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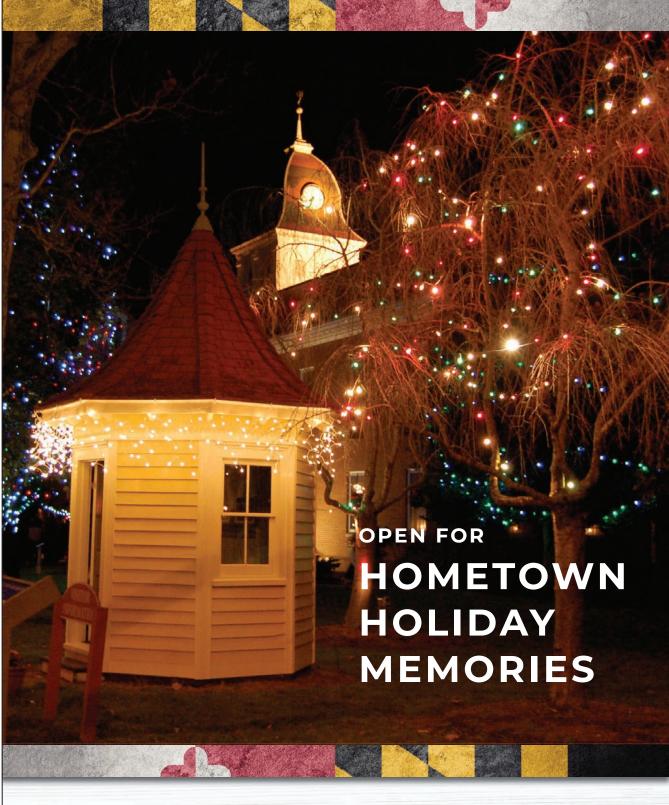
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# Local Volunteer Organization Helps Those Affected by COVID-19

The Maryland Association of Social Services Boards (MASSB) Foundation is comprised entirely of volunteers who serve on local boards in all 23 counties in the State of Maryland. For those of you who are not familiar with the Caroline County Department of Social Services' (CCDSS) Advisory Board, our mission is to provide assistance to support families in financial crisis that do not meet federal and/or state program eligibility but need assistance.

Under the auspices of the Maryland Association of the Social Services Boards (MASSB), an established 501(c)3, the Caroline County Department of Social Services' Board of Directors oversees the Community Assistance Fund, which responds to unmet needs that are fundamental to the safety, health, and

well-being of Caroline County's children and adults.

Since its inception in 2012, Caroline's Community Assistance Fund has assisted 90 families with rental or utilities arrearages, allowing them to remain in their homes. Additionally, the Fund provides support in the form of medical supplies and emergency repairs for the elderly. As you may be aware, many of the COVID-19 outbreaks occurred in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. As we move into the winter months and the holiday season we anticipate an increased need for holiday assistance for families with children and our elderly who are not as fortunate. Any assistance garnered through this drive will also go towards assisting our seniors in need.

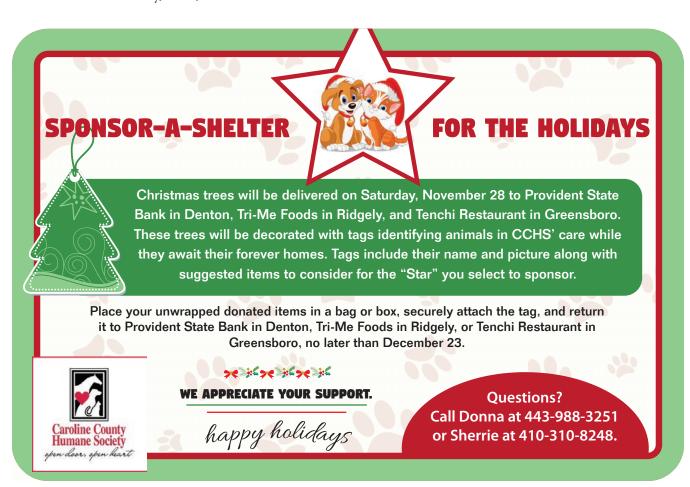
We would like to thank you for the generous support you've provided in the past and encourage you to donate whatever you can afford to our organization to help our less-fortunate neighbors. Please make your checks payable to MASSB Foundation, and mail them to:

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Thank you for your kindness and your support.

Chris Cummings, Chair MASSB Foundation and Juanita A. Webster, Caroline County DSS Board Chair



There is more to the story about the Tuckahoe Neck Quaker Meetinghouse that was not included in the November issue. The story is below in its entirety.

## A Historic Treasure Hidden in Plain Sight

## The Tuckahoe Neck Quaker Meetinghouse

Sitting slightly west of the intersection of Route 328 and Meetinghouse Road (Business Route 404) in Denton, is the 1802 Quaker Meetinghouse known as Tuckahoe Neck. This is the last standing meetinghouse in Caroline County representative of what was once a vibrant religion in the area. Most of us pass by unaware of the significance and some

people no longer see the building as it has become part of the landscape.

Caroline County has a rich religious history, unfortunately, some of this history has faded from our collective memory. This is certainly true of the sect known as the Society of Friends or the Quakers. The following is a brief history.

The history of this sect on the Eastern Shore of Maryland goes back to 1659 when the Quakers in Talbot County established

the Third Haven Meetinghouse. This Meetinghouse is the oldest wooden structure in continuous use as a house of worship in the United States. It is only natural as the population grew and expanded into other geographic areas that the interest in Quakerism would follow.

Caroline County was not established as a political and geographic entity until 1793 when land from Dorchester and Queen Anne's Counties was combined to form a separate county.

The first mention of Quakerism, in what would become Caroline County, appears at Marshy Creek near Preston in 1727. This was a very prosperous Meeting and remained in operation until 1946. Although it was known by three different names, Marshy Creek, Snowhill, and Preston, and housed in three different structures over time, the membership grew and flourished.

The last meetinghouse, a large red brick building, was constructed in 1904 and "laid down", closed in 1946.

In the more northern area of what was to become Caroline County, a meetinghouse was constructed at "Nine Bridges" (the Bridgetown area) in 1733. The Quakers in this area felt it was too far and too difficult to travel to the Chester Meetinghouse in Queen Anne's County. From the start, "Nine Bridges" suffered from low attendance and infrequency of meetings. All of the

again, because of poor attendance. The members, this time, were directed to attend meetings in Denton at the Tuckahoe Neck Meetinghouse which opened in 1802.

Two other Meetings, Centre near

Concord and Northwest Fork at Federalsburg, had a different beginning. Originally, these buildings served as a meeting place for a sect known as the Nicholites or New Quakers. This sect was led by Joseph Nichols of Kent County, Delaware and it eventually spread into Maryland, especially Caroline County. Nichols was born about 1730 in Kent County, Delaware and began his ministry about 1760 as a result of a traumatic incident in his life. He was a very charismatic leader and was able to draw others into "obedience to the Inward Director and a life of austerity". The Nicholite tenets were similar to those of the Quakers; antislavery, opposition to war, and a life of self denial, but in many ways more strict.

The movement continued to grow but, unfortunately, Joseph Nichols died in December 1770.

Many of his followers were convinced of his zeal and continued to embrace his views. It is reported that as many as 1,000 people attended some of the open meetings. Many of the members moved from Delaware into Caroline County and in 1784 a

Nicolite Meetinghouse, Centre, was established at Concord and the next year a second one, Northwest Fork was opened in Federalsburg. Because of their similar views the Quakers and the Nicolites began to meet together. As time passed, the Nicolite sect began to fade due to their very strict tenants.

Starting in 1797, there was a flood of requests to transfer to the Quaker sect. Eventually, the Centre building was



meetings held in Caroline County were under the direction of The Third Haven Monthly Meeting and the continuation of meetings was determined by it. In 1791, it was decided the few remaining members of "Nine Bridges" would join the Greensboro (Greensborough) or "Choptank Bridge" group who at the time met in members homes. A meetinghouse was not constructed in Greensboro until 1795 and was discontinued in 1807,

closed and moved to Burrsville where it was converted into a dwelling.

Likewise, Northwest Fork was moved about three miles outside of Federalsburg and renamed Pine Grove. It was moved a second time and placed farther west along Route 318 just slightly over the line into Dorchester County. Today, the building is privately owned and unrecognizable as a meetinghouse, having been converted into a dwelling.

The last Quaker Meetinghouse built in Caroline County, Tuckahoe Neck, was completed in 1802 and remained active until 1897 when it was "laid down", closed. It is often referred to as the "Neck Meetinghouse" to differentiate it from the Tuckahoe Meetinghouse at Matthewstown in Talbot County.

The building served in several other capacities over time. The Quakers and nonmembers conducted a school from 1856 to 1858 and again from 1877 to 1879. During the Civil War, it was used as a barracks for Union soldiers and it was reported the soldiers would leave

the building allowing the Quakers to hold their meeting. The "Dunkards" (The Church of the Brethren) established a church for Black citizens and, finally, the building served as a public school from 1899 to 1900.

With Quakers moving away or joining other meetings, Tuckahoe Neck quickly fell into disrepair.

In 1930 a few of the former members made an attempt at limited repairs but once again it was left to deteriorate. By 2002 the building was in a terrible condition with extensive termite damage. Major restoration work took place over the next two years. This included new footing and brick piers, replacement of termite damaged sills and floor joists with new beams and joists being installed, and a new shingle roof added.

As had occurred in the past, there was no regular maintenance and by 2017 more repairs were needed. The east end of the building required the most attention, and was repaired by the

summer of 2019. However, there was no plan to address the need for repair of the other three sides or to establish a plan for regular maintenance. As a result, a few individuals came forward with a fundraising plan to restore the building, but also to establish a trust to provide perpetual care.

The Committee for the Preservation of the Tuckahoe Neck Quaker Meetinghouse is appealing to all citizens of the County to assist in this effort. We have developed a multi-facet plan of fundraising; consisting of writing grant proposals, electronic fundraising, and signature fundraising events.

If you would like to assist in this truly worthwhile effort or would like to have more information, please contact Jo Ann Staples at jstaples51@gmail.com or 410-479-0497.

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## Caroline County Economic Development Processed Nearly 170 Small Business Grants



By Debbie Bowden, Director, Caroline County Economic Development

Here we are, in the last month of the weirdest year in memory for many of us. Protecting ourselves, our businesses, and those who depend on us has been a

challenge. But, as the County Commissioners have said many times, we in Caroline County have done a good job in helping each other through the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are in a second wave of COVID-19 positive case rates increasing. The State of Maryland has issued occupancy mandates and advisories to help stamp down the spread of the virus. Businesses in all sectors are trying to navigate an uncertain last quarter of 2020 and first quarter of 2021. It is the ending of 2020 that is to be expected, really, given the ups and downs of this year.

The holidays are special to the folks in Caroline County, and we support local businesses for gifts, meal prep, and decorations. It is so important to continue that practice this year. The local economy depends on community businesses. They are the

foundation. Many of the local, community businesses have put in technology or changed business methods so that they can help customers and employees be safe.

