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# Just Take a Minute

**Debbie Bowden - Publisher**

There is absolutely no way that it is 2025!!! A quarter of a century since Y2K. I want to not accept it, but I haven't perfected the time machine that will take me back, so I guess I must.

Nearly everyone talks about how quickly time seems to be passing. My previous neighbor, who at nearly 100 years old, said that the days and years were ticking by at a rapid pace. My young nieces and nephews are also noting how the weeks pass by at a breakneck speed. There is too much going on in our lives, and the opportunities to stop and savor the present are fewer.

I named this column, "Just Take a Minute," as a fluke. It was a message to myself that sharing my thoughts and updates for the Caroline Review should just take a minute of my time. It is also a message to the reader to indicate that with all of the content that is thrown at you, reading this column should take just a minute. The title is also a reminder to take that small amount of time to relish something - the antics of child, the colors of the sky, that really funny meme - because those 60 seconds may help slow your perception of time and help you relax.



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# Travelin' Man Walt Palmer

DENTON LAWYER HAS RETIRED, BUT HE PLANS TO STAY BUSY

By **Connie Connolly**



DENTON – If you know Walt Palmer, you know he’s always on the move.

Whether walking to his law office at 108 Market Street, heading over to the Caroline County Courthouse or leading Scout Troop 165 on their many hikes, he’s a Denton icon.

Walter Butler Palmer III, a lifelong Denton resident and lawyer for 45 years, retired in December 2024. He had to. Mary Ann Porter Palmer, his wife of 44 years, kept him to the promise he uttered years ago. He glibly tossed off 70 as the age he would take down his shingle.

“In my line of the Palmer family, the retirement plan is you die young and you don’t have to worry about it,” he quipped.



Denton native Walt Palmer retires after 45 years of practicing law. Photo by: Connie Connolly

With his dry sense of humor, a razor-sharp memory and an easy laugh, Palmer reflected recently about growing up in Caroline County, his career as a small-town lawyer and his longtime commitment to scouting.

## GROWING UP IN DENTON

It was his Methodist faith heritage, family values, scouting and music that combined to shape Palmer’s character, choice of career, service to the community, and long marriage.

Born in Easton and growing up at 209 South 5th Avenue, Palmer was active in scouting from the get-go. When he earned his Tenderfoot badge as a cub scout, he was at a crossroads: he could leave scouting or continue on. He opted for scouting and went on to become an Eagle scout, one of 83 Eagle scouts Troop 165 has produced since 1934.

Palmer was inspired to continue a tradition modeled by his Scout Master, Sonny Callahan of Denton.

“We had a ceremony when about six or eight of us got Tenderfoot, ... and I remember Sonny Callahan saying nice things about me, and how proud my dad was because he was in attendance,” Palmer said. “So, I make it a point, for any rank that any Scout gets, to say something nice about each and every Scout when we have a ceremony the parents attend.”

Scouting helped foster Palmer’s lifelong passion for hiking, and he’s hiked with his troop over the years from the Bahamas to Ireland, from New England to the North and South Rims of the Grand Canyon.

It was North Carolina High School that provided him the academic tools for success in college and the opportunity to meet his future wife.

A member of the Class of 1972, Palmer shared a music stand with Mary Ann Porter as they played clarinet in the school band. She became valedictorian of the Class of 1971. They dated on and off for nine years before they tied the knot.

“Our first date was rated G,” he said. “If someone made a movie – bring the wife, the kids, the dogs. We walked from my house on Fifth Street out to Martinak, out to the point there, talked, walked back. That was it.”

Hailing from Rehoboth, Delaware, his father and uncle owned a lime and fertilizer dealership at Oil City. “I tell people that dad and I were in similar fields. We were both shoveling fertilizer,” he said.

His mother, Genevieve Rugh, came down from Greensburg, Pennsylvania to teach music. She was the organist at St. Luke’s for years and hosted an annual Christmas party for the

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In July, Palmer, 70, hiked to the summit of Baldy Mountain with Scout Troop 165 of Denton. This photo on Baldy Mountain was taken in 2013. Photo courtesy of Walt Palmer.

entire choir. Palmer cherishes a Joyce Ziegler painting in his office that his dad commissioned as a birthday gift for Genevieve, but he wasn't able to give it to her, as he passed away seven days before her birthday.

Palmer's penchant for walking everywhere may have health benefits.

"I hope so, because ... the Palmer retirement plan is to die young. It's been heart problems. My dad was 56 My grandfather was 62," he said. "Now on my mother's side, the Rughs live forever. I told people when I hit somewhere between 62 and 65, I'd find out if I was a Palmer or a Rugh." Palmer's younger brother Paul died from cancer in 2010.

Palmer credits his parents for modeling community service. "Dad was involved all over the place here, mom playing the organ at church, teaching, that kind of stuff," he said. "No one ever had to lecture us about the need to help other people. They just helped other people, and we internalized it from being around them."

He'll have more time to teach Bible studies at his new church home, Christ Episcopal Church in Denton. A lifelong member of St. Luke's, he parted ways when the congregation agreed to disaffiliate from the United Methodist denomination and become a Global Methodist local church.

Besides his family and teachers, Palmer credits his many mentors for helping him fulfill his dream of practicing law.

Palmer credits his teachers for preparing him for the rigors of college. He graduated magna cum laude from Gettysburg College in 1976, with honors in history and as a

member of Phi Beta Kappa, but his first semester performance planted serious doubts that he could succeed.

A history and political science major, to this day Palmer remembers the exam question prompting him to distinguish the difference between the Roman Empire and the Roman Republic. "It was about a month into the semester, and I have flunked my first history test," he said. "Poly Sci - I've forgotten what I misread on that, but it ended up as a D."

His history professor encouraged him not to lose heart, "but I was losing heart anyway," he said. At the same time, his history paper awaited a grade, and the professor returned grades as he scored them.

"So, I'm looking at people who I figure are smarter than I am, and they're coming back with C's on their papers. And I'm thinking, oh my gosh, they're getting C's, what am I gonna get? I'm going to flunk out of here and all those people who sent me off with such high hopes and that kind of deal. I had no plan B. My life was mapped out. I had mapped out my life: Go to college, go to law school, come back to Denton. It was looking like I was going to come back to Denton a whole lot sooner than I figured. To me, it looked like a real serious chance that I was not going to make it. Well, he returned my paper, and it was an A. That was Parker Stone entirely," he said.

Stone taught 12th grade English at NCHS, and Palmer said he, as well as other teachers prepared him well. He was even on the staff of his school newspaper Northern Lights, despite his aversion to writing.

“I hated writing. I was too lazy (and) didn't want to do all that work, but they made us do it, and it paid off,” he said.

During the summers of 1974 to 1976, he worked as a teacher's aide at the Caroline County Migrant School in Federalsburg.

From Gettysburg, Palmer headed to law school at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, earning his law degree in 1979. He and his roommate took a 4-day bar review course at Notre Dame College in Baltimore, stayed at future Denton dentist Roland Holsinger's apartment in the city, played the video game Pong, attended an Orioles double-header, and the next day, sat for the 2-day exam at the Baltimore Civic Center.

“I think we were relaxed between the Pong and the Birds,” Palmer said.

Palmer lived with his parents that November, and came home to a dark house from Gettysburg's homecoming. With his parents away on vacation and his brother in grad school at Tulane, Palmer switched on the lights and got the mail.

“There's the envelope,” he said. “So, I open it up, and I'm just yelling, jumping up and down in the kitchen.” He had passed the Maryland bar.

### FULFILLING A DREAM

Palmer considers himself a fortunate man. In high school he had done unpaid title work for the late Owen Wise. That title work became a valuable skill because he ended up clerking in 1977 and 1978 for George Nier, Bob Jarrell and Jim Hubbard's law firm in Denton while still in law school.

“They all were really good to me,” he said. Eventually, Palmer became an associate for Nier, Jarrell & Hubbard from 1979 to 1982. Wise became a judge in 1982.

“Since I had done the unpaid work for him, (Judge Wise) offered his practice to me, and he said, ‘I have no idea what value to put on the practice, so I'm just going to give you the practice. We'll get the furniture appraised, and you can pay me for that,’” he said. “That was terrific, and that's what I'm doing, incidentally, when I retire. I've got somebody in mind who's going to take it over, and I'm not charging them, because it's not fair. I got it for free.”

Serving his friends and neighbors in his general law practice has changed Palmer's views over the years. He considers those who work minimum wage jobs and raise children “amazing.”

“By the time you run the numbers, working is almost heroic,” he said. “You get a lot of respect for them.” Although he was defeated almost before he began, he considers his work as a trustee trying to save the Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center in Chestertown one of projects he is most proud of. Hiking difficult terrain contains a “good life lesson,” he said. It's just “one foot in front of the other, one foot in front of the other.” He plans to build walking into his



Walt Palmer hung up his shingle 45 years ago, and he now plans to travel and continue his community work.

schedule to stave off the effects of his sweet tooth.

In the meantime, there are his and her parents' inherited belongings awaiting their attention.

“We've got a lot of cleaning up around the house to do,” Palmer said. “But you know, if you're willing to put the marriage on the line, there's a very simple and effective way to clean out a house. The husband decides what things of the wife's are expendable. The wife decides what things of the husband's are expendable. You would have the house clean in no time. Might be divorced, but the house will be clean.” Palmer considers success as “doing what I set out to do when I was eighth grade or ninth grade and decided I wanted to be a lawyer,” he said. “I used to pray about it: ‘God, let me be a lawyer.’ And then I threw in, ‘Let me do it to help people and not to become rich.’ And I'm thinking I should have cut it off before I got to that second part.”

“Part of the formula for contentment is to like what you're doing,” he said.

“I grew up here, so that's why I came back because I had so many people when I was growing up who had done such nice things for me that I figured, obviously, I couldn't pay them back directly, but the best I could do would be to come back and try to do something, even if it was collecting trash, which luckily I didn't end up having to do,” Palmer said.

While he's officially retiring, he's keeping four cases to see through to completion.



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## SERVING THE COMMUNITY, NURTURING FRIENDSHIPS

Palmer has served in many roles and on many boards and commissions in the county. He's won several awards for his work with families and on behalf of children and those with mental health and behavioral challenges. He has been a member – with perfect attendance – of the Denton Rotary Club since 1994. He said he's most proud of his work with the scouts, the church and the law.

He's made friends across the political spectrum and said Caroline County fosters the kind of camaraderie that allow friends to disagree politically and still respect each other.

"There was Jim Phelps, who was very active in the Republican Party here. Golly, I miss him," Palmer said as his eyes began to redden with emotion. "I would go over and we would talk politics. We would pick at each other. We would joke with each other about politics, and we respected each other."

"When you live around here, you know the people," he said. "It's easy to have the luxury of hating somebody when you don't deal with them, but when you're dealing with them, you find out you respect them. You like them. Caroline County is just this amazing place that you can do that. I think the rest of the country could learn from Caroline County."


