

Community Calendar

Wednesday, November 25

• **Poker Leader Board Challenge**
FOP-7 Lodge (Great Mills) – 7 p.m.

• **Special Olympics No Limit Hold'Em**
Bennett Building, 24930 Old Three Notch Rd. (Hollywood) – 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 26

• **Thanksgiving Day Golf for Charity**
Wicomico Shores Golf Course (Mechanicsville)

This year's donations will to the Catholic Community Services St. Clement's Family Center food bank. Players are encouraged to donate at least one bag of non-perishable groceries including items such as canned fruits and vegetables, boxed mixes, baby items, toiletries, paper products and cleaning supplies. Cash donations will also be accepted. Advanced reservations required. Call 301-884-4601 or 301-934-8191 for more information and to reserve tee times for your group.

• **Thanksgiving Day Meal**
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (Lexington Park) – 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• **Thanksgiving Dinner**
Church of the Ascension (Lexington Park) – 1 p.m.
Family dinner; all are welcome. No cost. Call 301-863-8551 for more information or directions.

• **Holiday Light Festival**
Flat Iron Farm (Great Mills)

Thursday, Friday and Sunday at 5 p.m. and Saturday at 12 p.m., come see a huge display of holiday lights, a candy cane house, petting zoo, marshmallow roasting and more. Free. Call 301-994-0300.

Friday, November 27

• **Hearth and Home in Early Maryland**
Historic St. Mary's City – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **Christmas on the Square**
Washington Street, Leonardtown Square – 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Holiday festivities, entertainment, carriage/sleigh rides, tree lighting and Santa's arrival. Rain date Nov. 28. Free. Call 301-475-9719 or go to Leonardtown.somd.com.

• **Poker Leader Board Challenge**
FOP-7 Lodge (Great Mills) – 7 p.m.

• **Texas Hold'Em Poker**
Mechanicsville Fire House – 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 28

• **Hospice Festival of Trees**
Wyle Conference Center (Lexington Park) – 9 a.m.

Decorated trees, local vendors, and donuts with Santa. Proceeds help support Hospice of St. Mary's County. Admission. Call 301-475-2023 for more information.

• **Second Hope Rescue Dog Adoptions**
PetCo (California) – 11 a.m.

All animals up-to-date on vac-

inations, spayed/neutered and micro-chipped. For more information or to find out which animals will be at this event, call 240-925-0628.

Sunday, November 29

• **Town Hall Alliance Breakfast Fundraiser**
Hollywood Vol. Rescue Squad – 8 a.m. to noon

Country breakfast meet-and-greet with candidates for St. Mary's County Commissioner. Adults \$8, Children 6-12 \$4, kids under 6 free. For more information go to TownHallAlliance.com.

• **Texas Hold'Em Tournament**
FOP-7 Lodge (Great Mills) – 2 p.m.

• **Texas Hold'Em "Big Game" Tournament**
Park Bingo Hall (California) – 2:30 p.m.

• **Silent Angel Memorial**
Bay District Fire House (46900 Shangri-La Dr.)

A holiday tradition now in its 8th year, honoring the memory of those who have suffered violent deaths in St. Mary's County. Speakers include Sheriff Tim Cameron, State's Attorney Richard Fritz and Mary Atlas-Terry. Ceremony will include video statement from "America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh, the placing of angel-shaped ornaments to honor victims and a reading of names. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 1950 or email silentangelmemorial@gmail.com.

• **25th Annual Holiday Bazaar**
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mechanic-

sville Vol. Fire Department FREE ADMISSION

Find something for everyone on your holiday list – decorations, jewelry, one-of-a-kind items, food, and much more! Photos from Santa from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Queen-size quilt, gift card and 50/50 raffles Lunch and baked goods available For more information, call 301-884-4519

Monday, November 30

• **No Limit Texas Hold'Em "Bounty" Tournament**
St. Mary's County Elks Lodge (California) – 7 p.m.

• **Road to Scholarship No Limit Hold'Em**
Donovan's Pub (California) – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 1

• **Relay for Life Planning Committee Meeting**
Leonardtown Middle School Media Center – 6 p.m.

Planning Committee meeting for the 2010 Relay For Life, St. Mary's County. Meetings are open to the public and all ages are welcome to attend.

• **University of Maryland Southern Maryland Alumni Club**
JT Daugherty Conference Center – 6:30 p.m.

Cheer on the Terps and network with fellow alumni. Food and door prizes provided, cash bar available. \$20 for alumni members, \$25 for non-members, \$30 at the door. Register in advance at www.terpnation.com/SoMDgamewatch. For more

information email somdterpalum@gmail.com.

