. She kept this title up until the day she passed. Jane was so dedicated to her job and the students she taught. She inspired so many lives and will be greatly missed.

On top of her astounding career, Jane was a devoted and loving mother. She raised two children whom she also taught in and out of the classroom. Later on in life, she earned the title of "Grammy." Her grandbabies were her pride and joy. She made sure to be present in their lives as much as possible. She also loved watching her Steelers play on Sundays, doing crossword puzzles, loving on her animals, or reading her Bible. Jane was a devout Christian and we are reassured that she is in Heaven dancing with Jesus and the angels.

Jane is survived by her son, Henry Robert

"Robbie" Madjeski III, of Lexington Park, MD; her daughter, Sarah Jane Woode (Joshua Scott), of California, MD; her sister, Carol Rutherford (Bob), of Fairmont, WV; her brother, Fred Mays (Carolyn), of Fairmont, WV; and her grandchildren, Alexis, Aubrey, and Joshua Woode Jr. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Family will receive friends on Friday, February 21, 2020 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., at Our Father's House Assembly of God, 45020 Patuxent Beach Road, California, MD 20619. A Funeral Service will be officiated by Pastor Jay Patterson on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Father's House.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Kings Christian Academy, Development Office, 20738 Point Lookout Road, Callaway, MD 20620. Please specify Jane Madjeski Fund.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

## Michael Dean Beene



Michael Dean Beene, 72, of Leonardtown, MD, passed away on February 9, 2020 at the University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital.

Born on June 3, 1947 in St. Joseph, Missouri, he was the son

of the late Deroy Dean Beene and Beverly Claire Showalter.

Michael grew up in Long Beach, California and graduated from California State College, Long Beach, in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. He worked for the City of Long Beach Recreation Department while coaching softball teams and organizing tournaments. Music was always a major part of his life. He sang in many church choirs, performed solo and with bands, directed youth and adult choirs, and recorded a gospel album.

In 1979, Michael married Janeal. Shortly after, he had an opportunity to work with McDonald Douglas (now Boeing) as a Human Resources Manager in Saudi Arabia. There, he continued his musical career, directed plays, and performed in The Messiah. He also continued playing, coaching, and announcing softball. Living internationally afforded him the opportunity to travel throughout Europe, Asia, and Africa.

After 18 years in Saudi Arabia, Michael settled in Leonardtown, Maryland, continuing to work as a Human Resources Manager for Boeing at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. He cherished shared hobbies with family members, including cars, sports, and movies. After his retirement in 2013, he continued singing in LPUMC and Encore Choirs. He enjoyed life as a loving husband, father, and grandfather who always prioritized the needs of others.

In addition to his beloved wife of 40 years, Janeal, Michael is survived by three children: Deanna Beene of Bountiful, UT, Danielle Jones (Ryan) of Ladera Ranch, CA, Tyler Beene (Lindsay) of Phoenix, AZ; sister, Pamela-Susan Beene; five grandchild-

dren: Clinton Shipp (Hannah), Mackenzie Rock (Nathan), Madalyn Natress (Trey), Trevor Jones, and Meredith Jones; two great grandchildren: Brooklyn Shipp and Kennedy Shipp; and many extended family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

The family will receive friends for a visitation on Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The funeral service celebrated by Reverend Doug Hays will start at 12:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Rd. Leonardtown, MD 20650.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial donations be made to a charity of your choice.

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

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## Christina Fay "Chrissy" Lamphere



Christina Fay "Chrissy" Lamphere, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on February 7, 2020 at her home unexpectedly.

Born on November 15, 1979, in Washington, DC, she is the daughter of Rob-

ert G. Lamphere of Mechanicsville, MD and the late Linda Lee (Zegowitz) Hogge.

Chrissy graduated from Lexington Park Christian High School. Chrissy had an infectious smile and kind soul. She loved spending time with her family and friends. Chrissy could be found hanging out with her friends most days, listening to music as well as watching Nascar and wrestling.

Family was everything to Chrissy and if you spoke to her you heard all about her daughters, Amber and Madison. They put the twinkle in her eye and sunshine in her heart. She was most proud of being a mother. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Her love will be carried on through the eyes of her children and the joy she brought to those who knew and loved her.

In addition to her father and step-mother, Robert G. Lamphere (Sharon) of Mechanicsville, she is survived by her children, Amber and Madison; her siblings, Edward M. Hogge of Texas, Tammy Carr of Mechanicsville, MD and Sharon Bond of Ridge, MD; and many extended family and friends. Chrissy was preceded in death by her mother, Linda Lee (Zegowitz) Hogge.

Interment will be private.

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

All arrangements have been made at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

## Linda Lee Beauverd

Linda Lee Beauverd, 93, of Tall Timbers, MD died on February 11, 2020, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Linda was born on May 25, 1926, in Oakland, CA to Herbert Leslie Burgess and Adelaide Marie Lind Burgess.

On April 13, 1946, Linda married her beloved husband, Arthur "Buddy" Beauverd,

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Jr. in Bethesda, MD. Together they celebrated over 67 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in February 2014.

Linda is survived by her sons, Bruce L. "Skip" Beau-

verd (Barbara) of Tall Timbers, MD, and Arthur A. "Bud" Beauverd III of Mechanicsburg, PA; her sister, Nancy Jean Dessez of Knoxville, TN; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her husband, Arthur A. "Buddy" Beauverd, Jr.

Linda was an extremely talented quilt maker and knitter producing garments enjoyed by her family and friends. Along with her husband, she delivered Meals on Wheels for over 20 years and instructed many groups on guided tours of St. Marys City. Linda mentored children at Piney Point Elementary school and taught catechism at St. Georges Catholic Church. Her strong spiritual faith nurtured her keen concern for other people's wellbeing and feelings. She nurtured her extended family's harmony by holiday visits and hosting summer gatherings.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Second District Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

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

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## Karen Ann "Kay" Owens



Karen Ann "Kay" Owens, 66 of Hollywood, MD passed away on February 9, 2020 at Med-Star Washington Hospital Center.

Kay was born on December 9, 1953

in Leonardtown, MD to Robert Lee Owens and the late Marian Elizabeth (Greenwell) Owens.