## LEANING INTO THE FUTURE

Palmer acknowledges his penchant for hiking appeals to him more than to Mary Ann. A naturally shy person, he is comfortable with the silence of the "green tunnel" hike through forests. Mary Ann indulges him on shorter hikes, but there are some challenging hiking trails on his wish list he'd like to check off: Hadrian's Wall, the Great Allegheny Passage, the Camino de Santiago.

He plans to stay active with Troop 165. In July he journeyed to the Philmont Scout Reservation and hiked with "a terrific crew of Scouts and adult advisors" to the top of Baldy Mountain, elevation 12,441 feet. "Sorry to brag, but not too shabby for 70 years old," Palmer posted on his Facebook page.

Hiking difficult terrain contains a "good life lesson," he said. It's just "one foot in front of the other, one foot in front of the other." He plans to build walking into his schedule to stave off the effects of his sweet tooth.

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# Bridging Mental Health Gaps

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The holiday season is often portrayed as a time of joy and togetherness. But for many living in rural areas, December can bring unique challenges that amplify feelings of isolation, stress, and mental health struggles. With limited access to mental health care and the added pressures of the holidays, rural residents often find themselves navigating this time of year with fewer resources.

The stigma around mental health remains a significant barrier. In close-knit communities where “everyone knows everyone,” the fear of judgment or gossip often prevents individuals from reaching out for help. During the holiday season, these challenges can be exacerbated by financial strain, loneliness, or the emotional weight of grief and loss.

While the holidays can be a time of joy, they can also magnify existing stressors. Farmers, watermen, and agricultural workers may face additional financial worries due to the seasonal downturn in income. Families may feel the strain of providing gifts or hosting holiday celebrations, and the colder, darker months can trigger or worsen Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

For many rural residents, physical isolation compounds emotional struggles. Elderly individuals, widowed spouses, or families with relatives far away often find the holidays particularly challenging.

Supporting mental health in rural areas requires the commitment of policymakers, community leaders, and advocates. Expanding broadband access, increasing funding for rural mental health services, and training local mental health professionals are critical steps. Supporting organizations like the Mental Health Association of Maryland (MHAMD) advocate for these issues to our legislators — you can get involved by attending or sponsoring MHAMD’s Legislative Briefing Reception on February 12, 2025. MHAMD is committed to ensuring every Marylander’s fundamental right to quality mental health and substance use care. And perhaps the most significant action our communities can take is fostering a culture where seeking help is seen as a sign of strength, not weakness.

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# Recreation & Parks Powers Up Programs

COUNTY DEPARTMENT CULTIVATES PARTNERSHIPS TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY

By Tracey F. Johns



Caroline County Recreation & Parks (CCRP) has long been a pillar of youth engagement, offering after-school and summer programs that keep children active, learning, and growing, and now thanks to a growing number of partnerships and collaborative programming, their reach continues to grow

to serve more youth each year.

For the past 17 years, CCRP has cultivated these opportunities, and each year, enrollment continues to rise. But as the demand grows, so does the need for resources, and CCRP knows that building partnerships is key to sustaining and expanding its programs.

“Even though we operate on less than 2% of the county budget, we’ve never wavered in our commitment to serve Caroline County’s youth,” said Jamie Beechey, director of CCRP. “County funding, partnerships, and grants are crucial for us to offer robust programming.”

The latest partnership between CCRP and ShoreRivers exemplifies this approach. ShoreRivers, an organization dedicated to protecting and restoring Maryland’s Eastern Shore waterways, is teaming up with CCRP to launch an exciting educational initiative for fifth-grade students. Starting next summer, students will dive into hands-on learning activities focused on answering a vital question: “Are our rivers swimmable and fishable?”

Danny Mitchell, program services director for CCRP, emphasized how the collaboration will fill a crucial gap. “Many of the children we work with are disconnected from the waterways that surround them,” Mitchell said.

“Working with ShoreRivers gives us a chance to address that while providing unique learning experiences for our summer campers,” he says. “Most of these kids have never even held a fishing rod before, so getting them out on the water is going to be transformative.”

Through the partnership, students will learn science,



ShoreRivers and Caroline County Recreation and Parks are excited to be partnering to bring new outdoor experiences to Caroline County fifth-graders next summer. Funding for this program is generously provided by a grant from the North American Association for Environmental Education, in collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and supported by the U.S. Department of Education. (Photo courtesy ShoreRivers)

technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills while engaging with nature. They'll assess water quality, go canoeing, fish for invasive species, and work on environmental advocacy projects. These experiences aim to instill a sense of stewardship for local ecosystems.

The program is supported by a grant from the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), in collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and funded by the U.S. Department of Education. CCRP is one of only a few organizations on the Eastern Shore to receive this prestigious funding, which also supports the department's well-established 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

"We're thrilled about this new partnership," said Morgan Buchanan, ShoreRivers' education programs coordinator. "This funding allows us to ignite a passion for our local waterways and inspire the next generation of environmental stewards. It's about connecting these students to the natural world around them in a hands-on, meaningful way."

For CCRP, partnerships like this not only enhance the programming but also allow the department to serve more students. The demand for CCRP's summer camps, which hosted nearly 900 campers last year, continues to exceed capacity. If more partnerships or funding opportunities can be cultivated, CCRP hopes to expand its reach.

For Mitchell, he sees partnerships as building endless potential in expanding CCRP's environmental offerings.

"We want these kids to have experiences that will resonate long after they leave our programs," he said. "Whether it's learning how to safely enjoy our rivers or enjoying many of our other summer activities, we're empowering students to connect with the world around them."

Beechey also sees this as an opportunity to raise future environmental stewards. "We hope that even the smallest experience with us might inspire these children to take larger actions later in life—whether it's picking up trash at a local park or working toward making our environment more sustainable."

CCRP's mission to deliver meaningful out-of-school programming transcends time frames and budget challenges, and the department remains committed to finding innovative ways to support the youth of Caroline County.

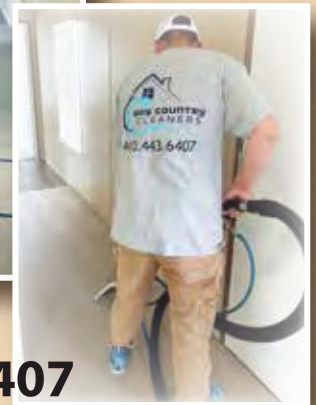
As Beechey puts it, "If there's an opportunity to partner with content experts who can help us provide unique experiences for our youth, we're always interested in exploring that. It's all about enriching the lives of our children, and partnerships help make that possible."

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# Ridgely Exxon Opens

By Joanne Gelles



The new convenience store created quite a buzz in the town.

Hiren Patel did a complete make-over of the gas station and convenience store at 13 W. 6th St., in Ridgely. The result is a refreshed building along the main thoroughfare in the town.

Patel began the renovations in October 2023 with a complete redo of the building interior and exterior. The convenience store and gas pumps open in November 2024. Just like Patel's other property, Fosters, at the other end of town, this store has the usual soda, snacks, essentials, bath & beauty products, basic medical supplies like aspirin, and of course gas. There is also a large selection of beers, wine and spirits. Patel supports Eastern Shore breweries and hopes to have wine and beer tastings to promote these small businesses. Soon there will be a deli with quick foods for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

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Hiren Patel opened Ridgely Exxon in November 2024.

as well as sign-ups for the Exxon loyalty program is planned for January 2025.

In a few months, Patel will finish renovating the adjoining store into a laundromat with super-sized washers, dryers, and club cards. He also plans to open community center, particularly for young people who, "have to go to Dover or Easton, or Denton to work out," he explains. "I'd like to have something for the young people in the community, maybe a gym or a game room." **CR**

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Cheryl Beulah,  
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# Unhoused in Caroline

PART 1 OF A 3-PART SERIES EXAMINING THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY

By **Connie Connolly**



DENTON – The harsh reality is this: Homelessness exists in Caroline County.

Whether the unhoused sojourn in one of two homeless shelters in the county, crash in someone’s camper in the back yard, or camp out behind a shopping center, they are here.

And they hope their neighbors will recognize them as, simply, neighbors.

In this 3-part series, the Caroline Review will explore the reality of homelessness in Caroline County, the attempts to help those who are unhoused, and what the future may look like.

According to a recent report by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, each year, 25,000 Marylanders will “experience homelessness at some point during the year.”

In Caroline County, “there are hundreds of reasons why people wind up homeless,” said Kat Stork Blaher, facilitator of Caroline Better Together. “Housing instability is a factor for many, many people as well, and as things get worse, more people fall into homelessness.”

Stefanie Johnson, executive director of His Hope Ministries Homeless Shelter in Denton refers to her guests as “those experiencing a housing crisis.” There’s a stigma attached to the word “homeless,” she said.

The causes of homelessness are many and varied. Johnson described some of the people she has encountered.

“In most cases, it’s people that have been living with family, and that family member passes away, and the house gets sold,” Johnson said. “We’ve seen people who have lost their houses because of lack of income. We do see people that experience a housing crisis through substance abuse. We’ve had people that have come out of jail and found themselves without a house and just want to get a fresh start.”

A housing crisis doesn’t necessarily result in homelessness. Nonprofit organizations such as His Hope Ministries and Martin’s House and Barn in Ridgely try to provide help by working alongside the Department of Social Services to provide assistance with rent or help with bills “to keep them in the housing where they are, before they end up coming to us seeking shelter.”

According to a Nov. 10, 2024, story in Maryland Matters homelessness among adults aged 65 and older increased by 77% between 2018 and 2024. With fixed incomes,

rental increases among seniors are difficult, if not impossible, to overcome.

“The issue that I’ve come to understand, in a very limited basis, is that we have a housing problem,” Blaher said. “This is not unique to Caroline County. This is happening across the Shore. It’s happening across the state, happening across the country.”

“The cost of housing, the lack of inventory of housing at all levels, whether we’re talking about middle class workforce housing all the way to subsidized housing – there’s just a lack of inventory,” she said. “And when there’s a lack of inventory,



His Hope Ministries Executive Director Stefanie Johnson, (right), welcomes Megan Rosendale, (left), and Jillian Luna, who donated coats, hats, scarves and more for the homeless shelter Nov. 20, 2024  
(Photo courtesy His Hope Ministries)



Guests at His Hope Ministries Homeless Shelter in Denton place their belongings on the top bunk and sleep on the bottom bunk.

lack of supply, then the demand for it also then sets the costs of rentals, and market rentals are really, really high.”

In Caroline County’s tight rental market, the typical monthly rent is now between \$1,500 and \$2,000, according to Johnson.

Caroline’s homeless population is not always homegrown. As the DHCD scans the horizon of possible shelters to house Marylanders, it isn’t unusual for someone from a distant county to be housed here temporarily.

According to Danielle Meister, DHCD assistant secretary of homeless solutions, “We only have one permanent housing assistance opportunity for every 10 people that experience homelessness when it comes to federal and state funds.”

