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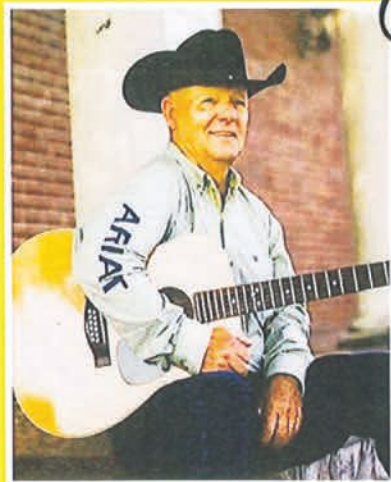
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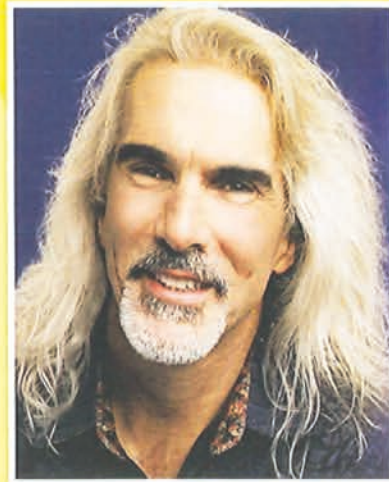
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(I am getting closer to launching the news service. Look for formal announcements in August and September).



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# REVIEW FEATURE

## Caroline Commissioners discuss various roads projects

### River Road and Harmony Road Projects Completion Deadlines are Extended

By *Connie Connolly*

DENTON – The Caroline County Commissioners discussed a variety of county and state roads projects needing completion, modification or planning during their meeting Tuesday, July 23, at the Caroline County Courthouse in Denton.

#### RIVER ROAD

River Road is a chief concern as North Caroline High School students prepare to return to school.

Comcast needs to replace a cable, which has held up progress and pushed back the finish line, although the cranes are in place for the culvert replacement part of the project.

“Everything doesn’t fall into line perfectly, and it just doesn’t make sense for us to open a road for a week or two to have to go through the process of educating everyone on its closure again,” Commission President Travis Breeding said.

“So, these things are painful. They cause inconveniences, but that’s the nature of the beast here, and we need to just continue to move forward. And whatever we can do to get that word out, I think would be helpful.”

“Let’s make sure that we’ve done everything we can to prepare for school opening and the potential traffic detours associated with River Road,” Breeding said.

Projects include grass cutting and tree trimming at intersections across the county, which the commissioners requested be completed by subcontractors, if necessary, “just to get caught up” and get to maintenance level, Commissioner Frank Bartz said.

“We’re being much too reactive instead of proactive,” Commissioner Vice President Larry Porter said. “We cannot wait for these ... things to reach a point where we have citizens taking pictures of them and calling us.”

Bartz said he talked to Caroline County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Derek Simmons July 20 and Sheriff Donnie Baker July 22 about the traffic implications for the area surrounding the high school.

He said Simmons has been “working for several weeks to have a plan in place” and communicate with the public before fall sports practices begin Aug. 13.

“Obviously, River Road is not going to be fixed by school, so we don’t need any fatalities there,” Bartz said. He said there will be a meeting soon to “get everybody on the same page” and communicate with the public.

The commissioners also directed Assistant County Manager and Director of Finance Daniel Fox to bid out the paving contract to start as soon as the culvert is replaced. Breeding suggested holding off on the paving project between State Route 404 to Central Avenue until a potential issues are addressed concerning a storm drain pipe running from the high school to the creek.

“We should have public works take a good look at Holsinger, Holly, Central, River – all of those roads,” Breeding said. “Let’s make sure we’ve got the grass cut, trees trimmed back, traffic signage is up good,” with no vegetation growing on the signs.

**Information from Caroline County Government on the River Road closure is on page 41.**

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## HARMONY ROAD DETOUR

As construction on the bridge replacement at Mill Creek on State Route 16 (Harmony Road) in Williston continues, Breeding expressed concern about the wear and tear on detour roads. He said the commissioners received an email about project delays “due to foundation issues” at the construction site.

“My understanding was (SHA) was going to reach out to the Caroline-Dorchester Fair Board, as well as local residents and businesses affected by the closure,” Breeding said.

“I did get a little inside information, and even though the email says they project the closure to go into September, it sounds like it will be done by late August, hopefully,” he said.

Although Breeding said the original completion date was Aug. 12, he was “optimistic it will be done by the end of August ... even though the state suggested it could be past Labor Day.”

Breeding said he thought the commissioners need to have a conversation with the state about doing some shoulder patching on Beauchamp Branch and Clark roads “similar to what we’ve been doing on other county roads.”

“The increased traffic has certainly had an effect on the county road, so it never hurts to ask,” he said. “I know the stop sign has been knocked down multiple times at ... the intersection of Clark and Beauchamp Branch ... and that’s from truck traffic.”

## DIRT ROADS

Breeding urged that work begin on maintaining the county’s dirt roads before cold weather sets in.

“We can’t get in a situation where it’s January, February, rain, snow, cold temperatures where ... dirt roads deteriorate,” he said. “We gotta fix them now in preparation for the winter,” restating the need to subcontract mowing to free up public works employees to shore up dirt roads.

Later on, as part of the consent agenda, the commissioners approved the purchase of a soil compaction roller for nearly \$150,000 from Carter Machinery Co., Inc., which will be used for maintaining dirt roads and for other county projects.

“We just need a plan, and we’ve got to get after it, so we don’t have our phones blowing up all winter long about their road issues like we did last year,” Breeding said.

## WOLF ROAD & JONES CORNER ROAD

Fox said he’s looking at remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to fund dirt roads maintenance and the repair of priority roads approved by the commissioners, which include Wolf Road in Henderson and the shorter Jones Corner Road in Concord.

Talks have begun with Lane Engineering to pursue engineering and design plans.

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The five students were nominated Lisa Wielgosz. Those attending were Sabrina Shreves, Hannah Morris, Jada Knight, Alexis Thompson, and Skylar Denny.

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## Girl Scout Juniors build a Gaga Ball Pit in Ridgley

*Submitted by Daphne Klocek (Troop 899 member, Centreville, MD)*

Girl Scouts do more than just sell yummy cookies. Each year girls from the Eastern Shore learn skills and earn badges that help build them into better citizens. In addition to having fun and learning how to be savvy entrepreneurs, the girls participate in many community service projects and work to identify and solve needs in their hometowns.

Last month, Girl Scout Juniors from Troop 869 and Troop 899 joined together to construct a Gaga Ball Pit at Martin Sutton Park in Ridgely. Girl Scouts Charlotte Goss, Zoey Waidner, Ava Jarrell, Eleanor Beach, Elsa Gerber, Daphne Klocek worked together to bring the project to fruition. This Bronze Award service project was the culmination of hundreds of hours of planning and advocating over the previous nine

months. The Bronze Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can earn, and it requires the girls to identify a community need and help produce a solution.

They decided on helping make Ridgely and neighboring communities a better place to play, and that led to choosing to donate a Gaga Ball Pit to the park. They presented their plan and asked for permission to build the pit at a

Ridgely Town Hall meeting last fall and the Town Commission accepted the proposal. On June 2, the plan that they had all worked so hard to create was put into action, and with the help of their dads, the girls constructed the pit. Through this process they learned how to draw up plans, take measurements, and utilize basic construction skills.



*Members of Girl Scout Troops 869 and 899 construct a Gaga Ball Pit at Martin Sutton Park in Ridgely. The project was awarded a Bronze Award in honor of the time that the girls dedicated to planning, prepping and building the pit.*

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## Signing Day for Youth Apprentices

### Aiden Russell Signs with Rick Breeding Excavating, Inc.

Aiden Russell, a rising senior at Colonel Richardson High School, recently signed a Youth Apprenticeship contract with Rick Breeding, owner of Rick Breeding Excavating, Inc., in Denton, Maryland.

To finalize the apprenticeship agreement, a signing ceremony was held at Rick Breeding Excavating, Inc. Mr. Breeding, Aiden, Aiden's mother Julie MacDonald, father Jason Russell, grandmother Jill Phelps, Caroline Superintendent Derek Simmons, Principal Jared Sherman, Counselor Jen Reed, and Coordinator of Career Readiness Eric Cook were in attendance.

Rick Breeding Excavating, Inc., is the first business associated with Caroline County Public School's Youth Apprenticeship to sign a second agreement. The company signed an agreement with North Carolina High School senior Ryan Snyder in the fall of 2022. At the current signing, Mr. Breeding reflected that the company had a good experience with the program.

Dr. Simmons thanked Mr. Breeding for his partnership. "The program is growing as prominent businesses like this work with us," he said. "We look forward to continued growth and support from the community."

*For rising juniors or seniors who are interested in youth apprenticeship, or for general information about the Youth Apprenticeship Program, visit the CCPS Youth Apprenticeship page. Local businesses interested in participating in a Youth Partnership should contact Eric Cook, [cook.eric@ccpsstaff.org](mailto:cook.eric@ccpsstaff.org).*

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES 2024

Regular Meeting	Work Session
August 6	None
September 3	September 17
October 1	October 15
November 5	November 19
December 3	None



*Aiden Russell, a rising senior at Colonel Richardson High School, recently signed a Youth Apprenticeship contract with Rick Breeding, owner of Rick Breeding Excavating, Inc., in Denton. Pictured: Jen Reed, School Counselor, Eric Cook, Coordinator of Career Readiness, Aiden Russell, Rick Breeding, Owner, Julie MacDonald, Jill Phelps, Jason Russell, family, Jared Sherman, Principal, and Derek Simmons, Superintendent.*

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To finalize the apprenticeship agreement, a signing ceremony was held at Lywood Electric with Jeremiah, his father Mr. Desire, Lywood Human Resources Manager Chip Williams, and CCPS Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric Cook. Lywood President/CEO Noah Lyden, CRHS Principal Jared Sherman, CRHS Counselor Jennifer Reed, and Logan Dean and Jacqueline Trieu from the Department of Labor Apprenticeship Program at were also in attendance.