Kay was born and raised in St. Mary's County; a graduate of Great Mills High School and went on to earn her bachelor's degree while working as a Budget Analyst. She was a federal civil service employee managing the budgets of numerous aircraft at PAX River Naval Air Station. After 30+ years of service, Kay was able to retire and enjoyed over a decade of retirement fun before her passing.

Kay enjoyed giving back and participating in the community as a longtime member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department and volunteering at the St. Mary's Hospital gift shop. She sang in the church choir at St. Aloysius and then St. Francis Xavier Catholic Churches for well over 30 years. Kay also had many hobbies and spent her time cross stitching beautiful pieces of art for which she won numerous blue ribbons at the local fairs, and creating handmade cards which she mailed to family

and friends for every holiday, birthday, occasion, or just to say hello. Kay was known for passionately loving the color red, all things hearts, and country music - specifically John Anderson.

Kay will be remembered for her incredibly kind and loving heart, her generosity towards loved ones and strangers alike, and her intense love for her nieces and nephews. Her nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews were the light of her life. She cheered them on the loudest at school performances, dance recitals, and after school activities, and loved nothing more than to spoil them! Her love for them made a lasting impact on their lives...they will always know what true love feels like.

Kay is survived by her father, Robert Lee Owens of St. Inigoes, MD; sister, Robbie Rubala of New Bern, NC; sister, Connie Phillips of Frederick, MD; sister, Becky Owens Wathen of St. Inigoes, MD; and brother, Bradley Owens of Lexington Park, MD; nieces and nephews, Caroll Phillips (Amy) of Hagerstown, MD, Jessica Vance of California, MD, and Michaela Guesman (Josh) of Costa Mesa, CA; great nieces and nephews, Dylan Phillips, Dominic Phillips, Nicol Phillips, Breanna Phillips, Zoie Vance, Remi Vance, and Jacob Guesman. In addition to her mother she was preceded in death by her brother, Caroll Owens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 361, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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## Donesha Floraine Chew



Donesha Floraine Chew was born November 30, 1998 in Leonardtown, Maryland to the late Katina Monique Yates and Donald Chew. At the tender age of 6, Donesha's mother, Katina fell ill and wholeheartedly entrusted the care of her and her brother,

Roy Person, to her sister and brother-in-law, Kneeca M. Somerville-Blackwell and James M.T. Blackwell, Sr. "Blackwell" as she affectionately called him. At the tender age of 21, Donesha walked into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on February 9, 2020. In addition to her mother, Donesha was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Thomas Somerville, Sr. and paternal grandmother, Dorothy Blackwell.

Donesha was educated in the St. Mary's County Public School System. While enrolled in Leonardtown High School, she attended The Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center where she completed a two-year program in Graphic Communications (GC). Along with her GC Certificate, Donesha received her diploma from Leonardtown High School in 2016.

Immediately following graduation, Donesha was off and running to Frostburg State University where she was enrolled in Secure Computing and Information Assurance (Cyber Security) with a Minor in Graphic Design. While at Frostburg, Donesha was

involved in a little bit of everything. She was a devoted member and also held office in numerous organizations, including, but not limited to the National Technical Honors Society, The National Council of Negro Women, Caribbean Student Association (Vice President of Communications), Student Government Association (Senator), Paparazzi Perfect Modeling Team, Unified Voices Under God's Dominion and National Society of Leadership and Success. Donesha worked tirelessly to earn her degree with graduation being just around the bend. In an effort to honor her merit Frostburg State will be conferring Donesha's degree in May. Along with her classmates; she will be a part of Frostburg State University's Class of 2020.

Donesha was destined for success, while in high school and college she maintained her grades while also holding down a job. Donesha worked at St. Mary's County Health Department and later as a Childcare Assistant (Federal Employee - Dept of Navy) at the Youth Development Center, NAS Patuxent River, MD.

Donesha had a passion for fashion. She was known to have her hair (often times WIGS), eyebrows, lashes, nails and make-up on fleek! She was the design queen having recently started her own Design Company. Donesha told all who would listen, that graphics and fashion is my passion, my dream, my everything, and from that was born Donnie's Divine Designs, dubbed "D3", where she was on a mission; the vision was "turning your thoughts into reality" to devise creative design ideas. D3 was geared up to specialize in ordering unique and quality bundles, wigs and braid hair. Our girl was the life of EVERY Party! She was a phenomenal friend and a sister-friend to her cousins whom we refer to as "The 2 Live Crew". This crew was inseparable getting into things that we can only imagine BUT will never know.

In addition to her parents (Kneeca and "Blackwell"), her father and step-mother, Donald and Keysha Chew, Donesha leaves to cherish her memory her maternal grandmother, Agnes Floraine Somerville, paternal grandparents, Samuel and Excella Mackall, paternal grandfather, Henderson Blackwell; four brothers, the ever so protective older brother Roy Person, James Blackwell, Jr., Dacari Chew and Keyshon Pindell; three sisters, Jaliyah Blackwell, Lakshmi Toland and Jayde Butler, "The 2 Live Crew" and a host of aunts, uncles, relatives and friends.

Donesha will be missed immensely by everyone that knew her. She truly touched the lives of all whose path she crossed. She was the kind of young lady that anyone would be proud to call daughter, granddaughter, niece, cousin or friend.

Family will receive friends for Donesha's Life Celebration on Friday, February 21, 2020 from 10:30am-12:00pm with a Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00pm at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church, 43937 St. John's Road, Hollywood, MD 20636. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

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

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## William Steven Sento

William Steven Sento, 80 of Ridge, MD passed away on February 10, 2020 at his home with his loving family at his side. He



was born on September 19, 1939 in Donora, PA to John Sr. and Margaret Bludis Sento of Donora, Pennsylvania.

Bill married the love of his life, Audrey Kutzer, on May 29, 1965 in New Kensington, PA. Together they have celebrated

over 54 years of marriage.

Bill Sento, a high school standout in football, baseball and basketball went on to play at the collegiate level at California University of PA. He graduated from California University with a BS in education before earning his MS in school counseling from McDaniel College.

As an educator, Bill served as a school counselor in Baltimore County Public Schools, and a Pupil Personnel Worker in St. Mary's County Public Schools. Bill began his soccer career coaching at Loch Raven High School in the 70's and in 1979, he joined the Loyola University soccer family. Bill spent 20 years at Loyola where he became Loyola's all-time winningest men's soccer coach.

