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Santa Claus, as imagined by Ben Cahall, readies for Christmas delivery, page 6.



I wish you all joy and peace this holiday season. May your celebrations be happy -- and not filled with any drama.



My wish this year has already been fulfilled - purchasing the Caroline Review. I find myself remembering the day at the Pub when Rich, Loretta, and I first started talking about their future plans, and how it just seemed like it would going to be a great partnership for the transition. It was as good (and drama free) as a business transaction could be.

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Preparing for the biggest same-day delivery of the year

Santa Claus preps for gift giving from his off-season home in Caroline County

By Debbie Bowden
A work of fiction

NORTH POLE – Santa Claus, who started just-in-time delivery before the internet was invented, is always busy beyond measure. But even more so as he and his staff prepare for the ultimate supply chain, logistics exercise on December 24.

We were able to catch up with Santa at his Caroline County off-season home to find out what it takes to put together the best-planned shipping exercise ever.

1. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to speak with me. My first question is the obvious - why do you do what you do?

SANTA: My answer is kind of obvious too - for the kids. The joy that I bring, the happiness that my image inspires



Santa Claus notes how quickly time flies in preparing for the Christmas Holiday.
(Photo credit: Mickey Pullen)



While electronics are popular gifts among children, there is still beauty in the simplicity of a wooden bear ready for a child to paint and make her own.
(Photo credit: Mickey Pullen)

in both child and adult is the reason I put my black boots on each morning.

2. This is a tremendous undertaking to ensure each order is received and delivered accurately. What Customer Management Software (CMS) do you use?

SANTA: Its not a secret that I keep a magical list to note the requests of each child. I use a sophisticated algorithm to rate the niceness and naughtyness of each client. Since GPS is so detailed now, routing has become a breeze. Much better than the days we I relied solely on Rudolph's nose.

3. There are several modes of transportation for goods - truck, rail, airline, and ship. Why do you continue to use your sleigh?

SANTA: Good ole' reliable sleigh. It has been my mode for delivery since the beginning. It was difficult to find mechanic elves to keep the vessel running, but I instituted an apprenticeship program seven years ago, and that has paid off. The vessel is agile, moves through all

kinds of weather, and it helps keep jobs for reindeer, which are sorely underrepresented for jobs in the labor market.

4. Final question is - why did you choose Caroline County for your off-season home.

SANTA: It is the most beautiful county in the world. I have everything I need here, my family and my wife's family are from here. Most of my staff likes being close to the beaches and the cities, but enjoy coming home to the "Green Garden County." I just feel like I belong here.

(Editor's note: thank you to Santa Visits by Ben Cahall for agreeing to model for the cover and photos here. Thanks for Mickey Pullen who used the magic of Photoshop to apply fantastical backgrounds. Thanks to Caroline County Council of Arts for allowing The Foundry to be used as a studio. And thank you, for reading the Caroline Review and believing in the spirit of the season.)



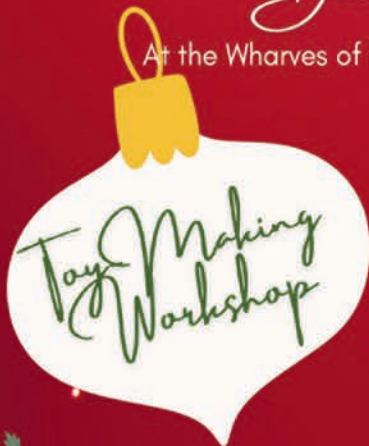
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‘That’s why I love the Shore’

Bob Anderson crafts replica of the Ridgely Train Station



By *Connie Connolly*

RIDGELY – Although he’s crafted many a model boat, he had never erected a model building. And this one was a challenge.

“I’m just glad it’s over. It’s done. And I’m proud of it,” Bob Anderson said of his model of the historic Ridgely Train Station. He attended the presentation of his model at the Ridgely Town Commissioners meeting Monday, Nov. 4.

Commissioner Brad Sears introduced Anderson as his friend, accompanied by Anderson’s daughter, Town Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Berkey, who asked her father to construct the model.

Sears said Anderson “spent months, if not the better part of a year” on the project.

Cathy Schwab of the Ridgely Historical Society called it “awesome” and “perfect.” “It’s a cutie in miniature,” she said. “I like it.”

Anderson, 86, said he had “never built a house and never read a blueprint.” However, he’s used to facing and overcoming challenges. He was widowed in June, and keeps busy at his workbench in his room at The Pines in Easton.

The walls of his room are filled photos of his family, including a large framed picture of Sandra Anderson, his wife of 60 years, holding his arm as they walked down the aisle as newlyweds on their wedding day.

Anderson doesn’t let his projects interfere with his thrice-weekly outings to Dairy Queen with his daughter Stephanie Berkey. “La Familia,” he said. “Family first.”

His grandparents emigrated from Italy and settled in Baltimore. They instilled in his mother and uncles a sense of pride in their new country, a hearty work ethic and a profound love of the water.

Because of a poor relationship with his father, he prefers to be known as “just Bob,” he said. It was his Uncle Louie and Uncle Eddie who taught him to fish and crab from the time he was just a toddler. When he was 12 years old, Uncle Louie bought him his first boat.

Bob eventually joined the U.S. Coast Guard, but an on-board accident in Crisfield blinded his right eye in his early 20s, which made him ineligible to serve in Vietnam. He memorialized his Coast Guard ships by later building models of them.

After 40 years in banking, during which achieved vice president in a region that spanned the Chesapeake from Havre de Grace,



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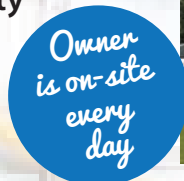
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Maryland, to Portsmouth, Virginia, Bob became a charter boat captain.

His hobby for years was filling a 3-car garage with a huge train garden, starting with the original Lionel model train Anderson's father-in-law owned, and which his son Robert now has.

He began building model boats during the off-season of his charter business, spending winter days recreating his boats *Bobalou* and *Boogalou*. He began getting requests from friends to build replicas of their boats. "I never charged for them; I said, 'All I want is a decoy. You give me the decoy I want, and I'll do your boat,'" he said.

"I enjoy helping people, I enjoy doing things for people, and I love people having a good time fishing," he said. People are good to him, too, and he praises folks in Ridgely for their kindness towards him, like Brad Sears and Town Public Works Director David Crist.

"That's just the kind of guys they are," he said. "They're the people on the Shore, and that's why I love the Shore. That's why I love the Chesapeake Bay. It's my people."

Anderson ticks off a list of places he's fished – Alaska, Boulder Dam, Norway, Hawaii, Venezuela – and the fish he's caught. "But I prefer the Bay because I was born and raised on it," he said.



Bob Anderson constructs his model of the Ridgely Train Station. (Photo courtesy of Stephanie Berkey). See more photos at carolinereview.com

Now that the railroad depot is finished, he recently ordered packs of basswood squares for his next project, a 4-foot-long model of the *U.S.S. Enterprise*. He planned to begin the project before Thanksgiving.





"I got it all figured out," he said. "It'll be my last hurrah."

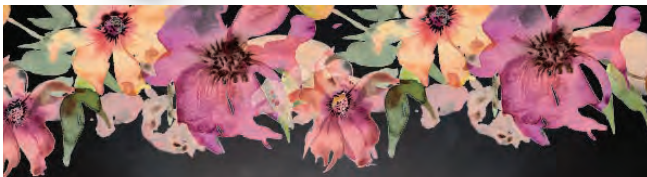
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Homan Hollock crafts water worthy works of art



By Joanne Gelles

Homan Hollock hand crafts wood kayaks, paddleboards, and canoes at his home in Denton, Md. After working on and around boats for all his 81 years, he now creates what he loves most.

With the care and precise craftsmanship, he puts into these beauties, he only asks back the cost of his materials; \$600 for a kayak; \$500 for a paddleboard which includes the paddle. "I'm not in it for the money," he jokes, "I do it to keep standing up."

Homan grew up in Oxford, Md, where his father was an avid boatsman. "I was always boating or working on boats with my dad," he says.

In his fifties, Homan moved from Oxford to Easton and then Caroline County, where he has lived for 25 years. Before retiring, Homan built marine construction docks, bulkheads, bridges and worked on tugboats. He helped build the Kent Narrows Bridge. He started building paddleboards after he had bought some for his niece and great-grand-nephew and realized he could make them himself and sell them. His family comes every summer for a few weeks, and they all enjoy boating together.

When he makes a kayak or a paddleboard, he cuts all the pieces out from 4 mm Okoume, a type of African Mahogany wood used in boat building. Then he wires all the pieces together, epoxies them inside and out, then pulls the wires out. He then adds fiberglass to the entire structure.

For his own boating pleasure, he built an 18-foot console boat with a power motor on it. But that type of boat won't be available for customers - for now he sticks to building smaller boats.

In the back of his house is a "show room" where he has 3 paddleboards and one kayak ready for new homes. Each one weighs about 40 pounds. His next project is a canoe.

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Homan Hollman creates kayaks and canoes in his home workshop. (Photo credit: Joanne Gelles)

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'One Summer Day'

Local author Sandra Jo Hayman releases a new book



By Joanne Gelles

Sandra Jo Hayman, known as Sandy in Caroline County, penned her first book, "One Summer Night" to tell the story of the trauma of an unwed mother in the 1950s, how she was treated by family and society, and going to a home for unwed mothers. It is based on the true story of her mother, named Anna in the book, and how she dealt with teenage pregnancy as the result of a date rape. The way she was treated by society unfolds, telling of a cruel mistreatment and shaming by family and community. "My mom's story is not unique, even though at the time I thought it was," Sandy says.

