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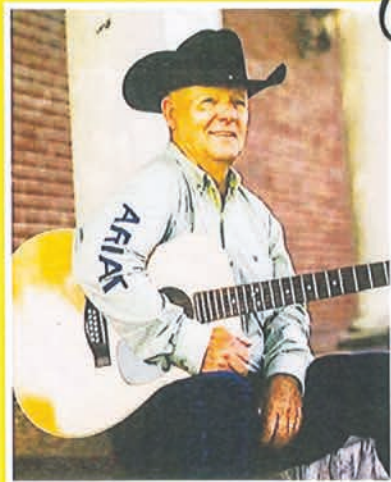
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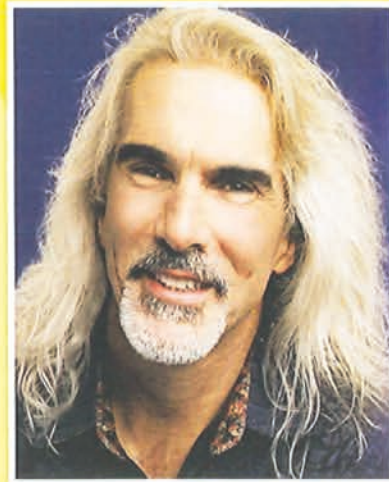
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Matt and Sarah Dahl, owners of Eden Town Brewing Co., talk about their vision for the brewery and family friendly venue, page 8.



Recently, I lost a pet, a cat named Nala, one who was with the family for over a decade. I bring this up because of the thoughts going through my mind as I process that there is one less being in my household, “wow, things really change quickly.”



You see, Nala’s “story” is connected with my daughter’s “story.” Since Nala first came into our household as a kitten, my daughter finished college, got her masters, worked at crappy jobs, found her true calling, met a guy, got married, bought a house, and had a baby. All within a lifespan of a cat named Nala.

How can it be, I ask myself, that the young girl who asked, “can I bring a kitten home,” is now a successful woman well established in life - and it all happened in a blink. Change is sometimes good and sometimes bad, but regardless, it always seems fast.

I have made changes to the Caroline Review. It seems that those changes have happened quickly - and they have. I want to make sure that the magazine stays relevant and valuable in this quick-paced media world. For you, the readers, the advertisers, and contributors, this publication must last longer than “a blink.”

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Caroline community mourns passing of Judge Owen Wise

By *Connie Connolly*

DENTON – The passing of the aptly named Judge James Owen Wise prompted the Caroline community to express on social media an outpouring of love and respect for the longtime jurist.

Many tributes to him included the words “great,” “respected” and “wonderful.”

his father, later following in his father’s footsteps by serving as State’s Attorney from 1970 to 1978, and then as Circuit Court Judge in Caroline County from 1982 to 1999.

Judge Wise also was the Chief Judge of the Second Circuit, and when his elected term of 15 years in Caroline ended, he continued to serve as a retired judge across the Eastern Shore. He was a Senior Judge when he hung up his robe in June 2024.

There may be no better testament to Judge Wise’s character than his work with CASA of Caroline, “a mission he passionately believed in noting that CASA gives a real voice to abused and neglected children in the courts,” his family shared in his obituary.

In 2019, Judge Wise recounted a “Brief History of CASA of Caroline,” and modestly declined credit for starting the organization, “All we did was take an existing concept (from Washington state) and brought it here to serve the children of our county,” he wrote.

“As we reflect on his legacy, we remember not only his professional achievements but also the warmth and kindness (Judge Wise) brought into the lives of those around him,” the Commissioners posted. “His impact on our county, our legal system, and the countless friendships he nurtured will be felt for years to come.”

Judge Wise is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Ellen and her husband Michael Vaughan, and their twin sons Griffin and Declan; and his son, James Steven, his wife Amy, and their twin sons Sam and Owen. He is also survived by a younger sister, Gaye Wallen and her husband Dan. He was predeceased by his wife Mary Ellen, his parents James Alfred and Dorothy Wise, and his older sister June Winkler.

Donations in his memory can be made to CASA of Caroline, Inc. at casaofcarolineinc-bloom.kindful.com/ or by mail to 114 Market Street, Suite 100 Denton, MD 21629.

County Commissioner, Larry Porter, remarked on his friend that Owen was as humble as they come. He never tried to use his position to any advantage or benefit. The Commissioner posted on his Facebook page, “Honored to participate in the memorial service today for an incredible public servant, the Honorable James Owen Wise. God speed my friend, thank you for your lifelong service.”

Calling him a “cherished member” of the community, the three Caroline County Commissioners posted on Facebook that Judge Wise “was a pillar of service and dedication, and his contributions have left an enduring impact on all of us.”

Judge Wise, 86, died with his family by his side Wednesday, Sept. 4.

He was known as a civic-minded family man and friend, avid golfer, loyal Baltimore Orioles fan, world traveler and doting father and grandfather.

Judge Wise was born in Easton and graduated from Caroline High School in Denton. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, in 1960, and joined the Army, earning the rank of lieutenant.

In 1962, he married Mary Ellen Ellwanger, and they enjoyed 56 years together until her passing in 2018.

While working during the day, he attended the University of Maryland School of Law at night, earning his Juris Doctorate in 1965. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar later that year.

Owen and Mary Ellen returned to Denton in 1966. He practiced law with

“His 17 years on the bench were characterized by fairness, wisdom, and an unrelenting dedication to the principles of justice,” Caroline County Commissioners Travis Breeding, Larry Porter and Frank Bartz stated on Facebook.

“Owen was an assistant chief in the Denton VFC when I was a member there,” Kevin Knussman posted on the Moore Funeral Home website.

“He would come in wearing a suit and tie, and take off the jacket and put on the turnout gear,” Knussman recounted. “That wasn’t all that uncommon in Denton with many of the members leaving their office jobs or church to respond. But Owen was a great fire officer among many fine leaders in the company.”

Judge Wise was a man who knew that children are our future. He recognized that meeting the needs of every child in foster care takes a village and in 2003, having witnessed the benefits of a CASA program in Talbot County, he decided to grow that village with the introduction of a CASA program specific for Caroline County.

Thanks to Judge Wise’s vision and dedication, the CASA of Caroline program has served over 100 children by helping them achieve permanency in a safe, stable and loving home. - Amy Horne, Executive Director, CASA of Caroline.

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In the Works - Eden Town Brewing Company

Denton couple to break ground soon for family friendly venue



By Connie Connolly

DENTON – A venue for families to unwind, spend time together and sample craft brews will open a year from now, but owners Sarah Minner Dahl and her husband Matt Dahl hope to break ground soon on Eden Town Brewing Company.

The feedback has been positive. “Everyone’s excited. I think people are excited that there will be something new in town,” Sarah said.

A native of Denton and the daughter of longtime retired Clerk of Court Dale Minner and his wife Candy, Sarah moved back home in 2018 with Matt, a native of Raleigh, North Carolina, and their two sons, James, 8, and Luke, 5.

Eden Town Brewing Co. will occupy the more than two-acre property that

fronts Gay Street at North 8th Street just off Shore Highway.

The Dahls hoped to be able to use the rustic storage warehouse currently in the center of the former Nuttle Lumber Company property, but it was too unstable to restore.

They’re working with Willow Construction to design and build a modern structure based on the shape of the old building.

On Aug. 29, Willow Construction LLC announced on its Facebook page, “We look forward to bringing this exciting new destination to life.”

“Owned by a local family eager to introduce people to the charms of the Eastern Shore, the brewery is named after Denton’s original name – Eden Town – established in 1781,” the post stated.

“Once you make the connection between Eden Town and Denton,

it helps you remember where it is, but it also gives you that sense of the Eastern Shore as the paradise that it is,” she said.

The process began in 2022, and last year, the Dahls bought the property for \$275,000 from J.D. Neal and his children, and worked with town officials to meet zoning requirements. “J.D. has been really supportive from the beginning, too, which is nice,” Sarah said.

Both Matt, 42, and Sarah, 40, hold law degrees, and while Sarah found her “dream job” as general counsel for Choptank Electric Cooperative based in Denton, Matt is able to work from home in the cybersecurity field. Eden Town Brewing Co. is their first business venture.

The couple has no background in brewing, but will hire a master brewer, and they plan to be on site and hands-on as much as possible.

“We had lived in Raleigh ... during the period where breweries were becoming really popular, and so we just wanted to add something like that here, where people could bring their families,” Sarah said.

“We’re going to have a big outdoor space and just something family friendly, where the grown-ups can have a good time and the kids can have a good time – a big place for the community,” she said.

“We wanted a place that had a lot of outdoor space, and there’s really not much of that in town,” Matt said. “What really attracted us to (this property) was the fact that it is actually in town and not out on the highway. And we’re hoping that while all the current restaurants and stores are concentrated on Market Street, ... this being here might actually wind up connecting the two, (creating) kind of a longer business corridor.”



Matt and Sarah Dahl announce that their Eden Town Brewing will be coming soon. The brewery and event venue will be located off Gay Street in Denton. (Photo credit: Mickey Pullen)

“If nothing else, this gives a boost to this part of town, and it was important to us that it be in town, something that people could potentially walk to, or something that adds to the heart of town a little bit,” Sarah said.

She said they hope to “draw from a bigger area ... (and) attract people from the rest of the Shore.”

Matt added, “We hope that people that are going to the beach will want to stop here and come to the brewery, but hopefully they’ll also go to other places in town because I think a lot of people drive through on the way to the beach, but they don’t know what’s here.”

“There are so many new businesses in Denton alone. But even in the rest of Caroline County, there is a lot to do, and we’re hoping that we can help introduce some people to the charms of Eastern Shore life through the brewery,” Sarah said.

Inside the new building will be a “tap room in the middle with a tall ceiling, and then it’ll have the brewing production area on the left side where you’ll have all the big tanks, and everything that you typically would see at a brewery brewing all the beer on site,” Sarah said.

The other side of the tap room will be a space “for small events, whether you want to have a bridal shower or a birthday party or something like that,” she said. A covered patio and an outdoor space for cornhole and playground equipment will invite fresh air activities for young and old.



Sarah and Matt’s sons were the inspiration to develop a family friendly venue for the county. (Photo credit: Sarah Dahl)

Plans for the future include food trucks, live music and special events.

“We wouldn’t want to build something that wouldn’t be fun for us with our kids and other families,” Sarah said.

For updates and information, visit Eden Town Brewing Co. on Facebook or edentownbrewing.com.

Conceptual drawing and logo for Eden Town Brewing Co., The venue will be sited at Gay Street at North 8th Street just off Shore Highway. Courtesy: Sarah Dahl



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Cautionary tales: Caroline countians warn of Vibrio dangers

Part 1 of a 2-part series



By Connie Connolly

DENTON – Kyle Register of Ridgely never thought about Vibrio. In fact, he had never heard of the dangerous bacteria that lurks in the Chesapeake Bay’s waterways.

All that changed when Vibrio almost killed him.

The “flesh-eating” bacteria can be aggressive and merciless. While severe or fatal infections are relatively rare and not confined to Chesapeake waterways, Caroline countians who have fought Vibrio infections locally are sounding the alarm.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “Many people with Vibrio vulnificus infection can get seriously ill and need intensive care or limb amputation. About 1 in 5 people

with this infection die, sometimes within a day or two of becoming ill.”

Eating or handling raw shellfish infected with Vibrio can be equally dangerous, because an oyster on the half-shell doesn’t look, smell or taste different from one that doesn’t have Vibrio; only cooking kills the bacteria.

On Aug. 28, Dr. Holly Trice, director of nursing at the Caroline County Health Department said only one Vibrio infection had been reported in the county, and was still being investigated by the state health department. She said warm water temperatures foster Vibrio’s growth, but lower water temperatures at night inhibit it.

Register, however, is now adamant about avoiding swimming in local rivers and eating raw shellfish that may be contaminated, and wants people to know why.



Kyle Register is recovering from Vibrio vulnificus infection that he was exposed to in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. (Photo credit: Connie Connolly)

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More than a month after his trip to the ER with a Vibrio infection, Register changes the dressings on his wound three times a day as he awaits the healing stage that will allow skin graft surgery.

A hard lesson to learn

Register, 43, whose nickname is “Slade,” grew up near Church Hill and spent many happy days on the Chester River. Saturday, Aug. 17, was no different.

On a tiny stretch of the Chester River between Conquest Beach and Rolph’s Wharf, Register ripped his left foot open on what he thinks was an oyster shell as he walked on the sandy bottom about 15 feet out. Because of nerve damage from surgery to repair a broken heel years earlier, Register said he just didn’t feel the 3-inch gash on the inside of his foot, from arch to ankle.

Although he doused the wound with rubbing alcohol he and his companion Audra Williamson bought on the way home, Vibrio was already wreaking havoc on his immune system.

About 12 hours later, the father of two teens was in the emergency room at the

University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton, where he could see the infection daily inching up his leg. By 3:30 a.m. Friday, he was in an ambulance speeding to the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, where he was met by over a dozen medical personnel.

Doctors cut away infected and necrotized (dead) skin down to the muscles, leaving a large, gaping wound on his calf from the bottom of his foot to his knee. He woke up to the sound of a wound vac and pain “way past 10,” he said. He learned that Vibrio was one of three infections his body was fighting – but it was the most dangerous.

