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## We Have Choices to Make

by Bryan Gadow

In one small way, if only for a moment, I shall one-up Professor Dean (who you shall, I'm sure, find elsewhere in this periodical.) You see, I want to take you back, not to any great American war, not to the founding of our fair county, not even to the landing of some fellow name of Smith upon the shores of our peninsula. Way, way before all that... before, indeed, any humans walked our land at all. Imagine, if you can: only the four-legged mammals moving to and fro on "our" land. One day, one particular day, a rabbit (or perhaps a fox) took a certain route home. It found the path quite pleasing, and continued at least daily. Others joined in. Were you transported back those thousands of years there would be no doubt, you

would recognize a narrow pathway existed.

When the Native Americans arrived, they found the route superior and enlarged it. One day, the first man (or woman?) traveled it via horseback. In time, the white man went through with a wagon. Decades whizzed past. Stanley Steamers and Packards, wooden bridges, oyster shells, concrete, black-top. Your author's point? I believe it true that, somewhere in this county, there's at least one stretch of highway that could be traced back to some squirrel or opossum. Certainly, many of our roadways are far removed from such a thing. Only the most rabid of raccoon could come up with the traffic pattern at Walmart! Since on the topic of paths, I shall change the direction of the one I am now on.

It was earlier this autumn that I accompanied a friend as they ran an errand in downtown Denton. The person work-

ing the counter was all alone; we may have been the day's first visitors. After the usual introduction and pleasantries, a conversation began. My companion had their choice of routes to take. This is something like what I heard:

Aloysius: It's a shame this town has gone so far downhill.

Gunther: Hmm.

Aloysius: I mean, look how dead it is down here.

Gunther: Well...

Aloysius: Nobody knows your here!

Gunther: That seems to be true...

Aloysius: You bet it is! Why don't THEY do something about it?

Gunther: I know! Somebody should.

Bryan: I think...

Aloysius: I guess it's hopeless. Nobody cares.

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Bryan: Denton has...

Aloysius: Yep, totally hopeless!

Bryan: And so many poss...

Gunther: Agreed, hopeless. Totally hopeless!

It was around that time that I snuck out the side door. I don't know how the talk went from there, but I have to wonder how the rest of "Gunther's" day went.

In each step of our day, each junction of an interaction with another of our strange species, we have choices to make. A line from a favorite song of mine, by Keith Whitley: "High road, low road, some old side road..." Shall you improve the situation, or steer it towards the muck and mire? Offer solutions, or only wallow in dismay? I can hardly call myself that much better. I can think of multiple occasions where I've joined in, even at church, taking the path that leads down, down, down. Perhaps, just perhaps, the next time

I find myself in that situation I will remember that time I wrote about it in the Caroline Review, and I'll stop and think. Maybe you can find a similar

method of remembering? Just remember: the path you choose today could lead to something significant tomorrow. For better, or for worse.



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

Hello Caroline County Chamber Members and Friends!

**Congratulations to the winner of Mactoberfest 2023!** The winner of this year's festival was Tahya Jones, head chef and owner of Odriews Private Chef Service. Tahya was crowned the winner of the festival and awarded \$1,000 cash and the title Big Cheese 2023! What

an amazing achievement! Tahya has competed in all five Mactoberfest events and this is her first win! If you have attended a **Women in Business or Chamber Lunch & Learn** you have almost certainly tasted her food! She is an active chamber member and talented chef. Thank you to the chefs and their sponsors that competed! We appreciate all you do to make this competition a success. We look forward to next year!

The final **Artisans on the Choptank** market of the year will be held on December 2nd at the Caroline County Yacht Club. The event will feature a Parade of Lights on the Choptank River to kick off the holiday season. The event is free and will run from 4 PM - 8 PM.

There will be a hot chocolate bar to keep you warm, artisans showcasing their work, and entertainer Ty Bolden to keep you entertained. The event will feature a chef-inspired menu by Jameyra's on Call. It's a great opportunity to enjoy the festivities and support local artisans.

The annual **Chamber Holiday Mixer** will be held on December 5th at the Cow Barn in Ridgely. The event will feature Chef Tahya and networking opportunities. There will also be a Scholarship cake auction and milestone anniversaries for members will be recognized.

The first ever **New Year's Eve Ball** will be held on December 31st at the Cow Barn in Ridgely. The event is open to all and you can dress up in boots and blue jeans or a ball gown and tuxedo.

The event will feature DJ Dan, Chef Tahya and even a selfie station to see if the slipper fits! It's a great opportunity to celebrate the new year with your spouse or a friend. Tickets are on sale now for \$75 per couple and \$50 for singles. Space is limited, so make sure to grab your tickets soon!

Visit [www.carolinechamber.org/events](http://www.carolinechamber.org/events) for more information!

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## Flatland Drive on the First Sunday at American Legion Post 29 December 3

What do a recovering natural resource policeman, a middle school teacher, a software consultant, a financial investment broker and an electric bicycle salesman have in common? It is bluegrass! The musician's joke is that by playing bluegrass, they make "tens of dollars", but the financial reward (or lack of it) does not equate with the passion, musicianship, and sheer joy the performers bring to the stage.

This month it is Flatland Drive, a five-piece Caroline County-based band that has been making bluegrass since 2009. Note the new date—the first Sunday, December 3 at the American Legion Post on Legion Road in Denton. Doors open at 12:30. Music begins at 1 p.m. with the house band – the beloved "Kitchen Pickers". The featured performer starts at 2 p.m. Admission is \$15 and is open to the public.



Presented by Towers Concrete Products, Flatland Drive's sets will be a mix of original hard-driving instrumentals, bluegrass ballads and reliable favorites from the *Country Gentleman*, *Seldom Scene* and *Flat & Scruggs*. Members include Alam Rausch on dobro (former policeman) Curt Fox on Banjo (broker), Steve Margulis on mandolin (software wizard), Rodney Collins on bass (Middle school life!), and Don Schlater on guitar (Wanna buy a bike?)

The concert is produced by the Eastern Shore Bluegrass Association (ESBA), a not-for-profit association of volunteers committed to promoting and supporting this American music. ESBA is more than 50 years old and the upcoming concert is one of nine monthly perfor-

mances – typically the second Sunday of each month but always at the American Legion Post, 9238 Legion Road in Denton.

Food and beverages for sale benefit the Legion Auxiliary.

Mark your calendars for the winter concert dates: January 14: *New & Used Bluegrass*; February 11: *Danny Paisley and Southern Grass*. The complete concert schedule through May 19 (the only third Sunday due to Mother's Day) will be released by December 1.

For more information on ESBA, go to the <https://www.facebook.com/Eastern-ShoreBluegrassAssociation/> or [esbluegrass.carrd.co](http://esbluegrass.carrd.co) on the web.

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Court Appointed Special Advocate

by Amy Horne, Executive  
Director, CASA of Caroline



What do CASA of Caroline and Christmas have in common? They both bring joy to kids! One way CASA does

that is by providing volunteer advocates for every child in foster care who needs a consistent, caring adult by their side. On November 14, CASA of Caroline proudly welcomed two new volunteer advocates who have been trained to advocate for the best interests of children who've been removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse and/or neglect.

Regina Teat and Bill Schaffner successfully completed the pre-service training program and were sworn in as advocates and friends of the court by The Honorable Heather L. Price. With the addition of these two highly qualified volunteers, CASA of Caroline now has 13 volunteers who are committed to advocating for the safety, well-being and best interests of children and youth in foster care.

CASA of Caroline enjoys celebrating the holiday season, not only by giving children the gift of a CASA, but also by bringing joy to the community through our participation in holiday events. If you are attending the Denton Christmas Parade on December 7, please be sure to stop by our office for some light refreshments and a candy cane!

We will also have this year's Christmas ornaments available for purchase. They feature our 20th anniversary logo and commemorate the 20 years of advocacy that CASA of Caroline has provided for Caroline County children and youth in the foster care system. Ornaments will also be available for purchase at Ridgely's Winter Festival on December 9, as well as on our website.

As we move through the holiday season and look to the new year, consider making

2024 the year you decide to volunteer with CASA! For more information or to make a holiday donation, please visit [www.casaofcaroline.org](http://www.casaofcaroline.org). Your gift of money and/or time will truly "Change a Child's Story"!

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**Pictured left to right: Pete Buesgens, CASA Advocate Supervisor; Bill Schaffner, advocate; Regina Teat, advocate; and The Honorable Heather L. Price.**

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## New Perdue Henson JA Center to Benefit Many Students

In last month's article I promised to follow up with a press release and some photos of the ribbon cutting at Perdue Henson Junior Achievement Center in Salisbury. The ribbon cutting was the culmination of over four years of planning, fundraising, and constructing of a facility that will connect students from Kent County, Maryland to Accomack County, Virginia, and every Maryland county in between.

It will also provide a gathering space for potential future use by businesses and non-profits with state-of-the-art technology.

The following is the official press release.

"Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore (JAES) officially opened its new facility to over 10,000 students annually on Oct. 26 with the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Perdue Henson Junior Achievement Center. The 25,000 sq. ft. facility is located in the Oak Ridge Commons in Salisbury at the site of the former Kmart. The \$7.5 million center will house students from nine counties, including Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, and Accomack (VA). "The Perdue Henson Junior Achievement Center will change

education throughout the eastern shore," said Jayme Hayes, President of JAES. "We are so thankful to our donors, community partners, board members, educators, students and more for helping us make this dream a reality. The Perdue Henson Junior Achievement Center will be the first of its kind on Maryland's eastern shore, offering JA capstone programs such as JA BizTown and JA Finance Park. Both will allow



students to interact with local businesses to discover how these organizations benefit them as consumers but also show the opportunities that await in their own backyard. Partnering businesses include TidalHealth, Pohanka of Salisbury, Green Street Housing, Chick-fil-A, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Delmarva Power, Choptank Electric, Delaware

Elevator, Coastal Association of Realtors and several more. The Center will house students from the public, private and home-school sector, primarily hosting Grades 5-7, while providing several opportunities for students in other grade levels to attend. Junior Achievement will continue with its in-classroom programming and annual events like JA Inspire and the JA Stock Market Challenge to ensure every student in

JA's impact area continues to receive programming. Primary objectives of the Perdue Henson Junior Achievement Center include increasing graduation rates, providing a better understanding of money management, providing economic growth, showcasing local career opportunities, and increasing students' soft skills.

"Every student in the region will come through this facility," said Hayes. "We're revolutionizing how our students learn the skills needed to succeed outside the classroom. The Perdue Henson JA Center will create an impact our local economy will feel for years to come." To learn more about the Perdue Henson JA Center, please visit [inspiredbyexperiencejaes.org](http://inspiredbyexperiencejaes.org).

Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating youth, grades K-12 both public and private, on financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship.

Our hands-on, age-appropriate programs inspire youth to live within their means, prepare for the world of work and understand the free enterprise system. We are an enhancement to what kids learn in school and a direct link to real-life applications, making school relevant and increasing students' engagement in the classroom."

