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Denton's Holiday Parade & Lighting of the Green
Thursday, December 2nd

Federsburg's Tree Lighting at the Triangle
Friday, December 3rd

Denton's Christkindlmarkt Market
Friday, December 3rd

Greensboro's Whoville Village Holiday Park
Fridays & Saturday Nights, December 3rd - 18th

Preston Historical Society's Annual Christmas Open House
Saturday, December 4th

Ridgely Lions Club Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 4th

7th Annual Santa Chase at Martinak State Park
Friday, December 10th

Preston Lions Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 11th

Christmas at Historic Linchester Mill
Saturday, December 11th

Federsburg's Christmas Parade & Museum Open House
Monday, December 13th

Denton's Home for the Holidays Decorating Contest
Nominate by December 15th, Vote by December 22nd

Hillsboro's Luminaries Night
Saturday, December 18th

Federsburg's Christmas at Chambers Park
Sunday, December 19th



See more events & find out more at VISITCAROLINE.ORG 



Caroline CASA

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Eight-year-old Robin* loves to draw. Kittens, rainbows, flowers – the brighter the colors, the better the picture. But mostly she draws pictures of her family, because all Robin wants is to go back home. Robin's parents are struggling with addiction. After a few painful years of watching her parents spiral downward and lose the ability to care for her, Robin is spending the holidays in foster care.

But Robin has a CASA volunteer advocating for her best interests while her parents get the help they need so she can safely return home. A CASA volunteer takes the time to get to know the child. To know the family. To learn what's possible and what the child needs to heal and thrive.

At CASA of Caroline, we provide a voice for Robin and children like her. We believe every child facing an uncertain future deserves to have a safe, permanent, and loving home – for the holidays and forever! We are working to make sure every child in our community who has experienced abuse or neglect has a caring adult who will be there for them during this rough time, no matter what. You can make a meaningful and lasting impact for children like Robin by getting involved. Purchase a CASA of Caroline 2021 Christmas ornament, make a donation, apply to be a volunteer, "Change a Child's Story"!

Give a child in foster care hope for the holidays by supporting CASA of Caroline. We would like to thank the Caroline County community for its steadfast support throughout the year and a special thanks to our amazing community partners



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Ornaments can be purchased from a North Carolina High National Honor Society student, at Patti's Petals or Cawley's Tree Farm, or through our website. For more information, a volunteer application, an ornament or to make a donation, please visit www.carolinecasa.org. From all of us at CASA, we wish you a happy holiday season!

**Fictional names are used to protect confidentiality*

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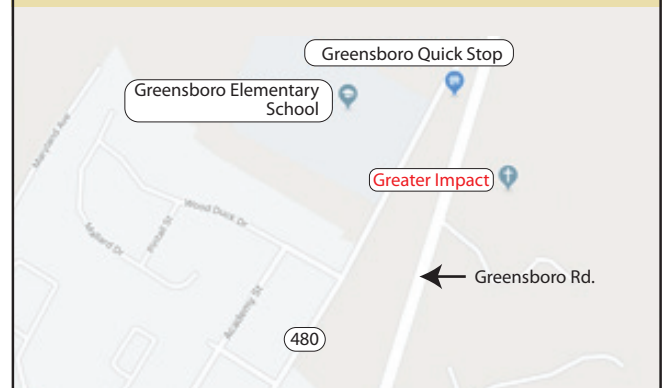
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The Connection Between Economic Development and Tourism

By Debbie Bowden, Director
Caroline County Economic Development



Partnerships are key to any successful organization. I'm happy to have a great partnership with the Office of Tourism and its Executive Director Tara Coursey. The connection between economic development and tourism can be complicated, but it boils down to two

things – supporting the businesses that cater to visitors and letting outside decision makers know about Caroline County's quality of life.

Visitors to Caroline County provide economic activity that supports shops and farms and restaurants and outdoor spaces. Through Tara's leadership, there has been greater exposure to people inside and outside of the County that drive in for the day, enjoy what we have to offer, spend their money, and then continue their travels or go back home. During the fall, great festivals and events helped to support start-ups and established businesses, and that economic churn is expected to keep happening for the holiday season.

Tara and her team are promoting the great Christmas-themed events happening in our Towns, and the specialized shopping that many of the nonprofit organizations and businesses provide. Tara points out that the State, County, and local parks are gathering spots for folks who live here and those that travel here (I applaud those hardy folks who take to the river and the trails on the cold winter days). In typical Caroline County style, visitors feel welcome wherever they travel to in the County and with whoever they meet along the way.

If you and your family are looking for a memory-making event, or if you have folks in from out of town that need to have something to do, check out visitcaroline.org. And if you are a business that caters to visitors, please reach out to me so that we learn about your operation.

I wish everyone a joyous holiday and a great start to 2022! Thank you for all that you do for Caroline County.

For updates on any future business support, please visit carolinebusiness.com, sign up for our newsletter, and 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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Town of Greensboro's Whoville Village Holiday Park Returns in December

The Town of Greensboro is pleased to announce the return of the Whoville Village Holiday Park (Whoville) this December at its new location behind the Greensboro Volunteer Fire Department.

"Our entire team is excited to welcome everyone back to Whoville," said Tammy Kelledees, Town Clerk. "Our new location gives us more space to expand the holiday park and offer more light displays and family fun. We are proud to be part of our community's holiday traditions, and also to be named a top three best seasonal attraction in the 2021 Chesapeake Best of the Best Readers' choice awards. We encourage our neighbors and friends from across Delmarva to join us this year!"

Whoville is a walk-through, outdoor light display featuring characters from Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" that ends with Santa's Village with hot cocoa, cookies and photos with Santa, the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who. Whoville is open every Friday and Saturday from 5-9 pm until December 18. Admission is free. Visitors should use 13781 Greensboro Road, Greensboro, MD 21639 for GPS directions.

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Monday,
December
13th

Sunday,
Dec. 19th
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December Tide Table

Predictions for Tuckahoe
(See below for other factors)
Eastern Standard Time

Date	AM				PM			
1	4:42	Hi	11:19	Lo	5:38	Hi		
2	12:03	Lo	5:38	Hi	12:10	Lo	6:35	Hi
3	12:59	Lo	6:33	Hi	1:02	Lo	7:29	Hi
4	1:53	Lo	7:27	Hi	1:53	Lo	8:23	Hi
5	2:45	Lo	8:20	Hi	2:44	Lo	9:14	Hi
6	3:35	Lo	9:13	Hi	3:35	Lo	10:04	Hi
7	4:25	Lo	10:06	Hi	4:26	Lo	10:53	Hi
8	5:14	Lo	10:59	Hi	5:18	Lo	11:40	Hi
9	6:03	Lo	11:53	Hi	6:11	Lo		
10	12:27	Hi	6:52	Lo	12:48	Hi	7:05	Lo
11	1:14	Hi	7:41	Lo	1:46	Hi	8:00	Lo
12	2:03	Hi	8:30	Lo	2:44	Hi	8:55	Lo
13	2:53	Hi	9:20	Lo	3:43	Hi	9:50	Lo
14	3:46	Hi	10:09	Lo	4:40	Hi	10:45	Lo
15	4:39	Hi	10:59	Lo	5:33	Hi	11:39	Lo

16	5:30	Hi	11:49	Lo	6:23	Hi		
17	12:32	Lo	6:20	Hi	12:38	Lo	7:10	Hi
18	1:23	Lo	7:08	Hi	1:25	Lo	7:55	Hi
19	2:11	Lo	7:54	Hi	2:12	Lo	8:38	Hi
20	2:58	Lo	8:37	Hi	2:58	Lo	9:20	Hi
21	3:44	Lo	9:20	Hi	3:43	Lo	10:00	Hi
22	4:29	Lo	10:02	Hi	4:28	Lo	10:39	Hi
23	5:13	Lo	10:46	Hi	5:15	Lo	11:19	Hi
24	5:58	Lo	11:31	Hi	6:03	Lo	11:58	Hi
25	6:44	Lo			12:20	Hi	6:55	Lo
26	12:40	Hi	7:30	Lo	1:13	Hi	7:49	Lo
27	1:25	Hi	8:17	Lo	2:11	Hi	8:44	Lo
28	2:14	Hi	9:06	Lo	3:11	Hi	9:42	Lo
29	3:08	Hi	9:56	Lo	4:13	Hi	10:39	Lo
30	4:05	Hi	10:48	Lo	5:13	Hi	11:37	Lo
31	5:04	Hi	11:41	Lo	6:11	Hi		

Add or subtract hours and/or minutes as indicated:

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



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DOLLARS AND SENSE

by Tolbert Rowe

The Risks of Purchasing a Home in Today's Overheated Market

I recently had an interesting email exchange with an avid reader of Dollars and Sense regarding the risks of purchasing a home in today's overheated market. More specifically, how can you determine whether you are paying too much for a property, either in a competitive situation with other offers, or paying the listing price of a home?

In last month's article I made the case that "value" of a product, in this case a home is determined by what price a buyer is willing to pay and what price a seller is willing to accept. This meeting of the minds establishes "value", which will be supported by an appraisal if financing is involved. Lender's (a third party in the transaction) will need confirmation from a licensed appraiser that the property value (sale price) is supported by comparable homes that have sold in the area within a specified time frame, preferably 6 to 9 months.

Obviously when no lender is involved because the buyer is paying cash, there is no need for a third-party appraisal. Those who purchase real estate for cash have already established what they consider the value of the property to be by the price they are willing to pay. You could also use publicly known value information through the MD Dept. of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT)

website. <https://sdatt.dat.maryland.gov/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx>. Here you can see what value for tax purposes the assessment office considers the value to be. This value is determined every three years which makes it not dependable or accurate for current market conditions.

Property assessments come out in January and are based on sales data accumulated over the previous three years. Properties up for assessment in January 2022 were last assessed in January 2019 using sales data accumulated from the previous three years, back to 2016. This is data that is not relevant in a market that has seen double digit increases in value the last several years.

Information from SDAT also shows what a seller paid for a property and when they purchased it. When I hear a prospective buyer tell me that they think a house is overpriced because the seller only paid so much for the house 2 years ago, I cringe a little. If a house is overpriced, it will sit on the market without offers. In today's market, if it is priced appropriately it will sell, and in many cases, it will sell quickly making what the seller paid two years ago irrelevant. What is relevant is what someone is willing to pay today.

No one wants to pay more for a product than they need to. We are Americans and we love to get a deal. The worst feeling in the world is to see a product you recently purchased go on sale a week after you bought it. An even worse feeling is buying a home and watching its value go down like it often did in 2010 to 2014.