“So, for every 10 people that need something, we only have one permanent housing opportunity, which can be really challenging when you’re talking about folks who might have really complex needs, might have a disability and may need a subsidy to get back on their feet, or rental assistance. We only can serve one person out of 10 with that intervention right now, based on federal and state resources.”

Of the 25,000 Marylanders who will experience homelessness sometime this year, “over 4,300 Marylanders experience chronic homelessness, meaning they have a permanent disability and have been homeless for over a year.” Because of “disabilities and their long-term duration of homelessness, most chronically homeless households have

zero income (68%),” according to the Nov. 14, 2024, report by the DHCD.

Two positive indicators Meister sees among the five Mid-Shore counties are decreases in homelessness among veterans and among the chronically homeless. “Also, the Mid-Shore has a chronic homelessness rate that is lower than the rest of the state, which I think is awesome,” she said. The Mid-Shore counties are Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Talbot and Dorchester.

“About 6% of people who experience homelessness (on the Mid-Shore) are chronically homeless, whereas statewide that’s closer to 14%, and at a national level, closer to 16%,” Meister said. The Mid-Shore counties “tend to have lower rates of those severe disabilities compared to other communities. And then I think the other thing that is really interesting is just how much coordination and regional response effort there is for places like the Mid-Shore.”

Part two of this series in the February edition of the Caroline Review will explore how Caroline County organizations fit into the matrix of solutions Mid-Shore counties are banding together to provide for those experiencing a housing crisis.

If you need assistance or would like to volunteer your services, visit [carolinebettertogether.org](http://carolinebettertogether.org).

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Unfortunately, the challenge Michelle and her children faced was not unusual. Over 30% of the people threatened with eviction are under age 15. The average eviction filing rate for counties on the Eastern Shore is 25%, more than three times that national average. Having legal representation improves outcomes for tenants, and for landlords too. Everyone gets a better result.

Knowing your rights as a tenant can make a big difference and coming to court on the scheduled date is key. Did you

know that tenants can't be evicted without a court order and that tenants have the right to defend themselves against eviction or subsidy termination? Legal representation helps tenants and landlords negotiate agreements such as repayment plans and getting necessary repairs.

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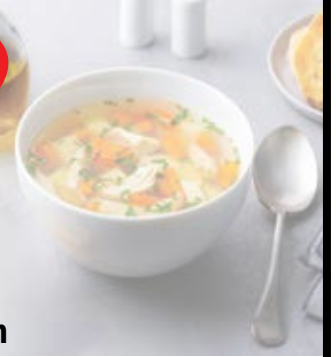


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# Real estate commission split changes

By Tolbert Rowe

Under new guidelines regarding real estate commissions, sellers cannot be required to pay their buyers commission as a condition of listing their home on a Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Seller agency agreements can only address the fee (commission) the selling agent will receive for marketing and representing the seller in the transaction. Sellers are no longer required to agree to pay buyer agents commissions as a condition of listing a home for sale and entering information about the property in an MLS.

Buyers are now responsible for negotiating services they want to receive from a realtor and how much they will pay for those services. When enacted, it was feared that this would have a devastating impact on first time buyers who are traditionally limited in the funds for down payment and closing costs.

Under the new rules sellers are only obligated to pay their agent a fee or commission in return for having information about their home included in the MLS. They are not obligated to pay any of the buyer's agents commission or fee. But the seller can, if asked as a condition of an offer to purchase, agree to pay some of or all of the buyer's expense. If they do agree to pay buyer's agent commission or fee, then the cost to the seller is the same as it had been previously. The difference is that who pays the buyers agent is now negotiable.

Most real estate agents have adjusted to this change and are managing negotiations rather well. A lot depends on how well agents have prepared their sellers for the possibility of being "asked" to pay the buyers agent in any contract offer they may receive. Especially involving a first-time buyer.

Recent data for sales to first time home buyers from June of 2023 to June 2024 show sales dropping to 24%, a record low, and the percentage could be even lower in 2025. The median age of first-time home buyers has risen from 33 years old to 38 in five years. Higher interest rates obviously are a significant reason, and if interest rates continue to remain at

current levels or inch up the percentage of first-time buyers could be even lower in 2025. For buyers who lack the funds for down payment and/or closing costs asking a seller to pay a 2% or 2.5% can be a difficult ask if they also need the seller to contribute \$10,000 toward buyers closing costs, in addition to 2.5% buyer's agent commission.

The VA and USDA loan programs are two loan programs that do not require a down payment, it is 100% financing. Plus, these programs allow the seller in the transaction to pay some of or all the borrowers closing costs. Essentially allowing an eligible and qualified buyer to purchase a home with very little if any of their money invested.

In today's world to achieve this same feat a buyer using either of these two programs to purchase a \$300,000 would need for the seller to pay closing costs, about \$10,000 to \$12,000 PLUS their realtor commission of \$7,500 (if 2.5%). A total of \$17,500 reduction in proceeds to the seller.

Realtors have successfully found a work around by making the commission a negotiable item for the buyer and making the seller aware of the possibility that any offer to purchase their home may include the condition that seller agree to pay the buyers agent commission.

If you are considering selling you home, be ready for the possibility of having to pay your buyers commission in order to sell your home.

If you are considering buying a home, be ready to discuss the specific services your buyer agent will provide for you for the fee they are receiving, and that you will be asking the seller for a concession and pay your agent from their sale proceeds. **CR**

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## Practical Coping Tips for the Holidays

For those in rural areas, here are some strategies to manage stress and nurture mental health during the holidays:

-  **Stay Connected** : Reach out to friends, family, or neighbors. Virtual check-ins or small, local gatherings can help reduce feelings of isolation.
-  **Practice Self-Care**: Prioritize rest, healthy eating, and time outdoors, even in colder months.
-  **Give Back**: Volunteering at local food banks or shelters can provide a sense of purpose and connection.
-  **Support Advocacy Efforts**: Attend the Legislative Briefing and Reception on February 12, 2025 to learn about the most important public policy issues impacting mental health in Maryland and the actions necessary to drive meaningful change.

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# Time to consider a business retirement plan?

By Ann Jacobs

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If you're a business owner, you're always thinking about the days ahead. What can I do to boost sales in the next year? What trends should I be watching? What's the forecast for my industry? But there's one element of the future you might be overlooking: your retirement plan. Consider these advantages of establishing a retirement plan for your business:

- You'll build resources for your retirement. You might sell your business one day, but can you count on that to fund your retirement? By investing in a retirement plan, you can help accumulate the resources you will need to retire.

- You can help your business attract and retain employees. In a tight labor market, you'll want to employ all the advantages you can to attract and keep good employees — and a retirement plan can help.

- You can gain tax benefits. Your contributions to a retirement plan — on behalf of yourself and your employees — can be tax deductible. Plus, you can get tax credits for starting a new plan.

Here are some retirement plans to consider:


- Owner-only 401(k) — This plan is available to self-employed individuals and business owners with no full-time employees other than themselves or a spouse. You may even be able to choose a Roth option for your 401(k), which allows you to make after-tax contributions that can grow tax free.

- Personal defined benefit plan — You can establish a pension plan, also known as a defined benefit plan, for yourself if you're self-employed or own your own business.

- SEP IRA — If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to consider an SEP IRA. The percentage of your salary you contribute to your SEP IRA is the same percentage of your eligible employees' salaries you must contribute to their SEP IRAs.

- SIMPLE IRA — A SIMPLE IRA is easy to set up and maintain, but while it may be advantageous for your employees, it's less generous to you, in terms of allowable contributions, than an owner-only 401(k) or a SEP-IRA. You must put in 2% of your employees' salaries, regardless of whether they contribute, or match their contributions dollar for dollar, up to 3% of their salaries.

And keep this in mind: The SECURE 2.0 legislation has made it possible for you to offer a Roth version of a SEP or SIMPLE IRA. Although contributions to either Roth account are not deductible, earnings and withdrawals are tax free, provided you (and your employees) are at least 59½ and have had your account at least five years.

To learn more about these and other business retirement plans, you might want to contact a financial professional. 

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The Melvin Jones Fellowship is one of the highest honors bestowed by Lions Clubs International Foundation, recognizing individuals who embody the spirit of humanitarianism and service. Lion Terry Higgins has been a dedicated member for more than 20 years, consistently demonstrating a commitment to improving the lives of others.

Past District Governor Wayne Cole formally presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Terry Higgins at the Marydel Lions Club Christmas party on December 3, 2024. The event was made even more special with the presence of Lion Terry Higgins' family, who attended to celebrate this significant achievement. **CR**



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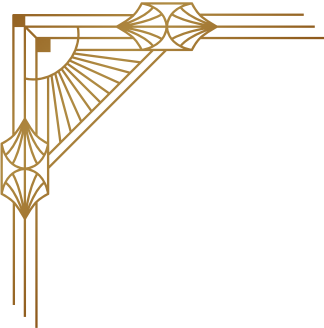
# Nancy Morris reflects on dynamic devices

In a recent video interview, Nancy Morris reflected on her 30 years of service at Benedictine. As a social worker and team lead in the counseling department, Nancy has dedicated her career to giving individuals a voice.

Nancy emphasized the impact of using "Interactive Dynamic Devices," such as iPads, to empower those that Benedictine supports. "The iPad has endless numbers of screens with endless numbers of pictures, and it speaks back to you so the individual can push the button to communicate," she explained. These devices allow those we support to express their needs, emotions, and choices, fostering independence and self-confidence.

Throughout her career at Benedictine, Nancy has witnessed the transformative power of these tools. From simple requests to complex thoughts, these devices provide a voice to those who might otherwise remain unheard.