With the encouragement and prayers of his father Kenneth and his church, as well as those of Pastor Doug Morley and the members of Greater Impact Church in Greensboro, Register feels “the hand of God” helped him avoid amputation during the second surgery, something that “completely shocked” his medical team, he said.

Register said Dr. William Chiu had told him before the second surgery of four

he had a 50-50 chance of keeping his leg. After the surgery, the doctor admitted the odds were actually 30%, but he “was trying to give me a little bit of hope to hang on to,”

Register currently returns to Shock Trauma once a week, where first he was being treated with biologics to help his skin grow back; unfortunately, that method was unsuccessful.

The former home builder and master carpenter was between jobs, and doesn’t know how he would be able to go back to work, given his midday wound care and inability to wear shoes until he heals completely. Any new infection or failed skin graft could land him back in the hospital.

“I can’t say enough nice things about the people at Shock Trauma,” Register said. “I have never felt safer. I have never felt more confident in a medical team.”

Williamson, a Preston native who grew up swimming in the Choptank River rarely left Register’s side during his hospitalizations. She said her friend, who is married to a waterman, “made

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sure he has bleach on the boat and peroxide and antibacterial cream,” after witnessing Register’s ordeal.

Scientists track the data

According to the Maryland Department of the Environment, there are over 80 species of Vibrio bacteria. It belongs to the family of bacteria that cause cholera, but “not all strains of Vibrios cause human illness.”

They cause “an estimated 80,000 illnesses each year in the U.S.,” according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which classifies Vibriosis “a nationally notifiable disease” for clinicians.

Vibrio vulnificus, however, “is known to cause life-threatening infections. About 150–200 V. vulnificus infections are reported to CDC each year and about one in five people with this infection die—sometimes within 1–2 days of becoming ill,” the CDC stated.

In September 2023, following five fatal infections from New York to North Carolina, the CDC issued a Health Alert which included “wound and foodborne infections.”

“Unlike other Vibrio species, V. vulnificus is primarily transmitted through open-wound contact with salt water or brackish water, but occasionally (in approximately 10% of cases) the bacteria also can infect people if they eat raw or undercooked shellfish,” the CDC reported in its Sept. 2023 report, adding in bold type, “V. vulnificus wound infections have a short incubation period and are characterized by necrotizing skin and soft tissue infection.”

Scientists don’t consider pollution a factor is Vibrio’s proliferation.

“The most significant factors for finding them in surface waters are temperature, salinity (a measure of how much salt is in the water), and chlorophyll,” according to the MDE. “Vibrio bacteria are not commonly found in the winter when water temperatures are low, but may be common in the summer and early fall when water temperatures are warm.”

Register has become a crusader, telling and showing anyone who asks how he was injured.

“I’d be out in the community walking

through Walmart to get groceries or whatever, with this (wound pump) backpack and a hose attached to my leg, and they were, ‘Hey, do you mind me asking what happened to you?’”

“Not at all,” he said. “Let me talk to you.”

Kyle Register wants to spread the word and encourages readers to email him with questions at sladeregister81@gmail.com.

For more information on how to prevent and respond to a possible infection, visit the Maryland Department of the Environment. ShoreRivers posts weekly bacteria monitoring reports every Friday from Memorial Day to Labor Day at www.shorerivers.org/swim.

A printable fact sheet can be downloaded at health.maryland.gov. Type “vibrio” in the website’s search bar.

In Part 2, we will share the story of Denton waterwoman Rachel Fazenbaker, who was infected with Vibrio five years ago. We will also update you on Kyle Register’s progress, share his doctor’s thoughts on the prevalence of Vibrio infections and avoiding skin infections, and the raw shellfish factor.

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Continuing a Small Business Legacy in Goldsboro

By Joanne Gelles



GOLDSBORO – At Cook's Tire Pros in Goldsboro, you can get your car serviced and do some shopping while you wait. The service desk and waiting room at this long-operating facility double as a friendly gift shop where you can find affordable gifts, clothing, and aromatherapy oils made by the owner, Candy Cook. The gift shop is called Jupiter's Garden, named after Candy's grandson and her passion: gardening.

Candy is the third-generation business owner. It all started with her grandfather, Arthur, a coal miner from Virginia. He realized he could make money by refurbishing old tractor and trailer tires, painting and re-grooving them, and selling them. This led to the creation of his first company, Black Diamond Tire. He eventually purchased the Goldsboro shop, which was originally an old sand and gravel pit. "There was nothing here except the shop with two ponds," Candy says. "Every tree, plant or flower either my grandfather or my father planted, or I planted." Her father Bernie built two family homes and ran the



Candy Cook, here with Mr. Kitty, named her gift shop Jupiter's Garden to reflect a passion she and her grandson share - gardening.

auto business with the help of his family and his high school sweetheart, her mother, also called Candy.

Candy was delivering mail as a single mom when her

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uncle asked her to come onboard his tire business in Harrington, Delaware. "It was a tiny room, dirty, tires everywhere, a fold up chair for the customers and a filing cabinet that was a box," Candy recalls. She continued, "I found out I was good at it and grew the business quickly. I quit the post office and did it full time." Her uncle begged her to buy the business so he could retire. She bought the Harrington location, bought Goldsboro location, and now has 12 employees in the two shops.

Candy believes in going above and beyond for her customers, treating their cars as if they were her own. She credits her parents for instilling in her the values of taking care of others. "It's four generations now coming to me for service. 99 percent of the people who come to us love us and we love them. We treat their car like it's our own."

Candy is passing on to her customers more than just good tire service. She says, "I am who I am because of them." Her mom recently passed but her memory is very much a part of every day. Her father passed away in 2016, but his legacy too lives on in the business. She remembers, "they were real characters. Where they saw a need, it was filled. Whether it was someone who needed a place to stay, or food or money, they met it. I still miss them so much." Candy speaks of her father, "He was a big Southern Teddy Bear - everyone loved him."

Candy's daughter, Emmie, is also involved in the family business, making jewelry and paintings.

*Candy Cook is
third generation
owner of Cook's
Tire & Auto
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Candy's future plans include expanding the gift shop and collaborating with her neighbor, who makes soap from goat milk. She also sold many plants this summer and has a greenhouse on the way.

Cook's Tire Pros and Jupiter's Garden in Goldsboro are both open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Harrington, DE location is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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“Doing It Different” - Lindsey Vanous Cares For Those in Need

By Joanne Gelles



PRESTON – Lindsey Vanous, owner of LNT Seafood in Preston offers more than seafood - she also offers generosity.

In August 2023, she advertised on Facebook that she had two boxes of left-over free produce. Within 15 minutes it was gone, and 60 people showed up with more need for food. She jumped on the opportunity to help others and started the initiative DID, “Doing It Different.”

LNT Seafood is the distribution point for others’ donations of canned goods, fresh produce, gently used clothing and other living essentials. After COVID she says, “I needed something to restore my faith.” Some people might not have 30, 60 or 90 days to wait for an assistance application to be processed. “Not everyone has a

laptop or WIFI or a cellphone, may not even be able to read, write or have a vehicle to get to a county office and then it’s just more paperwork, it can be overwhelming.” DID helps those in need immediately.

In front of the LNT Seafood are several plastic storage bins where people can go anytime and collect things they need. If they need food or clothing, they can go inside during store hours and ask for a “DID bag” or a “food bag.” No paystubs or any other proof of need is required. Items will be packaged in a simple brown paper bag and given to whoever is in need.

When supplies get low, she puts a call out for support on Facebook and within 24 hours there are more donations. To donate items - just bring them in. Unopened baby formula is highly needed for the food pantry. Lindsey will pay postage to receive cans of donated baby formula.



Lindsey Vanous, owner of LNT Seafood and founded of DID, started the initiative as a way to help the community.

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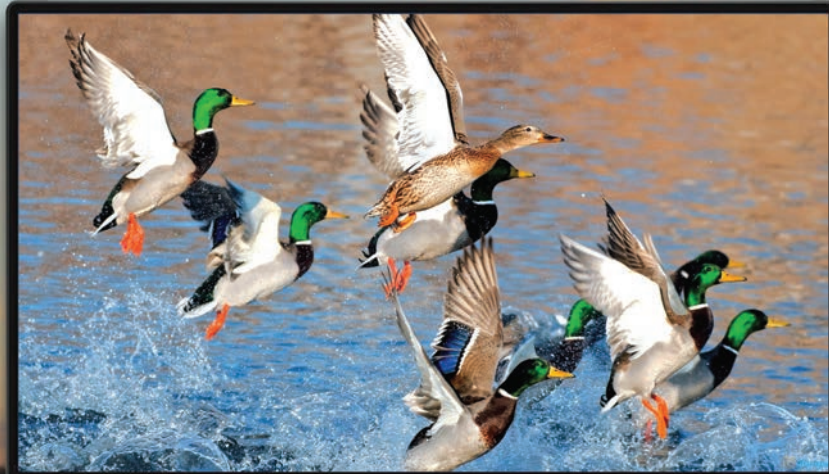
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Connect with Recovery Peer Support at Caroline Safe Station

By Debbie Bowden

Imagine that you've had enough. Your substance use has almost won, but you are ready to start the road to recovery. It is 8:45 p.m. on a Tuesday night. If you don't make a move now, you're afraid that you never will. Help is the only thing that matters at this moment. Where do you go?

Caroline County Safe Station.

Since 2021, the Caroline County Sheriff's Office has been designated as a Safe Station for individuals ready to take a step toward recovery from substance use. In partnership with Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Affiliated Sante Group, and the Caroline County States Attorney's Office. Safe Station is not a shelter, rather it is a program located at the Sheriff's Office that serves people who are ready to access recovery services. The program

connects individuals with peers who has lived experiences in substance use and recovery, according to Ann Simperts Wellness and Recovery Behavioral Health Coordinator with Mid Shore Behavioral Health.

Safe Station operates as an in-person program 24 hours / 7 days. Individuals can also call 888-407-8018 to be connected with a peer 24 hours/ 7 days.

When an individual steps into the Safe Station, first they are checked for drugs or paraphernalia and checked against the system for outstanding warrants. They are provided comfort services, such as something to eat and something to drink, and then they are connected with a peer. The peer and the individual agree to meet at a location other than the Sheriff's Office, to start the recovery process. If the individual seeking recovery services

shows signs of eminent danger to self or others, Affiliated Sante Group dispatches a Mobile Crisis team to provide the next level of support. Peers are people who have lived experiences surrounding recovery. They share their stories and support individuals seeking recovery.

Safe Station is not a shelter. Many times, recovery and lack of basic living needs go hand in hand. The Safe Station is a program to help focus on the recovery and work with other organizations and programs on housing, food security, personal security, etc.

Caroline County Sheriff's Deputy Cpl. Jacob Andrew is the Safe Station Liaison. For more information on the program visit <https://midshorebehavioralhealth.org/programs/safe-stations/>.



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Craft Bakery's Secret Ingredient? Local Students Powering Business Growth

Article written by Sydney Tryon,
Project Leader, Institute for
American Apprenticeships (IAA)

DENTON - Craft Bakery & Cafe is developing the local workforce by offering paid, hands-on experience to high school juniors and seniors through the Apprenticeship Maryland Program. Craft's second year of program implementation is supported by the Maryland Works Grant in partnership with the Maryland Department of Education and the Institute for American Apprenticeships. Craft is a prime example of how youth apprenticeships benefit small businesses, foster community, unlock local talent, and provide paid work opportunities for students.

Since bringing on one apprentice in

2023 and two more in 2024, Craft owners Bri Farrell-Rutkowski and John Rutkowski have increased the bakery's output and extended its operating hours. "We couldn't open six days a week until the apprentices came on board," said Farrell-Rutkowski, noting that having extra help also freed up time for family life. Initially inexperienced, the apprentices have become integral to the team, handling tasks like prepping ingredients, making dough, packaging, and cleaning. As they master the basics, they take on more responsibilities, allowing other staff to focus on additional duties. "It's been a game-changer," Farrell-Rutkowski added.

Mentorship is central to Craft's apprenticeship. Farrell-Rutkowski, a pastry chef with 15 years of experience, is committed to giving

young women a more positive entry into the industry than she had. In their apprentice training approach, Rutkowski emphasizes patience, "Be patient with them because they are kids. Skills can be taught, so give them what you can, and understand that you are not working at your pace but at their pace. If you're sprinting and they're walking, you'll lose them."

The two current apprentices, Keara Smith and Madison Braband, both juniors, praise the program. Smith said, "It's not a normal job. Here, you can actually learn what you want to pursue when you're older. I enjoy this, and it doesn't feel like work. It feels like going to something you want to do." Braband highlighted the apprenticeship's real-world experience, saying, "Apprenticeship lets you get real-world experience because it is hands-on and in

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public. It shows you what life will be like in the real world after high school.” Braband also pointed out the program’s value in a small town, noting, “Apprenticeships are a very good opportunity for students, especially in a small town since there aren’t a lot of opportunities here.”