The story is local, set in Denton and Greensboro, with nearby familiar Delaware towns Rehoboth Beach and Wilmington. Because the people involved in Anna's story are well known and are still prominent in Caroline County, the names were changed.

When it was discovered that Anna was pregnant out of wedlock, Her family was not sympathetic, blamed her for the rape, and coerced her into giving the child up for adoption through a home for unwed mothers in Wilmington, Delaware. This home, and others like it, Sandy says, "acted like they were doing a good thing for these girls. But (in reality) they were a big baby market."

She writes of her mother's struggles throughout a long troubling year, and how she finally came to terms with her parents' treatment. Her mother also found forgiveness. "I had to tell

my mother's story because she wasn't able to," Sandy says.

"A lot of people relate to what my mother went through," Sandy says, "I've had people approach me at the Walmart parking lot or at Clayton Farms wanting to talk. I never expected this reception to the story and the connection to so many other women."



Sandra Hayman is memorializing her mother's story in 'One Summer Night' and 'One Summer Day.' (Photo credit: Joanne Gelles)



A painting in Sandy's living room visualizes elements in the story - the barn, implement shed, and her grandfather, William Frank DeFord (Willie Merchant in the book). (Photo credit: Joanne Gelles)

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It was those connections and wanting to continue telling her mother's story that led Sandy to write the sequel, "One Summer Day." The second book touches on deep issues such as suicide, arranged marriage, mental illness and generational trauma.

In the second book Anna reluctantly moves back to the farm with her new husband, Buddy, and raises two daughters. She learns to love the farm until her ex-boyfriend returns from the military. The stress of his return after 12 years away causes Anna emotional trauma that is passed onto her daughters Maddie and



L: Photo of Sandy's parents. (Photo courtesy of Sandy Hayman).
 R: Photo of Sandy dressed in 1950's vintage attire which she likes to wear at her book signings. (Photo credit: Joanne Gelles)

Kate. Sandy, named Maddie in the book, wants to get far away and goes to college where she meets a man from Brazil. They elope to marry and live in Brazil. After seven years in Brazil, Maddie leaves an abusive and unfaithful husband. She arrives back to the Eastern Shore with no home, no job, no money and a son to raise as she was forced to give up everything in exchange for her son. The story is set during the 60's era of Vietnam, Woodstock, and quickly changing societal norms.

"One Summer Day" comes out this month and will be available locally at The Foundry Art Gallery, Clayton Farms, JZ Farms, and on Amazon.

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Amanda Blunt is a florist with a big heart



By Joanne Gelles

Caroline County native, Amanda Blunt, recently opened her home-based florist shop, Enchanted Blooms outside of Preston. The shop may be tiny on the outside, but it will give you a big smile when you go inside.

Visitors are greeted with wonderful floral aromas and the bright selection of refrigerated flowers, decorative vases, baskets, teddy bears, candles and hand-crafted gift cards. After 12 years in the floral industry Amanda knows the ins and outs of the business, and if she doesn't have what you need she can get it within 24 hours.

"I've always liked decorating," Amanda says, "and this business is like therapy for me. It's like I can paint with flowers. I used to love gardening, but now I can't use a shovel or dig in the grass."

Amanda has faced many challenges such as raising four children on her own, and a tragic car accident that led to a massive stroke 11 years ago. "I'm so thankful I have a chance to do anything like this," Amanda says, "no one thought I would talk or walk again. It took me until now to accept what happened. This business is a huge thing for me!"

Amanda's spirit is testament to aspiring entrepreneurs! "Don't let your dreams go!" she says, "sometimes you have to start small to get big. And don't let finances stop you; there's always

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Amanda Blunt with her Maltese Pomeranian, Sasha, who is always around to meet and greet. (Photo credit: Joanne Gelles)

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Local veterans honored with Quilts of Valor



By Angela Price

DENTON – Members of the Heartland Quilt Guild and Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore gathered with veterans and their families for a special Quilts of Valor presentation Nov. 7 at Choptank Electric Cooperative’s community meeting room in Denton.

Guild member Mary Kokoszka, herself a veteran, welcomed everyone and spoke briefly about the Quilts of Valor Foundation and Heartland before introducing the honorees. “The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover our service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor,” Kokoszka said.

Heartland members Sharon Noone and Ellen Malenfant chaired the committee that collected donated items making the Quilts of Valor and oversaw the organization and completion of each quilt.

“A lot of work goes into each and every quilt, as each quilt must meet the strict standards set forth by the Quilts of Valor Foundation before it may be awarded to a recipient,” Kokoszka said. “Each quilt awarded today will be registered on the Quilts of Foundation website, QOVF.org.”

Honorees included A1C Linda Hargett, US Air Force,

nominated by Sharon Noone; Sgt. Gregory Manning, US Marine Corps, nominated by Diana Oburgh; Lt. Col. Donald Reynolds, US Army and Army National Guard, nominated by Kay Butler; and Lt. Col. Anne Theriault, US Army, nominated by Sally Noone.

Honorees

A1C Linda Hargett

Hargett served in the Air Force from 1969-1970, during the Vietnam War. She was assigned to the Air Force Communications Center at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, D.C., where her primary responsibilities included encrypting top secret messages to send, decrypting top secret messages received, and classified message courier duty. Hargett also operated the Univac Set 8 computer system and wired computer control boards.

Sgt. Gregory Manning

Manning served in the Marine Corps from 1970-1974, during the Vietnam War, and the reserve force from 1974-1976. An explosives expert, Manning was charged with arming weapons for deployment against enemy forces and demolition of captured enemy munitions. He also patrolled the base perimeter outside the wire and stood guard duty inside the wire. Manning was one of the last 500 Marines serving up to

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the Paris Peace Accords signed on Jan. 27, 1973. He received numerous awards and decorations.

Lt. Col. Donald Reynolds

Reynolds served in the Virginia Army National Guard as an enlisted soldier from 1968-1974. Then he served from 1982-2008 as chaplain in both the Maryland Army National Guard and US Army. As a chaplain, he was assigned to and deployed with the 115th Military Police Battalion Headquarters unit of the MD Army National Guard, providing humanitarian support, prayer support and counseling. They provided a protection force at the Pentagon following 9/11. They deployed to Ft. Stewart, Ga., during Operation Noble Eagle. Reynolds deployed to Guantanamo Bay during Operation Enduring Freedom, where enemy prisoners of war from Afghanistan were received, and to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. After the Battle of Bagdad, his unit was tasked to secure about 600 former regime leaders serving under Saddam Hussein. In August 2005, while serving as Deputy Joint Forces Chaplain, Reynolds deployed to New Orleans in response to Hurricane Katrina. He received many decorations for his service.

Lt. Col. Anne Theriault

Theriault served in the US Army, both active and reserves, for 39 years. She was deployed to combat zones four times: twice to Iraq, once to Afghanistan, and once to Bosnia. Her military career in civil affairs focused around building stability, enabling local governments, and improving the quality of life in war torn nations. After completing her active duty, Theriault was diagnosed with a rare, aggressive form of bladder cancer. Doctors

believe her exposure to uranium, petroleum, and many toxic chemicals in combat zones where she deployed may have led to the cancer, but her application for disability benefits was denied because bladder cancer isn't recognized in the PACT Act. She continues to fight for benefits for herself and others.



The Heartland Quilt Guild presented Quilts of Valor to four veterans Thursday night, Nov. 7. Pictured, front row, honorees AIC Linda Hargett, U.S. Air Force, left, and Sgt. Gregory Manning, U.S. Marine Corps; and back row, from left, Kay Butler, Gennis Morris, Linda Zimmerman, honorees Lt. Col. Donald Reynolds, U.S. Army and Army National Guard, and Lt. Col. Anne Theriault, U.S. Army, Sharon Noone, and Ellen Malenfant. (Photo credit: Angela Price)



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Caroline Countains to participate in Wreaths Across America



By Angela Price

National Wreaths Across America Day is Dec. 14, and all ceremonies begin at noon. Plans are underway to lay wreaths on veterans' graves at the Denton Cemetery for the first time, through the efforts of Bay Scout Billy Quick of Denton, who chose organizing the event as his Eagle Scout service project. Billy had previously participated in the Greensboro Cemetery ceremony with Troop 165 and patterned his plans after it.

"This project is important to me as not only does it commemorate, but it serves to remind us all, especially the younger generations, of the legacy that each veteran has left behind," Billy said. "With a strong military commitment in my extended family, I believe it is my duty – both as a scout and person – to help other people at all times to the best of my ability."

Billy's goal is to raise enough funds to place wreaths on the 150 veterans' graves his mother Julie has identified at the Denton Ceremony. Denton Rotary has committed to being a sponsor, and he has reached out to the Denton Volunteer Fire Company for help. Colonel Richardson Middle School Band will provide music.

The Greensboro Cemetery ceremony started some 10 years ago with a small group of people who used to go to the Army/Navy

game every year, said Sue Fleegle, founding organizer. They started purchasing wreaths and placing them before they went to the game. A few years later, Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Company got involved and helped it grow into the large celebration it is today.

Cub Scout Pack 264 of Ridgely leads the Pledge of Allegiance. North Carolina High School Band of Blue plays music. Flags are dedicated to each branch of service.

In Greensboro, their goal is 500 wreaths, which they've met in the past couple years, Chouinard said.

Volunteers are welcome and needed to help lay wreaths at either cemetery following the services.

For more information, see the cemetery pages on the Wreaths Across America website, www.wreathscrossamerica.org. Billy can be reached at 410-924-0904.