"When I interviewed Jeremiah, I asked him what his plan would be if he didn't get the apprenticeship," Mr. Williams said. "Without hesitation, he told me he would still become an electrician. I was impressed with his drive and focus."

Mr. Cook noted this is the second Youth Apprenticeship agreement

entered into by Lywood, with the first occurring in October of last year with North Carolina High School senior Brennan Pinder. Mr. Pinder graduated in June and continues employment with Lywood.

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Supporting Jeremiah Desire on signing day, Logan Dean, Program Manager, Apprenticeship and Training, Department of Labor, Jen Reed, School Counselor, Jared Sherman, Colonel Principal, Chip Williams, Human Resources Manager, Lywood Electric, Jeremiah Desire, Jean Desire, Noah Lyden, President and CEO Lywood Electric, Eric Cook, Coordinator of Career Readiness, and Jacqueline Trieu, Apprenticeship Navigator, Department of Labor.

## Keara Smith and Madison Braband Sign with Craft Bakery

Madison Braband and Keara Smith, both rising juniors at North Carolina High School, both signed Youth Apprenticeship contracts with Bri Farrell-Rutkowski and John Rutkowski, owners of Craft Bakery in Denton.

These are the second and third Youth Apprenticeship agreements that Craft Bakery has entered into with the school system. Last June, Emma Robinson, rising senior at Colonel Richardson High School, became the first apprentice for Craft Bakery. Because that apprenticeship was successful and Emma has since graduated, everyone was enthusiastic about continuing a partnership. Both students are enrolled in the Caroline Career and Technology Center's Culinary Program with Chef Larry Ogden.

Craft Bakery & Cafe is located in Downtown Denton.



It's a family affair as parents and siblings celebrate signing day.

Top photo: John Rutkowski, Owner, Craft Bakery & Café, family Ben Braband and Erin Braband surround Madison Braband, and Eric Cook Coordinator of Career Readiness

Bottom photo: Bri-Farrell-Rutkowski, Owner, Craft Bakery & Café, Keara Smith with her family, Jason Smith, Candance Smith, Kaylee Smith and Kayla Smith, and Eric Cook Coordinator of Career Readiness.

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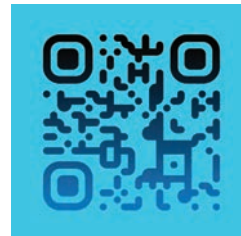
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## How should you respond to market cycles?

Submitted by Ann Jacobs, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones - Denton  
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The movement of the financial markets can seem mysterious — and yet, if we look back over long periods, we can see definite patterns that consistently repeat themselves. As an investor, how should you respond to these market cycles?

To begin with, it's useful to know something about the nature of a market cycle and its connection to the business or economic cycle, which describes the fluctuations of the economy between periods of growth and contraction. Issues such as employment, consumer spending, interest rates and inflation can determine the stage of the business cycle. On the other hand, the market cycle refers to what's happening in the financial markets — that is, the performance of all the different types of investments.

The market cycle often anticipates the business cycle. In other words, the stock market may peak, or hit bottom, before the business cycle does the same. That's partially because the financial markets are always looking ahead. If they foresee an event that could boost the business cycle

and help the economy, such as the Federal Reserve lowering interest rates, they may become more “bullish” on stocks, thus driving the market up. Conversely, if the markets think the business cycle will slow down and the economy will contract, they may project a decline in corporate earnings and become more “bearish” on stocks, leading to a market drop.

Once you're familiar with the nature of market cycles, you won't be surprised when they occur. But does that mean you should base your investment strategy on these cycles?

Some people do. If they believe the market cycle is moving through a downward phase, they may try to cut their perceived losses by selling stocks — even those with strong fundamentals and good prospects — and buying lower-risk investments. While these “safer” investments may offer more price stability and a greater degree of preservation of principal, they also won't provide much in the way of growth potential. And you'll need this growth capacity to help reach your long-term goals, including a comfortable retirement.

On the other hand, when investors think the market cycle is moving upward, they may keep investing in stocks that have become overpriced. In extreme cases, unwarranted investor enthusiasm can lead to events such as the dotcom bubble, which led to a sharp market decline from 2000 through 2002.

Rather than trying to “time” the market, you may well be better off by looking past its cycles and following a long-term, “all-weather” strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance, time horizon and need for liquidity. And it's also a good idea to build a diversified portfolio containing U.S. and foreign stocks, mutual funds, corporate bonds, U.S. Treasury securities and other investments. While diversification can't protect against all losses, it can help protect you from market volatility that might primarily affect just one asset class.

Market cycles often draw a lot of attention, and they are relevant to investors in the sense that they can explain what's happening in the markets. Yet, when it comes to investing, it's best not to think of cycles but rather of a long journey — one that, when traveled carefully, can lead to the destinations you seek.

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Our leadership is made up of community members, families, neighbors, and representatives from throughout the community.

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**Host:** Caroline Better Together Quality of Life & Wellbeing Action Team

**Date:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024

**Location:** Chambers Park, Lions Club Building - 223 Kinder St, Federalsburg, MD 21632

**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 pm, immediately following Federalsburg Back-to-School Resource Day

# Retired Caroline educator Pat Browne launches scholarship, reflects on career

By Connie Connolly

DENTON – She already had a formidable legacy as a dedicated educator who spent most of her long career teaching English and French at North Caroline High School near Ridgely.

Now Pat Browne is continuing her lifetime of service to her community by establishing the Patricia A. Browne Scholarship for North Caroline graduates who will pursue a career in either education or nursing. Since she herself received a scholarship, she wanted others to have the opportunity, as well.

This year's recipient is Delaney Citro of Goldsboro, awarded the first \$2,000 scholarship. She was among four applicants who answered Miss Browne's essay prompt, "In 10 years, where do you see yourself?"

Delaney aims to become a fifth-grade teacher. "She's in for a big surprise," Miss Browne said, laughing.

Delaney and her mother visited Miss Browne at Arcadia, Robin Fox said. "I just thought that was very sweet."

From her cozy apartment filled with memorabilia at Arcadia Assisted Living in Denton, Miss Browne recently shared her memories



Pat Browne gives the first Patricia A. Browne Scholarship to North Caroline High School 2024 graduate Delaney Citro of Goldsboro.

of growing up and teaching in Caroline County. Helping to tell her story was Robin Fox of Denton, who visits her former English teacher daily.

Miss Browne is a Caroline County native, with roots that go back to 1760. She will turn 90 on Sept. 16.

Miss Browne grew up near Denton, and she graduated from Caroline High School in 1952.

She won a senatorial scholarship to attend Washington College. She majored in education, earning her degree in 1956 and heading back home to teach at her alma mater.

Miss Browne worked at Caroline High School for three years before moving over to the new North Caroline High School, where she spent the rest of her career.

"I enjoyed what I did," she said. "It was hard work, but I enjoyed it."



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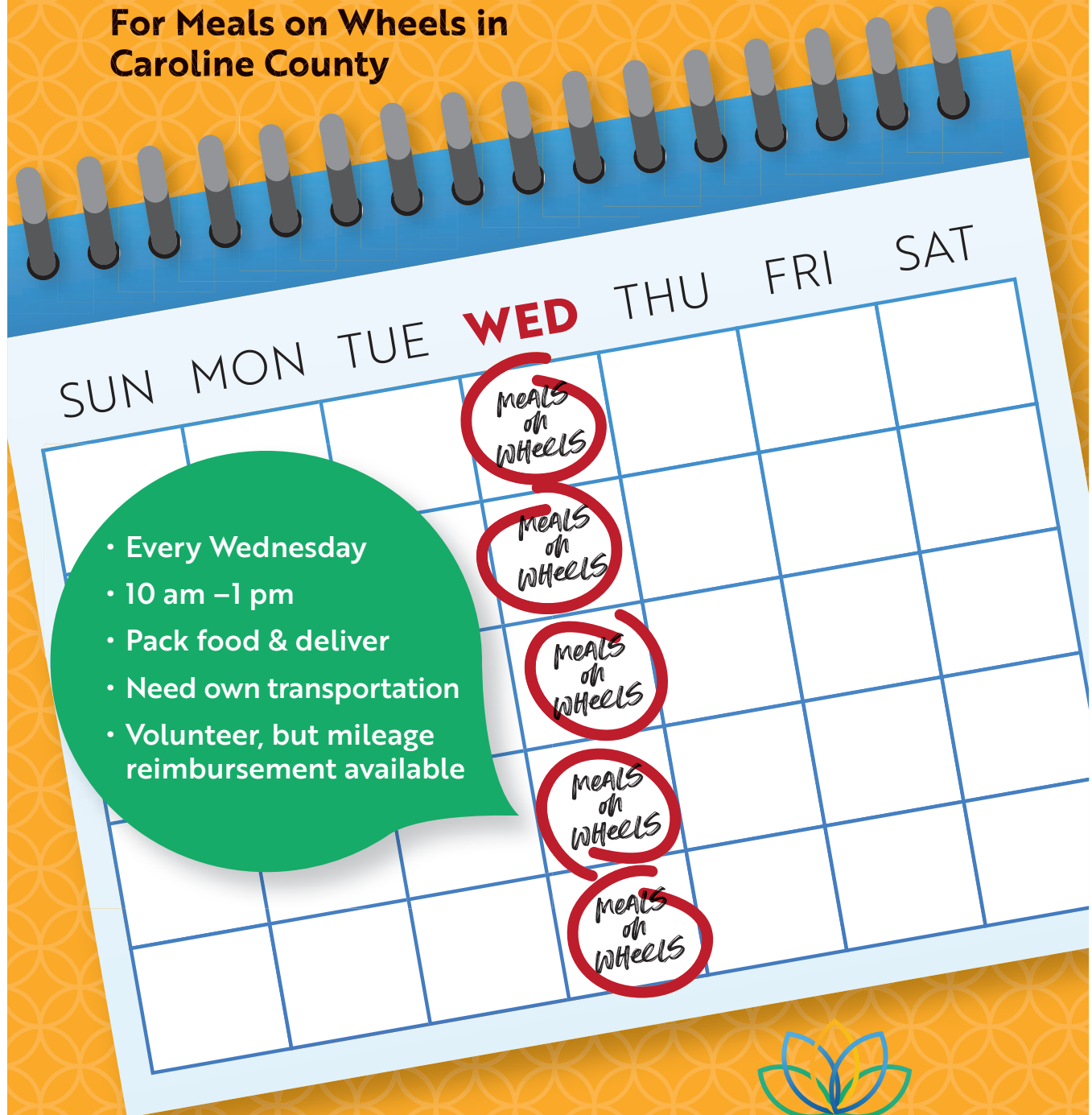


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## Remembering Jim Phelps

by Bryan Gadow

I've missed many a funeral in my life, including another important one just recently. It brings to mind one of my favorite old one-liners, "if you don't go to other people's funerals, they won't come to yours!" Based on my track record, the celebration of my days here on earth may indeed be a lonely affair. Certainly, it's not that I don't care. I have sometimes spent days, even weeks, thinking of the dearly departed, and considering what I would say about them if given the chance. Such is the case here. This time, however, I shall not hold my words within. With you, I shall share them.

