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Fundraiser Targets Children Suffering from Rare Disease

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Jameson Miller, not quite 2 years old, may not have much longer to live. The young boy and his family who live in Hollywood are battling his rare degenerative neurological disease known as Pantothenate Kinase-Associated Neurodegeneration (PKAN) which eventually renders the body inoperative but leaves the patient intact cognitively.

Essentially the body shuts down leaving the victim in complete awareness; PKAN is linked to recessive genes which mutate and link to give the disease its genesis.

Jameson's mother, Ashley Miller, said she is planning a fundraiser at the St. Mary's County Fair Grounds in August to raise money not for her son's medical bills, but for research to find a cure for the disease that afflicts him and others.

"We have medical bills that are considerable," Ashley Miller told The County Times. "But we're making ends meet."

"Everything we're doing is for the research."

The family is working towards getting their son in a clinical trial for a drug developed by the Spoonbill Foundation, a non-profit that has taken on the mantle for finding a cure.



Ashley Miller with her son Jameson

Without it, Jameson and his family have to fight everyday to keep him comfortable.

Ashley Miller said that most victims of the disease don't make it past 10 years of age.

"It's hard," she said. "There's no cure, there's no treatment."

Since he began to exhibit difficulty developing his motor skills, the family had sought diagnosis after diagnosis.

The rarity of PKAN often means



A fundraising event was held in May for Jameson. Twenty-two families gathered at Gracie's Guys and Gals Dance Studio for a Zumbini fundraiser class taught by Heather Arthur. The event raised \$400 for the Spoonbill Foundation in support of Jameson Miller.

those suffering from its affects are misdiagnosed with a condition such as cerebral palsy, she said.

Jameson was born in August of 2017 and he was not properly diagnosed until Thanksgiving of last year, she said.

"And then everything changed," she said.

The rarity of the disease also means

it doesn't get the same level of funding as a more recognizable condition, such as cancer.

"We just have to hope," Miller said. "We don't really know what the future holds."

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Status of Defendant in Fatal Crash Still in Question

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The question as to whether a Lexington Park man accused of causing a vehicular crash in March that claimed the life of an elderly woman is competent to stand trial for her death continues after a hearing was postponed last week.

Machiavelli Tyzhae Savoy, 21, was indicted last month on the charge of second-degree murder and negligent manslaughter, among others in an 18-count indictment resulting from the death of Carol Jean Anderson, 87, of Leonardtown.

A Circuit Court judge ordered in April that Savoy be taken to a state run hospital to ascertain whether he was competent to stand trial; his lawyer claimed at the time that her client suffered from a head injury and that he had no recollection of the events that led up to Anderson's death.

Savoy has since been released and the defense is looking to contest the state's findings from Savoy's hospital stay.

"The state's doctor says Savoy is competent," Assistant State's Attorney Daniel J. White told The County Times. "The defense is seeking a second opinion." White is the prosecutor who moved for the indictment against Savoy.

The crash occurred March 3, Anderson died from her injuries March 9.

On the day of the crash law enforcement officers located Savoy operating a vehicle in the area of Midway Drive in Lexington Park. Savoy was wanted on numerous outstanding warrants, including illegally possessing and transport-



Savoy

ing a handgun. Officers attempted to take Savoy into custody, however Savoy refused to stop and a pursuit ensued, police reports stated. During the pursuit, Savoy lost control of the vehicle he was operating while negotiating a curve on Pegg Road. Savoy's vehicle crossed the centerline of the roadway and was struck by Anderson's vehicle.

Both vehicles caught fire and both drivers had to be extracted; Anderson suffered burns to her left side.

Both Savoy and Anderson sustained serious injuries from the crash; sources close to the investigation said Savoy was not initially expected to live due the severe injuries he suffered.

Police found that Savoy was in possession of a handgun once he had been pulled from the wreckage.

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Commissioners Approve Courthouse Security Funding

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Since the courthouse was renovated in the year 2000 it has had plate glass windows installed, but in today's climate of active shooters who target windows as a means of gaining entry to a secured facility, upgrades are necessary. St. Mary's County Circuit Court Administrative Judge Michael J. Stamm went before the Commissioners of St. Mary's County Tuesday to request their approval of the use of state grant money for much needed security upgrades, including shatter proof glass and an additional nine security cameras at critical points throughout the courthouse. The shatterproof glass will be installed in hallways leading to the offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court and many other access and egress points in the facility. Glass will also be upgraded for

courtroom doors, county documents show. The plan calls for nearly 250 pieces of new shatterproof glass to replace the old plate glass. The entire cost of the security upgrades for this fiscal year, which come out of a list of recommendations from a recent security review, is slightly over \$155,000. The upgrades are funded completely through the grant; there is no match required by the county. "Some of it is ballistic, some of it is shatterproof," Stamm told commissioners of the glass upgrades. "When the building was built back in 2000, frankly no body perceived what was going to be happening throughout the country. "So we have plate glass everywhere." Commissioner Mike Hewitt was curious about the seemingly high price of replacement glass. "That explains the cost," Hewitt said after Stamm's explanation.

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County Commissioners approved grant funding for court security upgrades

Skipjack Gala Rallies Local Democrats to Action

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Local Democrats gathered at Old Breton Inn May 31 heard from their leadership and elected officials that they had to answer the call to action to retake

key positions in the U.S. Senate and the White House in 2020.

Both Del. Brian Crosby (D-Dist. 29B) and U.S. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, said Democrats needed to be involved locally and nationally to rally voters to their banner; namely to defeat

President Donald Trump.

"We certainly live in interesting times," said Shane Mattingly, chair of the St. Mary's County Democratic Central Committee. "We're in an alley fight for the soul of America."

Crosby, after his first year in the House of Delegates, said he was in an interesting position being the only Democrat in the county delegation.

"It's pretty lonely at times," Crosby said. "Even though you may not be in my district, I'm responsible for representing each of you in Annapolis."

He also praised the many calls from constituents telling him how he should vote on issues.

"It's what keeps me grounded," Crosby said. "All of you have shaped my votes in Annapolis."

He said he and other Democrats in the legislature were responsible for so many resources coming to Southern Maryland.

"It's been the Democrats who have delivered," Crosby said.

He noted the funding for the third building for autonomous research, the Calvert Marine Museum and Historic St. Mary's City were all victories for Democrats.

He encouraged Democrats to be steadfast in preparing for the 2020 presidential election.

"Knock doors," Crosby said. "We need to knock doors and we need to be passionate."

Hoyer praised the work Crosby was doing, under what the long-time Congressman called difficult circumstances.

"He was the only Democrat standing at the local level," Hoyer said, moving on to the task before his party. "These are the times that try men's souls."

"The American people gave Democrats control of the House of Representatives because of their concern over the direction Donald Trump is taking this



Del. Brian Crosby spoke to local Democrats May 31 about the importance of 2020.

country."

He accused the president of demeaning his opponents and "demeaning the presidency itself."

Hoyer went through a list of accomplishment in the House, many of which went on to defeat because of a Republican controlled Senate, to include expansion of voting rights, redistricting reform and disaster relief for those in the middle of the county experiencing all manner of weather-related mishaps.

He also criticized Trump for pulling out of a key global environmental initiative.

"You were wrong to withdraw from [the] Paris [climate accords]," Hoyer said. "Climate change is a crisis."

Hoyer said he believed Trump did not represent the core of America.

"That's what this election is about," Hoyer said. "Taking our country back."

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Esperanza Lanes Closes Doors



After more than 30 years in business Esperanza Lane has closed its doors

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For more than three decades county residents could take part in games of bowling on their own or in league form at Esperanza Lanes on Route 235 just across from the San Souci Shopping Center.

But those days are gone; David Long, the owner of the business said the business closed its doors officially a month ago on May 1.

“After 35 years of ownership my wife and I have decided to retire,” Long said in a recorded message on the business phone at Esperanza Lanes. “We are going to put it up for sale and hopefully a person or some company will buy it and maintain it as a bowling alley.”

Long said in his message that he was thankful for the many years of patronage from bowlers and leagues over the years.

“We’ve met a lot of wonderful people,” Long said. “And we want to take a new phase in our lives.”

Esperanza Lanes was the only bowling alley open to the general public in St. Mary’s; the only other alley is located on Patuxent River Naval Air Station, which is only open to service members, their families and guests.