Craft’s first apprentice, Emma Robinson, ran the bakery alone when the owners faced a family emergency. Robinson said, “It gave me the confidence to take charge and the skills I need to pursue my dream of owning my own bakery.” Since her apprenticeship, she graduated high school and still works at Craft while preparing to attend college and study culinary arts. Robinson’s success reflects her performance as an apprentice and the high quality of

The program is led by Craft and Eric Cook, the Coordinator of Career Readiness at Caroline County Public Schools. For Cook, this program is just the beginning of what youth apprenticeships can offer Caroline County. “There’s so much untapped talent here,” he explained. “This program is about keeping talent and businesses local and helping them grow here instead of losing our best talent to other areas. Every local high school student apprenticeship could add thousands of dollars to our economy.”

Cook continues that many students in the county are interested in youth apprenticeships, but there are not enough approved business partners and opportunities. Despite this challenge, Craft’s program highlights the

impact apprenticeships have in providing real-world experience for students, supporting local businesses, and boosting economic growth in the county.

For more information about Craft Bakery & Cafe, visit <https://www.facebook.com/craftbakeryandcafe>. For more information on youth apprenticeships in Caroline County, visit their website, www.carolineschools.org, and contact Eric Cook at cook.eric@ccpsstaff.org.

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.

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Dig In with the Caroline County Garden Club

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By Kimberlee Eveland

October is the perfect time to dig in the soil to provide yourself with an abundance of color in the spring. With a little planning and a little digging, you can be guaranteed a lovely spring display in your garden of crocus, daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, irises, and allium.

The first step in the process is to buy good quality bulbs. Look for bulbs that are firm, not mushy, and free from any mold or signs of disease. When buying bulbs look for little or no root growth and store those bulbs in a mesh or paper bag in a cool location until ready to plant. You want to plant them the season they are purchased.

Your bulbs will be happiest and perform the best in an area in your garden that gets six hours of sunlight and has good drainage. Once you've found the location it's time to get digging! One method is to plant in layers by digging out the area to the deepest depth your bulbs require, placing the bulbs that need to be planted at this depth on the bottom, then covering them with a layer of soil and compost to bring the ground level up to the depth

your next variety of bulbs requires. Plant those bulbs at that layer, then repeat the process until all your bulbs are planted. Don't worry about planting the bulbs on top of one another, as they grow their roots and leaves will seek open space to grow through. You can also plant bulbs individually, digging one hole at a time.

No matter what your planting method be sure to plant the bulbs pointy end up and roots down, cover with soil and mulch, and give them a good drink of water. Sit back, watch the leaves and snow fall. On the first day the temperatures are above freezing, run out to your garden to look for those beautiful green leaf tips poking through the ground, proving you survived another winter and that brighter, colorful days are just a bloom away.



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The Stories Behind Three of Denton's Most Unique Gravestones



By Kennedy Thomason

Happy October! You may have noticed the column has been renamed. This is not due to a change in authorship, just a change in the scope of my historical endeavors. Now to kick off the spooky season, let's talk about some gravestones.

Annie Bell Carter was the only daughter of Union Army Colonel Richard Carter. Col. Carter purchased the circa 1732 homestead Willson's Chance just before the Civil War. His daughter, Annie, was born a few years later. She left for Europe in her teenage years to pursue an education in art. In 1882 she returned to her home, unfortunately for her.

While sources claim she was feeling ill, I would imagine that late 19th-century

women's dress and the summer heat did not help the situation. Annie leaned over the second-story balcony, suffered an incredibly poorly timed fainting episode, and fell directly on top of a recently cut tree stump. She suffered for days before finally succumbing to her injuries at just 17 years old. Col. Carter was one of the main organizers of the Denton Cemetery. Annie became one of the first people laid to rest there.

Her gravestone, rather than your normal slab of marble or concrete, is a delicately carved stone tree stump with a cross leaning against it. Col. Carter buried Annie in an East-West direction with her feet facing the East- even though the plots were designed to be North-South. This was so that on judgment day she would rise to face God in the rising sun.

Unlike Annie Bell Carter, Marshall Price deserved what was coming for him. Fast

forward to 1895; a local fourteen-year-old girl named Sallie Dean was found dead along the roadside with a slashed throat and torn clothing. Marshall Price of Harmony joined a jury of community members to investigate the crime. Price immediately began pointing his finger at multiple innocent African Americans and quite vocally pushing the narrative that a white man could have never committed this atrocity. Price's defensiveness (and the fact that he kept revealing details only the murderer would know and then claiming the information came to him in a dream) quickly gave him away.

From the very beginning, local newspapers claimed that outrage was sure to ensue once a culprit was named- and they weren't kidding. Price was moved to Baltimore and held there until his trial due to the threats of mob

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violence. He argued until the bitter end, constantly changing his claims even after he'd confessed. He was sentenced to hang, and his execution date was set for July 5, 1895.

But the angry mob got to him first. With the sheriff held at gunpoint, the mob was able to break into the Denton jail, find Price, and carry him to a tree where they took the law into their own hands on the night of July 2, 1895. Pieces of the rope used to hang Price were taken as souvenirs, and what was left of Price's body was buried in the far-back plot of the Denton Cemetery. He too was buried East to West, except his feet faced West, so that instead of seeing God with the rising sun on judgment day, he would be facing backward.

Back in August, a Facebook post about a gravestone simply labeled "Brownie: The Towns Pet" triggered an avalanche of questions. This gravestone sits near a fenced-in water tank near the corner of Fifth and Gay streets.

Brownie was a dog known to follow the mailman, a Mr. Steve Brown, through the streets of Denton. Steve Brown was born in 1907 in Caroline County and was working as a mail carrier in Denton as of the 1940 census. Brown was still working as a mail carrier in 1950, but his paper trail (that I've found so far) ends up until his death in 1995. Brownie was apparently originally buried in front of the old location of the Post Office- across the street from the Caroline County Courthouse. The Post Office that exists today was built between 1960 and 1961. So, one has to assume that Brownie lived and died sometime between 1940 and 1960, give or take. The stone was moved after the post office's relocation, but whether Brownie's remains were also moved is questionable.



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Vote for solid investment strategies

Submitted by Ann Jacobs, Financial Advisor,
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With the presidential election just a few weeks away, the public is naturally interested in not just the outcome but what the results will mean for issues of national importance. As a citizen, you likely share these concerns — but how about as an investor? After the votes are counted — or even before — should you make some moves in anticipation of possible changes in policy?

Let's look at the big picture first, through the lens of history. The financial markets have performed well — and at times, not so well — under Democratic and Republican presidents alike. And the same is true about which party controlled Congress.

While it might be an overstatement to say that decisions made in Washington have no effect on the markets, it's not always so easy to draw a direct line between what happens there and how the markets perform. For one thing, political candidates often make promises that are not fulfilled, or, if they are, have different results than intended. Also, other

institutions can have a significant impact on the markets. For example, the Federal Reserve, which controls short-term interest rates, can certainly affect many market sectors. And there will always be external events, such as foreign conflicts and even natural disasters, that can make short-term impacts on the investment world.

So, rather than making changes to your portfolio in anticipation of what might happen if certain candidates get elected, or even in response to actual policy changes, look to other factors to drive your investment decisions.

These factors should include the following:

- Your goals – You probably have short- and long-term goals you'd like to achieve. For your short-term goals, such as a wedding, a down payment on a house or a long vacation, you may want to invest in instruments that provide stability of principal. For your long-term goals, most important of which may be a comfortable retirement, you'll need to own a reasonable number of growth-oriented investments.
- Your risk tolerance – When you build and maintain your investment portfolio, you'll need to accommodate your individual risk tolerance. All investments carry some type of risk, but you need to be comfortable with the overall risk level of your investments.

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by Amy Horne, Executive Director, CASA of Caroline

Stay Safe Trick or Treatin'



Trick or Treat, smell my feet. Give me something good to eat! Who else remembers that from their childhood? That was back when trick-or-treating was always safe and something you did in your own neighborhood. While times may have changed, concern for child safety has not. We all want kids to have fun on

Halloween but most importantly, we want them to be SAFE! CASA of Caroline has put together some tips to keep your children and their friends safe while still having a blast this Halloween:

- Dress appropriately: Make sure costumes fit well and are flame resistant. Avoid long dresses, baggy sleeves, and big and/or open-toed shoes that can cause kids to trip or fall.
- Use face paint: Face paint is better than masks, which can make it hard for the child to see and hard for you to see any distress on the child's face.
- Bring light sources: Glow sticks or flashlights help kids see where they're going and to be seen by drivers.
- Stay in groups: Send kids trick-or-treating in groups with an adult or two. Always remember there's safety in numbers!
- Stay in safe areas: Stick to neighborhoods you know and

only go to homes with lights on. Not everyone likes to participate in Halloween so be respectful of homes that choose not to turn on their front lights.

- Be cautious around animals: Be especially careful around dogs who might also be overstimulated by all the excitement. And definitely don't try to give them your candy! Chocolate can make dogs and cats very sick.
- Walk safely: Walk on sidewalks, facing traffic, and don't run. If there's no sidewalk, walk on the far edge of the road or on the grass when possible.
- Drive safely: This one is for those not trick-or-treating! Drive below the speed limit, especially in residential areas. Don't pass stopped vehicles, as they may be dropping off children. Keep your eyes peeled for any excited child who runs out in the street.
- Check treats: Wait until you're home to inspect your kids' candy for tampering. Discard treats that are not packaged by the manufacturer or someone you know and trust.

These are just a few suggestions to make sure that you and your children have fun and stay safe on Halloween. Another suggestion is to start preparing for October 31 by attending CASA of Caroline's Halloween themed Trivia Night on Thursday, October 17 at The Cow Barn in Ridgely. Tickets are \$55 pp or \$200/team of 4. VIP tickets are available for \$100 pp and include priority seating and unlimited beer and wine. For more information on this event or any of CASA of Caroline's programming, please reach out to Amy or Victor at 410-479-8301 or info@casaofcaroline.org.

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- Your time horizon – Where you are in life is an important consideration when investing. When you are young and just starting out in your career, you may be able to focus more on growth, as you have time to overcome the inevitable short-term market downturns. But as you near retirement, you may want to consolidate any gains you may have achieved, and lower your risk level, by moving your portfolio toward a somewhat more conservative approach. Even in retirement, though, you will need some growth potential to stay ahead of inflation.
- Your needs for liquidity – As you invest, you'll need to maintain an adequate amount of cash and cash equivalents in your holdings. Without this liquidity, you might be forced to sell long-term investments in case you have unexpected expenses.

In any case, when it comes to investing, you may want to pay less attention to what names are on the ballot — and instead “vote” for the longer-term strategies that reflect your needs and goals.

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First Time Home Buying Gets Tougher and Tougher

Affordable Housing has become a major issue in this year's Presidential election. Low inventory of homes available for sale and rent has been the spark that has shot prices and monthly rents through the roof.

According to Property Management, average rents increased 11 percent from 2016 to 2020, during the Trump administration and more that doubled to 29 percent from 2020 to 2024, during the Biden administration. Previous affordability challenges have been addressed by building more affordable rental housing units. But new housing projects take time to move through the approval and permitting process and available inventory has not kept up.

Prices of single-family residential property has seen a more significant increase. According to the St Louis Federal Reserve during these same time period the average purchase price of both existing and new single-family homes increased 7.2 percent during the period 2016 -2020 from the prior four-year period. Prices have soared 31 percent from 2020-2024. The current national average sale price of a home is \$501,000 in 2024.

The price of housing has increased much faster than wages which means families are forced to allocate more of

their income to housing leaving less for other spending.

Housing inflation has become a political issue in this campaign. Both candidates have ideas, but are they realistic solutions?

President Donald Trump proposed reducing housing regulations that, by his calculation, adds 30 percent to the cost on new homes. I am not sure how he accomplishes this since building and zoning regulations are locally controlled. Tax incentives for builders and developers can help offset the lower profit margins encouraging more builders and developers to participate. He has also proposed opening Federal Lands and abandoned military bases to large scale housing construction and repurpose Federal buildings for residential use. Something President Biden also has proposed.

Trump has also proposed that the President be made a member of the Federal Reserve Open Market committee that determines and set interest rates. This would impact the Federal Reserves status as an independent agency and introduce political influence on a government body that is supposed to be apolitical.

Vice President Kamala Harris has promised to work with the private sector to build three million new

housing units by the end of her first term. She also proposes to expand the low-income housing tax credit and provide \$25,000 down payment assistance for first time home buyers. Giving \$25,000 to potentially four million first time home buyers will have the opposite effect on prices by creating more demand for limited inventory thus moving prices up even more.

Each candidate has worthy proposals, but at this point that is all they are. A promise made is not always a promise kept. Especially when it comes to a politician seeking a vote.

I do know that prices will remain elevated as long as inventory of available rental units and houses for sale is less than the demand. The simple answer seems to be, build more rental units for those who cannot buy a home and lower interest rates to a level that does not discourage current homeowners from selling and moving up.

As a country we are about to vote in one of the most consequential elections in decades. It has been a long time since we have had two candidates so fundamentally different in their perspective of where we are as a country and their vision for the future. I hope and pray that our electoral process is fair and unbiased, and that regardless of who wins, we can come together as a country and work toward a common good, respecting each others' thoughts and opinions.

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

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by Bryan Gadow

Dare to Be Pruned

A bit-o-trim, here and there. Take off some dead wood. Carefully lop that branch, just enough. Spring and summer, never a welcome chore to these hands. The voice, though, spoke to me regularly: this tree, that bush, these limbs **MUST GO**. Purposeful procrastination bought time but ultimately the time had come. Those cuts likely hurt me worse than the vegetation, though the cuts were necessary.