The residential real estate market has evolved from a point where prices paid were reflected as a percentage of list (asking) price to a multiple of list price. By this I mean that up until early to mid-2020 houses tended to sell at prices lower than list price. Sales were reported as a percentage of list price which would be 100%. If a property was listed at \$100,000 and sold for \$96,000 it was reported as selling at 96% of list price. In many cases if a property sold at 100% of list price the seller was providing concessions for the buyers, such as credits toward buyer's closing costs.

Since mid-2020 the market has moved from one where prices paid were generally less than asking price to one where prices paid are higher than asking price. This has not occurred since the early to mid-2000's where demand was driven by the availability of "easy money" mortgage programs. Lenient underwriting requirements meant that anyone could and did qualify for a mortgage, regardless of their ability to repay the loan. This is not the case with today's underwriting guidelines.

It is beginning to look like price increases are starting to slow down a bit. Will a slowing down of price increases be an indicator of real estate values peaking and then beginning a slow decline or will it be a plateau where prices level off and remain stable for a period of time? Personally, I am a plateau person and will attempt to justify my reasons for believing so.

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The National Association of Realtors (NAR) Economic Outlook for August 2021 shows that nationally there was a 9.1% increase in real estate prices in 2020 and 14.1% price increase is forecasted for 2021, then price increases drop to 4.4% in 2022. In addition, the Federal Housing Finance Authority data as reported by the Mortgage Bankers Association in November shows price increases peaking at 17.4% in the fourth quarter of 2021, which is right now, and then dropping to 4.7% in 2022. They further project price increase to hover around 5% until 2024. This is encouraging news from two organizations with a lot of skin in the game.

Please note that this data represents the percentage increase in values year over year, so that a \$100,000 house price will increase by \$5,000 if the percentage

increase is 5%. This data reflects the national price increase trend and is not necessarily indicative of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware. Some housing price points have seen increases greater than this data indicates.

What I believe is the most significant take away from this data is that prices are not projected to go down in the next two years supporting my belief that prices are going to reach a sustained plateau. This is further supported with the imbalance of supply and demand. Too much demand for too little supply will continue to be an issue well into 2022 and possibly longer.

If interest rates remain favorable and below 4%, I believe buyers will continue to purchase, especially if rents are so high and there is a shortage of quality rentals. The Mortgage Bankers

Association projects an increase in mortgages for purchase of homes to increase 7% to 8% through 2023 and the number of refinances to decline 60% in 2022 into 2023 as 30-year interest rates begin a slow climb toward 4% in 2022. So, refinance now while rates are lower.

With this being said, what, if anything, should you do to determine if what they are willing to pay for a property is considered reasonable? How can a motivated buyer be assured that they are not being taken to the cleaners and paying too much for a house?

Buyers who need financing to purchase their home have some protections in that the third party to the transaction (lender) will require an appraisal of the property that will be used to justify the price being paid.



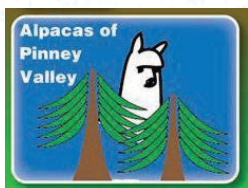
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The alpacas and I wish everyone a safe and very Merry Holiday Season!

Those of you who are regular readers will recall that appraisals done for the purpose of a mortgage are not determining value as much as they are justifying it. Appraisers are given a copy of the contract for their review to indicate whether the seller is providing any concessions to induce the buyer to move forward. Most prevalent will be seller paying buyer closing costs. Also, the beach area properties are often sold with furnishings, which are not part of the real estate. They are personal property which can influence the value of the actual real estate.

In addition, the contract puts in writing the value of the property as determined by the buyer and seller which is the agreed upon price in the contract and assumes the agreement is at "arm's length" where the parties to the transaction are not in some way related.

Current housing data supports a continuance of price increases. None are showing prices going down. Supply is still limited in relation to demand with no change in this dynamic for at least the next six to nine months.

Remember that a house's value is relative to others in the area and demand will be the driving force in determining what you will ultimately pay for a home. And only you can determine what you consider the value of the home to be. Some may pay more, some may pay less, and some may not be interested at all.

In a free-market economy such as ours, sales of products and commodities will occur any time there is a meeting of the minds and agreement on all terms and conditions is accomplished. In real estate this is when a contract is signed by all parties and considered ratified. If there are more buyers' minds than sellers' minds, prices will continue to move upward.

I wish all of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year!

Thanks for reading.

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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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 94 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, there continues to be a growing number of county residents with unmet needs, especially now that Covid-19 Economic Relief programs have ended. 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.

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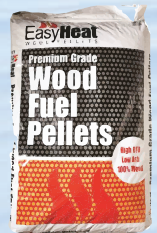
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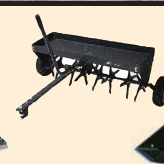
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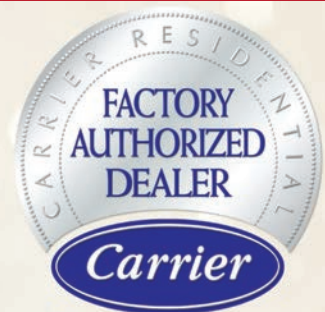
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Lynn Cegelski

**Artist of the Month –
December 2021**



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Lynn Cegelski was born an artist. This Maryland native is self-taught and happiest when creating works of art. Lynn has explored many different mediums from painting, pottery and stained glass—to her very popular series of painted driftwood sculptures.

Her focus is nature and she finds plenty of that on the Eastern Shore. She uses found objects such as driftwood, sea glass, pottery, rocks and shells to provide inspiration and utilize within her works of art.

She is currently working on a new project she calls, “eARTh Art”. It’s her vision of environmental awareness that surrounds us all. You can find much of her work in the Foundry Gallery. Each piece is truly unique and one of a kind.



Classes and Events

Beginners Art Classes. Every Wednesday at The Foundry, 5 – 6 PM. Join us at the Foundry for fun and exciting kid’s art classes! Every Wednesday kids will be able to participate in a new and fun art activity! There will be classes on watercolors, paint pouring techniques, working with clay, wreath making, ornaments, and more! Classes will be taught by different local instructors including Janice Knauss, Melody Prairie, Lynn Cegelski, and Joanne Gelles.

Classes are \$15 per person. Register for any three classes and get any 4th free!

Write-On! 2nd and 4th Tuesday of Every Month 6:30 – 8 PM. Write On! is an online adult writers’ group that meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Come listen, write or share your writing. Every session features a different topic you may write about or use for inspiration—register the week before to be notified of what the

upcoming topic will be. Or feel free to share something completely different. This event is free! Pre-registration is required by 3 pm on Tuesday to get the Zoom link. Register at carolinearts.org/classes-events

DIY Holiday Ornament w/ CRAFT Bakery. Friday, Dec. 3 at Craft Bakery & Café (Denton), 5-7 pm. The best smell in December? Warm gingerbread cookies fresh out of the oven, of course! Join us to make that smell last all month long with your very own hand painted gingerbread ornament! Bring the kids for their choice of one of the three festive shapes to decorate, plus some hot cocoa or warm local cider, and a fresh cookie. Hang the ornament on your tree or give it as a gift to a loved one to keep their space smelling merry & bright all month long. \$10 per person. Limit 25. Register online at www.carolinearts.org.

DIY Holiday Ornament (Town Hall in Preston), Saturday, Dec. 11, 4-6 pm. Make your own ornament with gingerbread cookies baked fresh by Craft Bakery. Choose one of three festive shapes to decorate, plus enjoy hot cocoa or warm apple cider. Your home will be smelling merry & bright all month long! This CCCA-sponsored activity is free for anyone 16 and under. \$10 for adults. Limit 50.

CCCA Holiday Mixer. December 16 at The Foundry 5-7 pm. CCCA Staff and Board of Directors meet & greet. Live music! Live painting! Drinks and culinary delights. And of course...last minute holiday shopping!

For more information and to register for classes: go online to carolinearts.org, call 410-479-1009, or email info@carolinearts.org. Be sure to sign up for the CCCA e-newsletter on our website or ‘like’ us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram: [@carolineccarts](https://www.instagram.com/carolineccarts) for the most up-to-date information and news.

Christmas in Ridgely

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Join us for our annual Winterfest of Lights at the Railroad Memorial Park November 25, 2021—January 3, 2022 beginning at 5 PM each night. Stroll along our Rails to Trails and enjoy the magic of the lights and music. Visit the life-sized Gingerbread House and the Train Station and be sure to take pictures at all of the "Selfie Stations" throughout the park.

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Please register each member of your party individually, including adults, on our website or call 410-479-1343.

December 4, 10:30-11:30 am, Denton

ONGOING

Join a Book Group at Federalsburg or Denton

Hooked on Books: Tuesday, December 14, 6:30 pm – *Dutch Girl: Audrey Hepburn & WWII* by Robert Matzen.

Jeanne's Bookies: Tuesday, December 21, 1 pm – *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

Tuesday Night Book Club: no December meeting

For information about joining these groups, call Jeanne at 410-754-8397 or email jtrice@carolib.org.

Storytime continues at Denton and Greensboro through December 8th

Join us for a weekly Storytime at both our Denton and Greensboro locations. This program is designed for children birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

Tuesdays, 11 am, Greensboro

Wednesdays, 10:15 am, Denton

Board Gamers Club

Join the Caroline County Board Gamer's club for fun in the Denton Makerspace. Bring a game to share, or try out one of ours! All ages are welcome, and registration is not required. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

December 15, 6-9 pm, Denton

Paws for Reading

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Denton - December 23, register for a time slot: 4:30 pm, 5 pm, 5:30 pm or 6 pm.

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When the U.S. enters WW2, Gloria joins the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in hopes of adventure. Her escape is short-lived, however, and duty calls her back to the family farm—but returning to Ridgely means facing memories she'd rather leave behind.

As she struggles to make peace with her past, a new challenge arises. German POWs are hired to help work the farm. Gloria never imagined she would find love again, and certainly not with a man on the wrong side of the war.

Having already thrown off feminine stereotypes, Gloria is used to facing criticism. But a romantic relationship with a "Nazi soldier"—regardless of his true affiliation—is more than unacceptable, it's dangerous. In a world torn by war and hate, how can they hope to build a future together?

Combining history and fiction is always fun, but writing this novel was

particularly enjoyable for me! There were a lot more historical details to work with on a local level, thanks to the newspaper articles and interviews with senior Ridgely residents recorded in Rampmeyer's historical booklets. I also tied in some elements of personal interest to me, such as a woman's role in society and the identification of verbal and emotional abuse as domestic violence.