Bill continued the game teaching children through directing the St. Mary's Parks and Recreation Soccer Camp for 17 years. His legacy will continue as family members lead camp this summer in his name.

In his retirement, Bill enjoyed happy hours on the deck with Audrey, fishing, crabbing, and spending time with his family. He loved his John Deere tractor, and having his grandchildren coaching camp along side him.

Whether you knew him as Bill, Dad, Pop-Pop, Coach or Mr. Sento, you understood his commitment to family and those with whom he worked. His determination, hard work and kindness will be influential for generations.

Bill is survived by his wife Audrey; his daughter Teresa Cox (Sean) of Ridge, MD and son Bill Sento Jr. (Paige) of Baldwin, MD and his chocolate lab, Nali. He has 6 grandchildren Madison, Mackenzie, Connor and Kyleigh Cox; and Georgia and William Davis Sento. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother John "Junie" Sento, Jr.

Family will have a Funeral Service and Mass on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen at 5200 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD. On Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. a Memorial Service will be held by Father Peter Giovanoni, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 16566 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD 20680. Inurnment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation <https://www.cbf.org>; The Hospice of St. Mary's County Maryland <https://www.hospiceofstmarys.org>.

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

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# In Remembrance

## Dorothy Victoria "Vicki" Hayden



Dorothy Victoria "Vicki" Hayden, 73, of Bushwood, MD passed on February 15, 2020 at her residence. Born on January 15, 1947 in Washington, DC, she was the loving daughter of the late Dorothy Bailey Kucher and

Andrew John Kucher. Vicki was the loving wife of James Stanley Hayden, whom she married on February 4, 1967 in Holy Angels Catholic Church in Avenue, MD. Vicki is survived by her son Tod Bailey Hayden (Chandra) of Abell, MD, 3 grandchildren Jeb Grayson Hayden, Jill Victoria Hayden, and Carrie Elizabeth Hayden. She is preceded in death by her son James Shawn Hayden and her brother Carl Francis Abell.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. Vicki graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1964 and was a homemaker. She loved helping others, knitting, sewing, spending time with friends and family. As well as supporting the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish in Bushwood, MD.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 11:00 AM in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bushwood, MD with Father Samuel Plummer officiating and Father Wyble Con-Celebrating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Jeb Hayden, Ron Tippett, Tony Bailey, Brian Hayden, Jon Spence and Patrick Goode.

Contributions may be made to the Seventh Dist. Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609 and Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

## Connie Marie Beasley



Connie Marie Beasley, 62, of Mechanicsville, MD formerly from Hollywood, MD passed away on February 14, 2020 in Callaway, MD. Born on May 24,

1957 in Leonardtown, MD, she was the loving daughter of the late Mary Anne Jarboe Bassford and William F. Bassford. Connie was the loving wife of James R. Beasley whom she married on December 27, 1996 in Leonardtown, MD. Connie is survived by her children Larry Bassford of Leonardtown, MD and J. Ryan Beasley of Mechanicsville, MD. Siblings William (Bill) Bassford and Michael Bassford both of Hollywood, MD. She was preceded in death by her siblings Charles Bassford, Ronnie Bassford, and Cathy Bassford.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD

resident. Connie graduated from Chop-ticon High School in 1975 and received her Associates degree from the College of Southern Maryland. She was an Acquisitions specialist with Naval Air Station Patuxent River PMA- 201 for 21 years, until retiring in March of 2018. Connie enjoyed her greenhouse in the springtime and loved to garden.

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

## Francis Lee Higgs



Francis Lee Higgs, 80, of Callaway, MD formerly from Compton, MD passed away on February 12, 2020 in Callaway, MD. He was born on September 10, 1939 in Leonardtown, MD and was the son of the late Elizabeth Catherine Burch Higgs, and Joseph Herbert Higgs, Sr. Francis is survived by his sister Betty Unkle (significant other Garry Scuggs ) of Clements, MD, niece Rita Dobry (John) of Great Mills, great niece Shauna Kelly of Callaway, MD whom cared from him for many years. As well as many other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his siblings Gladys Knott, Dorothy Lampkin, Audrey Cusic, and Herbert Higgs, Jr. He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and a graduate of Margaret Brent High School. Francis was a self-employed mechanics assistant working on John Deere Tractors.

Francis loved watching live baseball games and family gatherings. He loved walking and was referred to as the "Walking Man".

The family would like to thank his caregiver Carlene (Carla) Dalrymple, who cared for Francis for many months.

## James "Jamie" Shawn Hayden



James "Jamie" Shawn Hayden, 49, of Avenue, MD passed away on February 12, 2020 in Avenue, MD. Born on May 9, 1970 in Leonardtown, MD, he was the son of Dorothy Victoria Hayden and James Stanley

Hayden of Bushwood, MD. Jamie is survived by his brother Todd Bailey Hayden (Chandra) of Abell, MD. Along with his nieces and nephews Jeb Grayson Hayden, Jill Victoria Hayden, and Carrie Elizabeth Hayden. He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from St. Mary's Ryken High School in 1988. Jamie was a crane operator for a crane service company. He enjoyed hunting, working on cars, scavenger hunts, and crabbing.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leon-

ardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 11:00 AM in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bushwood, MD with Father Samuel Plummer officiating and Father Wyble Con-Celebrating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Rick Mazzella, Kelly Faunce, C.B. Morris, Chris Hayden, Billy Gibson and Mickey Woodall.

Contributions may be made to the Seventh Dist. Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609 and Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

## Thomas "Tom" Leo Dougherty, Jr.



Thomas "Tom" Leo Dougherty, Jr. 59, of Drayden, MD formerly from St. Ann, MO passed away on February 10, 2020 in Georgetown University Hospital Washington, DC. Born on November 20,

1960 in Red Bud, IL, he was the loving son of Anna Mae Dougherty of St. Ann, MO, and the late Thomas Dougherty. Tom was the loving husband of Dawn Dougherty whom he married on October 22, 1983 in St. George's Catholic Church Valley Lee, MD. Tom is survived by his children Stacey Marshall of Drayden, MD, Beth Fizer (James) of Ruther Glen, VA, Camryn Dougherty of Drayden, MD. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Alexis and Zachary Marshall of Drayden, MD; as well as his step-grandchildren Brooklyn, Ryland, Camden and Reagan Fizer of Waynesboro, VA. Siblings Sandy Woolbright of O'Fallon, MO, Jackie Dougherty of St. Ann, MO, and Tracy Clubb of Mukilteo, WA. He was preceded in death by his brother Danny Dougherty.