Nancy embodies Benedictine's mission to support children and adults living with intellectual and developmental disabilities so they can achieve their greatest potential. CR

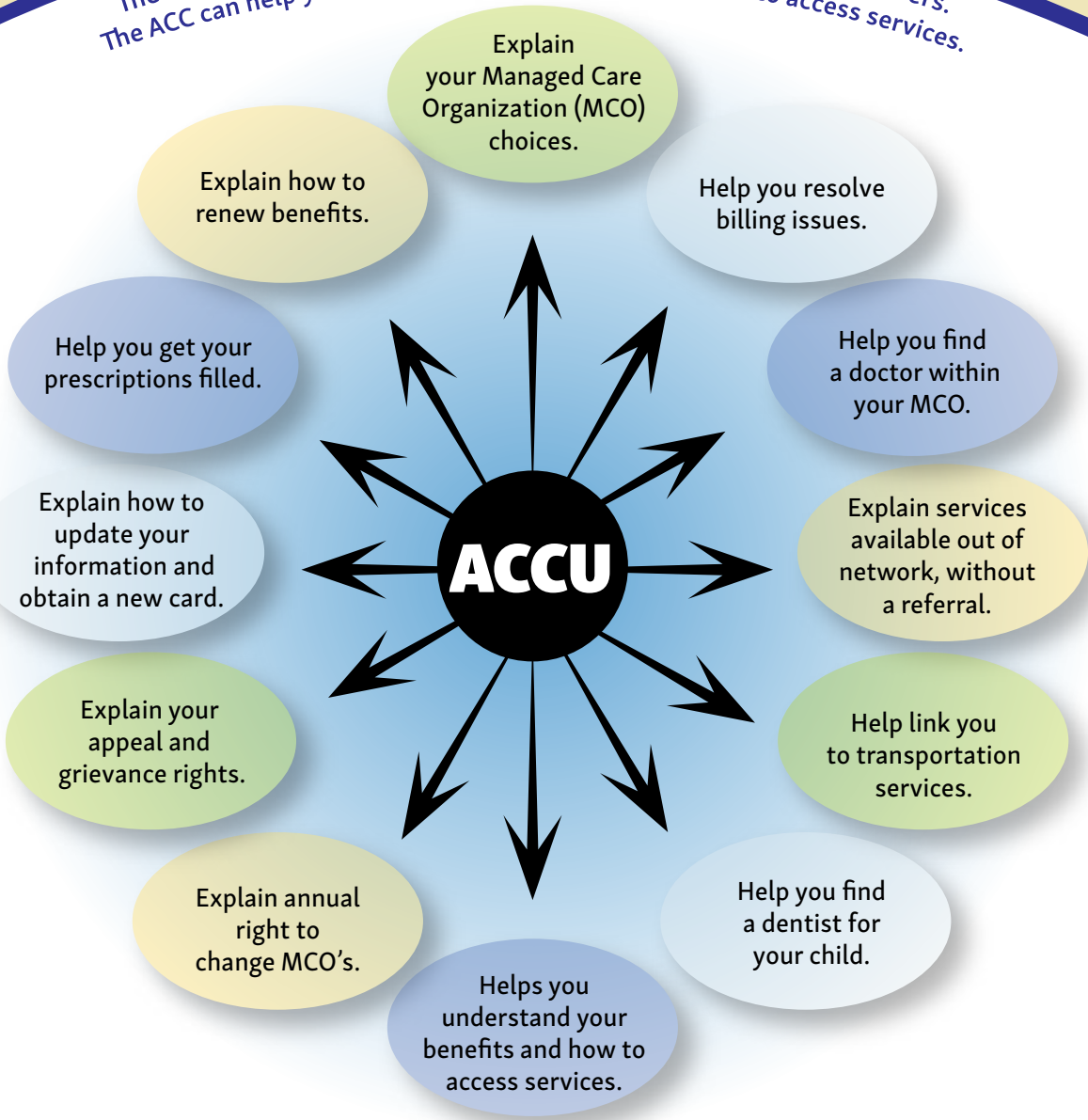


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by Amy Horne, Executive Director, CASA of Caroline



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Like most people do at the beginning of every year, you're probably making your resolutions – a long list of vague ambitions like exercising more, eating less, starting a new hobby, getting more organized – all things that are full of possibilities and good intentions. But by the end of January, many of those good intentions have faded into the winter blues and we revert to our old ways. So this year, why not resolve to do something that will help you meet all your personal goals and give back to your community at the same time?!? It's called VOLUNTEERING!!

That's right folks. Volunteering offers an assortment of opportunities to improve your own life while also helping others. The possibilities are limitless! Do you want to get more exercise this year? Maybe volunteer as a dog walker at the Caroline Humane Society. Do you want to eat healthier? Perhaps volunteering at a food pantry like Aaron's Place, with the Maryland Food Bank or packing backpacks for Food For Learning will help you learn more about nutrition. Do you want to make more time for reading?

Try volunteering with Applesed Books to read books to kids or with a local senior center where you can read books to older people who might be visually impaired. The societal benefits of volunteering are rather obvious, but it's something that can be equally beneficial for YOU, the volunteer. Here are some of those benefits:

- **Personal Well-Being** – Volunteering supports mental and physical activity. Studies have found that volunteers over the age of 60 experience greater satisfaction in life and positive changes in health. Doing something positive for others increases happiness and decreases depression.
- **Sense of Purpose** - Volunteer work fills many needs and gaps in services within the community. By being a part of something bigger than you, you will feel a renewed sense of purpose and reason to get out of bed every morning. Volunteering helps create and support healthy communities and who doesn't want to be a part of that?
- **Social Relationships** – Volunteering can help build rapport between team members, connection with family, and establish new friendships and relationships. By doing a fun activity together like serving meals at His Hope Ministries, you can create lasting bonds with folks who have shared interests, whether that be people you already know or new ones you meet. Dedicating your time as a volunteer will help you expand your network and develop your own social skills.

Ushering in a new year offers a great opportunity to make new choices and take new chances in life. Volunteering can easily become one of those back burner resolutions that fizzles out by February. Make it a reality this year. You can find opportunities on Volunteer Match or simply by checking out any one of the hundreds of nonprofits right here in Caroline County, including CASA of Caroline. What's holding you back? Make 2025 the year you make a huge difference right here in your own community. We all have a role to play in making and keeping Caroline County one of the strongest and most supportive communities on the Shore. If you're interested in becoming an advocate for abused and neglected children in foster care, please visit [www.casaofcaroline.org](http://www.casaofcaroline.org) for an application. Happy New Year! 



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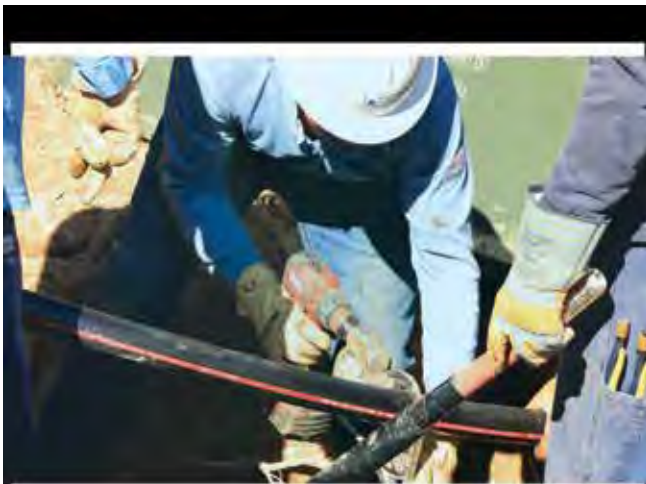
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**Access Resources:** Many organizations offer free or low-cost mental health services, including hotlines and telehealth platforms. Telehealth has become a vital tool for addressing rural mental health gaps. While internet access remains a challenge, local libraries, community centers, and schools are stepping up to provide free Wi-Fi hotspots for telehealth sessions.



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# Keep Your Amaryllis Bulb Alive to Re-Bloom Next Year

By Tammy Coulbourne

Each fall I start looking around garden centers for amaryllis bulbs. They are large bulbs, and priced to match their size, but for impact, especially at Christmas and into winter, I don't think you can put a price on an amaryllis. Nothing is better on a dreary January day than the bright bloom of an amaryllis.

Despite my love of amaryllis bulbs, I've never kept one past its first bloom season. This year's going to be different; my New Year's resolution is to keep at least one of my Amaryllis bulbs alive to see it re-bloom. Wish me luck! If you have a bulb of your own and want to join me on this journey, keep reading. I've researched the topic and here's what I learned:

After your bulb's blooms are spent, cut the stem off, but leave any leaves your plant has so they can do the whole "photosynthesis" thing. Place your bulb near a sunny window over the winter, giving the bulb a regular drink of water and liquid fertilizer. When the weather warms, and the frost



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threat is over, move your amaryllis outdoors to a spot protected from strong sun and wind. If temperatures drop below 50 degrees bring the bulb back in.

Once consistently warm weather arrives you can leave the bulb outside 24/7. You may leave the bulb in its container, or you can plant it in the ground IF you have well drained soil. Morning sun and afternoon shade is ideal for the amaryllis, water lightly, feeding once every six weeks. By mid-August stop watering the bulb and let it rest. In September bring the bulb indoors to a cool, dry location for an eight-week period. At the end of this rest period repot the bulb with fresh potting mix, water once, then wait for leaves and buds to appear. When those signs of life appear move the bulb to a sunnier location and increase watering. You (and I) should (hopefully) have blooms again for the 2025 holiday season! 



# New and Good



## Caroline Better Together in Practice, Not Theory

By Kat Stork

As the facilitator for the Caroline Better Together collective impact initiative, community members often ask me, with befuddled looks on their faces, “So, what is Caroline Better Together?” I have a practiced answer about how collective impact brings community partners and residents together around a common agenda using data and continuous communication to develop broad, cross-sector community-based solutions. Or, I share our vision that Caroline Better Together is a collective impact approach to creating a community where all individuals have access to the resources they need to grow and thrive. Over the past month, however, I’ve been thinking a lot about what it really MEANS to be “Caroline Better Together.”


Over the summer we launched the Caroline Better Together Facebook page and, in October, [carolinebettertogether.org](http://carolinebettertogether.org), in response to community requests to make better information available about resources and events in Caroline. Both the website and Facebook page are designed to be go-to places for information about the great things happening in the county. Community partners can, and do, submit information to both sources about programs, activities and events throughout the county.

Updating the website and monitoring the Facebook page, I am overwhelmed by the many opportunities to get involved across our county. Throughout the holidays our towns and local organizations hold parades, host craft shows and art activities, throw community dinners and lead gift giving campaigns and so much more. And everyday, when the lights of celebration dim, agencies, organizations and individuals provide services to help the community and put on events to enrich the lives of our neighbors.

So, while I could tell you what collective impact is in theory, instead, take a look at our social media, visit [carolinebettertogether.org](http://carolinebettertogether.org) and, better still, join us in person at Community Dinners and Conversations, or out in the community with our collective impact partners; together these paint the picture of what Caroline Better Together is in practice. At their best, each instance shows the way

community organizations and residents come together to make life better for our neighbors, ourselves and Caroline County overall. The many activities, events and resources provided by various groups, organizations and individuals embody the vibrant community spirit at work in what we call Caroline Better Together.

Everyone can be a part of Caroline Better Together. Our next Community Dinner & Conversation, on Wednesday, January 22 is a good place to start exploring how to expand our community assets together. And there are many other ways to get involved, such as:

1. Get out and participate in a community event, visit the library, join a club or civic organization.
2. Join a Caroline Better Together action team focused on an issue you are passionate about. 



Caroline Better Together has many channels for informing the community of the access to resources needed to grow and thrive.






# New and Good

## THINGS TO COME AS CAROLINE WORKS TO GET BETTER TOGETHER

Starting 2025 with a mid Winter check-in, followed by conversations addressing workforce development (February) and community health (March), Caroline Better Together will continue to host Community Dinners and Conversations. As the weather turns warmer, we are also working to engage communities where they are, around issues specific to them, through a series of pop-up events. These pop-ups will offer opportunities to discuss the challenges particular communities within Caroline County face and work to propose actions we can take to meet these challenges. As we plan this next collective impact effort, Caroline Better Together would love to hear from anyone with ideas about the important conversations they'd like to have with their immediate neighbors and communities. Feel free to email [admin@carolinebettertogether.org](mailto:admin@carolinebettertogether.org) with any and all suggestions.