I was never a parent, lest you count some cats or perhaps those parakeets I had when I was a kid. I suppose I'd have made a less than satisfactory one as I'm not so good at correction. If I cannot tame an unruly maple, how would I tackle a child's tantrum? Maybe if I were in those shoes, it would all come to me.

My Dad had to correct me a few times (a few!) Certainly, it might have hurt at the time, not physically but mentally (never did he pull off that belt.) But looking back my feelings are positive. He saw me doing wrong and worked to steer me right, even if it might have hurt him at the time.

There are some trees along the yard's edge that I've let go of for so long that they'll never be right. Their destiny now is to go off in the wrong direction or die. I can do nothing else with them now. So it is with a parent: they can spend 18 years shaping that child at which point the pruning, or lack of it, is there for all to see. I've seen what happens when a parent fails, and I'm positive you have as well.

I picture our heavenly Father, watching each of us carefully. He sees where we are going wrong, and where we have strengths. He can see the big picture: He can see us fully grown, perfectly formed, reaching for the sky. It must hurt him so to see us putting all our efforts to go left when we should go right. Oft times He reaches down, and He redirects our path, and what do we do? We curse and we cry. We want to go **OUR** way. And if we insist? We can tell the gardener to leave us alone; He will, no doubt with a tear in his eye, leave us alone forever. Rather than someday living in the King's garden, where it is ever Spring, where our roots dip into where the gentle water ever flows, where the Son ever shines...rather than that, we will find our tangled branches facing that long, long winter, that everlasting drought, that storm without rain, that fire that never ceases.



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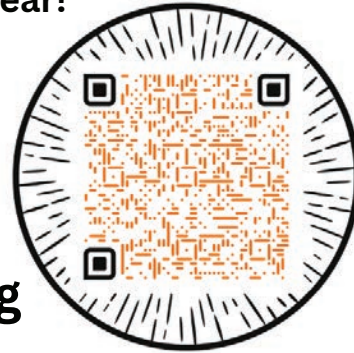
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Health Corner

Tips to help you live healthier!

What You Need To Know About Nicotine Pouches



By Heather Grove,
BSN, RN

Summer is coming to an end and back to school time is right around the corner. As kids are advancing into the next grade level or transitioning into new schools they will be faced with many new experiences and opportunities.

Young minds are curious. Teen minds are searching for their place and enjoy taking risks. Kids and teens experience physical and psychological growth. In fact, the human brain continues to grow and develop until our mid-twenties. While the youth brain is still

maturing, adults play a substantial role in youth decision making.

Nicotine addiction is something most adults would agree they want to protect their children from. One of the first ways to do this is to educate yourself on this topic. Learn what products are trending. Disposable vapes, brands like Elf Bar and Vuse, along with nicotine pouches, brands like Zyn, Velo, and Rogue seem popular right now. Don't be naive thinking "my kid would never do that" or "it's just the bad kids that get into that." It's not. Youth across all stereotypes have been tricked by the tobacco and nicotine companies into using products that contain nicotine. It's jocks, overachievers, nerds, rebels, popular kids, rednecks, misfits, and band kids. Kids across every social

class have all been duped into vaping. The social norm of "smoking looks cool" has shifted to uncool but vaping is seen as something entirely different. Even though it's often the same tobacco companies behind the vaping products, vaping doesn't seem to carry the same negative social stigma.

Kids in our elementary schools, as young as third grade, have been caught vaping at school. By middle school some kids report vaping every day. Curiosity, flavors, and trying to cope with stress are top reasons why.

Popularity of nicotine pouches has been growing and use of these products can be easily concealed.

I encourage parents to start talking
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Most kids do not misuse prescription medications, but about 16% of Caroline County high school students have. Help keep them safe with proper medication storage and disposal.

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



by Leigh Marquess, RN

This year in the USA it is estimated that over 310,720 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer (BRCA).

About 56,500 new cases of ductal carcinoma insitu (DCIS) will be diagnosed. This is non-invasive and the earliest form of BRCA. About 42,250 women will die from breast cancer. In Maryland, an estimated 5,760 women will be diagnosed, and 850 women will die from the disease. (Statistics from The American Cancer Society.)

Nicotine Pouches

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about nicotine prevention when kids are in elementary school. It's likely your child is already aware of these products and may have started to form some options. This can be a great place to start the conversation. See what they already know. Correct any misperceptions. Educate yourself to be aware of key facts.

There is no perfect time to talk and it's not a one-time conversation. Ongoing open dialogue and conveying clear expectations are crucial.

Conversation tips:

Ask open ended questions.

Acknowledge their strengths and independence.

Be ready to hear your child may have tried vaped. Don't panic.

Understand Big Tobacco targets kids; educate your kid about their tactics.

Connect facts with things that matter to your kid specifically; make it persona. Share with them how vaping affects their brain. Acknowledge that school can be stressful, and that there are healthy ways to cope with the stress. Point out how the money saved by not vaping can be used for something positive.

It is time to take action, end disparities, and be breast health aware. The Susan G. Komen for the Cure recommends that you:

(1). Know your risk by learning about your family health history and talk to your health care provider about your personal risk.

(2). Get screened! Ask your doctor or nurse practitioner about which screening tests are right for you. Have a mammogram every year starting at age 40 if you are at average risk. Have a clinical breast exam at least every 3 years starting at age 20 and every year starting at age 40.

(3). Know what is normal for you. Know how your breasts look and feel and report any changes to your health care provider.

(4). Make healthy lifestyle changes by getting to and maintaining a healthy weight, add exercise to your daily routine, limit alcohol intake, limit menopausal hormone use, breastfeed if you are able.

The Caroline County Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program provides financial coverage and Patient Navigation for yearly mammograms, clinical breast exams and Pap tests for all women in Caroline, Talbot, and Dorchester Counties ages 40-64 with limited income per state guidelines and limited or no insurance. The program also assists women in need of diagnostic mammograms, ultrasounds, surgical consults, breast biopsy, and colposcopy. If you are insured, we may also be able to help you get your screenings! We also assist younger women > 21 years of age with No Cost Pap tests. Call us to see if you qualify at 410-479-8080.

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Lead's Toxic Effect on Children

by Casey Sonzone BSN, RN
Caroline County Health
Department Childhood Lead
Prevention Program

There is no safe level of lead to have in your child's body. The CDC recommendation is to be less than 3.5 ug/dL, which is checked with blood work at 12 and 24 months of age. Having elevated levels over time will result in toxic effects.

The effects lead has on children can be silent and unnoticeable at first. Children may not seem sick. The symptoms may be mistaken for other illnesses. Lead is a neurotoxin, which means it can have devastating and long-lasting effects on the brain and nervous system of children.

Initial symptoms may include being irritable, tired or fatigued, having pain in the belly, being constipated

or not having much of an appetite. While these can begin very vague and slow, they can build up to be more serious problems.

The brain and nervous system control so many functions of the body. Think of it as the computer. When your computer isn't working it can be slow, it can act up, and its parts can stop functioning. The same concept applies to lead poisoning and the child's brain. Elevated lead can cause learning disabilities in children. You may begin to see behavioral problems like not paying attention and having trouble in social setting or sharing. Lead exposure can result in lower IQ scores. These can become permanent damage and cause seizures, hearing and speech problems and slowed growth and development.

There can be harmful effects to other organs in a child exposed to lead.

One role of the liver and kidneys is to work as a filter for the body. Lead is a heavy metal. Imagine when your air filter gets plugged with dirt and debris, the air doesn't flow as well. When the liver and kidneys are forced to try and filter lead, they do not function properly and are not able to filter blood and do the other important tasks they were designed to do like maintain pH and chemical balances, regulate blood pressure and aid in digestion and immunity.

The effects of lead on children can be a silent danger. The exposure and the symptoms are not always easily discovered. However, with routine screening at 12 and 24 months old, and being observant of what your child ingests and has exposure to, lead poisoning has a better chance of being corrected when caught early and even avoided.



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*Contributed By Kat Stork
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Caroline County faces many challenges in these uncertain times. Whether it is as basic as securing food and housing for our children and families, or as complicated as finding childcare or securing reliable transportation, each of us confronts obstacles everyday, overcoming or enduring them as best we can. Too often we struggle to succeed alone, not knowing where to find help, unaware of what resources are available. What we really need is to work together so that our children and families are not only safe and stable, but can

thrive and grow. Caroline Better Together was born out of this need.

Based on the simple but profound principle of collective impact, Caroline Better Together is building a platform to intentionally direct our energy towards improving the community in the ways WE want. Beginning with small groups of community members talking about their lives and how they imagined improving them, we discovered a deep desire for stronger community ties, where helping each other leads to getting to know one another.

Caroline Better Together heard this message and, with the help of our non-profit and public sector partners,

planned dinners where residents share a meal and build community before getting down to work. We will be holding these Community Dinners & Conversations throughout the county and anyone can come eat, then talk about actions we can take together to improve our communities.

Our next Community Dinner & Conversation is on October 23 at DC Center, 409 Aldersgate Road, Denton, where we will discuss our afterschool and youth program assets and how to build on them.

To learn more about our work please scan the QR Code on this page to sign up for our newsletter or visit our website, carolinebettertogether.org and Facebook page.

CAROLINE BETTER TOGETHER
Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt



Caroline Better Together

Find the following things in your neighborhood. Check off each when you find it. You could even take a picture and show others the cool things you see in your neighborhood.

Bicycle	Recycling can/bin
Bird house	Seasonal flag/decorations
Blue door	Something that smells good
Chicken coop	Something that adds beauty
Court (basketball, tennis, etc.)	Street light
Delivery vehicle	Swingset/Slide/Playground equipment
Flower garden	Tree
Family pet	Unique mailbox
House with a flag	White vehicle
Neighbors talking	Walking trail
Neighbor walking/running	
Pine cones	

While you look for these things in your neighborhood, think about what you love about your neighborhood or community. Tell someone about it.

Adapted from the Hopeful Neighborhood Project

CAROLINE BETTER TOGETHER
Monthly Newsletter Sign-Up Form



Caroline Better Together

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Mission
Improve the well-being of Caroline County residents by collectively engaging our efforts and services with a special emphasis on reducing poverty in our county.

Vision
Caroline County will be a community where residents have access to the resources that support stability and growth.

Aspiration
Increase our collective and community capacity to dismantle barriers to household and family stability by building community leadership and community-driven solutions that ensure fair and just opportunity, not only to be safe and stable but to thrive and grow.



New and Good

Welcome to WWW.Caroline-BetterTogether.Org

During Caroline Better Together Community Conversations in 2022 and 2023 residents and agency stakeholders shared that they often don't know where to go to find resources. After completing agency surveys and a usability study, work began on developing a new resource website and community calendar. Community members voiced their need for a simple, easy to navigate resource directory listing direct service agencies serving Caroline County.

Working with local web designer, Webbed Presence, and with input from Action Teams, Caroline Better Together created www.carolinebettertogether.org. The new website allows residents to search for Caroline County services in eight main categories, while

prominently listing critical county resources such as Caroline County Public Library for in-person and on the phone help, 211 for statewide community resources, and 988 for crisis support and response.

Caroline Better Together is also excited to provide a countywide community calendar via www.carolinebettertogether.org. Residents can view the calendar in multiple formats, as well as search for events of interest to them.

For anyone interested in submitting a community resource or calendar event, there are user friendly forms available on the website to do so. In addition, if any agencies or groups would like a short training on how to utilize the website, sessions will be offered throughout the remainder

of the year. For more information or to schedule a training please email jess@shorestrategiesllc.com.

Caroline Better Together will continue to gather community input through additional surveys and administer another usability study on the new website in the coming year.

The website is also accessible in Spanish, Haitian Creole and Urdu.

This project is supported by the National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities in Maryland Local Health Department Health Disparities (Foundational LHD Support Allocation and Community Partnership Allocation).

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Wednesday, September 25th
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Lions Club Community Center, Chambers
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Wednesday, October 23rd
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DC Center, 409 Aldersgate Rd, Denton

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Preston Firehouse, hosted by LNT Seafood

Tuesday, December 17th
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Greater Impact Church, 13669 Greensboro
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Wednesday, January 22nd
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New and Good

Do You Qualify for SNAP and Other Public Benefits?



Household budgets are getting tighter and tighter as the costs of basic needs increase with inflation. Your household may qualify for available public benefits support.

What was called Food Stamps, and what some may know as the Independence Card, is now the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). You can check your SNAP eligibility and submit your application through the MDThink portal at mymdthink.maryland.gov. (More information about income eligibility can be found at <https://dhr.maryland.gov/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program/income-requirements/>.) If you are already receiving benefits you must submit your redetermination information when requested.

If you need assistance with SNAP, the Caroline County Department of Social Services Resource Navigators can be reached at 410-463-2723 or 410-463-2843.

Caroline County Department of Social Services administers several other public benefits for struggling households. Through the Office of Heat and Energy Assistance Program (OHEP), qualifying households can receive financial assistance to pay for utilities. Resource Navigators can assist with applying for these, and other benefits through the MyMDThink Portal.