Now let me put in a plug for an important partner for the business community, the Caroline County Chamber of Commerce. This organization has done a lot for the owners and employees of its members during 2020. Like many organizations that depend on dues and donations, the Chamber had to think of innovative ways to maintain its mission. One of those ways was the Chamber Hero Program, in which a business gifts Chamber membership to another business. It is a way for the community to help each other and allows a business to stay connected through the Chamber. It is also a cool B-to-B gift idea. For more information, contact the Chamber at info@ carolinechamber.org.

As of this writing, Caroline County Economic Development processed nearly 170 small business grants and awarded almost \$1.6 million to businesses that are headquartered in the County. The CARES funding, which was the source of the grant funds, must be spent by December 30. For updates on any future business support, please visit carolinebusiness.com or follow Caroline County Economic Development on Facebook.

Caroline County Economic Development is a department within Caroline County government. Its mission is to help businesses thrive in the community. Debbie can be reached at 410-479-4188 or info@carolinebusiness.com









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## Your Chamber at Work

by Tracey Snyder, Executive Director of Caroline County Chamber of Commerce

### Here are the December happenings:

#### December 7-22

The Chamber will be conducting it's first ever 12 Days of Christmas Scholarship Raffle. Tickets are \$20 each or three for \$50. The proceeds go to our scholarship fund. Each year the Chamber offers at least two Caroline County seniors a \$1,000 scholarship. In lieu of our Holiday Mixer we have opted for this fun and fabulous raffle! Each day one lucky winner will receive a fabulous prize. We have a baking lesson with our own Steve Konopelski in your home, several baskets filled with holiday cheer, and so much more! Visit our website carolinechamber. org/events to take a look at the prizes and to purchase your tickets today!

### December 10

Jerry Housand, Jr., CPA, CCIFP of Mullen, Songberg, Wimbish & Stone, PA will host a Getting Ready for Tax Season for individuals. This class is free and will be via ZOOM and start at 10:00 AM. Please register through our events pages on the Chamber website.

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With the holidays upon us, everyone at the Caroline County Chamber of Commerce wishes you and yours the very happiest of holidays. We hope your home is filled with love, warmth and laughter.

To our sponsors and members, thank you for your continued support. We could not have done it without you.

This year has brought each of us challenges in ways we never thought possible. As the new year begins, we remain hopeful for recovery and growth.

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## Preston Historical Society Open House

Preston Historical Society will hold its 7th Annual Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 5, from 10 AM to 2 PM at its museum located at 167 Main Street in Preston. This year's theme is *Christmas Memories*, and to help bring back memories of past Christmas seasons there will be train displays, live musical performances, and a visit from Santa Claus. Live greenery and vintage Christmas decorations will help put guests in the Christmas spirit. Baked goods and gift items will be available for purchase. Pete's PeteZA food truck will be on the front lawn selling lunch during the event.

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## Rehab Care, Close to Home, Helps Caroline County Commissioner Recover from Farm Accident

Wilbur Levengood is not a man to take a setback lying down, or for that matter, even sitting down. The 65-year old lifelong resident of Caroline County is too busy – as a farmer, an entrepreneur, a Caroline County commissioner and member of the County's volunteer fire department – to be "laid up" with injury or illness.

But accidents happen, and farm equipment can be especially hazardous. On June 12, Levengood was working alone on one of his 200 tillable acres in Goldsboro, when he slipped on to equipment and ruptured his left quadricep tendon above the kneecap. He was flown by helicopter to Baltimore for surgery, which took place at Johns Hopkins Hospital on June 15, and just one day later, sent home in a cast to begin a recovery that seemed likely to sideline him from farming and many other activities for some time.

"My wife, Sherry, did some research and told me it would take months," Levengood recalls.

Three weeks after his discharge from the hospital, his cast came off and was replaced by a brace. By the last week of August, steady improvement had enabled him to begin physical therapy at University of Maryland Shore Rehab at Denton. Eager to get back to full activity, he was already walking in a straight brace, but not yet able to get back on his tractor.

When he arrived for his first therapy appointment at UM Shore Medical Pavilion at Denton, Levengood was pleased to see a familiar face – Charlie Moore, DPT, who grew up in Denton. Moore's mom, Catherine, is county comptroller, and his dad, Randy, formerly served as town council member and mayor of Denton. For all but two years, the 34-year old physical therapist has lived in the County and since 2012, had served as a PT with UM Shore Medical Center at Easton,

UM Shore Rehab at Denton, UM Shore Home Care, Autumn Lake Nursing Home before returning to the Denton Rehab team in 2019.

"I felt more comfortable knowing that I would be seeing Charlie for my therapy," Levengood says. "When you get local care from someone you know, you have a sense of trust, and trust is important because half of healing successfully is having a good state of mind."

The respect is mutual. Over the course of Levengood's therapy, which was provided twice a week at first but is now once a week, Moore says, "I was really impressed by his motivation and determination. About half way through his therapy, he had regained a little over 70 percent of full use and functionality of his injured leg, in spite of such taxing activities as lifting and carrying 50-pound bags of feed. I do have to remind him not to over-do it – with muscle injuries, sometimes you can keep pushing through but there are





times when you need to rest and give it a break to avoid strain and swelling."

Levengood's therapy includes a range of exercises at home as well as during the PT sessions. The goal is to achieve an even, steady gait and good stability that will enable him to move about safely, resume his full range of normal activities and avoid further injury.

Some activities have been more difficult than others; for example, Levengood found that stepping into and out of a high vehicle requires strength that he needed to work on. "My tractor step is pretty high, but getting in and out of the fire truck is much harder – I can really feel it," he says.

Moore has recommended exercises on a specific piece of equipment, the Power Tower, to help Levengood with the high-

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Levengood is glad to be getting his physical therapy close to home, as he explains, "When you get local care from someone you know, you have a sense of trust, and trust is important because half of healing successfully is having a good state of mind."





step challenge. And at times, therapy has included hands-on massage. "Charlie realized I had a knot in the muscle. He used a massage technique to work it out, and that helped me move with less strain and stress," Levengood says.

"Every injury and surgery is different, and every patient is different," says Moore. "To provide physical therapy that really helps, you have to understand the patient's overall health and strength, how well they are healing, and what their normal activities are."

The challenge for Levengood now is to find the time to do his home exercises, and, equally important, to avoid doing too much too soon. "Taking honey off the hives the other day, I just stood too long and lifted too much. I get a lot of pain in my knee cap, and it seems I might need a cortisone shot. But I just have so many things I've got to do – I mean, it's time to cut soybeans. And I'm also spending time at the firehouse. The other night when I got home it was almost 10 o'clock," he says.

Moore has told his patient that while his leg has gotten much stronger, full recovery will take a few more months. "Charlie's done well for me. He says I'm 77 percent there but I think I'm 80 or 85 percent there," Levengood says. "Shore Regional Health has been good to Caroline County. I was excited when we opened the medical pavilion here and I'm glad to be getting my therapy here."





# Ridgely's 2020 Christmas Decorating Contest

On Sunday, December 20th, representatives of the Ridgely Historical Society will tour the Town and award prizes for the best decorated homes or businesses



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## **Caroline County** Family YMCA

46 Denton Plaza, Denton

### Polar Express & PJ's Cancelled

For the last couple of years we've put on an event, Polar Express & PJ's, for our YMCA members each December before Christmas. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we will have to cancel this event for 2020. We will look forward to holding this event for our members in December 2021 if we're able. Another event that we have held annually is our Mother & Son Dance, we typically hold this community event at the first of the year but again, due to the pandemic, our 2021 event will be postponed until sometime in the spring. Follow us on Facebook, Caroline County Family YMCA, for more details as we get closer to spring.

## The Mentoring Effect

There is potential in all of us to be mentors in various ways but what better way than being a good adult role model mentoring the youth of our county?!

Mentoring helps a child not feel alone in dealing with day-today challenges. Think back... Did you know how to deal with that bully in grade school? Did you know how to study for a test or make plans for college? Do you remember wanting your first car as you looked for a part-time job? Simple things that seem easy or straightforward to you now may be a complete mystery to a young person. Mentors provide their mentees with an experienced friend who is there to help in any number of situations.

Mentoring, at its core, lets young people know that there is someone who cares about them, assures them they are not alone in dealing with day-to-day challenges, and makes them feel like they matter. Research confirms that quality mentoring relationships have powerful positive effects on young people in a variety of personal, academic, and professional situations. Research also shows that these quality relationships positively affect young people by improving their behavioral, social, emotional, and academic outcomes simultaneously.

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Our community needs people who want to make a difference in the lives of those who need guidance, support, encouragement, and care...our community needs you!

For more information on how you can make the difference in a young person's life and become a mentor, contact Angel Perez at 410-479-3060 or carolineymcamentoring@ymcachesapeake. org.





## Looking at life as it was seen eight months ago.

Finding it exceedingly difficult to write anything real positive about what is happening in our country I find some comfort in looking at life as I saw it eight months ago. At the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic. Before the vitriol, threats of doom and gloom if one voted for the other, and the divisive presidential election drove a wedge of distrust between Americans not seen in generations. Brother against brother, sister against sister, child against parent, lifetime friends against lifetime friends. Such is the result of the Presidential election of 2020.

Groupthink and conspiracy theorists have paralyzed our country. There is no "US" in the "USA" anymore.

As I sit here in mid-March and contemplate the changing of the world as I know it, I have absolutely no idea what the world will look like when your eyes actually read what I am about to put on paper.

Not since making the trek to Memorial Stadium for an Orioles game, without stopping for a bathroom break, and finally making it to the men's room, have I experienced such absolute relief and joy. I was on my weekly trek to Walmart today with the added pressure of knowing that we only had three rolls of toilet paper in a house with three

toilets. I had been kept apprised of the run on toilet paper about four days before by my daughter and just about anyone on Facebook.

The craziness of our world shutting down until at least the end of March, coupled with the apparent onslaught of massive gastrointestinal distress, or maybe it would be the closing of all toilet paper mills in the United States, had forced otherwise reasonable people to hoard any brand of toilet paper. Connoisseurs of Charmin, Cottonelle or Scott suddenly and without excuse accepted anything. Quilted, with or without cleaning ripples even generic for gosh sakes. If it resembled a tissue and it came on a 4-inch roll regardless of how many sheets it contained, single or double roll, it was now fair game. I passed a gentleman coming out of Walmart with an entire shopping cart of toilet paper, which I must say was very disheartening to me, knowing we are down to only one roll per toilet.

When confronted by the lady in front of me who exclaimed "come on, you are really selfish" the man's prompt response was, "we have a lot of poopy at our house". Personally, I would like to think he was purchasing TP for everyone in his family or neighborhood and not going to put it on Ebay for \$5 a roll.

But a lack of toilet paper, or I should say a fear of needing something when it is not available has had the effect of making us all desperate for product when we fear none will be available. As if some evil Penguin in a Batman movie will hoard all the toilet paper in the world and make us come begging on hands and knees for "just one roll".

The current panic in our country is real, whether based on a real threat or one blown out of proportion. Perception has very much become reality and the shutting down of all things sports or crowd-like along with acute awareness that a virus is among us that is transmitted through human contact has forced us all into a state of acute self-awareness.