Greensboro Cemetery Wreaths Across America organizers, from left: Sue Fleegle, Annemarie Chouinard, Jody Luckett and J.T. Bartz. (Photo courtesy of Annemarie Chouinard) See more photos of 2023 Wreaths Across America at carolinereview.com



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Consider these year-end financial moves

Submitted by Ann Jacobs, Financial Advisor,
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As we enter the holiday season, your life may well become busier. Still, you might want to take the time to consider some financial moves before we turn the calendar to 2025.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Review your investment portfolio. As you look at your portfolio, ask these questions: Has its performance met my expectations this year? Does it still reflect my goals, risk tolerance and time horizon? Do I need to rebalance? You might find that working with a financial professional can help you answer these and other questions you may have about your investments.
- Add to your 401(k) and HSA. If you can afford it, and your employer allows it, consider putting more money into your 401(k) before the year ends — including “catch-up” contributions if you’re 50 or older. You might also want to add to your health savings account (HSA) by the tax-filing deadline in April.
- Use your FSA dollars. Unlike an HSA, a flexible spending account (FSA) works on a “use-it-or-lose-it” basis, meaning you lose any unspent funds at the end of the year. So, if you still have funds left in your account, try to use them up in 2024. (Employers may grant a 2½ month extension, so check with your human resources area to see if this is the case where you work.)
- Contribute to a 529 plan. If you haven’t opened a 529 education savings plan for your children, think about doing so this year. With a 529 plan, your earnings can grow tax deferred, and your withdrawals are federally tax free when used for qualified education expenses — tuition, fees, books and so on. And if you invest in your own state’s 529 plan, you might be able to deduct your contributions from your state income tax or receive a state tax credit.

- Build your emergency fund. It’s generally a good idea to keep up to six months’ worth of living expenses in an emergency fund, with the money held in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund in place, you might be forced to dip into your retirement funds to pay for short-term needs, such as a major car or home repair.

- Review your estate plans. If you’ve experienced any changes in your family situation this year, such as marriage, remarriage or the birth of a child, you may want to update your estate-planning documents to reflect your new situation. It’s also important to look at the beneficiary designations on your investment accounts, retirement plans, IRAs and insurance policies, as these designations can sometimes even supersede the instructions you’ve left in your will. And if you haven’t started estate planning, there’s no time like the present.

- Take your RMDs. If you’re 73 or older, you will likely need to take withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — from some of your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA. If you don’t take these withdrawals each year, you could be subject to penalties.

These aren’t the only moves you can make, but they may prove helpful not only for 2024 but in the years to come.

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DOLLARS AND SENSE

by Tolbert Rowe

What will the next four years bring in terms of inflation?

On November 7, the much-anticipated drop in the Federal Funds rate to 4.5% from 4.75% happened. Continuing their plan to reduce the inflation rate to 2% The Federal Reserve made good on their promise of lowering the federal funds rate at a consistent yet measured rate to a range of 3.25% to 3.50 by the end of 2025. Thus, lowering mortgage rates to the 5% to 5.50% range.

This was welcome news for homeowners waiting for mortgage rates to drop into the 5's so they can refinance their 7% interest rate. In addition, 5% interest rates seem to be an acceptable compromise for current homeowners. This would increase inventory for wanna be home buyers currently sitting on the sidelines.

Also, during the first week of November there was another momentous event. The landslide victory of Donald Trump in the presidential election. President Elect Trump has promised that he will accomplish many things. Not the least of which is that he will bring inflation under control and rid our country of illegal aliens. These two promises were a significant reason he received so many votes.

The President has many things under his control to direct resources and personnel to effectively deport those who are in our country illegally. Other than criminals who are here illegally he has not made clear what fully defines a "deportable

illegal alien." Many of these individuals are gainfully employed, paying taxes, contributing to social security and Medicare. In many cases they do jobs that Americans do not, and will not do.

His promise to lower inflation and lower the price of everything will be more challenging to achieve. His plan to implement a 10% tariff on all foreign goods and increase tariffs on China to 60% is not a good start. Tariffs will actually increase prices to Americans.

The definition of inflation is a general increase in the cost of goods and services which over time decreases the amount of goods or services one can purchase for the same dollars. Consumers measure inflation in a more elementary way. "Stuff costs more today than it did yesterday."

The Federal Funds Rate lowered by the Fed on November 7 is the interest rate that depository institutions (banks) charge each other to borrow funds unsecured, overnight and paid back the next day. Mortgage rates on the other hand are the rate consumers pay to borrow money secured by real estate and repaid over an extended period of time. Consequently, what the Fed does with the Fed Funds rate has no direct impact on mortgage rates, inflation does.

Assume I am lending money to a homeowner for 30 years and the monthly payment is \$1,000. When I receive the first payment, assume I can purchase 100

widgits for \$1,000 with that payment.

If the inflation rate is 10% then 100 widgits will cost \$1,100 a year from now. For me to offset this \$100 increase in cost I will need to charge 10% interest to my borrower so I can still buy 100 widgits. So, if the Federal Funds rate is not a good barometer for monitoring mortgage rates, what is?

The yield or rate on a 10 Year Treasury Bond is most like the average term of a mortgage of seven, which will probably extend to 10 years. As of June 2024 74% of homeowners were paying an interest rate of 5% or less and are less likely to sell or refinance and pay a higher interest rate.

The interest rate of 10-year treasury bonds is determined based on auctions. Bidders base their offers of the interest rate they want to receive in return for lending money to the US government on how inflation will impact their loss of purchasing power in the future.

If government actions are perceived to increase the rate of inflation the 10-year bond rate goes up. This is why President Elect Trumps platform of higher tariffs, in addition to mass deportation of illegal aliens will not be conducive for lower inflation and mortgage rates. Many of his other proposals could also be considered inflationary.

Prior to the election consensus among economists was that by the end of the second quarter (June 2025) we should see lower mortgage rates. The election has changed that to interest rates hovering in the 6% to 7.5% range for the next two years.

Needless to say, change is coming. Only time will tell if the promises of the campaign will actually Make America Great Again. I hope and pray for our country that they do.

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Overwhelming debt is stressful and can have a negative impact on families already struggling to make ends meet. Household incomes sometimes change dramatically— a job is lost, a health issue prevents employment, an income earner dies or parents divorce. Sometimes companies use the court system to recover unpaid medical bills, credit card balances, rental charges and other consumer debts. Most of the time, these creditors are represented by lawyers, but very few consumers facing debt collection in court have representation.

Shore Legal Access helps people facing debt issues, from a credit card debt that needs to be repaid, homeowners facing foreclosure, to people seeking to file for bankruptcy. SLA's volunteer attorneys help people to understand their rights,

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The Crows Nest Gift Shop is a delightful find in Preston



By Joanne Gelles

As you drive through Preston on Dover Road, take a closer look at the corner of Lednum Avenue. There at the corner, close to the ground is a small sign that reads “Crow’s Nest.” Drive down about a quarter mile to a large warehouse building, formerly the Harper Oil Company. It had been used as a feed and fertilizer storage building until 2010 when Faye Sterling and her husband purchased the building as well as the storage units next door. They then built 3 other buildings on the property including a child daycare center and a beauty salon.

After not being able to rent out the warehouse, Faye decided to start her own consignment shop. The shop soon evolved to be a gift shop with handmade items from the Amish and other nearby crafters. It’s been so successful as a gift shop she no longer takes any consignment items. It’s been a 14 year long thriving business for Faye; no small feat considering her tucked away location (like a crow’s nest) and getting through the COVID years.

Before moving to Preston in 1990 Faye was a computer operator in the air force in Colorado and then in Virginia. Her husband’s sister lived in Preston and frequent visits soon turned into full time living on the Shore. She purchased and renovated an old

house in Choptank, Md, with her husband where they both now reside.

The shop’s jewelry is designed and assembled by Faye herself. She also custom makes wreaths and small holiday themed trees complete with ornaments and lights.

Faye offers advice to aspiring business owners; “have patience and be consistent! Be open when you say you will be open and don’t leave just because you have no customers. Stick to your hours and if you do have to close early, be sure to post it online.”

Shop hours are Wednesday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Thursday, Friday, & Saturdays 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The address is 136 Lednum Ave, Preston, MD 21655.



Shop owner Faye Sterling finds unique items for her shop like the character sculptures made by Virginia artist Lori Mitchell (Photo credit: Joanne Gelles)

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The true joy of Christmas



The true joy of Christmas is coming together as a family and enjoying each other's company while making treasured memories. But for children in foster care, the holiday season can be scary and isolating. For many of these kids, all they want for Christmas may be to spend time with their own families.

Thanks to our friends at Sisk Fulfillment, every child and youth in foster care who is served by CASA of Caroline receives presents galore to help make it special. As we consider how it might feel to be a child in foster care this holiday season, we thought we'd ask a few folks from around the county what their favorite Christmas tradition or memory is.

"After opening presents, my grandfather, mother and I would take a trail ride all over the (farm). It was a lovely way to spend the day and take in the beauty of our lovely hometown. The smell of woodsmoke, oranges, and cloves always takes me back to Christmas and winter on the farm". -Dr. Tara Downes, CCPS Assistant Superintendent

"Christmas is truly a special time for me and my family; a time of reflection, forgiveness, and giving back to the community which has been so good to me and my family over the years". -Sheriff Donnie Baker

"After going to church on Christmas Eve, my father would drive the family around the county to look at the Christmas lights. It was always my favorite part of the holiday and fostered my love of decorating for Christmas." – Stephanie Berkey, Town of Ridgely

"My family's tradition is to wake up on Christmas morning, read scripture and then get to the presents!" – Stefanie Johnson, His Hope Ministries

"Christmas to me is about celebrating the birth of our savior and about being surrounded by loving family and friends." - Jeannette DeLude, Town Manager Circuit Rider

"It's the warmth of family, the comfort of togetherness, and the joy of shared moments. It's a season that wraps you in its embrace and reminds you of the beauty of connection and celebration." – Jillian Luna, Rosendale Realty

We ask that you include a prayer for those children who can't be with their families of origin this Christmas. From all of us at CASA of Caroline, we wish you a warm and wonderful holiday season and all the best for a very Happy New Year. If you'd like to brighten the life of a child in foster care by becoming a CASA volunteer advocate in the coming year, please visit our website at www.casaofcaroline.org for information and an application.