Resource Navigators can also help if you are looking for resources but aren't sure what organization or agency to contact. They will connect you with navigators and outreach workers who specialize in the assistance you are looking for, including health

insurance, housing, workforce development, childcare and more.

The Resource Navigators are part of a community effort to address household food instability. The Coordinating SNAP & Nutrition Supports project is funded through the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) and Share our Strength, No Kid Hungry.

The Caroline County Community Resource Navigation Project is also working to build tools to help you find various resources in the community including through carolinebettertogether.org.

Assistance with SNAP and other benefits in Spanish, Haitian-Creole and other languages is available through Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center, a partner in this project. They can be reached at 877-772-9832.

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Friday 9 am - 12 pm

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Greensboro Judy Center
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MD Rural Development
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Wednesday 1 pm - 5 pm

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Parental resilience allows parents to manage stress and navigate adversity, helping them maintain their wellbeing during tough times. Positive social connections provide emotional, informational, and practical support, lifting families up. Understanding child development and effective parenting strategies strengthens the family unit, while access to concrete support in times of need reduces stress. Nurturing social and emotional competence in children enables them to communicate effectively, regulate their emotions, and build healthy relationships. Together, these factors empower families to overcome adversity and create environments where children can flourish.

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Choptank Health announces new pediatrician in Denton

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Choptank Community Health Systems*

Choptank Community Health System's Denton Health Center recently welcomed Pediatrician Erin Harvey, MD to the medical practice.

Dr. Harvey is a Hurlock native and North Dorchester High School alumni. She specializes in the comprehensive assessment and treatment of pediatric patients working in rural communities.

She completed a three-year pediatric residency program at INOVA Children's Hospital after receiving her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from St. Mary's College of Maryland, where she placed on the Dean's List each semester, and served as a Junior and Senior Saint Mary's Scholar.

Dr. Harvey is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, and the Nu Rho Psi Neuroscience Honor Society.

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All clinics will take place at the Caroline County Health Department (403 S. 7th St, Denton) from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM:

- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29



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Property Owners

Attention Property Owners obtaining or have obtained a Well or Septic Permit: Caroline County Health Department is committed to providing exceptional customer service, and we need your input to make it even better. We invite you to participate in a brief survey aimed at helping the program assess and improve communication and timeliness and enhance our customer service experience for property owners like you.

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Your feedback is crucial. By sharing your feedback, you can help us identify opportunities for improvement in our services, particularly in communication, timeliness, and accountability.

This survey is completely anonymous and will only take a few minutes of your time. Your response will directly influence improvements in CCHD and continue to build an effective and efficient experience for property owners.

Key Survey Components

- ❖ Customer Service
- ❖ Communication
- ❖ Timeliness
- ❖ Consistency
- ❖ Accountability

How to Participate



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Federalsburg Artist Creates Symmetrical Woven Tapestries



By Joanne Gelles

FEDERALSBURG
- Macrame artist

Michael Loftus likes to work out on the wrap-around front porch of his yellow Victorian family home in Federalsburg. It's a lovely atmosphere surrounded by flowering hibiscus, hummingbird feeders and his macrame plant hangers that display ferns, flora and crystals.

"My best sellers are my Star oasters, Wall Hangings and Jewelry". That's right macrame jewelry, also called "micro-macrame". One earring can take up to an hour to weave. The results are stunning. Michael sold quite a few of his original pieces at this year's Summerfest event.

Michael learned macrame as a teenager from a neighbor, and he's been doing macrame off and on over

the past fifty years. He finds some of his patterns online and then adapts each one to fit his artistic vision. Currently, he is working on a chakra stone centered wall hanging for a friend. When doing a commission, he will sketch it out or do a prototype, then go back and forth with the client to see if they like it. He recently did a piece for a friend who had a ceramic sun that she purchased online, and she wanted the sun incorporated into a macramé hanger.

Each creation shows a symmetrical woven tapestry. Michael makes coasters, table runners, trivets, plant hangers, lamp shades, even curtain tie backs. "Everything I create is organic, it just flows out of me," he says, "I feel like I become one with the piece I am working on, and closer to nature. That's what I like the most."

Michael sets up at local craft shows and has recently started his own



Michael Loftus begins knotting the yarn on his latest creation.

Facebook page, "Lofty Creations." His next Caroline County show will be in Preston on October 19 at HallowDaze.

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October Tide Table

Predictions for Tuckahoe
 (See below for other factors)
Eastern Daylight Savings Time

Date	AM				PM			
1	1:31	Lo	7:48	Hi	1:57	Lo	8:12	Hi
2	2:23	Lo	8:34	Hi	2:44	Lo	9:00	Hi
3	3:13	Lo	9:17	Hi	3:28	Lo	9:44	Hi
4	4:01	Lo	9:57	Hi	4:11	Lo	10:25	Hi
5	4:47	Lo	10:35	Hi	4:54	Lo	11:05	Hi
6	5:32	Lo	11:12	Hi	5:36	Lo	11:45	Hi
7	6:17	Lo	11:47	Hi	6:19	Lo		
8	12:25	Hi	7:03	Lo	12:24	Hi	7:03	Lo
9	1:08	Hi	7:51	Lo	1:04	Hi	7:51	Lo
10	1:54	Hi	8:40	Lo	1:50	Hi	8:42	Lo
11	2:45	Hi	9:31	Lo	2:44	Hi	9:37	Lo
12	3:41	Hi	10:24	Lo	3:49	Hi	10:34	Lo
13	4:40	Hi	11:17	Lo	4:59	Hi	11:34	Lo
14	5:39	Hi	12:10	Lo	6:08	Hi		
15	12:35	Lo	6:37	Hi	1:02	Lo	7:12	Hi
16	1:34	Lo	7:32	Hi	1:53	Lo	8:11	Hi
17	2:31	Lo	8:24	Hi	2:43	Lo	9:06	Hi
18	3:26	Lo	9:15	Hi	3:32	Lo	9:59	Hi
19	4:17	Lo	10:03	Hi	4:20	Lo	10:49	Hi
20	5:07	Lo	10:51	Hi	5:08	Lo	11:37	Hi
21	5:55	Lo	11:37	Hi	5:57	Lo		
22	12:24	Hi	6:43	Lo	12:23	Hi	6:47	Lo
23	1:11	Hi	7:32	Lo	1:11	Hi	7:38	Lo
24	1:58	Hi	8:21	Lo	2:02	Hi	8:30	Lo
25	2:47	Hi	9:11	Lo	2:57	Hi	9:24	Lo
26	3:39	Hi	10:02	Lo	3:57	Hi	10:19	Lo
27	4:32	Hi	10:53	Lo	5:00	Hi	11:15	Lo
28	5:26	Hi	11:44	Lo	6:00	Hi		
29	12:11	Lo	6:19	Hi	12:34	Lo	6:56	Hi
30	1:06	Lo	7:09	Hi	1:23	Lo	7:46	Hi
31	1:59	Lo	7:56	Hi	2:10	Lo	8:33	Hi

Add or subtract hours and/or minutes as indicated:

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

Spiritual Insights

We all have hurts, habits, and hangups that hold us back and keep us from being the people we truly want to be. When we understand that we are not the only ones dealing with these issues it becomes easier to overcome them and help others to do the same. Learning to carry each other's burdens makes us all stronger and more able to be victorious in our daily walk with Christ. Who's burden can you help carry today?

Galatians 6:1-2 "Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. 2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." (NIV)

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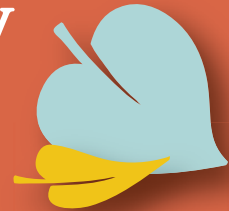


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Library Hours

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Tuesday: Noon - 2:00 pm
3:00 - 8:00 pm
Friday & Saturday: Closed

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Wednesday: Noon - 2:00 pm
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday & Saturday: Closed

Maker Station:

Make a Haunted Scene!

Stop by the Makerspace for a ghoulish time and make a haunted scene that moves! October 1st - 31st, Ages 6 - 11, Denton Library Makerspace. No registration is required*

CCPL 3D Printing Certification

Come to this program to get certified to use our 3D printers!

We'll go over safety, evaluating models for printing, slicing, and starting a print. Thursday, October 3rd, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Ages 15 - Adult, Denton Library Makerspace. Registration required*

Bishop Alexander Walker Wayman: Faith, Freedom & Justice From Tuckahoe to the World

Celebrate the life and contributions of Bishop Alexander Walker Wayman.

Presented by keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. Robert with a panel discussion and Q&A to follow. Saturday, October 5th, 10:30 am - 11:30 am, Adults, Denton Large & Small Meeting Room. Registration required*

Make a Book Witch!

Stop by the Greensboro library to recycle old books into book witches! Wednesday, October 16th, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Teens - Adult, North County Branch, Greensboro. Registration required*

Movie Fright Night

Join us for a viewing of the Halloween classic Hocus Pocus. Snacks and selfie backdrop will be provided. Costumes encouraged. Thursday, October 17th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, All ages, Denton Large Meeting Room. No registration

is required*

Meet CRUZ the Traffic Safety Car

Meet CRUZ the traffic safety car! CRUZ will teach children about traffic safety in a fun, informative program. Friday, October 18th, 10:30 am - 11:30 am, Ages 4-8, Denton Large Meeting Room. Registration required*

Library Play Date

Playtime at the Library is an hour for your toddler or preschooler to learn through playing with other children. Each session will involve sensory and imaginative play stations with age-appropriate toys.

Playtime at the Library is not just for kids. Parents and caregivers can take advantage of some social time, too! Monday, October 21st, 10:30 am - 11:30 pm, Birth-5, Denton Large Meeting Room. No registration is required. Program is limited to 20 children

Ongoing:

Fall Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30 am, birth to age 5, North County Branch, Greensboro. Wednesdays, 10:30 am, birth to age 5, Denton, Large Meeting Room. No registration is required*

Bookies

This month's book is: The Guest List by Lucy Foley. For information about joining this group, call 410-479-1343. Tuesday, October 15th, 1:00 pm, Adults, Federalsburg. No registration is required*

Paws for Reading

Practice reading to a trained service dog! Grigsby is a great listener and would love to have you read a story to him. Reading to a dog decreases the stress that children often feel when reading aloud. Grigsby is trained to sit or lay calmly beside your child while he reads. It's a judgement-free zone that allows the child to build confidence and develop fluency.

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Thursday, October 24th, 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm, 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm, 5:30 - 6:00 pm, children ages 5-12, Denton, Study Room
One registrant per session*

*For programs requiring registration, please visit carolib.org or call 410-479-1343.

SAVE THE DATE!!

The Friends of the Library: Library Wide Mini Golf

Saturday, November 9th

Sunday, November 10th

Fiber Arts Center - The Art of Cartonnage

Cartonnage is the art of covering boxes with decorative fabric or paper. It is an art form not often heard of but has deep roots in Egyptian culture and also in France. Egyptians used the process of Cartonnage by layering papyrus papers with glue and plaster to preserve a mummy; most often of the head and upper torso. This paper-mache like shell was then intricately painted and decorated. In 18th century France, artists made beautifully decorated tea boxes for the homes of nobility. The boxes were covered with antique linens, fabrics and papers. Contemporary Cartonnage Craft has expanded to include fabrics that combine story-telling Collage.

The Fiber Arts Center Presents: Cartonnage Basics
Instructor Victoria McConnell will lead the class in the magical world of fabric box making. Date: December 6, 2024, 10:00am - 2:00pm, cost: members \$40.00, non-members \$50.00, kit fee \$25.00. Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up 443-448-4611 or email at info@fiberartscenter.com



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Lions Clubs of Caroline

Greensboro Lions Club News

Our next BBQ is slated for Election day, November 5, 2024.

Charles S. Bilbrough Jr. Memorial Park – We are delighted to see activity at the Park with Girl's softball. Our club is excited to see such activities and look forward to more. It would be great to see Greensboro Lions on the back of teams shirts. We welcome any effort to see this come about.

History of the Park – We thought many would appreciate past activities at the park and some of the names

contributing to its purchase and past activities. In 1948 the Greensboro Lions Club paid \$1000 to Lillie E. Doty (original owner Melvin G. Morris), surveyed by C. P. Merrick, Jr. for 12.18 acres. The property was transferred to Greensboro Lions Trustees – G. Linden Duffey, our first President, John E. Boulais, Russell H. Wright, a Charter Member, Oren T. Lewis and Clyde Embert.

The Lions were quick to draw up plans to build a road into the park, put up a page wire fence, to build a stadium, and to hire an athletic director for the summer. Our records show that we held a Donkey Ball Game in 1949; formed a Lions Club Soft Ball Team in 1950; donated a water pump in 1954; approved micro midget auto racing in 1958; contributed to new fencing and power mower in 1960; contributed to the installation of lights for the ball field in 1961; donated 200 cement blocks for dug-outs in 1963; built our BBQ pit in 1975, and with the cooperation of the Greensboro

Athletic Association, the Caroline County Recreation and Parks, and the Greensboro Lions Club, a new Little League Park was built.

The park was named in honor of a member and Past District Governor of 22-B, Charles S. Bilbrough Jr. in 1976. Mr. Bilbrough played a vital role in the development of the park and increased membership of our club. Later a pavilion was built and dedicated on July 4, 2000, in honor of Past President Goldsborough Stafford, who played an active role in activities at the park.