As a kid I yearned to be special. Is that unique? Others were the fastest, the coolest, the best swimmer. I sought out any opportunity to be noteworthy, including: My Daddy knows the sales manager at Levi Chevrolet, Jim Phelps! You can see his name in the paper; his wife is one of the teachers at Preston School, and Daddy is on a first-name basis with him! Adulthood taught me, among many other things, that maybe this wasn't all that special...but that Jim was.

I was never in his top-twenty of friends, I know. But each of our conversations was worthwhile. Always, he gave me a lot of credit for some little bit of help I gave him when he chose to run for Register of Wills. We shared a love for Preston, Maryland and its history, and he encouraged me



Jim Phelps with his wife Jill and surrounded by his family.  
James "Jim" Lee Phelps, December 24, 1953 - June 16, 2024.

to write more about it. I'm sorry now that I didn't, while he was around to read it. Which takes me to one of life's tragic lessons, one I never quite seem to learn: Bryan Gadow didn't stop and listen near enough to what Jim Phelps had to say. With him he took an encyclopedia, filled with factoids about John Deere lawn mowers, old filling stations, people I never met, places I've never seen, and about life itself. I had the great chance to absorb so much, and let it slip away.

At the beginning of August, I'll be trouncing around the field out at the Thresherman's Show, except this time I won't see Jim off in the distance standing under a tent with Jill and chatting with friends. It's going to hurt.

I think, in the end, that my friend knew something important: it really doesn't matter how many pickup trucks you sell in the fourth quarter of the year. That won't advance you to anywhere you really need to be. More crucial is, what did you do with the fourth quarter of your life? My friend wanted to serve others, to help his community, and to make things better for his neighbors and family. The man I knew? He gave it his all. Gonna miss you, Jim.

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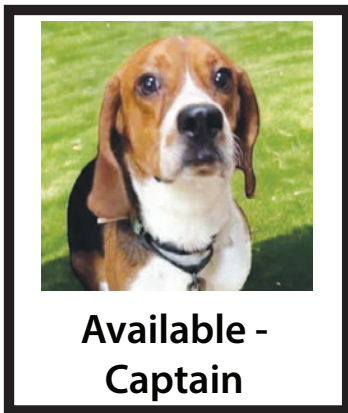


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# DOLLARS AND SENSE

by Tolbert Rowe

## First Time Home Buying Gets Tougher and Tougher

As discussed in the June 2024, issue, buyers are now responsible for paying their agents' commissions. No longer are sellers allowed to pay the buyers real estate agent as a condition of having their property listed on a Multiple Listing Service. As of August 17, 2024, real estate agents are required to have a signed buyer agency agreement executed prior to showing property to potential buyers. As I write this in mid July, we have not seen the new buyer agency agreement approved by the Maryland Association of Realtors.

What we do know is that real estate agents who work with buyers will have to justify the fee that they will be receiving. Sellers will only be allowed to pay their agents' fee for their services. Sellers cannot be required to agree to pay any of the buyers' commissions or fees as a condition of having the property information included in a Multiple Listing Service. This does not mean that the seller is "prohibited" from paying the buyers agent. If negotiated in a contract of sale and the seller agrees to pay any or all the buyer agents fee, it is acceptable.

All the changes we are seeing forces real estate agents to justify their compensation from each party in the

transaction, the buyer, and the seller. This is not to say that they have not been doing this all along. This new ruling requires agents to be more specific and transparent in everything they do to facilitate a sale of real estate for their respective party.

Buying a home and using the services of a real estate agent will require you to pay your respective agent. For the last 40 years sellers have understood that the fee they were being charged for selling their property included paying the party responsible for bringing a buyer to the transaction, the buyers agent. This total fee was traditionally 5%-6% and split equally between the listing agent and the selling agent.

Under the new guidelines, the listing agent fee and the selling agent fee are established separately in the listing agreement and the buyer agency agreement. The buyer's agent cannot receive compensation that exceeds the fee agreed to in the buyer agency agreement. This effectively eliminates any bonus to a buyer agent.

All these changes require real estate agents to explain and disclose in more detail exactly what services they are going to provide. It is possible that a real estate agent could charge specific fees for specific services. Much like

a cafeteria menu, a buyer could pick and choose exactly what services they would prefer, instead of a commission based on the sale price of the property, as it has been.

If you are a buyer, you need to review and understand the buyer agent agreement, the services you will be receiving, and exactly how the agent will be paid. You, the buyer can pay it entirely. You can ask the seller to pay it entirely. Or the fee can be shared. Anything other than the buyer paying it in full will be negotiated in the contract.

Keep in mind that every dollar of the buyer agents commission that the seller agrees to pay is reducing the amount of net proceeds they will receive after all costs of the sale have been deducted. Your agent will discuss with you how this could put your offer at a disadvantage if other contracts are submitted without seller financial contribution. This will have a disproportionate impact on first time homebuyers who traditionally have limited funds. I do not believe that this ask will be a surprise to sellers since their listing agent will have alerted them of the possibility.

Now more than ever, regardless of how a buyer compensates the agent, it is extremely important to have all your financing in place before you make your offer.

Historically, buyers have been pre-approved for a mortgage where a lender or loan officer has reviewed pertinent financial information of the buyer and determined that they are qualified for a specific loan amount using a certain loan program. It does not mean that the buyer is actually "approved" for a loan. Detailed documentation and credit have not been reviewed and submitted to underwriting.

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Your agent will tell you that to give a seller more assurance of your financial ability to go to closing and the seller getting paid that you should get an actual loan "approval." The fewer the conditions of a loan approval the more likely the transaction will take place. A clean loan approval prior to acceptance and ratification of a contract should only be conditioned on a ratified contract of sale, satisfactory appraisal of the subject property, and acceptable title examination.

A loan approval requires the lender to collect certain documentation such as paystubs, W-2's or tax returns if self employed, bank statements, and a mortgage credit report. This documentation is submitted and reviewed by an underwriter to confirm that documentation is in place as required by and automated underwriting system.

Once the mortgage is approved, your contract, accompanied by a loan approval, makes your offer the same as if you were paying cash.

Buying a home and using the services of a realtor is changing in ways that we have never seen before. There will be growing pains as the industry adapts to this new process. Real estate agents will be doing everything possible to make sure they are complying. Some will adjust and continue to be successful. I am afraid that some will find the new process frustrating and too onerous and make the decision to get out of the business.

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## Caroline Families May Be Eligible for \$120 to Offset Higher Grocery Bills

By Kat Stork, Principal, Shore Strategies

Caroline County, along with the Maryland Summer Meals program and the SUN Bucks program was to make sure kids have access to the food they need to grow and learn.

All Caroline students receive free breakfast and lunch everyday during the school year. They can also receive meals through the Summer Food Program provided by Caroline County Public Schools Nutrition Services. For information on how, when and where to pick up meals, text FOOD to 304-304 or go to MDsummerMeals.org. No application is needed.

This summer, the income eligible can also receive \$40 for each school age child 5 - 18 who is participating in a public benefits program. An application can also be completed to determine eligibility. For those with SNAP EBT card, an additional \$40 per month will be added through the SUN Bucks program.

For those not currently receiving SNAP, Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), or Medical Assistance/Medicaid (MA) will need to apply for SUN Bucks to receive the benefit at [mymdthink.maryland.gov](http://mymdthink.maryland.gov). Applications are being accepted until August 31, 2024.

(If you need assistance with the application process, Caroline County Resource Navigators are available to assist you. Please reach out to Renee at 410-463-2723 or Slade at 410-463-2843. They can assist you over the phone with the application on the MyMDThink website or can meet with you in person at various locations around the county.)

If you have not received notification that you were automatically enrolled or you are not sure if you received the additional \$40 per child benefit in June, the first month the funds were distributed, you can contact 1-800-332-6347 or contact one of your local Resource Navigators.

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Un niño en edad escolar es elegible para recibir beneficios bajo el programa Maryland SUN Bucks si:

- tiene entre 5 y 18 años de edad y su hogar recibe SNAP, TCA o beneficios de Medicaid;
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**¡Estas familias no necesitan presentar una solicitud!**

Las familias con niños elegibles recibirán un aviso de elegibilidad por correo. ¡Presentar la solicitud en línea es rápido y fácil! Las solicitudes comenzarán a recibirse a finales de junio de 2024. Solicite antes del 31 de agosto de 2024 para obtener todos los beneficios del verano de 2024.