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Family History for the Holidays



By Kennedy Thomason

It's the season of good cheer, and I think it goes without saying that we all need a little bit of that right now. So this month, I won't bore you with the tragic historical topics that I usually center on. Instead, let's dive into what the holidays are supposed to be about: family.

"Family history" is not new, but it is an ever-growing subject of public interest. In a small place like Caroline County, personal stakes in our ancestry are especially poignant. There is something to be said about familial ties in old rural counties. The fact that I can bring up my father or grandfather and usually be met with recognition and reverence is quite different, I'd imagine, from living in Manhattan or Los Angeles. Family history to native Caroline Countians obviously carries a bit of weight.

But aren't we capable of going deeper than a last name? Some take family history to mean tracing back your heritage to the very beginning of time. Of course, please do if it interests you for whatever reason; I will never judge someone for engaging with the past. However, family history doesn't have to mean knowing the exact percentage of Irish you are— it can mean gleaning history from the family you possess right now. And that is the topic I'd like to address.

I was approached by a woman who told me that her mother, now in her 90s, was interviewed by a group of historians who were interested in her perspective as a teenage girl during World War II. Now, I want you to close your eyes and recall everything you know about WWII. My lucky guess is that what you know about the war is the war: the soldiers, the foreign enemies, the violence, the weaponry, and perhaps some significant events like Pearl Harbor or the dropping of the atomic bomb. This interview of someone who experienced



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life on the homefront tells us that the war was more than that. Its publication online ensures that interested individuals can also learn from this perspective. And, as her daughter told me, the recording has become a sentimental heirloom of her mother's legacy that can be cherished long after she is gone.

I interviewed my maternal grandmother about her family and early life in Caroline County, as well as the broader story of her grandparents' struggles as immigrants for a school project. Typically, I'd refrain from using my privilege as the person who gets to write this column to tout my own family's history. Still, I'm going to tell you what I learned anyway, hopefully to inspire you to do something similar. I started my interview by asking my grandmother (her name is Christine Fike, for anyone interested) about her grandparents. She told me that her paternal grandparents, Ferdinand and Marie, came to America in 1903 and 1905 (respectively) as refugees from Czechoslovakia. Both passed through Ellis Island and ended up in New York, where they met and fell in love. Somehow, by the grace of God, they found themselves in Henderson, Maryland, around 1917.

Ferdinand built a two-bedroom house on a plot of land where he farmed and ran a furniture-making business. Marie took in sewing to make ends meet, as by 1929, the couple had eight little mouths to feed. One of them was my grandmother's father, George Zlock. George married Lula Steele, who was

from a generations-deep Caroline County bloodline. Pearl Harbor rocked the nation shortly after they married, and George immediately volunteered to fight in WWII. In case you were wondering, I was able to confirm all of this with my trusty Ancestry subscription.

This narrative still seems impersonal. But the stories that my grandmother weaved in along the way are irrevocably connected with my current family's customs and traditions. I received a better understanding of how my family fit into the giant historical happenings of the 1900s.

As I said earlier, these personal accounts and varying perspectives are far too often lost to time. But I happen to know that around 90% of Americans possess a smartphone that records sound and video at the touch of a button. And we obviously don't want to think about our loved ones passing on, but I'd like to offer you something else to consider: do you have a recording of your loved ones' voices? If not, or even if you already do, use this holiday gathering season as an excuse to seek out this recent family history and save it for generations to come (even if they've already told you the story... multiple times). In all seriousness, have a safe and happy holiday season- 2024 will soon be history!

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by Bryan Gadow

Do It For Faith

In a previous December I encouraged you, dear reader, to buy American for Christmas. Another year I was more specific, hoping you would keep your purchasing power within Caroline County. This year, I seek to discourage you from a purchase.

Has it been about two years since that fifteen pounds of white fur came to live here? I suppose she is around eight years old at this point, at least. She didn't exactly show up with a birth



Just look at that face!

certificate, just a fancy name. "Honor Candy". Sounds like the name of a horse running in the third race at Harrington, or some well-groomed show poodle. By no means did the person who named her treat her like a princess. It took well over a year for her feet to fade from yellow-brown to white. Use your imagination to figure out how they

got that way. House training was a drawn-out process; I'm not trying to shock you, but it's true: it took months to keep her from eating her own feces.

Chewing was a chore, as many of her teeth had fallen out on their own and others were just dangling. Our vet pulled most of what was left, which gives her an unusual smirk on her face. I learned that a dog used only to create puppies (especially one not well fed) will lose their teeth as her babies get so much of her calcium supply.

Who did this to her? I'd guess it was a man, since she still cowers when I get near. Then again, she doesn't do much better when a woman gets close. She has begun to loosen up a bit, even becoming playful at times, but I wonder if life will ever be normal for the dog we renamed Faith.

I think often of her offspring. I suppose they brought in thousands of dollars and went to happy homes all around the area. I wonder if those doggy-parents ever think of "Honor Candy." What did they think her life was like? It's December, and that means some of you are thinking of bringing a puppy home. Our little Cavachon is done cranking them out, but somewhere out there other dear-hearted dogs are trapped. They are treated like dirt. Why would you want to be part of that? I'm all for bringing a pet into a loving home; visit your nearest animal shelter. Adopt. Do it, for Faith, will you?



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By Kimberlee Eveland

It's the perfect time of year to talk about mistletoe!

Phoradendron leucarpum or American Mistletoe, is a species of mistletoe in the Viscaceae family, it's also hemiparasitic. Simply put, it is a parasite and also capable of photosynthesis allowing it to draw energy from sunlight. Mistletoe is believed to be an Old English word and roughly translates into "dung on a twig". All sections of the plants are potentially harmful if ingested.

This time of year, mistletoe frequently appears in our garden centers along with other traditional holiday greenery like poinsettias and holly boughs, but there's a very good chance you've seen it in its natural habitat especially once the leaves fall from the trees. Around here, mistletoe usually shows up as a

dark green spikey clump clinging to a branch way up in the top of a maple, poplar or oak tree.

What's so mythical about mistletoe?

Mistletoe has appeared in many mythologies going back centuries, but let's stick to the classics.

Druids were believed to have used it mostly for ceremonial purposes in conjunction with the winter solstice – cutting a bow from a sacred oak tree with a golden sickle and offering it to the gods as a gift.

In Greek mythology mistletoe is associated with the character Aneus who used a bough of mistletoe to help him safely navigate the underworld to visit his father Anchises.

Norse mythology tells us that after having been used to make a deadly



arrow, a spell was cast on mistletoe making it a symbol of love and empowering it only with acts of happiness and usefulness.

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Christmas Wishes and Christkindlmarkt team up



By Joanne Gelles

Christmas Wishes is an annual program facilitated by the Caroline County Department of Social Services. The program's mission is to bring a little joy and security to families in need during the holiday. In 2023, the program raised over \$11,000 for Caroline County families, and the goal for 2024 is to raise even more.

The Department has partnered with Downtown Denton Main Street to offer people attending the annual Christkindlmarkt a chance to donate to Christmas Wishes. Here are some clever ways to donate to Christmas Wishes during Christkindlmarkt:

- Drop a new toy, new clothing, or monetary donation at the Donation Station.
- With your donation, have your photo taken with Santa or Grinch by photographer Chelsea Powell.
- Pay to either release or detain the Grinch in a theatrical jail that will be set up during the market.

To apply for assistance from Christmas Wishes, pick up an application from the Department of Social Services in Denton, use the QR code on its Facebook page (facebook.com/CarolineCoDSS), or text Annette Wales at 410-215-1000. To be eligible, you must already be receiving some sort of assistance

from the Department of Social Services. Applications must be received by Dec. 13, 2024.

Downtown Denton Main Street is a nonprofit that helps and supports local businesses. Jessica Willoughby, Director, said there will be an opportunity to donate, receive a special ornament in memory of a loved one, and hang it on the town tree. These donations will go towards next year's Christkindlmarkt and for other DDMS programs.

Christkindlmarkt will start at 5:00 pm on Dec. 5 with craft vendors, food trucks, a parade, and carriage rides.



Left to right: Glenn Anders, Assistant Director Caroline Department Social Services), Annette Wales (Case manager at Department Social Services); Christina Chandler (Christmas Wishes Program Coordinator); and Jessica Willoughby (Director of Downtown Denton Main Street). (Photo credit: Joanne Gelles)

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He could order her to marry him. But even a prince wants his bride to marry him freely and voluntarily and not through coercion. He could put on his most splendid uniform and drive

up to her front door in a carriage drawn by six white horses. But if he did this, he would never be certain whether the maiden really loved him or was simply overcome by all his splendor and wealth.

The prince came up with another solution. He gave up his kingly robe. He moved into the village, entering not with a crown but in the clothes of a peasant. He lived among the people, shared their interests and concerns, and spoke their language. In time the maiden grew to love him, because of who he was and because he loved her first.

This is the story of Christmas! The Son of God, the Creator and Prince of the universe, so loved the world that He left His heavenly home and became a fragile infant born in a stable, all in hopes that we would see Him as He is and love Him in return. The One who always lived in a perfect environment surrounded by perfect love and absolute purity; who always lived in total freedom with no restrictions or restraints; who was all-powerful, all-knowing, and everywhere-present-at-once chose to limit Himself and become one of us, all because of love. In so doing, He experienced life from our point of view. He grew up enjoying family and friends, dealing with trials and temptation, feeling both great joy and gut-wrenching sorrow, and ultimately suffering and dying a cruel and painful death in our place. Truly love came down at Christmas.