• **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 221 Meeting**
AL Post 221 (Avenue) – 7 p.m.

All spouses of veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during the listed war eras are invited to join us for our monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. Visit the Post website at <http://www.geocities.com/alpost221>. Call Christina Barbour at (301) 904-5876 for more information.

• **Special Olympics No Limit Hold'Em Tournery**
Bennett Building 24930 Old Three Notch Rd. (Hollywood) – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2

• **23rd Annual Christmas Doll & Train Exhibit**

St. Clements Island Museum (Colton's Point) – 12 noon. Antique and collectible dolls, toys and miniature trains. Call 301-769-2222 or visit www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums.

• **Community Concert and Open House**
Historic St. Mary's City State House – 7 p.m.

St. Maries Musica will perform holiday tunes. Call 240-895-4990 for more information.

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Another Thanksgiving! Let's pretend that it's 1909 and the big day is approaching. There is plenty to do. Refrigeration is going to be an issue. You may have had an ice box, but no refrigerator. Least likely to spoil, of course, would be baked goods, Monday was probably baking day. This would include cakes, pies (including pumpkin, of course), cookies, etc.

The best part of Tuesday would be spent in the preparation of the stuffed ham. It's time to get the ham out of the brine and debone it. Cabbage, kale, or other greens must be washed, chopped, wilted, and mixed with all of the spices. Cut slits in the ham and stuff in the greens. Wrap the ham up tightly in a clean pillow case or t shirt. Boil for 20 minutes per pound and after cooling, place it in the ice box.

It's another grueling day on Wednesday. The turkey who has been roaming around in the back yard plucking corn for the past few months is now ready to meet his maker. Get the ax and take him to the chopping block. After decapitation and a sprint of the body around the yard, Tom must be cleaned thoroughly. All feathers have to be plucked. Retrieve the neck, liver, and kidneys and put aside. Make the stuffing out of cornbread. Late Wednesday night the stuffed turkey is placed in the oven of the wood burning stove. The fire will need to be tended all night to ensure the temperature remains consistent and the turkey, of course, will need to be basted periodically.

The house is alive on Thursday morning beginning about 4:00 or 5:00 a.m. There's at least a half bushel of oysters to be shucked and breaded. White potatoes and sweet potatoes have to be peeled. Cornbread or biscuits need to be made. Collard greens or kale is cleaned, seasoned, and placed on the stove. The turkey's neck and innards are placed in a pot to boil in preparation for making gravy. The ham needs to be sliced, sweet potatoes prepared and placed in the oven for baking, oysters fried, the white potatoes need to be mashed, and the gravy made.

Tables have to be set up (sometimes with a couple of sawhorses with lumber atop). The tables are set with the "company" tablecloths, napkins, dishes and silverware. As the food gets ready, it's either placed on the tables or on a sideboard. The turkey is placed on the main table where traditionally Dad carves.

Prayers are said and then carving begins. Within 30 minutes, family and guests are thoroughly engorged. The kids go out to the play, the men go off to another room to enjoy a glass of wine and smoke their cigars. This leaves the women to clear the table, wash and dry the dishes, and put everything away. By now, though everybody's ready for dessert and so begins round two.

Whew! So much for the good old days.

Hearth and Home in Early Maryland Nov. 27 & 28

When the turkey feast is a pleasant memory and guests are anxious to move away from the table, journey to 17th-century Maryland and discover how the first citizens celebrated a bountiful harvest. Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) will present *Hearth and Home in Early Maryland* on Friday and Saturday, November 27 and 28, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Each of the museum's four living history sites will feature seasonal activities and a wide variety of foods.

The Town Center will have colonial-style amusements like Nine Pins (17th-century bowling) and riddles, as well as operating the reproduction printing press at the Nuthead print house.

The Godiah Spray Plantation will be recounting the wedding festivities of Anne Knott's wedding to Jeremiah Harrington in 1661 and serving left over goodies from the wedding feast.

The event will also feature different perspectives between the Indians and the colonists in terms of food and culture. *Hearth and Home in Early Maryland* will begin at the HSMC Visitor Center at 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City. Admission is \$10.00 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$6 for students, and \$3.50 for children from 6-12 years. Friends of HSMC get in free.

This is HSMC's final event before living history exhibits close for the season. The St. John's Site Museum and The Shop at Farthing's Ordinary will remain open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., throughout the winter. For more information, call 800-SMC-1634, 240-895-4990, or visit the museum web site, www.stmaryscity.org.