The closest alley open to the public now is in Huntingtown in Calvert County, known as Lord Calvert Lanes.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt, who operated a service center next to Long’s business for years, lamented the loss of another in-door recreational site.

“They were in business a long time,” Hewitt said. “They provided quite a service to the community.”

“I hope someone can take it over. I’m sorry to see we lost public bowling in the county; I’m sorry to see them go.”

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Student Debt Plan Launched for State Employees

Governor Larry Hogan today announced the launch of SmartWork, an important component of the administration’s overall college affordability and student debt relief package. The governor introduced SmartWork in 2018 as part of a comprehensive series of initiatives to make a college education more affordable and provide relief to Marylanders burdened by student debt. The SmartWork component for state employees is now being launched following completion of negotiations with the state employee unions.

“Our administration is doing everything we can to ensure that all Marylanders have access to a college education, which includes making college as affordable and accessible as possible,” said Governor Hogan. “This innovative program will provide many of our hardworking state employees relief from the high levels of college debt that many families face.”

SmartWork’s Student Loan Repayment Plan (SLRP) will offer Maryland state employees working in specified shortage areas—such as nurses, correctional officers, police, and IT workers—the opportunity to receive state assistance with student loan debt. Current state employees in eligible job classifications who are paying down their chil-

dren’s student loans may also qualify for this benefit, for children age 25 and younger.

The explosion in student loan debt in the last 20 years is unprecedented. Student loan debt now totals \$1.6 trillion, which has recently surpassed credit card debt in volume. With nearly 60% of Maryland college students graduating with student debt, averaging more than \$27,000 per student, this massive debt is preventing Marylanders from buying homes and investing in their retirement.

Effective immediately, eligible state employees will be able to download an application and other documents verifying school(s) attended and loan payments that have been made by the employee during the repayment interval. The state expects demand to be robust and is preparing for a large volume of applications.

The maximum benefit is \$20,000 over a ten-year period. The initiative is administered by the Office of Personnel Services and Benefits of the Department of Budget and Management. Additional information can be found at <https://dbm.maryland.gov/employees/Pages/SmartWork.aspx>

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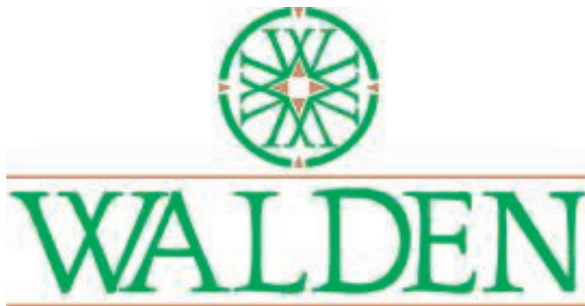
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Walden's Hotline to Cease, New Service Starting July

The summer of 2019 brings several key changes representing the latest in Walden's ongoing strategic response to community needs. Walden Sierra's long-serving 24 hour hotline will sunset. The hotline was established in 1973 to respond to needs in the community. "We have answered close to one million calls and provided services to the wonderful citizens of our community thanks to the generosity of our local government. St Mary's is indeed a "Community that Cares". With the creation of Maryland 211, as well as the national texting hotline 741741, Walden's access line for Behavioral health and a new Trauma hotline coming July 1 we are confident that the needs of our community will continue to be addressed. In addition, Kathleen O'Brien PhD, Walden Sierra's long-time Chief Executive Officer, will continue her leadership efforts on a larger stage with the launch of "Walden Wise".

"Walden Wise is the culmination of many years of thought around how I can bring the growing body of scientific knowledge about brain-based health and wellness to light. Walden Wise is dedicated to thought leadership that creates a culture of understanding and investment in compassionate brain-based health and



wellness. We are influencers who believe that the empirical science behind brain-based health and wellness holds miraculous possibilities to positively impact physical, emotional, cognitive, and social well-being. We intend to utilize our network, experience, knowledge and resources to educate and transform attitudes about brain related illnesses", explains Kathleen O'Brien, Ph.D. The Walden Wise initiative, emphasizing "...Hope for tomorrow" will be the next chapter for Walden Sierra, a 501c3 serving Southern Maryland for over 46 years, providing

Mid-shore Council on Family Violence has been selected to carry on Walden Sierra's role as the Domes-

tic Violence /Rape Crisis provider. They will open a Leonardtown office to serve St. Mary's County, Maryland in July 2019. Community members can expect the same community outreach, crisis response and victim sheltering, crisis counseling and referral to community supports as Walden Sierra provided. "In fact, the members of Walden Sierra's crisis and trauma counseling team will simply now be working for Mid-shore," explains Dr. O'Brien. In addition to retaining the strong emphasis on trauma education and counseling that has long been a hallmark of Walden Sierra's victim services programs, the services will be enhanced as Mid-shore also offers an economic empowerment focus for victims of abuse. As Mid-shore brings its own hotline service to crisis response, Walden Sierra is in a position to sunset the hotline operated in St. Mary's County for decades. "We are so very grateful to the St. Mary's County Commissioners for their support of the Walden hotline since 1973. We are confident that the Commissioners will be able to redirect those funds previously dedicated to the hotline to other emergent needs in keeping with their tradition of caring for our ever changing community "

Consumer Alert: Attorney General's Office Receives Reports of Imposter Law Enforcement Scam

Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh is warning consumers of a scam in which thieves posing as law enforcement swindle money from Marylanders by threatening arrest for missing jury duty or failure to appear as a witness.

Anyone can fall victim to this sophisticated scam. Reports indicate that it is affecting Marylanders in several counties. Here is what consumers report.

The scammer calls a potential victim, claiming falsely to be calling from a local police department or sheriff's office to tell them that they have missed a court date. The scammer may leave a message for a call back, and the caller ID often indicates a local area code. If the victim calls the number back, a recording suggests that they reached a legitimate law enforcement office. Once the caller is connected to a live person, that person tells the victim they missed jury duty, that a certified notice was signed by someone at their home, and that a bench warrant for their arrest has been issued for failure to attend jury duty and contempt of court.

In some reported cases, the scammer tells the victim that they must meet in person to resolve the issue. The scammer may provide the victim with an address belonging to an actual law enforcement location to appear legitimate. But once the victim arrives at that location, the scammer will then ask for payment (generally by gift card, prepaid cash card, or wire transfer) to immediately resolve the issue.

In other cases, the scammer tells the victim that there is a fine due for missing the court appearance, and that the victim cannot go to the local law enforcement department or they will be arrested. The scammer tells the victim



that they can only pay the fine by wiring funds—no cash or checks are accepted. They may also tell the victim that if they pay the fine within a designated time that they only need to pay a portion of the fine.

Once the victim agrees to pay the fine, the scammer provides instruction on how to pay, and then will likely tell the victim that they must stay on the phone until the payment is complete. In a complaint received by the Consumer Protection Division, the scammer instructed the victim to use a MoneyPak card to pay the fine.

In addition to the above, the scammer may tell the victim that there is a "gag order" on their case so they cannot talk about it. They may also ask the victim to scan and email a copy of their driver's license.

Under no circumstances should you pay any money, whether through MoneyPak or any other quick money transfer, to any person or group that claims to be a law enforcement officer even if they

threaten you with arrest or fine. Nor should you email or reveal by telephone any personal information to anyone unless it is an exchange that you initiated.

If you do receive a call that tries to extort you in this way, follow these steps:

1. Hang up immediately.
2. Do NOT call the number shown on the caller ID.
3. Do NOT send your driver's license information to anyone who calls claiming to be a law enforcement officer.
4. Report the suspicious call to the Office of the Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission.

If you have received a call like this and paid the caller any amount of money, or revealed any personal information via email or by phone, follow these steps:

1. Contact the company that facilitated the funds transfer to see if you can stop the payment.
2. Contact the Attorney General's Identity Theft Unit to learn how to

protect yourself if the scammers try to use your personal information.

3. Contact your local law enforcement department to report the theft.
4. Report the incident to the Office of the Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission.

"Only one person has to fall for this scam for the thieves to potentially make hundreds of dollars," said Attorney General Frosh. "These scammers are very good at persuading anyone that they are in trouble with the law. But remember that legitimate law enforcement officers will NEVER ask you to pay a fine by wire transfer or any other rapid money transfer."