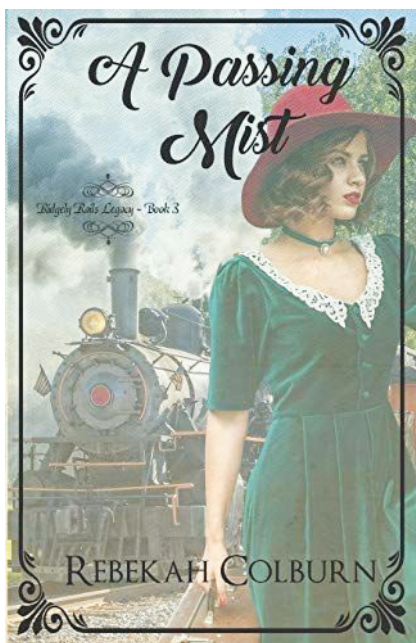
This time period is often studied for a variety of reasons, one of which is our fascination with the arch-villain, Adolph Hitler. And a forbidden romance always adds a little bit of excitement. When I learned that there had been German Prisoner of War Camps on the Eastern Shore, and in Caroline County, I knew I had the basis for a great story!

As our hometown boys either enlisted or were drafted, it created a shortage of hands to work the local farms and canneries. The Department of Agriculture decided that the German POWs were the solution to this problem. Rather than merely taking up space waiting for the war to end and placing additional needs on the

government to provide for them, the POW's could make themselves useful and earn wages to pay for their keep. They were bussed out daily to farms and canneries throughout the area, many of the prisoners developing friendships with the locals they came to know.

One such German was Herbert Richard Stoerzer, (on the left in the accompanying photo) who was held in Cambridge and worked at the Phillips Packing Company. In an article in the *Dorchester Banner*, his son Karl said, "He was a young, innocent, naïve kid getting drafted into the Wehrmacht, along with many other poor young men, all through no fault of their own... I do remember a story he told about some of the longer-term POWs in Cambridge who were more ideologists than the younger newly arrived. This group, to the dismay of the new arrivals, still believed that Germany would win the war, and would try to paint a swastika on the water tower. Of course, the new POWs disavowed themselves from this group."

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the Caroline Sun Historical Booklets, Vol. 8).

"It was the late years of World War II that our apple orchard near Cordova was having a big problem to secure workers to pick apples. It was my husband (Norman Fike) that read an ad in the local newspaper about German prisoners being available to help with farm work. The next day Norman contacted the man in charge of the prisoners for the rules and requirements, which he readily agreed to.

On Monday morning, early, my husband drove our farm truck to the old Easton airport to collect the prisoners. He was allowed 20 POWs. Each prisoner brought a small brown bag with them for lunch, the camp sent a couple of men as guards. We soon discovered none of the prisoners had ever picked apples. It was the first apple orchard they had ever seen. Only a few of the POWs could speak good English, most of the group were very young boys, the older men had been

lawyers or business men in Germany. The prisoners seemed willing to work, they were smart and learned quickly.

One of the youngest prisoners became a friend with my husband's brother, who was 18. The prisoner was 16 years old, his name was Franz Krautcreamer. He was intelligent and learned to speak English quickly. The first time he came in our house, tears came in his eyes when he saw our piano. His family had a piano before the war. We asked Franz to sit down and play our piano, within minutes we knew he was good at playing the piano.

In November of 1945 the German prisoners were pulled out of this country and returned to their homeland. Our family was sorry to see them leave because they had become more than just workers. They had become our family friends, most had picked up enough English to make good conversation.



Herbert Richard Stoerzer on left.

In the months after the POWs had left this country, we continued to receive mail from many of the group who had worked at our orchard. The oldest person in the group, who was in his forties, wrote to tell of his marriage. The next year when he wrote, his wife had a baby boy and he named him "Norman" because of the kindness our family in war time had shown him.

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My greatest surprise of the prisoners came many years later, as we had kept in contact with our 16 year old Franz. He had went to college, then married and had a large family and became a wealthy business man, due to a navigation invention he had made.

It was an afternoon in 1970 when a Washington taxi stopped at our back door and a man carrying an armful of flowers knocked on our back door. I opened the door and recognized Franz Krautcreamer. We hugged and both did cry. He had planned this stop because we were the American friends who had smiled and showed kindness to a scared 16 year old boy imprisoned in a foreign country in war time, this he never forgot. We all had dinner, including the taxi cab driver, and talked for hours. Franz then had to leave to catch the plane to Florida, where he was opening a business office. He made us promise to visit him in Germany. His family had grown to eight children.

We did visit Franz in Germany. His home was a 16-room restored castle on the Rhine River! We got a deluxe tour of Germany and it was such an enjoyable trip, we later made a second trip to visit the Krautcreamer family. All because of giving a helping hand to a stranger in war time, our family made good friends with a German family twenty years later."

My own Franz is a composite character inspired by these two stories. As Gloria comes to terms with her failed marriage with a local who still works at the Breyer's Condensing Plant where she must help her father deliver milk from their dairy cows, you glimpse a picture of Ridgely in the 1940s. There was even an observation post where men, and eventually women too, took turns watching the skies and documenting every aircraft that flew over. They practiced blackouts, darkening all the windows whenever the siren was heard.

Gloria's mother, Sophie, had endured the Great War and her life had been dramatically shaped by its events. Now, Gloria must face the challenges

of her own day, far more complex as the "enemy" shooting at her brother overseas is also working shoulder to shoulder with her on the family farm.

Often remembering the words of her grandmother, Ella Mae, Gloria chooses to forge a path true to her own independent spirit. She even takes a job at the Feed Store, owned by Martin Sutton (after whom the Ridgely Park is named), hoisting heavy sacks of grain over her shoulder in her denim overalls. Gloria knows that Franz is more than just a good looking, exciting diversion, and she believes their love is worth taking whatever risks are required.

Although the Ridgely Rails Legacy ends with this novel, the story of Gloria's family continues in the next series with her niece, Natalie, in the Time Returns Series, set in the town of Greensboro, Maryland.

For more information on how to purchase my novels, or to learn more about my other series, you can go to my website, RebekahColburn.com. You can also view my blog articles between April and July of 2019 for more details about the Ridgely Observation Tower, Breyer's Condensing Plant, and German Prisoners of War on the Eastern Shore.

If you would like to read my article, A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE ON ABUSE, MARRIAGE, AND DIVORCE, it is found in my blog archives, dated 6/25/2019.



*"For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given: and the
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These German soldiers gathered for a photo at Pike's Orchard near Cordova, Md., in 1945. At left stands Al J. Pike of Pike's Orchard. The two German POWs in the bottom right-hand corner hold Emerson Pike's



Your Chamber at Work

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

Happy Holidays to all!

Things are happening here at the Caroline County Chamber of Commerce!

Please welcome our newest members: Smokin' on the Shore, Big Brothers Big Sisters, VanTech Business Solutions and Craft Bakery & Cafe!

Mactoberfest 21 was held on October 30th in Downtown Denton/Market Street with record crowds! Congratulations to Pete PeteZa for taking home the Big Cheese trophy this year!

Shout out to our sponsors: Choptank Transport, Liberty Title & Escrow- Lisa McCarthy, Greensboro Pharmacy,

Provident State Bank, Caroline County Office of Tourism, National Property Inspections, Shoreline Vinyl Systems, M&T Bank, Shore To Be Fun Photography and Midshore Technology! We can not forget Purple Peake CBD, Brenton Realty Group for sponsoring the Kiss My Axe fun, and, last but not least, the Town of Denton! We could not have done it without you!

We hosted our first Caroline Nonprofit Fundraiser dinner on November 4th to raise money for the following nonprofits: His Hope Ministries, Partners in Care, CASA of Caroline, Midshore Pro Bono and the Caroline County Humane Society! Thank you to all who came out, Smokin' on the Shore our caterer for the evening and Mill Stream Farm for bringing the sweetness!

We are very appreciative of the generosity of the Towers family, their facility is amazing.

We also want to thank R&M Performance for their very generous donation of not one, but two baskets!

Here are a few things happening at the Chamber in December.

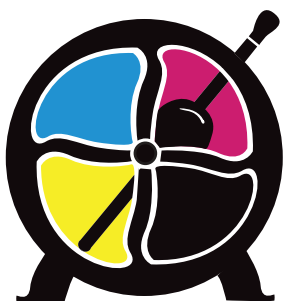
December 9- we will host our Holiday Mixer from 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM at the Towers Family Historical Museum. We hope you can join us for this

great networking event. The cost for members is \$30 and nonmembers \$35 per person. Chef Tahya Jones from Odriews is providing a wonderful menu. Details are on our website at www.carolinechamber.org. We send our sincerest gratitude to the Towers family for allowing us to use their beautiful museum.

December 13-The last Women in Business Lunch & Learn of 2021 will be held from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM at the Wharves of the Choptank Visitor Center, 3 Crouse Lane, Denton. We will have a delicious lunch by Craft Bakery & Cafe, do a fun paint project with Life Expressions by Gayle and learn about business and personal goals. There will be plenty of time for discussion and networking. More information is on our website.

Thank you to our partners, members and supporters of the Caroline County Chamber of Commerce. You make all these things happen! Caroline County is truly a one of a kind place to live and work!

We wish you a very happy and healthy holiday season!



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During the past 12 months the Caroline County Family YMCA has had the privilege to serve our community through community programs, family events, activities around the County, festivals, community fairs, job fairs, and school events, among others. While always striving to strengthen the ties between the YMCA and our community, we were invited to several community events but were also able to put on several of our own that not only provided fun but also gave a positive message to our youth and community.

Events:

- 3rd Mother and Son Dance "A Country Night"
- YMCA Outdoor Movie Night Tour

- YMCA Spooktacular Tent-or-Treat
- YMCA Healthy Kids Day
- YMCA Graduation Caravan

Community Services:

- Food Drive (Aaron's Place)
- Holiday Senior Service ("Let's Bring Joy to a Senior in Caroline County.")
- Handicap Ramp for a Town of Preston Resident-Partnership with Preston Lions Club
- Sock Drive in partnership with Casey Family

Programs:

- YMCA Caroline Mentoring Project
- Early Learning Readiness Program
- Volunteer Initiative
- LGBTQIA Support Program
- LIVEstrong

- Fitness in Action in Partnership with MOTA

Awareness Campaigns:

- YMCA Tobacco Prevention Week
- YMCA Healthy Kids Day
- YMCA Nutrition Day
- YMCA Welcoming Week
- National Children's Mental Health in collaboration with Caroline County Public Schools
- CASA of Caroline Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Caroline County Goes Purple
- Kent County Goes Purple Color Run
- Mid-Shore Goes Purple

At the Caroline County Family YMCA, we believe communities are at their strongest when everyone feels valued, has support to reach their potential and can fully participate in society. As the pandemic fell on our YMCA, county, and world, we were able to continue our work of serving and filling gaps of need as we worked with several partners, together, for our community. Thanks to the over 75 partnerships and collaborations, we were able to make a real difference in our community.