Still, we know not everyone can take the time away from work and family to attend evening events, even those close to home, yet everyone's voice is important and we all benefit from the contributions of all our neighbors. Recognizing these facts, Caroline Better Together aims to bring collective impact outreach to local events and organizations. Though the details aren't worked out, we imagine setting up tables at community BBQs, local farmers' markets, and other community gatherings, with activities designed to start conversations about what it takes to live and thrive in Caroline County. If you, your neighbors, or your organization are planning events for the Spring and Summer, please reach out to [admin@carolinebettertogether.org](mailto:admin@carolinebettertogether.org) and remember to list your events on the [www.carolinebettertogether.org](http://www.carolinebettertogether.org) calendar of events. We hope you consider joining us. 

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## Mid-Winter Community Check-In:

- **Date:** Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025
- **Location:** St. Luke's Church, 100 S. 5th Ave, Denton
- **Time:** 5:30-7:30 pm
- **RSVP appreciated but not required**

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## Upcoming Community Dinners and Conversations:

All events take place from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

### Wednesday, February 26th Apprenticeships, Careers, and Service Opportunities

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### Wednesday, March 26th Spring into Health

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### Wednesday, April 23rd Caroline Better Together Celebrating Our Successes

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# New and Good

## Community Resource Navigators by the Numbers



### SNAP Enrollment Related Assistance



**216** Individuals Assisted  
6 eligible women and children referred to WIC

**43** Individuals and families provided or referred to Emergency Food Resources

### Community Member Participation



**5** individuals with lived experience serving on project leader and action teams

**11** Community Resource Navigator locations and 36 hours of Navigator availability a Week

### Community Partner Impact



**37** staff members from **9** partners report increased understanding of SNAP and other benefits among clients

### Non-SNAP Related Assistance



**146** received Health Insurance Assistance

**2069** referrals for other services and resources

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*“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” (Philippians 2:3-4)*

We all center our lives around something or someone even if the center of the universe is “me”. This is called “egocentrism” and is defined as “the tendency to focus on one’s own needs and perspective, while having difficulty understanding and seeing things from the perspective of others. It can also be described as having an excessive interest in oneself and prioritizing one’s own welfare or advantage over others” (OpenAI/2024).

A seismic shift takes place in our lives when we move our focus from ourselves to others, when “in humility” we value others above ourselves. This shift is called having the mind of Christ . . .

*Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:5-8).*

As we shift from celebrating the birth of Christ to commemorating the example of His life, death, and resurrection, let us also shift our self-centered tendencies towards others by prioritizing their needs and well-being in New Year. We can do this by lending a helping hand to a neighbor in need, offering a listening ear without interrupting, including someone who feels left out, volunteering time or donating resources to a worthy cause, and by essentially putting others first in our decision-making and actions.

What a different world this would be if in our relationships with one another we had the mind of Christ! **CR**

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# The Mystery of the AM Radio Station

by Bryan Gadow



Here's a small joke I often repeat around the house (so slight it has never once been rewarded with a mere chuckle.) "Maybe I should get a hobby?" As it happens, I have them by the dozen. Most recently it's been one of my vintage cars that has kept me busy.

It seems the radiator needed some work; research pointed me towards Chesapeake Cooling Solutions in Hillsboro. An unsolicited testimonial: they did an outstanding job, were professional, and prompt. I needed to run over there and pick it up; best, I decided to do this before work. How could I turn a pre-dawn drive into something special? Turn to one of my oldest hobbies: turn on the radio.

From the time my fingers could work the thumb-wheel

knob on that little General Electric transistor, I found myself hooked. The receivers improved a bit over time, and as a teen in the eighties I was quite enthralled. There is a term for what I enjoyed doing, dating back to the earliest days of the medium: DX'ing. Wikipedia simplifies. "...the hobby of receiving and identifying distant radio or television signals..." Some believe AM to be dead; perhaps you, yourself, had forgotten about it. I'm pleased to say, not quite yet! Certainly, it has its struggles. To broadcast any distance requires electricity, and real estate, and at least some manpower. None comes cheap these days, as we all know. Were it easy I'd quit my job and open a station myself. (And wouldn't that be something!) But radio needs advertisers to keep afloat. There are fewer willing to write the checks.

In those pre-internet days one could spend an hour listening to some garbled station trying to determine just what it was. At one point I purchased a copy of White's Radio Log (still in my library, held together with masking tape.) I could look up call letters and frequencies, trying to put together the puzzle. Some nights the station would eventually fade away, a complete mystery never to be solved. Other times? I'd finally hear the call letters only to find out it was not farther away than Southern Maryland! Today, of course, all you need to know is a web search away.

I spent an hour or two cozied-up to one of my favorite vintage sets, a pre-war Stromberg-Carlson. With some tweaks of its many dials, I can find something to hear on nearly every frequency of the AM band. I picked a spot, and slowly crawled along: WBBR, Bloomberg News out of NYC on 1130. 1140 was WRVA Richmond; on 1150, was that WNLR Churchville, VA? Google says they're off the air; might be WCUE, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, which would be a great catch! There's reliable WWVA Wheeling on 1170, and at 1190 those fun call letters WOWO, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. WTLA Syracuse on 1200 was a rare one for me; 1210 WPHT from Philly, not so much. I called it a night after Cleveland's WHKW, 1220.

The next time YOU get stuck in the car with not enough to do, avoid the "same-old new technology." Flip over to AM. **CR**

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# New Beginnings, Old Grudges

by Kennedy Thomason



If you're anything like me, you've spent the last couple of weeks preparing to completely reinvent yourself in the New Year; complete with a new wardrobe, a revived gym membership, or a reading list of those books you'll definitely get to this year. But sometimes rebuilding from the ground up isn't fancy planners and pre-made salads. Dentonians found this out the hard way when a fire leveled Denton's entire commercial district on the evening of July 4th, 1865. But was this blaze an accidental consequence of carelessness, or was it a manifestation of the tensions concentrated in Caroline County during the Civil War years?

In my opinion, most wars are not over until long after the last shot is fired. But as far as conventional wisdom goes, the Civil War ended in April, 1865, after four bloody years of fighting. In true Eastern Shore fashion, the population was uniquely divided on the issues of slavery and the need for a Civil War in general. Maryland, while a slaveholding state below the Mason-Dixon line, did not secede from the Union. But the state government didn't willingly endorse the Union's military operations either. Civilian Confederate sympathizers violently attacked Union Army regiments moving through Baltimore at the beginning of the war. And according to the personal diaries of some slaveholders, once politically passive individuals on the Eastern Shore became extremely vocal about their protest of the War and anti-slavery rhetoric. This caused President Lincoln's administration to be wary of eventually losing Maryland to the Confederates— which would be a strategic nightmare considering Washington D.C. would then be enveloped by a Confederate Maryland and Confederate Virginia.

One day I'll dedicate more time to the context of Caroline Countians' feelings about the debacle, but today is not that day. All you need to know for our purposes is that in response to the impossible threat of D.C. being surrounded by rebel states, Union troops occupied pretty much the entirety of Maryland at the direction of the federal government to ensure we remained Union. To say that many residents of Caroline County were unimpressed with the Union Army's

presence would be an understatement. Some, including a Federalsburg man by the name of Nathan J. Corkran, actively participated in the rampant illegal smuggling of stolen resources to the Confederates in Virginia via the Chesapeake Bay's waterways. In August of 1862 a slew of Caroline Countians with Confederate leanings were arrested and jailed at Fort McHenry in Baltimore for treason— which while technically justified by American law, didn't really help to quell the locals' opposition.

One of the regiments sent to keep an eye on Caroline County baracked in the Tuckahoe Neck Quaker Meeting House which still stands on Meeting House Road in Denton, a stone's throw away from the commercial district. So why is all this relevant to the fire of 1865? Because it was these Union soldiers who were eventually blamed for the calamity.

Picture it: the deadliest war in American history has just ended, the United States comes out on top, the Eastern Shore can finally start to heal its fractured communities, and it's the 4th of July— a pretty big celebration is to be expected. The Cecil Whig boasted that 3,000 "loyalists" (Unionists) gathered in Downtown Denton and had a "proud time." Unfortunately, the evening ended in tragedy as a catastrophic fire spread throughout Denton.

Pretty much the only unquestionable fact about this event is that it was started by a firework— called a "rocket" or "fire ball" by differing newspaper reports. Fun fact: fireworks were already a July 4th staple before the actual July 4th even happened. Founding father and second President of the United States John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail on July 3rd, 1776 that he thought "illuminations" (early fireworks) ought to commemorate the events of the day that was to follow "for ever more." Anyways, the type of firework used this fateful night on July 4th, 1865 was a makeshift "ball of wrapping thread saturated with ethereal oil" which was lit on fire and thrown in the air. (What could possibly go wrong with that?)

As a result of the great fire, the town of Denton was completely devastated. The townspeople held a meeting on the following day, during which they appointed D. Blockson, G.M. Russum, C.E. Tarr, and Miss H. Bonwill to travel to

large Northern cities and beg for funds to rebuild. The New York Times even ran an advertisement requesting personal donations after Mr. Russum contacted Rev. A. Manship, a Dentonian living in New York City. The Times wrote “The entire business portion of the town was burned... Not a store, shop or hotel was left; and many families left totally destitute.” In order to garner sympathy from these former Union strongholds, those dispatched to acrew donations had to sell the story of a fantastic July 4th celebration gone wrong, and dissipate any mention of the County’s Confederate presence. This is evident in the language of the Times report. The damage was estimated to be around \$50,000 as of immediate reports, this amount would today be upwards of a million dollars, and very little of those whose businesses or homes were affected had insurance. To make matters worse, newspapers reported that thousands of dollars worth of materials recovered from the burning buildings were then stolen in the chaos.

The mystery remains as to the question of personal responsibility. The Denton newspaper Union reported that it was started by “some careless person” throwing the fireball into the window of T.T. Martin’s saloon. The saloon was closed that day in honor of the July 4th festivities. The Baltimore Sun, reprinting information provided by the

Denton Journal on July 10th, elaborates that the fireball was thrown into the attic window of the establishment. Despite it being reported that the town of Denton considered the fire to be caused by “incendiarism” (arson), no suspect was named. Rather, an entire group took the fall: the Union Army soldiers holed up at the Meeting House.

Current State and County websites claim that the fire of 1865 was started by Union soldiers. While my search did not (yet) turn up any primary sources which make this claim, it is written in the 1920 book *The History of Caroline County, From its Beginnings*. I could give you about 15 reasons that this book is not a truly reliable source, but this seems to be the earliest mention of the fire being the work of mischievous Union soldiers.