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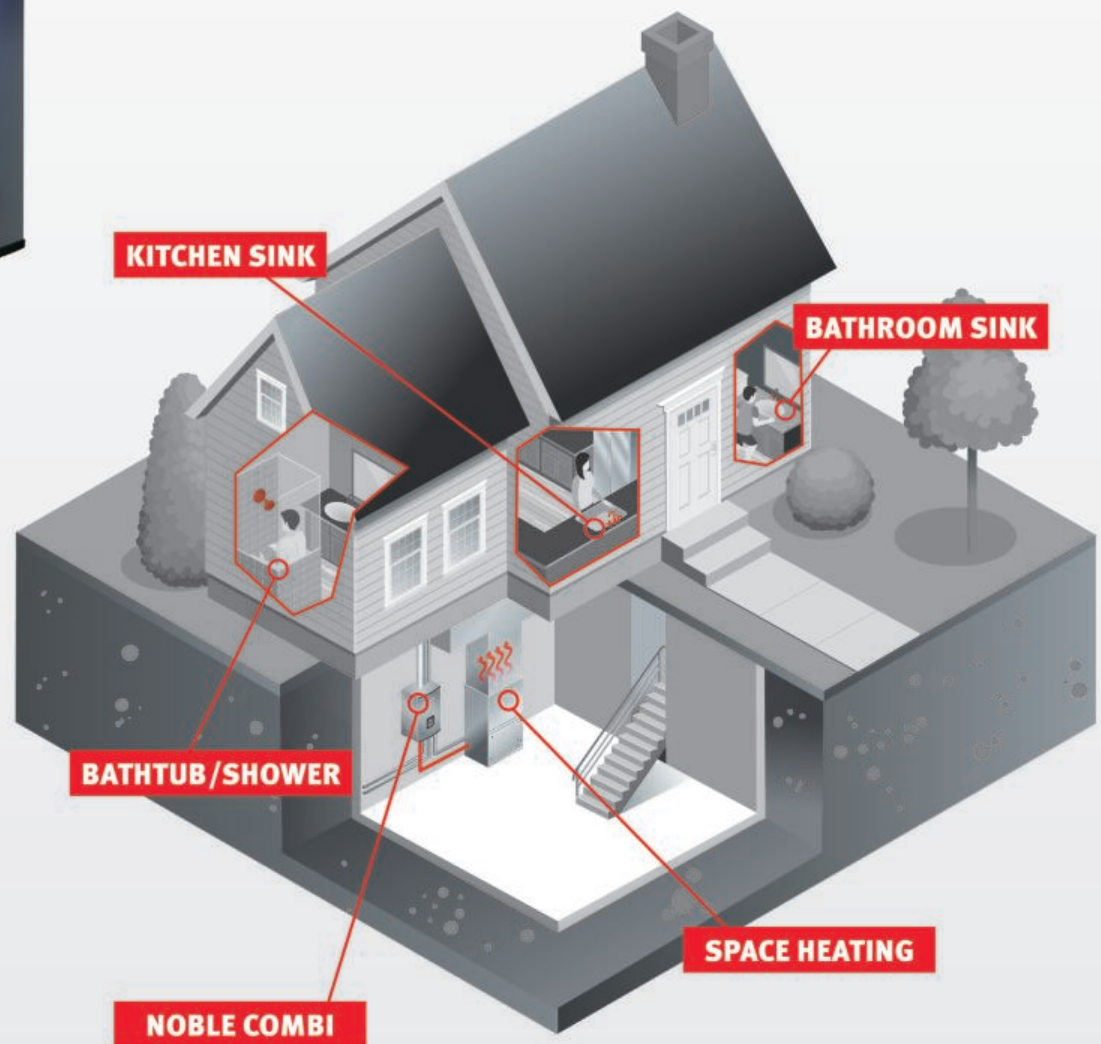
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Identity Needed for Theft Suspect

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured. On Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 3:30 p.m., while checking out of the Lexington Park Weis grocery store, the victim put a wallet on the shelf near the card reader key pad. A store employee, who thought that the wallet was left behind by a previous customer, mistakenly ran after the suspect and gave him the victim's wallet. The suspect was last seen riding away on a bicycle. Anyone

with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Andrew Budd at 301-475-4200, ext. *8013 or email andrew.budd@stmarysmd.com. Case # 30479-19

Police Seeking Vehicle Burglary Suspect

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured. On Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 2:30 a.m., while in the 45500 block of Athboy Court in Great Mills, the image of the suspect was captured as he walked toward the victim's home, where a Citizen Eco watch and cash were sto-

len from an unlocked vehicle. The suspect is described as a black male wearing black clothing and a blue backpack. Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Thomas Snyder at 301-475-4200, ext. *8068 or email thomas.snyder@stmarysmd.com. Case # 31830-19

Counterfeit Money Suspect's Identity Sought

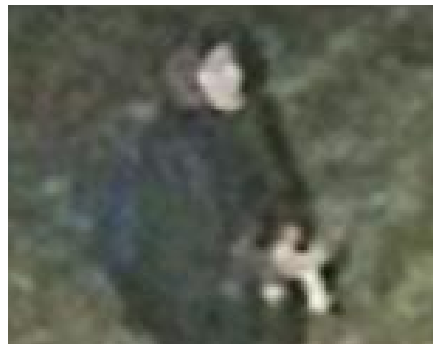
The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured. On Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 8:30 p.m., the suspect using the name "Tim White" met the victim in the parking lot of the Mechanicsville Wawa to purchase an Apple watch that had been offered for sale on Facebook Marketplace. The suspect paid for the watch with counterfeit US money. He was last seen leaving from the rear of the Wawa driving an older silver VW Jetta. Any-

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On View Arrests

Theft- On May 14, 2019, Dep. Payne responded to the 48000 block of Freehold Drive in St. Mary's City, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined Garret Brady Harim, age 22 of Coltons Point, came to the victim's residence uninvited. When the victim refused to come outside the residence, Harim entered the victim's vehicle and stole change. Harim was located in the victim's vehicle by Dep. Payne, and arrested. Harim was charged with Rogue and Vagabond and Theft. CASE# 28080-19

Theft & Trespassing- On May 18, 2019, Dep. Chase responded to the 21800 block of Shangri La Drive in Lexington Park for the reported theft. Investigation determined James Edward Nolan, age 61 with no fixed address, stole two pairs of sunglasses from the Rite Aid store, and was previously served a notice not to trespass for the establishment. Nolan was located in the area and arrested; Nolan was charged with Theft and Trespass-Private Property. CASE# 28857-19



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In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland

Case No.: C-18-FM-19-427
Notice (Adult) (DOM REL 61)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name from Yelena Marie McAtee to Lyena Alexeevna Yakovleva. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: This is my preferred name.

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The event will be held on the Governmental Center Lawn in Leonardtown. If inclement weather should occur, the ceremony will be moved inside the Leonard Hall Recreation Center, adjacent to the lawn.

The event will feature a procession by various color guards and veterans

groups from around the county. A formal ceremony and Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance follows the procession.

At the conclusion of the formal program, members of the American Legion Post in Avenue, Maryland, will hold a flag retirement ceremony. Legion members will demonstrate the dignified and proper method of disposing of worn, torn and/or tattered flags.

*Press Release from
St. Mary's County Government*

Chopticon Students Have a Picnic Day



On May 22nd the Adaptive PE class from Chopticon High School visited St. Clair Farm for their annual "End of the Year Picnic". The picnic includes bag lunches, hayrides, and a visit with the horses. (Holding horse) Volunteer, Shawn Cathcart, owner of River Crest K9 Services, Sherri St. Clair of St. Clair Farm, and students and staff from Chopticon High School.

Cedar Point Wins National Award for Social Responsibility

On June 3, 2019, Cedar Point was honored to be presented with the prestigious Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award from the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) and the MDDC Credit Union Association. Winning first place in the state of Maryland, the local credit union will now move into consideration at the national level.



Dora Maxwell and Kristin Kauffman

"All credit unions focus on their communities," says CEO Charles Roach. "And all credit unions face the challenge of how to do that best and how to really own it. At Cedar Point, we believe in building meaningful partnerships in our communities." Whether that is through making a financial commitment or making a commitment to simply being present, Cedar Point has made a monumental effort to get out and support the community in the past two years.

community through their partnership with SMCR. "And those are just the things we've done together as a team," says Marketing Manager Kristin Kauffman. "In just the first five months of 2019, our employees have dedicated over 586 hours of their personal time to community projects. I think that CUNA really sees our efforts as representing the values of the credit union movement."