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business community to promote and support the mission of Junior Achievement. The total cost to renovate and build this facility totaled \$ 7.5 million, of which all but \$400,000 has been donated or funded by grants.

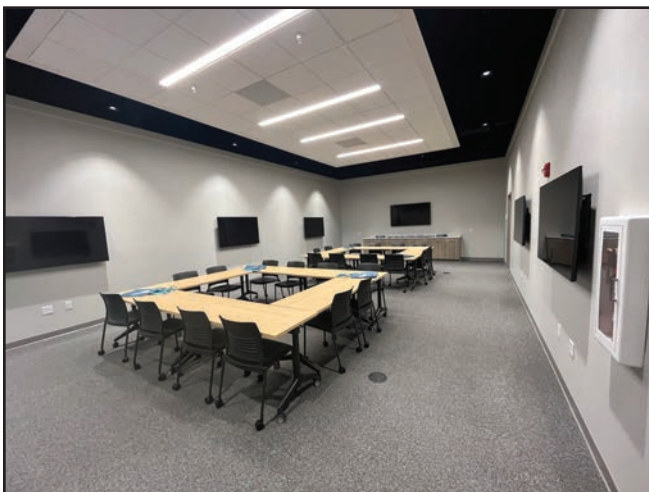
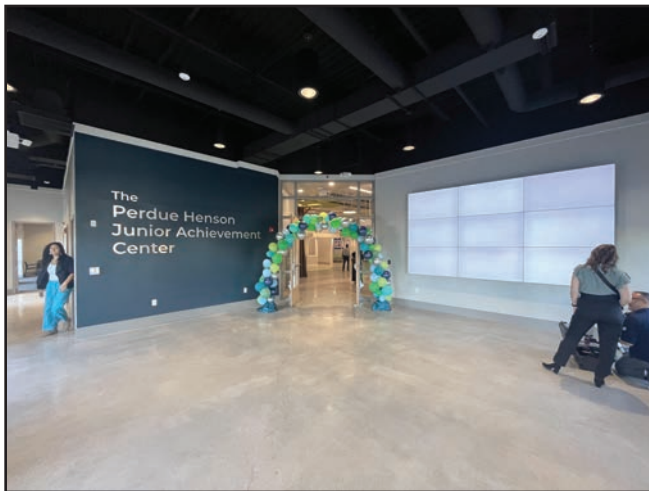
Furthermore 18 businesses, trade associations and colleges have made 3-year commitments to rent, staff and support storefronts that will provide interactive experiences for students with potential to expand to adults.

I encourage anyone interested in seeing the facility or learning more about the impact Junior Achievement has on the future of our communities and our children to please reach out to me. I would be more than happy to share my excitement about Junior Achievements' impact on our students.

I, my wife Jeanne, and daughter Kelsey wish all of you a very Blessed and Joyful Christmas and a 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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## Caroline County Economic Development & Tourism's Thank You! Tour Honors Community Businesses

The Caroline County Economic Development & Tourism (CCEDT) team celebrated our local businesses with a Thank You! Tour October 23-27 as part of Economic Development Week in Maryland, an event that gives economic development professionals the opportunity to showcase businesses that contribute to their local economy through job retention, innovation, public service, and improving the quality of life in our communities. CCEDT was honored to visit 16 businesses throughout the week in a variety of sectors. The value these businesses bring to our community is far reaching, from specialized care for the adult population and innovative family run facilities to women owned businesses and those that nurture the agriculture industry in our county. There are plenty of reasons to celebrate the businesses that call Caroline County home!

There are businesses that we go to for our daily needs, such as the Ridgely Pharmacy, a community staple that houses an ice cream parlor and cafe where locals meet and greet each other daily. The owner is a great contributor in the community, hosting and participating in numerous community events. Choptank Supply takes pride being more than just a typical hardware store, offering many services and rental items. Their incredible service and extensive offerings bring customers from near and far. The Sewing Outlet is another example of a community staple, supplying fabric, upholstery, and decorating services right in the heart of Federalsburg, as is the Tri-Me Warehouse, a full-service grocery store in Ridgely.

Caroline County has businesses we turn to for fun and entertainment, such as Smokey Cat Lavender Farm, where you can pick your own lavender or shop in their artisan gift shop and Outstanding Dreams Alpaca Farm, specializing in alpaca sales and breeding services. You can also shop at their farm store for artisan items crafted from alpaca fiber.

There are businesses who provide care and compassion, such as Arcadia Living, a premier assisted living facility that sets a new standard for elder care and those with unique needs. The Benedictine School in Ridgely is another example, supporting children and adults with developmental disabilities.

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Pictured left to right: Brenda Walls, owner of Ridgely Pharmacy; and Frank Bartz, Caroline County Commissioner.



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Lastly, there are businesses that work tirelessly to keep us informed about the great things taking place in our community, such as the Caroline Review, Caroline County's information magazine since 1980.

These companies are just a snapshot of Caroline's incredible businesses, and Caroline County Economic Development and Tourism is honored to be able to recognize all they do for our community and quality of life.

For more information, follow Caroline Economic Development on Facebook at [facebook.com/carolinebusiness](https://facebook.com/carolinebusiness), email [info@carolinebusiness.com](mailto:info@carolinebusiness.com), or call 410-479-4188.



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Ramon S. Hart, III and Erika A. Hart to Jacob Ford and Danielle Ford, 14421 Clarks Lane, Ridgely, \$430,000.

Daniel Fox to Michael Anderson, 102 Smith Street, Federalsburg, \$6,404.36.

Dennis A. Lannon, Jr. to Sean M. Carr, 13274 Greensboro Road, Greensboro, \$260,000.

The Estate of Raymond H. Reeves, Robert L. Stacey and Rosemarie R. Stacey to Mark Briner, 102 Main Street, Preston, \$135,000.

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Kathleen Denise Bell to Tyler A. Hawkins, 11145 Branch Court, Denton, \$340,000.

Mary Ann Palmer and Michael C. Porter to Kenneth C. Porter and Marcia R. Porter, 14152 Cedar Lane, Greensboro, \$125,000.

The Estate of Mark S. Marus to Douglas F. Allen and Rosa J. Cabrera, 110 S. 8th Street, Denton, \$315,000.

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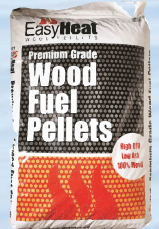
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Douglas Jones, Jr. and Judy Mowbray to Jason Emory Williamson and Donna Marie Rice, 2821 Guard Road, Federalsburg, \$55,000.

The Estate of Blanche M. Bedwell to Robert B. Jarrell and Kristin Jarrell, 411 Main Street, Goldsboro, \$65,000.

Henry F. Croghan, IV to Elmer P. Riehl and Lydiann B. Riehl, E/S Md. 454 NW of Marydel, \$78,000.

Ty Vincent Stanley, Sr. to Frederick W. Merkle, III and Maria A. Merkle, 24320 Mallow Drive, Preston, \$350,000.

Tac Utilities, Inc. to Anthony Ramone Patton, 534 N. Sixth Street, Denton, \$20,000.

Drapers Mill Road, LLC to Jason L. Bell, 14235 Drapers Mill Road, Greensboro, \$60,000.

Alejandro Homes, LLC to Wendy J. Hutson, 311 Academy Street, Greensboro, \$325,000.

Joseph F. Witek to Qasim N. Rana, 1901 Blue Heron Road, Denton, \$260,000.

Sandra Maria Foster to Velma A. Thompson Nichols, 22105 Tanyard Road, Preston, \$160,000.

Wesley H. Parks, III to Wesley Howard Parks, IV, 309 Mallard Drive, Greensboro, \$220,000.

Ryan M. Maloney to Marvin H. Quinto and Heidi A. Quinto, 11810 Greensboro Road, Greensboro, \$240,000.

The Estate of Alton P. Adams to Michael Ryan Swann, Federalsburg Highway, 73.83 acres, Federalsburg, \$485,312.

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Federal National Mortgage Association to Gareth Davis and Kara Hutchison, 511 W. Sunset Avenue, Greensboro, \$225,000.

Vincent Clark and Karen Clark to Choctaw American Insurance, Inc., 23604 Henry Road, Ridgely, \$315,000.

Susan B. Ortega to Timothy B. Jester and Victoria L. Jester, 20853 Dover Bridge Road, Preston, \$40,000.

Chamberlain Limited Liability Company to Zindy Yuritzi Reyes-Avalos, Hurlock Road, Federalsburg, \$2,000.

The Estate of Betty Mae Stevens to Ryan C. McGuirk and Damaris Nicole McGuirk, 23995 Thawley Road, Denton, \$500,000.

George Russell Eaton, III, Bruce W. Walbert, and Lynne M. Walbert to Marissa Mae Strunk, Matthew W. Strunk, and Corrin Deale, 14600 Fox Chase Circle, Ridgely, \$361,000.

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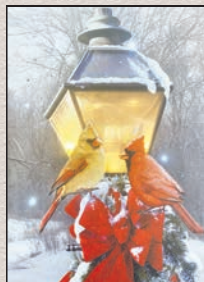
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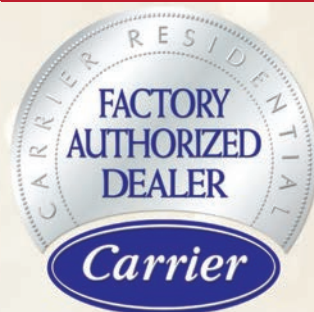
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We are grateful for the wonderful generosity of organizations such as The Caroline Foundation, The United Way, The Marydel Lion’s Club, and many private donors, because CRCC has been able to complete multiple projects over the past several months. CRCC was able to modify the shower access and repair a ceiling for a disabled resident in Greensboro, installed windows in a home in Federalsburg, repaired and replaced windows and doors for a Marydel resident, and installed ramps for residents in Choptank and Federalsburg. We have been busy!

This generosity and the subsequent repairs have allowed CRCC to help many of our neighbors in Caroline County, but the need for additional resources is at an all time high due to the current state of the economy. We continue to receive many applications for assistance and seek the community’s financial and volunteer support in order to continue to complete critical repairs for residents in need. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact CRCC at [criticalrepairscc@gmail.com](mailto:criticalrepairscc@gmail.com), and donations can be mailed to: Critical Repairs Caroline County, PO Box 534, Denton, MD 21629.



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## New

### Learn to Decorate Cookies

Have you always wanted to learn how to decorate cookies? Do you love sweater weather? Carly Ogren of Sweet C Baking Company has teamed up with CCPL to teach you how to decorate beautiful cookies on Saturday, December 2nd from 10 AM - 11:30 PM at the Fretterd Community Center in Denton. All participants will learn several decorating techniques to decorate four sweater weather themed cookies. All supplies will be provided. This class is for ages 13 years and up. Younger children will not be permitted to participate. Space is limited. Program will begin promptly at 10 AM. The first 18 to arrive will be seated, so arrive 5-10 minutes early.

Saturday, December 2 at 10 AM, ages 13+, Fretterd Community Center at 107 S. 4th Street, Denton. First come, first seated.