Maybe everyone can just be more aware of their hygiene, wash hands, stay home when not feeling well and seek medical help when certain conditions exist. Or maybe our government, Federal and State, needs to step in and mandate the closing of certain public facilities and the ending of all things that draw a crowd. By the time you read this we will have a better idea of how well government actions have impacted the spread of Coronavirus.

Governor Hogan's unprecedented decision to close schools for the last two weeks of March (I am very hopeful that was long enough) was done as a defensive move. Because schools, and school activities are the single largest venue where hundreds if not thousands of people both young and old interact daily. And it is through this interaction that the virus is spread.

The impact of Coronavirus on our economy will be significant. Airlines and Cruise lines are losing millions every day. Walt Disney will lose hundreds of millions by closing of theme parks and hospitals, including those in our area, are at capacity.

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President Trump and the Congress are trying to work together to parse together some semblance of relief for all those impacted. Hopefully, by the time you read this, something of significance will be in place and our lives will somewhat be back to normal. I am afraid that we will be living with Coronavirus for a while.

The last several weeks (early March) have seen the stock market move from a bull to a bear by dropping more than 20%. The mortgage market has heated up to red hot status as homeowners take advantage of interest rates that have hit levels never seen before. The goal of moving to a shorter-term mortgage has been realized and for many with very little change in the monthly payment they are making. Others had the added benefit of being able to drop private mortgage insurance because their equity position improved to the point that they had more than 20% equity due to increasing real estate values.

But, for a brief period of time, interest rates bounced off of their historic lows in early March leaving those who failed to pull the trigger wondering what happened and whether the rates would indeed return to those historic low levels. By the time you read this they very well may have.

I am going to state again for the record two very firm beliefs that I have about whether to refinance and when to refinance or lock in the rate.

First you should refinance to as short a term mortgage that you can reasonably afford. The operative word here is "reasonable". The only person who can define "reasonable" is you. Just because you can qualify for a payment does not mean that the payment fits in with your monthly budget. Easy for me to tell you how much of a payment you can qualify for, I am not going to be making the payment.

Second thing to remember when considering refinancing is that if the rate

on a given day is low enough and you can benefit by refinancing at that rate then lock it. The lowest mortgage rates got ever was March 5th and 6th. Rates moved up the following week to the extent that those who considered it the week before found that rates increased by .25 to .50 percent and for some the bump in rates made refinancing less beneficial.

Many of you may remember Julius Westheimer, a stockbroker who appeared on WBAL TV for years giving investment advice. Julius had a saying about the market, "Bulls and Bears make money and Pigs get slaughtered". Essentially saying that if you invest wisely and do not get greedy you will make money in the stock market. The same is true for mortgage rates, don't get greedy or you will miss an opportunity.

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your home. The appraised value of your home can be the difference between being able to successfully refinance and having to stick with what you have.

Being local I have a library of appraisals both for purchases and refinances that have been done in the area in the last 6-12 months that can give me a good idea of a possible value range for your home. If I feel uncertain about a range of value for a home, I suggest the homeowner reach out to their realtor and ask their opinion about what they feel the value of their home will be.

Not only do mortgage rates at historically low levels provide an opportunity for homeowners to refinance but it also makes it a great time to buy a home. The National Association of Realtors reports between two to three months of inventory currently available for sale which is a historically low number going into the Spring buying season. More buyers than sellers means prices will not be falling and, in many cases, aggressively priced homes are going under contract quickly.

If you are a first-time buyer, now is not the time to think you will find a seller willing to significantly discount their home, especially if you are seeking closing cost assistance. Nor is it a time to tell your agent you will look at the home next week. You need to be prepared to look at a home as quickly as you can when it comes on the market, and you need to be prepared to pay close to list price if your agent advises that the home is aggressively priced.

The economic impact of the Coronavirus shutdown will impact everyone. The closing of schools in Maryland for 2 weeks will be a significant inconvenience for many working families. The challenge of finding childcare at a time when there is a lack of quality childcare even when our children are in school will require some working parents to stay home.

My hope is that by the time you read this our children are back in school and businesses and government are open and operating as usual. And that the actions taken by our national and state leaders are viewed as necessary to protect the well-being of all Americans, and not seen as a political event where one side wins and another side loses. At this point, in Mid-March 2020 the Coronavirus outbreak has made us all losers regardless of political affiliation or philosophy.

PS: I was able to secure toilet paper from Walmart Manager Bill Duffy, who stated that managers could use their own discretion regarding rationing. Many thanks to Bill and his associates for diligently moving product to the floor as it became available.

Now here we are eight months later, the greatest nation the world has ever seen. The bastion of Democracy for the entire world. Prepared for any threat, military or otherwise with the greatest armed services and scientific community standing ready to address any entity seeking to do us harm.

2020 will be a year to remember, that is for sure. No matter how hard we try we will not soon forget what has happened this year. Many loved ones have died not only from Covid19 itself but also from its paralyzing affect on the delivery of health care services. The more the system must focus on COVID-19 the fewer resources available for those needing other services.

My hope for everyone during this Christmas season is that we can find comfort in God's love for all of us, regardless of the various characteristics that define who we are. We are all one people in God's kingdom.

Mr. Rowe is Vice President/Lending for Bay Capital Mortgage Corp. with offices in Easton and Annapolis. He has lived in Caroline for his entire life and supports the county by volunteering in a variety of ways. He currently lives near Greensboro with his wife Jeanne and daughter Kelsey.





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Amanda Lee Adams to Alfred B. Saathoff and Stevi H. Saathoff, 627 Camp Road, Denton, \$155,000.

Stephen Paul Kasulke, Jr. to Brandon Galloway, 322 Fleetwood Road, Denton, \$300,000.

Michael L. Connell and Donna J. Connell to Anthony Vincent Romano, 11078 Central Avenue, Ridgely, \$260,000.

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Martin K. Dori to Lisa Alynne Matson and Camille Luanne Sechrist, 23159 Tuckahoe Springs Drive, Denton, \$245,000.

Jason L. Bell to Sammie Kai Harris and Christopher Allan Breen, Henry Road, Lot H1, Ridgely, \$65,000.

Jennifer McGee to Meliza Escalante-Gonzalez, 401 N. School Street, Greensboro. \$185,000.

Renee A. Marr to Silverleaf Rentals, LLC, Line Road, 56.36 acres, TM 43 Parcel 2, Denton, \$180,000.

Sugar Creek & Company, LLC to Jeffrey A. Barlow and Patricia A. Werline-Barlow, 4798 Birch Drive, Preston, \$175,000.

Robert Bruce MacDonald, Jr. to Alan E. George and Keri A. Hutchins, 1011 South Second Street, Denton, \$225,000.

Michael C. Wallstater and Caren Lynn Wallstater to David Ray Kent and Vickie Kent, 11522 Holly Road, Ridgely, \$529,000.

The Estate of Otelia Nichols to 5983 American Corner, LLC, 5983 American Corner Road, Denton, \$70,000.

Jonathan A. Crites to Cody Cooper and Amanda Howard, 540 Vaughn Avenue, Greensboro, \$183,000.

Denigroup, Inc. to Maria Renee Bowser, 1616 Blue Heron Drive, Denton, \$189,900.

The Estate of Doris Ann Brown to Lindsey A. Brown, 27360 Possum Hill Road, Federalsburg, \$250,000.

Tara B. Cook to Scott G. Wellen and Carly Alanna Zurek, 1109 Weeping Willow Court, Denton, \$289,900.

Diane S. Butler to Ryan Gregory Boyle and Amanda Blair Huchler, 206 Sunrise Avenue, Ridgely, \$264,710.

John Nuth, John Dages, and Brittany Dages to Maylon Everett Green, III and Jacqueline L. Green, 510 Pintail Street, Greensboro, \$220,000.

Dallas Grove Enterprises, LLC to Cory Everett Behlke and Erin Marie Mechalske, Lot 8, Brunkhorst Road, Preston, \$35,000.









Parks and Harfeld Enterprises, LLC to Jared William Cody Kraft and Courtney Williams, 26463 Boyce Mill Road, Greensboro, \$95,572.

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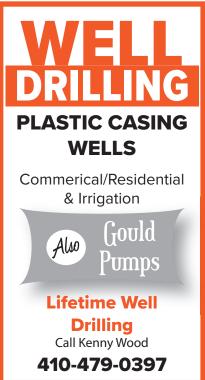
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Fiona M. Squirrell to Glenn R. Baughman and Bethanne Baughman, Zion Road, Marydel, \$95,000.

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## Denton Rotary Speakers Schedule



Denton Rotary Club Meetings are held Wednesdays from Noon to 1 PM at the Caroline Culinary Center, 512 Franklin St., Denton. Come join us for a free lunch and find out about the exciting "Service Projects" the club is working on.

With the easing of some restrictions of the COVID-19 virus, the Denton Rotary Club has been able to resume

meetings with certain restrictions in place. The club is practicing social distancing and holding the meetings outdoors on the lawn at the Chesapeake Culinary Center weather permitting. Box lunches are being provided by Shore Gourmet. We will continue to address the situation and hope to resume our normal weekly meetings as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Huber at charliehuber21@gmail.com or at 410-479-2070 X5. We appreciates everyone's understanding during this unprecedented time. The Denton Rotary Club hopes everyone practices good habits and stays safe."







## Queen Anne's Chorale Virtual Holiday Concert

### **Broadcasts on Radio and Website**

The Queen Anne's Chorale is proud to announce their upcoming Holiday Concert. While no one is conducting face to face rehearsals, QAC has been using a website for music and practicing via Zoom. As the sound engineers continue to blend the voice, the Chorale has entered into an agreement with 96.7 WCEI of Easton to broadcast the Holiday Concert on the radio and their website www.Forevermidshore.com. The concerts will air on December 14 and 19 at 7 PM and Sunday, December 20 at 4 PM.

Be musically transported back in time for a nostalgic celebration of the holiday. Norman Rockwell paintings and lithographs by Currier & Ives will set the mood as Queen Anne's Chorale presents seasonal favorites which reflect family, hearth and home. Some of the selections will include: Mele Kalikimaka, Family Christmas Medley, Winter Wonderland, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, and I'll Be Home for Christmas.

Since we cannot offer a regular concert at Chesapeake College and sell tickets, this nostalgic program of "Christmas Reflections" will also be a fund-raiser. A few sing-along selections, singer testimonials, and "shout-outs" to acknowledge our sponsors and grantors will be included with the usual repertoire and narration.

A Select Ensemble and soloists will provide extra music that will make you smile. The audience will also be asked to sing along on several pieces.

The Board would also like to thank our numerous supporters. Also, they would like to thank our Corporate Sponsors who continue to support the Chorale's mission. Corporate sponsors are: Service Today, Acts Retirement-Life/Heron Point, Koons Toyota Easton, Chesa-

peake Hearing Centers, Soistman Family Dentistry, Liberty Technical Services and Shore Bancshares.

For more information, go to www.qachorale.org. You can also call 443-262-8146.