Thank you for allowing us to serve our community in different ways. It is and always will be an honor to provide and create spaces where everyone is welcome. 2022 will be a year in which we will not only continue our commitment to our community but also develop more community programs in which we can positively impact Caroline county.

On behalf of the great family of the Caroline County Family YMCA, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a 2022 full of blessings, happiness, hope, and achievements.

With respect,

The Caroline County Family YMCA

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Why I Got Vaccinated: Angel Perez

If you've attended any of the fun family events organized by the Caroline County YMCA in recent years, you probably know Angel Perez. Angel is a Program Coordinator for the YMCA, and he serves as a member of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Board and the Caroline County Office of Tourism's Board of Directors. He runs mentoring projects and community outreach programs. He also chairs the Caroline County Pride Festival and was named Citizen of the Year in 2020 by the Caroline County Chamber of Commerce.

To label Angel an active community member would be an understatement; he absolutely lives for his family and his community. For this reason, Angel was happy to receive his COVID-19 vaccination when it became available to his age group in the Spring of 2021. He felt it essential, not only for his own well-being, but also for the protection of his family, friends, and his community. Angel was especially concerned about protecting small children (his sister had a newborn in early 2021) and the elderly, since they represent two of the most vulnerable groups -- seniors because of their increased susceptibility to the virus and children because of their inability to be vaccinated until recently. Angel's various community roles frequently brought him in close contact with both groups, so he felt it vital to do everything in his power to protect them.

Angel found the vaccination process to be very simple. He made an appointment online through the Caroline County Health



Angel Perez, YMCA Program Coordinator

Department's website and spent about 25 minutes at the clinic each time, including the 15-minute waiting period after the shot. The process couldn't have been easier; the staff was friendly and respectful, and they kept things running smoothly. Angel was pleased to learn that CCHD even arranges transportation to and from the clinics for those who need it. He was very impressed by CCHD's inclusiveness and determination to serve all populations within the county.

For anyone deciding whether to get vaccinated, Angel has these wise words: "If we want to end this pandemic, the only way to do it is to protect ourselves, our friends, family, and community -- everyone. Stick to the facts, and don't believe everything you read on social media. Trust science and get the shot."



COVID-19 vaccines are readily available and **FREE** for all Caroline County residents ages 5+.

Visit CarolineCovid19.org/vax to make an appointment



Come Run in the Dark So Others Might See

A pet friendly "Reindeer" canine team competes in the Santa Chase

On Friday, December 10 the Ridgely, Denton and Hurlock Lions Clubs will sponsor the 7th Annual Santa Chase Luminary 2 Mile Fun Run & Walk at Martinak State Park. This year's race is also sponsored by the Caroline County Department of Recreation and Parks, the Maryland Park Service, Sign Trek by Ace Design, and the Caroline County Humane Society. All proceeds from the Fun Run will support Lion's vision and community programs as well as the Caroline County Humane Society.

Cost for the Santa Chase is \$15 per person if registered by December 3rd and \$20 after December 3rd. For a pet and person team, cost is \$20 and a group of 4 is \$50. You can get the Santa Chase registration forms at the Caroline Rec & Parks office at 107 South

4th Street in Denton or online at www.carolinerecreation.org.

The Santa Chase will begin promptly at 7:00 pm with race check-in and registration from 5:45-6:55 pm. The flat 2 Mile course will be lighted with over 600 luminaries. This is a pet friendly event, but please remember to have your pet on a leash. All runners, walkers and their four-legged friends are encouraged to dress in their best holiday costumes. Prizes will be awarded to the best male, female, family, and pet costumes. All registered runners and walkers will be entered in a drawing for prizes and gifts donated for the event. The Santa Chase awards, costume prizes, and fabulous holiday raffles will be distributed immediately following the race. Participants and volunteers are invited to enjoy tasty goodies and hot cocoa following the chase. All participants are also asked to donate a non-perishable pet food item to support the Pet Pantry at the Caroline County Animal Shelter.

For Santa Chase information and registrations contact Caroline County Recreation and Parks office at 410-479-8120 or at www.carolinerecreation.org.

Lions are groups of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information about Ridgely Lions Club you can contact Lion Dave Davis at 443-786-2547 or ridgelylions@verizon.net, for the Hurlock Lions

Club contact Lion Steve Disharoon at 410-251-1977 or sdisha1009@aol.com and for the Denton Lion Club contact Lion John Nussear at 443-845-3805 or johnnussear@hotmail.com.

Lion clubs conduct and sponsor a variety of programs and projects, including vision screenings, hearing aid and eye glass donations, youth sport team sponsorships, working with literacy and other programs in local schools, sponsoring Christmas lights and parades, a durable medical equipment loan closet, the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest, and operating and participating in community festivals as well as donating to numerous local charities and non-profits.

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You will find the Marydel Lions Club busy with its Annual Christmas Basket Project and its Members Christmas Dinner that will be a capstone to an ever increasing 2021 schedule as we slowly and cautiously emerge from the worst of Covid. Our 2022 Club plans begin with a full monthly schedule of Members Business Meetings as well as separate Dinner Meetings hosted by Chef Sandra Houseman and her fellow Ladies Auxiliary Chefs at the Marydel Volunteer Fire Company's Dining Room. The January Members Business Meeting will be used to determine a limited number of grants through our Club's Projects and Programs.

Preliminary plans for 2022 call for a January Members Dinner Meeting where we will be treated to a program on the 'colorful' history of the origins and completion of our DelMarVa Peninsula's Mason-Dixon Line. Preliminary discussions and plans call for the tentative opportunity of a fundraising 'Purse Bingo' in the early Spring and a Chicken BBQ Dinner --- along with our 'World Famous Funnel Cakes' Event --- in mid-Spring.

All of our Club members do appreciate the support that our surrounding communities extend to our Club Fundraisers. Please remember that 100% of all of the monies raised by our fundraising activities are returned to the children, youth, families, adults and seniors who live in the greater Marydel Lions Club Service Area through our Club's Programs and Projects. Information on our Club's Programs and Projects, as well as membership opportunities, can be had by contacting Terry at terryhiggins38@outlook.com or 1-302-363-5823.

Preston Lions Club

The Preston Lions Club hosts its second annual Christmas Parade at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, on Main Street.

Please join us for our first nighttime Christmas parade, "Cruisin' thru Christmas ... a time to remember."

This year's parade, in conjunction with the Preston Volunteer Fire Company, will also be in honor and remembrance of several lifetime PVFC members whose service the community has recently lost: Troy Brooks, Kevin DeGroat, Robert Fluharty, and Bob Wahl.

If interested in participating in the parade, please contact Phyllis at pphrase53@yahoo.com for details and more information.

The club recently hosted Caroline County Commissioners Dan Franklin and Larry Porter, who updated members on county projects, new state mandates on education funding, and the ongoing legislative redistricting process.

The Preston Lions Club meets in-person from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays each month in the fall, winter, and spring.

The club meets at the Preston Community Center building at 114 Williamson St., Preston, near the carnival grounds.

If you are interested in joining the club, stop in and join us for a meeting or call Matt at 410-673-1240 x1128 or Ed at 443-786-0323 for more information.



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Jousters Celebrate 50 Years

The Eastern Shore Jousting Association held their annual awards banquet on Saturday, November 13, at the Caroline County 4-H Park in celebration of the club's 50 years of existence and promoting jousting. A variety of decorations embraced the medieval sport of jousting.

Highlights of the evening included recognition of a dozen Charter members, a wonderful viewing of photos of past jousts prepared by Christian Miller and presented by several jousters and families and other memorabilia. Also, the presentation of awards to Jousting of the Year and others took place. The Club was officially started in 1970.

The evening with 100 guests began with a superb social hour with heavy hors d'oeuvres followed by a full buffet meal prepared by volunteers and the cutting of a special decorated cake commemorating the club's 50th anniversary.

E.S.J.A. President Diane Sherwood introduced Secretary Charles Schuyler and Treasurer Paul McMullen with opening remarks and welcome.

Charter member, Dorsey Wooters, read the minutes of December, 1969 that reflected the club's organization, including election of President-elect Willis Snow and Secretary-elect Dorsey

Wooters. Other administrative offices were filled by Charter members Robert Dulin, Joseph Shortall, Fred Connolly, Wilson Tull, Kenneth Sherwood and Charles Jackson.

Maryland Jousting Tournament Association President Ron Vogel and other guests were on hand to congratulate the club.



Senator Adelaide Eckardt presenting a Proclamation from the Maryland General Assembly in honor of our 50th year celebration to ESJA president Diane Sherwood.

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Christian Miller, Knight of Arizona Ranger, who is this year's Jousting of the Year. He is the first Novice Rider to ever win this award.

DJ Jennifer Tunis, Dancing with Jen, provided the entertainment.

Jousting became Maryland's Official State Sport in 1961 with a bill being introduced by Senator Henry Fowler of St. Mary's County and signed into law by Governor J. Millard Tawes. State Senator Adelaide Eckardt presented President Diane Sherwood with a proclamation from the General Assembly in honor of our 50th year celebration.

Awards were determined through the following jousting tournaments: Talbot County Fair, Caroline County Fair, Queen Anne's County Fair, Queen Anne Joust, and Mid-Atlantic Joust at Tuckahoe State Park, Denton Joust at Caroline County.

4-H Park, Ridgely Joust at Martin Sutton Memorial Park, ESJA Pre-Championship Joust and ESJA Championship at Tuckahoe State Park. It was noted the loss of the Old St. Joseph's Jousting Tournament, the second oldest joust in the state – a deep loss to all in attendance.

Jousting awards for 2021 were presented as follows: Best Average Catch of Rings: Leadline – Karen Callahan; Novice – Christian Miller; Amateur – Kayla Rex; Semi Pro – No One Eligible; Professional – Michael Patrick. First Time Rider Award went to Ashlynn Thawley. Jousting of the Year went to Christian Miller, the first Novice rider to ever receive the award. Most Active Non Rider awards went to Dorsey Wooters, Jeff Miller and Paul McMullen. President Diane Sherwood said she couldn't pick just one individual for the President's Award. She recognized Buck Schuyler, Paul McMullen and Donnie Sherwood as the three individuals who helped her the most throughout the year.