### LAS FAMILIAS DEBEN PRESENTAR UNA SOLICITUD SI:

Un niño que está inscrito en una escuela del Programa de Elegibilidad Comunitaria (CEP, en inglés) que recibe automáticamente FARMS, que no está recibiendo activamente SNAP, TCA o Medicaid, y que no está en cuidado de crianza temporal no será inscrito automáticamente. El padre/tutor del niño tendrá que presentar una solicitud y determinar si es elegible para inscribirse en el programa SUN Bucks de Maryland. Las familias deben **presentar su solicitud antes del 31 de agosto de 2024** para recibir los beneficios del verano de 2024. A child who is enrolled in a Community Eligibility Program (CEP) school that automatically receives FARMS, is not actively receiving SNAP, TCA, or Medicaid, and is not in foster care will not be automatically enrolled.



¿Tiene preguntas? Visite [www.dhs.maryland.gov/sunbucks](http://www.dhs.maryland.gov/sunbucks) o llame al 1-800-332-6347 (seleccione la opción Maryland SUN Bucks).

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*Caroline County Health  
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If you discovered that there is lead in your home, how can you reduce your child's exposure to it? There are many things you can do to limit your child's exposure to lead found in your home.

The first step is removal or covering. Have a lead certified contractor safely remove or paint over lead found in the surfaces of your home. Paint chips and peeling paint can be ingested by children. If the lead is found in a household item or furniture, it is important to remove those items from use or to move that furniture item to an area that the child does not have access to.

Lead found in dust or soil can be trickier to get rid of. When lead is found in dust in your home, damp mopping is crucial. Especially in areas where children crawl or play. Damp

## Got Lead! Now What?

mopping floors, ceiling fans, window sills, and surfaces will help to reduce the affected dust that the child is exposed to. Soft surfaces should be washed or vacuumed often as well.

Contaminated soil outside your home is what usually causes the dust found inside your home. It is important to minimize the amount of soil brought into the home. This can be done by removing shoes when entering the home and keeping them in a basket or bin. If you have pets that play outside, try to wipe their feet when they come back inside or have a mat they step on before entering the home.

If a family member's job includes working with or around lead, this can become a source of exposure for a child as well. Have that family member change out of their work clothing, remove shoes and clean up (including their hair) before caring for the child or entering the spaces that the child plays in. This may seem like a few extra steps, especially after a long work day but it is very important

when trying to limit a child's exposure to lead.

Boost your child's diet with foods rich in iron, calcium, and vitamin C. These nutrients in food help to grab the lead and remove it from the child's system. They also help to keep the lead from getting into the child's bones and blood. Great food choices include lean meats, beans, broccoli, milk, cheese, yogurt, oranges and tomatoes to name a few.

Hand washing, hand washing, hand washing. Did I mention hand washing? It is so important for many reasons to make sure your child is washing their hands before eating and after playing outdoors. Washing hands removes lead dust that could be ingested when your child eats or puts their hands in their mouth. Wiping happy little messy faces is a good idea too!

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by Amy Horne, Executive Director, CASA of Caroline

### Back to School Already!?!?

It's hard to believe we're already thinking and talking about going back to school! The summer has flown by, and now is the time for families to start planning for the upcoming school year. With a little planning, kids can be set up for success before they even set foot in school. Here are some suggestions for ways to prepare your kids – and you – for a successful transition back to the school year and as little drama as possible once they head back to the classroom!

- Establish routines. Get them back in the academic mindset but setting up routines now that include morning chores, mealtimes, daily hygiene, and preparing to be ready to leave the house on time. Try creating a visual, like a chart, to serve as a concrete reminder of specific activities to be accomplished. Believe it or not, kids really like routines!
- Establish sleep patterns. During the summer months, kids sometimes stay up later and sleep in longer. Help them establish new sleep patterns one to two weeks before school

starts. The National Sleep Foundation recommends all school age children get 9-11 hours of sleep.

- Create a homework schedule. By creating a schedule for the upcoming year, kids will learn about time management and experience reduced stress, thus improving overall academic performance.
- Visit the school and review class schedules. This is especially important for kids who are starting at a new school. This will give them the visual concept of their learning environment and help them mentally prepare for the first day. For older children, learning their class schedule and where to go can help ease those first day of school anxieties.
- Have open conversations and make consequences clear. It's important to talk to your kids about what the expectations are from you and the school. Be clear with them about what's acceptable for their grades and school behavior. Once those are set, talk about consequences for not meeting those expectations before the school year even begins. This will help your child build their own motivation and understand where everyone stands going into the year.

- Make sure they have all the supplies they need to succeed. As adults, we'd never walk into a new job unprepared, so how can we send our children to school without all the supplies they need? Most schools have lists on their websites for what scholars in each grade need. School supplies can be costly so keep an eye out for back-to-school giveaways! CASA of Caroline is partnering with Caroline Pride for the fourth year to distribute supplies for the northern part of the county in Goldsboro on August 28. CASA of Caroline is accepting donations at their office and during Summerfest.

When kids head into the new school year with a plan, families will experience reduced stress and young scholars will thrive! To donate supplies or to learn more about CASA of Caroline, please contact Amy or Victor at 410-479-8301, carolinecasa@verizon.net, or via the website, www.carolinecasa.org. Donation drop offs can be made at 114 Market St., Suite 100 in Denton. Whether it's through advocacy or resource allocation, CASA of Caroline is committed to "Change a Child's Story"!



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## Dig In with the Caroline County Garden Club

Facebook - "Caroline County Garden Club-Maryland."

Via email at [ccgardenclubinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ccgardenclubinfo@gmail.com) with any questions about the club or gardening!

Caroline County Garden Club is a resourceful group, so it's not surprising to find members who enjoy incorporating local wildflowers in their creations.

Frugal Floral Finds: Let's talk about that lovely, frilly white-cap "weed" you find everywhere this time of year. You see it so often you might overlook this plentiful specimen for inclusion in your wildflower bouquet. Yes, we're talking about Queen Anne's Lace.

Also known as the wild carrot, Queen Anne's Lace is in full bloom across much of our county right now. These are indeed wild carrots, the ancestor of our cultivated variety, however by the time the flower appears, their root is too woody to eat!

What does Queen Anne's lace symbolize? Queen Anne's Lace has delicate lace-like flowers and is associated with beauty. The flower is sometimes referred to as 'bishops flower' and therefore it has become to symbolize sanctuary, safety and refuge. My English mother-in-law called it "cow parsley", which makes sense to me as you also frequently find it in pastures.



Harvesting Queen Anne's Lace:

Cut flowers - cut stems as soon as the flower clusters open. Gather the flowers in the early morning and immediately put them in water. Every two to three days, re-cut 1/2- to 1 inch off the stems.

If you want to maintain a lush crop of Queen Anne's Lace or a concerned about the sustainability of this lovely plant, allow them to remain in place until they shed their seeds before you harvest them.



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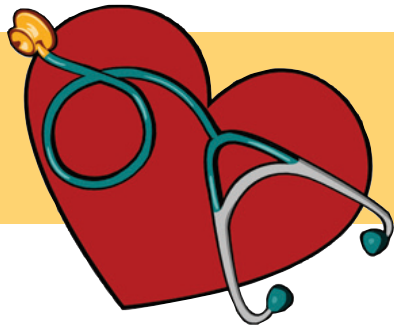


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# Health Corner

Tips, Classes and Programs to help you live healthier!

## **Tobacco Tax Increases the Real Cost of Smoking**

*By Heather Grove, BSN, RN*

You have probably heard that smoking cigarettes causes cancer, heart disease, and breathing problems. When people start smoking, they don't usually plan to smoke a lot but the nicotine in cigarettes is addictive. Meaning once someone starts smoking, they will likely crave more and more nicotine to feel good and get through their days. Cigarette manufacturers design their products to be as addictive as possible

on purpose so people that smoke will feel like they have to spend their money on cigarettes.

Tobacco companies make billions of dollars every year off of people that buy their products. Many people that smoke consume a pack or more of cigarettes every day. The monetary cost has only increased over the years. Increases are a mix of profits for the tobacco companies and tobacco taxes.

According to the American Lung Association, raising taxes on tobacco products is one of the most effective ways to prevent kids from starting to use tobacco products and it encourages individuals that smoke to

consider stopping. When it comes to smoking, money is a big factor.

As of July 1, 2024, Maryland has the second highest cigarette tax in the nation. A \$1.25 tax increase per pack of 20 cigarettes was passed during the most recent legislative session bringing the cigarette tax to \$5.00 per pack in the State of Maryland. Other tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices, also had tax increases in the form of percentages take effect July 1.

The average retail cost of a pack of cigarettes in Maryland is now \$13.37. At that cost, a person that smokes one pack a day will spend over \$400 a month or \$4,880 a year.

Oftentimes it is the money that really motivates people to want to stop smoking. When someone stops smoking for even just a week, they save nearly \$100! If they stay smoke-free for 6 months they can save about \$2,440 dollars!

The Caroline County Health Department offers private appointments with a nurse to help individuals that live or work in Caroline County to stop smoking. Call or text 410-829-0848 to learn more or request an appointment. The Maryland Quitline is another great resource available to anyone 13 and older looking for support to stop using any tobacco products. The Quitline can be reached 24/7 at 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

Reference(s): <https://www.lung.org/media/press-releases/tobacco-tax-in-maryland-2024>; <https://assets.tobaccofreekids.org/factsheets/0202.pdf>



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Choptank Community Health System is encouraging parents to ensure their children are ready for the new school year by keeping their immunizations up-to-date.

“We want to keep our kids happy, healthy, and protected,” she says. “Choptank Health is here to remind parents to schedule immunizations with your healthcare provider today.”

Rich says Choptank Health has developed an immunization portal at [choptankhealth.org/protected](http://choptankhealth.org/protected) to make it easier for Mid-Shore parents to keep their children’s health and immunizations in check.

The site includes Maryland’s back-to-school immunization requirements, the CDC’s child and adolescent immunization schedule by age,

and a tool to help find a healthcare provider near you, if necessary. Links are also provided for the childhood immunization programs of all local health departments.

“We’re fortunate to work with partners like our local health departments and schools to help prepare our children for a successful school year,” says Rich. “We’re working together to protect our children with immunizations to make it harder for these serious and sometimes deadly illnesses to spread throughout our communities.”