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by Jeanne Trice

## All the library services you've always loved served up some new ways!

## 3rd Annual Nutcracker Storytime!

We are excited to offer our 3rd Annual Nutcracker Storytime on YouTube Live! The program features a reading of The Nutcracker Storybook by Miss Mina and recordings of dances from the ballet by local dance studio To the Pointe. The first 25 registrants will receive a "Make and Take" craft activity to enjoy at home.

A link to the YouTube Live event will be emailed to registrants 24 hours prior to the program. A recording of the event will be available during the month of December.

December 5, 11-11:30 AM, via YouTube

## Curbside and Concierge Services now available at all three library locations!

We now offer 50-minute one-on-one concierge appointments, with a staff member available to assist you to pick out books, use a computer, get limited tech help, or to print, copy, scan, or fax.

Our contactless services, such as curbside pickup, laptop/hotspot lending, and virtual programs, remain available.

Visit our website for updated hours and to schedule your appointment.

### Chat with a Librarian

We now offer online Chat Help from 10 AM-8 PM on weekdays and 10 AM-6 PM on Saturdays.

Visit www.carolib.org and click the green button on the bottom right of any webpage to chat with staff. We can help you find free online tutoring, learn about your phone, tablet, or computer, connect you to sources for homework help, request books, DVDs, games, and 3D prints through Library to Go, and so much more!

## **Books-by-Mail service available**

Can't get to the library? Let us bring the library to you! Books-by-Mail is a free service offered to Caroline County residents who have a Caroline County Public Library card. It allows homebound residents to borrow and return library books and audiobooks through the mail.

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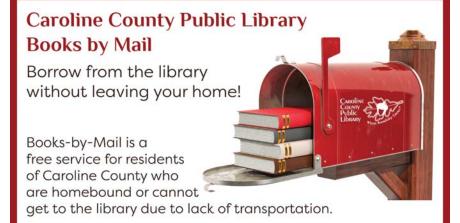
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## Virtual fun and learning for kids and teens

### Discord for Teens at the library!

The library and its Teen services and Makerspace team are excited to offer a virtual hangout space, just for teens!

If you are ages 13 to 18, and you also enjoy discussing things like Anime, arts and crafts, books, movies, trivia, and video games, join our Teen Discord server. Chat with other teens and our librarians, and find out about our virtual programs in a welcoming environment. For more details visit our website, www. carolib.org, and click on "Teen Discord Server" for more information, or email cthompson@carolib.org.



For more information, visit carolib.org/books-by-mail or call 410.479.1343 X 170.

If parents have questions, the Parents' Ultimate Guide to Discord on commonsensemedia.org is a great resource.

### Virtual Storytime--LIVE!

Join Miss Mina & Miss Amanda for a live virtual Storytime!

We will share songs, fingerplays, and books, encouraging a lifelong love of reading. Brought to you via Zoom.

Designed for children birth to five and caregivers; older siblings are welcome.

Visit carolib.org or email info@carolib. org to register and receive your Zoom link.

Via Zoom: December 2, 9, and 16; 10:30 AM

## Learning at home? Your library is here to help!

Your library is here to support students and families throughout the school year!

Due to the COVID public health emergency, this school year will be very different.

Explore an extensive list of resources on the "Resources for Learning at Home" page of our website, under the Children and Families tab or reach out to a librarian for help on the phone (410-479-1343 ext. 106), via email (info@carolib.org), or via chat (click the green chat bubble on any page of our website).

## Virtual programs for adults

### Virtual Open Mic Night

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month to share original poetry, short stories, anecdotes, as well as your favorite known works. Program includes both a writing workshop and open mic.

Email astrack@carolib.org for more information on joining or to register.

Wednesday, December 2, 7-9 PM

## Join a Virtual Book Group

### **Hooked on Books**

Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 PM – *In Pieces* by Sally Field.

To register and receive a Zoom link, email jtrice@carolib.org.

Tuesday Night Book Club: no December meeting.

## Free ice cream when you join the Friends of the Library!

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### Closings

Christmas - December 24 & 25 New Year's Day - January 1







## CCCA's Community Art Gallery

401 Market Street, Denton Noon - 5 PM Wednesday – Friday 10 AM - 3 PM Saturday carolinearts.org

### **Virtual Performance Series**

Watch for these performances at noon on the Caroline County Council of Arts Facebook page sponsored by Provident State Bank, Avery Hall Insurance Group, Blough's Seafood, Tri Gas & Oil and Preston Automotive Group and the Maryland State Arts Council!

December 5- Breath of Fresh Air December 12- Sammati Dance Troupe

### **Featured Artist**

## KIMBERLY GADOW

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Kimberly, a Delmarva native and nature girl at heart, is a published amateur photographer and writer.

She is self-taught and spends her free time nurturing her passion for wildlife and nature through photography, writing and creating her own natural body care. All photographs are of something in nature. These include fauna, flora, and landscape.

Kimberly's work is available for sale at the Foundry.

### Second Saturday at the Artsway

Join us at the Foundry on Saturday, December 12, 1-3 PM, and create your own printed giftwrap with Foundry Artist Joanne Gelles. This is a great way to start getting ready for the holiday season! This event is free, but registration is required to save your spot! We will be assigning time slots. Social distancing and masks will be required.

The Artsway is located in downtown Denton. Demonstrations and activities from a variety of artists are typically held at The Foundry community arts gallery (401 Market St.), FACES (7 N. Fourth St.) and/or at the Community Demonstration Garden (behind FACES). We hope to see you there!

## **Enter our Literary contest!!**

Categories: Adult, Elementary, Junior High School, High School.

Entries must be original, unpublished and unproduced. Any piece posted online, anywhere other than a personal blog, is considered published.

Entries will be published on Facebook in the order that they are received. Literary pieces must be considered "family friendly". CCCA reserves the right to reject work not deemed suitable for the public. CCCA also reserves the right to publish the work on our social media platform and website. By submitting an entry, you are accepting these terms.

All entries must be submitted by email at info@carolinearts.org with the Subject Line: "CCCA Literary Contest, Category, Last Name" Please submit your literary piece as a .doc, .docx, .pdf file, or in a text email. Contact information must include name, address and phone number to be considered for a prize. Students must send their entry by an outside email service and include their grade level. Student submissions using their student public school account will be blocked by the school system email, and we will not receive it.

Judging: There will be two winners for adults. Judging for adults will be conducted by a panel of Caroline County artists and by viewers on Facebook. There will be one student winner in each grade category. Student winners will be picked by viewers on Facebook. Judging criteria will include clarity, strength of theme, use of language, originality, and creativity. All entries will be posted on

the Caroline County Council of Arts Facebook page. Literary pieces will be posted on Facebook as received from December 1 to 18 and will be chosen by the number of likes a piece receives.

Dates: Last day for submissions will be December 18. Winners announced on December 30.

Prizes: There will be one winner per category. Prizes will be a gift certificate to a Foundry Art class.

## Art Classes

We are offering our online kids' classes taught by Foundry artists! We will be using the Zoom platform and offering them on Tuesday, 5:15-6:30 PM.

December 15, 5:15-6:30 PM: Sculpt a silly snowman with local ceramic teacher and expert funny face maker Foundry Artist Dawn Malosh. In this class, participants will get a chance to observe professional sculpting methods while creating funny faces and silly poses for their own unique silly snowman character. Snowman sculptures from this class can be used as holiday ornaments or thoughtful handmade holiday gifts. The supplies for this class, polymer clay, tools, etc., will be available for pick up from the Foundry in Denton or the Aesthetic Alternatives Art Studio in Preston prior to class. Completed sculptures will require baking in a home oven with parental supervision and the instructions provided.

Wed., December 16, 3-5 PM and Mon., December 21, 3-4:30 PM, Fairy Garden Mosaic Class: Make a fairy garden stone to put inside or outside with Foundry Artist Joanne Gelles. Participants will design and glue their design. In the second class they will finish their garden mosaic with waterproof grout. This class will be taught inside using social distancing and wearing masks. \$25/CCCA Members, \$30/ Non-Members, \$10 for the supply kit.

To register, go to https://carolinearts.org/classes-events/.

# December 15, 1773: One of Several Caroline County "Birthdates"

by Chad Dean

For my column this month, I wanted to clarify some information about the creation of Caroline County. There are a few widely accessible resources circulating -- both in print and online -- that claim on June 15, 1773, parts of Dorchester County and Queen Anne's County were formally removed to form Caroline. This is factually incorrect: June 15 is not notable as a local anniversary in any meaningful way. I have researched the Maryland General Assembly archives from the summer session of 1773 and can assure you, after reviewing the entire legislative record, there was no bill pertinent to the creation of a Caroline County or any other county contained therein.

While it is true that Mid-Shore residents had for decades prior discussed carving another county from the Choptank-Tuckahoe corridor, with local lore even going so far as to suggest a "King William County" was proposed to exist here starting in the 1740s, such an administrative unit did not materialize until years later. The time was indeed right, however, by the 1770s. There were some mitigating factors, such as keeping an equal balance of counties on the Western Shore and the Eastern Shore (Harford County was created the same year), but what mattered most to locals was the length they were forced to travel to reach the county seat of Queen Anne's or Dorchester in order to conduct their affairs.

Though proposed legislation was certainly drafted and petitions did circulate in advance, there are three concrete formal founding anniversaries Caroline Countians should observe. William Richardson submitted his bill to the Maryland General Assembly on November 5, 1773. It passed on December 15 of that year, with Dorchester County and Queen Anne's County compensated one hundred thousand pounds of tobacco (legal tender in that era) for the roughly 320 square miles they relinquished to form the new county his legislation requested.

If readers are curious, the bill also designated the original boundaries of the new county, addressed internal fiduciary responsibilities, outlined recordkeeping logistics, identified properties or buildings necessary to acquire or construct, and named original leadership position appointments among other logistical details.

One may view November 5 and December 15 more as conception dates, if you will. Should that be the prevailing opinion, then yet another date is apropos for formal acknowledgement: the moment the county government became functional. The first Caroline County commissioners met on March 15, 1774, at Melvill's Warehouse (just north of Oil City), long before the first courthouse at Pig Point (Denton) was completed in 1797. That soap opera, however, is a story for another time.

Local residents, area historical organizations, and the county government should proudly recognize each of these dates with the appropriate pomp and circumstance on an annual basis.