He graduated from Pattonville High School in 1980 and moved to St. Mary's County, MD. Tom was an Auto Mechanic with St. Mary's County Government until his retirement in February 2018.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM in St. George Catholic Church with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Peter Marshall, Shayne Woolbright, James Fizer, Richard Wilkinson, Tucker Jameson and George Oliver.

## Bethel Jane Armsworthy



Bethel Jane Armsworthy, "Beth" 96, formerly from Hollywood, MD, passed away on February 9, 2020 at Solomons Nursing Center. She was born January 18, 1924 in Andover, NY and

was the daughter of the late Helen Baldwin Eldridge and Claude Earl Eldridge. Beth was the loving wife of the late James Horace Armsworthy who preceded her in death on September 20, 1982. Beth is survived by her children Ronald

David Armsworthy (Susan Carol Jarboe) of Hollywood, MD, Philip Stephen Armsworthy (BettyLynn Sterling) of Leonardtown, MD, Elizabeth Jane Previti (Michael Louis Previti) of California, Md; 5 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her siblings Maxine E. Steenwerth of Va Beach, Va, Martha E. McCombs of Va Beach, Va and her son James Michael Armsworthy of New York.

Beth spent her formative years with her family in upstate NY. They struggled through the depression era with her Dad taking on jobs as a door to door salesman, a photographer, and even a glazier. Beth loved her older sisters, Mickey and Martha dearly and they guided her as she grew. She graduated from The Elmira Free Academy High School in Elmira, NY in 1941. As the 2nd World War ensued Beth found employment on the night shift in a machine shop helping to make bombs as a "Rosie the Riveter". After the war ended in 1945 Beth met and married James "Jim" Armsworthy on March, 17th in Romulus NY. They honeymooned at Niagara Falls, NY. As time went on they were blessed with four children, Michael, Ronnie, Philip and Janie. The family lived for a period of time in Va Beach and then eventually settled in their life long home in Hollywood, MD. Jim and Beth started A&M Glass Company in 1969. Sadly, Jim struggled with health issues and died prematurely at age 59. Beth was the President of A&M Glass Company for 35 years, retiring in 2004. Beth was a member of Hollywood United Methodist Church for 57 years. She was a member of The Women's Society for Christian Service and at times the church choir. Beth had a strong faith in the Lord and that was what brought her through her difficulties. She lost her beloved son, Michael, prematurely at age 46. For all that she endured Beth had a zeal for life and was able to find joy anew. She instilled love in her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was affectionately called "MeMe". The last years of her life were fraught with dementia but the love of her family was reflected back to her with tender care.

## Michael Wayne Burns

Michael Wayne Burns was born in Tuscaloosa Alabama on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1957 to Doris and Aubrey Burns. He was their eldest son, and the brother of Donna Roy and Joseph Burns. Michael served in the United States Navy for 8 and a half years, as a Radar Tech. He was honorably discharged on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1984 with the rank of E5.

He was employed by Tracor and CACI, as a lead field engineer for 32 years. He loved this country, was proud to be an American, and never forgot his southern roots. His slow southern accent was one of his most endearing qualities.

Michael left this world much too soon, on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. He will be greatly missed by his daughter, Jennifer Burns and her mother Christina Stark. Michael will be lovingly remembered by his father, sister, niece, and nephew, along with his extended family and friends. He was a fun-loving man who helped his family in any way he could. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye.

A remembrance service was held on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 2pm. The service was held at Grant's Creek Baptist Church, 13396 Grants Creek Road Fosters Alabama 34563, by Pastor Scott Garvin.

Condolences may be sent to Jennifer Burns & family C/O Aubrey Burns at 20504 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue East Tuscaloosa Alabama 345401.

# Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT FOR ST MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Paradise Point, LLC Plaintiff. V. Paul Hood Jr., et al. Defendants.  
Case No. C -18-CV-19-000101

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, cold by the Collector of taxes for Carroll County to the Plaintiff:

Account Number: 01-025848, Three Notch Rd, Lot 11 Block A, Section 1 Park Pines assessed to Hood Paul D Jr.

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have been paid. It is therefore on this 4th day of February, 2020, by the Circuit Court for St Mary's County.

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St Mary's County once a week for 3 consecutive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 4th of April, 2020 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or therefore a Final Judgement will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting title in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances

Debra J. Burch  
Clerk of Court for  
St Mary's County, Maryland.

# Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT FOR ST MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Paradise Point, LLC Plaintiff. V. Lynne Ccrway, et al. Defendants.  
Case No. C -18-CV-19-000098

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, cold by the Collector of taxes for Carroll County to the Plaintiff:

Account Number: 01-005073, "Unassigned, Lot 6, Section 1 Block A, Bean's Landing

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have been paid. It is therefore on this 4th day of February, 2020, by the Circuit Court for St Mary's County.

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St Mary's County once a week for 3 consecutive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 4th of April, 2020 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or therefore a Final Judgement will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting title in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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IN THE CIRCUIT FOR ST MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Paradise Point, LLC Plaintiff. V. Paul Hood Jr., et al. Defendants.  
Case No. C -18-CV-19-000100

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, cold by the Collector of taxes for Carroll County to the Plaintiff:

Account Number: 01-025635, Matthews Dr. lot 9 Block B, Section 1, Park Pines assed to Hood Paul D Jr.

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have been paid. It is therefore on this 4th day of February, 2020, by the Circuit Court for St Mary's County.

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St Mary's County once a week for 3 consecutive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 4th of April, 2020 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or therefore a Final Judgement will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting title in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debra J. Burch  
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## A View From The BLEACHERS

### No Trace of Regret

*By Ronald N. Guy Jr.*

Contributing Writer

Dusty shelves often hold our oldest memories - pictures are organized in albums or (more likely) crammed into boxes and share space with family videos on DVDs or VHS tapes. Technology has claimed such antiquated media and created fancier storage methods for newer experiences - memory cards, thumb drives, computers, phones and virtual clouds. No matter the form, the impetus is unchanged: capture and chronicle life into a library for strolls down memory lane.