Since 2017, Cedar Point has helped rebuild homes with Christmas in April, helped with Earth Day revitalization, gathered and delivered supplies to hurricane victims, delivered nearly 1000 winter coats to local missions and spent time with members of the special needs

The Dora Maxwell award was given to recognize the volunteer service that the credit union's employees have worked so hard to make happen. "This award would not have been possible without our tireless employees," says Roach. "Their creativity and dedication inspires our management team and we have the deepest respect for each of them."

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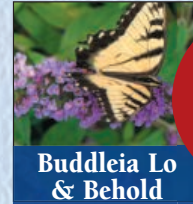


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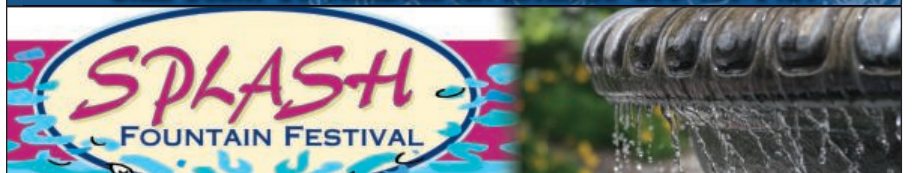
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TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

The Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken and Linda Lamb
Contributing Writers

The Patuxent opened for rockfish last Saturday and trollers found the fish in good numbers and size. Many boaters trolling small to mid-sized bucktails found the stripers eager to bite from Sheridan Point to the mouth of Cuckold Creek. The fish are in the edges of the drop offs and oyster bars and most are about 20 inches with some close to 30 inches. White lures seem to be most productive. There were rockfish caught by surf casters at Myrtle Point Beach.

The Potomac has good rockfish from Point Lookout to the 301 bridge for trollers and chummers. The rock piles off Tall Timbers have been consistent in catches of mostly keeper rockfish. The St. Mary's River had some catches of smaller stripers with the ratio so keepers to throwbacks about four to one. Chummers are setting up chumlines off St. George Island with success. There are some bigger fish hanging around the steep drop at Cornfield Point.

Bay fishermen are finding plenty of rockfish off the Gas Docks. Trollers found good



Don Haggard with a hefty catfish from Hog Point in the mouth of the Patuxent.

fish at Buoy 76, the PR, and Hoopers Island Light. There are good catches out of St. Jerome's Creek and Point No Point Light.

Cat fishing is still good most everywhere for shore fishermen including the Solomons Pier, Piney Point, Point Lookout, and most anywhere you care to drop a hook baited with fresh alewife.

We are still awaiting croaker and spot. The white perch are most everywhere and eager to take bait or lures on tide movement.

Two spanish mackerel were taken in pound nets in Cornfield Harbor this week, the first of the season. Cobia and redfish are in the mouth of the Bay near Cape Charles, hopefully heading our way.

Maryland Offers License-Free Fishing Days

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources invites anglers to experience our state's myriad waterways during license-free fishing days on June 8 and July 4. These annual events allow everyone the chance to test their fishing skills or reinvigorate their love of fishing without needing a license, trout stamp or registration.

Maryland hosts this opportunity annually on the first two Saturdays in June and on the Independence Day holiday. An individual may catch and possess finfish in any tidal and nontidal waters of Maryland, as long as it's for recreational purposes.

"We are lucky to live in a state where you can fish in fresh, brackish and salt water — often all in the same day if you want," Recreational Fishing Outreach Coordinator Erik Zlokovitz said. "This opportunity allows recreational anglers to try their hand at something new before committing to a license."

All anglers must follow current size and catch limits. An online guide is available and a printed version can be picked up at many service centers or local bait-and-tackle shops. Anglers are encouraged to submit their catches to the Maryland Angler's Log or compete in the new FishMaryland competition. The department also has dozens of other resources to help new or experienced anglers, including angler access maps, Click Before You Cast and fish identification charts.

Anglers who decide to get or renew their license can do so either online, on the department's mobile app, by phone or in person at any Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration licensing center.

Press Release from MD DNR

Archer Doubles in Potomac Limited Late Models

Lear Scores Career First in RUSH Crates

Sam Archer drove to his second win of the season in last Friday nights 20-lap Limited Late headliner at Potomac Speedway. The win for Archer, steering his family owned MasterSbilt no.36, would be his overall 19th career feature win at Potomac.

Archer darted from the pole to the lead and would eventually pace all 20-circuits, but would have to hold off current point leader and 8th starting Derick Quade to score the win. "This car was on a rail tonight." Archer stated post race. "We don't have any sponsors and I have to thank my dad and fiance for the win they work hard the car and it's great to get another win." Tyler Emory, Brandon Long and Dale Murphy would round out the top-five.

Kyle Lear drove to his first win of the season in the 20-lap RUSH Crate Late Model main. Lear, who lined up 2nd for the start, burst into the lead on the first lap and would lead the distance aboard his Rocket no.151 to collect his career first Crate score and overall 25th at the track. «We've been getting better every race and I knew I had to take advantage of starting up front tonight.» Said Lear. «My crew and sponsors stick with me through thick and thin and I couldn't do this without them.» Jeremy Pilkerton was strong in second with current point leader Darren Alvey, Chuck Bowie and Megan Mann completing the top-five.

In support class action, Marty Hanbury drove to his 2nd win of the season in the 16-lap Street Stock feature, Greg Morgan tallied his 2nd of 2019 in a thrilling 15-lap Hobby Stock feature, Jeff Bloch took his first of the season in the 15-lap Strictly Stock event with Allen Griffith Jr. scoring his first win of the year in the 15-lap U-Car contest.

Limited Late Model feature finish

1. Sam Archer 2. Derick Quade 3. Tyler Emory 4. Brandon Long 5. Dale Murphy 6. Billy Tucker 7. Jonny Oliver 8. Todd Plummer 9. Richard Culver

RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish

1. Kyle Lear 2. Jeremy Pilkerton 3. Darren Alvey 4. Chuck Bowie 5. Megan Mann 6. Jakob Piper 7. Mike Raleigh 8. Jonathan Raley 9. Ben Bowie 10. Harry Shipe (DNS)

Street Stock feature finish

1. Marty Hanbury 2. Ed Pope Jr. 3. Deuce Wright 4. Kyle Randall

Hobby Stock feature finish

1. Greg Morgan 2. Mikey Latham 3. Jonathan Knott 4. Buddy Dunagan 5. Kyle Nelson 6. Billy Crouse 7. Colin Long 8. Hilton Pickeral 9. Stevie Gingery 10. James Rainey (DNS)

Strictly Stock feature finish

1. Jeff Bloch 2. John Hardesty 3. Nabil Guffey 4. Jimmy Suite 5. JJ Silvius 6. Danny Kitts 7. Greg Mattingly 8. Johnny Hardesty 9. Daniel Knodle 10. Ed Pope Sr.

U Car feature finish

1. Allen Griffith Jr. 2. Cody Stamp 3. Larry Lamb 4. Tim Steele 5. Justin Knight 6. Ryan Quade 7. Steph Homberg 8. Ben Pirner 9. Stephen Suite 10. Joey Suite 11. Thomas Windsor 12. Owen Lacey 13. Mackenzie Smith 14. Ashley Stansell 15. Dominic King 16. Tyler Grinder (DNS)

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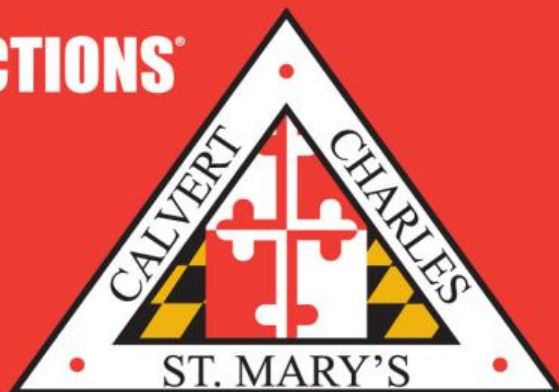
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Hemp Could Be Next Cash Crop



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Since the federal government has removed hemp, a cousin of the marijuana plant, from a list of restricted crops interest has grown in several states, including Maryland, as a possible replacement for tobacco, the state's traditional cash crop.