### Learn to Solder: Christmas Trees

Come to our Federalsburg and North County Branch in Greensboro branches to learn to solder micro-electronics! This

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Thursday, December 7th at 6 PM, ages 16+, Federalsburg Branch, registration required.

Thursday, December 21st at 6 PM, ages 16+, North County Branch, Greensboro, registration required.

### 5th Annual Nutcracker Storytime

Join Caroline County Public Library and To the Pointe Dance Studio for their 5th Annual Nutcracker Storytime. Bring the whole family to enjoy the reading of The Nutcracker with portions of the ballet interspersed throughout the story. Afterward, children will dress up in costumes, learn some dance moves, and enjoy some sweets! Space is limited, registration is required. Don't miss this Caroline County holiday tradition.

Saturday, December 9th at 10:30 AM, children and families, To the Pointe Dance Studio, 2 N. Maple Avenue B-1, Ridgely, registration required.

## Ongoing

### Storytime

Join us for our last storytime of the year! It's a half-hour of fun songs, stories, and fingerplays that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Feel free to stay and play afterward, chat with other parents and caregivers, and allow children to explore our Early Literacy Center. This program is designed for children from birth to age five with a caregiver. No registration is required; however, groups of five or more must contact the library prior to the program. If you have any additional questions, please call 410-479-1343.

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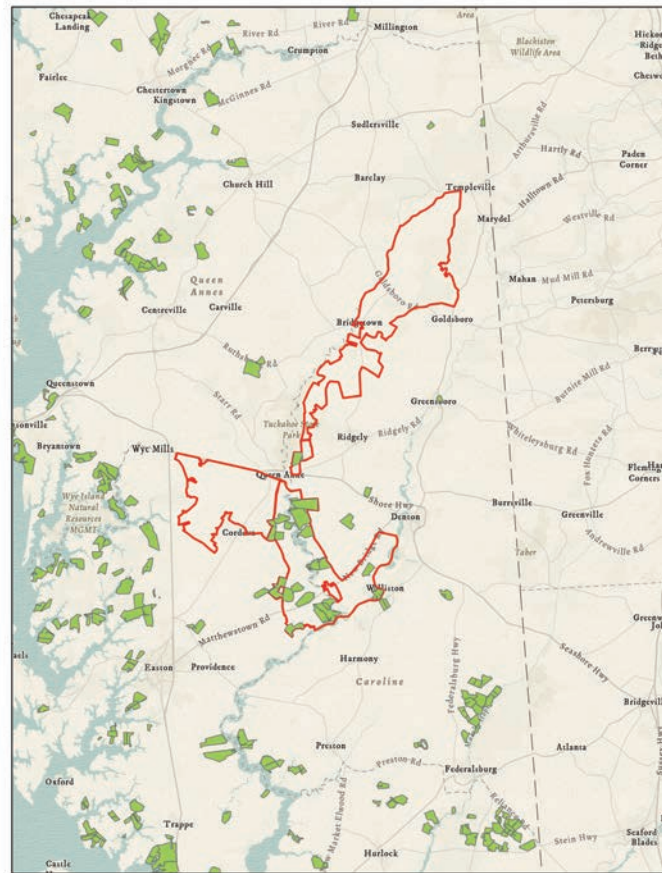


# Protecting the Tuckahoe

*Submitted by Eastern Shore  
Land Conservancy*


Tucked into the center of the Eastern Shore between Queen Anne's, Caroline, and Talbot counties, the Tuckahoe Creek watershed is a rural world of winter rye, potato fields, cardinal flowers, massive beech trees, yellow-blooming water lilies, and wild rice nodding above fresh quiet water. Canopies of deciduous trees arc across winding back roads. Wild blueberry bushes sprawl between tidal marshes and stands of pine. This is the point on the peninsula where the wide and flat farm fields of the lower shore give way to small hills so gradually, so gently, you may not even notice the slope.

The watershed stretches across 97,900 acres, covering an area about the size of two Washington D.C.'s. More than half of that area is devoted to agriculture, the rest consumed by small towns, forests, wetlands, and the creek itself, which runs over 20 miles from north of Queen Anne to its confluence with the Choptank River at Gilpin Point in Caroline County. If there's one important takeaway for this region, it's that the Tuckahoe is abundant. For fishermen, the Tuckahoe offers one of Maryland's few flyfishing spots with wide openings, steadfast water, and a stony creek bed. For farmers, the watershed offers freshwater irrigation and prime soils that have produced in abundance for centuries upon centuries—from the gardening




**A map of current rural legacy areas in Maryland.**

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**Part of the Tuckahoe Rural Legacy Area, the Daffin House Farm in Caroline County.** Photo credit: ESLC



**Part of the Tuckahoe Rural Legacy Area.** Photo credit: ESLC



of Choptank people who tended squash, beans, and corn, to colonial tobacco production, grain growing, and fruit and vegetable farming for local canneries. Mills, steamboat landings, poultry farms, schooner manufacturing, scenic recreation, and kayak paddling trails, are all signature features of the Tuckahoe, which also supports five unique habitats of rare plants. The watershed is home to deer, waterfowl, songbirds, turtles, 39 species of freshwater fish, 25 species of amphibians, and a host of native plants including “tuckahoe,” the Algonquin word for a marsh-loving arrowhead plant whose roots were harvested by the Choptank people for food and for medicine. Tuckahoe Creek is also unique for its ties to local African American history. The famous statesman and abolitionist, Frederick Douglass, was born within the watershed, and Harriet Tubman often used the nearby upper Choptank watershed as a northward route while leading escapees on the Underground Railroad.

As more people move to the Eastern Shore and more industries seek out the Shore’s open space, it’s easy to see how important it is to conserve places like the Tuckahoe in order to preserve natural and cultural resources and in order to protect water quality by improving natural buffers surrounding the tributary. Luckily, Maryland DNR’s Rural Legacy Program, begun in 1997, exists to protect large, contiguous tracts of the state’s most precious cultural and natural resource lands through grants made to local applicants. ESLC has been a sponsor for Rural Legacy Areas (RLA) on the Eastern Shore since 2001, and has protected 66 properties covering over 11,000 acres of land utilizing this funding program. The Tuckahoe is one of ESLC’s sponsored Rural Legacy areas. In 2019, ESLC worked with DNR and local governments to further expand these RLAs, by almost four times their original footprint, drastically increasing the number of eligible properties in the region.

Thanks to the work of Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, MALPF, and funding from Rural Legacy grants, over 13,000 acres of the Tuckahoe watershed

have been permanently conserved—each farm, forest, and wetland protected from development forever. While 13,000 acres is a success worth celebrating, there are still over 31,000 acres within DNR’s Tuckahoe Rural Legacy area just waiting to be conserved, with ample funding at the ready. This rural legacy area was expanded just a few years ago to encompass 44,543 acres, almost half of the entire watershed. To conserve the full area would be a gigantic win for conservation, for agriculture, for water quality protection, for rare and threatened species, historical preservation, public access to recreation, and so much more.

If you, or someone you know, owns a property of over 30 acres located in the Tuckahoe area, we’d love to speak with you about a conservation easement!

Anyone interested should reach out to David Satterfield, ESLC’s director of land conservation, at [DSatterfield@eslc.org](mailto:DSatterfield@eslc.org) or 410-422-1996. In the meantime, here’s a glimpse of five ESLC easement properties that have already committed to conservation in this uniquely beautiful corner of the Eastern Shore.



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### **Marydel Lions Club is Ending 'A Sweet Year'!**

The month of December will find the members of the Club busy with several year-end activities. Sunday, December 3rd will find several of our members serving as guest participants in the Marydel Volunteer Fire Company's Annual Christmas parade. Look for our "decked-out" decorated truck and showers of candy!

The Club's Cash for Christmas Raffle will culminate on Tuesday, December 5 at our monthly combined dinner/business meeting when three raffle tickets will be drawn. Three lucky folks will receive one of the three cash prizes of this raffle fundraiser with the first winning raffle ticket name drawn receiving \$500 cash, the second winning raffle ticket receiving \$250 cash, and the third winning raffle ticket drawn receiving \$100 cash.

A Sweet Finale' to our Club's 2023 fundraising activities comes to us courtesy of Lion Lee Voshell and his good wife Eleanor

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Our Club's 2023 fundraisers have been very generously supported by the folks that comprise our local and regional communities to the point that our Club was able to increase by 60% the amount of grants that we have made and will make between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. A good portion of this tremendous outpouring of support is due to the excellent advertisements that have been created and advertised in the Caroline Review by the very creative, professional staff of this publication. A case in point is the full house attendance of the Club's November 3 Paint Party at the Marydel Fire Company hosted and organized by Club member Lion Sonia Haley.

Our Club has made major contributions to Critical Repairs Caroline County, Giving Grace Food Pantry, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Martins House and Barn, Marydel Volunteer Fire Company, Mayland School for the Deaf along with other worthy recipients including our Club's seven college scholarship recipients reported earlier in this column. We will continue to make additional grants as we become aware of those opportunities to be helpful.

Please be aware that 100% of all of the money raised by our fundraisers will be dedicated to the Club's programs and projects that benefit the children, youth, families, adults and seniors that are residents of the Maryland and Delaware Mason-Dixon Line communities and environs of Marydel. In addition to the Club's grants, we will be providing support to the needs of those with visual problems, diabetic challenges and childhood cancer. Environmental stewardship and support to local food pantries will also continue to be part of our mission.

We are now actively recruiting and welcoming new members. The Club's combined dinner/business meetings occur the first Tuesday of each month at 6 PM in the dining room of the Marydel Volunteer Fire Company and are catered by the Chef's of the Ladies Auxiliary.

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### **Preston Lions Club**

The Preston Christmas parade will be held on December 17 at 5 PM. Line up is 4 PM at ASG. The theme is "Sleigh Bells Ring". Special guests are Sutler Post Clydesdales escorting Santa.

After the parade there will be a meet and greet with the Clydesdales at the carnival grounds. Santa will talk to the kids and goodie bags will be handed out. Cookies and cocoa will be handed out also. Carolers will be singing and trophies will be handed out at the carnival grounds.

You don't want to miss this one. If you want to be in the parade, email [pfrase53@yahoo.com](mailto:pfrase53@yahoo.com).

NOTE: Be aware the streets will be shut down the day of parade at 4:30, so if you need to get through please make other plans!

### **Greensboro Lions Club**

#### **All Star Soccer Team**

Lighting up the sky along Rt. 480 east of Greensboro was a sight to behold. Travelers were delighted to see the Lions Club Park lit up as the All Star Soccer Team practiced for the upcoming Bayside Games held on November 21.

**Adopt-A-Highway – Boy Scout Troop #165** picked up trash along Route 480 on October 1. They did approximately three miles. Five boys and three adults were at the event. Lion Michael Padgett, Lisa Busick, Drew Durham, Jacob Carpenter, Sam Hulbert, Lucas Malony, Tommy Freil and Hunter Durham participated. They collected eight bags of trash and also oddball items like a pair of crocs, one sneaker, and an expired driver's license.