Reminiscing with old photos or videos is sure to create a feeling of nostalgia, a complex emotion combining joy and melancholy. The joy comes from simply recalling the best of times through memories refreshed with assistance from priceless visual aids. The melancholy is more complicated. Artifacts of the past can include reminders of loved ones lost and eras when we were younger and perhaps healthier and happier. Deeper within the melancholy is something more serious: regret. "Those times were so good, those people were so precious and our youths were so fleeting. Now it's all just pictures, videos and images in my mind." Or so the regretful thinking goes. Tough questions follow. "Did I understand the beauty of it all? Did I cherish it enough?"

Skins fans - this one included - no doubt find themselves under similar personal cross-examination when perusing relics of the once-storied franchise's three Super Bowl championships. After over a quarter century of mostly embarrassing losing, the common conclusion is likely no - we didn't fully appreciate that decorated era of football. Fortunately, the Capitals' charge to a Stanley Cup title in 2018 and the Nationals' World Series championship last fall offered a do-over. And boy did D.C. respond.

A special experience is happening again.

So you may have noticed that Caps winger Alex Ovechkin is good. He puts the puck in the net - a lot. He's a perennial All-Star and a Stanley Cup winning Captain. The Capitals will retire his number and hang his jersey from the rafters at Capital One Arena. He's going to

the Hall of Fame.

That is high praise, but it only begins to do Ovechkin justice.

See, there are great players and there are immortals. John Riggins, Art Monk, Darrell Green, Wes Unseld, Elvin Hayes, Rod Langway, and Mike Gartner are all great, Hall of Fame, D.C. sports legends. The nation's capital has only two immortals, players who are considered among the best to ever play their sport: 'Skins QB Sammy Baugh and Senators pitcher Walter Johnson. As Tony Kornheiser would say, "That's it, that's the list."

Maybe not anymore.

As I peck at these keys, Ovechkin sits at 698 career goals. Only seven players in NHL history have scored over 700. Ovechkin will almost certainly become the eighth in short order. Here's where it goes next level: Ovechkin's only 34, is playing great hockey and is surrounded by a talented offensive core that isn't going anywhere anytime soon. Gordie Howe's second place total of 801 goals is absolutely within reach and with good health, Ovechkin has a legitimate chance to surpass Wayne Gretzky's record of 894 goals.

Translation: Over the next handful of seasons, we will witness Ovechkin's attempt to become the NHL's most prolific goal scorer. The potential fly in the ointment (this is D.C. sports, after all) is Ovechkin's contract. He's a free agent after next season but it's hard to imagine him leaving. In fact, let's not imagine such a thing at all. Forget I mentioned it.

Here's what matters: We are in a moment. As Ovechkin continues to ascend the goals scored list, passing names like Gartner (708), Phil Esposito (717), Marcel Dionne (731), Brett Hull (741) and Jaromir Jagr (766) on his way to Howe and Gretzky, photos will be taken, videos will be shot, articles will be written and read and memories - with friends, a city, a team and a player - will be created. Soak it all in, because one day, many years from now, the dusty chronicle of this whimsical time will be revisited and a nostalgic wave will be created. Don't let that future stroll down memory lane be tinged with even a trace of regret.

Send comments to [RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com](mailto:RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com)



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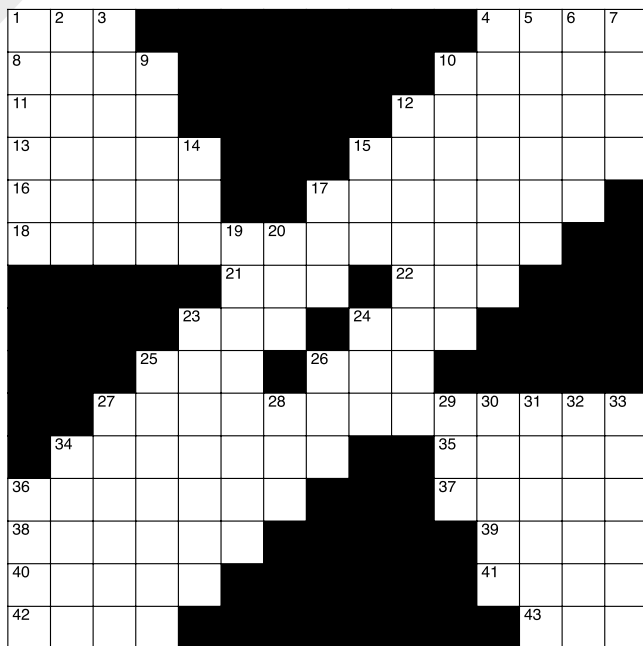


Jay Williams is considered one of the most prolific college basketball players in history, now an analyst on "College GameDay" and a regular commentator on ESPN. Williams will discuss his best-selling memoir, "Life is Not an Accident: A Memoir of Reinvention" focuses on the life-altering depression and ultimate healing he underwent in the aftermath of a motorcycle accident that forced him to retire from basketball after just one season with the Chicago Bulls.

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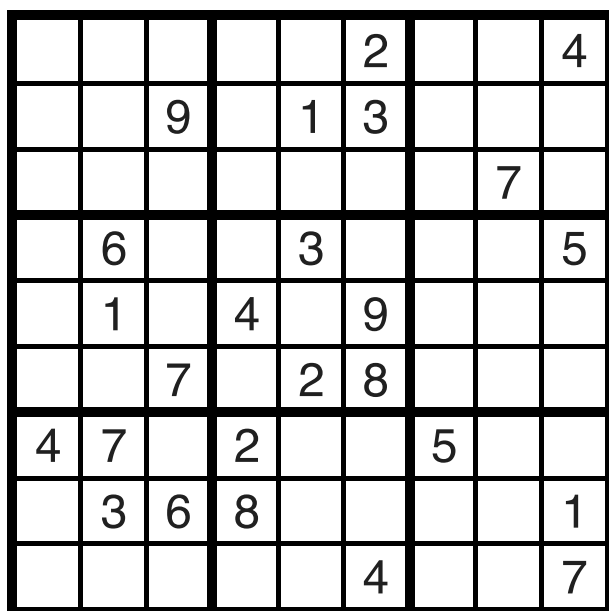
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- 42. Supplements with difficulty
- 43. Valentine's Day color