The promotion is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of an award totaling \$330,795. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not

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Choptank Community Health System provides medical, dental, and School-Based health services to more than 30,000 adults and children in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, and Talbot counties, with a mission to provide access to exceptional, comprehensive, and integrated healthcare for all. Medical services include primary healthcare, women’s health, pediatrics, behavioral health, chronic health management, lab services, and care navigation. New patients are welcome, with more information at [www.choptankhealth.org](http://www.choptankhealth.org).

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Adkins announced in July that free admission is now in effect at Adkins Arboretum!

Memberships fund this initiative and make it possible. If you are an Adkins member, we thank you! If you have yet to become a member, please consider joining today. Member benefits include discounts on programs, trips, native plants, and gift shop purchases.

Questions about membership? Please contact Kellen McCluskey at [kmclluskey@adkinsarboretum.org](mailto:kmclluskey@adkinsarboretum.org) or 410-634-2847 ext. 340.

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## Library Hours

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## Read and discuss the book that all of Maryland is reading at a book discussion group!

The selected One Maryland One Book for 2024 is *What Storm, What Thunder* by Myriam J.A. Chancy.

Released in 2022 *What Storm, What Thunder* features a cast of characters in and around Port-au-Prince, Haiti

who are forced to endure the chaos in the aftermath of the 7.0-magnitude earthquake that struck the country in 2010. The author shows the reader a vision of Haiti that is both heartbreaking and hopeful.

Contact the Central Library at 410-479-1343, or [info@carolib.org](mailto:info@carolib.org), for more information.

## New

### Maker Station: Buddy Bands

Celebrate your friends by making buddy bands! Use thread or beads to craft your creations  
August 1 – 31, ongoing, ages 8 and up, Denton, Large Meeting Room  
No registration is required\*

## Ongoing

### Adventures with Sneaks

Sneaks has his backpack and walking shoes on, and he's ready to go on an adventure with you! Check out a Sneaks Adventure Kit at the library, and let the shenanigans begin.  
June 10 - August 3, All youth (up to age 18), All 3 locations  
No registration required\*

### Sir Pent The Library Rock Snake

Sir Pent, the library rock snake, slithers along the walk outside the library. Add

a painted rock and watch him grow! There will be a snake at each library location. Which library will have the longest snake?

Stay Tuned!

June 10 - August 3, Children of all ages (adults may play, too), All 3 locations  
No registration required\*

### Library Passport to Adventure Scavenger Hunt

Come to the library and earn your passport by completing a scavenger hunt!

Scavenger hunt is designed for ages 8-18; younger children may complete with the help of an adult.

July 29 – August 3, All day event, Denton

No registration required\*

### Bookies Book Club

This month's book is: *Happy Place* by Emily Henry. For information about joining this group, call 410-479-1343.  
Tuesday, August 20, 1:00 pm, adults, Federalsburg.  
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Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 1:00 pm, Federalsburg Branch  
Tuesday Night Book Club Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 6:30pm, Central Library

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## Caroline County Public Library

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## Library Friends celebrate 30 years

By *Connie Connolly*

DENTON – The Friends of the Caroline County Public Library, Inc. celebrated 30 years of “bridging the funding gap” with a festive reception Thursday, June 13, at the Wharves of Choptank Visitor Center in Denton.

Executive Director Debby Bennett, who retired June 30 after 41 years with the library, told FOTL’s directors, “You’re just amazing.”

FOTL supports the three branches of the library in Denton, Federalsburg and Greensboro with furniture, maintenance and repairs; books and digital materials; new technology; summer reading and other programs; and staff development.

On hand for the celebration were two of FOTL’s founders, Dr. Joseph McCarthy and Jack Keats.

McCarthy estimated the organization has raised “at least \$250,000” over the years and recounted its founding in Greensboro as a small group, which

included the late Gale Nashold, who raised money for a library branch in the small town.

The next year FOTL became a corporation, and in 2005, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Outgoing FOTL President Angela Visintainer announced a major bequest the library received two hours earlier – \$268,399 from Kathy Carmean and her late husband Vance Carmean’s estate.

Elected to lead FOTL’s board of directors beginning July 1, 2024, are Lindy Lewis, president; Donna Carson, vice president; Lauren Muto, treasurer; and Ann Wilson, secretary. New board members are Kat Stork Blaher and Nancy Iacono.

Following a major fundraiser that started with a \$50,000 goal and ended with a \$78,000 donation for new shelving to complement the library’s recent major renovation, FOTL is busy planning further events, chief of which is the long-anticipated Mini Golf, the



*Two founders of the Friends of the Library, Dr. Joe McCarthy, left, and Jack Keats, attend the 30th anniversary celebration of the organization June 13.*

popular fundraiser that was suspended during the pandemic. The event is planned for November.

“The library really, really does have a great, great set of people working there,” McCarthy said.

For more information about joining FOTL or making a donation, visit [www.carolinefotl.com](http://www.carolinefotl.com).

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# Senior SPOT

## Senior Moments

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

Reminder that bottom feeders are still on the prowl, and with big purchases happening on the internet (such as cars, boats, large appliances), people receive cashier's checks that appear legit, but are counterfeit. Know that you are legally responsible for a counterfeit cashier's check. It doesn't make any difference if you cash the check or make a deposit, the buck stops with you for any funds you draw from a bad check.

You will have no recourse from the bank named on the counterfeit check. They are not responsible for the crime. Therefore, as with any transactions with unknown individuals, you should always call the issuing bank to verify any cashier's checks validity before releasing any merchandise, depositing the check, spending any of the proceeds, or transferring funds to third party. Third party transfers always raise my hackles. Be very wary of getting into third party transfers, particularly overseas transactions. You could get sucked into criminal money laundering activities. DO NOT call any telephone number that appears on the check since it may connect you to one of the criminals. Get the bank's phone number from the internet or directory assistance to confirm the checks validity. Ideally, one should take that check to your bank and have them help you verify that the issuing bank and individual are legitimate before completing any transfer of property.

Know that you, and only you, are legally responsible for a counterfeit cashier's check at your bank. Your bank's funds availability policy probably makes funds available

when it accepts the check for deposit, which can get you into trouble with a counterfeit check. The bank will reverse the deposit when the fraud is discovered, but you are responsible to your bank for any money drawn on your financial institution from the fake check and will have to repay all funds spent from the counterfeit check.

In this scenario, "sellers" who are selling large consumer items receive an email from a "buyer" offering to purchase the large ticket item. The buyer tells the "seller" that the payment will be made with a "cashier's check", or "official check," possibly purchased by a third party who "owes the buyer money." The buyer may mention that the check is greater than the negotiated price to cover transportation charges, import/ export fees, or that the third party mistakenly made out for the incorrect amount. The "buyer" then asks the "seller" to wire the excess funds to the "buyers" account after depositing the cashier's check. Red flags! Complicated is the way the shyster operates and is always trouble. Best to move on and drop that buyer.

On another note, SHIP would like to encourage everyone to open up their mail containing the Estimate of Benefits (EOB) from Medicare in your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN). I know they tend to pile up, but eight months into the year is a good time to evaluate what your covered costs and expenses have been. Look for billing errors and make sure your services, costs, and doctors jive. If you have a Supplemental Plan or QMB, check the EOB statements to be sure they are picking up your out-of-pocket costs.

Health care providers who are *Participating Providers* accept Medicare and always accept Medicare Assignment. Taking Assignment means that the provider accepts the Medicare amount for health care services as full payment, with you being responsible for 20% of the cost. Your provider submits a bill (files a claim), the bill gets processed and then the provider is paid directly for your

care. If you think there is something wrong with a bill for services, first call your provider or facility to check for errors in care or questions about what provider you saw. If you still have questions call the billing department. If that does not clear up any questions, call Mary Moran to get to the bottom of it!

*Non-Participating Providers* accept Medicare but do not agree to take assignment in all cases. This means they accept Medicare Insurance, but do not accept Medicare approved amount for health care services as full payment. Nonparticipating providers can charge up to 15% more than the Medicare approved amount for the cost of services you receive.

This is known as limited charging and increases your out-of-pocket cost to 35 %. (20% coinsurance + 15% limited charging.) If one has a Supplemental "G" policy in place, the "G" standardized supplemental plans is the only supplemental plan that covers the 15% excess charges. None of the other supplemental plans cover this limited charging excess fee.

*Opt-Out Providers* do not accept Medicare at all and sign an agreement to be excluded from the Medicare program. You are responsible for the entire cost of your care. These providers can charge whatever they want for services. However, they must follow certain rules to do so. They must supply you with a private contract describing their charges and acknowledging that Medicare will not reimburse you. Many psychiatrists and psychologists opt out of Medicare. Remember that chiropractic work is not Medicare approved.

Reminder to all those folks with August Birthdays! You have 30 days from the date of your birthday to change to a different Medicare Supplemental insurance company while keeping your current coverage, or can change your coverage with a different company, to save money. It's important to change companies for the best rate based on your age only. The reason rates will be so much

lower is that during this 30-day period you cannot be asked any medical underwriting questions at all. If one currently has been paying high premiums for an "F", it would be best to slightly reduce coverage and go with a "G" and pay the one-time pre year annual part B deductible for big long-term savings. Remember that if you reduce coverage, you cannot increase it again at a later time, so feel free to call Mary Moran to discuss your options!

Hang in there with these Dog days of Summer!!!!

### **Federsburg Senior Center**

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Located on the second floor of Federsburg Town Hall

Celebrate all this hot weather with some cool crafts, games and demonstrations for our seniors!

DIY a Summer Beach Bag on August 1 at 12:30 pm.

Stop by and show off your talents at this month's "Federsburg's Got Talent" show on August 15 at 12:30 pm.

Join us for "Bring Your Favorite Board Game" day on August 22 at 12:30 pm as we celebrate National Senior Citizen's Day!