We are entertaining ideas to contribute to the future of our park. Should this be of interest to you, please give us a call for a reservation for a free meal at our next meeting. You can meet the current Lions and share your suggestions or labor. Our club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, September through June at Wheatly Hall, St. Paul's ME Church at 6:30 p.m. Call Lions Secretary Allen Kinnamon 302-398-3899.

Open House



Our Alpaca store will be open for all your Christmas shopping on

Saturday, November 30 • 10-3

On other days, please call and we will be happy to open the store for you. We look forward to seeing you and so do the alpacas!

As Christmas is approaching, it's nice to know, this unique shop in Denton is where you must go.

Holiday gifts that seem just right, that would make this season, so special and bright.

This place is called, Tuckahoe Treasures, their items will surely bring smiles and pleasure.

The fleece from Alpacas, is the theme of this story, with sweaters and mittens and scarves, and hats, the beauty, the softness, the colors, the charm, don't miss the stop at this local Denton farm.

Come meet the Alpacas and see them at play, this visit will surely make your day.

Written by Frannie Ireland, a family friend

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Mother-Son Glow Night

Join us on Saturday, October 19 for our second annual, Mother-Son Night of Fun, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Fretterd Community

Center. The theme for this fun night is GLOW NIGHT! This unique event is designed for boys in grades K - 5 and the cherished adult women in their lives. Whether you light up the night on the black light dance floor or team up for friendly competition in the game room, you will be creating unforgettable memories to last a lifetime. Wear white or neon colors so you will glow too. Moms (or other special mother figures) and sons, grades K - 5, will have a SUPER night of fun, laughter and memories. Cost is \$40 per couple, each additional son is \$10.

39th Annual Turkey Trot

Join us November 23 rain or shine for our 39th Annual Turkey Trot fun run, walk, or jog! This event is a 2-mile walk, run, or jog for all ages from Denton Elementary School to Martinak State Park and back, includes free gifts to the first 75 registrants, and everyone is entered

in the free turkey raffle. Registration check-in begins at 8:00 am and the race starts at 9:00 am. After the race, join us for light refreshments and family friendly fun! \$15 per person or \$54 for a group of 4 if registered by November 15. \$20 per person and \$72 for a group of 4 after November 15. For more information, call Recreation & Parks at 410-479-8120.

Santa Chase

The 10th Annual Santa Chase will be held in December (Date TBA) is a magical evening, dog-friendly, run or walk the 2-mile loop through the town of Ridgely and their Rail Trail light display. Candle luminaries and course monitors provided by the local Lion's Club volunteers. Flyers are posted on our website www.carolinerecreation.org. Produced in partnership with Lions International Clubs and the Ridgely Lions Club.

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CRMS Boys: Mondays, October 7 – November 18, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
CRMS Girls: Wednesdays, October 9 – November 20, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
LMS Boys: Mondays, October 7 – November 18, 5:15 pm - 6:45 pm
LMS Girls: Wednesdays, October 9 – November 20, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Middle School Pickleball

Learn all about America's fastest growing sport, Pickleball! In this four-week session, students can expect to walk away with the confidence to play games on their own and for those who already know the game, some skills to take them to the next level. The session will end with one fun filled round robin tournament – so come ready to play. Equipment will be provided. Grades 6-8, Tuesdays, October 8 – October 29, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm, Fretterd Community Center. \$59.

Middle School Strength Training

This program is designed to expose students to proper weight training to further enhance their lifelong health and fitness. Students will learn core lift techniques that will enhance strength, muscular endurance and power. Located at NCHS. Grades 6-8, Mondays and Wednesdays, September 30 – October 30, 5:30 pm -6:15 pm. \$79.

YOUTH

Indoor Soccer Registration

Indoor Soccer registration continues. The divisions are based on grades. We start with Pre-K4 and go through 12 grade. The season consists of 7-8 games and grades 3-12 have a tournament at the end of the season. Register soon for this popular winter youth pastime. All players who register prior to October 31 will be guaranteed a playing position. Any registrations received after October 31 will incur a late fee and will be put on a waiting list with team openings filled on first-come first-served basis. Players will be randomly assigned to teams and play begins week of January 3. Regular Registration, September 15 - October 31 cost is \$64. Late Registration, beginning November 1 cost is \$84. Late registrants may be placed on a waitlist if all teams are full.



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Elementary Basketball

Using the Jr. NBA curriculum, players will work on dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding, and teamwork during weekly practices. Practice dates will vary based on registration numbers, coaches, and gym availability. Specific practice times on each day cannot be guaranteed and will be assigned once teams are put together. Early registration through November 25, \$84, Late registration after November 25, \$94. Five games at CRMS starting January 18, 2025.

ADULTS

Advanced Open Gym Volleyball

Did you play volleyball in the past? Come out and join the fun. High energy group of adults ages 18 and up always looking for a few more to play on Friday evenings. Must have previous volleyball experience. 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, at the Fretterd Community Center. \$5 at the door.

Pickleball

Pickleball has been dubbed the “sweet sport with the sour name.” Pickleball is oversized ping pong on a badminton size court with a tennis sized paddle. It’s a paddle sport for all ages and athletic abilities and it’s very easy to learn and play. Open to ages 18 years & up. Located at the Fretterd Community Center. Evening Drop-In Pickleball on Tuesdays, September 10 - December 17, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Cost is \$5 per class. Morning Drop-In Pickleball on Wednesdays & Fridays, September 11 - December 20, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Cost is \$5 per class.



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Events at Martinak and Tuckahoe State Parks

New Programs

Senior Rangers: This program is geared toward senior citizens (+55). Six weekly sessions begin on Wednesday October 16, and they are led by a variety of instructors including rangers, historians, naturalists, and other Department of Natural Resources experts. All sessions meet at 10:00 am, except the October 31 Bats session, which is a Thursday at 6:00 pm. Meeting locations vary each week among Martinak State Park, Tuckahoe State Park, Wye Island Natural Resource Management Area and Adkins Arboretum. Advanced Registration is required, space is limited, but the program will not be held with fewer than six participants.

Maryland Owls: Join Washington College's Maren Gimpel, Associate Director of Foreman Branch Bird Observatory, and Dan Small, Natural

Lands Project Coordinator at Adkins Arboretum, for an indoor presentation on Maryland owl species, on Saturday, October 5 at 6:30 pm, followed by a walk to listen and look for owls along our paths. To register, call Phone 410-634-2847.

Woodpeckers of Adkins: Five species of woodpecker breeds in the forests of Adkins Arboretum. A sixth spends the winter and spring at Adkins and heads further north to breed. The seventh one is a rare visitor, but it is important to learn about it if it wanders into Adkins or shows up in your backyard. Birder Jim Wilson will teach you how to ID woodpeckers, what they eat, how they eat, nesting requirements, and other aspects of their life in the woods on Wednesday, October 16 at 10:00 am. To register, call Phone 410-634-2847.

Crafts

Paint Afternoon: Come paint a Frankenstein on a lighted wine bottle, on Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 pm at the Martinak State Park Nature Center. Instruction, materials, and refreshments are included. Cost is \$15. To register, 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, October 21 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, call 410-634-2847.

Healing Walk: A walk on Friday, October 4 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 a naturalist 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. To register, call 410-634-2847. iNaturalist Walk: Meet on Sunday, October 20 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. To register, call 410-634-2847.

Cascades of Color Walk: Imagine the colors from a stained-glass window getting caught in the treetops and

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meadow. Join Master Naturalist Margan Glover on Saturday, October 26 at Adkins Arboretum at 1:00 pm to learn more about the science and wonder behind the explosion of color the Arboretum offers during this magic season. And stick around afterwards for a sweet home-baked treat! To register, call 410-634-2847.

Cycling

Caroline Cycles: Summer turns to fall, Evening Cycle changes to afternoon hours and explores local trails and other interesting places. On Tuesday, October 22 meet behind the Microtel, 36619 Seaside Outlet Dr. at 1:00 pm, to ride through Rehoboth Beach, Cape Henlopen State Park and on the Breakwater Junction Trail. It is approximately 17 miles on primarily crushed limestone. Then, on Tuesday, October 29 meet at the parking area on Lodge Lane at 1:00 pm at Wye Island Natural Resource Management Area to ride 15 miles on the gravel road through Wye Island to

the Ferry Landing and along nearby road ways. In addition, learn about the rich history of Wye Island from a park historian. Helmet is required. Lights, bright colored clothes, tools, tube, and water are recommended.

Email karen. gianninoto@maryland.

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VENDORS WANTED

Christ Episcopal Church in Denton is looking for vendors for its Quarter Auction to be held on November 9, 2024 at the American Legion Post, Denton. Please call Kitty Adams, 410-310-1500 for information and to register.

THROUGH OCTOBER 5

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

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entitled “PA German Love of Color.” You will enjoy seeing what they considered their “best quilts”, which were made and passed onto 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. Arlan & Pat Christ, The Christ Collection. 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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 THROUGH SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

The American Quilt Study Group Medallion Exhibit. One of the earliest quilt designs, the medallion has remained a strong and dominant style in quilts for over 200 years. The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore is honored to host a very special quilt exhibit featuring medallion quilts from the American Study Group (AQSG). This exhibit is a collection of quilts from the AQSG 2021 Quilt Study challenge. The AQSG Quilt Study challenged members to learn the history of an individual quilt by selecting one that addresses a specified design, style, or period, and make a small replica or interpretation of the historic quilt. These quilts are no larger than 42” x 42”. Framed Center /Medallion Quilts was the study theme for the 2021 challenge. These quilts cover a time period ranging from the early 19th century to the mid 20th century. Come and join us as we take a deeper look at the history of these amazing medallions! The exhibit is free of charge and open to everyone during our regular hours Wednesday - Saturday, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the Fiber Arts Center in Denton, MD.

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.

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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..

SECOND SUNDAYS

The Eastern Shore Bluegrass Association’s concert series at the American Legion Post #29 in Denton. Doors open at 12:00 pm for local musicians picking jam. Guest performers at 2:00p.m. Concessions available. \$15 at the door. October 13: Patuxent Partners, Annapolis-based foursome. Follow ESBA on FB and Instagram for concert updates and programming.

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 or 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.

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.

Zumba Classes at 6:00 pm with instructor Maria Draves at Aaron’s Place, 401 Aldersgate Dr, Denton.

Walk-in Acupuncture Clinic at 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm from Source Point Institute at Aaron’s Place, 401 Aldersgate Dr, Denton.

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 Upcycle1atatime@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. October 2 Regular Meeting, October 9 Regular Meeting, October 16 Regular Meeting, October 23 Regular Meeting, October 30 Business Meeting.

Denton Farmers Market Every Wed. 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm May 1- October 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.

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,

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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.

Come out and join us for **Mommy and Me classes** from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at Aaron's Place, 401 Aldersgate Drive, Denton. Discussion for health and wellness, baby diapers and needs and care for mommies. Any questions, please call 443-243-5906.

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Exercise-Exercise-Exercise! One hour exercise classes at 11:00 am at Aaron's Place, 401 Aldersgate Drive, Denton. Please call 443-243-5906 if you have any questions.

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 will follow

dinner. For information call Gladys at 410-822-6205.

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

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

Federalsburg Heritage Museum, open April-December on Fridays from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. For more information visit <https://www.federalsburghistoricalsociety.com>, email - federalsburgmuseum@comcast.net, or call 443-434-3114

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 October: 5, 12, 19 and 26 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 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 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

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researchers, the Research Center can be visited by special request. Email us at usgsmid@yahoo.com. Membership meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. the second Saturday of January, March, May, September and November. Locations may vary, but will be posted on the website at usgsmid.org and our official Facebook group prior to meetings.

Men, come join us for “Men Praying Together” every Saturday. Women, come join us for “Women Prayer Together” every Saturday. Time is 8:30 am - 9:30 am. Come fellowship with other believers and be strengthened and inspired. All are welcome—bring a neighbor/friend. Join us at Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market Street, Denton. Contact: 410-924-6404, donaldwreynolds@comcast.net, <https://calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org/>

FIRST SATURDAYS

Community Civic League Breakfast, 3439 Laurel Grove Road, Federalsburg. Every first Saturday, 7:00 am - 10:30 am. Scapple, 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

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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.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Crystals 101 at The Foundry from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Dive into the world of crystals with Kyleen Asche's Crystals 101. Discover the healing properties of crystals, learn how they align with chakras, and craft your own wire-wrapped necklace. All materials provided. Cost \$30.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Barn Block Painting Class. The Fiber Arts Center is once again offering this fun class where you will actually design, paint and take home your very own original Barn Block to hang on your barn, house, fence, etc. Instructor: Victoria McConnell. Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Cost: \$100 Members/ \$110 Non Members. Contact Victoria before class for discussion of barn quilt design at 410-253-9716. To sign up please contact Kathleen McCulloch at 443/448-4611 or info@fiberartscenter.com.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Annual Fall Festival. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Union United Methodist Church 10663 Knife Box Road Denton, MD. 21629 (Burrsville). Tickets or questions please call Millie 410-482-6949.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Basketball Clinic. Elementary ages 9:00 am - 10:30 am. Middle school ages 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Location: New Jonestown Court. 4473 Nelpine Road. Onsite registration for elementary and middle school basketball programs will be available.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Designer Purse Bingo to help others for Addiction Treatment Support. Denton 4-H Park, 8230 Detour Road, Denton. \$30 per person in advance; \$35 per person at the door. Contact Deanna Blanch 443-786-7359.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 - MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

Join us for our "Fall Revival" with our guest, Servants Heart, an exciting Southern Gospel trio from Western MD, with Rev. Chan Hubbard preaching in all services. They will sing in the Sunday school hour also. Any questions, call/email Pastor Reynolds donaldwreynolds@comcast.net. Join us for Sunday School for all ages at 10:00 am at Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629 410-924-6404 donaldwreynolds@comcast.net www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Caroline County 4-H Open House, The Caroline County 4-H youth development program is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, October 9th from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at the 4-H Park (8230 Detour Road) in Denton. There will be displays, hands-on activities, arts and crafts, face painting, demonstrations, a bicycle rodeo, giveaways, refreshments, and more. Meet and greet with 4-H youth members and club volunteers too. This event is FREE and open to all! For more information, please contact Navonne Owen, 4-H Educator, at nowen@umd.edu or (410) 479-4030.