## Marriage Licenses

Diana Lin Simpson, 56, Goldsboro and Dennis Robert Parry, 56, same

Ashley Lynn Parks, 32, Denton and John Carlos Hagerstrom, 35, same

Tiara Linay Dennis, 31, Dover, DE and Rasheem Kalif Frasier, 31, same

Melissa Hazel Winborne, 45, Denton and Matthew Scott Fretz, 39, Clayton, DE

Cassandra Ann Corkell, 32, Ridgely and Robert Anthony Flloramo, 34, same

Paige Elise Warren, 27, Cecilton, and Kyle Medford Schelts, 28, same

Heather Marie Tobat, 43, Greensboro and Michael John Roderick, 39, same

Danielle Nicole Turner, 27, Ridgely and Andrew Chester Sage Turner, 27, same

Ashley Patricia Carbo-Hiatt, 26, Henderson and Trevor Robert Layton, 24, same

Erica Michele Montgomery, 27, Greensboro and Dustin Paul Campbell, 26, same

Gretchen Elizabeth Sard, 28, Easton, and Reagan Kent Milby, 29, same

Brenda Nichole Murphy, 29, Preston and Donald Robert Twigg, 30, same

Sherrie Marie Crigger, 36, Federalsburg, and Andrew Charles Conway, II, 42, same

Erin Mackenzie Stevenson, 25, Easton and Brice Torbert Manship, 26, same

Jill Diane Shorter, 50, Preston and Matthew Edward Simms, 34, same

Patricia Marie Peyton, 73, Preston and William Albert Griffin, 71, same

Elizabeth Faye Tuel, 21, Goldsboro, NC and George Dalton Wood, 21. same

Keoshia Moneke Downes, 31, Ridgely and Michael Darwin Bratcher, 29, same

Amber Lynn Cunningham Dennis, 30, Denton and Lamont Octavious Demby, Jr., 26, Greensboro

Jennifer Lynn Thomas, 30, Federalsburg and Hunter Scott Brooks, 25, same

Kira Renee Laschinsky, 31, Dundalk and Joseph Martin Tribull, 38, same

Carolyn Rose Smith, 43, Millington, and Christopher Thomas Scaglione, 48, same

Melody Rose Humpleby, 41, Federalsburg and David Michael Higgins, II, 41, same

Mary Ellen Janson, 24, Princess Anne, and Cole Mason Demarest, 23, same Melissa Ellen Tucker, 31, Greensboro and Mathew James Saathoff, 44, Denton

Samantha Marie Lemieux, 20, Denton and Michael Thomas Nealon, 22, same



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## Holiday Window and Porch Decorating Event November 28 – December 26

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## Denton Holiday Parade December 3, 6 p.m. Downtown Denton

**Admission: Free** 

Bring the family out for the Denton Holiday Parade. (Please wear a mask and social distance due to COVID-19). See bands, fire trucks, floats, horses, classic cars, and more. Pre-registration required to participate in the parade.

**410-479-2050 or dentonmaryland.com/events** (Please note: Public Lighting of the Green has been cancelled this year)

## **Christkindlmarkt**

December 4, 4–8 p.m.
(Rain Date December 5)
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and 3rd St., Downtown Denton

Stroll the streets of downtown Denton and experience the charms of our independently owned shops and find local artisanal goods at our outdoor market. Bring the family and take a carriage ride around town.

410-924-2338 or downtowndenton.com

Events subject to change without notice due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please check the website or Facebook pages of events you're interested in for updates. Make sure to bring your mask and social distance at all events. Happy Holidays!

## Ridgely Old Fashioned Christmas December 5, 6:45 p.m. Central Ave., Downtown Ridgely

Admission: Free

Lions Club parade begins at Martin Sutton Park (4th and Park St.) and ends at the restored railroad station (W. Railroad Ave.) where you are invited to safely explore a winter wonderland and visit with Santa. Bring your camera for socially distant photos. 410-634-2177 or ridgelylions@verizon.net

# Federalsburg Christmas Tree Lighting at Triangle Intersection December 6, 6:30 p.m. West Central Ave.

Admission: Free
Start off Federalsburg Christmas
Season with the Christmas tree
lighting at the triangle.
Family friendly, federalsburg.org

## Greensboro Lighting of the City and Parade

December 12, 2020, at dusk

Parade down Sunset Ave. ends at Riverside Park

**Admission: Free** 

Bring the family out to the annual parade and lighting of the city. Christmas parade followed by the lighting of the city. Free pictures with Santa and the Grinch. 410-482-6222, Facebook@ TownofGreensboro, or greensboromd.com

## Federalsburg Christmas Parade December 14, 7 p.m. Main Street, Federalsburg

**Admission: Free** 

Fun family event, judging for trophies for many types of entry classifications. Line up starts at 6 p.m. at University Ave. and Bloomingdale Ave. federalsburg.org







## Caroline CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocate

## An Unprecedented Year for All of Us!

This has been an unprecedented year for all of us! With the onset of COVID-19, no one could have imagined the dramatic changes to which we would all have to adapt. Families have been quarantined and separated for months, we've all had to learn to Zoom and to wear masks on a daily basis, children have had to attend school via computer – the list of changes and adaptations is a long one! But one thing that has not changed is CASA of Caroline's commitment to our community and especially to the children and youth in Caroline County foster care whose best interests are always our top priority.

Like other businesses and organizations, CASA of Caroline had to pivot and find new ways to serve children and families. When the pandemic started, we were in the middle of a new volunteer training class. Fortunately, we were able to shift the in-person classes to online learning and welcomed three new volunteers who were sworn in on June 10. Ann Anthony, Julie Quick and Rich Warfield joined the CASA of Caroline team and were immediately assigned to cases. We are very grateful for their ability to adapt and for their commitment to their work as CASA volunteers!

The pandemic has also been a time to forge new partnerships. In October, CASA of Caroline collaborated with Character Counts Mid-Shore, Caroline County YMCA and Caroline County Public Schools on a Bullying Prevention campaign that included a poster contest. The logistics presented some challenges but thanks to Amy Shepler, Bill Allen and Cara Calloway at CCPS, we received some truly amazing and creative entries that were displayed in storefronts along Market Street. The runner-up in the 10-under age group was Madylenna Andrews and the winner was Molly Church's poster of multicolored hands with kind and respectful phrases. For the 11+ age group, the runner-up was Meghan Stewart and the winner



was Lucy Church's poster with the slogan, "Together We Grow Stronger" – we couldn't agree more Lucy! We hope all the students who participated learned a little more about respecting others, standing up to bullies and being Caroline Kind! (see posters on page 36)

We also launched a new Community Partnership Program this year. This program was designed to strengthen and support healthy families by working collaboratively with like-minded businesses and organizations. Our partners make an annual commitment to CASA of Caroline that assists us in recruiting and training volunteers. It also helps with our awareness campaigns like the Bullying Prevention Campaign and the Pinwheels For Prevention Project we held in April to raise awareness of child abuse. We are thrilled to announce 2021 Community Partnerships with The Caroline Foundation, Preston Automotive, Women's Club of Caroline County, Tri Gas & Oil, Caroline's Agape Project, American Legion Post 29, Avery Hall, Choptank Transport, and State Farm/Huber Insurance Agency. Thank you for your commitment to CASA of Caroline and the children of Caroline County!

The holidays look a bit different for all of us. We are not able to hold our usual Volunteer Appreciation dinner but we want to acknowledge our amazing advocates who have remained unwavering in their commitment to the children and youth we serve. Ann Anthony, Michelle Gilliam, Kelly Hayman, Jack Kirk, Travis Newman, Erica Plank, MaryLou Plutschak



posthumously, Julie Quick, Jeanne Scott, Jennifer Shull, Beth Terhorst, Rich Warfield and Gerry Warner – we honor and thank you! By being that caring consistent adult in a child's life, these volunteers have been the certainty in uncertain times. Their determination to adapt to new methods of advocacy to continue working in the best interest of children in foster care is truly inspirational. We will be recognizing each of our volunteers with a yard sign and this year's CASA of Caroline keepsake Christmas ornament. The ornaments were made by Kiln Born and are for sale for \$15 each. Supplies are limited so don't wait! To purchase an ornament, please contact us through our newly designed website, www.carolinecasa.org, call us at 410-479-8301 or email Amy at casacaroline100@gmail.com.

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CASA of Caroline Keepsake Christmas ornament is for sale for \$15. Supplies are limited.



Next year holds the promise of endless possibilities for all of us. We are very hopeful for a brighter year and a return to a serene routine – one that includes being connected with our friends and loved ones again. Our volunteers and the Caroline County community are resilient, tenacious and committed to supporting healthy families and the children we serve. Regardless of what 2021 brings, CASA of Caroline, its volunteers and its Community Partners will continue to work in the best interest of all Caroline County children to ensure every one of them has a safe, permanent, loving home in which they can thrive. We wish you a safe, happy and healthy Holiday Season!

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Madylenna Andrews

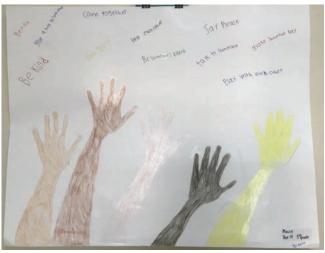
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Poster by Lucy Church



Poster by Meghan Stewart



Poster by Molly Church



# Give a Child in Isster (are the Ultimate Cift This Year

#### THE GIFT OF A CASA VOLUNTEER!



Children in foster care who have a CASA volunteer are more likely to succeed in school and adjust to change, which are much needed skills as kids get back to school during the Covid-19 Pandemic. They are also half as likely to re-enter the foster care system later. As a volunteer, you can make all the difference for a Caroline County child who has experienced abuse or neglect.

# Get involved, become a CASA, "Change a Child's Story"!

For more information on CASA of Caroline or to become a volunteer, please contact Shelly Kulp at 410-479-8301, carolinecasa@verizon.net, or visit www.carolinecasa.org.

You CAN make a difference!



#### Simple Gifts for the Holidays!

From the Wellness Promotions staff at The Caroline Co. Health Dept.

Good health is the best holiday gift to give to yourself and your family. During this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are all busy with work, taking care of loved ones, helping kids learn remotely, plus planning for socially distanced holidays. In all the hustle and bustle it is hard to take time to make sure you and your family are in good health, yet this is so important! Here are some ways to stay healthy and reduce stress during the holiday season:

• Be COVID-19 mindful! We all have 'COVID fatigue'. But now is not the time to let our guard down! So.. Wear a mask in all public spaces, keep six feet between you and others, wash your hands frequently, keep commonly touched areas disinfected, limit social gatherings to no more than ten people. If you have been exposed to a COVID + person, have symptoms, or expect to travel, please be tested. The Caroline

# Health Corner

County Health Dept. offers drive-up testing on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Reservations recommended. Call 410-479-8000 to schedule. Express Care locations in MD and DE offer Rapid-testing. Check with your health care provider for other testing resources.

- Get your flu shot! There are some flu vaccines available at the health dept. Call 410-479-8000 for availability and scheduling. I bet your pharmacy has some too!
- Eat properly! It is difficult, at best, to eat only healthy foods during the holidays. Don't feel guilty for indulging a little, but remember to balance all the sweets and other high calorie foods with fresh veggies and fruits, whole grains, lean proteins and low fat dairy. Maybe skip the second helping and enjoy one cookie, not two!
- Take a daily walk. Studies now show that a simple 30 minute walk each day can not only help you reduce weight, lower your blood pressure, reduce your risk for diabetes, it also improves your mood...instantly!
- Engage in mindful meditation for a few minutes each day!

# Tips, Classes and Programs to help you live healthier!

There are many different websites and Apps for meditation for adults, teens and kids!