More of a crafter? Join us on August 20 at 12:30 pm for our monthly craft sponsored by Federsburg Library!

Stop by and sign up for our friendly Cornhole Tournament on August 29 at 12:30 pm for a chance to be named the Federsburg Senior Center champion!

If you are 60 or older, please stop by and see us for resources, activities, socializing and more! Federsburg Senior Center is a resource for our local senior community.

### **Caroline Senior Center**

Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Located in Suite 127 in the Health Dept building, Denton.

The month of August will bring many crafts, health education presentations, blood pressure screenings, cooking demonstrations, new and existing exercise classes, and more.

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## Lions Clubs of Caroline

### Greensboro Lions Club News

The Greensboro Lions installed new officers on June 18, 2024: President, Kevin L. Barnes, Secretary, W. Allen Kinnamon and Treasurer, Stephen Fleegle. Accolades were given to outgoing President Joseph McCarthy for his leadership resulting in a spectacular Lions year. Incoming President, Kevin Barnes, is 22-year member of the club, and he and his wife Kathie reside in Greensboro. Kevin is the owner operator of Caroline Boating Center in Ridgley. Plans were made for the upcoming year including passing the proposed budget and committee structure. Also at the meeting, new member Daniel Parks was sworn in and initiated.

July 4th Games – Began with the playing of the National Anthem and welcome by King Lion Barnes. The only fireworks came from about 90 children participating in the games thanks to a beautiful cool morning. All enjoyed the various games consisting of running races (small ones sprinting across the finish line to no end); potato (golf ball) spoon race; sack race, softball throw and egg toss (grownups provided the entertainment as the distance became greater to award one couple winner). Following the games children enjoyed participating in the sawdust pile in search of silver coins. Game awards consisted of awarding three places in different age groups (silver coins). All were encouraged to save their money for the upcoming Greensboro Fireman's Carnival. Afterwards all were treated to free ice pops.



Competitors enjoy sack races during Greensboro Lions Club 4th of July games

Our club will meet on the first Tuesday in September, 6:30 p.m. at Wheatley Hall. We invite any perspective member to join us. Please call Secretary, Allen Kinnamon for reservations (410-829-3178/302-398-3899).

### Ridgely Lions Club News

The Ridgely Lions Club members continue to provide services to the Ridgely Community during the summer by providing assistance to the RUMC Food Pantry on the second and fourth Wednesday each month, placing new banners along Central Avenue, parking cars at Adkins Arboretum for Forest Music and delivering prescriptions for Ridgely Pharmacy.

In June, the Club awarded 13 first time scholarships and 2 renewal scholarships totaling over \$12,000 to students of the Ridgely area. The funds for this are raised during our golf tournament which will be held in October.

The Club will be participating in Summerfest in Denton on August 16 and 17. Stop by and enjoy a "Walking Taco" or an Italian Sausage sandwich.

The Club will resume its meeting in September on Monday the 9 at 6:30 pm at the Ridgely United Methodist Church meeting hall. Interested in becoming a Lion, contact King Lion Shad Brannock at ridgelionsec@gmail.com.

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The Fiber Arts Center Presents “PA German Love of Color Exhibit.” The German immigrants brought with them the desire to decorate their modest and very plain homes. The mid to late 1800’s explosion of bold colors and designs were captured by the Pennsylvania Germans in their quilts. Their unique designs, color combinations and quilting patterns have created the “Dutch” folk art that is collected today. The quilt makers desire of color and design can also be seen on the back of their quilts during this time period of the nineteenth century. Their folk art and love of color is showcased in the exhibit entitled “PA German Love of Color.” You will enjoy seeing what they considered their “best quilts”, which were made and passed on to future generations. We have lived our entire life in Berks County, the heart of “Pennsylvania Dutch Country,” and are thankful for the opportunity to share some of our local history. Please enjoy the exhibit as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you.

This exhibit will be on display at the Fiber Arts Center in Denton from July 31 through October 5, 2024, and is free for all to enjoy.

The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore (FACES) is located at 7 N. 4th St., Denton, MD. Contact it at 410-479-4296, info@fiberartscenter.com.



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Caroline County residents: We hear your concerns and share your frustration regarding the closure of River Road. The decision to initiate the River Road Culvert Replacement was a proactive measure aimed at averting a potential road failure that could have had widespread impacts across our county.

Here's an overview of why the road was closed in June and our current progress, as of July 25, 2024:

### Reason for Closure:

- The decision to close River Road in June was driven by the urgent need to prevent a potential major road failure.
- The culvert under the road had deteriorated significantly, posing a safety risk to motorists and threatening to worsen with time.
- Delaying the closure would have resulted in increased costs and longer disruptions to traffic.

### Current Status:

- Underground utility relocation has been in progress, with one utility awaiting final clearance by July 26. Although you can't see "shovels in the ground", several updates have occurred with many nighttime operations to finalize utility switchovers. For all of which, closure was needed.
- This project involves replacing the existing pipes with a more durable box culvert and raising the flood-prone section of the road by 1 foot.

### Environmental Considerations:

- Construction timelines are governed by state regulations to protect sensitive habitats, such as fish spawning season. Meaning, this is the approved timeline when we are allowed to repair our county road.
- We've worked to schedule construction to minimize environmental impact while ensuring safety and efficiency.

### Communication and Coordination:

- We have continued to collaborate closely with all our partners, including emergency services, the Caroline County Sheriff's Office, local volunteer fire companies, and the Board of Education, ensuring seamless communication throughout this process to manage any potential disruptions during construction.

### Timeline:

- Final utility relocation clearance is expected by July 26,

allowing additional construction to begin on July 29.

- This project is anticipated to be completed in late August, barring no unforeseen circumstances.
- We will provide regular updates to keep you informed of progress and any adjustments to the timeline.

Please understand that a temporary road closure of two to three months is necessary to ensure the long-term safety and stability of River Road. This proactive measure prevents potential road washouts and ensures that the project is completed efficiently and effectively. We appreciate your cooperation in making this essential improvement for the benefit of our entire community.



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# The River is the Center

A Choptank River History Project by Kennedy Thomason

## Currents of Change: The Choptank River's Legacy in Slavery and the Pursuit of Freedom

By Kennedy Thomason

The Choptank's waters, once pathways for the arrival and auction of enslaved African people, later became lifelines guiding daring escapes to freedom. Locals tend to boast that their lands are tied to some of history's biggest heroes: Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, and William Still. But why did settlers on the Eastern Shore seek out slave labor, and how did Maryland become the state with the most documented freedom-seekers? The answer lies in the existence of the "Great Choptank River."

The Choptank River played a significant role in facilitating the growth of slavery in the region. In the 17th and 18th centuries, the economy of the Mid-Atlantic region was heavily influenced by tobacco cultivation. This cash crop quickly became the cornerstone of Maryland's economy, driving settlers inland and up the Choptank River in search of fertile land. The river's rich floodplains and the

Chesapeake Bay's temperate climate created ideal conditions for tobacco farming. However, the labor-intensive nature of tobacco farming necessitated a substantial workforce, leading to a growing reliance on enslaved labor. Hence, Caroline County became a significant area for the expansion of slavery.

Due to shifts in agricultural profits leading to many slaveholders freeing their enslaved peoples, the Eastern Shore of Maryland had one of the largest free Black communities in any slave-holding territory. This free Black community found its niche in the maritime industry. The Chesapeake Bay was a major player in trade, making the Bay and its rivers hotbeds for communication between free and enslaved African Americans working aboard trade ships. The smuggling of enslaved African Americans from the shore on Northbound boats was rampant- Gilpin Point in Preston becoming one such trade-center-turned-runaway-haven.

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One of the many free Black people living in Caroline County in the pre-Civil War era was James H. Webb. His log cabin, which he built in 1852, still stands outside of Preston. He lived there with his father, wife, and four children. Webb's home, which is no larger than a studio apartment, is used today as an educational tool to represent the lives of free Black Eastern Shore dwellers. Despite the large free Black population, discriminatory laws, unfair hiring and payment practices, disenfranchisement, and other hurdles caused by government-sanctioned racism prevented them from climbing the social and financial ladder. James' wife, Mary Ann, was enslaved.

Marriage between free and enslaved Black people was common. Whites encouraged their slaves to marry, as marriage meant procreation, and procreation meant more people to treat as property. Over time, this system backfired on pro-slavery whites in the Eastern Shore region. There is a theory that the reason that two of American history's most celebrated freedom-seekers, Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, were from the Eastern Shore was due to this prolonged exposure to free African Americans. They saw firsthand that Black freedom could be achieved, and they wanted it for themselves. Harriet Tubman's first husband, John Tubman, was a free man, although he detested her freeing other enslaved people.

Tubman wasn't the only one working to free Caroline and Dorchester's enslaved community. The Quaker Leverton family, along with a free African American man named Daniel Hubbard, operated in Caroline County, guiding freedom seekers through the area to safety. The Levertons' home in Preston, MD near Linchester Mill, served as an Underground Railroad "station." The Choptank River and its tributaries made Caroline prime real estate for grist and sawmills, places where free and enslaved people would have worked side by side, where they were able to share information and resources concerning escape.

The Choptank River stands as a powerful symbol of both oppression and resilience in Maryland's history. Its waters, once instrumental in sustaining the brutal institution of slavery through the transportation of enslaved Africans and the cultivation of cash crops, later became pathways to freedom for many seeking freedom. In more ways than one, the Choptank River was a tool for self-liberation, as freedom seekers used it to navigate Northward and into Delaware. Using its shores for evading capture, its plentiful resources for food and herbal remedies, and the network of sympathetic individuals for shelter and guidance, the Choptank River that once carried their ancestors to their dismal fate proved essential for those seeking to free themselves of bondage.

Believe it or not, this is just the tip of the iceberg to my full research on this topic. To read the full version of this article, complete with personal narratives, the details of the slave trade in Caroline County, and more in-depth historical analysis, visit my website at The River is the Center (<https://kthomason1209.wixsite.com/the-river-is-the-cen>). I also lead History on the Choptank historical river cruises. For tickets, visit my website or find River City Cruise Co. on Facebook.