Jesus, 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

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Child Loss Remembrance Service in its 5th year



By Angela Price

The 5th annual Child Loss Remembrance service is set for 7:00 pm Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market St., Denton. The service is for grieving parents who have lost a child of any age, whether in the womb, as an infant or child, right up through adult, and whatever the cause, according to Marie Freeman, founder of the local service. “There’s no judgment. We have all suffered an unimaginable loss. It’s unnatural for a parent to bury their child, and it begins a lifetime of grief. This event provides support to others in this terrible club,” Freeman said.

Freeman and her husband Dan lost their 10-month-old daughter Brianna in 2000. They were going to an Orioles’ game, Freeman recalled. Dan had picked up Brianna and was on his way home where Marie was waiting to dress Brianna in her little black and orange outfit for the game. Then she got the call that their vehicle had been rear-ended on Route 404. “Parents have lost their future. Birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays are hard. Family and friends gather to celebrate, but your heart is not in it,” Freeman said. The service helps parents know they are not alone.

Pastor Don Reynolds and Calvary Baptist have hosted the Caroline County remembrance service since it began in

2020. Freeman approached Reynolds after learning the church was holding outdoor services, and he welcomed the opportunity to help. So, following COVID-19 protocols and avoiding an indoor setting, the first service was held in the parking lot.

“Attendees gathered in their cars and were able to listen through their car radios,” Freeman said. She provided a 12-ft. Christmas tree where parents were invited to place a white bow with their child’s name on it – a tradition that continues, only the tree and service have moved into the church.

“We’re there for each other,” she said. “It’s still a very profound loss, but not as raw. In a small town, you recognize faces and draw comfort knowing there are others.”



Families are encouraged to bring a white bow with their child’s name to add to the remembrance tree. The tree will remain up in the church until early January.

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Greensboro Lions Club News

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Ten couples attended the LVRF Dinner Banquet annual fund raiser held at the Greensboro Volunteer Fire Company. For Lions Vision Research/John's Hopkins the Greensboro Lions contributed \$1,000.00.

Our club made a visitation to the Sudlersville Lions Club on Nov. 4th.

Future Program: Poultry Waste Regulations and Solar Power Farms by Larry Porter.

We welcome anyone who may be interested in meeting our members and learning about our many endeavors. Please call for a free meal prepared by the Greensboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary, served at Wheatly Hall (St. Paul's ME Church) the first or third Tuesday of each month. Make a reservation by calling 302-398-3899.

Ridgely Lions Club News

Ridgely Lions Club Annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024. Parade line-up is at 6:15 p.m. at Martin Sutton Park 4th Street parking lot. The NCHS "Band of Blue" and the Lockerman Middle School Band will be performing in the parade. Contact rlcstrawberryfestival@gmail.com for information about the parade. Children can visit Santa and receive a treat at the Ridgely Train Station after the parade.

The Club recently held our annual golf tournament to raise funds for scholarships for local students. Weather was beautiful and everyone had a good time. Thank you to all that sponsored a hole and participated.

The Lions members passed out treats to the students of Ridgely Elementary School on Halloween.

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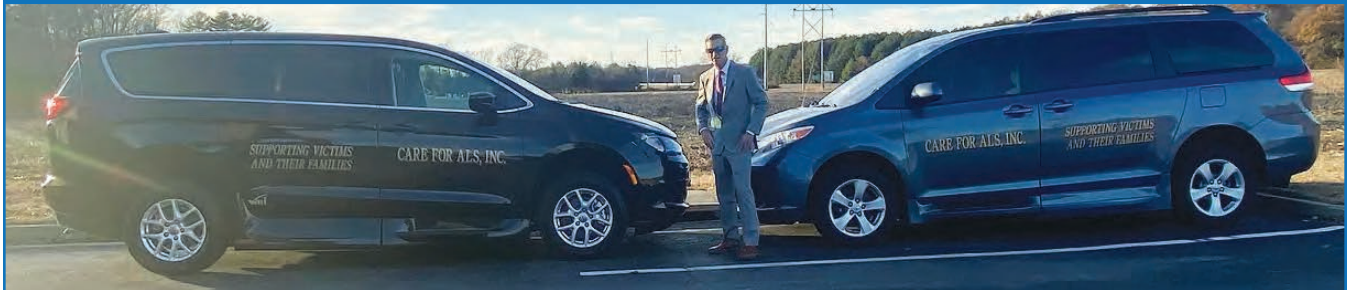
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New and Good



Clergy Making Caroline County Better Together

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The faith community is a cornerstone of any collective effort to meet people's needs. This is decidedly true of the faith community in Caroline County, where pastors at local churches are extending their call to serve into collective impact work as partners in Caroline Better Together.

Both Pastor Terrence Nichols of the Denton Church of Free Seventh-Day Adventists and Pastor Doug Morley of the Greater Impact Church in Greensboro are part of the Caroline County Christian Clergy Association (CCCA) and active in Caroline Better Together. They point to a lack of resources and coordination as major challenges to improving the lives of Caroline residents. Pastor Morley describes the situation this way, "While there are many agencies that seek to assist these individuals and families, the obstacles to overcoming often outweigh the time and resources that any one agency can provide." Echoing this sentiment, Pastor Nichols points out that "The challenge is you have a lot of organizations that are wanting to do good work, but it's not a holistic approach... even if you take care of one piece, it doesn't fix the person's real net problem."

Through CCCA, their churches join many others to pool resources to, as Pastor Nichols puts it, "meet needs collectively in the faith community," using what CCCA calls a "benevolence fund." Both leaders bring this experience and perspective to Caroline Better Together Actions Teams where they work toward comprehensive responses to food and housing insecurity and workforce development. Reflecting on the approach guiding these efforts, Pastor Nichols says, "Thank God for collective impact... bringing communities together to have a space to talk about the things in our community that join us as well as those that we allow to separate us - giving us space to brainstorm about being better together."

With the holiday season approaching, you can find both pastors, and their colleagues, out in the community, bringing people together to help one another. Pastor Nichols' Denton Church of Free Seventh-Day Adventists will, for the sixth consecutive year, be adopting 50 families to give children toys for Christmas. Greater Impact and Pastor Morley will be hosting a Nativity Scene in Greensboro's Whoville Village Holiday Park. Other pastors and congregations will also be undertaking their own efforts to make the holidays brighter for the community.

**Learn more at
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A graphic for a newsletter sign-up form. At the top, it says "CAROLINE BETTER TOGETHER Monthly Newsletter Sign-Up Form" in white and orange text on a dark blue background. To the right is the Caroline Better Together logo. Below this is a white rounded rectangle with an orange border containing a QR code and the text "GET INVOLVED!". At the bottom, on a light green background, are three sections: "Mission" (improve well-being by collectively engaging efforts), "Vision" (Caroline County will be a community where residents have access to resources), and "Aspiration" (increase collective capacity to dismantle barriers to stability and growth).

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

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

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



New and Good

Community Comes Together to Share Thanks



Community members converse after sharing a community Thanksgiving at the Preston Fire Hall.

Thursday, November 14th, 75+ Caroline County residents and friends gathered at the Preston Fire Hall to enjoy dinner and talk about what it means to be grateful in our community. They enjoyed food collected by LNT Seafood from businesses and individuals across Caroline County. This display of generosity was the perfect tablesetting for expressing gratitude and talking about the importance of giving thanks within our communities and for our communities.

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Tuesday, December 17th, 2024
Greater Impact Church
13669 Greensboro Road, Greensboro
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Community Dinners are sponsored by Caroline Human Services Council and Facilitated by Shore Strategies, LLC

New and Good



Sharing Different Traditions Together

Contributed by Caroline Better Together

As November gives way to December, the telltale hints of seasonal change pass into those of holiday celebrations. Across many and varied cultural traditions, this is a time for rituals of togetherness, charity, and hope marking the end of the annual cycle. The signs are everywhere in our schools, workplaces and houses of worship announcing the celebrations ongoing and to come.

Beyond the flipping of calendar pages promising upcoming vacation days and the commercial clockwork of holiday sales, many of us only truly feel the time to celebrate has arrived when our families perform some particular, special and personal rituals. “For me,” says Local Care Team Coordinator Gabrielle Gianninoto Horan, “it feels like the holidays have arrived when the Santa Clauses come out on the shelves in my parents’ home, my Grandpa’s homemade holiday CD plays on

replay, and the eggnog is constantly stocked in the fridge to add to our morning coffee.” Awash with fond memories of togetherness and belonging, details like these from personal holiday celebrations offer the sweet taste in a warming brew of hopefulness. Intimate and specific as they are, we at Caroline Better Together believe that it is the very diversity of these moments and rituals that make them shared; we may not all get the holiday feeling from the same thing but we do all get that feeling in our own particular ways.

If you too have a ritual, a treat, a celebration or some other tradition that gives you the feeling of the holiday season in your soul, we would love to hear or read about it. Scan the QR code on this page to tell us the story (or at least the highlights) of your holiday tradition and (with your permission) Caroline Better Together will post it on Facebook

Scan This QR Code:

And Share Your Holiday Traditions!

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New Website!
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Add your events to the community calendar!

Check the calendar for upcoming events in the community!

Find resources within the community!

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New and Good

“A very complicated 10,000 piece puzzle:” Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center Helps Immigrants Navigate Life in a Caroline County

Contributed by Caroline Better Together

Maryland’s rural Eastern Shore, like most of the US, has changed over the first two decades of the twenty-first century. The arrival of new people from around the world, along with shifting economic conditions and the COVID-19 pandemic, have reshaped the landscape of needs in our communities. For those providing services to residents, new and old, according to Matthew Peters, Executive Director of the Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center (CMRC), “it comes down to, are you identifying where there’s a gap in either needs or services and do you have the capacity to close that gap?”