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Warm climate tree or shrub
- 2. Silky case spun by larvae
- 3. Still in existence
- 4. Light, two-stranded rope
- 5. Wear away
- 6. Beginnings
- 7. Essence
- 9. American Standard Code for Information Interchange
- 10. Path
- 12. Repeated tones
- 14. Expresses surprise
- 15. Monetary unit of Burma
- 17. When you hope to get there
- 19. Brighten
- 20. Fifth note of a major scale
- 23. Dark brown timbers of tropical trees
- 24. We all do it
- 25. Scrounges
- 26. Unit of energy
- 27. Begin to be
- 28. Midway between northeast and east
- 29. Distinctive practice
- 30. Succulent plants
- 31. Performer
- 32. Gas station term
- 33. Required
- 34. Soviet monetary unit
- 36. Eating house

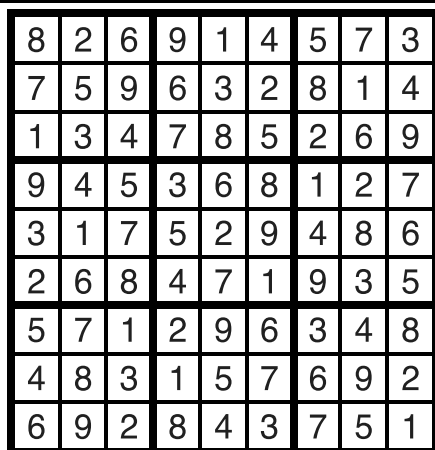
**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. A team's best pitcher
- 4. Designer Jacobs
- 8. Hip joint
- 10. A dialect of English
- 11. Portrays
- 12. Panic
- 13. The head of a team
- 15. High priest
- 16. League of Legends locale
- 17. Protective folds
- 18. Treats allergies
- 21. Voodoo spirits
- 22. Single unit
- 23. Unit of measurement
- 24. Brew
- 25. Burundian franc
- 26. Self
- 27. Bengals great
- 34. Making letters overlap
- 35. Piece of pizza
- 36. Illegal drug
- 37. Card game
- 38. The highest point in the development
- 39. Oh, God!



Level: Advanced

**LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS**



## Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann  
Contributing Writer



### “Pinterest Fail?”

I try, I really try to follow those Pinterest recipes and have them look just like the photos. The results normally taste great, but I must not have the dexterity to get that polished look. This past Sunday with the initial *intention* of going to church and then to an anniversary party, I was up early making cute little pie crust envelopes filled with cherry pie filling and topped with a tiny cut out heart. Sounds cute, doesn't it?



Looked easy, sounded easy. I rolled out the Pillsbury pie crust and started cutting my diamond shapes out by the directions, except I rubbed in a bit of sugar and cinnamon first to the crust like the way I make my homemade pie crust. I started adding the dollop of cherry pie filling to the centers and began to fold the diamond into an envelope. The top was to be left up like an open envelope. I don't know what their measurements were, but I couldn't get those bottom 3 flaps to look anywhere near right. I kept ending up with the bottom flap point almost touching the top flap point. A little folding and bending and stretching of the dough seemed to help with that. Then the recipe asked for an egg-white wash, which I don't remember ever doing before. I didn't have a pastry brush and wasn't sure I should use one of my old paint brushes, though I don't think acrylic paint is toxic. I found out that trying to gracefully spread egg-white wash with a teaspoon is not a good idea. It globbers on things, and it would globber off the teaspoon in a big puddle or globber off in the cherries. Ewww...bad look. But it was going to be baked so that's okay right. Last step was sprinkling sugar on the globby mess, and for good measure I dusted the whole thing with more cinnamon because I thought the Pinterest picture looked too bland.

15 minutes later, the house smelled great, maybe a little scrambled egg. One particularly globby pastry had a distinct baked egg-white look. The little pastries were a lot darker than the example and the hearts baked a little wonky, but I tried one and they tasted fine. My husband wakes up to the smell of baked pastries, but tells me he isn't feeling well with an upset stomach (although he did manage to pop a pastry in his mouth rather quickly), and I said, you know, my stomach is pretty bad this morning too. The decision was made to not go to church or the party in case we were coming down with something.

15, 20 minutes after that, suddenly half a platter of the cute little Valentine's pastry envelopes were gone, and by the end of CBS Sunday Morning so was the other half. I felt so guilty for eating what I had planned for others to eat...and my stomach hurt even worse, which may have been because there was some cherry pie filling left in the can that I had to eat. I mean, when would be the next time I would use it – it would have sat in the fridge with a little Press and Seal cover until it turned green. No, I had to do it, wasting food is a sin.

So, as my husband and I were sitting on the couch in misery I was wondering what had made both our stomachs hurt, mine already had been because of the antibiotics, but this was different. All we had the night before was grilled cheese sandwiches and a box of organic carrot, ginger, cashew soup. The SOUP! Then I asked my husband, “Remember when you were looking at all those boxed organic soups we bought and you checked and thought someone had broken the seal, and I told you that the seal is cut and broken when you take off the cap? Did you open *all* the boxes of soup and leave them in the pantry?” His response was the kind you see in cartoons where the eyes open wide and the light bulb goes off above the head along with an affirmative nod. Then, “Guess I need to throw out all the soup.” I replied, “A little late for us though huh?” We powered through the rest of the day, but I don't think I will be able to look at a box of soup for a loooong time. Maybe I will retry my Pinterest pastries – seems safer than soup.

To each new day's adventures, Shelby

Please send your comments or ideas to: [shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com](mailto:shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com) or find me on Facebook

# Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020

### Widow/Widower Group

Church of the Ascension  
21641 Great Mills Road  
Lexington Park  
10a.m. to noon

No matter how long since your loss—two weeks, two months or 20 years—please join us to gain support, practical advice, understanding and compassion. In the alternative, join us to give support to those not as far in their grief journey! Questions? E-mail [Frankiemiller61@aol.com](mailto:Frankiemiller61@aol.com)

### Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser

Fitzies Restaurant and Marina  
Joe Hazel Road  
Leonardtown  
4p.m. to 7p.m.

Event will be held every Thursday night until the Queen is found, with the jackpot rolling over each week there is no winner. Tickets are sold from 4pm-6:45pm with the winner chosen at 7pm.

### Wing Night

VFW Post 2632  
Three Notch Road  
California  
5p.m. to 8p.m.