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## SUNDAYS

**Worship Service at Eternal Life Ministries** at 11:00 am 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 10:00 am. Virtual via YouTube #NBUMC or Zoom meeting ID: 242 506 3045 Passcode: 421282.

A new series of 13 lessons has started based on **“God’s Awesome Promises” at Bethesda Methodist Church,** 155

Main St in Preston. Each individual and interactive lesson is suitable for children age 4 and up. They are held every Sunday at 9:00 am. Call 410-673-1481 for more information.

**Greater Impact Worship Experience** every Sunday at 11 AM. Impact Kids (ages 3-11) meet during the worship experience..

## MONDAYS

**STARTING IN SEPTEMBER, the Ridgely Lions meet** on the second and fourth 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.

**Celebrate Recovery** is a Christian based 12-step recovery program for all kinds of hurts, habits, and hang-ups. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Greater

Impact in Greensboro. For more information, please contact Cathy Bowery at 410-829-7020 or Nick Rukstela at 443-239-7005 or email [info@greaterimpactmd.com](mailto:info@greaterimpactmd.com).

## FIRST MONDAYS

**The Greensboro Historical Society,** 104 E. Sunset Ave., meets each month on the first Monday at 7:00 pm.

## TUESDAYS

**Hot Soup at Aaron’s Place,** 401 Aldersgate Drive, Denton from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Come out and enjoy!

**Tuesday Bingo at Denton American Legion Post #29** at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Snacks and drinks available for purchase at break. Info 410-479-2708.

**English as a Second Language Classes** from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at Aaron’s Place, 401 Aldersgate Drive, Denton. Any questions, please call 443-243-5906.

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### THIRD TUESDAYS

**Caroline County Chapter of Maryland Right to Life** meets 7 p.m. at various locations around the county. All are welcome to help us defend life, educate the public, and work for legislative change. For more information or the location of the next meeting, contact chapter president Tom Lough at 443-996-3024 or Upcycle1atime@gmail.com.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Denton Rotary Club Meetings** are held Wednesdays from Noon to 1:00 pm at the Caroline Culinary Center 512 Franklin St. Denton, MD 21629. Come join us for a free lunch and find out about the exciting "Service Projects" the club is working on. For more information, contact: Charlie Huber 410-479-2070 charliehuber21@gmail.com. August 7: Regular Meeting, August 14: Regular Meeting, August 21: Regular Meeting, August 28: Business Meeting.

**Denton Farmers Market** Every Wed. 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm May 1- Oct. 30 at 3rd and Market St. Lot, downtown Denton. Hosted by: Downtown Denton Main Street. Contact info for vendors: DentonFarmersMarket@gmail.com or website: www.downtowndenton.com. Fresh local produce, plants and flowers, poultry, eggs, spice rubs, baked goods, coffee creations, artisan market, and more.

**Ridgely Volunteer Fire Department offers Line Dancing** every second Wednesday of the month from 6:00 pm - 8:00 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.

**Community Civic League Food Pantry**, 3439 Laurel Grove Road, Federalsburg. Wednesdays, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm or by appointment. Free food and clothing. Contact: 302-604-4216 or 410-754-6011.

In person **Bible Study** at 6:00 pm, Eternal Life Ministries, 807 Market St., Denton.

**Wednesday Bible Study** at 7:00 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. Questions:

Contact Don Reynolds, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market St, Denton, 410-924-6404, donaldwreynolds@comcast.net, www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org.

**The Ridgely Lions Club supports the Ridgely United Methodist Church with their weekly "Food Pantry"** from 2:00 pm - 6:00 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.



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**WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

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**FIRST THURSDAYS**

**The Activities Singles Klub (ASK)** holds its meetings the first 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

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**THIRD THURSDAYS**

**Third Thursdays**, May – Oct. in Downtown Denton, 6:00 pm. 200 block of Market St. Includes corn hole tournaments, live music, extended business hours and specials

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**Cruise In Car Show**, second Friday of the month, May-Sept. Downtown Denton. 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**SATURDAYS**

**Greater Impact worships** every Saturday at 6:00 pm, and Impact Kids (ages 3-11) meet during the worship experience.

**The Museum of Rural Life (RLM)**, 16 N. 2nd St., Denton, is open the following Saturdays in August: August 3, 10, 24, and 31 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. The museum will be closed August 17 from 11:00 am -

4:00 pm. The RLM houses WWI and WWII exhibits, a new Buffalo Soldier exhibit, an intact sharecropper's cabin, ship models from various eras of Caroline shipbuilding and elsewhere, memorabilia from FDR's visit to Denton in 1938, as well as many other exhibits and artifacts. A docent is on hand for tours. Enter the museum through the Annie Taylor House, built in 1819 by a merchant. Free to the public. Visit [carolinehistory.org](http://carolinehistory.org) 410-479-2055 to leave a message. Donations are always welcome

**Preston Historical Society Museum** hours for the museum are 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. The museum is located at 167 Main Street in Preston. For more information visit [www.prestonhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.prestonhistoricalsociety.com) or Facebook at "Preston Historical Society."

**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 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. The Research Center is usually closed on holiday weekends and dates of membership meetings. Particularly for out of town researchers, the

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### FIRST SATURDAYS

**Community Civic League Breakfast,** 3439 Laurel Grove Road, Federalsburg.

Every first Saturday, 7:00 am -10:30 am. Scramble, sausage, eggs, potatoes, applesauce, biscuit, oj, coffee. Cost is \$8. Local delivery available. One free breakfast to anyone who attended the original school or day care. Contact: 410-754-6011 or 410-924-0552.

### SECOND SATURDAYS

**Giving Grace Food Pantry** held at Goldsboro Fire Co., 700 Old Line Road, Goldsboro. Food available from 7:00 am. 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 10:00 am - 2:00 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.

**Eternal Life Ministries will have Fish Dinners** available from 11:00 am - 3:00 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.

**Men For Change Outreach** will meet every second Saturday, from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at the Apostolic Pentecostal Church, 123 Liberty Road, Federalsburg. Contact: David Ricks, Sr. 443-786-5182, or Betty Jarman, 302-448-5939.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

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## MONDAY, AUGUST 12-FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**

Caroline County Bird Club Pot Luck and Bird Walk at Camp Mardela, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. 301 Deep Shore Road, Denton (just before you get to Martinak State Park). The pavilion is on the left hand side as you are going down the lane before you get to the main campus area. Club Treasurer Robin Lahnemann will be prepared to take membership payments for the year for those who don't want to pay online.

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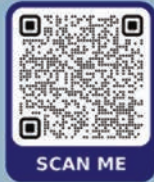
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## Events at Martinak and Tuckahoe State Parks

Check out all the events listed below that are offered at the parks this month. Plenty of nature programs and activities that are free or low cost.

### Special Events

**Summerfest:** Join us Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17 as the 35th annual end-of-summer celebration unfolds on the streets of Downtown Denton! Caroline Summerfest is a free, family entertainment festival featuring two stages of regional & local entertainment, a Friday battle of the high school marching bands, Saturday fireworks show, strolling performers, artisans, free Rec-Creations activities, games and food vendors featuring local non-profits. Hours are from 5:00 pm - 9:00 p m. Free parking and shuttle bus transportation will be available from the Health and Public Services Building off 6th Street (across from Fire Hall) on both days.

**Choptank Rivah Run:** Rivah Run is a fun, open, 2-mile paddling event on Saturday, August 16, for children and adults of all ages (under 18 must be with adult). Any type of paddle craft is eligible for this "POKER RUN." Beginning and ending at the Choptank River Yacht Club, each paddler stops at a series of five Dealer checkpoints

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**Five Million Trees:** Did you know that the State of Maryland is working toward a goal of planting 5 million native trees across our small state by the year 2031? This effort is known as the "5 Million Trees for Maryland" initiative. In an effort to meet today's challenges of increased development pressure and climate change, the State of Maryland has made a historic investment in expanding tree planting opportunities for Marylanders. There are a range of programs to assist landowners and community groups with tree planting projects of any scale, and the Maryland Forest Service has a team of regionally assigned specialists who can work with you to identify the appropriate funding and technical assistance. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved with the 5 Million Tree Initiative, whether through tree planting, tree maintenance, or seed collection. This program will be held on Tuesday, August 20 at 10:00 am at Adkins Arboretum. To register call, 410-634-2847.

**Diversity Around Us:** In partnership with the Maryland Biodiversity Project, Adkins Arboretum, on Thursday August 15 at 10:00 am, will bring experts and citizen scientists together to learn about and observe the natural ecosystems of Maryland's Coastal Plain. Empowered with identification skills, participants will be encouraged to continue submitting observations, which will be incorporated into the Maryland Biodiversity Project website. To register, call 410-634-2847.

**Bluegrass Music:** Eastern Shore Bluegrass Association will meet on Sunday, August 11, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, for a bluegrass picking gathering at the Martinak State Park Nature Center. Stop by to listen to some great music!

**Paint Afternoon:** Come paint a nature scene on canvas on Sunday, August 25, at 2:00 pm at the Martinak State Park Nature Center. Instruction, materials and refreshments included. Call 410-924-1529.

### Nature Walks and Hikes

**Martinak Morning Walk:** Meet at the Martinak State Park Office at 10:30 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a guided walk on a paved trail. Walks are approximately 1.5 miles in length or about 3,000 steps with plenty of benches available for resting and enjoying nature. Others may choose to walk longer through the camp loops and trails for 3 miles.

**Hike Tuckahoe:** Explore the beautiful trails at Tuckahoe State Park on Monday, August 19, at 10:30 am. Meet at the Tuckahoe Lake Parking Area for a 3- mile hike. Bring water, hat and bug spray. To register Email:karen.gianninoto@maryland.gov.