CMRC spent the last 11 years building the capacity to meet many needs but only after recognizing that, “no one quite understands immigration except for us.... So that’s kind of where, over the years, we’ve found our core.” Regularly serving

over 400 clients from Caroline and surrounding Maryland counties, people come to CMRC for help navigating the immigration system. Once at CMRC, they meet guides, like Resource Navigator Alouse Jean, a Haitian immigrant and 18 year Caroline County resident, who help clients on the longer journey toward stability and dignity. Providing good guidance not only demands understanding the available resources but also having strong ties to the diverse communities in the area. This makes CMRC a key partner for APHSA-No Kid Hungry’s Resource Navigator program.

“I know how hard and stressful it is when you don’t speak a language,” Alouse says, and “I’m relieved now that I am able to help those in need.” Resource Navigators provide a human connection to the various resources and providers in the area. As Matthew points out “there’s so many good ways a navigator can be that link by understanding the community groups” and offering a trusted point of contact both at and between organizations.

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His Hope Ministries Resource Center
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Friday 9 am - 12 pm

GREENSBORO

Greensboro Judy Center
625 North Main St
Wednesday 9 am - 12 pm
Closed December 25, January 1, 2025

MD Rural Development
101 Cedar Lane
Wednesday 1 pm - 5 pm
Closed December 25, January 1, 2025

PRESTON

Preston Connects
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FEDERALSBURG

Federalburg Judy Center
323 South University Ave
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6:00 - 9:00PM

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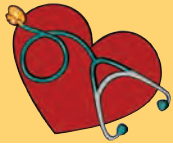
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Health Corner

World AIDS Day

*Contributed by the
Caroline County Health Department*

December 1st is World AIDS Day: a global health day created to stand in unity to end the HIV epidemic and the stigma surrounding it. It also serves as a reminder of the 42 million lives lost to HIV/AIDS throughout the years. Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is a virus that attacks the immune system, which makes it easier for people to become sick with diseases such as tuberculosis and other opportunistic infections. Although there is no cure for HIV, there have been amazing medical advances made over the past 40 years. These medical advances allow people diagnosed with HIV to live long and healthy lives. There has been enormous progress in ending the HIV epidemic, but there is still more to do. So, what can we do as a community to help?

Education

Learn the basics about HIV and talk about it with others to help lessen the stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS.

Prevention

Prevent the spread of HIV. Here are some ways you can reduce your risk of HIV infection:

- Use condoms with every sexual encounter.
- Take pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to reduce the risk of getting HIV through sex or drug use.
- Take post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to prevent HIV after possible exposure.
- Avoid sharing needles/syringes if injecting drugs.

Testing

Learn your HIV status to help stop the spread of HIV infection. Caroline County Health Department offers free confidential HIV testing Monday-Friday from 8am-3:30pm. Free HIV home tests are also available at the health department.

Treatment

If you have been diagnosed with HIV, it is important to seek treatment and prevent the spread of infection. Antiretroviral therapy (ART) helps keep the viral load (the amount of HIV in the blood) undetectable. An undetectable viral load means you cannot transmit HIV to others. So remember, undetectable equals untransmittable (U=U).

As we observe World Aids Day, let's pledge to do our part in ending the HIV epidemic. If you would like to know your HIV status or learn more about HIV, please call Ashley Johnson at the Caroline County Health Department at 410-479-8127.



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December 1, 2024

WORLD AIDS DAY

- A global health day created to stand in unity to end the HIV epidemic and stigma surrounding it.
- Remember 42 million lives lost to HIV/AIDS throughout the years.
- FREE confidential HIV testing at the Caroline County Health Department, every Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
- FREE home HIV test kits are available
- QUESTIONS? Call Ashley Johnson at 410-479-8127

Education

Prevention

Testing

Treatment



**Take the rights path:
My health, my right!**



CAROLINE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Suicide Prevention in Later Life

Contributed by Mental Health Association of Maryland

One in five older adults will experience a mental health condition that may lead to suicidal thoughts and feelings. As loved ones and friends pass away, many older adults reflect on their legacies, end-of-life arrangements, and concerns about their own mortality. While it's natural to experience feelings of sadness or despair during these times, for some, these emotions can escalate to suicidal thoughts.

There are several factors contributing to the prevalence of suicidal behavior in older adults. Many live alone or are homebound, leading to reduced social connections, which are essential for mental health. Additional challenges such as grief, chronic illness, cognitive impairments, substance use, loss of self-sufficiency, and financial struggles can exacerbate feelings of depression. Left unaddressed, these feelings may evolve into clinical depression, increasing the risk of suicide. Medications, certain illnesses, and common late-life stressors may raise the risk of suicidal thoughts.

Talking about suicide can be challenging, but it's an essential step in saving lives. Studies reveal that many individuals who have considered suicide feel relief when someone acknowledges their pain and offers support. By initiating a conversation, you could help a loved one find the help they need.

If you sense someone may be in distress or having thoughts of suicide, don't hesitate to talk to them. Express your concern and offer to connect them with resources. Visit www.mhamd.org for guidance on how to start this conversation.

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MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND

Mental Health in Later Life

Older adults are at **higher risk for suicide** but often don't talk about it.

Warning Signs

Withdrawing from social activities.

Expressing hopelessness or talking about being a burden.

Changes in sleep or appetite.

Giving away possessions or making end-of-life plans.

How To Help



Ask Directly:
"Are you thinking about suicide?"



Listen Without Judgment:
Show compassion & understanding.



Encourage Connection:
Suggest reaching out to family, friends, or a counselor.



Act Immediately:
Call 9-8-8 or visit mhamd.org for resources.



Learn how to support older adults and their mental health by accessing our "Mental Health in Later Life: A Guidebook for Older Marylanders and the People Who Care for Them."



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Library Corner



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Library Hours

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

FEDERALSBURG BRANCH

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

NORTH COUNTY, GREENSBORO

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

New

Sock Snowpeople

Make a snowperson out of a sock.
December 1st - 31st, All Ages, Central
Library, Denton. No registration is
required.

Nutcracker Storytime

Caroline County Public Library and
To the Pointe Dance Studio present
Nutcracker Storytime. Hear this

enchanting holiday favorite read aloud
as the dancers bring the ballet to life!
Saturday, December 7th, 10:30 am -
11:30 am, All Ages, Central Library,
Denton. Registration required*

Teen Tabletop Club

Join the Teen Tabletop Club as we
play our first session of Dungeons
& Dragons! Slay monsters, loot for
treasure, and save the day with your
adventuring party. No experience
necessary! Thursday, December
12th, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Ages teens,
Central Library, Denton. Registration
required*

Queen of Christmas Paint and Sip

Paint a festive Mariah Carey! Gouache
paint and paper will be provided for
participants to create their Queen
of Christmas. Sign up to flex your
creative skills while you snack on
alcohol-free refreshments. Thursday,
December 19th, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm,
Adults, Central Library, Denton.
Registration required*

Family Movie Night:

Muppets Christmas Carol

Bring the family for a cozy evening
of holiday spirit. Friday, December
20th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, All ages,
Federalsburg Branch. No registration

is required.

Ongoing

Fall Storytime

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, December 17th, 1:00 pm,
Adults, Federalsburg Branch. Contact
the Central Library at 410-479-
1343, or info@carolib.org, for more
information. No registration is
required

Paws for Reading

Paws for reading will return January
23rd.

*For programs requiring registration,
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Family Learning Camps for the New Year

By Heather Harding and Audrianna Goddard

The Federalsburg and Greensboro Judy Center Early Learning Hubs will be offering six, 1- hour, virtual Family Learning Camps.

Family Learning Camps are facilitated by Amanda Ensor, owner of It Takes a Village, LLC. They are designed to help families gain a better understanding of school-readiness strategies and support needed at home to help their child prepare for school.

January 7, 2025: The Power of Family Connections: understanding how to support your child's healthy brain development and the impact as your child's first teacher

February 4, 2025: Math is Everywhere: learning math through everyday experiences with your child

March 4, 2025: Cooking Up Curiosity And Confidence: building your child's self-esteem and approaches to learning

April 8, 2025: Exploring the Great Outdoors with Littles: how to help your child observe and experience nature

May 6, 2025: Science at Home: how to help your child ask scientific questions and understand their world

June 3, 2025: What is Social Studies for Littles: how to help your child understand how different people see the world differently



WHAT DO FAMILIES SAY ABOUT THE JUDY CENTERS?

"The Judy Center has given me the information needed to help my child. They offer informative activities that engage her outside of school."



"The Judy Center has helped me learn about the many community resources that are available to families."



"Since coming to the Judy Center, my daughter is more social and vocal, and expresses her emotions."

"They do so much to provide for families and offer so many events for the children. It is a wonderful program!"



Greensboro Judy Center Early Learning Hub
625 N. Main Street, Greensboro
410-479-3856

CONTACT US



Federalsburg Judy Center Early Learning Hub
323 S. University Avenue, Federalsburg
410-479-3050

For children ages 0-5 years old, and their families, living in the FES or GES school attendance area, or any Caroline child with an IFSP, IEP or experiencing homelessness. Visit carolineschools.org for more information.



Judy Center programming is developed with funds from the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood



To be eligible, you must be the parent/guardian or familial caregiver of a child that is 0- 5 years of age and either:

- Live in the attendance area of Federalsburg or Greensboro Elementary School, or
- Live in Caroline County and have a child with an active IFSP or IEP, or
- Reside in Caroline County and meet the McKinney Vento definition of homelessness.