While hemp has many uses such as a basis for bio-fuels and as a fiber-bearing plant that can be used in clothing and other items, its most valued product is cannabidiol (CBD), which is an oil extracted from the plant that has medicinal properties.

It is currently being sold freely in Maryland as a pain reliever and even to reduce seizures in certain cases.

The Maryland Farm Bureau states also that hemp seed is high in both protein and fats, which could make it a viable alternative to soy products currently used as animal feed.

"The market for CBD oil has gone crazy," said Ben Beale, senior agricultural agent with the University of Maryland's Cooperative Extension in Leonardtown. "The hemp movement started in Kentucky and then moved to Tennessee and Virginia as an alternative to tobacco.

"There's a lot of interest."

Legislation recently passed in Maryland allows farmers to grow the crop if they partner with a state university or college conducting research on the plant for industrial growth purposes.

There are currently 13 farmers who have successfully applied to be a part of the University of Maryland's pilot program, with one in St. Mary's County.

The names of those farmers are being kept confidential, Beale said.

Agricultural officials said similar programs were underway with Salisbury State and Morgan State universities.

Under the current rules, hemp plants must have less than a .3 percent concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) which is the substance in marijuana that causes the narcotic high when smoked or otherwise imbibed.

"Any more than that and the entire crop has to be destroyed," Beale said.

He added that the research being conducted on the plant will help determine the optimum conditions for producing CBD oil from the plant; a certain amount of environmental stress on the plant can lead to increased production of the THC substance.

This makes growing hemp in Maryland a risky proposition, he said, with the threat of crop destruction if too much THC is present.

Though there has been significant interest in the local St. Mary's farming community, Beale said, there is already significant mounting competition around the nation to both grow and process hemp for its precious CBD oil.

"The entire US is looking at hemp," Beale said. "And there are still questions like what is the feasibility of this crop, what's the profitability?"

"We just don't know that. We don't have well defined markets at this time."

Beale said hemp production for its fiber would take between 300 to 400-acre plots, large for local farms.

But CBD oil production could take place on a vastly smaller scale, just one-to-two acre plots.

The large plots could be harvested more easily with combine equipment, while the smaller plots of just an acre or more would require more intensive hands-on labor; the sort used to pick and process tobacco years ago before the nationwide tobacco buyout.

Local production, and its profitability, lies in the ability to create products ready to bring to market; that means processing the hemp locally to extract the CBD substance, said Andrew Ristvey with the University of Maryland's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

"Growers will probably maximize their profits if they work in the context of a value-added idea," Ristvey told The County Times, adding that working on small, concentrated plots solely to extract the CBD oil for sale seemed to be the way forward for local growers, particularly with competition from around the nation growing.

"We're behind the 8 ball," Ristvey said. "We started late."

While a regional processing facility,

which does not yet exist, would help a nascent hemp industry in the region, growers could start on their own.

Ristvey said growers could begin the extraction process on their own using either a method involving carbon dioxide or alcohol.

Perhaps the most significant question about growing hemp here remains unanswered.

"We need to find out how well the crop grows in Maryland," Ristvey said.

James Raley, a member of the St. Mary's County farm bureau and board member of the state organization, said local farmers were interested but wary about hemp's future in Maryland.

"It's in the experimental stage right now," Raley said. "It's a new crop.

"We're not sure about its nutrient requirements or what pests it's vulnerable to."

Hemp has not been cleared for pesticide use in Maryland, according to the Maryland Cooperative Extension.

"Once it's out of the research phase the next hurdle will be harvesting and processing," Raley said. "We'll have to see if we can use a machine versus labor by hand."

Charlie Mattingly, owner of Southern Maryland Relief in Mechanicsville, a dispensary for medical marijuana, was confident hemp would have a successful run here.

"It's a good opportunity down here," Mattingly said. "We're talking to farmers about forming a [hemp growing] co-op."

Mattingly said he is already involved in hemp production across the nation and in other countries, he's just waiting to start here locally.

"I believe this will be one of the biggest crops growing in the country in the next two or three years," Mattingly said.

President of the Calvert County Farm Bureau Jason Leavitt said he feels there could be a future for the growing of commercial hemp in the county.

He said the farm bureau supports ways for farmers to diversify production, although he said he is not aware at this time of any specific interest in Calvert for growing hemp.

Calvert County Commissioner Earl "Buddy" Hance served as Maryland's agriculture secretary from 2009 to 2015. He said of Calvert's involvement in hemp production: "We're just trying to figure it out. When I was at the department, Colorado and Tennessee had passed some legislation allowing growing of hemp. They were struggling with it because of the connection to marijuana and all the regulations and requirements, trying to figure out how to regulate it. At that time, it was very preliminary."

Hance said hemp production is different from what farmers faced with tobacco: "Yeah, completely, because it's harvested by mechanical means. You can either combine it, or you can let it go to seed and you can use a combine and harvest the seed. You've cut it sort of like a hay crop."

Hance said he doesn't know of any farmers in Calvert who are participating in the experimental program with the University of Maryland.

"We have a tremendous problem with deer in the county; we'll just have to wait and see," Hance added.

Charlie Cox of Spider Hall Farm reminds everyone that farming is still the county's largest industry. "It's absolutely a business," he said. Cox observed that the decision about whether Calvert County farmers would leap into a new business would consider such return-on-investment factors as the potential need to purchase a new combine or other equipment.

Cox said that labor is still a big impediment to getting into a new crop. Labor issues led most farmers to choose the tobacco buyout. Cox said perhaps the hemp seeds could be harvested by combine for their oil but harvesting the leaves for other uses could also be labor intensive.

There are many variables, Beale said, but hemp could still be a viable money maker for local farmers.

"It's not at all mainstream yet," Beale said. "But there's potential."

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Fun & GAMES

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



I wanna' be a contestant

Can the weather this week last forever, well, except for the thunderstorm part that's coming? I always feel so much better in dry weather. The barometric pressure correlation between how your joints feel is definitely true for me. All the windows are open, I can work in the workshop with the AC off and the door open, and the slight breeze blows some of the mosquitos away.

I don't know if you are an avid, or rather, rabid Jeopardy fan like I am, but I am in a quandary over whether I miss "Jeopardy James", or if I am glad to see the new winner, Emma Boettcher, take the helm. Librarians always seem to do well. Emma must feel amazing to know she beat the champ, though there is quite a bit of online talk about whether he lost on his own terms, so he could be home with his family, specifically his daughter; apparently, she wants him home for her birthday party. What a Dad!!! And just in time for Father's Day.

No matter what, James Holzhauer has changed the game of Jeopardy forever. You hear that everywhere. I feel that Jeopardy, along with so much else in our culture, has now lost its innocence. Contestants will now be playing the game the "Jeopardy James" way; with a high stakes, risk-taking, winner take all strategy. It was a great strategy, no doubt, always hunting for the daily doubles first and going for the bottom, high dollar, answers right away. But, the polite method of starting at the top and working your way to the bottom of the category is gone, I think. In fact, for years, I thought that was the way it had to be done – at least in the first round.

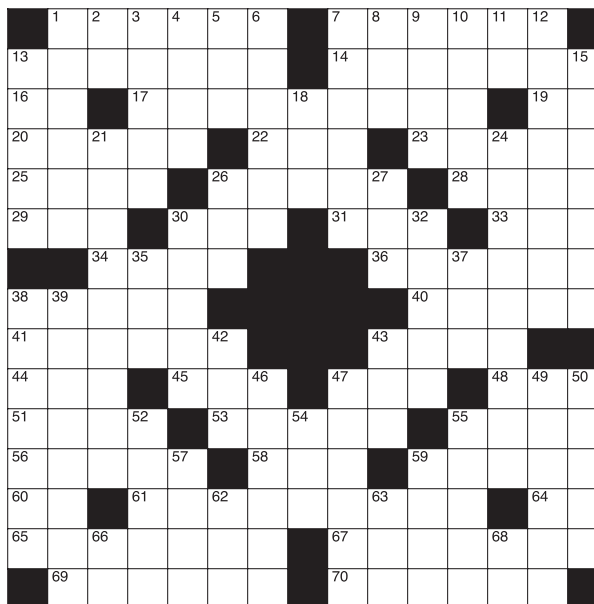
As I write about Jeopardy, Don Henley's song, "The end of the innocence" is running through my mind. James made the game very exciting, but right now I am glad it is back to normal. I did feel bad for some of the contestants up against James, who waited, for years possibly, to be on the show, only to find out that they were playing him.