So was it really their fault? Maybe. I would venture to say these soldiers didn’t want to be in Denton any more than the people of Denton wanted them there. And if you’re going to commit arson, doing it with a dangerous but generally accepted mode of political celebration like fireworks on one of the most exciting events of the year would be the way to do it. I don’t happen to think balls of burning thread just fall into attic windows, but I wasn’t there, so I’m obligated to say it could have been an accident or perhaps a prank gone wrong. **CR**



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## GREENSBORO

Mary Moran, Program Manager for Upper Shore Aging gave a very informative presentation on the changes in Medicare. She encouraged members to take advantage of the various program changes.

The Lions had wonderful participation helping the town install Christmas lights. With Town employees delivering the lights to the perspective poles and the special assistance provided by bucket trucks the lights were installed. Also, after our Lions crew delivered the river Christmas Tree to the carnival grounds boat ramp, volunteers from the Choptank Boat Club delivered the tree by boat to its destination. Thanks to all that helped in any way.

Our Lions Christmas meeting was held at the Greensboro Volunteer Fire Company Community Building with wonderful attendance where a delicious meal was served by the Greensboro Volunteer Fire. Auxiliary. Happy Holidays!

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# Getting Rid of Lead Contaminated Soil


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

How do you even know if there is lead in the soil around your home? Likely if you live in an older home built prior to 1978, that was painted or the paint was removed, it is likely there is lead in the soil from old paint chips. If you live near a very busy, high traffic road that has been in existence for over 40 years when cars used leaded gasoline, the exhaust could have introduced lead contaminants to the nearby soil. A sample can be taken of soil in various areas around your home by a trained and licensed inspector, then sent for testing. The EPA recommends a level no more than 400 parts per million in a child's play area. If your child has been tested and found to have an elevated blood level above 3.5, it's not a bad idea to have the soil around your home tested. If the soil is contaminated with lead there are ways to correct this problem.

The goal is to minimize a child's exposure to the contaminated soil. There is no need to prevent children from playing outside, however, hand washing is very important to prevent children from ingesting the contaminated soil. Especially prior to meals when they will be using their hands to eat. Another intervention is to remove shoes and outer wear in a designated area and not tracking the soil through the house. Using floor mats can make cleaning up easier because door mats can collect the bulk of the soil at the door and can easily be vacuumed or taken outside to be cleaned. Using a damp mop rather than sweeping wood, tile and linoleum floors also prevents moving the dust and soil into the air.

If children's play areas consist of bare soil that show to be contaminated with lead, these areas need to be covered.

Grass, mulch, wood chips, or more permanent options such as concrete or asphalt can be used to cover the soil to create a barrier. This would be an ideal time to think about landscaping or the addition of a porch or patio. If the levels of lead in the soil are higher or a more permanent option is desired, the contaminated soil can be removed by a professional and replaced with good soil. To be effective, 6 to 24 inches of soil need to be removed depending on the severity. Until a method to create a barrier has been put into place, children should not play in contaminated areas. The amount of time spent in these areas and the level of contamination in the soil likely have a direct impact on the child's blood lead level.

The goal is to let children play and have fun outside. To grow healthy and strong, children need clean and safe areas outside of their homes to enjoy and discover the great outdoors. Stay alert and let's be lead free! 



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# Medicare Information for 2025

By Mary Moran

*Editor's note: The information provided by Mary Moran relates to the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), and Maryland Access Point (MAP). Ms. Moran is available at 410-479-2535 or 410-490-3078 to offer information and assistance.*

Original Medicare 2025. Medicare Part "B" Medical premium is going up to \$185 for singles whose Modified Adjusted Gross income (MAGI) is less than \$106,000, and \$212,000 for couples filing jointly. The 2025 annual part "B" deductible will be \$257.

The 2025 part "A" Hospitalization monthly premium will increase to \$518 monthly for those who do not qualify for premium free "A". According to CMS, approximately 1% of beneficiaries pay this amount due to themselves, or a working spouse, having not contributed to Medicare payroll taxes for 10 years, or 40 quarters. Individuals who worked at least 30 quarters or were married to someone with at least 30 quarters of contributions, can buy "A" coverage at the

reduced premium rate of \$285 per month.

The 2025 inpatient coinsurance for "A" is \$1676 per benefit period. A benefit period begins the day you are admitted as an INPATIENT to a hospital or nursing facility. It ends when you haven't had any inpatient hospital care for 60 days in a row. This deductible covers the beneficiaries' share of inpatient costs for the first 60-day benefit period. After that initial 60-day period, if one is still hospitalized the DAILY Medicare coinsurance from day 61-90 is \$419 per day.

Original Medicare pays 100% for the first 20 days of a Medicare approved stay in a Skilled Nursing Facility IF you have had a qualifying inpatient hospital stay. This means you have been a hospital inpatient for at least 3 days in a row, counting the day you were admitted but NOT the day of discharge. Remember time spent as an Outpatient before being admitted doesn't count toward your qualifying inpatient stay.

SNF Copays of \$209.50 per day are required starting with day 21 for up to 100 days. If the Medicare Benefits run out and one needs more care, there is a lifetime reserve of 60 days that can be used. Note that this can only be used once in your lifetime. Those in a Medicare Advantage plan may be charged copays during the first 20 days. Check the plan.

The solution is Supplemental Insurance, also known as GAP Insurance. It is not a required part of the Medicare structure; However, this "optional" insurance is an essential part of your healthcare coverage. Supplemental Insurance pays for any institutional stays or healthcare services covered by Medicare. It pays the Hospital part "A" coinsurance and part "B" 20% copays the beneficiary is responsible for.

Supplemental Insurance needs to be purchased from a broker who helps you shop for the best plan, with the lowest cost, within your Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) to avoid medical underwriting questions. This is a 7-month window, which includes three months prior to your 65th birthday, your birthday month, and the three months afterward. This is also called Guaranteed Issue and applies to individuals who postpone Medicare Enrollment due to employer coverage. In Maryland you have 63 days from the date your comparable employer insurance ends to purchase a Sup without underwriting questions. Your monthly premium rates will be based on Age. Supplemental Insurance does not pay your "A" & "B" premiums.

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Medicare Savings Plans help low-income beneficiaries pay these premiums, copays and coinsurances. Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) covers the cost of both Medicare "A" & "B" premium, plus the deductibles and coinsurances for services and care under "A" & "B". Specified Low-income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) Pays only the part "B" Premium. Both are facilitated by the state with a single application processed through Department of Social Services.

Higher Income Medicare recipients must pay more based on a sliding fee scale known as IRMMA. (Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts) Married couples filing separately will experience higher income adjustments than those filing jointly. The reason for IRMMA is to stabilize Medicare for the future.

IRMMA uses a sliding fee scale and is based on the beneficiaries (MAGI), not the taxable income, from two years prior. In other words, they will be looking at your 2023 MAGI to establish what your 2025 monthly premium will be for both you and your spouse. IRMMAs second phase equals a 35% increase, the third is a 50%, and the fourth is a 65% increase. Check with your financial advisor for more specifics. Note that if you make one dollar over the bracket threshold you will pay the percentage rate of the next bracket. Be prepared for this mandatory withholding by Social Security to pay Medicare part "B" and "D" premiums, or if you are paying quarterly, to write a bigger check!

That's the bad news. The good news is that IRMMA is re-evaluated every year according to your income changes. If the higher income two years ago was due to a one-time event, such as a sale of a home or business property, or a large IRA withdrawal, your income drop will automatically reduce or eliminate your IRMMA upcharge next year. To appeal these rates, contact Social Security in Cambridge 888-347-9277, or go online to the Social Security Administration for Form SSA -44 and information about life changing events that may reduce your status. Since Medicare is individual based, spouses must file separate forms.

January Birthday folks have 30 days from your birth date to change your Medicare Supplemental plan to a different

company and keep the same plan to save on monthly premiums. Or switch companies to change to less coverage, such as from an F to a G to save on premiums! This change makes sense since the only difference is F charges higher premiums to pay the "B" annual deductible, and the G does not. Go G and save! **CR**

### Happy 2025 from the Federalsburg Senior Center

We want to thank everyone who supported our fundraisers in December, and we are excited to bring you more fun in 2025! January is always full of new resolutions, and we are no exception!

Join us on January 23 for our trip to Easton Bowling Alley or stop by for our Birthday Potluck on January 9 at noon. On January 7 we will be hosting Ms. Kara Greene for a talk about Advanced Directives. If you or someone you know has a current plan, feel free to bring it with you and have Ms. Greene go over the details.

These are just some of what we will be offering with the new year. We are excited to share more with you, so stop in to see us and pick up your copy of our monthly calendar. **CR**

### Caroline Senior Center wishes you a Happy New Year

The month of January is Celebration of Life Month, which is celebrated at the beginning of the year for several reasons: to help us begin the year with positive thoughts, appreciate life, and most of all celebrating that we are still able to be here for another year's journey!!!!

January will bring us our Regular Winter Bingo. Michelle Hammond will be here on January 22 at 10:00 am teaching how to be tech savvy. Michelle returns on January 29 for Senior Longevity at 10:00 am.

Jillian Luna will join us every Tuesday starting January 7 at 10:00 am for Diabetes Prevention Education.

Every Monday and Tuesday we will host S.A.I.L. Fitness Classes at 12:30 pm with Jannelle Bramble.

The Center will be enjoying many winter crafts such as "Snowman Wine Bottle" Craft, a "Let it Snow" Mirror Craft along with other fun Winter crafts and games.

For more information call the Center at 410-479-2535 and ask for Brandy or Gerri. On Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 11:00 am, we will have our coffee bar set up with fresh hot coffee, hot chocolate, and tea along with breakfast snacks. Also, during those hours, we will have a Minute to Win It Competition with games of Word Searches, Trivia Questions. Daily Conversations during morning coffee hour is always a good way to set our brains in gear.

January Birthdays: Frances Roderick, Carol Donohue, and James Lister **CR**



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Check out the complete list of classes and online registration at [carolinerecreation.org](http://carolinerecreation.org)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### 18TH ANNUAL DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

February 16, 2025 - Don't be late for this very important date! Journey through the looking glass to our wonderland full of smile, dancing and lots of fun! There will be a live DJ, photo booth, and door prizes to round out the evening. A photographer will be onsite to take pictures that will be available to order online. Whimsical or fancy dress is encouraged. Registration deadline is February 7 or when spots fill. Dance has limited number of spots so sign up early! 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Cost is \$40 per couple and \$10 for each additional young lady.

### INCLUSIVE BOWLING

Designed for individuals with developmental & physical disabilities and their families/caregivers. With a focus on fun and social connection, rather than formal bowling instruction, it is an opportunity for participants to relax and be themselves without expectations. It also provides a supportive space for parents, caregivers, and house managers to connect. Ages: 5 yrs & up. Friday, January 24 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. \$25 includes participant + 1 caregiver (\$5 each additional family member. Max 5 per party).