If you are interested in attending a Family Learning Camp, please contact either the Federalsburg or Greensboro Judy Center Early Learning Hub.

Audrianna Goddard Greensboro Judy Center Coordinator 410-479-3856

Heather Harding Federalsburg Judy Center Coordinator 410-479-3050

The Judy Center Early Learning Hub programming is developed with funds from the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood. A Judy Center Early Learning Hub bridges the home/school gap by forming relationships with children and families at a younger age.

Our mission is to empower the child's first and best teachers - their families. Providing positive learning opportunities and experiences enabled families to build on what they have learned and continue similar experiences independently.

For more information about either Judy Center Early Learning Hub, please visit the Caroline County Public Schools website at www.carolineschools.org or follow the Judy Center of your choosing on Facebook by scanning the QR codes on the ads.



FEDERALSBURG & GREENSBORO JUDY CENTERS



Federalsburg

Greensboro



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Child 0-5 years old
- Living in the Greensboro or Federalsburg school attendance area
- OR living in Caroline County and have an IFSP or IEP
- OR residing in Caroline County and experiencing homelessness

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- School readiness
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- Weekly and monthly playgroups

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Contributed by Mary Moran

It's leaf raking time once again! As beautiful as they have been in the trees, those leaves are now a nuisance in our yards and are dangerous when combined with wet on roads and walkways. Today I had a lovely 72-year young, but frail, lady come into my office and the subject came up that she does not have any trees on her land, but her yard and walkway is full of leaves! So, if you see your trees leaves blowing into a Seniors yard, perhaps it would be helpful to be a good neighbor and mulch or bag up that color for them?

While you are taking care of your own land, please consider removing the political signs from your property. It is understood that these signs are a form of free speech, guaranteed as a fundamental section of the Bill of Rights. Know that friends, family, coworkers, and my long-time readers know that I support Free Speech 100%! (I sometimes forget to keep my filter on "on"!) So, this is not about infringing on your Rights by any means!

We all know this has been a particularly divisive election cycle. The votes have been cast, and the new administration is working with the old for the peaceful transfer of power. Regardless of one's political position or religious beliefs, as we move into the season of brotherly love, it would be particularly nice to return to seeing the beauty of Caroline County unmarked by signs and banners signifying our political position. Let's step back and be grateful that we all live in this beautiful County with salt of the earth folks (regardless of their political affiliations) and be truly thankful for our family, friends, and neighbors. Moving forward as Caroline County residents, this would be a gift we can give each other as we mentally and physically prepare, together, for winter of 2025! Please consider doing this to help all of us move on and make way for holiday lights and decorations!

Federalsburg Senior Center

Happy Holidays from all of us here at Federalsburg Senior Center. We hope you have plenty of fun planned! Join us for our exciting events at the Center this month.

Holiday Cup designing craft on December 10 at 12:30 pm.

Center-wide Cookie Swap on December 12 at 1:00 pm.

We will be hosting Susan Wolfberg from Candle Light Cove as she brings us her presentation of "Stages of Dementia" on December 3 at 10:00 am.

We will be having an exciting musical performance from the Colonel Richardson High School Jazz Band on December 19 at 1:00 pm.

With the season of giving fresh in our minds, we also invite you to participate in our Tricky Tray Fundraiser on December 17 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. This is a fundraiser to support additional programs and trips for our seniors in the coming year!

We are changing our S.A.I.L. exercise class to 11:00 am on Thursdays, and our Bingo games to 11:00 am on Tuesdays, so be sure to come join in the fun!

From our family here to yours, we hope you all have a wonderful and exciting holiday season and a very happy New Year.

Caroline Senior Center

The Caroline Senior Center wishes everyone HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!! December brings lots of exciting activities in the Center with various Christmas crafts, holiday Bingo, hot cocoa bar, Healthy Coaching with Michelle, and holiday manicures with Erika Nelson. Call the Center at 410-479-8008 for more information.

Join us on December 18 at 10:00 am for a presentation on dementia and Alzheimer's with Susan Wolfberg from Candle Light Cove.

The Center welcomes our new S.A.I.L. Exercise instructor Jannelle Bramble on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:30 pm beginning on December 2.

The Caroline Senior staff has been busy the past few months with applications for NUTS Thanksgiving Day meals and Secret Santa for a Senior. I'm so proud of the staff for all their efforts in taking care of each of our participants, Meals on Wheels clients, and all the call-in reservations. Each of us played a part in making sure our county seniors received a meal or gifts this holiday season. Humanity goes a long way!

After our holiday celebrations with our families, we will prepare for the upcoming 2025 New Year!

December Birthdays

Bonnie Brown

Joseph Duli

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.

Local Volunteer Organization Helps Those in Need. The Maryland Association of Social Services Boards (MASSB) Foundation is comprised entirely of volunteers who serve on local boards in all 23 counties in the State of Maryland. Since its inception in 2012, Caroline's Community Assistance Fund has assisted county residents with rental, utilities arrearages, and food insecurities. Additionally, the Fund provides support in the form of medical supplies and emergency repairs for the elderly. We would like to thank you for the generous support you've provided in the past and encourage you to donate whatever you can to our organization to help our less-fortunate neighbors. Please make your checks payable to MASSB Foundation, and mail them to: Juanita A. Webster, Board Chair, Caroline County Department of Social Services, Post Office Box 400, Denton, MD 21629. Donations can also be received via credit card at www.massbfoundation.org. Please add a note that your donation is in support of Caroline County Department of Social Services. All donations are 100%

tax deductible. MASSB is an all-volunteer organization so you will have the comfort of knowing that your funds will go directly to those in need.

THROUGH SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

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

SUNDAYS

Worship Service at Eternal Life Ministries at 11:00 am at 807 Market St., Denton. Contact: Brother Mike at 410-714-4793.



Annual Denton Holiday Parade & Lighting of the Green

Thursday, December 5, 2024
6:00 pm
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Greater Impact Worship Experience every Sunday at 11 AM. Impact Kids (ages 3-11) meet during the worship experience..

Immanuel Lutheran Church 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. www.lakeviewfellowship.org Find us on FACEBOOK

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. December 8: Carolyn Eyerly Band, Annapolis-based foursome. 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.org or www.facebook.com/ridgelylionsclub. We are always seeking new members who are interested in serving their community.

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

FIRST MONDAYS

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



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TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

THIRD TUESDAYS

Caroline County Chapter of Maryland Right to Life meets 7 p.m. at various locations around the county. All are welcome to help us defend life, educate the public, and work for legislative change. For more information or the location of the next meeting, contact chapter president Tom Lough at 443-996-3024 or Upcycle1atatime@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

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

The Ridgely Lions Club supports the **Ridgely United Methodist Church** with their weekly "Food Pantry" from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Folks in need can pick up a grocery distribution behind the Church on Central Ave in Ridgely. For more information, contact Lion Sharon 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. 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.

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

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



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SATURDAYS

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

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

Upper Shore Genealogical Society of Maryland - The Research Center/Library is located at 12156 Greensboro Road, Greensboro. The hours of operation are most Saturdays, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. The Research Center is usually closed on holiday weekends and dates of membership meetings. Particularly for out of town researchers, the Research Center can be visited by special request. Email us at usgsm@yahoo.com. Membership meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. the second Saturday of January, March, May, September and November. Locations may vary, but will be posted on the website at usgsm.org and our official Facebook group prior to meetings.

Men, come join us for "Men Praying Together" every Saturday. Women, come join us for "Women Prayer

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

Caroline County Council of Arts Santa's Workshop in the Island of Misfit Toys. December 7, 14 & 21 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Wharves of Choptank Visitor & Heritage Center. Bring your kids for a magical holiday adventure crafting wooden toys with Santa's "elves". \$15 suggested donation per child. Register: <https://carolinearts.org/events/santas-workshop-in-the-island-of-misfit-toys/>

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.

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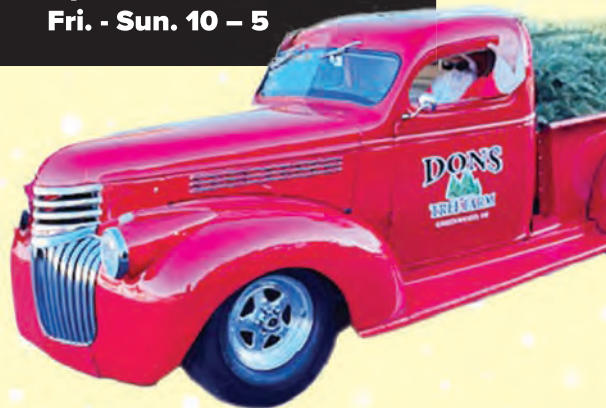
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Eternal Life Ministries will have Fish Dinners available from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. We are located at 807 Market Street in Denton. For more information please call the church at 410-714-1087 or 410-725-1484.

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 Email: Fr.RobertMiclean@gmail.com Saturdays: 6:00 pm, Great Vespers, Sunday Worship: 10:00 am, Divine Liturgy. All are welcome!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Caroline County Council of Arts Teen Writers Club. On Zoom from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. For ages 13-18. Explore creativity through writing prompts, discussions, and sharing sessions. All types of writing welcome!