Numerous door prizes were given out along with a raffle on hay, horse feed, horse items and other donated items. Line dancing was available to those who wished to participate.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

16th Annual Daddy/Daughter "Sweetheart Dance"

Escort your "princess" to our 16th Annual Daddy Daughter special evening full of smiles, dancing and lots of fun. Dad and his Little Princess will enjoy dancing, games, refreshments, and great music. The photo booth is back again this year and will be the souvenir picture they take home that night. A photographer will be at the dance to take pictures that can be ordered directly from them. Register early for this very special evening. Registration deadline is February 11. Dance has limited number of spots so sign those princesses up early!

*3-12 yrs, Sunday 2/20, Fretterd Community Center, Gym, \$40 per couple, \$5 each additional young lady
Pictures from 3-5 pm, Dance 4:30-7 pm*

The 7th Annual Santa Chase

Friday, December 10 (rain date 12/11)
Martinak State Park

A 2-mile run, walk, or jog with holiday magic! Candle luminaries will mark the way on this park-based trail. It's fun for your whole crew with special family of four discounts, dog friendly walk or run and a costume challenge judged by Santa himself (dog reindeers included!). Check in or register on site starting at 5:45 pm; race starts at 7 p.m. Produced in partnership with the Ridgely, Denton, and Hurlock Lions Clubs and proceeds benefit the Lions as well as the Caroline County Humane Society. Bring a non-perishable pet food item to support the Pet Pantry.

*\$15/participant thru 12/3; \$20 on or after 12/4
\$50/group of 4, \$20/participant with dog*

St. Paddy's Day 5K/1-Mile Fun Run

Saturday, March 12
Fretterd Community Center

Start your salute to the Irish and your spring fitness conditioning on this certified fast and scenic course through Denton with a 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run. Plenty of lucky surprises await on the course and at the finish.

Register anytime through our finish line production partner Seashore Striders at seashorestriders.com. Early registrants guaranteed a commemorative performance long-sleeved tee. This event benefits Summer Learning Center enrichment activities produced by Caroline County Recreation and Parks in partnership with Caroline County Public Schools.

*Registration begins at 7:30 am; race starts at 9 am,
Fretterd Community Center*

*Pre-registration: \$27 for 5K, \$12 for 1-Mile Fun Run
Add \$5 for late registrations after March 5. Shirts
not guaranteed for late registrations.*



Lil' Leprechaun Dash

Saturday, March 12
Fretterd Community Center

Kick off the festivities with a 100-meter dash down 4th Street exclusively for youngsters ages 5 and under. Special prizes for all finishers.

\$5 advance registration; \$7 after March 5 or day of event. Dash at 8:40 before St. Paddy's Day event



DANCE & GYMNASTICS

Pre-school Ballet Fairies & Butterflies

Take flight with us as we explore Ballet basics and Creative Movement through the forest as Fairies and Butterflies. Dancers should wear dance or athletic attire and may dance in ballet slippers or barefeet. Feel free to wear your own wings or borrow a pair of ours.

3–4 yrs, We, 1/12–3/16, 5:30–6 pm,
To The Pointe Dance Studio, Ridgely, \$79

Intro to Ballet The Snow Queen

This class will focus on Ballet movement, vocabulary, and history. The class features music from all our winter favorites while also working on a special dance featuring our favorite Snow Queen, Elsa. Dancers should wear ballet attire and ballet slippers.

5–7 yrs, We, 1/12–3/16, 6–6:30 pm,
To The Pointe Dance Studio, Ridgely, \$79

Intro to Hip Hop

Learn hip hop and jazz style movements to some of your favorite music! Fun, high energy class. Athletic attire and clean sneakers needed.

6–12 yrs, We, 1/12–3/16, 6:30–7:15 pm,
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Tumble Bunnies

Help your child develop physical coordination through gymnastics, tumbling, and FUN! Joan Dyott has more than 30 years of experience in gymnastics and dance.

2–3 yrs, Tu, 1/11–3/8, 10–10:45 am,
Fretterd Community Center, Room 104, \$89

2–3 yrs, Fr, 1/14–3/11, 5–5:45 pm,
To The Pointe Dance Studio, Ridgely, \$89

2–3 yrs, Sa, 1/15–3/12, 9–9:45 am,
To The Pointe Dance Studio, Ridgely, \$89

Super Tots

For children new to gymnastics and tumbling, this class led by Joan Dyott focuses not only on your child's physical development, but their cognitive and social-emotional development as well. In addition to helping build coordination, balance, and small and gross motor skills, your super tot will practice discipline and gain self-confidence.

4–6 yrs, Tu, 1/11–3/8, 5:30–6:15 pm,
Fretterd Community Center, Room 104, \$89

4–6 yrs, Fr, 1/14–3/11, 6–6:45 pm,
To The Pointe Dance Studio, Ridgely, \$89

4–6 yrs, Sa, 1/15–3/12, 10–10:45 am,
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Recreational Gymnastics

Focused on building good fundamentals, tumbling, and work on the low balance beam, this class is perfect for the young gymnast who is not currently interested in formal competition. Designed to help the recreational gymnast develop skills while having fun, and provide a solid foundation should they decide to move to the next level and join a team. Under the direction of Joan Dyott.

7–12 yrs, Tu, 1/11–3/8, 6:30–7:30 pm,
Fretterd Community Center, Room 104, \$109

7–12 yrs, Fr, 1/14–3/11, 7–8 pm,
To The Pointe Dance Studio, Ridgely, \$109

7–12 yrs, Sa, 1/15–3/12, 11 am–12 pm,
To The Pointe Dance Studio, Ridgely, \$109



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KARATE/SPORTS

Tiger Cubs 1

Introduction to Karate through exercises and games. Learn this ancient martial art and improve self-confidence and self-respect, build character, body dynamics and physical fitness, make new friends and have fun. Instruction includes warm-up, basic karate techniques, and kata/forms under the direction of Sensei Karine Ireland. No experience required.

5–8 yrs, Mo, 1/3–3/14, 6:15–6:45 pm,
5–8 yrs, Th, 1/6–3/17, 6:15–6:45 pm,
Fretterd Community Center, Gym, \$59

Tiger Cubs 2

Karate through exercise and games. Participants may be younger than 8 years old if they have already earned a white belt with yellow stripe. Learn more about this ancient martial art and further improve self-confidence and self-respect, build character, body dynamics and physical fitness, make new friends and have fun. Instruction includes warm-up, intermediate karate techniques, kata/forms, and sparring under the direction of Sensei Karine Ireland.

8–12 yrs, Mo, 1/3–3/14, 7–8 pm,
8–12 yrs, Th, 1/6–3/17, 7–8 pm,
Fretterd Community Center, Gym, \$69

Beginner/Advanced Shotokan Karate

Accelerate skill development with focused instruction and interaction with beginning and advanced students. Includes warm-up, basic karate techniques, kata/forms, and sparring and self-defense under the direction of Sensei Roger Price.

12 yrs & up, Mo & Th, 1/3–3/17, 7–8:15 pm,
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Start Smart Basketball

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5–6 yrs, Sa, 1/15–2/19, 11–11:45 am,
Fretterd Community Center, Gym, \$89

Fun-Day Sunday U8 Youth Tennis

Includes instruction, rally and play format to get young players moving and having fun. Lesson and coaching plans based on the United State Tennis Association guidelines. All equipment provided.

6–7 yrs, Su, 1/16–2/13, 1–1:45 pm,
Fretterd Community Center, Gym, \$45

Fun-Day Sunday U11 Youth Tennis

Includes instruction, rally and play format to get young players moving and having fun. Lesson and coaching plans based on the United State Tennis Association guidelines. All equipment provided.

8–10 yrs, Su, 1/16–2/13, 2–2:55 pm,
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ADULT PROGRAMS

Open Gym Advanced Volleyball

Ready for some competition? Come out and join the fun. High energy group of adults. Must have previous volleyball experience.

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Open Gym Basketball

Up for some good competition? Then come out and join the has-been, should have been or could have been for two hours of full court basketball!

18 yrs & up (out of high school), We, 1/5-4/13, 6-8 pm, Fretterd Community Center, Gym, \$4/door

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18 yrs & up, Tu, 1/4 - 3/15, 6:15-8:15 pm, Fretterd Community Center, Gym, \$40 pre-register, or \$5 drop in fee



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16 yrs & up, Th, 1/13-2/17, 6:15-7:15 pm, Fretterd Community Center, Room 104, \$59



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Don't Avoid 'Taboo' Topics With Older Parents



*Submitted by Ann Jacobs, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones - Denton
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If your parents are getting close to retirement age, or are already retired, it may be time to talk with them about financial and aging issues, some of which may involve difficult conversations. For the sake of everyone in your family, don't avoid these "taboo" topics.

You'll need to be careful about approaching these subjects with your parents. Mention ahead of time that you'd like to talk to them about their future plans and reassure them that you want to understand their wishes, so their affairs will be taken care of as they would like.

If your parents are agreeable, choose a location comfortable for them and ask whom they might like to invite (or not invite). Then, think about how to open the conversation, preferably not with what they want to do with their money – this could be interpreted as your seeking information about your inheritance or being skeptical about their financial decisions. Instead, build a broad-based discussion about their vision for their aging years. A series of shorter conversations may allow

you to cover topics more comfortably, one by one, rather than trying to solve everything at once.

Try to address these areas:

- **Health care** – You'll want to learn if your parents have established the appropriate health-related legal documents – a health care power of attorney, which gives someone the authority to make important decisions about their medical care if they become unable to do so themselves, and a living will, which spells out the extraordinary medical treatments they may or may not want.
- **Independence** – As people age, they may begin to lose their independence. Have your parents considered any options for long-term care, such as a nursing home stay, or the services of a home health aide? And do they have plans in place? If they plan to receive support from family members, do their expectations match yours?
- **Financial goals** – Focusing on the personal and financial aspects of the legacy your parents want to leave can be a valuable conversation. Have your parents updated their will or other arrangements, such as a living trust? Have they named a financial power of attorney to make decisions on their behalf if they become incapacitated? Do they have the proper beneficiary designations on their insurance policies and retirement plan accounts? If you can position these issues as being more about your parents' control over their financial destiny, rather than "who will get what," you'll more likely have a productive conversation.
- **Last wishes** – You'll want to find out if your parents have left instructions in their will about their funerals and last wishes. Express to them that you, or another close family member, should know who is responsible for making sure their wishes are met.
- **Money, independence and aging** can be sensitive topics. Don't think you have to go it alone – you can enlist help from another close family member. Or, if you know your parents are working with a trusted advisor, such as an attorney or financial professional, you could see if they'd be willing to have this person participate in your talks. You might even be able to introduce them to one of your advisors.

In any case, keep talking. These conversations can be challenging, but, if handled correctly, can be of great benefit to your parents and your entire family.

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



Season's Greetings
During this holiday season,
we wish you all the best.