- Manage your spending! It is very easy to over-spend during the holidays. Be sure to create a budget for gift giving, write a list and stick to it. Engage the family in creating gifts from the kitchen. It is a great way to spend time together!
- Check in with friends, neighbors and family by phone, Zoom or Facetime. A simple drive-by hello or porch chat would be welcome for many people who are quarantining at home, in need of company.
- Volunteering this year is a challenge. Call your church, a shelter, a food pantry, Hospice, or animal shelter, to see what their needs are. Donations of money or items is always welcome.

Wellness Promotions at The Caroline County Health Dept. offers several GIFTS that can help you on your journey to good health. We offer all of these programs at no cost to you!

- Our Smoking Cessation program, sponsored by The Maryland Cigarette Restitution Fund, offers free resources/ referral to the Maryland Quit Line, support, along with nicotine patches, gum, and lozenges to help you get started on your QUIT plan.
- The Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program provide clinical breast exams and mammograms for women ages 40-64, and Pap tests for women >21, with limited income and limited or no insurance.
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nicotine, Puff Bars, Juuls and electronic cigarettes. Projects may be centered around, but not limited by, any of the various tobacco awareness campaigns including: Tobacco Awareness Month (January), Kick Butts Day (March), or World No Tobacco Day (May). Please contact our Wellness staff for an application at 410-479-8080.

Best wishes for a joyful holiday season.

# The Connection Between Smoking, Vaping & Stress

Submitted by Heather Grove, RN, BSN

It is easy to think that smoking a cigarette or taking a hit on your vape is a good way to calm your nerves from all of the stress in today's world but did you know smoking and vaping can actually increase the stress inside

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your body? It is true! Nicotine, found in cigarettes and in many vapes, is an addictive stimulant.

Nicotine narrows blood vessels, making them smaller, which causes your blood pressure and heart rate to go up. In turn, your heart has to work harder to pump blood throughout your body, thus putting more stress on your cardiovascular system.

Craving nicotine causes stress too. When you smoke or vape, your brain receives a hit of nicotine and that nicotine craving is satisfied for a short amount of time. This can trick you into feeling more relaxed. Those feelings are short lived and as your nicotine levels drop, you are likely to experience another craving for a cigarette or vape and the process continues to repeat for as long as you keep smoking or vaping. Talk about stress in the brain!

The money spent on buying cigarettes and vape products can really add up. Having an addiction is financially expensive. In a world where the price of everything is going up, except our paychecks, figuring out how to pay for everything can be very stressful.

It is important to remember there will always be stressful situations in our lives whether we choose to smoke, vape, or breathe clean air. Learning to deal with our stressors is so important. Quitting smoking and vaping will decrease the stress cravings cause and the physical stress nicotine puts on the body.

There are many healthy ways to reduce stress without smoking. For example, you can take a few long deep breathes, try meditation, grab a refreshing glass of water, enjoy a warm shower, stand up and stretch, or take a walk. Maybe you are looking for that nicotine rush as a way to cope? Try a stimulating activity like running, playing drums, or skate boarding. Finally, do not forget to ask for help and support if you feel overwhelmed – we all need a friend sometimes.

If you are thinking about quitting, now is a great time to try! The Maryland Quitline offers support from quit coaches right over the phone, as well as nicotine replacement products that can be mailed to Marylanders at no cost. To learn more or enroll you can contact the Quitline directly at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or you can contact me at 410-829-0848 (call or text) and I can submit a referral to have a quit coach reach out and contact you.



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#### **December Tide Table**

Predictions for Tuckahoe (See below for other factors)

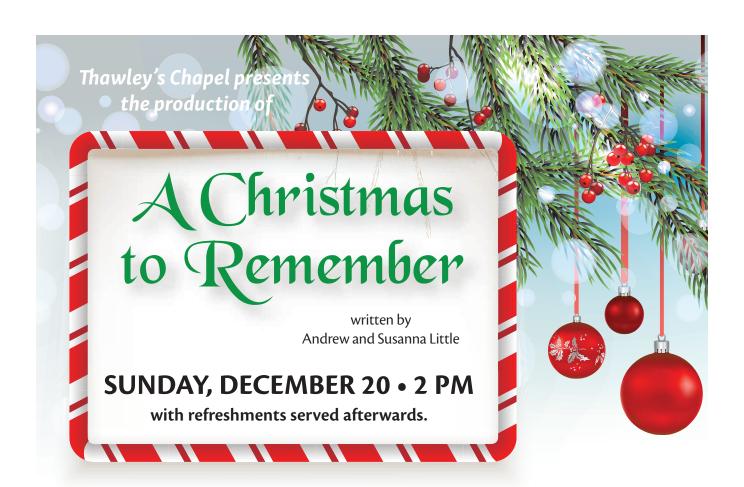
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Greensboro	Add	:25	Add	:43
Choptank	Subtract	3:06	Subtract	2:23
Denton	Subtract	:40	Subtract	:03



# Oh, Come Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord





## Marydel Lions Club Christmas Food Baskets and 2021 Calendars!

During the first part of December the members of the Marydel Lions Club will be purchasing, collecting and donating food items as well as receiving monetary donations to prepare their traditional Christmas Food Baskets that will be subsequently distributed to individuals and families in need. At the same time the Club will be offering for sale its 2021 Marydel Lions Club Gardening, Weather, and Fishing Calendar. This very popular calendar is a great gift for all of those folks who plan their activities based on the weather, who enjoy gardening and/ or who like to fish.

Our Club's community acts of service continue to be constrained due to the current pandemic. We will resume the many facets of our Club's service to the children, youth, families, adults and seniors upon the successful availability of a viable vaccine. Questions and comments can be directed to tmhiggins59@ hotmail.com or 302-363-5823.



# Just in Time for Christmas 2021 Sportsman's Raffle Ticket Makes a Great Stocking Stuffer

The Ridgely Lions Club is selling chances on their annual fundraiser the January 2021 Sportsman's Raffle. A daily raffle prize is awarded each day in January based on the Maryland Lottery 3-Digit Evening drawing. For a \$20 donation to the Ridgely Lions Club you have 31 chances to win on every raffle ticket from Jan. 1 - Jan. 31. Looking for a great stocking stuffer for Christmas? The Ridgely Lions Club Sportsman Raffle is your ticket. Prizes include everything from a Browning A-5 12 GA shotgun to a Trijicon Accupoint Scope 2.5 x 10 to a Bear Bruzer Crossbow, to a bushel of Maryland Blue Crabs. Prizes in the raffle are provided by a local sporting goods store, the Tuckahoe Sportsman at 22145 Shore Highway in Denton.

To purchase an RLC Sportsman's raffle ticket see any Ridgely Lions Club Member or stop by the Tuckahoe Sportsman and All About Hair Salon in Ridgely. For more info on the raffle, go to Facebook/Ridgely Lions Club or www.ridgelylions.org or email us at ridgelylions@verizon.net.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support Lions Club programs and projects, such as vision screenings, hearing aid and eye glass donations, youth sport team sponsorships, working with literacy and other programs in local schools, sponsoring the Ridgely Christmas lights and parades, the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest, a durable medical equipment loan closet and operating and participating in community festivals as well as donating to numerous local charities and nonprofits.

To support local Lions Club projects with the purchase of a Sportsman Raffle ticket, call Lion Ross Harper at 410-336-1791, Lion Dave Davis at 443-786-2547, or Lion Gerry Sutton at 443-786-0848. If you are interested in helping your community and joining a local service organization, the Lions club would love to hear from you. Contact Lion Dave Davis at 443-786-2547 or ridgelylions@verizon.net.



## Friends and MES Employees Honor Lion Ed Miller

Anybody who ever met Ed Miller would have instantly taken a liking to this friendly outgoing Ridgely Lion, who passed away in a tragic accident in 2019. Lion Ed had been a Ridgely Lion since 2006 and served as president of the club in 2011-12. Ed was employed by Maryland Environmental Service and served as the site manager at the Mid-Shore Regional Landfill in Ridgely. Recently some of Ed's good friends and his MES co-workers organized a golf tournament to honor Lion Ed Miller. Ed was an avid golfer and loved to play every chance he could. The proceeds from the tournament were donated to the Ridgely Lions Club's Scholarship Fund in Lion Ed Miller's memory.



Pictured above L to R: MES Administrator Steve Tomczewski presenting a \$2,500 check to Ridgely Lions Mike Redgraves, Ross Harper and Sharon Brannock



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#### **Community Calendar**

#### **MONDAYS**

The Ridgely Lions meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at the Ridgely United Methodist Church Social Hall at 107 Central Avenue in Ridgely at 6:30 PM. For more info on the Ridgely Lions go to www.ridgelylions.org or www.facebook.com/ridgely lions club. We are always seeking new members who are interested in serving their community.

#### **TUESDAYS**

**Tuesday Bingo at Denton American Legion Post 29**. 7:30 PM. Snacks at break and computers available. Info 410 -479- 2708.

#### **FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS**

Federalsburg Museum, located at 100 Covey & Williams Alley in Federalsburg, will reopen on Friday, August 7 from 10 AM to 2 PM and will resume hours on Fridays and Saturdays from 10-2. There are several new exhibits open. The amazing exhibit of a reconstructed doctors office is the one we are most proud of, it is the office of Dr. Noble whose house was built in 1810 and stood on the North corner of Maple Ave. and S. Main St. Contact: 443-434-3114.

#### **SATURDAYS**

Caroline County Rural Life Museum, located at 16 N. 2nd St., Denton is open every Saturday from 11 AM to 4 PM until November 28. We adhere to all Covid-19 regulations and you must wear a mask while in the Museum. We do not provide masks. Contact: 410-479-2055 or www.carolinehistory. org for additional information.

The Greensboro Historical Society Museum, 104 E. Sunset Ave., is open every other Saturday from 10-1. Presentations to follow every other month. Also open by appointment. Our mission is the preservation of our local history and heritage, education and outreach to the greater Greensboro community. Stop by to see local artifacts and to learn about Greensboro of olden times. We also look forward to hearing your memories of old Greensboro and your thoughts on how best to preserve the history and heritage of our community. Masks must be worn and social distancing observed.

Preston Historical Society's Museum, 167 Main St, Preston will be open on Saturdays from 10 AM until 2 PM. For more information on the Society, visit its website at www.prestonhistoricalsociety. com or visit Facebook at "Preston Historical Society." Masks must be worn and social distancing observed while on the PHS campus. PHS is located at 167 Main Street in Preston, the parking lot is accessed from Harmony Road. As always, admission is free.

Upper Shore Genealogical Society of Maryland Research Center will open from 9 AM to 2 PM every Saturday (except for holiday weekends) through November. The Center will be closed the month of December.

When doing research at the Center we ask that everyone please practice safe standards of care, including wearing face masks and social distancing. The Center is located on the Denton/ Greensboro Road, Rt. 313. Look for the sign with the flag. The Research Center offers many resources for family history and genealogy research. Volunteers are onsite to give advice and help in your genealogy research. The Research Center houses many books and other related materials for purchase. Also, students will find materials to do history projects for school. For more information, visit our web site at usgsmd.org.

#### **SECOND SATURDAYS**

Giving Grace Food Pantry at Trinity United Methodist Church, Goldsboro. Food available from 7 AM until. For more information, call 302-270-1948.

#### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**

Friday Nite Dinner at Denton American Legion Post #29, 9238 Legion Road. Call 410-479-2708 for details.

#### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**

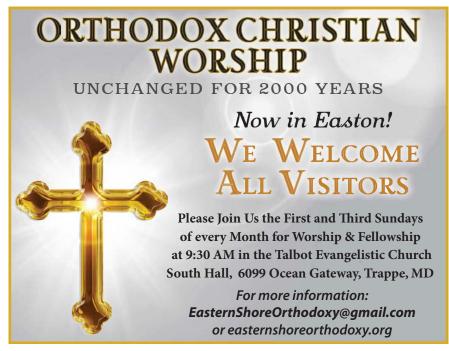
Friday Nite Dinner at Denton American Legion Post #29, 9238 Legion Road. 5-7 PM. Fish & Shrimp \$8 for one or \$12 for both. Entertainment? Call 410-479-2708 for info.

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**

Turkey Shoot at Denton American Legion Post #29, 9238 Legion Road. 1 PM start. Info 410-479-2708.

#### **MONDAY DECEMBER 14**

Ridgely Lions Club meets at 6:30 PM



at Ridgely United Methodist Church Social Hall, 107 Central Ave. If you are interested helping your community and meeting like-minded folks, join us for our social time and meeting and learn more about the world's largest service organization- Lions Clubs International. Contact Lion Dave Davis at 443-786-2547 or ridgelylions@verizon.net and on Facebook at Ridgely Lions Club.

#### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18**

Friday Nite Dinner at Denton American Legion Post #29, 9238 Legion Road. 5-7 PM. SAL serving French Dip Sandwich. \$8. Karaoke 7-11 PM with Linda Webb. Info 410-479-2708.

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20**

**Sunday Breakfast at Denton American Legion Post #29**, 9238 Legion Road. 8-11 AM. \$9. Info 410-479-2708.

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**

New Year's Eve Celebration at Denton American Legion Post #29, 9238 Legion Road. 7 PM 'til 1 AM. Bring your own snacks. Tickets in advance are \$25 single, and \$55 couple or at door for \$30 single, and \$60 couple. Call the Legion at 410 -479-2708 for tickets and/or information.

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 18**

Lockerman School Association, Inc. is inviting everyone to participate in the 10th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity March (Caroline United, Caroline Strong). The March will begin at 10 AM (Assemble at 9:45 AM) at Lockerman Middle School. We will march from LMS to the Caroline County Courthouse for the "I Have A Dream Speech". At the conclusion of the event bag lunches will be distributed to everyone. Service Learning credit is available for students who participate (Please bring your form so the event coordinators can sign off on the form). Maryland/CDC Covid-19 protocol will be followed; to include- 6 ft. social distancing, masks must be worn throughout the event. Contact Wanda Molock, 410-829-7338 or Janet Fountain 410-829-2844 for more information.



 All money raised goes to pay educational expenses for the non-profit, Children Exploration.

• This contest is for Caroline County residents only.

• \$50 cash prize for 1st place.



#### **Recreation & Parks**

#### **REC FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Starting December 1, our REC For The Holidays campaign starts on Facebook. Visit https://www.facebook.com/ CCRecAndParks each day for fresh seasonal content. There will be weekly contests for ugly sweaters, LEGO builds, and holiday cookies. We'll periodically be posting family activities such as arts and crafts as well as snacks that you can make right at home. If you're lucky you may also run into a programming flash sale or coupon code. And to top it off, we're holding a county-wide Elf on the Shelf scavenger hunt where you'll need a keen eye to track down and decipher clues to prepare yourself to unlock a grand prize.

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Santa's Satellite Workshops December 7 – 17: Greensboro (Greater Impact Church)

December 7 – 17: Preston (Bethesda United Methodist Church)

\$59 per 4-class session. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.



Our elves are branching out from having one Santa's Magic Workshop to having several spread throughout the county. 'Tis the season for Christmas crafts and ornaments. All supplies will be provided.

Ages 5-7- Mon & Wed, Ages 8-10 Tues & Thurs.

#### Code Your World STEM Challenge (ages 8-10)

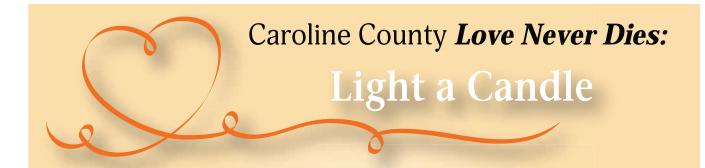
## December 7 – 17: Denton (St. Luke's United Methodist Church)

Explore four fun, hands-on activities that teaches kids to apply computer science to the world around them. Participants will explore animation, coding, artificial intelligence, and patterns. There may also be a little dancing involved.

\$59 per 4-class session. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tue & Thur.

For our most up to date programming information visit carolinerecreation.org or browse and register directly online at https://secure.rec1.com/MD/caroline-county-md/catalog. You can also call 410-479-8120 if you have any questions or to register over the phone.





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#### **Investment Lessons from 2020**

Submitted by Ann Jacobs, Financial Advisor Edward Jones - Denton -443-496-1755



As the year draws to a close, it's fair to say that we've all learned something about the social, political, physical and environmental forces that have affected everyone. And, in some ways, our lives will be changed, perhaps permanently. But as an investor, what lessons can you learn from 2020?

Here are some to consider:

The markets look ahead. Here's something many investors discovered in 2020: Investment prices don't always move in the same direction as the overall economy. This might not have seemed apparent right after the COVID-19 pandemic struck in mid-February, as the overall economy and the stock market took big hits. But just about five weeks later, the markets began a rally that lasted several months. During this time, the economy also recovered somewhat, but still remains on weak footing.

What can explain this discrepancy between the markets and economic activity? Essentially, economic numbers, such as the unemployment rate and gross domestic product (GDP), reflect what's happening today, but the markets are always looking toward tomorrow, which means they are anticipating

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a stronger economic recovery and the results that come with it, such as greater corporate earnings in 2021. No one can say for sure what the future holds, but you can usually know the market's opinion by its performance.

Opportunities will always exist for investors. Although the coronavirus seems unprecedented, the equity markets have rebounded from many crises before it. From war to global financial meltdowns, the market has seen it all. But even at the height of these events, when the markets might be most affected, individual segments or industries can do well.

For example, in the current environment, when many people have been forced to work and shop from home, and get their entertainment online, it's probably not surprising that some parts of the technology sector have seen their economic activity grow, along with their stock prices. Here's the key point: Investment opportunities always exist, especially in times of market stress – and smart investors will find them and incorporate them into their portfolios in a way that's appropriate for their goals and risk tolerance.

Patience and discipline can pay dividends. As mentioned above, the stock market dropped sharply in the weeks immediately following the pandemic, but then gained steadily for months afterward. Investors who tried to "cut losses" and exited the market likely did so at the wrong time and missed out on the beginning of the upturn. Unfortunately, this is not uncommon – investors who overreact to market declines often find themselves on the investment sidelines just when a new rally begins. Rather than being reactive in this way, you may be better off sticking with a long-term investment strategy, and buying and selling investments only when it makes sense for your situation, such as when you need to diversify your portfolio.

For many reasons, it's unlikely that we'll see anything exactly like 2020 again. But some of the investment lessons we learned are applicable in every year – so keep them in mind for 2021 and beyond.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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# Federalsburg Historical Society

#### **Candlelight tour**

The Federalsburg Historical Society will hold a Candlelight Tour at the historic house, Exeter, on Saturday, December 12, from 4 until 7 PM. Come and enjoy this free event and tour one of the oldest remaining structures in the southern part of Caroline County.

Robert and Mary Holt purchased the house in 1967 and began to restore the home back to its earliest appearance. All the woodwork is original and is particularly fine. After much work was done on the house, and with a great deal of research, Exeter, circa 1808, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1978.

Further structural and cosmetic renovations resumed in 2002 and after the house had descended to Mary's son and daughter in 2011, the property was deeded to the Federalsburg Historical Society by the Holt Family Trust.

It was always Mary Holt's dream to open Exeter as a museum to the public. The Historical Society continues to make improvements and offers open houses and tours allowing the public to view this local historic landmark.

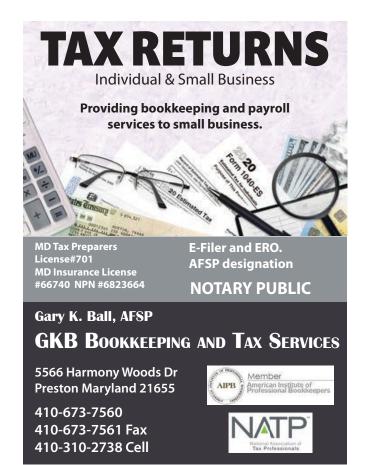
For more information, please email us at federalsburgmuseum@comcast.net or call 443-434-3114.

#### Christmas at the Museum



For a Christmas gift wrapped in memories, consider purchasing one of the Historical Society's annual pewter Christmas ornaments depicting local landmarks, books written by local authors, and Jack Sealman cards and prints. This year's annual Christmas ornament is Cantner's Drug Store which is celebrating its 100th anniversary. This is the 15th and final ornament that will be made. If you need to

fill in your collection from past years, there are a few remaining from past years. They include: Federalsburg High School, The Water Tower, Federal Theatre, Marshyhope Creek Bridge, The Railroad Station, Exeter, Federalsburg Carnival Merry-Go-Round, Hobby Horse Monument, Federalsburg Athletics at Federal Park, Delmarva Soapbox Derby, 100th Anniversary of Boy Scout Troup #137, Chambers Park Log Cabin, The Tastee Freez, and Sally Ann Bakery. All items are available at the museum or on our website.





The Federalsburg Heritage Museum is located at 100 Covey Williams Alley (behind Town Hall) and is handicap accessible. The Museum is open Fridays and Saturdays through December 30 and will also be open for the holidays on December 21, 22, 23, 28, and 29. Hours are from 10 AM until 2 PM.

For more information:

www.federalsburghistoricalsociety.com

Email - federalsburgmuseum@comcast.net

Phone - 443-434-3114

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# Senior Moments by Mary Moran 410-479-2535

It's been a rough year on so many levels for so many people that I just can't bring myself to add any more negativity to it! So settle back with a cup of cocoa and take a walk down memory lane with this sweet old poem!

#### A Visit from St. Nicholas

by Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,

While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads:

And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,

Gave a lustre of midday to objects below,

When what to my wondering eyes did appear,

But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny rein-deer,

With a little old driver so lively and quick,

I knew in a moment he must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,

And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now Prancer and Vixen!

On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!

To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!

Now dash away! dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;

So up to the housetop the coursers they flew,

With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too—

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof,

The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,



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Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,

And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,

And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.

He had a broad face and a little round belly

That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,

And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,

And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk.

And laying his finger aside of his nose,

And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,

And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

Source: The Random House Book of Poetry for Children (Random House Inc., 1983)

Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy Kwanzaa!

May the Lord Bless all of us in Caroline and around the world!