Fall into Flowers at the Cordova Firehouse from 7:00 pm - 9:00pm. This event features Vintage Family Farms who will provide the locally grown flowers. Light refreshments included. There is a 40 person maximum limit. Cost is \$25.00 and advance reservations are required. Contact Katelin Frase at 410-310-6457.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

Chesapeake Bay Herb Society. Speakers: Taylor Applegarth and Ted Martini on Ecological Friendly Gardening. Potluck dinner theme: Fall Herbs. Location: Christ Church Parish Hall, 111 S. Harrison Street, Easton. Contact 410-763-8843 or the Society's Facebook Page

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Caroline County Garden Club hosts "Harvesting Autumn's Gems" flower show from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the Caroline County Public Library in Denton. Admission is free. Features floral designs, horticulture exhibits, and a special exhibit recognizing Caroline County's 250th anniversary. More info at 410-253-9540 or on Facebook at "Caroline County Garden Club-Maryland"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

"Men's Advance" at Crane Baptist Park. Begins at 8:00 am with a buffet breakfast. There will be lots of fun and fellowship with several speakers sharing the Word of God. John Wilson (410-200-1595) hosting this activity. Signup continues!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Designer Purse Bingo to benefit His Hope Ministries. Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Company, 700 Old Line Road, Goldsboro, MD. \$30 per person in advance; \$35 per person at the door. Contact His Hope Ministries 443-448-7297.

Birding Club Caroline's Big Sit. Location: Adkins Arboretum's Wetlands Overlook near the Visitors Center. Will run from 7:30 am to early evening for some owling. Dress comfortably, bring your binoculars, a chair to sit on, food and drink.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

Caroline County AARP Chapter 915 meets at 12:00 pm, with a covered dish luncheon, at the Church of the Nazarene in Denton. Our speaker will be Crystal Terhune, MSW, from the University of Maryland Extension Services. She will tell you how to say "Can't Scam Me!" Guests and New Members are welcome. We have free magazines and door prizes! For more information, please call 410-482-6039

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Join us for our **2024 Gospel Concert Series** at 7:00 pm. We will have Aaron Green (Peterstown, WV), The Millers (Winchester, VA), Steadfast Quartet (Windsor, NC). A love offering will be taken, and bottled water will be available at no cost (no food in church). For information call Holiday Park 410-482-6797. All are



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Preston Historical Society Membership Meeting. 10:00 a.m. Public is invited.

Caroline County Bird Club Program at 9:00 am. Presenter: Dona Sorce, Delmarva Wild Ones. <https://wildones.org/about/> Location: Wharves of Choptank Visitor & Heritage Center, 3 Crouse Park Lane, Denton, MD.

A Christmas Wreath Paper Piecing Class. Instructor: Colette Metcalf. Time: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. Cost: \$40.00/ Members, \$50.00/Non Members. Please call Kathleen at 443/448-4611 to sign up or at info@fiberartscenter.com. For supplies and more information about this class, please call our instructor, Colette Metcalf at 443-515-0491.

Pottery Workshop at The Foundry from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Create a charcuterie/cheese board with Forest Fired Pottery! We will provide all clay and pottery tools to create your unique design. Glazed and fired pieces returned in 4-6 weeks or less. Cost is \$30.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Preston Historical Society Cash Bingo Fundraiser at Preston Volunteer Fire Dept. 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Volunteers welcome!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Indoor Craft & Yard Sale to benefit the Caroline County 4-H Program from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Caroline County 4-H Park, 8230 Detour Road, Denton, MD. All Vendors Are Welcome!! Crafters, Direct Sale consultants*, Household items, Furniture, Jewelry, Antiques, Horse Tack, Tools, Pet items and more!! *Direct Sale Consultants will be kept to one consultant per venue. Food available for sale at the event. Cost is \$15 per table. Set up is on Friday, October 25 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm or Saturday, October 26 from 6:00 am -7:00 am. Early deadline to ensure a space is October 1st. Proceeds from sale of table spots will benefit the Caroline County 4-H Programs including scholarships, club needs, leadership and service learning activities. For more information or to reserve a space, please call Joanne Wooters at 410-479-0565 or email caroco4hcrafftshow@gmail.com.

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Pottery Workshop: Butter Dish from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm at The Foundry. Reduce stress and anxiety through creativity in this workshop. Build your own hand-crafted butter dish-perfect for yourself or as a gift! We will provide all clay and pottery tools to create your unique design. Glazed and fired pieces returned in 4-6 weeks or less. Cost \$45.

Mishore Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day. Saturday, Oct. 26, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, rain or shine. Easton Location - Midshore Regional Landfill - 7341 Barkers Landing Road, Easton, MD. Free to Midshore County residents (Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties. For questions on the program, please contact the Maryland Environmental Service at (443) 685-4073. Limit of 20 gallons or 250 pounds of acceptable waste per residence * NO business, commercial, or industrial customers or materials. Acceptable items: * Gas, gas/oil mixtures and

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Haunted Porch at Preston Historical Society. 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Volunteers welcome!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Ladies..."Mugs & Muffins" will be held at 9005 Pealiquor Landing Dr, Denton, MD 21629 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. This is a special Bible Study just for women. Come join us for a special time of sistership and Bible teaching. All ladies are welcome-bring a neighbor/friend. Join us at Calvary Baptist Church , 1120 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629 410-924-6404 donaldwreynolds@comcast.net www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org

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on the Chesapeake College campus, in Wye Mills, Maryland. The event will be held rain or shine from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm and is free, open to the public, and geared toward youth ages 8-16. There are special early childhood S.T.E.M activities from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm for youth ages 4-7 as well. Special tours of the college's science facilities/programs will take place at 10:30 am and 12:00 pm. We will have lunch and refreshments for sale. Remember, the event is FREE and open to all! For more information, please contact Navonne Owen, UME Caroline County 4-H, at nowen@umd.edu or (410) 479-4030. This is an equal opportunity and equal access program.

Feddersburg Activities Center from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm is holding a Yard Sale/Craft Sale across from 118 Morris Avenue in Feddersburg, MD. We invite members of the community to bring their tables, tents and chairs to set up yard sale or craft items to sell. We will have hot dogs, chips and drinks for sale. Our own yard sale will include a wide assortment of beautiful new Christmas items. The Center will be open for those who would like to get a sneak peak of what's to come inside the building! For more information about this date or questions or comments about the Center, please contact Wendy Garner at 410-739-8216.

The Legend of King Arthur and His Knights, this year's annual literary event will take place at the Caroline Country Club in Denton on Saturday, November 2nd. Hosted by the Caroline County Council of Arts and the Caroline County Public Library, guests are invited to join this magical journey into the world of King Arthur. Doors will open at 11:45 AM for the matinee and 5:45 PM for the evening performance. The catered event is \$50 per person, and tickets can be secured by contacting the Caroline County Council of Arts. Be sure to reserve your spot by the October 24th deadline!"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Join us for our **Final 2024 Gospel Concert Series** at 7:00 pm. We will have Dave Morgan (Milford,

DE), The Itzels (Westminster, MD), Sou'd Out Quartet (Georgetown, OH). A love offering will be taken, and bottled water will be available at no cost (no food in church). For information, call Holiday Park 410-482-6797. All are welcome-bring a neighbor/friend. Join us at Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629 410-924-6404 donaldwreynolds@comcast.net www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

The Feddersburg Historical Society will hold a **Christmas Open House** at **historic Exeter** from 4:00 pm -

7:00 pm. Come and enjoy this free event, and tour one of the oldest remaining structures in the southern part of Caroline County. Exeter is located at 408 Old Denton Road in Feddersburg, MD. Donations are gratefully appreciated and go toward the ongoing maintenance of this circa 1808 structure.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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Medicare Open Enrollment Information

Contributed by Mary Moran

Medicare Open Enrollment starts on October 15! This is the annual opportunity to evaluate your part “D” prescription drug plan for 2025. SHIP gladly assists by shopping for the most affordable coverage that best suits your medication needs!

For those who have Medicare “A” & “B” but do not currently have “D” prescription drug coverage, now is your opportunity to sign up for Medicare plan “D”. If you did not choose a prescription plan when you enrolled in “A” & “B”, and have not had comparable coverage through another source, you will be facing a monthly penalty in addition to your “D” monthly premium. The penalty will reflect how many months you have not had comparable coverage.

Two programs are available to help reduce costs for “D”. 2024 “SPDAP” pays up to \$75 per month toward your Medicare Part “D” monthly premium. It allows a plan change one time per year outside of Open Enrollment. The maximum monthly gross income for an individual is \$3,765, \$5,1010 couple. There are no asset limits for this program, although the application does require proof of income through tax returns or income statements. It will not pay any penalties.

“Extra Help” pays for the part “D” monthly premium. It caps the cost of drugs at \$11.20 for brand name drugs and \$4.30 for generic drugs. This program has a monthly individual income limit of \$1,883, with an asset limit of \$15,720. Couples have a monthly income limit of \$2,555 with an asset limit of \$31,360. It will eliminate any penalties.

OE is also the time to change from Original Medicare to Medicare Advantage. Folks currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan may switch to a different Advantage Plan during Open Enrollment. They can also drop or add drug coverage to their Advantage plan. All changes take effect Jan 1, 2025.

Annual open enrollment for Part “D” and Advantage means getting bombarded with “Medicare” advertisements by mail, on TV, radio, and the internet. Understand that this advertising is not about national Original Medicare, rather about Medicare Advantage, provides geographically limited coverage and does not cover the whole US, as Original Medicare does. Advantage (referred to as “C”) is contracted out by the federal government to large, private medical systems to provide Hospital part “A” and Medical part “B” coverage. It replaces Original Medicare Insurance. Advantage has lower monthly premiums for care and drug coverage but does take the part “B” premium (\$174.70 in 2024) out of your social security check every month.

Advantage plans require a referral to see a specialist. Doctors, hospitals, and medical facility visits are limited to those in the Advantage network. Out of network, you generally pay in full. Unless the beneficiary is Medicaid, beneficiaries will have to pay an out-of-pocket deductible of \$8,000 to \$10,000, before Advantage pays medical costs in full. Until that deductible is met, there is always a copay or coinsurance for services, or to see a provider. Educate yourself about what your out-of-pocket costs will be before enrolling!

Open Enrollment is when State Retirees losing their State Prescription Drug Coverage must sign up for a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. Enrollment in Medicare “D” is one

requirement to qualify for the three financial assistance programs provided by the State effective January 1, 2025.

(SHIP is not permitted to enroll State Retirees into “D”. Remember to get a confirmation number of your enrollment for the 2025 “D” plan and a printout of the plan so you can confirm your coverage and costs.)

The Maryland Department of Budget (MDB) has contracted with Via Benefits to provide enrollment assistance for all State retirees to enroll in Medicare part “D” for 2025. State Retirees must utilize Via Benefits to enroll in Medicare Part “D”. If Retirees DO NOT USE this vendor to enroll in “D”, they will NOT be eligible for the three state reimbursement programs being made available. MDB sources state that 95% of the retiree population qualify for one or more of these programs!

Call Via Benefits @1-855-556-4419 or go to my.viabenefits.com/ Maryland to schedule your appointment to enroll in “D” and get screened for the following three programs that are available. Be sure to ask what the state health insurance subsidy is, and determine if it affects your eligibility for SPDAP and Extra Help.

1) The Maryland State Retiree Prescription Drug Coverage Program: Provides reimbursement for out-of-pocket costs of more than \$1500 for an individual and \$2000 for a family. If the “retiree qualifies for a partial state health insurance subsidy their out-of-pocket costs may be higher”.

- Ended State service on or before 12/31/2019 and retired on or before 1/1/2020
- Must be enrolled in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to be enrolled
- Must qualify to enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options in accordance with §2-508 or §2-509 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article
- There may be a maximum reimbursement amount for all 3 programs

2) Maryland State Retiree Catastrophic Prescription Drug Assistance Plan. Designed to address out of pocket costs after one reaches the catastrophic coverage phase of Part D.