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As isolation continues to impact local seniors, Home Instead of Easton renews the important “Be a Santa to a Senior” program promising another season of holiday cheer.

Be A Santa to a Senior supports older adults who may be overlooked, isolated or alone during the holiday season. This is the 17th year for the local program that gives back to older adults and reminds them they are cherished by our community. The gifts collected, which are often necessity items such as toiletries, clothing, and blankets, make a big impact and help area seniors combat the holiday blues.

“We’ve all experienced feelings of loneliness during the pandemic, and

seniors are at a particularly high risk for isolation,” said Ben Marchi, owner of the Easton Home Instead office. “Be a Santa to a Senior shows the older adults in our community that they are valued and thought of during the holidays.”

This year, Home Instead is partnering with more than 50 local businesses, organizations and nonprofits to provide gifts to approximately 900 seniors in the area.

With the continued safety of seniors, donors and volunteers top of mind, the community can participate in this year’s program in a number of ways. Members of the community can visit BeASantatoaSenior.com and enter their zip code to view Wish Lists for local seniors on Amazon Business through Dec. 10. A personalized greeting can be included with the gift which will be shipped directly to the senior. Individuals can also visit one of the participating locations throughout the area and look for the Be a Santa to a

Senior tree on display now through Dec. 10. Each tree will be decorated with ornaments featuring seniors’ first names and gift suggestions. Holiday shoppers can choose an ornament, buy the requested gift and return it wrapped to the store with the ornament attached. A complete list of the more than 25 tree locations in the area can be found at BeASantatoaSenior.com.

“A small act of kindness can make a big difference. And a heartfelt gift brightens the lives of older adults who may feel alone during the season,” said Ben Marchi. “Finding ways to care and support one another is important now more than ever and we are grateful for the community’s involvement every year.”

Since the program’s inception 18 years ago, Be a Santa to a Senior has helped provide more than 2 million gifts to over 750,000 seniors in North America and attracted upwards of 65,000 volunteers.

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Compass Reaches New Level of National Veterans Program

*Compass delivers Veteran-centric
care to the community as a We
Honor Veterans partner*

We Honor Veterans is proud to announce it is now a Level 5 Partner with We Honor Veterans, a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. The progression to this new level demonstrates an elevated level of commitment to Veteran-centric care in the community.

As a partner, We Honor Veterans is providing specialized care to veterans who are facing a serious illness. This includes a Veteran-to-Veteran volunteer program, training on conflict-specific

medical and mental health concerns, and knowledge to assist veterans in navigating VA (Veterans Affairs) benefits. We honor our patient veterans with a special pinning ceremony which consists of a pin, certificate, flag, and red, white, and blue handmade lap blanket. Before Covid-19 we would have veterans, volunteers and staff attend but during Covid-19 it has been the nurses and social workers who have kept our program going by honoring our veterans. Veteran Cafes that meet quarterly, Veteran to Veteran, last month we watched and discussed a Ted Talk about actor Adam Driver. Did you know he served his country as a Marine and is still at heart, always a Marine. We held meetings with local clergy and community members to raise awareness about veteran suicide through a program called S.A.V.E.

As the CEO at Compass, it is an honor and a privilege to work so closely with our veterans and their families. Our

team has gone the extra mile to ensure our veterans get all the unique services they need at the end of life. It is also amazing to partner with so many local organizations that also service our veterans so we can serve them together.

NHPCO and the Department of Veterans Affairs launched We Honor Veterans in 2010 to address the growing need for Veteran-centered care, especially as veterans from different eras are aging and need access to Veteran-centric palliative and hospice care. Learn more about the We Honor Veterans program at www.WeHonorVeterans.org.

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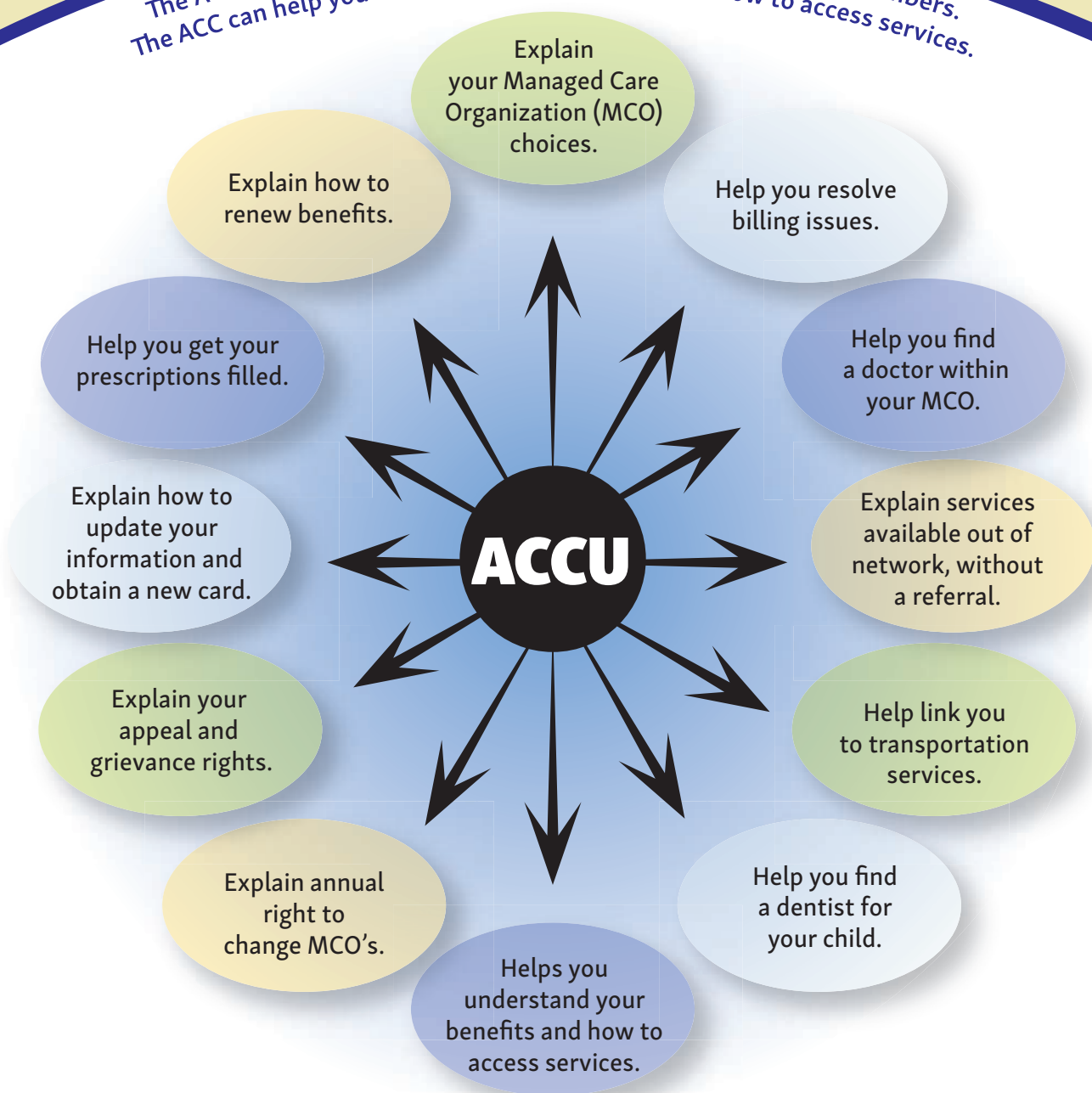
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Eternal Life Ministries winter hat, coat and glove drive to collect new or gently used items to help those in need. Donations can be dropped off any Sunday during our Free at 3pm! Worship Service or any Wednesday during our in person 6 pm Bible Study at 807 Market Street, Denton.

SUNDAYS

In person worship every at 3 pm at Eternal Life Ministries, 807 Market St., Denton, where we are "Free at 3"! Contact Brother Mike at 410-714-4793 for more information.

MONDAYS

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

FIRST MONDAYS

The Greensboro Historical Society, 104 E. Sunset Ave., meets each month on the first Monday at 7 pm.

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

Al-Anon Meeting. Help for family and friends worried about someone with a drinking problem. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 242 Main St., Preston. Meeting in the Geiger Hall Building (behind the church) at 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening. All are welcome.

Community Civic League Food Pantry, 3439 Laurel Grove Road, Federalsburg. Wednesdays, 4 - 5 pm or by appointment. Free food and clothing. Contact: 302-604-4216 or 410-754-6011.

In person **Bible Study** at 6 pm, Eternal Life Ministries, 807 Market St., Denton.

The Ridgely Lions Club supports the **Ridgely United Methodist Church with their weekly "Food Pantry"** from 4-5 pm. Folks in need can pick up a grocery distribution behind the Church on Central Ave in Ridgely. For more information, contact Lion Shad Brannock at ridgelionsec@gmail.com.

SECOND FRIDAYS

The Greensboro Historical Society Museum, 104 E. Sunset Ave., "Friday Night at the Museum" is usually held on the second Friday of each month at 6:30 with various presentations of historical interest. 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. For more information call 410-482-8903.



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FIRST SATURDAYS

Community Civic League Breakfast, 3439 Laurel Grove Road, Federalsburg. Every first Saturday, 7-10:30 am. Scrapple, sausage, eggs, potatoes, applesauce, biscuit, oj, coffee, \$8. Local delivery available. One free breakfast to anyone who attended the original school or daycare. Contact: 410-754-6011 or 410-924-0552.

SECOND SATURDAYS

Giving Grace Food Pantry held at Goldsboro Fire Co., 700 Old Line Road, Goldsboro. Food available from 7 am until. For more information, call 302-270-1948. Sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church, Goldsboro.

The **1809 Exeter House** (Old Denton Road, Federalsburg) will be open for tours on the second Saturday of each month, beginning from 10 am to 2 pm. Admission is free, but donations are welcomed.

THROUGH JANUARY 3

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Denton Holiday Parade & Lighting Of The Green, 6- 8 PM. Get into the holiday spirit with marching bands, Santa and the best of the season. Following the parade, watch the illumination of the

Courthouse Green and enjoy a holiday musical performance. Find out more here.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Friday Nite Dinner at Denton American Legion Post #29, 9238 Legion Road, 5-7 PM. Meatball Sub dinner for \$8. Entertainment is George Garriss on guitar from 7-11 PM. Info. 410-479-2708.

DECEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 5

The Festival of Trees to benefit Compass in Caroline County returns this year for a weekend of holiday magic! The event will take place at the Towers Family Historical Museum, 26299 Sennett Road, Denton, and proceeds will benefit hospice care, supportive care and grief support services in Caroline

County. There will be a Preview Party on December 3rd from 6-9 PM featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, and tree viewing and bidding is open to the public December 4th & 5th. Preview Party tickets are \$40/person. For more information about donating a tree or attending, contact Kenda Leager: 443-262-4106 or kleager@compassregionalhospice.org.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Preston Historical Society will hosts its 8th Annual Christmas Open House from 10 AM to 2 PM, at Preston Historical Society Museum, located at 167 Main Street in Preston. This year's open house theme is "An Old Fashion Christmas." There will be a visit from Santa Claus with the opportunity to have your picture taken with Santa in the front parlor of the home to Preston Historical Society, the 1833 Noble House. Live musical performances will take place throughout the day, baked goods will be available for purchase, and Preston Coffee Company will be onsite selling coffee and hot chocolate. For more information call 410-924-9080 or visit www.prestonhistoricalsociety.com.

Toy Bingo at the Cordova Firehall. Doors open at Noon and games begin at 1 PM. Cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Children ages 13 & under must be with an adult. There is limited seating so for ticket information and purchase, call Jeanie at 410-829-7214 or Karen at 410-829-7213. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Get into the holiday spirit at **Ridgely's Christmas Parade** followed by a visit with Santa at the Ridgely Train Station! The parade begins at Martin Sutton Park at 6:45 PM and ends at the Ridgely Train Station on West Railroad Avenue for pictures with Santa (bring your camera!) and refreshments.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Come join the fun at the Marydel Christmas Parade at 2 PM. Santa will be at the firehall after the parade! There will also be a letter box to send Santa a Christmas Wish List as well as goodies for the children.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Grocery Bingo at the Cordova Firehall. Doors open at 5:45 and games start at 6:30. Refreshments are available. For more information, call Cathie at 410-924-6535.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

Friday Nite Dinner at Denton American Legion Post #29, 9238 Legion Road, 5-7 PM. Fish and/or Shrimp Dinner for \$8 or \$12. Entertainment is Country Express from 7-11 PM. Info. 410-479-2708.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Holiday Cookie Walk at the Cordova Firehouse from 9-11 AM. Cookies, breads, pies, cakes, candy and fudge will be the items available. Purchase a box for \$10 and fill the box as you walk. See how many goodies you can fit and still close the lid. For more information, call Rachel at 410-829-1725.

Eternal Life Ministries will be hosting a Gospel Christmas Concert starting at 3 PM at the Easton High School auditorium. The concert will feature The Divine of Annapolis, The DL Hines Mass Choir, Deliverance and Jawanah. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Please call 410-714-1087 or 410-725-1484 for more information.

Santa and his elves will be at Linchester Mill from 10 AM - 4 PM spreading holiday cheer! Children can visit with Santa and have their pictures taken. The Red Shef and Preston Coffee Company will be serving up yummy food and coffee, and hot chocolate, and Friends of Linchester will have hot cider and baked goods for sale. This event will also feature a variety of vendors and carolers.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Turkey Shoot at Denton American Legion Post #29, 9238 Legion Road from Noon to 3 PM (notice new start time). Info. 410-479-2708.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Friday Nite Dinner at Denton American Legion Post #29, 9238 Legion Road, 5-7 PM. Sons of Legion serving Hamburger Dinner. Entertainment is Linda Webb from 7-11 PM. Info. 410-479-2708.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Stroll the neighborhood of Hillsboro from 8 AM - 5 PM to see the hundreds of beautiful luminaries lining the streets. Then gather at the Retreat House for a guided candlelight labyrinth walk, a crackling fire and the warm spirit of Christmas.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

The Federalsburg Lions Club invites you to a special **drive thru Christmas event**

at Chambers Park, 5:30 -9 PM. The park will be decorated so please bring your family, drive through the park and enjoy the Christmas spirit! Santa will be accepting letters, so be sure to remember to bring them!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

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New Years Eve at Denton American Legion Post #29, 9238 Legion Road, from 8 PM-12:30 AM. Cost is \$10 per person. Country Express for your entertainment. Includes party favors and champagne toast. Bring your own snacks. Info. 410-479-2708.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, The Lockerman Schools Association will be hosting the **10th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr (MLK) Day Unity March**. The program will begin at 9 AM at Lockerman Middle School. The March to begin at 10 AM and conclude at the Caroline County Courthouse on Market Street. After the March/ "I Have a Dream Speech", bag lunches will be distributed to everyone. Maryland/Caroline County CDC Covid 19 recommendations will be followed. Service Learning Opportunity/Community Service Project: Support His Hope Ministries (Donate paper products, cleaning supplies) Drop off supplies at Lockerman Middle School or the Caroline County Courthouse on Monday, January 17.

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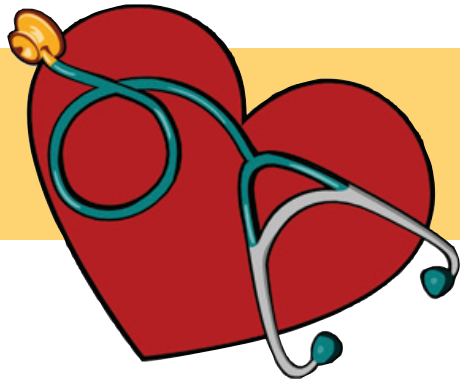


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Health Corner

Tips, Classes and Programs to help you live healthier!

Simple Gifts for the Holidays!

Submitted by Leigh Marquess, RN

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 cope with restrictions at school and getting vaccinated, 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 indoor spaces, if you can, keep six feet between you and others, wash your hands frequently, keep commonly touched areas disinfected, and limit indoor 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, even if you are vaccinated! The Caroline County Health Dept. offers testing at the vaccine center (Dates and times vary during the holidays). Reservations recommended. Call 410-479-5880 to schedule. The Urgent Care offices in Denton and Easton locations offer Rapid-testing and PCR tests. Check with your health care provider for other testing resources. Please consider getting vaccinated. Call 410-479-5880 to schedule. It is easy and free!

- Get your flu shot! I bet your pharmacy has them available!
- 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!

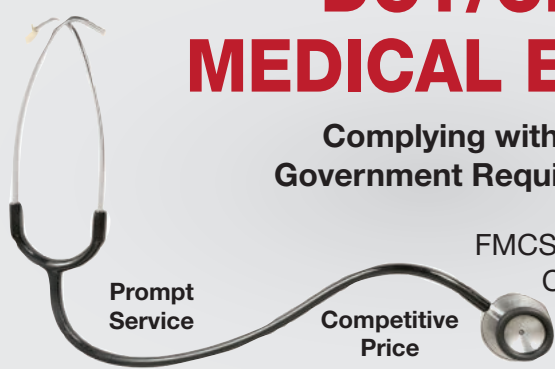
- Engage in mindful meditation for a few minutes each day! There are many different websites and Apps for meditation for adults, teens and kids!
- Manage your spending! It is very easy to over-spend during the holidays. Be sure to create a budget for gift giving, write a list and stick to it. Engage 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.
- Volunteer or make donations! Call your church, a shelter, a food pantry, Hospice, or animal shelter, to see what their needs are. Donations of money or items are 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, nicotine patches, gum, and lozenges to help you get started on your QUIT plan.
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Mini Grants are Available!

The Caroline County Health Dept. Cigarette Restitution Fund Program (CRFP) would like to invite your non-profit organization to apply for a CRFP mini-grant during fiscal year 2022 (ending 6/30/22). A limited number of grants of \$500- \$1000 are available for tobacco prevention and/or cessation

activities to educate youth and adults about the dangers of tobacco, 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 today! 410-479-8080.

Best wishes for a joyful holiday season.

The Connection Between Smoking, Vaping & Stress

Submitted by Leigh Marquess, RN

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



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Nicotine narrows blood vessels, making them smaller. This 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 breaths, 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 the Wellness Promotions office at 410-479-8080 and we can submit a referral to have a quit coach reach out and help you get started on the path to being nicotine-free!

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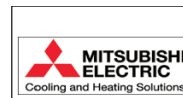
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Senior Spot

Senior Moments

by Mary Moran

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I know we are all a bit burnt out on vaccination conversation, but now that many are choosing to not wear masks the risk of getting sick from colds, sore throats, and the “regular” seasonal flu is very real. Let’s remember that masking protects us from diseases other than Covid! It is not the only airborne disease out there, and Caroline County is hacking and coughing already, so be smart and mask up this winter! We are a sharing community but do not want to share our germs, so let’s examine how to protect ourselves and each other this winter!

Remember that Medicare covers vaccines and immunizations in two ways. Medicare Part D covers most vaccinations. However, some vaccinations are instead covered by Part B:

- Influenza (flu) shots, including both the seasonal flu vaccine and the H1NI (swine flu) vaccine
- Pneumococcal (pneumonia) shots

- Hepatitis B shots
- COVID-19 vaccines

Medicare Part B covers one flu shot every flu season. The flu season usually runs from November through April. Depending on when you choose to get your flu shot, Medicare may cover a flu shot twice in one calendar year. For example, if you got a shot in January 2021 for the 2020/2021 flu season, you could get another shot in October 2021 for the 2021/2022 flu season.

Pneumonia is an infection that targets the lungs and can cause fever, difficulty breathing, and other symptoms. Pneumonia shots help prevent pneumonia. Medicare Part B covers two separate pneumonia vaccines. Part B covers the first shot if you have never received Part B coverage for a pneumonia shot before. You are covered for a different, second vaccination one year after receiving the first shot. You are not required to provide a vaccination history when receiving the pneumonia vaccine. You can verbally tell the health care professional administering the shot if/when you have received past shots.

Hepatitis B is a virus that attacks the liver and can cause chronic liver disease. Hepatitis B shots can help prevent the disease. Medicare Part B covers the hepatitis B vaccine if you are high to medium risk. If you are at low risk for hepatitis B, the shot will be covered under Part D.

Original Medicare Part B covers Covid vaccines, regardless of whether you have Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage Plan. You should bring your red, white, and blue Medicare card with you to your vaccination appointment, even if you have a Medicare Advantage Plan. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved an additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine or booster for certain populations. Over the past two months, Map/ SHIP continues to receive notifications of unvaccinated neighbors who have died, continue to be deathly ill, or are suffering from the long-term effects of this vicious virus due to choosing not to be vaccinated. This is a worldwide pandemic. It is a scientific fact and health related issue with a scientific solution, not a political ploy. Vaccinations prevent hospitalizations and death. Vaccinations got rid of Polio so let’s attack this sucker with vaccines, too! I urge you to call 410-479-5880 for info and an appointment.