Maybe I will have to go back to watching It's Academic like I did as a kid. I always wished I was smart enough to be picked for the show. I think Surrattsville was on in 1971 or so, though I don't remember if they were ever on it again. I'm sure they must have been. I do remember going into Giant with my mother at that time and seeing how everyone was so excited about a Surrattsville team getting to compete. There were promotional signs up as you walked into the store, since Giant was a big sponsor.

All I really wanted then, as I was only 10 years old, was to meet Oodona Mathews. I loved her voice, and she seemed exactly like my wonderful sister-in-law to be, Kathy, who also majored in Home Economics. Martha Stewart could learn things from her. I found a 2006 article about Mrs. Mathews by Susan Reimer of THE BALTIMORE SUN newspaper: "For nearly 30 years, Oodona Mathews was the voice of Giant Food, dispensing cheerful doses of nutrition advice over the radio and across the aisles of the supermarket. That familiar voice has been retired. Remember "Strive for Five"? It was the catch phrase she used to remind us to eat five servings of fruit and vegetables every day."

Now if my fondness for Jeopardy and It's Academic with the host as Oodona Mathews could be combined into a game show, I would try-out for that...still wouldn't be smart enough.

To each new days adventure, Shelby
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CLUES DOWN

1. Resembling apes
2. Famed TV host Sullivan
3. Rare Hawaiian geese
4. Convicted traitor
5. Make into leather
6. Urge to do something
7. Small town in Spain
8. They promote products
9. Small Eurasian deer
10. Ancient people
11. The Volunteer State
12. Academic term
13. Natives of Alberta, Canada
15. Cause to become insane
18. Feed
21. Crime organization
24. Acrobatic feats
26. Car mechanics group
27. Mustachioed actor Elliott
30. Inquired
32. S. Korean industrial city
35. Member of the cuckoo family
37. Test for high schoolers
38. Some nights are these
39. Helps you stay organized
42. Cool!
43. Genus containing pigs
46. An opinion at odds
47. Types of bears
49. Smartphones give them
50. Nobel physicist Hans
52. Where rock stars work
54. Your car needs it
55. Dutch name for Ypres
57. Go after
59. Cold wind
62. Examines animals
63. Popular island alcohol
66. Northeast
68. Indicates position

CLUES ACROSS

1. Ancient Rome had one
7. Engagement rings tend to have them
13. Not the leader
14. Decorated
16. Morning
17. The Garden State
19. __, myself and I
20. Gets up
22. Type of meal
23. Cavalry sword
25. Proclaims
26. Historic places
28. They go into space
29. Hostelry
30. Peter's last name
31. Necessary for syrup
33. Kids' channel
34. Take upon oneself
36. A bog
38. Small cavities in a gland
40. Grand Theft Auto vehicle
41. More vigorous
43. Supply to excess
44. Pie __ mode
45. Dash
47. You sometimes pardon it
48. Catch doing something wrong
51. A constellation's second star
53. Famed French painter of dancers
55. Engines do it
56. Chemically inactive
58. Moved quickly on foot
59. Threaten persistently
60. Commercial
61. Listen without the speaker's knowledge
64. Rhodium
65. Caregivers to kids
67. Highly ornamented
69. Real, fixed property
70. Brains

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In Remembrance

Carolyn Ann Russell Weiler



Carolyn Ann Russell Weiler, 55, of Hollywood, MD formerly from Leonardtown, MD passed away on June 2, 2019 in Washington, DC. Born on December 21, 1963 in Leonardtown, MD she

was the daughter of the late Agnes C. Russell and Richard I. Russell, Sr. Carolyn was the loving wife of Donald E. Weiler whom she married on May 19, 2001 in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Compton, MD.

Carolyn is survived by her children Sarah Copsey of Hollywood, MD, Michael A. Weiler of Hollywood, MD, and 1 grandchild. As well as her siblings Richard I. (Karen) Russell, Jr., Robert S. (Carole) Russell, Donald G. (Debbie) Russell, Linda R. (Jim) Farrell, Agnes Russell (Jim) Monteith, Charles P. Russell, K. Francis (Gisela) Russell, brother in law Mark Weiler, and Sister in law Theresa Summerfelt. She was preceded in death by her brother David A. Russell and sister in law Christine Russell.

She was lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1981. Carolyn worked for the Department of Education in Washington, DC, Franklin High School in New Orleans, LA, Cort Furniture Company in VA, Col-

lege of Southern Maryland, and Metcom in Hollywood, MD.

Carolyn was a book club member, and Leonardtown Lions Club member. She was in charge of the Christmas Care Program until her health declined.

She enjoyed going out on boat rides, shopping, volunteering at St. John's Catholic Church Hollywood, MD, and spending time with friends and family. Most of all, she was a loving wife and mother.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 5:00 PM 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 held on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM in St. Joseph's Catholic Church Morganza, MD with Father Rob Maro officiating.

Interment will follow in Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery Helen, MD.

Serving as pallbearers will be Richard I. Russell, Jr. Robert S. Russell, Donald G. Russell, Charles P. Russell, Francis Russell, and David A. Russell.

Contributions may be made to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church 21370 Newtowne Neck Road Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Newtowne Manor House 21370 Newtowne Neck Road Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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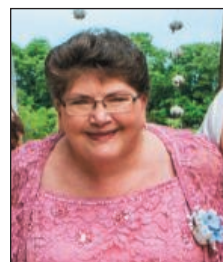


Joseph Ronald Thompson, Sr. "Ronnie", 60, of Loveville, MD formerly from Compton, MD passed away on June 2, 2019 at his home. He was born on December 10, 1958 in Leonardtown, MD, and was the loving son of the late Agnes Genevieve Farrell Thompson, and James Albert Thompson. Ronnie was the loving husband of Sylvia Marie Thompson whom he married on April 7, 1979 in Nazarene Church Hollywood, MD. Ronnie is survived by his children Joseph Ronald Thompson, Jr. of Loveville, MD, Denise Michelle Neitzve (Christopher) of Leonardtown, MD, 3 granddaughter Harper Marie Neitzve Farrah Ann Neitzve, and Emersyn Michelle Neitzve. As well as his siblings Barbara McGill, James A. Thompson, Jr. Elaine Brooks, Jeanette Burroughs, Susie Hall, Dorothy Thompson, Kenneth Thompson, Etta Battaglia, and Jay Thompson. He was preceded in death by his siblings Wanda Buckler, and Michael Thompson.

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident, and graduated from Chopticon High School in 1977. Ronnie was a Maintenance Trade worker for IAP Worldwide Services.

Contributions may be made to the Mechanicsville Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 15 Mechanicsville, MD 20659 and Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650

Bonnie Jeanne Santora



Bonnie Jeanne Santora, 59, "MooMoo" of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on May 31, 2019 in Waldorf, MD. Born on February 12, 1960 in Washington, DC, she was the daughter

of the late Norma Jeanne Walker and Chilton Thomas Walker. Bonnie is survived by her children Lacey Santora of Mechanic-

sville, MD, Courtney-Sue Santora of Mechanicsville, MD, Dominick Santora (Holly) of Mechanicsville, MD, and 3 grandchildren. As well as her brother Daniel "Danny" Walker (Beth). She was preceded in death by her sister Susan Musselman

She graduated from Friendly High School in 1978. Bonnie was a beautician, hair dresser, and homemaker.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD, where a Funeral Service will be held in the Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Zelalem Wollo officiating. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Dominick Santora, Arnold Hager, Daniel Walker, Dalton Walker, Frank Santora, II, and Lacey Santora.

Robert B. Wood, Sr.