Queen of Hearts, 50/50 and Money Tree tickets will be sold from 5 to 7.

### Grocery Auction

Mother Catherine Academy  
38833 Chaptico Road  
Mechanicsville  
6p.m. to 9p.m.

We never know ahead of time what we are getting, but expect anything that could be found in a grocery store such as candies, snacks, sodas, frozen meats, frozen vegetables, frozen pizza, can goods, dry goods, cleaning supplies, dairy products, or just about anything else in between. Payment will be cash, check, or credit cards. Ten percent buyer's premium School cafeteria will be serving concessions. For more information, please contact: MCA—301-884-3165 or Ronnie Farrell—301-904-3402

## Friday, Feb. 21, 2020

### Pitch Card Party

Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad  
43256 Rescue Lane  
Hollywood  
6:30p.m. to 10:30p.m.

Doors open at 5:30pm, game starts at 6:30pm

Cost \$20.00 to play, each bump is \$1.00 per partner.

There will be a 50/50 raffle

This is a BYOB event with sodas, water, coffee, snacks and sandwiches for sale.

## Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020

### Free Tax Preparation and E-filing

Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad  
21685 FDR Boulevard  
Lexington Park  
9a.m. to noon

St. Mary's County AARP/IRS certified Tax-Aide Counselors will provide free tax preparation and electronic filing for low- to moderate-income taxpayers of any age in St. Mary's County. Taxpayers do not need to be a member of AARP. Each taxpayer must bring a copy of their 2018 prior year tax returns, social security card, and a picture ID. A detailed list of tax forms to bring is available at <http://smctaxaide.org>. Call 240-466-1740 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Mechanicsville Moose Texas Holdem Tournament

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge  
27636 Mechanicsville Road  
Mechanicsville  
5p.m. to 11p.m.

\$100 buy-in (includes \$10 Bounty)  
Starting Stack is 20,000 chips.

For more info please contact James Dean 240-577-0828, or the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge- 301-884-5454.

### Rhythm 2020 Multicultural Festival

Chopticon High School  
25390 Colton Point Road  
Morganza

5:30p.m. to 9p.m.

This is a multicultural performance festival with many acts. All sales benefits Team Fly4aCure in their campaign to win Student of the Year. The money goes towards the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help blood cancer research, patient care, and much more. Tickets are \$10 for general seating and \$15 for premium seating.

## Monday, Feb. 24, 2020

### St. Mary's County Genealogy Society Monthly Meeting

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

A webinar presented by Rebecca Koford. Researching people who have the same name. For more information visit [smcgsi.org](http://smcgsi.org)

### The Woman's Club of St. Mary's County

The Golden Corral Restaurant  
22606 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The Woman's Club of St. Mary's County is a non-profit organization of women from various backgrounds who have joined and participated in club activities for the betterment of our community. We socialize and raise funds; enabling the club to give scholarships and support a dozen local organizations. For more information, call Carol at 301-994-0352

## Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020

### Pancake and Sausage Supper

St. John's Church  
St. John's Road  
Hollywood  
5p.m. to 7:30p.m.

Adults, 12 and up, \$7  
Children, \$3

Many varieties of pancakes, including gluten free.

### Pancake Supper 2nd Dist. VFD&RS

2nd District VFD&RS  
45245 Drayden Rd.  
Valley Lee  
5p.m. to 7p.m.

All you can eat, home made, home style Menu will be:  
scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage links, apple sauce, assorted juices, milk and coffee

Adults—\$8.00

Children 6—12—\$4.00

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### Taco Tuesday

VFW Post 2632  
Three Notch Road  
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7p.m. to 9p.m.

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Nachos with Cheese 3.00 Dollars

Add Meat 1.00 Dollar

Taco Salad 5.00 Dollars

Walking Taco chicken or beef 2.00 dollars

## Upcoming

The St. Mary's County Farm Bureau is seeking young ladies between the ages of 16-19 to compete in the Miss St. Mary's County Farm Bureau contest. Duties would include being a positive agriculture advocate, attending the 2020 St. Mary's County Farm Bureau Banquet, the Maryland State Fair, the 2020 St. Mary's County Fair, and other events as scheduling permits.

All questions should be directed to Susan Burroughs Vallandingham, Miss St. Mary's County Farm Bureau Chair by phone at 301-536-0774 or by email at [Farmchic82@aol.com](mailto:Farmchic82@aol.com) by February 14, 2020, in order to receive an application prior to the annual banquet scheduled for March 14, 2020.



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### Tour of the United States Colored Troops (USCT) Interpretative Center

Join us on Monday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m. for a tour of the USCT Interpretive Center at 21675 S. Coral Dr. in Lexington Park. The tour will be conducted by members of the UCAC (Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions) and will include a tour of the United States Colored Troops Civil War Memorial Monument, four wayside markers depicting the history of St. Mary's County African American History from the end of the Civil War to the opening of Patuxent River Naval Air Test Center, and tour of the USCT Interpretive Center Museum. At the museum, civil war photos and history are on display as are photos of the Drayden Schoolhouse and history of St. Mary's County African American Schools before integration. This event is free. Please pre-register by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71063. Transportation is on your own.

### Strength Training Schedule Adjustment at Loffler Senior Activity Center

The Thursday morning strength training class that is held at the Loffler Senior Activity Center at 8:40 a.m. will be discontinued at the end of February 2020. The Tuesday morning Strength Training classes will continue as scheduled. For any questions regarding this schedule change call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

### LIFE (Learning is ForEver) Booklets now available

The spring semester of the Department of Aging & Human Services' LIFE program is starting soon. Booklets are now available for pick-up at your local senior activity center, online and at the three county libraries. Registration begins on Wednesday, Feb. 26, and will only be taken in-person at the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Chesapeake Building beginning at 11 a.m. For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71063. The LIFE brochure is available online at - <https://www.stmarysmd.com/aging/life/>.