**Mary Moran, Program Manager MAP SHIP SMP of Upper Shore Aging**, spoke at the Lions Club Meeting on November 7 of variables regarding Medicare "Do's and Don'ts."

**At the Greensboro Elementary School Halloween Parade** Lion Allen Kinnamon, Lion Rick Harris and wife Diane distributed candy to the participants.

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The Greensboro Lions participated in the **Ridgely Lions Golf Tournament** which benefits their scholarship fund.

**Donations:** The club voted to make the following donations to the community: \$250 to the Town of Greensboro for use at the Whoville Christmas Display; \$100 to "Shop with a Cop"; \$125 to the NUTS (Neighbors United to Serve) annual community Thanksgiving dinner delivery through St. Luke's United Methodist Church; and \$80 to the Ridgely Town Luminary Display – Santa Chase.

The Greensboro Lions meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM at Wheatley Hall, 300 West Sunset Avenue, Greensboro. The club welcomes new members. To make a reservation, call Lion Allen Kinnamon at 302-398-3899.

### **Ridgely Lions Club January 2024 Sportsman's Raffle**

The Ridgely Lions Club is selling chances on their January 2024 Sportsman's Raffle. A raffle prize is awarded each day in January based on the Maryland Lottery 3-Digit Evening drawing. For a \$20 donation to the Ridgely Lions Club you have 31 chances to win on every raffle ticket from Jan. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024.

Looking for a great Christmas gift? The Ridgely Lions Club Sportsman Raffle is your ticket. Prizes include everything from a Benelli Vinci Super sport 12GA shotgun to a Trijicon Huron Scope 2.5-10 x 40 to a Big Game Hunter HD Treestand to a Calcutta 20ltr Cooler. Prizes in the raffle are provided by a local sporting goods store, the Tuckahoe

Sportsman, at 22145 Shore Highway in Denton.

To purchase an RLC Sportsman's raffle ticket, see any Ridgely Lions Club member or stop by the Tuckahoe Sportsman, Ridgely Pharmacy, Summit Community Bank in Ridgely, or the Denton Diner. For more information on the raffle, check on Facebook/Ridgely Lions Club or [www.ridgelylions.org](http://www.ridgelylions.org) or email us at [ridgelylions@verizon.net](mailto:ridgelylions@verizon.net). Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support Lions Club programs and projects.

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



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## O Little Town of Bethlehem

*(this story originally appeared in the December 1983 Caroline Review)*

For a few days of each December the little town of Bethlehem in southern Caroline County becomes a stamp collector's haven.

The postmaster with the Biblical name of Aaron Carroll says he will hand-stamp several thousand Christmas cards prior to the holiday for people who send in cards just to have the special hand-stamp shown on the envelope.

But he admitted early this month that the flood that reached as many as 40,000 in years past has slowed somewhat, "probably because of the cost of the postage," he said.

His biggest customer remains the Tidewater Inn at Easton that will bring over 500 or 600 cards to be mailed out from the tiny post office, a cubicle in the Bethlehem General Store at the crossroads of MD 331 and 578.

Carroll is not the first in his family to keep up the time-honored tradition for the Yule season.

His late mother, with the Christmassy name of Mary Carroll, handled the postal chores from 1946 to 1961. She died in 1969.

In between the two Carrolls, the community's postmaster was Leonard Legates, who did the stamping from 1961 to 1971. He died in 1972.

Carroll started work in the post office as a helper for Legates in 1963, and was named postmaster in 1971.

The practice of hand-stamping an original Christmas scene cachet on the envelope began in 1939 when Marjorie Ann Chambers Lake, daughter of long-time weekly newspaper publisher Max Chambers, in nearby Preston, designed the scene on a rubber stamp about two inches square.

Chambers said his daughter helped spread the name of the little village when she did a short story about the cachet as a teenager, and the Associated Press picked it up and reprinted it on the wire service.

After that, the post office began getting mail from all over the country at Christmas time to be stamped and mailed out with the Bethlehem postmark and cachet.

The first cachet stamp showed three wise men on camels with a star overhead. Today, Carroll still uses that stamp, along with one scene of the stable manger and another of the Madonna's head cradling the Christ child.

Chambers, the unofficial historian of Caroline County, said the town was

believed named by one of the first Methodist circuit riders on the Delmarva Peninsula, Francis Asbury. The first Methodist bishop of Maryland, Asbury came through the area about 1800 and visited homes.

He does not have documented evidence, but believes Asbury probably stayed with a family here over Christmas in the late 1700's and decided Bethlehem would be a nice name for a quiet little country village.

There are only 55 general delivery boxes in the little wooden cubbyhole at one side of the general store, recently purchased by Wayne Chance from Judy and James Whitby. It is now known as Bethlehem General Store.

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# Shining a Spotlight on the Bridgetown Area

by Chad Dean

I have heard some whoppers in my day, but in my five-plus years of setting the local historical record straight via a one-man research mission, this takes the cake: I was informed that the reason the main street of Ridgely is so wide is because it was built to accommodate the shipbuilding industry of the town. I fell off my dinosaur when I heard this, got up, re-saddled my trusty stegosaurus steed, and fell off again when others then shared they "learned" this "fact" while attending the local public schools. I guess someone with an overactive imagination concocted this tale daydreaming while gazing out the classroom window at the banks of the mighty Ridgely River.

Come on, people. There were no sailing ships in Ridgely. There is no river. Heck, most local farmers surrounded by wilted corn and soybeans will readily confirm that most of the time it doesn't even rain in that zip code. Anyone who can eat their weight in strawberries around here should know that Ridgely was a planned community but investors ran out of money well before their dreams of an epicurean Eastern Shore utopia could be realized; Central Avenue through the middle of town is a broad and lasting tribute to the long-faded optimism of the 1860s.

Why am I bringing up Ridgely? This is supposed to be a column about the far northwestern hinterlands of Caroline County. There is an eventual connection I guarantee, and it is not just that some students in the Bridgetown-Baltimore Corner megalopolis attend elementary school in the ironically-nicknamed Dream City. The segue I need to get this article finished revolves around railroads, actually. There are train tracks in Ridgely and have been since its incorporation; there used to be a village on the way to Greensboro where an intersection with Maryland Route 480 is today. It was called Boonsboro, but it

lacked railroad access. So dwellers literally picked up structures they had built there and plopped them a few miles west at what was evolving into Victorian-era Ridgely. Score one for the maroon team.

The history of Bridgetown actually well-predates Ridgely but is not so, ahem, glamorous. If we ignore county lines for a moment, or acknowledge that the top third of Caroline used to be part of Queen Anne's County (a fact that seems to be left out of every formal or public commemoration of Colonel William Richardson as our legislative founder), then we can gloss over the fact that the oldest building in Bridgetown is actually on the Ruthsburg side of the ditch. On that portion of Maryland Route 304 sits the Bridgetown Church. It dates back to at least 1773, with a congregation possibly meeting in the vicinity as early as 1640. Even though it is in QAC, it is still part of the Ridgely Charge, along with Thawley's Chapel near Tuckahoe Neck.

So why the name Bridgetown? Verily verily, I say unto thee, there were bridges. Nine over the creeks and streams that flow into the Tuckahoe River to be exact. Up until 1841, the settlement was known as Nine Bridges as a result -- which is when the one sturdy one you are likely familiar with was placed on the border as you cross into Queen Anne's County, perhaps to attend a Christian service in an historical setting. The aforementioned church was at one point accompanied in the area by a tobacco warehouse, a cannery, a post office, and other commercial enterprises plus a neighborhood school building. So why didn't Nine Bridges aka Bridgetown take off? For precisely the same reason why Ridgely made it as a town: witchcraft. Check that. Actually, in this case, it was not a Faustian pact with the devil in the style of Damn Yankees but an anticipated railroad never came through -- so no boost in population or commerce as was seen by Ridgely in its glory days well over a century ago. They did have a community baseball team, though.... and a rhyme. It is said that the people of Bridgetown:

Chew tobacco thin  
Spit it on their chin  
And lick it up again.



I have no clue how that originated, or if it was borrowed from something else, but I remember hearing that all the time growing up and especially at the village store that was still operational well into the 1980s.

I do, however, know how Baltimore Corner got its name. Don't know where that is? It's right down Maryland Route 312 from Bridgetown, as a matter of fact, and it too requires some fallacious Ridgely folklore to transition into a more fact-laden paragraph. About five years ago, several people in a county history group emphatically argued, despite having no skin in the game whatsoever, that the original name for Ridgely was intended to be some derivation of Baltimore. Not so; more 1950s schoolhouse marm fiction I presume. Ridgely was from the start named for local landowner Reverend Greenbury Ridgely, a former law partner of antebellum Congressional icon Henry Clay -- the town was never meant to be known as Baltimore or named after Lord Baltimore in any way, shape, or form. At



best, perhaps those who thought it to be true were recalling that it was the Maryland and Baltimore Land Association that parceled out town lots before the company went quickly bankrupt.

With that said, Baltimore Corner, or the name at least, does have, to an extent, a connection to Baltimore City. Until the Bay Bridge was built, there were two standard ways to get to the Western Shore from Caroline. One was by ferry, such as the service at Matapeake on Kent Island. The other was to go up to Cecil County and around the long way. Interestingly enough, many locals preferred the overland route because of hours-long lines to board the ferry. So eventually, travelers referenced the turn at Maryland Route 312 onto Route 313 as Baltimore Corner to note their progress or reason for taking that road.

There's actually a bit more historical nomenclature to share, which is interesting considering no tangible town, village, or organized settlement has ever existed at that exact crossroads. While there was for a time a country store that Pizza Empire currently occupies and a mottling of generational farms nearby, the population is arguably zero if one applies the bureaucratically statistical definition of Census Designated Place. Yet that spot, despite its humble presence, has been popping up on Caroline County maps since colonial times. The general vicinity was called Forest of Choptank as settlers moved into it to clear property for agriculture. As that work progressed, locals well into the 1800s would have known the corner and adjacent lands as Hogpen Bridge.

I hope that more people will take an interest in this swath of oft-forgotten Caroline County frontier that graces our Queen Anne's County border. Visitors may be surprised at the traces of what used to be there, what is there, and what hidden treasures exist waiting to be uncovered while toddling through. Bridgetown indeed warrants a closer look by the usual local authorities on such matters and recreational day trippers alike.



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Yolanda's collages are more than art; they are profound stories echoing through generations. Rooted in cultural significance, each piece offers a unique perspective, resonating deeply with hearts and minds. As Artist in Residence at The Foundry, Yolanda brings her expertise and passion to inspire and educate. Stay tuned for upcoming events and workshops to immerse yourself in the transformative world of this remarkable artist. Welcome to Yolanda's creative journey!

### **Upcoming Arts Events in Caroline County**

View our upcoming Calendar of Events and register for classes online at [www.carolinearts.org](http://www.carolinearts.org).