## YOUTH

### YOUTH KARATE

#### Panda Cubs

An energetic introduction to Karate through exercises and games. Learn this ancient martial art and improve self-confidence and self-respect, build character, body dynamics, physical fitness, make new friends, and have fun! Instruction includes warm-up, basic karate techniques, and kata/forms under the direction of Sensei Karine Ireland. Youth classes require an attendance minimum for belt-testing and advancement. Wear comfortable clothing - No experience required. Classes are held at the Fretterd Community Center Mondays, January 6 – March 17 from 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Cost is \$59. Open to ages 5 – 6 years.

#### Leopard Cubs

This is the next step for children ages 7-8 years that have completed Panda Cubs or older children new to karate. Learn this ancient martial art and improve self-confidence and self-respect, build character, body dynamics, physical fitness, make new friends, and have fun! Instruction includes warm-up, basic karate techniques, and kata/forms under the direction of Sensei Karine Ireland. Youth classes require an attendance minimum for belt-testing and advancement. Wear comfortable clothing - No experience required. Classes are held at the Fretterd Community Center on Thursdays, January 9 – March 20 from 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Cost is \$59.

#### Tiger Cubs

A continuation for children ages 8 – 10 years that have completed several sessions of Karate. Learn even more about this ancient martial art and further improve self-confidence and self-respect, build character, body dynamics and physical fitness, make new friends and have fun! Instruction includes warm-up, intermediate karate techniques, kate.forms, and sparring. Youth classes require an attendance minimum for belt testing and advancement. Classes are held Mondays, January 6th - March 17th. 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm. Cost is \$69.

#### Beginner/Intermediate Karate

Accelerate skill development in with focused instruction and interaction with beginning and intermediate students ages 10 and up. Instruction includes warm-up, basic karate techniques, kata/forms, and sparring and self-defense. Belt testing and advancement requires attendance minimum. Classes are held at the Fretterd Community Center Thursdays, January 9 – March 20 from 6:45 pm – 7:45 pm. Cost is \$69.

#### Advanced Karate

For karate students ages 13 and up that are serious about furthering their skills and abilities. Students will assist during Tiger Cubs and Beginner/Intermediate classes then transition to instruction focused on their own development. Belt testing and advancement requires attendance minimum. Classes are Monday & Thursday, January 6 – March 20 from 6:45 pm – 8:45 pm at the Fretterd Community Center. Cost is \$139.

## GYMNASTICS

#### Tumble Bunnies

Help your 2 – 3-year-old child develop physical coordination, though gymnastics, tumbling, and FUN! Joan Dyott has more than 30 years of experience in gymnastics and dance. Classes are held at the Fretterd Community Center on Tuesdays, January 14 – March 18 from 10:00 am – 10:45 am OR Wednesdays, January 15 – March 17 from 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm OR Thursdays, January 16-March 20 from 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm. Cost is \$109.



## **Super Tots**

For children new to gymnastics and tumbling, this class will focus on your child's physical development and cognitive and social-emotional development as well. In addition, your child will build coordination, balance, and small gross motor skills, discipline, and self-confidence. Tuesdays, January 14 – March 18 from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm OR Wednesdays (ADVANCED CLASS) January 15 - March 19 from 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm OR Thursdays, January 16 – March 20 from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm. Cost is \$109. Held at the Fretterd Community Center.

## **Recreational Gymnastics**

Focused on building good fundamentals, tumbling, and work on the low balance beam, this class is perfect for the young gymnast ages 7 - 12 who is not currently interested in formal competition. Designed to help the recreational gymnast develop skills while having fun and provide a solid foundation should they decide to move to the next level and join a team. Classes are Wednesdays, January 15 - March 19, from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm and cost is \$139.

## **Advanced Recreational Gymnastics**

Focused on building good fundamentals, tumbling, and work on the low balance beam, this class is perfect for the young gymnast ages 7 - 12 who is not currently interested in formal competition. Designed to help the advanced recreational gymnast develop skills while having fun and provide a solid foundation should they decide to move to the next level and join a team. This class is designed for Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 14 - March 20, from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Cost is \$239.

## **COLONEL YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB**

The focus of the club is to promote and build interest in the sport of wrestling while getting our club members physically active and beginning to build the fundamental skills and techniques needed to be a successful wrestler.

Club members will play a variety of wrestling games, learn basic skills like taking shots, and participate in physical activities to help improve their strength and endurance. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, December 3 – February 6 from 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm at the CRMS gym. Open to grades 6 – 8. Cost is \$20.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL STRENGTH TRAINING**

In this program, 6th-8th grade students will learn the proper technique of two core lifts; bench press and barbell squat. Students will also learn various auxiliary lift techniques that will enhance strength, muscular endurance and power. This program was designed to expose students to proper weight training to further enhance their lifelong health and fitness. No previous athletic background required but need to wear sneakers and athletic wear. Classes are held at North

Caroline High School on Mondays & Wednesdays, January 6 – February 10, from 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm. Cost is \$79.

## **YOUTH CHEER (AGES 5-10)**

A foundation program that will teach your child the fundamentals of cheerleading. Participants will be introduced to basic motions, jumps, chants, and sideline dances, in addition to learning about good sportsmanship and team spirit. Mondays, January 6-March 17. 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Cost is \$99.

## **ADULT**

### **TRIBAL BELLY DANCE LEVEL 1**

Looking for a new exercise routine? Belly Dance is low impact and core strengthening. It has been proven to improve posture and muscle tone and help relieve stress. American Tribal Style (ATS) belly dance is a modern style of belly dance that uses set belly dance movements, with distinct cues and transitions, to create dance improvisation in a group (tribe.) Students will learn the basic belly dance movements and format for how to dance together as a group. No previous dance experience required. Classes are held at the Fretterd Community Center on Thursdays, starting in January from 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm. Cost is \$59.

### **WEIGHT TRAINING FOR WOMEN 40+**

Getting older doesn't have to mean moving less. The key to longstanding fitness is envisioning the kind of athlete you want to be as you age and train smartly in the present for that future. Utilizing body weight and weight training, women over 40 will learn techniques that will build muscle, improve mobility and gain overall physical strength. Mondays and Wednesdays, January 6-February 10, 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm at the NCHS Weight Room. Cost is \$89.

### **PICKLEBALL**

Pickleball has become the fastest growing sport in America. Come join us for two hours of drop-in game time! This program is perfect for adults of all ages and skill levels. Come learn a new sport! Drop-in fee is \$5.

Morning Pickleball is Wednesdays & Fridays, January 10 – March 15 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Fretterd Community Center. Evening Pickleball is Tuesdays, January 9 – March 12 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Fretterd Community Center. Equipment is provided if you don't have your own. **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. Starts January 5 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Fretterd Community Center. \$5 at the door. Ends March 29. Send text to 410-829-1853 for any questions or to make sure they are playing.

# Caroline County Public Library

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## NEW

**Fun with Flex-Tangles.** Find some of your favorite characters on these fun crafts or design your own to flip through! Flex-Tangles are interactive paper crafts made from a series of connected triangles that can be flipped and twisted to reveal different colors or patterns. January 1st - 31st, All Ages, Central Library, Denton. No registration is required.

**Lego Mania.** Calling all young builders! Are you ready to take on this month's Lego® challenge? Join us at the Central Library for Lego® Mania, where you'll work with friends to Build the Longest Lego® Road Ever! Thursday, January 9th, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Ages 5-12, Central Library, Denton. No registration is required.

**Petite Picassos: Winter Fun.** Bring your little ones for this process art program where children will experiment with different art materials and techniques. In this session, your child will create winter-themed artwork. Dress for a

mess. Monday, January 13th, 10:30 am - 11:30 am, Ages 1-4, North County Branch, Greensboro. Registration required\*

**Anime Matinee.** Calling all anime and manga lovers! We're starting off the new year with our first-ever Anime Matinee! Grab some popcorn and Pocky and join us as we watch *The Boy and the Beast*, an adventurous and heart-warming story full of action, fantasy, and fun! Saturday, January 18th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Teens, Central Library, Denton. No registration is required.

**Teen Tabletop Club.** Join our adventuring party for this month's DND session! Thursday, January 30th, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Teens, Central Library, Denton. Registration required\*

## ONGOING

**Winter/Spring Storytime.** Begins January 7. Tuesdays, 10:30 am, birth to age 5, North County Branch, Greensboro. Wednesdays, 10:30 am, birth to age 5, Central Library, Denton. No registration is required

**Bookies.** Tuesday, January 21st, 1:00 pm, Adults, Federalsburg Branch. Contact the Central Library at 410-479-1343, or [info@carolib.org](mailto:info@carolib.org), for more information. 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 judgment-free zone that allows the child to build confidence and develop fluency. Thursday, January 23, 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm, 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm, 5:30 - 6:00 pm, 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Ages 5-12, Central Library, Denton. One registrant per session\*

**Teen Tabletop Club.** Join our adventuring party for this month's DND session! Thursday, January 30th, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Teens, Central Library, Denton. Registration required\*

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# Community Calendar

## ONGOING

**Lions Durable Medical Equipment Loan Closet.** If you are in need of a piece of durable medical equipment, have your caregiver or healthcare provider contact a Lions Club near you to see if we can assist you. To contact a Lions Club near you search [www.lions22B/projects](http://www.lions22B/projects).

## 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). 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: Mike at 410-714-4793.

Please join us in person at **New Beginnings UMC** at 12020 N. Central Ave Ridgely at 10:00 am. Virtual via YouTube #NBUMC or Zoom meeting ID: 242 506 3045 Passcode: 421282.

A new series of **13 lessons has started based on "God's Awesome Promises"** at Bethesda Methodist Church, 155 Main St in Preston. Each individual and interactive lesson is suitable for children age 4 and up. They are held every Sunday at 9:00 am. Call 410-673-1481 for more information.

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

**Immanuel Lutheran Church** service at 10:30 am & Sunday school at 9:15 am.

**Worship Service at Metropolitan UMC**, 407 Gay Street Denton, MD at 9:30 am. Zoom meeting dial in- 1-301-715-8592, ID-857 9523 2970, Password- 147157

Come join us for **Worship Service at Zion UMC**, 219 Old Denton Road Federalsburg, MD 21632 at 11:30 am.

**Lakeview Fellowship Church of God** invites you to join us every Sunday morning at 8:45 am cafe, 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 am worship service with Kids Church and Nursery available. Address: Hess Frontage Rd, Grasonville, MD. 410-827-5665 [lakeviewfellowship.org](http://lakeviewfellowship.org).

## 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. January 12: New & Amp; Used Bluegrass Band, Shore-based band featuring local musicians Jon Simmons (fiddle), Brian Irwin (bass), Ed Finker (guitar), Martin Wertz (banjo) and Toby Price (mandolin). Follow ESBA on FB and Instagram for concert updates and programming.

## MONDAYS

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.com](http://www.ridgelylions.com).