Robert B. Wood, Sr. 84, of Abell, MD formerly of New Orleans, LA passed away on May 26, 2019. He was born on August 14, 1934 in New Orleans, LA and was the loving son of the late

Margery Huck Wood and Robert H. Wood, Jr. Robert was the loving husband of Joyce Wood whom he married in New Orleans, LA. They were married for 63 years. Robert is survived by his children Robert B. Wood, Jr. (Carolyn) of Grasonville, MD, Mark Wood (Jill) of Glenwood, MD, Jeffrey Wood (Amy) of Newburg, MD. He was preceded in death by his siblings Albert Haik, Dorothy Haik, Margie Hickey, Jane Wood, Rose Wood, and Charles Chabreck.

He graduated from Warden Easton High School. As well as graduating from Northwestern University in Louisiana in 1968. He moved to St. Mary's County, MD in 1979. Robert served with the United States Coast Guard for 42 years, from 1952 to 1994. Robert was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Moose Lodge 495 in Mechanicsville, MD and Maple Leaf Workers.

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Thomas Roderick Long



Thomas Roderick "Roger" Long, 84 of Mechanicsville, MD went to be with his Lord on Thursday, May 23rd, 2019. Roger passed away at his home, under the loving care of his family.

Roger was born on May 7th 1935 on DeLaBrooke Manor, near Oraville, MD, to the late James Robert Long and Amy Gertrude Cusick Long. He attended Margaret Brent High School.

He was preceded in death by all his siblings; Paul Leroy "Roy" (Alberta) Long, Bertha L. (Allison) Herbert, J. Robert "Buddy" (Helen) Long, Elizabeth L. "Besie" (Melvin) Herbert, and John R. "Johnny" (Joan) Long.

In his early years Roger spent most of his days on the water as a waterman. Being raised at DeLaBrooke Farm, on the Patuxent River, his life was filled with farming, gardening, crabbing and family. He could navigate the water as well as his backyard. Roger later went to work as a pipefitter at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head, MD where he retired from in 2001.

Roger loved hard crabs, gardening, his pets, an ice-cold beer, and never missed an opportunity to be near the water. He worked hard to support his family and had a great sense of humor. He was kind and was always welcoming to guests.

Roger is survived by his loving wife Marie, his daughter, Denise Guy (Ricky) and their son's Kyle Richley Guy and Garrett Roderick Guy. Roger was truly blessed with a beautiful extended family of four stepchildren after his marriage to Marie. Sherry Gayon (Barney), Susie Welch (Marty), Steve Brukart (Kathy), and Tami Faunce (J.R.), whom shared a very close relationship for over 40 years.

Roger's Memorial Service will be on Saturday, June 8th, at 10 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Mechanicsville, MD, with Fr. Tietjen presiding. Interment will be private.

Pallbearers are Jeff Gayon, Nathan Welch, Kyle Guy and Garrett Guy.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's. The family wishes to share a Special Thanks to the Hospice staff for their care and support.

Condolences to the family at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD

Steven E. Thompson

Steven E Thompson, 68, of Mechanicsville, MD passed peacefully into the arms of his heavenly Father on May 27, 2019 in Lexington Park, MD with his loving friends

at his side.

He was born June 10, 1950 in Washington D.C. to the late Thurman E Thompson and Nannie M Burks Thompson.



Steven was employed by Bell Atlantic and later Verizon for 30 dedicated years. He retired in 1998. He had a quick wit and loved to tell stories. He enjoyed cooking and did so for many Moose Lodge and American Legion events in years past. He had a love for music and grew up playing the guitar. He was a talented musician playing the base guitar in several bands. He liked to play country, oldies and rock and roll. He enjoyed being outside riding his Harley with friends, spending

time on the water fishing and boating, or in the woods hunting. He liked to collect and work on antique cars. He liked speed and enjoyed NASCAR and off shore boat races. He was a past member of the Air National Guard.

He is survived by his extended family and special friends, Ben and Susie Mendoza. In addition to his parents he is also preceded in death by his brother, Michael W Thompson.

All services will be private.

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

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

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Department of Aging & Human Services Closed on June 13

The Department of Aging & Human Services, including all three Senior Activity Centers, will be closed on Thursday, June 13 for staff development. Home-Delivered Meals and congregate meals will not be served. The Department will re-open at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 14.

For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050, or visit www.stmarysmd.com/aging.

Annapolis by Land and by Sea

Spend a day in Annapolis discovering the historic district on Friday, June 14! Take a 2-hour walking tour that starts at the State House and goes downhill to the harbor. Then, enjoy a 90-minute cruise and a box lunch on the Severn River aboard a climate-controlled yacht.

The \$80 registration fee includes motor coach transportation, guided walking tour, boat ride, lunch and driver tip. Pre-registration required. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71063, to register. Bus leaves from the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

Father's Day Rock-n-Roll Fun

Come get your groove on for Father's Day at the Northern Senior Activity Center with a luncheon and live performance on Friday, June 14, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Start off a hearty lunch of sliced turkey with gravy, baked potato with sour cream, carrots, applesauce, whole wheat bread and turtle cheese-

cake for dessert. Entertainment will be provided by the very talented Jimi Simon who showcases music from rock and roll's greatest stars that will have you dancing in the aisles. There will be door prizes and a money raffle collected at the door. Suggested donation for a ticket is \$6. Lunch to start at 11:30 a.m., the room will open for seating at 11 a.m. To sign up and pay in advance for your ticket, please visit the front desk. For more information regarding this event, please call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Nutrition Counseling & Presentation Hot Topics: Keto Diets, GMOS and Organic

Come join us for Nutrition Counseling and Education with Donna Taggart at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. She has counseling appointments on Monday, June 17, at 9 and 10 a.m. The presentation will begin at 11a.m. Call Ms. Taggart at 240-538-6539 to schedule an appointment.

Luncheon with the Bushmill Band

Come join us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, June 19, at 12 p.m. and enjoy the musical stylings of the local Bushmill Band. They have performed all over the county including Cracker Barrel and Riverfest concerts. Their music will get your toes tapping and your hands clapping! The lunch menu is roast turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, carrots, seasonal

fruit and orange juice. Cost for lunch is by donation for those ages 60 and above and \$6 for those under the age of 60. To make reservations, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050

Safety for Seniors

Do you have a personal safety plan? Whether it is your physical safety while you're out and about or your cyber safety while in your own home, it is important to know how to limit your risk and what to do in case an incident occurs. Come to the Northern Senior Activity Center on Thursday, June 20, from 10-11:30 a.m. and participate in a presentation led by Harold Tafe who has been involved in law enforcement and private/corporate security for 45 years. Space is limited and advance sign up is required by visiting the Center's signup table or calling 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Lunchtime Theater

Join us for lunch and laughter as the Garvey Readers Theatre entertains us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, June 26, at 12 p.m.! High School Reunion-Ever wonder what your high school reunion might be like in another 30, 40 or even 50 years? Watch what happens as cantankerous 101-year-old Patrick celebrates his 83rd reunion. Even at this age he's in for a surprise! School for Wives-Four former wives of the same man get together each year for lunch. The main course is a discussion of their mutual ex-husband. One can only imagine the comments - that

is, if they weren't so busy talking about each other! This year; however, the new young fiancé joins them and then the hilarity really begins! The menu will be tossed salad w/dressing, beef-a-roni (8 oz.), collard greens, lima beans, Italian bread and honey dew melon. Cost for the meal is \$6 for those under the age of 60 and a donation for those 60 and above. Make reservations by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Experience the Magic of Silk

Create not one, but two custom dyed scarves perfect to accessorize your summer wardrobe. Silk Painting Artist, Terry Tabor with Expressions by Terry, will guide you in dyeing one square and one long silk scarf using a variety of colors through different techniques for varying results. This class utilizes a special dye and application style that is less messy and more fun; perfect for scarf dying parties. The cost is \$35 and includes all materials including one long and one square silk scarf. Gloves and aprons will be provided but appropriate clothing should be worn. For the purpose of ordering supplies, signups will close on June 27; no refunds after that date. The activity will take place Friday, July 12, from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Northern Senior Activity Center. Payment is due at sign-up. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.



St. Mary's County Summer Reading for All Ages Starts June 17

Join the St. Mary's County Library for 'A Universe of Stories' Summer Reading program from June 17 through August 17. All ages (0 - 150) are invited to complete challenges to earn a free glow-in-the-dark t-shirt (sizes start with baby onesies through adult XXXL). For your second, third and fourth completed challenges, choose a free book to take home. All completed challenges give you an entry into our Amazon gift card drawings at the end of the summer. To register, either go to <https://stmalib.beanstack.org> or download the Beanstack app. More information is available on www.stmalib.org.