**Artisan Market: December 2nd from 4-8 PM at The Wharves of Choptank Visitors Center.** Experience the magic of the holidays at our Artisan Holiday

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**Collage Masterclass with Yolanda Acree: January 12 and 26 from 5-6 PM at The Foundry.** Join us for an enriching Collage Masterclass with Artist in Residence, Yolanda Acree. Dive into the art of collage under Yolanda's expert guidance and explore its depth, symbolism, and storytelling. Perfect for ages 13 and up, these classes offer a collaborative and supportive environment for budding artists. Limited spots available, so RSVP now to celebrate Yolanda's brilliance, connect with fellow creators, and let your creativity soar! \$20/Class

**Christmas in Ridgely: December 9th from 4-9 PM at Railroad Memorial Park, 1 W. Railroad Ave, Ridgely.** Get ready for a festive feast of fun at Christmas in Ridgely! Glide on two ice skating rinks, enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides, explore a life-size gingerbread house, and marvel at a 60-foot twinkle tunnel of lights. Bring the kids for selfies with Santa, activities galore, and meet Christmas characters like Buddy the Elf, Elsa, and the mischievous Grinch. Don't miss this magical night, and mark your calendars for December 9th! Rain date: December 16th.

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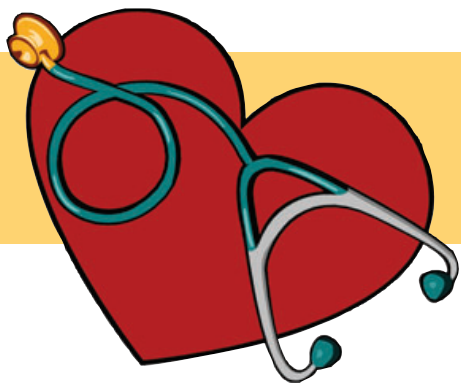
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## World Aids Day

by Suzanne R. Frost, RN ACRN

World AIDS Day was founded in 1988 and was the first-ever International Day for Global Health. It has been observed every year since that time on December 1st.

The day remains as relative today as it has always been, reminding people and governments globally that HIV has not gone away. It is a day to remember those lost to HIV/AIDS, those that continue to fight against HIV, and acknowledge those people who are living with HIV today. While great medical and social advances have been made over the four decades since the first known reported cases of HIV/AIDS, this disease remains a public health challenge. There still remains a critical need for continued funding for the HIV/AIDS response, to increase awareness of HIV and how it affects people's lives, to end stigma and discrimination around HIV, and to improve the quality of life globally for people living with HIV.

In 2023, we know that prompt and consistent HIV treatment and care

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improves life expectancy. The Caroline County Health Department offers free, confidential, walk-in Rapid HIV Testing every day that the Health Department is open. The test results are obtained in one minute. It is fast and easy, and only takes a drop of blood to test.

It is important to know your HIV status. Think of it this way:

If you don't know you are HIV positive, you don't receive care and treatment. You don't receive support and services, you can't protect those you love, and you cannot have the best outcome and quality of life.

Please drop in or call the Caroline County Health Department. We are here to help. 403 South 7th St. Denton or 410-479-8000.

Ask to speak to a nurse about HIV testing, HIV education, and HIV Medical Case Management Services for those living with HIV.

## The Connection Between Smoking/Vaping & Stress

Submitted by Heather Grove, RN, BSN

It is easy to think that smoking a cigarette or taking a hit on your vape is a good way to calm your nerves

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

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.

Nicotine narrows blood vessels, making them smaller, which causes your blood pressure and heart rate to go up. In turn, your heart has to work harder to pump blood throughout your body, thus putting more stress on your cardiac 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 start to feel on edge and will likely experience another craving for a cigarette or vape. This process continues to repeat for as long as you keep smoking or vaping. Talk about stress in the brain!

The cost of buying cigarettes and vape products can really add up. Feeding a nicotine addiction is financially expensive. In a world where everything costs more than it used to, figuring out how to pay for it all can be very stressful. Breaking free from a nicotine addiction will allow your hard earned dollars to go to things that really matter to you instead of the deceitful tobacco companies.

It is important to remember there will always be times of stress in our lives whether we choose to smoke, vape, or breathe clean air. Learning to deal with our stressors is very important. Quitting smoking and vaping will decrease the stress nicotine cravings cause, reduce the physical stress



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nicotine puts on the body, and free up some extra cash.

However, the process of actually quitting can still be daunting. Having support is key. The Maryland Quitline offers support from trained quit coaches. Often these folks previously used tobacco themselves so they understand and can help you build a quit plan. They work with you right over the phone and can send nicotine replacement products like patches and gum to you in the mail, all at no cost. To learn more or enroll you can contact the Quitline directly at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or you can contact me at 410-829-0848 (call or text) and I can submit a referral to have a quit coach reach out and contact you.

Last but not least, I wanted to leave you with a few stress reduction tips. Practice deep breathing and gratitude reflections. Take your breaks! Step

away from work and stressful situations and take a walk, grab your phone and reach out to a friend or play a game. This still gives you a chance to decompress and, guess what? You can do it all without smoking or vaping!

### ***RSV: Risk, Signs & Prevention***

RSV is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like

symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious. Infants and older adults are more likely to develop severe RSV and need hospitalization. The virus can also worsen certain medical conditions, including asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and congestive heart failure.

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The following are the latest recommendations regarding RSV vaccine and prevention:

### ADULTS

Two RSV vaccines have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Each vaccine requires a single dose injection.

All adults aged 60 and over should discuss the RSV vaccine with their healthcare provider. This is especially true if you are at increased risk for severe complications from RSV, based on any of the following health conditions; asthma, COPD, congestive heart failure, coronary artery disease, diabetes, neurologic conditions, kidney disorders, liver disorders, bleeding disorders, or a compromised immune system. Other things that may increase your risk are frailty, advanced age, or residency in a nursing home or long-term care setting.

One of the available vaccines has also been approved for pregnant individuals between 32- and 36-weeks gestational age in pregnancy. If you are pregnant, discuss the RSV vaccine with your OB/GYN.

RSV vaccines are available through primary care offices and some pharmacies.

### CHILDREN

RSV is especially dangerous to infants. The CDC recommends certain infants receive the FDA-approved monoclonal antibody product Beyfortus (also called nirsevimab). Beyfortus has been shown to reduce the risk of both RSV-related hospitalizations and RSV-

related healthcare visits in infants by about 80%.

One dose of Beyfortus is recommended for all infants younger than 8 months, born during, or entering, their first RSV season (typically fall through spring). For a small group of children between the ages of 8 and 19 months who are at increased risk of severe RSV disease, such as severely immunocompromised children, a dose is recommended in their second RSV season.

Parents of infants who meet the above criteria should discuss the RSV monoclonal antibody product with their child's pediatrician.

### PREVENTION

You can help prevent the spread of RSV by taking the same precautions used to prevent other respiratory illnesses, like COVID-19:

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow – not your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick, such as kissing, shaking hands, and sharing cups and eating utensils.
- Stay home if you are sick, but if you have to go out in public, wear a face mask.
- Avoid touching your face, particularly your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean frequently touched

surfaces, such as doorknobs and mobile devices.

- Get vaccinated if recommended by your healthcare provider.

If you have an infant, avoid crowds, ask people to wash their hands before touching the baby, and keep the baby away from anyone with cold symptoms.

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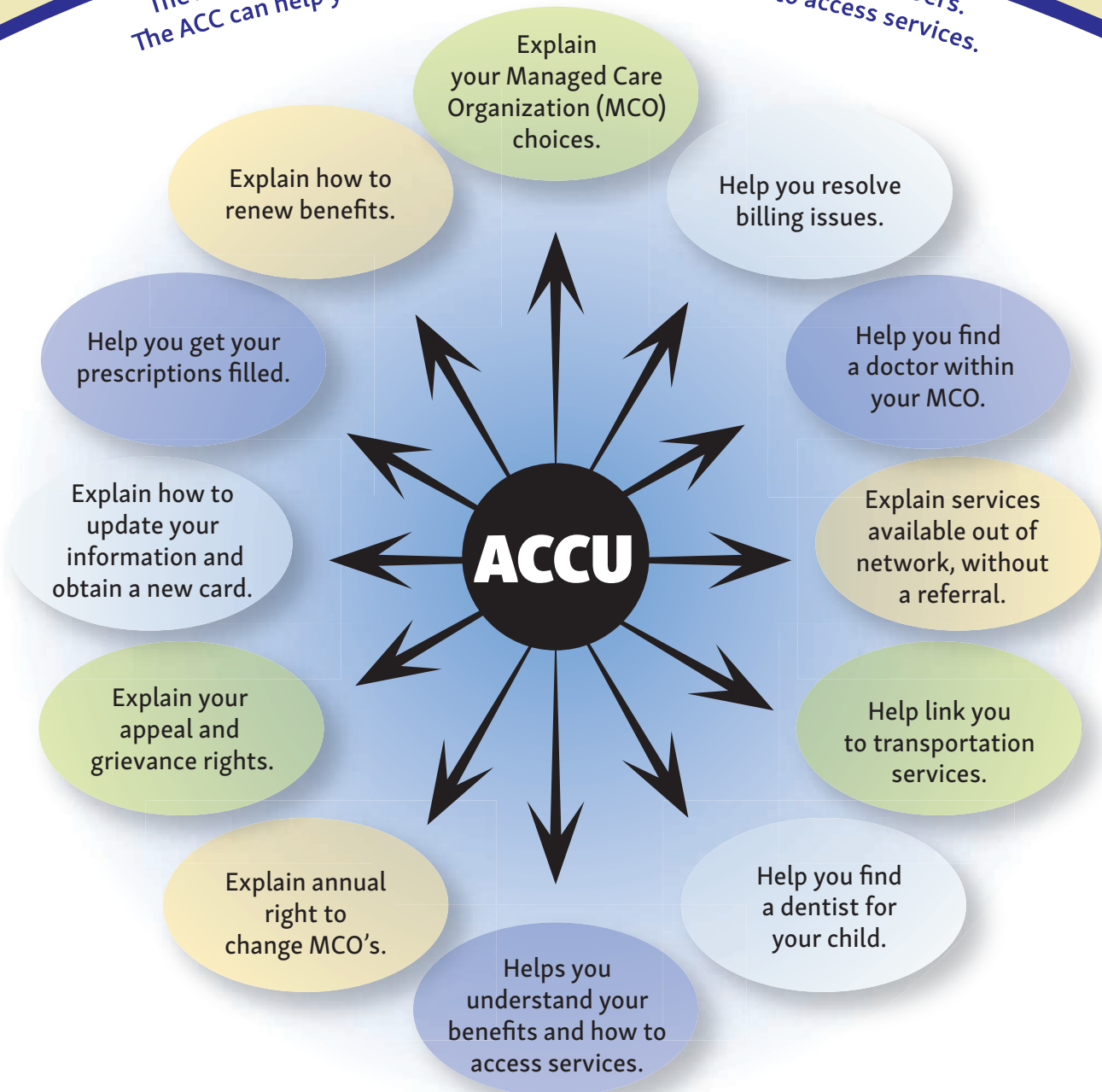
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## (FACES) Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore

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### *Berks County, PA Fleur de Lis Snowflake Wallhanging Class by Kay L. Butler*

"I love to collect antique and vintage textiles. The pattern of the block you'll be making was from a cutter quilt that I purchased from Berks County, PA. It is a beautiful fleur de lis design that resembles a snowflake and is a cutwork block that is elegant and beautiful. I cannot wait to share the design with you!"