Thankfully, due to the availability of Covid vaccinations and boosters, going into “Covid” Christmas part two deserves caution, but not the fear and isolation of last year. All eligible adults who are vaccinated are protecting family members who are too young to be vaccinated, or who have health conditions prohibiting the vaccination. For those planning on large multigenerational gatherings, the availability of self-administered rapid tests the morning of your gathering is your best bet to protect those too young to be inoculated and can prevent the spread of this still deadly virus. Adding rapid Covid tests to your Christmas giving list is probably not your first thought, but it could save Great Grandads life, or spare that precious infant you love so much from the horrors of Covid.

On another note, our Senior Center fall/winter session classes have started and it’s so good to see our seniors coming back and enjoying exercise and ceramics. To join in on the fun, our next semester classes will begin in 2022. Blood Pressure screenings are once a month with Anne Clucas. Lunch is served Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Noon as well as Tuesdays and

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Congratulations, Geraldine Warner, on your promotion to Activities Director at the Caroline Senior Center! Your warm humor and great ideas are being thoroughly enjoyed by both members and staff and we are glad to have you with us permanently!

Finally, and most importantly, pause for a moment lest we forget what Christmas is really all about!

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. Luke 2: 1-18

May God grant us Peace on Earth and good will toward all people this Christmas! Wishing you hearts that are Merry and Light. Merry Christmas! Happy Kwanzaa! Happy Chanukah!

Medical Adult Day Care

by Carole Friend LMSW

Happy December and Happy Holidays

Caroline Medical Adult Day Care is so looking forward to this holiday season.

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The Caroline Medical Adult Day Care would like to share some information from NIH for caregivers, families, and friends concerning preparations for the holidays as we all are searching for ways to make the holiday season stress-free and enjoyable while continuing to practice universal safety measures such as mask wearing, hand washing, and safe distancing. As pleasing as it may seem to relax our safety measure, keep in mind that safeguards are to protect our loved ones as well as ourselves.

Holidays can be meaningful, enriching times for both the person with dementia and his or her family. Maintaining or adapting family rituals and traditions helps all family members feel a sense of belonging and family identity.

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However, when celebrations, special events, or holidays include many people, this can cause confusion and anxiety for a person with dementia. He or she may find some situations easier and more pleasurable than others. The tips below can help you and the person with dementia visit and reconnect with family, friends, and neighbors during holidays.

Finding the Right Balance

Many caregivers have mixed feelings about holidays. They may have happy memories of the past, but they also may worry about the extra demands that holidays make on their time and energy.

Here are some ways to balance doing many holiday-related activities while taking care of your own needs and those of the person with dementia:

- Celebrate holidays that are important to you. Include the person with dementia as much as possible.
- Set your own limits and be clear about them with others. You do not have to live up to the expectations of friends or relatives. Your situation is different now.
- Involve the person with dementia in simple holiday preparations, or have him or her observe your preparations. Observing you will familiarize him or her with the upcoming festivities. Participating with you may give the person the pleasure of helping and the fun of anticipating and reminiscing.
- Consider simplifying your holidays around the home. For example, rather than cooking an elaborate dinner, invite family and friends for a potluck. Instead of elaborate decorations, consider choosing a few select items.
- Encourage friends and family to visit even if it's difficult. Limit the number of visitors at any one time, or have a few people visit quietly with the person in a separate room. Plan visits when the person usually is at his or her best.

- Prepare quiet distractions to use, such as a family photo album, if the person with dementia becomes upset or overstimulated.
- Make sure there is a space where the person can rest when he or she goes to larger gatherings.
- Try to avoid situations that may confuse or frustrate the person with dementia, such as crowds, changes in routine, and strange places. Also try to stay away from noise, loud conversations, loud music, lighting that is too bright or too dark, and too much rich food or drink (especially alcohol).
- Find time for holiday activities you like to do. If you receive invitations to celebrations that the person with dementia cannot attend, go yourself. Ask a friend or family member to spend time with the person while you're out.
- Don't wear yourself out attempting to make the holidays "happy" for everyone. If you don't get yourself in a situation where you "overdo" you'll be more alert to hazards—even emotional ones. Holidays bring emotions to the surface because they hold the most intense memories for your loved ones, and some may not be pleasant. You may find that tears fall for no apparent reason, or suddenly your love one seems gruff or annoyed. We never know what precipitates these reactions; we only have to deal with them. People don't intend to be grumpy, distant or to give you a hard time. These behaviors may simply be a way of asking for help. The best way to give it is by remaining patient, offering consistent encouragement, and setting safe boundaries.

Holiday Home Safety Tips

Holiday decorations, such as Christmas trees, lights, or menorahs, should be secured so that they do not fall or catch on fire. Anything flammable should be monitored at all times, and extra precautions should be taken so that

lights or anything breakable are fixed firmly, correctly, and out of the way of those with dementia disease. Candles should never be lit without supervision. When not in use, they should be put away. Also, try to avoid clutter, especially in walkways, during the holidays.

Preparing Guests

Explain to guests that the person with dementia disease does not always remember what is expected and acceptable. Give examples of unusual behaviors that may take place such as incontinence, eating food with fingers, wandering, or hallucinations.

If this is the first visit since the person with dementia became severely impaired, tell guests that the visit may be painful. The memory-impaired person may not remember guests' names or relationships but can still enjoy their company.

- Explain that memory loss is the result of the disease and is not intentional.
- Stress that the meaningfulness of the moment together matters more than what the person remembers.
- Explain that communication can be difficult for people with Alzheimer's and related dementias because they have trouble remembering things. In some forms of dementia, people have trouble finding the right words or have difficulty speaking. You may feel frustrated or impatient, but it's important to understand that the disease is causing the change in communication skills.

For more information, visit [Helping Family and Friends Understand Alzheimer's](#).

Preparing the Person with dementia

Here are some tips to help the person with dementia disease get ready for visitors:

- Begin showing a photo of the guest to the person a week before arrival. Each day, explain who the visitor is while showing the photo.

- Arrange a phone call for the person with dementia and the visitor. The call gives the visitor an idea of what to expect and gives the person with dementia an opportunity to become familiar with the visitor.
- Keep the memory-impaired person's routine as close to normal as possible.
- During the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, guard against fatigue and find time for rest.

Remember, caregiving may take on various appearances. Long-distance caregivers have a role unto themselves, and are part of the team. Caring for an older family member is a big responsibility that often requires teamwork. If you don't live close to the person needing care, be creative about how you provide support.

Long-distance caregivers may take on different roles ranging from providing emotional support and occasional respite to the primary caregiver to helping with finances or paying bills online.

Here are a few tips for long-distance caregivers:

- Be sure to ask the primary caregiver(s) how you can be most helpful.
- Make a list of all of the caregiving responsibilities and identify who will be responsible for each.
- Before deciding on caregiver responsibilities, reflect on your strengths and limitations.
- Think about your schedule and how it might be adapted to give the primary caregiver a break.
- Consider taking caregiver training.

For More Information about Holidays and Alzheimer's contact...

NIA Alzheimer's and related Dementias Education and Referral (ADEAR) Center, 1-800-438-4380, adear@nia.nih.gov or www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers

Happy Holiday Season from the Caroline Medical Adult Day Care family.

Federalsburg Senior Center

The members of the Federalsburg Senior Center wish everyone "Happy Holidays" this month. The members will participate in the many programs offered at the Center. They include Healthy Living presented by Tyrell James on Tuesdays at 10 am, SAIL exercise program led by Jennifer Tunis on Tuesday and Thursdays at 11 am, Priority Partners presentations presented by Tiffany Scott, and on the second Tuesday of each month, Melanie Chapple takes blood pressure readings and individual health consultations the second Tuesday at 10 am.

December is going to be a busy month. The members will be hanging Christmas stockings and fill them with treats for

each other. Members also will be busy making many Christmas crafts and participating in the project of making gifts bags for local shut-ins.

Our Christmas luncheon will be held on December 23. Seniors are asked to bring a covered dish. Come and join us!

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Aug. 17 Florence E. Giles, 74, Cape Coral, FL
Oct 22 Zachary Ryan Smith, 24, Easton
Oct 25 Robert "Bobby" Balderson, Sr., 60, Greensboro
Oct. 26 Abner Cruz Gutierrez, 40
Oct. 28 Robert Maloy Sparks, 59, Sandtown, DE
Oct. 31 Samuel Thomas "Tom" Blunt, 73, Ridgely
Nov. 3 Ella Mae Hollis Downes, 90, Wilmington, DE
Nov. 4 Sharon Janet Welsh, 76, Marydel
Nov. 5 Ellen Anita Izzo, 70, Greensboro
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Oct 17 Linda May Allen, 73, Cambridge
Oct 17 Dianne Louise Seiler, 86
Oct 18 John R. Merriken, 92, Easton
Oct 19 Rev. C. Lloyd Stalcup, 81, Hurlock
Oct. 20 Robert "Bobby" Reed Hambleton, Sr., 73, Royal Oak
Oct. 21 Charles Dee Griffith, 84, Federalsburg
Oct. 21 Raymond Emery Abbott, Sr., 83, Federalsburg

Oct. 23 Effie Linda Medford Hatheway, 86, Seaford, DE
Oct. 23 James P. Blades, Jr., 49, Easton
Oct. 24 Trina Louise Milton, 51, Laurel, DE
Oct. 27 Margaret J. Wright, 99, Seaford, DE
Oct. 28 Paul Joseph D'Zmura, 81
Oct. 29 Dawn M. Wright, 44, Ellendale, DE
Oct. 31 Marie Christine "Chrissie" Donnelly, 78, Bridgeville, DE
Oct. 31 Stephen Clarence Graebner, 57
Nov. 3 Paul J. Janson, 88, Royal Oak
Nov. 4 William D. Bennett, 63, Galestown
Nov. 5 Elizabeth Ann Paul, 78, Cokesbury
Nov. 8 Craig Spencer VanLowe, 65, Sunset Beach, NC
Nov. 10 William Ralph Richardson, Jr., 100, Federalsburg
Nov. 11 Naylor Robert Harrison, Jr., 91, Salisbury
Nov. 13 Kelly Ray Leppo, 53, Easton
Nov. 14 Nancy Jean (Perry) Milligan, 76, Hurlock
Nov. 15 Mary A. McQuay, 100, Bozman

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Oct 3 Brian Franklin Unruh, 47, Henderson
Oct. 3 Mary Alice Chaney, 85, Bridgeville, DE
Oct 5 Bonnie Jane Pippin, 58, Denton
Oct 21 Thomas Frederick Thawley, 94, Denton
Oct 11 Andrew Barry Rusnak, 89, Preston
Oct 11 Jean Beaven Baker, 89, Bel Air
Oct 13 William Richard Marine, Sr., 77, Preston
Oct 19 Bonnie Darlene Davidson, 72, Denton
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