Lawyer in the Library

Lexington Park Library will host Lawyer in the Library on Wednesday, June 12 from 12 - 2 p.m. The Lawyer in the Library project provides FREE civil

legal services in your community! No appointments necessary. Attendees will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring all relevant documents with you.

Crafternoon

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Crafternoon on Monday, June 17 from 2 - 4 p.m. Drop in for open-ended crafting fun. Try one of our sample crafts, or create your own design! All ages. No registration.

Galactic Games

Lexington Park Library will hold Galactic Games on Sunday, June 9 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Let loose in low gravity with some grownup game time! Explore outer space with the Oculus Rift virtual reality kit, engage in a little interstellar target practice with Nerf crossbows, and more! This cosmically fun event is for adults only. No registration required.

Get Real! Virtually

Lexington Park Library will hold Get Real! Virtually on Thursday, June 20 from 5 - 7 p.m. GET REAL(Virtually)! We've got Virtual Reality glasses! Play Beat Saber on the cutting edge Oculus Rift glasses and see where you can go with Google Expeditions. We'll also have our Wii games ready to go after you've

had your turn. Our first hour is for teens ages 13-18 followed by the second hour for tweens ages 8-12. Walk ins welcome, please drop in!

LEGO Block Party

Lexington Park Library will hold a LEGO Block Party on Friday, June 21 from 2 - 4 p.m. We supply the "bricks," you bring the imagination! Come and build something amazing with our thousands of LEGO and Duplo pieces. All ages/Family.

The Longest Table

Join the St. Mary's County Library on Friday, June 21 at 6 p.m. for a community conversation over a family-style meal from Mission BBQ. Tickets are \$10 and available for sale through the St. Mary's County Library website, www.stmalib.org. The event will be held at the St. Mary's County Government Center, on the front lawn near Miedzinski Park (23145 Leonard Hall Dr, Leonardtown, MD 20650). During the meal, participants will discuss how to Choose Civility in their everyday interactions. In the event of rain, dinner will be held inside the Leonard Hall Recreation Center. Share a meal and conversation with someone you don't know, exchange stories about life in St. Mary's County, and discover both common ground and new ideas. The conversation starts when you come to the table!

Community Calendar

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

UPCOMING

Juneteenth 2019

Will be celebrated Saturday June 15 from 12:00 - 8:00. Children's games, Great music, great food vendors and vendors selling their wares. African dancers and drummers and R&B music. Location: 21550 Willows Road, Lexington Park. Fun for the whole family. Free. www.ucaconline.org

Thursday, June 6

D-Day

June 6, 1944

Allied Forces invasion of the Nazi fortified coast of France's Normandy.

Friday, June 7

7th Annual LSM Golf Tournament

Breton Bay Golf & Country Club

11:30 AM

18 holes of golf, putting contest, lunch and dinner, drinks, door prizes and awards. LSM strengthens leadership, service and mentoring in Southern Maryland. www.leadershipsomd.org

"Crab Fest" First Friday in Leonardtown!

Downtown Leonardtown

5:00 - 9:00 PM

HydraFX free concert 5:00-8:00. Scavenger Hunt hosted by Escape Rooms Southern Maryland. Art studios, shops, and restaurants extended hours. Galleries host Opening Receptions and exhibitions. After-hours celebrate "All Things Crabby" special events. Audience participation Drum Circle 8:00-9:00 at St. Mary's County Arts Council, bring your drum or use theirs. All skill levels and ages are invited. Visit www.leopardtownmusicfest.com to order a picnic dinner to go from local restaurants and info about childcare Drop N' Dine program. Facebook page for details and info about musical venues and one-night only specials offered by participating merchants.

First Free Friday

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

5:00 - 8:00 PM

The museum is open and free to the public. Entertainment provided by the Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition, starting at 6:00 in the Harms Gallery. The Drum Point Lighthouse and Museum Store open. 410-326-2042. calvertmarinemuseum.com

Queen of Hearts

Brass Rail Sports Bar, Great Mills

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Ticket sales for the weekly Queen of Hearts drawing begin at 4:00 and end at 6:50. Ticket \$1. Drawing 7:00. 50/50 tickets available. Proceeds go to the Archangel Scholarship Foundation in support of St. Michael's School.

Intimacy Anorexia Movie

AMC Lexington Theater, 21882 FDR Blvd., Lexington Park

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Seats are limited. RSVP to thomasweaver65@gmail.com or message Michele Weaver. \$7.64 person. Purchase ticket at the theater. A non-profit event with Faith Bible Church. No children allowed.

Texas Hold'em Tournament

VFW Post 2632, 23282 Three Notch Road, California

7:00 PM

\$50 Buyin (\$40 Prize Pool + \$10 Charity). Optional \$10 Add-On (Receive an extra \$1000 and 50/50 Entry). Early Bird Bonus. Pre-registration encouraged, not required. Public welcome. Must be 18 or older to play. Brian, 240-925-4000 or Email: vfwpoker@gmail.com

Saturday, June 8

Annual Yard Sale

Summerseat Farm, Inc. 26655 Three Notch Road, Mechanicsville

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Leonardtown Wharf, Breton Bay

9:00 AM

Fundraising, professionally-timed kayak and paddleboard event. \$30 registration. 3-mile route around the shores of Breton Bay. Kayakers and paddleboarders of all ages and skill levels participate in this community event. Award ceremony, food vendors and entertainment at the Leonardtown Wharf after the races. Visit the Paddle for Heroes website, www.paddleforheroes.org.

Plant-a-Palooza

Elms Environmental Education Center, 49300 St. James Church Rd., Lexington Park

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Free, all ages welcome, fun-filled morning of hikes, activities, and crafts. Native plant nursery open to the public! sites. google.com/smcp.org/elmsenvironmental/home or, elms@smcps.org.

Southern MD Decorative Painters Meeting & Paint-In

Immaculate Conception Church, 28297 Old Village Rd., Mechanicsville

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

A business meeting will start at 10:00 followed by painting ornaments for the hospice tree or bringing your own projects to work on. Guests welcome; contact for supply info if you'd like to paint on the date of your visit. www.smdpaint.org/Calendar.html to view the project. Garnett Joy @ 301-884-2835 or email smdp.LearnToPaint@gmail.com.

Compete to Beat Adult Field Day

Lancaster Park, Field 5, 21550 Willows Road, Lexington Park

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Register your 2 or 4 person team at events.11s.org/pages/ctwhv/fbbccompete2beat. Support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) by participating at this event held in honor of Lieutenant Mitch Cochell of the United States Air Force, who is currently in treatment for leukemia. Mitch is the husband of St. Mary's FBBC Coach Kirsi Cochell.

Read more about his story: www.caring-bridge.org/visit/mitchcochell.

Storytime on the State House Bluff

Historic St. Mary's City, State House Lawn, 47418 Old State House Road

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Stories, activities, songs, and more, for children 1-5 with their adult caregivers. Bring a blanket to sit on. Siblings welcome; no registration required. Presented by the St. Mary's County Library. Free. 240-895-4990 or info@HSMCdighistory.org. hsmcdighistory.org/event

Watercolor Basics Workshop I

Space2Cre8, 41660 Park Ave., Leonardtown (behind New View Fiber Works)

10:00 AM - Noon

Supplies provided. Morning or afternoon session. Space limited, paid reservation required. Nora Eicholtz, 301-751-6916 for info, registration form and fee. Minimum age 16. Free parking across from Executive Inn & Suites on Park Avenue. Look for the Space2Cre8 signs.

Opioid Epidemic Awareness Workshop

Faith Bible Church, 26325 Three Notch Rd, Mechanicsville

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

This Opioid Epidemic Awareness Workshop is a community collaboration to provide awareness and supportive resources to confront this national nightmare. Free to the public; appropriate for ages 12 years old and up. Register: Jennifer Foxworthy, [missions@faithbiblemd.org](mailto:misions@faithbiblemd.org). 410-449-2173 or RSVP: [fbcopioidepidemicawareness.eventbrite.com](https://www.facebook.com/fbcopioidepidemicawareness.eventbrite.com)

St. Mary's Crab Festival—Leonardtown Lions Club

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, Leonardtown

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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