### Skit Group at Loffler Senior Activity Center

Center Stage Seniors is a group that performs skits for some of the Thursday luncheons at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. This group meets every Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Center to practice. They are making plans for the March 26 luncheon and have openings for different parts. If this is something that interests you, stop by this coming Thursday and check it out! For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

### Awakening Yoga

By popular demand, the Northern Senior Activity Center has added on a second Awakening Yoga class on Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Instructor Judi Lyons will guide you through your practice and meditation. This yoga class focuses on health-wholeness of mind, body and spirit. Experience gentle, yet effective, poses which improve range of motion and strength, while boosting mood, energy, brain

function and immunity. Try your first class with Judi for free! After that, class can be taken through the purchase of a fitness card; \$35 for 10 sessions. For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

### AARP Smart Driving Course

The Northern Senior Activity Center will host an AARP Smart Driving Course on Monday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This course includes proven safety strategies that older drivers can use to compensate for changes as they age and allow them to drive more safely and confidently for as long as possible. The fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members with cash or check made payable to AARP. Class is 4 hours with a break for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is beef tips in gravy and can be reserved by noon the day before. Lunch is by donation for those 60 and older; \$6 fee collected from others. To sign up and pay for this class in advance and to reserve lunch, please visit the front desk or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

## ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

### Women in Architecture

Lexington Park Library will hold a talk on the "Women in Architecture" exhibit currently on display on Sunday, March 1 from 2 - 3 p.m. Jillian Storms from the Women in Architecture committee of AIA Baltimore will discuss the current Lexington Park Library Art Gallery installation, "Early Women of Architecture in Maryland." Two of the featured women, Rose Greely and Gertrude Sawyer, completed projects in St. Mary's County, including the restoration of Tudor Hall into St. Mary's first library in Leonardtown. Hear about these women pioneers for Women's History Month!

### Illuminating St. Mary's County's Past: Newtowne Survey of 1982

Leonardtown Library will hold Illuminating St. Mary's County's Past: Newtowne Survey of 1982 on Thursday, March 5 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Join us as Chris Coogan discusses the "Newtown Survey" of 1982 conducted by Mike Smolek and a St. Mary's College field school. Thirty years ago, Mike Smolek and a team of field archaeologists collected evidence



of habitation in the Newtowne Neck area. They discovered proof of several thousand years of Native American inhabitants, as well as that of Colonial inhabitants beginning in the late 17th century. Chris Coogan will present an analysis of what was revealed in Smolek's paper and his recommendations for future actions. Chris will discuss the methods of Smolek's survey, the processing and analysis of his team's collection and the history of life on the Newtown property.

**R.A.D. Women & Teens' Self Defense Class**  
Lexington Park Library and Lexington Park Baptist

Church will hold a R.A.D. Women & Teens' Self Defense Class for three consecutive days (participants should expect to attend all three days.) Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6, 6-8:30 p.m. at Lexington Park Baptist Church (46855 S Shangri-la Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653) and Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. at Lexington Park Library Free R.A.D. Self Defense Program for Women & Girls (ages 13-80 yrs. old). Taught by Darlene Gentry, 25+ years' experience. Co-sponsored by Lexington Park Baptist Church. Registration required on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

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# Straight Talk on Straight Teeth

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Orthodontic braces and clear aligners such as Invisalign® are not just for straightening teeth and making your smile look better. In fact, a highly trained and skilled dentist will use orthodontic treatment to improve the function of the teeth which will result in a healthier, longer-lasting smile. While good looking teeth are attractive, the purpose of your teeth is to chew food. When teeth are misaligned, they can slowly damage opposing teeth during the chewing process. When they are in proper alignment, teeth break down the food they are chewing without damaging each other.

To help illustrate the point, think of a well working pair of scissors. When in good alignment the two blades come together and meet at a very precise point that makes them excellent at cutting paper. On the other hand, imagine one of the scissor blades had a slight bend or a ding in the metal. This imperfection would surely affect the scissor's ability to cut as well as when it was in perfect alignment. If the one blade is bent away from the other, there will be a gap between the points of contact that cause the cutting action. The result would likely be a failure

to cut effectively or efficiently. If the bend in the one blade is toward the other, it would cause the blades to scrape each other, making cutting difficult. More importantly to note, the blades scraping each other slowly destroy the cutting surface of both blades.

These same principles can be applied to your teeth. In any area of the mouth where your opposing teeth do not meet when you perform a chewing motion (meaning there is a space between the top and opposing-bottom tooth in any area of your mouth when your jaw is closed), like the scissor in the first scenario, it is rendered ineffective in the chewing process. On the other hand, if there are any teeth that are colliding with their opposing teeth, they are likely causing trauma to each other and slowly wearing down the enamel surface and eventually the tooth structure. This will likely lead to greater risk of decay and eventually risk the tooth's overall vitality.

Many people who have ongoing problems with decay or pain despite their efforts to keep their teeth clean, might be suffering from malocclusion issues that are causing the ongoing dental problems. The good

news is that orthodontics may be a solution to these problems, and a straighter, more beautiful smile is a bonus to the treatment, not the reason for the treatment.

If you're like most adults, the thought of braces is unnerving. Years in metal brackets and sharp wires is no-one's idea of a good time. If these thoughts are keeping you away from approaching your dentist about a straighter, more beautiful, better functioning, healthier smile, consider a clear aligner option such as Invisalign®. Invisalign® is a clear, removable retainer that may achieve the same results as traditional braces in less time.

The fact that aligners are removable means you can take them out whenever you eat. This makes eating more comfortable and cleaner as you will not have to worry about food particles being stuck in your braces. They also allow you to easily clean your teeth, where braces with wires make flossing and thorough brushing more difficult. The material used by Invisalign® is by far superior to all other aligners on the market. Not only is it the most invisible, it is also the fastest working material, meaning you will reach your desired outcome in a fraction

of the time to other safe orthodontic options.

Finally, with Invisalign® technology, your dentist can take a scan of your mouth and show you virtually what your results will look like, from the improved esthetics of your smile profile to the benefits of improving any occlusion issues that may be causing damage to your teeth.

The next time you go to your dentist, ask them if they are Invisalign® certified. Ask them if they can provide a virtual, digital smile makeover with the use of an iTero® scanner so that you can see your likely outcome. Also ask them if you have any occlusion issues during chewing and if orthodontics is right for you.

One of the biggest barriers to getting orthodontic treatment dentists hear the most is that it costs too much. Before you allow money to get between you and a healthy, beautiful smile, think about the amount of money you spent on your last car. That car will likely not be in your life ten years from now. The cost of braces or Invisalign® is a fraction of the cost of that car, and the results will last you a lifetime!

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