**First Saturday Guided Walk:** Discover native habitats as you walk at Adkins Arboretum on the first Saturday of every month at 10:00 am. To register use the following link: <https://adkins.donorshops.com/>

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**Healing Walk:** A walk on Friday, August 2, at 10:00 am at Adkins Arboretum is designed for those who are suffering from a loss, traumatic experience, or the demands of caretaking. Nature has the power to soothe and restore. Join naturalist Jenny Houghton each month for a nature support group. We'll take a leisurely stroll along our paths while listening, sharing, or simply soaking in the silence.

**iNaturalist Walk:** Meet on Sunday, August 18, at 1:00 pm at Adkins Arboretum Visitor Center to walk and observe nature along the way. Walks will be led by Jim Brighton, along with occasional guest experts. Registration is appreciated at this link: <https://adkins.donorshops.com/product/iNaturalistMay/inaturalist-walk-may-19>

**Cycling and Kayaking**

**Caroline Cycles:** On Saturday, August 2, meet at the Ridgely Train Station at 9:00 am to ride 20+ miles on country roads around northern Caroline County. Open to those who ride 12 to 16 mph. Helmet and water are required. Lights, tubes, and tools are recommended.

**Evening Cycle:** Meet every week at 5:30 pm for a 10-mile bike ride at either Tuckahoe or Martinak State Park. This ride is open to those who ride 10 mph and designed for cyclists new to road riding. A leader stays in front to guide the group and one experienced rider stays behind the

last rider. Meet up points are at major intersections and/or the halfway mark. This is a social group of riders, so come have some fun. Helmet and water are required. Rides leave from Martinak State Park Office on August 8, and 22. Rides leave from the Tuckahoe State Park Lake on August 1, 15, and 29. Lights, tubes, and tools are recommended.

**Scavenger Hunt Bike Ride:** On Sunday August 25 at 9:00 am, come cycle 15 miles or take the shorter 5 mile route. Pick up a scavenger hunt paper at the Martinak State Park Office. The paper will have clues to solve. When you reach the location, snap a picture and proceed to solve the next clue! When you return to the park, your clues will be checked and you will be entered to win a prize! The event is free. You must be 18 years old and helmets are required. Lights, water, and bright colored clothing is recommended.

**Kayak Meetup:** Bring your kayak for an evening of relaxation. Meet at the Tuckahoe State Park boat ramp on Monday, August 26 at 5:30 pm to paddle Tuckahoe Creek. Life jacket required. To register, email: [Karen.gianninoto@maryland.gov](mailto:Karen.gianninoto@maryland.gov).

**Exercise**

**Morning Stretch:** Meet at Martinak State Park Amphitheatre on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for an all body stretch, and an energetic practice at 9:00 am. No class on August 13 and 15. Both sessions are designed to improve your flexibility, core development, and balance through exercises and yoga. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. During inclement weather meet in the nature center.

Check our website for more park activities by clicking on the calendar of events <https://go.activecalendar.com/doit-md/?&q=y&search=y> For more information call 410-820-1668 or email [karen.gianninoto@maryland.gov](mailto:karen.gianninoto@maryland.gov).

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# County Summer Meals programs impress visiting officials

By *Connie Connolly*

FEDERALSBURG – Representatives from the Maryland State Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the American Dairy Association toured Caroline County Monday, July 9, to learn how this rural county with a high poverty rate tries mightily to mitigate food deserts and feed its vulnerable citizens.

They praised the county's efforts to feed young and old.

"I absolutely loved it," said Toni Wasi, a youth nutrition specialist with the American Dairy Association. She said she was "floored" seeing firsthand the community's programs to feed the hungry.

Driving this multifaceted effort was Beth Brewster, supervisor of Caroline County Public Schools Food Services. A traveling farmers market, meal preparation and free summer meals programs were covered by the tour.

"We have a lot of different agencies here to be able to see what Summer Meals look like – congregate or non-congregate," Brewster said at Federalsburg Elementary School, where Caroline County Recreation and Parks was holding one of its four summer camps July 1 to Aug. 1. "The USDA changed last year where you could serve non-congregate meals in rural America."

Federalsburg, with its Haitian refugee population, has the highest percentage of students – 78% -- who qualify for Free and Reduced Price School Meals.

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- Youth Development & Education Action - We want all Caroline County youth to have access to high quality opportunities that help them develop themselves and their community.



MSDE announced July 12 its summer meals program for youth under age 18 at sites statewide. "This USDA federally funded program, along with local sponsoring agencies, ensures that students in Maryland receive the necessary nutrition during the summer months," the press release stated.

This is the first year kids don't have to gather in one place to receive food.

"In the past, it was a law with USDA that all meals served during the summer had to be congregate, but it's very hard in a rural setting to have a congregate meal service," said



Children choose fresh fruits as sides for their nachos July 9 during summer camp at Federalsburg Elementary School.

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CCPS Food Operations Manager Samantha Figueroa. School districts across the country petitioned the USDA to change its policy.

“So, we are heading to apartment complexes, trailer parks, we are going door to door” for the meals service for children 18 and younger, Figueroa said.

“We can just hand them food,” Brewster said. “It’s helped us probably to double the amount of kids we’ve fed in the past.”

Last year, CCPS Food Service provided 45,000 meals. Brewster projects providing 100,000 meals this summer.

“And that’s a lot of manpower, a lot of manpower,” Brewster said. “In the past, we used to process local foods – blanch and freeze and put them back into the school system to serve all

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year. We're doing very little of that this year, and we're doing a lot more meals just because the need is so great."

Brewster has a staff of 60 employees during the school year, and employs 30 during the summer, along with high school students who volunteer and earn service-learning hours.

"So, it's just a really good community," she said.

The 2023-2024 school year was the first year the school district's 12 schools qualified for the Community Eligibility Provision, Brewster said.

According to the USDA, the CEP is "a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows the nation's highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications."

"We've always had universal breakfast for the last eight years, but we have universal lunch now, too," Brewster said.

Figuroa said the tour started with ADA's request to see the non-congregate

rural meal service.

"We decided to take the opportunity of having folks here in the county to invite some people from USDA, MSDE, No Kid Hungry, some other organizations to kind of come in and tag along for day to see what we do in Caroline County," Figuroa said.

Calling it a "model of community collaboration," Julie Fletcher, executive director of MSDE's Office of School and Community

Nutrition Programs, said the "school district has done a great, great job getting grants and community support" to make the meal programs possible.

The tour included mobile sites where the school district provides non-congregate meal services where parents, guardians



Beth Brewster, supervisor of Caroline County Public Schools Food Services, poses with the popular infused water dispenser July 9 at Federalsburg Elementary School.

or children "can come to our vehicle, meet up with (the refrigerated van) and receive a meal bag that has three or four day's worth of breakfast and lunch meals in it," Figuroa said.

Brewster said the focus is not just on feeding children, but on helping them



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Holly Foster mans the ShoGo traveling farmers market as Kenny Batson of Federalsburg shops for fresh produce.

make healthy choices as well.

“Our focus is on mindful eating,” Brewster said. “They’re focused on fresh fruits and vegetables and that the entree is secondary.” Local produce is specially prepared and seasoned “just to get them to like vegetables.”

Water infused with fresh fruit is such a hit that children ask their parents and guardians to do the same at home, Brewster said. An aeroponic tower garden in the dining area provides greens for “salad parties.”

Before their stop at FES, visitors stopped to see a traveling farmers market.

The Shore Gourmet Curbside Market is stocked with primarily local fruits and vegetables, ready-to-eat meals, frozen and staple foods and free summer meals for kids.

Holly Foster is the CCPS community outreach coordinator, as well as the farm-to-school manager. She also stocks and drives the ShoGo van all over Caroline, with stops in Talbot and Dorchester counties, as well.

Visiting the van at its Fairhaven Manor Senior Apartments stop were Thea Becton, a program analyst with the Baltimore field office for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Lamonika Jones, interim director of Maryland Hunger Solutions.

“It’s very exciting, especially in very rural parts of the state where it’s very difficult sometimes to get to people,”

Becton said. “There are a lot of food deserts, so it’s amazing, really exciting.”

“I love the fact that you there’s so much produce on the bus,” Jones said. “Seeing all the fresh options, especially in the summer months is awesome. ... You have Maryland produce provided by a Maryland organization that’s going

back into our Maryland families like it’s a whole, full circle. I would say it’s a model, especially for our older adults who are homebound or have mobility issues.”

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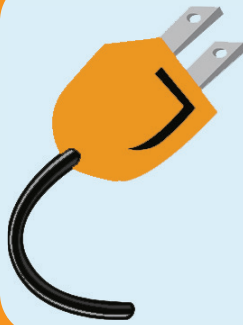
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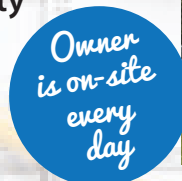
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- June 14 William Dore Joiner, 48, Lewes, De
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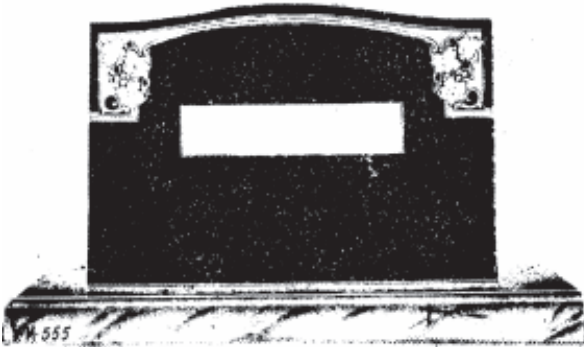
- June 9 Evelyn June Elzey, 91, Federalsburg
- June 13 Steven Michael Warner, 66, Preston
- June 13 Anna Mae Messick, 103, Lofland Park Center
- June 16 James "Jim" Lee Phelps, 70, Preston
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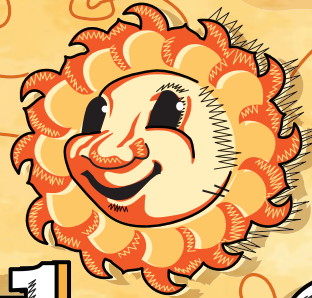


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