- Hired on or before 6/30/11, ended State Service on or after 1/1/2020
- Must be enrolled in a Medicare Prescription D plan to be enrolled
- Must qualify to enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options

3) Maryland State Retiree Life Sustaining Prescription Drug Assistance Program

- Applies automatically when the retiree is enrolled in either of the plans above
- Reimburses out of pocket costs for a life sustaining drug currently covered by the current State Prescription Drug Benefit Plan that are NOT covered by Medicare
- A list of those life sustaining drugs will be made available later

For questions related to Retiree Health Benefits call 410-767-4775 or email ebd.mail@maryland.gov.

October Birthday Rule Reminder: Only 30 days after your birthday! Need to change Supplemental/ Medi-Gap plans to save money? Call Mary Moran for information 410-479-2535.

Caroline Senior Center

The Caroline Senior Center has a full month of fun activities and crafts planned. If you would like our October calendar, please call the center at 410-479-2535 and ask for Brandy or Geri.

We welcome our usual SAIL classes with Tyrell James on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 pm. Melanie Chapple, Pharmacist for U of MD Shore Regional Health, will be here on October 3 at 10:00 am to do Blood Pressure Screenings and Medication Management information, if you have any questions about your prescriptions please plan to attend this informational group session.

October 8, the senior center will take their first fall trip to Councill Farms Pumpkin Patch in Cordova, MD, followed by a Dutch Lunch trip to Chili's in Easton, MD. We plan to do pumpkin decorating with the pumpkins purchased from this trip on October 11, or you can bring your own to decorate with us. If you would like to join us on this trip, please call the center by October 3 to reserve your seat on the bus.

Caroline Senior Center will be closed to observe the Columbus Day holiday on October 14.

We have planned special activities for Halloween day October 31, starting with our first Trick or Treat with Seniors event from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. Watch our Facebook page for our flyer. Also, we have planned our usual Halloween Party for the center.

Caroline Senior Center is pleased to announce our new food vendor, Eat Sprout of Easton, MD. If you're a senior 60 or older please come enjoy a nice hot meal during our lunch hour starting at 11:30 am Monday through Friday.

Visit us on Facebook: Caroline Senior Center.

Federalsburg Senior Center

Get ready for spooky season with your favorite senior center in Federalsburg! Pumpkins, ghosts and bats got you wishing it was Halloween already? Come see us to make some fun and creative crafts to excite and mesmerize your haunted house-guests! Our first week's craft will be Button Pumpkin canvases, week two will be Ghastly Garland, the third week we will be making a Harvest Wreath, followed by Leaf Lanterns in the fourth week and finally decorating pumpkins right before Halloween! Join us for Bingo every Thursday or stop in on Tuesdays for our S.A.I.L. Fitness class.

If you are interested in joining the center or want to stop by to meet us, we will be throwing a Halloween party on October 31, where you are encouraged to dress up in costume and stop by to enjoy some food, music and games. Located on the second floor of Federalsburg Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, Federalsburg Senior Center is excited to be a part of our aging community and even more so to host fun events and activities for them to enjoy. Be sure to stop by!

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North County Regional Park Awarded Federal Funding



By *Connie Connolly*
DENTON – Caroline County was one of five Maryland jurisdictions to receive Land and Water Conservation Fund Awards for Maryland local recreation projects

The county was awarded \$1.3 million to help develop the North County Regional Park on State Route 313 north of Greensboro.

According to a Sept. 10 press release from the Department of Natural Resources, the “new park will be established with walking paths, four multipurpose athletic fields, a playground, a bike skills course, a restroom and a pavilion,” to meet “a growing need for both organized sports and outdoor leisure activities.”

For Caroline County Recreation and Parks Director Jamie Beechey the project is a “legacy park,”

“One of the things that really is extraordinary about where it is situated (is) people are going to have the benefit of both passive and active recreation,” she said. “It is an amazing place to experience nature and wildlife in almost the same location where you can experience competitive athletic pursuits, as well.”

“So, it is a really, really unique property, and being adjacent to the Choptank River, it is beautiful,” she said.

The three-year process of obtaining the funding was “definitely a labor of love, and it often took some calming and soothing of the nerves and the soul to get through the process, because it is very harrowing,” she said.

“It’s a lot of money,” she said. “Caroline County does not have the bandwidth to be able to fund these types of projects out of its capital fund.

And so, it was just really important that we’re able to receive this grant from the National Park Service.”

The park comprises “207 acres total, and we’ll be developing about 76,” she said.

The park will also have a “pedestrian bridge over the waterway that’s out there, and we will have ... a bicycle pump track, (something) very popular on the East Coast,” she said.

“I’m so grateful for this Board of County Commissioners,” she said. “Obviously, this park could never happen without them.”

“The multipurpose fields are going to be very welcome,” Beechey said. “Certainly, one of the things that we have seen is, post-pandemic, ... a boom in youth soccer, football, baseball and softball,” she said. “We need to have the space for them.”



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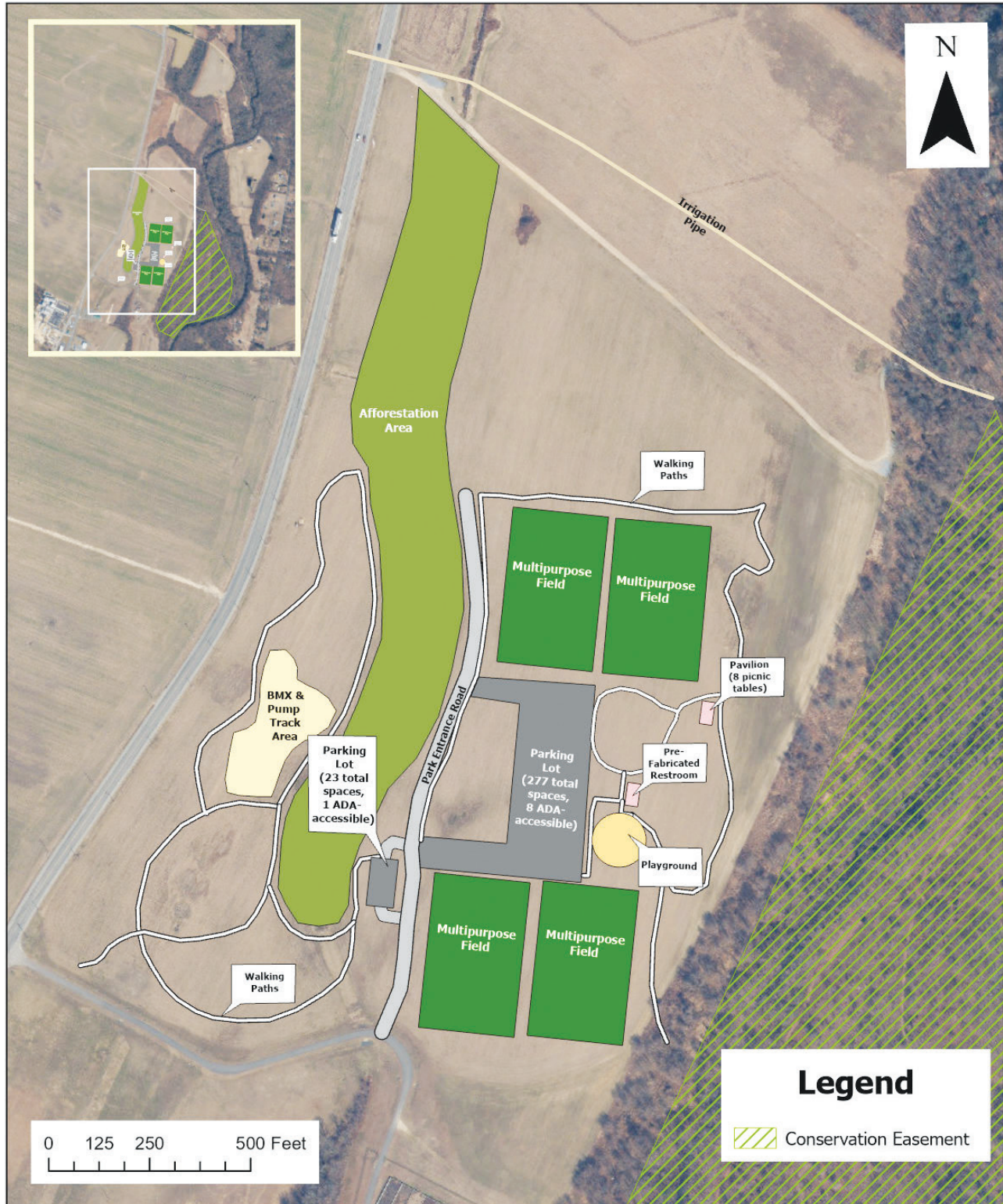
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Phase I North County Regional Park



Map created by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 2/29/2024

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Estate of Arthur Lee Foster to Ewing's Roofing and Siding Company, Inc., \$82,000, Factory Lane, Ridgely.

James Ormand Baker and Janet Carol Baker to Karina Murillo Gonzalez, \$30,000, 510 and 512 Lincoln Street, Denton.

Ronald M. White to Romolus International LLC, \$13,000, Hill Top Road, Federalsburg.

Amy Michelle Cawley and Melissa M. Kremasky to Hector Antonio Canales Granados and Nubia G. Rodriguez Hernandez, \$300,000, 25272 Pealiquor Road, Denton.

Matthew H. Slater to Darek T Whitwer and Eileen Ann Curtis, \$225,000, 4743 Bethlehem Road, Preston.

Happy House Properties, LLC to James Coten Darling and Giles Darling, \$85,000, 1013 Gay Street, Denton.

Phillip D. Whitby to Emma L. Riley, \$280,000, 6 Maple Avenue, Ridgely.

Jeremy B. Wilkins to GITSIT Solutions LLC, \$218,900, 505 South Second Street, Denton.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC to Esperanza Gonzalez Velasquez, \$63,000, 208 N Academy Street, Greensboro.

Christopher John R.Schoonover to John H. Brown III, \$650,000, 16049 Henderson Road, 15868 Jackson Lane, Goldsboro.

N. Nancy Van Ells to Timothy Donovan Krick and Tara O'Neal Krick, \$500,000, 25766 Beauchamp Branch Road, Denton.

Victoria F. Weaver to Shore Community Services, Inc, \$480,000, 24911 Woods Drive, Denton.

SMS Developers Limited Liability Company to Shanta L. Phillips and Damont M. Phillips, \$11,000, Lot 50 and 51, Douglas Street, Ridgely.

GS Mortgage-Backed Securities Trust 2021-RPL1 to Gary Bee and Emily Bee, \$127,900, 6-7 Academy Ave, Federalsburg.

JV Land Holdings, LLC to Brett Justin Carter, \$349,900, 1108 Trice Meadows Circle, Denton.

The Estate of John A. Windsor, by Edward Windsor, Personal Representative and The Estate of Betty E. Bechtel, by John S. Bechtel, Personal Representative to Michael E. Anderson and Felicia M. Anderson, \$15,000, 212 Academy Avenue, Federalsburg.

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Prime Time Home Buyers, LLC to Mynor Cael and Marcos Morales Cael, \$9,000, 0 Crown Stone Road, Marydel.

Diane S. Rosenberg and Mark D. Meyer to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., \$64,000, 5026 Bethlehem Road, Preston.

Jeffery M. Garrett and Carolyn S. Garrett to Lomaxx, LLC, \$65,000, 307 West Third Street, Ridgely.

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC to DonJoven Batson and Erica Batson, \$229,900, 319 Morris Ave, Federalsburg.

Richard Sanders, Personal Representative of The Estate of Linda Kay Taylor to Shelly Fisher, \$170,000, 23000 Hog Creek Road, Preston.

Joseph Blodgett and Andrea Blodgett to Nicole Aileen Antonelli, \$245,000, 25 Greenridge Avenue, Ridgely.

Linda H. Parenteau to Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, \$384,320, 16595 Steele Road, Henderson.

Karen Lee Ketcham to Brennan E. Greene, \$380,000, 201 Central Avenue, Ridgely.

Barbara K. Davis to Nawras Ashrifeh, \$285,000, 107-125 Davis Lane, Federalsburg.

Timothy Frey and Susan Frey to Robert Preston Smith, Barbara Smith and Skyler Renay Phelps, \$385,000, 25485 Hignutt Road, Denton.

Dora L. Sydnor and Gregory W. Sydnor to Morgan R. Keller and Christopher J. Kelly, \$240,000, 224 S. Second Street, Denton.

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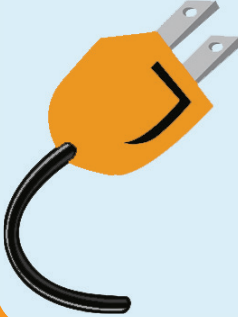
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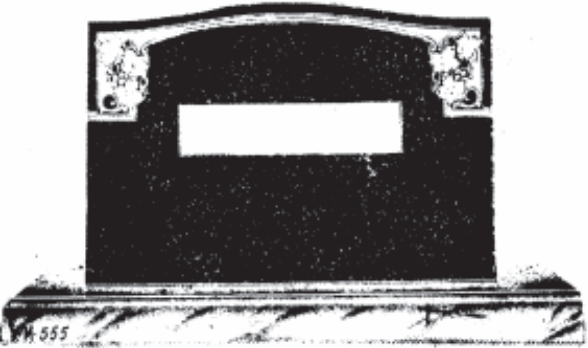
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