December 9, 10 AM – 1 PM; \$35 Member/\$45 Non Member. Please call Kay Butler at 410-829-5136 for a supply list, to sign up, and to ask any questions.

### *'Twas The Night Before Christmas*

For the upcoming holidays, the Fiber Arts Center is very excited to present "Twas The Night Before Christmas", an amazing quilt exhibit which will continue through January 13.

Curated by quilt historian Sue Reich from Washington Depot, Conn., the exhibit features miniature quilts that have been made to interpret stanzas from Clement C. Moore's poem, "Twas The Night Before Christmas", penned 200 years ago as a gift for his children on December 24th. Ten generations of children have been charmed by this magical poem of the gift of Saint Nicholas. The poem's 28 stanzas were chosen by quilt historians and artists to recreate their special Yuletide memories of childhood. The challenge was to incorporate a miniature quilt within the larger quilt. May these quilts bring smiles and cherished memories of your own special Christmases and inspire you to keep quilts in Christmas!

There will be a members and friends reception at the Fiber Arts Center on Sunday, December 3 from Noon - 4 PM. The exhibit is free of charge and is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from Noon - 4: PM.



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### **Beginning Needlepoint (2 hour sessions)**



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two coasters on plastic canvas and then start on a needlepoint canvas bookmark.

Session 2: You will learn the Basketweave Stitch, making another plastic canvas coaster, finish the bookmark and start on a 4" X 4" needlepoint.

Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non members. Supplies are \$15 payable to instructor Victoria McConnell. Limit 8 students Please bring small scissors. Contact Victoria 410-253-9716 to sign up.

### **Beginner Hand Quilting Class**

January 6, 10 AM – 1 PM

\$35 Member, \$45 Non Member (includes pattern and instructions)

Let's start the new year by learning a new sewing skill of yesteryear, fine hand quilting! This class will broaden your horizons as you begin a new adventure in quilting! There's much to be learned including the use of proper tools, basting and quilting stitches, types of batting, thimbles, marking tools, thread, hoops and frames as you stitch a lovely 18" whole cloth quilt. Enhance your quilting experience and learn first hand how enjoyable hand quilting can be!

Class instructor will also have kits available for a fee of \$15. Call Kay Butler to sign up, get supply list, and any additional questions at 410-829-5136.

### **Adelina's Floral Garden Applique Quilt Classes**

Jan. 19, Feb. 23, March 22, April 26

Cost: \$60 Members \$70 Non Members

Time: 10-2. Instructor: Kay Butler

Adelina's Flower Garden is a mid-nineteenth century New York applique quilt

with a folk art appearance to the blocks. You will have the opportunity to create this lovely quilt as we delve into the world of back basting applique. The floral quilt contains 12 applique blocks each measuring 22 inches square. For the first session, we will be focusing on four floral blocks.

If you wish to make a wallhanging, call Kay for fabric requirements.

Pattern will need to be purchased ahead of time (\$40) and can be obtained from Kay Butler. For supply list or questions, call Kay at 410-829-5136



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## Know the Key Benefits of Roth IRA

Submitted by Ann Jacobs, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones - Denton  
410-479-0271

As you save for retirement, you'll want to take full advantage of the investment vehicles available to you — and one of the best is a Roth IRA. But what sets it apart from other accounts?

Three key factors distinguish the Roth IRA:

- Tax-free earnings – When you invest in a Roth IRA, your earnings can grow tax free, provided you don't begin taking withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years. If you don't meet these criteria, withdrawals of earnings will be subject to taxes and a possible 10% penalty.
- No penalties on withdrawals of contributions – You fund a Roth IRA with after-tax dollars, which means you can withdraw your contributions — not the earnings — at any time for any reason, without facing taxes or penalties. So, you could use some of your Roth IRA money for non-retirement purposes, such as helping pay for a child's college education.

- No required withdrawals at age 73 – With a traditional IRA or a 401(k), you must start taking withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — once you reach 73. But this rule doesn't apply to a Roth IRA — you can keep it intact as long as you like. You may need to tap into it for some of your retirement income, but if you don't use it all, the remainder could benefit your beneficiaries.

A Roth IRA does share one similarity to a traditional IRA: It can be funded with virtually any type of investment, including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on.

However, unlike a traditional IRA, a Roth IRA does have income limits.

For the 2023 tax year, if your modified adjusted gross income was less than \$138,000 (for a single filer) or \$218,000 (married filing jointly), you can put in the full amount of \$6,500 and an additional \$1,000 catch-up contribution if you're 50 or older. The amounts you can contribute will gradually decline at higher income levels and are phased out entirely at \$153,000 for single filers and \$228,000 if you're married and file jointly. These income ranges will likely change for the 2024 tax year, so you'll want to consult with your tax advisor for details.

Still, even if you've contributed to a traditional IRA or a 401(k) for many years, you may have a chance to eventually "convert" some, or all, of these funds to a Roth IRA and gain its benefits. It's not hard to do this conversion — it involves minimal paperwork from your traditional IRA or 401(k) provider — but it does come with tax issues. Any money that's converted from a traditional IRA or 401(k) to a Roth IRA will be treated as ordinary taxable income. This can trigger a large tax bill, so, unless you have the money available from other accounts to pay the taxes, the conversion may or may not make sense for you. But you don't have to convert all the funds at once. By spreading the conversion over several years, you could reduce the effect of a large tax hit in any single year. You may want to consult with your tax advisor before converting any funds to a Roth IRA.

If you can find a way to contribute to a Roth IRA, either directly or through a conversion, consider it carefully — you'll find a lot of upsides to this investment account.

Establishing a donor-advised fund and making qualified charitable distributions are significant moves, so you'll need to consult with your tax advisor first. But if they're appropriate for your situation, they may help you expand your ability to support the charitable groups whose work you admire.

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### Martinak Morning Walk

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### First Day Hikes

On Monday, January 1, 2024 guided hikes are offered at Tuckahoe, Martinak, Sassafras and Wye Island. As the date approaches, check out this link:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/eastern/tuckahoe.aspx>

### Wednesday Winter Hikes

Enjoy the brisk air of winter on these morning three to five mile hikes. Discover the diversity and wildlife of the area at the beautiful parks, refuges, and Wildlife Management Areas in the area. All walks start at 10:30 AM and follow the Caroline County Schools for weather alerts. It is suggested to bring water and a snack. Bug spray and a hat are helpful. Email: Karen.gianninoto@maryland.gov to register and to receive additional information.

**January 17: Martinak State Park Boundary Walk.** Meet at the boat ramp parking area.

**January 24: Tuckahoe State Park Lake Trail.** Meet at the Lake parking area.

**January 31: Wye Island NRMA Holly Tree Trail.** Meet at Holly Tree parking area.

**February 7: Tuckahoe State Park Tuckahoe Valley Trail.** Meet at the Lake parking area.

**February 14: Blackwater NWR Wildlife Walk.** Meet at Visitor Center parking area.

**February 21: Adkins Arboretum Loop it Walk.** Meet at Visitor Center parking area.

**February 28: Wye Island NRMA Dividing Creek Trail.** Meet at Lodge LN parking area.

**March 6: Idylwild WMA Marshy Hope Creek.** Meet at Houston Branch parking area.

**March 13: Tuckahoe State Park Pee Wee Trail.** Meet at Crouse Mill Road parking area.

**March 27: Cross Island Trail Terrapin Nature Trail.** Meet at Exit 37 Parking Area.

**April 3: Sassafras NRMA Meadows and Forest.** Meet at Turners Creek parking area.

**April 10: Tuckahoe State Park Creekside Trail.** Meet at Cemetery Road parking area.

**April 17: Lynch Preserve Robins Creek Trail.** Meet at the end of Tall Tree Lane, Preston.

**April 24: Tuckahoe State Park Connector Trail.** Meet at park office.

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### SUNDAYS

**Worship Services** at Eternal Life Ministries at 10 AM and 3 PM at 807 Market St., Denton. Contact: Brother Mike at 410-714-4793.

Please join us in person at **New Beginnings UMC** at 12020 N. Central Ave Ridgely at 10 AM. Virtual via YouTube #NBUMC or Zoom meeting ID: 242 506 3045 Passcode: 421282.

**Bethesda Bible Adventures**, a new series of lessons based on animals featured in the Bible, has started at Bethesda Methodist Church, 155 Main St. in Preston. Children 4 years and older will experience active fun and learning every Sunday from 9 AM-10 AM.

### 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](http://www.ridgelylions.org) or [www.facebook.com/ridgelylionsclub](http://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** at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 5 p.m. Snacks and drinks available for purchase at break. Info 410-479-2708.

**English as a Second Language Classes** from 9-11 AM. at Aaron's Place, 401 Aldersgate Drive, Denton. Any questions, please call 443-243-5906.

**Zumba Classes** at 6 PM with instructor Maria Draves at Aaron's Place, 401 Aldersgate Dr, Denton.

### THIRD TUESDAYS

**Caroline County Chapter of Maryland Right to Life** meets at St. Benedict Family Life Center, 4th Street, Ridgely, behind the church. Regular meeting at 7 PM; committees meet 6 PM. All are welcome to help us defend life, educate the public, and work for legislative change. Info: call or email chapter

president Tom Lough, 443-996-3024 or email [Upcycle1atatime@gmail.com](mailto:Upcycle1atatime@gmail.com).

### WEDNESDAYS

**Ridgely Volunteer Fire Department offers Line Dancing** every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6-8 PM. Cost is \$5 per person, children 12 and under are free! An instructor will teach you 1-2 new dances each week and then there will be social time to show off your dance moves. It's a fun time and open to all. The Firehouse is located at 101 Sunset Boulevard, Ridgely. For more information, call 410-634-2424 or email [ridgelyfd@comcast.net](mailto:ridgelyfd@comcast.net).

**Christian Fellowship** from 6:30 – 7:30 PM at Bethesda-Preston Methodist Church. For questions, contact Pastor Paul Lewis, 155 Main St., Preston, 410-610-8111, [Plewis777@yahoo.com](mailto:Plewis777@yahoo.com).

**Community Civic League Food Pantry**, 3439 Laurel Grove Road, Federalsburg. Wednesdays, 4 - 6 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.

**Wednesday Bible Study** at 7 PM at Calvary Baptist Church. Questions: Contact Don Reynolds, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market St, Denton, 410-924-6404, [donaldwreynolds@comcast.net](mailto:donaldwreynolds@comcast.net), [www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org](http://www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org).

The Ridgely Lions Club supports the **Ridgely United Methodist Church** with their weekly "Food Pantry" from 2-6 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](mailto:ridgelionsec@gmail.com).

Come out and join us for **Mommy and Me** classes from 9 AM to 1 PM at Aaron's Place, 401 Aldersgate Drive, Denton. Discussion for health and wellness, baby diapers and needs and care for mommies. Any questions, please call 443-243-5906.

### WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

**Exercise-Exercise-Exercise!** One hour exercise classes at 11 AM at Aarons Place, 401 Aldersgate Drive, Denton. Please call 443-243-5906 if any questions.

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### FIRST THURSDAYS

**The Activities Singles Klub (ASK)** holds its meetings the 1st Thursday of the month. Meetings are held at the Elks located at 502 Dutchman's Lane in Easton. Single, widowed, divorced and separated individuals are invited. Feel free to come visit with us. We meet at 4:30 PM for social time, dinner will be at 5:00 PM and the meeting will follow dinner. For information call Gladys at 410-822-6205.

### SATURDAYS

**Upper Shore Genealogical Society of Maryland - The Research Center/Library** is located at 12156 Greensboro Road, Greensboro. The hours of operation are most Saturdays, from 9 AM - 2 PM. The Research Center is usually closed on holiday weekends and dates of membership meetings. Particularly for out of town researchers, the Research Center can be visited by special request. Email us at [usgsmd@yahoo.com](mailto:usgsmd@yahoo.com). The Research Center will be open December 2, 9. Membership meetings are held at 1 p.m. the second Saturday of January, March, May, September and November. Locations may vary, but will be posted on the website at [usgsmd.org](http://usgsmd.org) and our official Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/usgsmd>) prior to meetings.

**Preston Historical Society Museum**, located at 167 Main Street, Preston, is open 10 AM to 2 PM. No fee for admission. For more information visit [www.prestonhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.prestonhistoricalsociety.com) or call 410-924-9080.

**Men, join us for "Men Praying Together"** at 8:30 AM every Saturday. Come fellowship with other believers and be strengthened and inspired. Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market Street, Denton. Contact: 410-924-6404. [donaldwreynolds@comcast.net](mailto:donaldwreynolds@comcast.net) <https://calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org/>

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**Community Civic League Breakfast**, 3439 Laurel Grove Road, Federalsburg. Every first Saturday, 7-10:30 AM. Scrapple, sausage, eggs, potatoes, applesauce, biscuit, oj, coffee. Cost is \$8. Local delivery available. One free breakfast to anyone who attended the



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**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, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Exeter, located at 408 Old Denton Road in Federalsburg, is one of the oldest remaining structures in southern Caroline County, dating back to around 1800. Many of its early residents were millers who worked in the grist mill across the road on the Marshyhope Creek. Docents will be available. Admission is free, but donations are welcomed! For more information, please contact 443-434-3114 or [federalsburgmuseum@comcast.net](mailto:federalsburgmuseum@comcast.net).

**Eternal Life Ministries will have Fish Dinners** available from 11 AM until 3 PM. We are located at 807 Market Street in Denton. For more information please call the church at 410-714-1087 or 410-725-1484.



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### **FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS DECEMBER 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16**

**Whoville Village Holiday Park**, 5-9 PM, 13781 Greensboro Road, Greensboro. Come and enjoy the Christmas lights at Whoville Village with the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who. Enjoy the village, free hot chocolate and cookies, photos with Santa at Santa Village, and shop with vendors inside the community hall. Parking is \$5, and entrance into the village is free.

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**Sing Along with Santa at the Cordova Firehouse** at 7 PM. All are invited.

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

**Festival of Trees** from 12-5 PM at Towers Family Historical Museum, 26299 Sennett Road, Denton. Step into a winter wonderland of beautifully decorated trees, each one a unique masterpiece waiting for a new home. You'll have the opportunity to bid on your favorite tree and bring the holiday spirit home with you. Contact: Shelly

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**10th Annual Christmas Open House** hosted by Preston Historical Society, PHS Museum, 167 Main Street in Preston, 10 AM to 2 PM. Santa Claus will be present for pictures. Decorated Christmas trees and baked goods will be available for purchase. For more information call 410-924-9080 or visit [www.prestonhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.prestonhistoricalsociety.com).

**Swing, Ballroom, and Latin Dance** at Easton Family YMCA, 1180 South Washington St. Easton from 5:30 -8:30 PM. Social Dance includes a free lesson and professional DJ. See website and Facebook USA Dance Eastern Shore. Singles, couples, all levels and ages welcome. Never partner danced? We will help you. Dressy casual. No spike heels. Free for under 21 and students with ID. Tickets at the door are \$10 for Y or USA Dance members. Otherwise \$15. <http://www.usadanceeasternshore.org>.

### **SUNDAY - DECEMBER 3**

**Missions Emphasis Day at Calvary Baptist Church** at 11 AM. Missionary Phyl Prettyman will be sharing how the Lord has been at work in Uganda. All are welcome - Bring a friend or neighbor. Contact: 1120 Market

Street, Denton, 410-924-6404, [donaldwreynolds@comcast.net](mailto:donaldwreynolds@comcast.net), <https://calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org/>

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**

**Grocery Bingo at the Cordova Firehouse.** Doors open at 5:45 and games begin at 6:30. Refreshments are available for purchase. For more information, call Betty Ann at 410-253-5550.

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**

**Christkindlmarkt on Denton Main Street** from 5-8:30 PM. You don't want to miss this opportunity to kick off the holiday season! Denton Downtown Main Street is hosting its annual outdoor holiday market with plenty of vendors and crafters on display.

**Annual Denton Holiday Parade** from 6-8 PM. Help celebrate the holiday season at the annual holiday parade and lighting of the courthouse green. Enjoy holiday floats, classic cars, marching bands, santa and more! Visit [www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com) to register.

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**Men's Breakfast and Fellowship at Calvary Baptist Church** at 8 AM. Our Theme: "Going Forward Together". Contact: 1120 Market Street, Denton, 410-924-6404, [donaldwreynolds@comcast.net](mailto:donaldwreynolds@comcast.net), <https://calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org/>

**Cookie Walk at the Cordova Firehouse** at 9 AM. Pick out a box of homemade cookies for \$10. For more information, call Jeannie at 410-829-7214.

**Christmas in Ridgely Winter Festival** from 4 PM - 9 PM. The Christmas in Ridgely Winter Festival features ice skating, train rides, carriage rides, inflatable amusements, and more than 70 vendors. There will be fun for the entire family!

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**Caroline County AARP Chapter 915 meets** at noon, with a covered dish luncheon at the Church of the Nazarene in Denton. Join us for Christmas music and memories with Betty Ballas. New members and guests are welcome. For more information, call 410-482-6039.

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**

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**Calvary**, at Calvary Baptist Church at 11 AM. **Caroling at Christmas** at 7 PM led by Paul and Maureen Twining. **Christmas Reception** hosted by Pastor Don and Nancy Reynolds. Contact: 1120 Market Street, Denton, 410-924-6404, donaldwreynolds@comcast.net, <https://calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org/>

**Town of Preston Christmas Parade** from 5 PM - 7 PM. Sleigh bells ring at this year's Preston Christmas Parade! Join us in spreading holiday cheer for this annual event. Santa will be arriving by Suttler Post Farms Clydesdales! For more information contact: pfrase53@yahoo.com.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

**Third Thursdays in Downtown Denton** from 5 PM - 7 PM. Head to downtown Denton on the Third Thursday of every month from as downtown businesses extend their hours and offer specials! Shop for the freshest floral arrangements, find one-of-a-kind gifts and home decor, dine on the porch with views of the Choptank River or enjoy a delectable fusion of Irish-American fare in a traditional public house. Come rediscover downtown Denton! [DowntownDenton.com](http://DowntownDenton.com).

#### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 24

**Christmas Eve at Calvary** at 11 AM. Our choir, led by Wayne Wiley, is presenting a musical called *God Is With Us*, plus a Christmas Bible message by Pastor Don Reynolds. Join us as we celebrate the Christ of Christmas at 7 PM. We will have our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service hosted by the Wiley family. You will be blessed as you experience the real meaning of Christmas. You will receive a warm welcome and be touched by the focus on the first coming of Jesus Christ as our Savior. Contact: 1120 Market Street, Denton, 410-924-6404, donaldwreynolds@comcast.net, <https://calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org/>

#### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 31 - 11 AM

**New Year's Eve at Calvary** at 11 AM. This special service will be followed by a luncheon at 1 PM. After our luncheon, we will host our Winter Jubilee Service for all ages (no evening service). Our theme is "Going Forward Together". Contact: 1120 Market Street, Denton, 410-924-6404, donaldwreynolds@comcast.net, <https://calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org/>

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 15

The Lockerman Schools Association will host the **12th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Day Unity March/Day of Service**. Assemble at 9 AM at Lockerman Middle School. March begins at 10 AM and concludes at the Caroline County Courthouse on Market Street. After the March, and "I Have a Dream Speech", bag lunches will be distributed to everyone. To date mask(s) are optional; we will make the adjustments to this as required by Maryland/CDC/Caroline County updates. Our Community Service Project is in partnership with His Hope Ministries. We are asking everyone to help and bring donations of: paper products, cleaning supplies, trash bags toiletries, soap, shampoo, nonperishable items and canned goods. \*Churches and organizations are encouraged to march with their banners. Contact: Wanda Molock at 410-829-7338 or [wanderful12001@gmail.com](mailto:wanderful12001@gmail.com), Janet Fountain at 410-829-2844, [janetfountain@aol.com](mailto:janetfountain@aol.com).

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## Col. Tench Tilghman Chapter of the SAR to Conduct Holiday Social Event

On Thursday, December 14, the Colonel Tench Tilghman Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will conduct a meet-and-greet social event at the White Swan Tavern in Chestertown, from 4:30-6:30 PM. The local chapter of the SAR is inviting all its members, spouses, and anyone interested in learning more about the SAR to come out during the holiday season to enjoy food and beverages and to socialize with members of the SAR. The White Swan Tavern is a historic building located at 231 High Street, Chestertown, and has been used since the early 1700s as a tannery, private home, and inn.

Have you ever considered joining the SAR? To join one must be a lineal descendant of an American Revolutionary War patriot.

Did any of your male ancestors ...

- Serve in the Continental Army or Navy?
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If so, and you can show direct unbroken lineage to one of these individuals, you would qualify to join the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) if male or Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) if female.

Often prospective members are descended from multiple American Revolutionary War patriots but are unaware of this fact until they begin to research their family history.

A member of the General Perry Benson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will also be present if any would like to attend this event to learn about the DAR.

The Colonel Tench Tilghman Chapter of the SAR serves citizens in Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR), founded in 1889, is a non-profit and non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American History, and promoting education to our future generations. To learn more about the Colonel Tench Tilghman Chapter of the SAR, please go to its Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ColTenchTilghman>

If interested in attending this event, please contact Warren Tewes at [wdtewes@gmail.com](mailto:wdtewes@gmail.com) by Friday, December 8, to RSVP, and advise how many will be in your party.