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**Celebrate Recovery** is a Christian based 12-step recovery program for all kinds of hurts, habits, and hang-ups. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Greater Impact in Greensboro. For more information, please contact Cathy Bowery at 410-829-7020 or Nick Rukstela at 443-239-7005 or email [info@greaterimpactmd.com](mailto:info@greaterimpactmd.com).

### FIRST MONDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

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

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

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

**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. 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 [Upcyclelatatime@gmail.com](mailto:Upcyclelatatime@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.

**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.

## **TOM CHEEZUM MEMORIAL TOY & TRAIN SHOW**

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Proceeds to benefit The Caroline Community Assistance Fund. The Fund helps meet the unmet needs of Caroline County families who are not eligible for other federal and/or state programs.

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

**Wednesday Bible Study** at 7:00 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. Questions: Contact Don Reynolds, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market St, Denton, 410-924-6404, donaldwreynolds@comcast.net, 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.

### THURSDAYS

**Thursday Night Bible Study** at Lakeview Fellowship Church of God. 6:00 pm Intercessory prayer, 6:30 pm Corporate call to prayer and worship, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm family classes for all ages. Address: Hess Frontage Road, Grasonville, MD. 410-827-5665 www.lakeviewfellowship.org Find us on FACEBOOK

### 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.

### SATURDAYS

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

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### FIRST SATURDAYS

**Community Civic League Breakfast**, 3439 Laurel Grove Road, Federalsburg. Every first Saturday, 7:00 am -10:30 am. Scrapple, sausage, eggs, potatoes, applesauce, biscuit, OJ, coffee. Cost is \$8. Local delivery available. One free breakfast to anyone who attended the original school or day care. Contact: 410-754-6011 or 410-924-0552.

### SECOND SATURDAYS

**Giving Grace Food Pantry** held at Goldsboro Fire Co., 700 Old Line Road, Goldsboro. Food available from 7:00 am. For more information, call 302-270-1948. Sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church, Goldsboro.

**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

**Holy Archangels Orthodox Christian Church.** “Proclaiming and Living the Timeless Truth of Christ.” 11126 Tuckahoe Rd., Hillsboro-Denton, MD. [www.OrthodoxChesapeake.org](http://www.OrthodoxChesapeake.org) Email: [Fr.RobertMiclean@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.RobertMiclean@gmail.com) Saturdays: 6:00 pm, Great Vespers, Sunday Worship: 10:00 am, Divine Liturgy. All are welcome!

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

**Stitch and Sews** from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Members: \$5, Non-Members: \$10. Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up 443-448-4611 or at [info@fiberartscenter.com](mailto:info@fiberartscenter.com)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

**Teen Writers’ Club** from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Zoom. Dive into creativity with engaging discussions, writing prompts, and sharing sessions. Open to ages 13–18, all writing styles are welcome. Registration required via email: [marybeth.bishop@verizon.net](mailto:marybeth.bishop@verizon.net). FREE <https://carolinearts.org/events>

# Save the dates!



**3rd Annual Sportsman's Bash**  
Sat., Feb. 8, 2025  
Doors Open at 11 am. Bash starts at 12 pm

**SPRING BINGO!**

Sun., March 23, 2025  
Doors Open at 12 pm. Games start at 2 pm

**More information coming soon**

Both events at Caroline County 4-H Park, Detour Road, Denton, MD  
Events held by the CAROLINE-DORCHESTER COUNTY FAIR Board



**Grocery Bingo** at the Cordova Firehouse. Doors open at 5:45 and games begin at 6:30. Refreshments available for purchase. For more information call Rose at 410-829-3771.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

**Write On!** From 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm on Zoom. An online adult writers' group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. Explore this session's topic, "Clean Clothes," or share your unique work. Registration is required by 3:00 PM on the day of the event. FREE <https://carolinearts.org/events/write-on-january-7th/>

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

**Crescendo Club with Music in Caroline (MIC)** from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm at The Foundry, Denton. Middle school musicians are invited to explore their passion and perform for the community. Whether just starting or experienced, this bi-weekly club nurtures creativity and collaboration. \$60/month or \$30/per session. <https://carolinearts.org/events/crescendo-club-with-music-in-carolinemic-3/>

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 - THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

**UFO Stitching Groups** held at the Fiber Arts Center. Fiber artists meet to finish "Unfinished Objects". For 3 consecutive days you can work on your own sewing projects with other stitchers. You can leave your machine and

materials overnight. Members: \$30 per session (3 days) Non-Members: \$45 per session (3 days). Reservations are required. Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up 443-448-4611 or at [info@fiberartscenter.com](mailto:info@fiberartscenter.com)

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

**The Caroline County Garden Club** will hold its monthly meeting at 10:00 am at the Denton branch of the Caroline County Public Library. Guest speaker will be Mikaela Boley from University of Maryland Extension speaking about landscaping. For more information on the meeting and how to join CCGC email [ccgardenclubinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ccgardenclubinfo@gmail.com) or call 410-253-9540.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

The Fiber Arts Center Offering **The Happy Snowmen Wall Hanging Class**. In this class students will learn how to machine appliqué their snowmen using Heat & Bond LITE to create a beautiful "Winter Fun - Happy Snowmen" 55" x 37" wall hanging. Instructor: Colette Metcalf. Time: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. Cost: Members \$40.00/Non-Members \$50. Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up 443-448-4611 or email at [info@fiberartscenter.com](mailto:info@fiberartscenter.com).

**Animal Pet Portrait Mosaics!** From 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm at The Foundry. Craft a mosaic of your favorite pet or

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### MONDAY, JANUARY 13

**Caroline County AARP Chapter 915** meets at 12:00 pm, with a covered dish luncheon, at the Church of the Nazarene in Denton. Join us for a fun game of BINGO. Guests and New Members are welcome. For more information, call 410-482-6039.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

**Ink Expressions: Monthly Drawing Meetups** from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at The Foundry. Explore drawing techniques with instructor Leil Garner. Each session offers varied lessons, from outdoor sketching to indoor still-life studies. \$25 <https://carolinearts.org/events>

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

**Caroline County Republican Women** will be meeting at the home of Della Stull on January 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM, at 12100 Greensboro Rd, Greensboro, MD. The speaker will be Chrissy Bartz, the newest member of the Caroline County Board of Education. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For information, and to RSVP, text Bobbi at 410-570-0494, or email [bremines7@gmail.com](mailto:bremines7@gmail.com).

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Join us for our “**Celebration of God’s Blessings**” with a pictorial review by Wayne Wiley as part of our worship. (Pizza following. Donations for purchase of pizza appreciated). Join us for Sunday School at 10:00 am and Worship at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm every Sunday. There’s always something special happening at Calvary as “It Is All About Honoring Jesus Christ” 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](mailto:donaldwreynolds@comcast.net) <https://calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org/>

### MONDAY, JANUARY 20

The Lockerman Schools Association will host the **13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Day Unity March/Day of Service**. Assemble at 9:00 a.m. at Lockerman Middle School. March begins at 10:00 a.m. and concludes at the Caroline County Courthouse on Market Street. After the March/ “I Have a Dream Speech,” bag lunches will be distributed to everyone. Our Community Service Project is in partnership with His Hope Ministries. We ask everyone to help and bring donations of paper products, cleaning supplies, trash bags, toiletries, soap, shampoo, nonperishable items, and canned goods. \*Churches and organizations are encouraged to join us and march with their banners. If anyone would like to participate in the program in any way, please contact us. We welcome and support participation by all community churches and organizations. For more information: Wanda Molock (410-829-7338); [wanderfull2001@gmail.com](mailto:wanderfull2001@gmail.com), Janet Fountain (410-829-2844); [janetfountain@aol.com](mailto:janetfountain@aol.com).

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

**Write On!** From 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm on Zoom. Continue the creative journey with our adult writers' group. This session’s topic is “Remote.” Pre-registration required by 3:00 PM on the day of the event. FREE <https://carolinearts.org/events/write-on-january-21st/>

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

**Crescendo Club with Music in Caroline (MIC)** from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm at The Foundry, Denton. Middle school musicians are invited to explore their passion and perform for the community. Whether just starting or experienced, this bi-weekly club nurtures creativity and collaboration. \$60/month or \$30/per session. <https://carolinearts.org/events/crescendo-club-with-music-in-carolinemic-3/>

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23


The Fiber Arts Center Offering **Creative Needlepoint - Concepts & Designs**. Put your creative hat on and think

needlepoint! Bring a photo, a sketch, a drawing, even from a coloring book and create an original needle point pattern. Canvas, acrylic paint, brushes, needle, and some yarn provided. Additional class dates to be scheduled at everyone's approval. Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Cost: Members \$30/Non-Members \$40. Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up 443-448-4611.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**

**Adelina's Applique Floral Garden session 3** with Kay Butler. Adelina's Flower Garden is a mid-nineteenth century New York appliqued quilt with a folk-art appearance to the blocks. You will have the opportunity to create this lovely quilt as we delve into the world of back basting applique. The floral quilt contains 12 applique blocks each measuring 22 inches square. Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Members: \$60, Non-Members: \$75.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

**Animal Pet Portrait Mosaics!** From 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm at The Foundry. Missed the first session? Join us again to create a cherished mosaic of your favorite animal! \$45 per seat (All materials included) <https://carolinearts.org/events/animal-pet-portrait-mosaics-2/> 



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James W. Robinson to JT & Sons Investments LLC, \$30,000, LOT #6 Pintail Street, Greensboro.

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James A Downes, 24218 Mallow Dr, Pole Building

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Robert Chester III Morgan, Christina Lee Mail, 24070 Carrlyn Dr, Remodel/Renovation

Jonathan Probst, 7647 Cranfield Rd, New Building

Michael C Coscia, Donna M Coscia, 11835 Kibler Rd, Remodel/Renovation

Dennis C & Gail E Nagel, 26195 Three Bridges Rd, Detached Garage

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Eastern Daylight Savings Time

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

Add or subtract hours and/or minutes as indicated:

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



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 November 19, Jaime Lynn Carpenter, 40,  
 November 20, Ruth Anna Bolt, 88, Seaford DE  
 November 24, Clark Hubert Rholetter, 82, Henderson  
 November 24, Joe Bryan Walls, 70,  
 November 27, Larry James Korell, 76,  
 November 27, Richard Joseph Folderauer Sr, 81, Ridgely

## MOORE FUNERAL HOME

November 6, Ramon (R.J.) Luis Caraballo, Jr, 26, Preston  
 November 6, Ruth Ann Jones Moore, 86, Denton  
 November 29, Kathryn "Kay" Blakeslee Roe Miller, 92,  
 Centreville

## FRAMPTON FUNERAL HOME

November 2, Ruth Madeline Gorham Houghton, 95,  
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 November 18, Shirley Wain, 92, Denton


November 20, Robert Henry Lorenz, 88, Preston  
 November 20, Otto Henry "Hank" Steenken, III, 83,  
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 November 29, Margaret Weaver, 89, Denton



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