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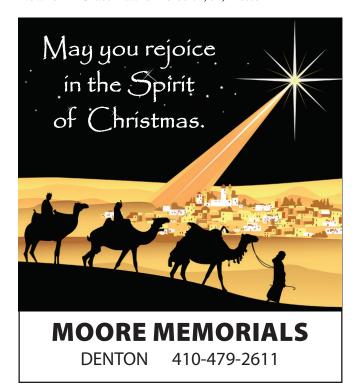
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Oct. 24	Robert Thomas Boyd, 87, Royal Oak							
Oct. 24	Katherine Mitchell Whalen, 77, St. Michaels							
Oct. 26	Michael Edward Francis, 72, Preston							
Oct. 27	Robert F. Maher, 87, Nassawadox, VA							
Oct. 28	Eleanor Nichols Usilton, 92, Federalsburg							
Oct. 29	William A. Calvanesa, 83, Greenwood, DE							
Oct. 30	Anna S. Brenneman, 88, Greenwood, DE							
Oct. 31	Margaret K. Marine, 100, Salisbury							
Nov. 1	Peggy Humphrey, 81, Bozman							
Nov. 1	Sylvia A. Hughes, 70, Ellendale, DE							
Nov. 5	Frances Duruth Young, 88, Rhodesdale							
Nov. 6	Martin Bayne, 70, Greenwood, DE							
Nov. 7	William Franklin Clark, 86, Easton							

Hurlock Nov. 10 Grace Hawks Meredith, 82, Preston

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Oct. 4	Amanda Sue Harrington, 43, Denton
Oct. 7	Susan Lorraine Insley, 73, Voorhees, NJ
Oct. 8	Catherine Virginia Poe Bertling, 99, Greenwood, DE
Oct. 13	Paul Blades, 83, Cordova
Oct. 16	Dr. Andrew Ellsworth Landis, 77, Denton
Oct. 18	Douglas Andrew Garey, 81, Denton
Oct. 19	Nancy Jane Willis, 79, Denton
Oct. 27	Matilda "Tilley" Margaret Walls, 85, Denton
Oct. 29	Patricia Hope Cohey, 69, Ridgely



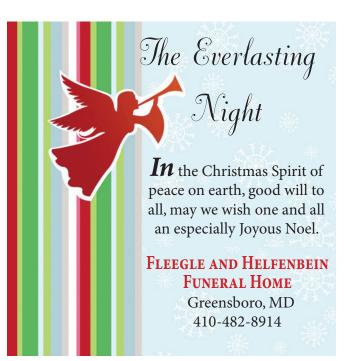
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Serving & Installing Gas Appliances Cleaning and Conversions 410-482-6551 Fax: 410-482-8959

#### **HEATING EQUIPMENT**

**B.J. Distributing Company** Greensboro 410-482-2421

#### **HEATING & AIR**

Ray's Electrical Service

410-479-1864 410-479-0157

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Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.
Denton 410-479-5560 410-643-0005

#### **INSURANCE**

Gondeck Insurance Agency, Inc.

410-479-2463 / 410-310-1597 bullsandbears@comcast.net

#### **KARATE**

Youngsan Karate (Centreville); kids and adult karate, and ladies' fitness program. Enroll today in the 'Get Started' Program! www.youngsankarate.com

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Denton 410-479-2611

#### **NAILS**

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Jan Baker's 4th Street Gallery
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Barbara Blosser, Denton 410-924-8603

\$2.50 per line/per month

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Sparkle Pools, Inc.

10375 River Rd, Denton 410-479-1447 sparklepoolsinc.com

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#### **VETERINARIANS**

**Denton Animal Hospital** 

Dr. Michael D. Schriver Pet Animal Practice Office Hours Daily & Sat. mornings Rt. 313 & Fleetwood Rd Denton "Next to McDonalds" 410-479-0388

#### **WELDERS**

R & E Welders

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#### **WOODSHOP SUPPLIES**

**Big Shop Supply**. Supplies for your woodshop/business. Sand paper, glue, rags, razors, gloves, earplugs, wood, chip brushes, pencils & more! Denton. 410-714-1202 bigshopdist@yahoo.com



# **Caroline Review Word Puzzle**

# Reindeer

The word "Reindeer" appears 55 times in this puzzle. Can you find them all?

Circle words forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally.

R	Ε	Ε	D	N	1	Ε	R	R	R	R	R	Ε	Ε	D	N	1	Ε	R
R	Ε	I	N	D	Ε	Ε	R	Ε	Ε	Ε	R	Ε	Ε	D	N	1	Ε	R
R	Ε	Ε	D	N	I	Ε	R	Ε	I	I	R	Ε	Ε	D	N	I	Ε	R
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N	R	R	D	N	Ε	N	N	R	1	R	R	Ε	Ε	N	D	Ε	Ε	R
I	Ε	Ε	Ε	1	D	D	Ε	N	1	Ε	D	Ε	I	N	D	Ε	Ε	R
Ε	Ε	Ε	R	R	Ε	Ε	D	N	1	Ε	R	Ε	I	N	D	Ε	Ε	R
R	D	D	Ε	Ε	D	Ε	Ε	N	D	D	R	Ε	1	N	D	Ε	Ε	R
Ε	N	N	R	N	Ε	R	D	R	R	N	R	Ε	I	N	D	Ε	Ε	R
I	1	1	1	R	Ε	Ε	N	D	Ε	1	R	Ε	I	D	N	Ε	Ε	R
N	Ε	Ε	Ε	R	Ε	Ε	D	N	1	Ε	R	Ε	E	D	N	I	Ε	R
D	R	R	R	R	Ε	D	N	1	E	R	R	Ε	E	D	N	I	Ε	R



#### **Day to Serve**

Barbara Matney and Mark Cole from Caroline County Department of Social Services (DSS), presented Cheryl Beulah, Executive Director of Aaron's Place, with over 200 donated items that ranged from food to baby diapers for distribution throughout the community.

This was accomplished due to the collaborative efforts of the Caroline County Department of Social Services Community Outreach Team, in observance of a "Day to Serve." Donations were collected at the administrative office of DSS and then delivered to Aaron's Place.

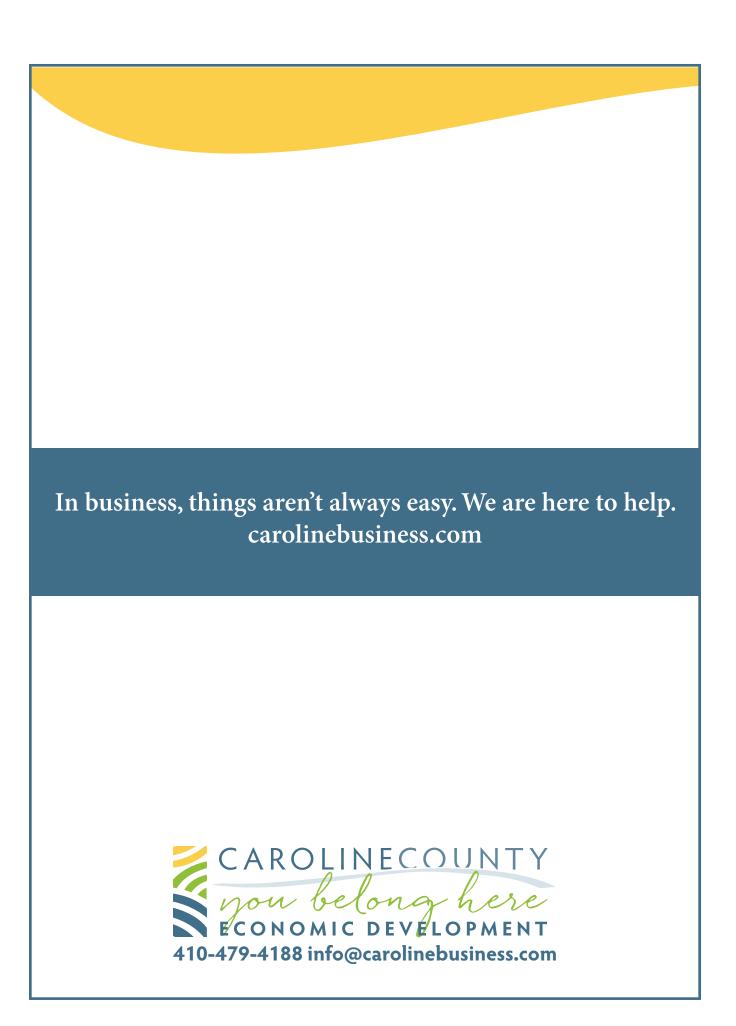
Aaron's Place is a community outreach center that provides assistance to those in need facing food insecurities and other challenges to being self-sufficient. In the age of COVID-19, Aaron's Place is serving over 600 food challenged families every month.

Aaron's Place is grateful for the generosity of the employees of DSS! Their support helps to further the mission of Aaron's Place in helping others.



Barbara Matney, Cheryl Beulah, Mark Cole





Mr. Samuel Keene, the Reverend Mr. Philip Walker, Henry Casson, and Benedict Brice, be a Committee of Correspondence to receive and answer all letters, and, on any emergency, to call a general meeting, and that any seven of the number have the power to act.

That this paper be considered as an instruction to the Deputies nominated for this County to meet at the City of Annapolis for the purpose of forming a general Association, in which they are not to come into any engagement whatever, but upon condition that the Colonies in general shall come into a similar measure.



That a copy of these proceedings be published in the Maryland Gazette, to evince to the world the sense they entertain of the invasion of their constitutional rights and liberties.

Signed per order, Henry Downs, Jun., Clerk

Basically, we stood with the people of Massachusetts against the closing of the Boston Harbor by calling for a boycott of British goods and endeavored to support a similar declaration made by Maryland colonial leaders in Annapolis. We patriotically did our part in furthering the American Revolution and ultimately bringing about all the ideals that came along with our brand of self-government. HUZZAH!



## Saturday, June 5

7:30 AM until Noon

Sponsored by Greensboro Women's Club

For questions, call Marian Garey at 410-482-8364



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### THE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AT MARTIN'S HOUSE & BARN

(This is our new name, was previously Saint Martin's Barn)

Drive-Thru Pantry and Thrift Store Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am - 11:30 am Wednesday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Martes, Jueves, Viernes 8:30 am - 11:30 am Wednesday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Thrift Store is also open First Saturdays 8 am-Noon

#### **FOOD ASSISTANCE:**

PLEASE CALL OUR BARN MANAGER AT 410.634.2537 EXT. 111

#### **RENT & UTILITIES ASSISTANCE:**

PLEASE CALL OUR HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES COORDINATOR AT 410-634-2537 EXT. 105

All staff at Martin's House & Barn are following CDC guidelines for social distancing and COVID prevention, including daily temperature checks and masking.

We ask that clients also please wear a mask and maintain distance of six feet when staff bring the food to the vehicle. Ridgely Ice Cream Parlor Ridgely, MD

# Cruise-In

Thursday, June 17 5 - 8 PM

#### FREE EVENT IN RIDGELY!

Music, great food and door prizes. We will accept a few vendors for this event. Please contact Brenda Walls at 410-634-9800.