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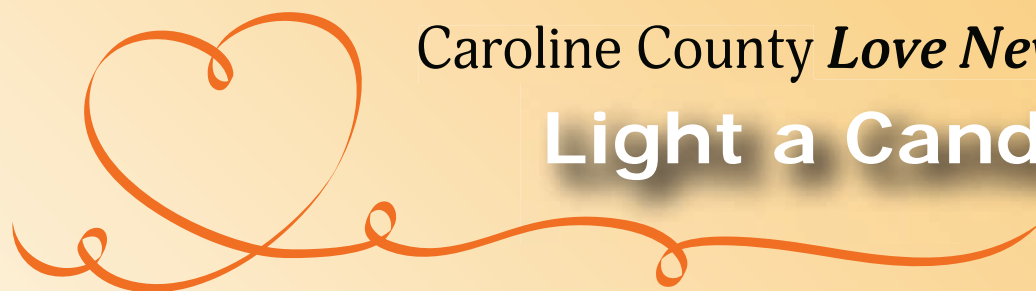
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1	4:47	Lo	10:29	Hi	4:48	Lo	11:09	Hi
2	5:33	Lo	11:13	Hi	5:36	Lo	11:50	Hi
3	6:19	Lo	11:59	Hi	6:26	Lo		
4	12:31	Hi	7:06	Lo	12:49	Hi	7:17	Lo
5	1:14	Hi	7:53	Lo	1:42	Hi	8:10	Lo
6	2:00	Hi	8:41	Lo	2:39	Hi	9:04	Lo
7	2:48	Hi	9:29	Lo	3:37	Hi	10:00	Lo
8	3:39	Hi	10:18	Lo	4:34	Hi	10:55	Lo
9	4:32	Hi	11:07	Lo	5:28	Hi	11:51	Lo
10	5:23	Hi	11:55	Lo	6:20	Hi		
11	12:44	Lo	6:13	Hi	12:44	Lo	7:09	Hi
12	1:36	Lo	7:02	Hi	1:33	Lo	7:58	Hi
13	2:26	Lo	7:50	Hi	2:21	Lo	8:46	Hi
14	3:15	Lo	8:39	Hi	3:09	Lo	9:33	Hi
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25	12:20	Lo	6:03	Hi	12:22	Lo	7:03	Hi
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28	2:50	Lo	8:33	Hi	2:50	Lo	9:22	Hi
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# Senior Spot

## Senior Moments

by Mary Moran  
410-479-2535 or 410-490-3078

You know you live on the Eastern Shore when Choptank Electric puts out a request to “Please don’t shoot the lines “!

I got a chuckle out of this headline but then read the reminder that “shooting at wires, poles, and insulators is dangerous to you and jeopardizes everyone’s power.” So, here’s a friendly reminder to young and old who are bored enough to take pot shots at this equipment to “Please don’t shoot the lines”! Instead, let’s shout out a big “Thank You” to those hardworking linesmen and lineswomen who brave nasty weather to keep our lights and heat on! Bless you all!

December is the one month that I simply cannot bring myself to address those important dates and numbers associated with next year’s Medicare and Social Security programs. For yours truly, it is time to step back in gratitude for friends and family, and

to appreciate the beauty and wonders of living in our special Shore county! America’s patchwork of cultures is well represented in Caroline, so here is a light reprieve from the cold hard facts of life and a glimpse of what the Holiday Season is for us all!

Hanukkah is an eight-day Jewish festival celebrated by lighting a candle on the menorah (a candelabrum with eight lights) each night. This year Hanukkah is celebrated from December 7-15. The word “Hanukkah” means “dedication” in Hebrew. This festival commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem and the first recorded successful fight for religious freedom. It is also spelled Chanukah. (Wiki.org)

Kwanzaa, a holiday honoring African American culture, is celebrated from December 26-January 1, mainly in the United States. There are seven principles representing seven values of African culture that help build and reinforce community among African Americans. Each day a different principle is discussed, and each day a candle is lit on the kinara (7 light candleholder). On the sixth day of Kwanzaa, people hold a Karamu feast, a celebration that may include music, drumming, discussion of one of the African principles or a chapter in African history, a candle-lighting ritual and finally, a feast. (Wiki.org)

Dongzhi celebrates the winter solstice and is observed on the longest night of the year. Winter Solstice is celebrated on December 21, the longest day of the year. The Asian word “Dong” means “winter” while “Zhi” means “arrival” giving the literal meaning of the festival “the coming of winter”. (Wiki.org)

Winter Solstice coincides with the pagan holiday, Yule, which begins on the winter solstice and continues for 11 days. Many ancient Yule traditions have been incorporated into modern Christmas celebrations, including the familiar yule log. (Wiki.org)

The feast of St. Nicholas is on December 6. It recognizes the Christian bishop who sold off his inheritance to give to those in need, the sick, and the suffering. In remembrance of St. Nicholas’s generosity, St. Nicholas Day is marked by giving gifts. It is observed primarily in the Netherlands and Scandinavia, where the tradition of leaving one’s boot or sock outside of the bedroom door for treats or coins began. St. Nicholas is known in the Netherlands as Sinterklaas, the word from which Santa Claus derives. (Wiki.org) Gotta Love good Ole Saint Nick!

Christmas is our Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Christians around the world celebrate the birth of our savior with religious services, decorations, lights, Christmas trees and gifts.

Latin countries and Hispanic communities in the United States celebrate Las Posadas from December 16-24, Christmas Eve. The word posada translates to “dwelling” or “lodging”. The traditions associated with this nine-day novena represent the hardships faced by Mary and Joseph while seeking shelter on their journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, as well as their search for a safe place to stay for Mary to give birth to Jesus.

The tradition features a procession of carolers led by a small child dressed as an angel. The head of the procession carries a candle inside a

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paper shade. Two people dress up as Mary and Joseph, and certain houses are designated to be “inns”. The actors travel to one house each night for nine nights. (Pilgrims may carry images of the Holy personages instead.) At each house, the residents respond by singing a song and the pair are recognized and allowed to enter.

The group of guests come into the home and kneel around the Nativity scene to pray. (Typically they pray the Rosary, which is a biblically based set of repetitive prayers promoting meditations on the gospel episodes in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus from the Annunciation to the Ascension.) The final location may be a church instead of a home.

Attendants such as angels and shepherds join along the way, while children may carry food, warm drinks, and piñatas and poinsettias. The procession is followed by musicians, with the entire procession singing. At the end of each night, Christmas carols are sung, children break open star-shaped pinatas and everyone sits for a feast. (<https://nationaltoday.com/las-posadas>)

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 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. And the angel said unto them, ‘Fear not:’ “for behold, I bring unto you

good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Luke 2: 8-14

May God Bless America and Keep all of Caroline County safely in the palm of his hand in 2024!

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all!

## ***Denton Senior Center***

The Caroline Senior Center has been decking the halls with seasonal holiday decorations and is truly in the holiday spirit! If you'd like to join in the fun, please call Brandy or Gerri at 410-479-2535 and reserve a spot so we have enough materials for all! Here is a list of things we have going on in December;

- 12/5 Christmas Tree Craft
- 12/6 Christmas Ornament
- 12/7 Snowman Craft
- 12/8 Christmas Door Decoration
- 12/11 Gingerbread House
- 12/12 Cookie Walk
- 12/14 Holiday Cards
- 12/15 Ugly Sweater Day

- 12/16 Pizza pan Winter Wreath
- 12/19 Hoilday Bingo
- 12/21 Decorating Christmas Cookies
- 12/22 Christmas Breakfast,  
Pajamas Day, Christmas  
Cake Scavenger Hunt

## ***Federalsburg Senior Center***

December is a special time of year at our Senior Center. The holiday season can brighten anyone's day! Our center will be having a Gingerbread house building contest per table on December 5th. Wouldn't you like to join in on the fun of decorating and creating a masterpiece? Our center provides nutrition and healthy activities to get our older adults involved and to remain independent and active in the community and in our center.

Please come join us for our daily activities this month including:

- Weekly bingo on Thursdays
- Monthly birthday potluck luncheon
- Healthy coaching and SAIL exercise with Tyrell James.
- Melanie will be visiting the center on December 21st to discuss medications and take blood pressures.
- December 21st, Christmas party for our seniors.
- Cookie walk on December 14th at 10 AM, bags will be provided so you can sample all the cookies that we have to share.
- Our crafts for this month will include making ornaments, a saltshaker snowman, Christmas globe, and a fire work painting.
- New Years party and potluck luncheon will be held on December 28th to bring in the new year.

For a complete look at our calendar, please call the center at 410-754-9754.

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Oct. 24 Quinton Charles "Chuck" Potter, 93, Goldsboro

Oct. 27 George Melvin, 90, Greensboro

Oct. 29 Earl Thompson, Jr., 73, Barclay

Oct. 30 David Paul Lister, 71, Greensboro

Nov. 5 Patricia Ann Nemith, 85, Greensboro

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Oct. 6 Dustin Robert Lones, 32

Oct. 9 Carol D. Buckley, 72, Milford, DE

Oct. 12 Matthew Wayne Elmore, 43, Preston

Oct. 12 Tayandre Lamont Farrow, 31, Hurlock

Oct. 14 Ann Marie Haymond, 83, Greenwood, DE

Oct. 15 Michael Hubbard, 60, Federalsburg

Oct. 15 Mary Anne Lukacsina, 78, Federalsburg

Oct. 17 Vernon William Cox, 69

Oct. 19 Connie Ann Foglesonger, 67, Hurlock

Oct. 20 Rhonda Lynn Fearins Thomas, 56, Preston

Oct. 21 Myrtle Almeta Dukes, 80, Seaford, DE

Oct. 23 Betty Jane Hipple, 76, Tilghman

Oct. 25 Sheila Yvonne Narine White, 82, Guyana

Oct. 26 William Hugh Spencer, 76

Oct. 26 Dennis Earl Bland, 61, Federalsburg

Oct. 27 James Arlington Hurley, 91, Preston

Oct. 27 Timothy Warner, 78, Rhodesdale

Oct. 28 Linda Darlene Boda, 65, Laurel, DE

Oct. 31 Mary Lyle Brolin, 92, Federalsburg

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Oct. 3 Roger Edward Johnson, 76, Cordova

Oct. 5 Irene May Ashen, 102, Ridgely, Md.

Oct. 9 Melinda Lynn Headrick, 43, Roanoke, VA

Oct. 19 Korey A. Snow, 68, Ridgely

Oct. 23 James Leo Gannon, IV, 39, Easton

Oct. 24 Alvin Jeffrey Ciprich, 61, Denton

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Oct. 28 Doris Ann Butler, 82, Dover, DE



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# Caroline Review Word Puzzle

## Luke 2: 8-11

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Carroll says about 250 people live in the area around the intersection about halfway between Easton and Federalburg and four miles south of Harmony.

A search through the History of Caroline County, a book in the library, failed to turn up when the town was actually formed and when it got its Biblical name.

One elderly resident said the area used to be called "Fluharty's Desire," around the time of the Revolutionary War, then it became known as Willis Crossroads, after Col. Arthur John Willis, who owned much of the land. It was still known by that name in 1850.



The county history book noted that in 1865 the town's only schoolhouse, long since closed, was to be turned over to the county and made a part of the state school system.



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