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 & TUESDAY DECEMBER, 17

Write On! A welcoming community of writers for weekly creative writing sessions, sharing stories and building skills together. Location: The Foundry from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Registration: caroline.org/events/write-on-december-3rd/ Registration: caroline.org/events/write-on-december-17th/

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 & WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Crescendo Club with Music in Caroline (MIC). A collaborative music club for middle school musicians to explore, perform and create. Held at The Foundry from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Cost: \$60/month or \$30/session. Registration: <https://carolinearts.org/events/crescendo-club-with-music-in-carolinemic/>

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

Sparkle and Shine: Mosaic Christmas Tree Workshop. Create an 8" x 10" mosaic Christmas tree with Joanne Gelles, perfect for holiday décor or gifting! Located at The Foundry from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Cost: \$35 (materials included). Registration: <https://carolinearts.org/events/sparkle-and-shine-craft-your-own-mosaic-christmas-tree/>

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Calvary Baptist Church invites all ladies, including middle and high school ladies, to attend the **Christmas Banquet** from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the fellowship hall, 1120 Market Street, Denton. Our theme is An Ole Fashioned Candy Cane Christmas. No charge. Please RSVP to Nancy Reynolds at 410-924-6404. Join us at Calvary Baptist Church 1120 Market Street Denton, MD 21629 410-924-6404 donaldwreynolds@comcast.net www.calvarybaptistchurch.org

Cartonnage-Fabric Box Making. Join instructor Victoria McConnell as we delve into the magical world of fabric box making. In this class you will create a covered pencil holder and a lidded box. Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Cost: \$40 members \$50 non members. Kit fee: \$25 to be paid to the instructor at time of class. Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up 443-448-4611 or email info@fiberartscenter.com

Cordova Ladies Auxiliary Sing Along with Santa at the Cordova Firehouse at 6:30 pm. All are invited. Cookies will be available for refreshments. Call Belinda for more information at 410-820-1283

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

The **Federalsburg Historical Society will hold a Christmas Open House** at historic Exeter from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy this free event, and tour one of the oldest remaining structures in the southern part of Caroline County. Exeter is located at 408 Old Denton Road in Federalsburg, MD. Donations are gratefully appreciated and go toward the ongoing maintenance of this circa 1808 structure.

Eternal Life Ministries will have their Christmas Party at Oxford Fire Department at 3:00 pm. Donation \$10. For more information call Michelle 410-714-1087

Wreath Making Class at Caroline's Table Restaurant from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Cost \$45 all materials supplied. Only 12 spots available. Call Joanne for details 443-448-4042.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Festival of Trees to benefit Compass Regional Hospice. Towers Family Historical Museum. 26299 Sennett Road Denton, MD 21629. Free admission.



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, SATURDAY DECEMBER 14 & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Santa's Workshop in the Island of Misfit Toys. A holiday event where families can create toys with "elves" and meet Santa. Located at Wharves of Choptank Visitor & Heritage Center from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Suggested donation of \$15 per child. All proceeds go to supporting youth programs and spreading holiday cheer. Each child must sign up in advance through our website or in-person at The Foundry Art Gallery. Registration: <https://carolinearts.org/events/santas-workshop-in-the-island-of-misfit-toys/>

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Toy/Electronic Bingo at Goldsboro Vol Fire Hall. The doors open at 11:30 am and Bingo starts at 1:00 pm. There will be 20 regular games and 5 special games. The cost is \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. There will also be 50/50 and items for our silent auction. Also we will be offering second chance prizes when there are multiple bingos. So that way if a child gets a "bingo" that doesn't get the highest number picked out of the bag they will at least get a smaller prize for getting a bingo. We will be promoting what our sponsors donated as they are donated. All money raised goes to pay for our educational trips. You can pay through Paypal or contact Angie Cowgill at 410-829-6084.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

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 an afternoon of music featuring the Christmas season. Enjoy free magazines and door prizes. Guests and new members are welcome. For more information, call 410-482-6039.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

The Fiber Arts Center is sponsoring a **new Maryland chapter of the Quilts of Valor** which honors our veterans. Volunteers of all skill levels are needed. It will take place at the Fiber Arts Center from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Ink Expressions: Monthly Drawing Meetups. Led by artist Leil Garner, these sessions offer a supportive space to practice drawing techniques. Located at The Foundry from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Cost: \$25 (bring your own supplies). Registration: <https://carolinearts.org/events/ink-expressions-monthly-drawing-meetups/>

Child Loss Remembrance Service at 7:00 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. Participants are encouraged to bring a white bow with their child's name to add to our remembrance tree. 1120 Market St, Denton. All are welcome.-Bring a friend. You will be blessed. www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org donaldwreynolds@comcast.net 410-924-6404

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 - THURSDAY, DEC. 12

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. For 3 day session - members: \$30 per session and non Members: \$45 per session (3 days). Reservations are required. Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up 443-448-4611 or at info@fiberartscenter.com

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Arcadia of Denton will be hosting a "Cookies with Santa" **free community** event with a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association. Located at 701 S. 5th Avenue from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. There will be a silent auction and raffle with items donated from local businesses. Along with Santa and Mrs. Claus there will be treats, crafts and fun for kids.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

National Wreaths Across America Day. Honor our heroes. Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veterans grave this December at the Denton Cemetery. To sponsor a wreath visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org and choose MDDCEM as your specific location. This local event is organized by Billy Quick to complete his Boy Scout Eagle Service Project.

Cordova Ladies Auxiliary Cookie Walk at the Cordova Firehouse. Doors open at 9:00am. The cost is \$10 per box with all kinds of delicious homemade cookies. For more information call Rachel at 410-829-1725.

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Sat. Jan. 11, 2025 4pm - 7pm

At Goldsboro Vol Fire Co Hall
700 Old Line Rd., Goldsboro, MD



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Adults - \$10
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Call Tom McKnight for info and tickets 443-239-6401

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Craft Bakery from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. **Make a Christmas Ornament workshop!** Paint pour on glass balls and wood pallets, memory keepsakes and more! \$35 includes everything. To sign up, call or text Joanne 443-448-4042.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Make Mosaic & Crystal Ornaments. Craft two ornaments in one workshop with Joanne Gelles and Kyleen Ashe. Located at The Foundry from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Price: \$45 (materials included). Registration: <https://carolinearts.org/events/make-mosaic-crystal-ornaments/>

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Join us for our **Christmas Cantata "God is With Us"** at 11:00 am presented by our choir, "Ole Fashioned Christmas Carol Service" led by Paul and Maureen Twinning at 7:00 pm, and a Christmas Reception hosted by Pastor Don and Nancy Reynolds at 8:00 pm. Located at Calvary Baptist Church 1120 Market St, Denton. All are welcome.-Bring a friend. You will be blessed. www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org donaldwreynolds@comcast.net 410-924-6404

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Eternal Life Ministries Christmas Eve Service at 3:00 pm. For more information call Michelle 410-714-1087

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service hosted by the Wiley Family. You will be blessed as you experience the REAL meaning of Christmas. You will receive a warm welcome and be touched by the focus on the first coming of Jesus Christ as our savior. There will be no morning services this week. Located at Calvary Baptist Church 1120 Market St, Denton. All are welcome.-Bring a friend. You will be blessed. www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org donaldwreynolds@comcast.net 410-924-6404

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Eternal Life Ministries New Years Eve service at 3:00 pm. For more information call Michelle 410-714-1087

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

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

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); wanderful12001@gmail.com, Janet Fountain (410-829-2844); janetfountain@aol.com

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

RIDGELY VOL. FIRE DEPT.
 101 Sunset Blvd. in Ridgely, MD
 410.634.2424 www.rvfd400.com

Spaghetti Dinner
 Dec 5
 4 pm to 7 pm

All you can eat spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert
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Check out the complete list of classes and online registration at carolinerecreation.org. Please call Recreation & Parks at 410-479-8120 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Santa Chase

The 10th Annual Santa Chase will be held in December Friday, December 13, is a magical evening, dog-friendly, run or walk the 2-mile loop through the town of Ridgely and their Rail Trail light display. Candle luminaries and course monitors provided by the local Lion's Club volunteers. Flyers are posted on our website www.carolinerecreation.org. Produced in partnership with Lions International Clubs and the Ridgely Lions Club.

18th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance

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 7th 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.

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

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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.

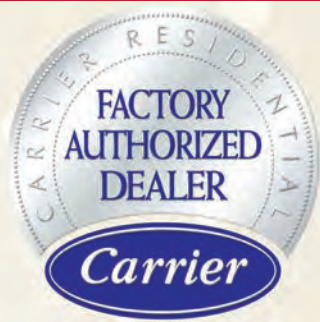
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Recreational Gymnastics

Focused on building good fundamentals, tumbling, and work on the low balance beam, this class is perfect for the young gymnast 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

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Predictions for Tuckahoe
(See below for other factors)
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1	2:11	Lo	7:45	Hi	2:08	Lo	8:32	Hi
2	2:58	Lo	8:28	Hi	2:53	Lo	9:15	Hi
3	3:44	Lo	9:10	Hi	3:38	Lo	9:57	Hi
4	4:30	Lo	9:54	Hi	4:25	Lo	10:40	Hi
5	5:16	Lo	10:41	Hi	5:13	Lo	11:22	Hi
6	6:02	Lo	11:31	Hi	6:04	Lo		
7	12:06	Hi	6:50	Lo	12:26	Hi	6:59	Lo
8	12:53	Hi	7:38	Lo	1:26	Hi	7:56	Lo
9	1:42	Hi	8:27	Lo	2:29	Hi	8:55	Lo
10	2:35	Hi	9:17	Lo	3:33	Hi	9:54	Lo
11	3:31	Hi	10:08	Lo	4:35	Hi	10:53	Lo
12	4:29	Hi	11:01	Lo	5:35	Hi	11:51	Lo
13	5:27	Hi	11:54	Lo	6:31	Hi		
14	12:47	Lo	6:23	Hi	12:46	Lo	7:25	Hi
15	1:40	Lo	7:18	Hi	1:38	Lo	8:17	Hi
16	2:31	Lo	8:10	Hi	2:29	Lo	9:06	Hi
17	3:20	Lo	9:02	Hi	3:19	Lo	9:52	Hi
18	4:07	Lo	9:52	Hi	4:08	Lo	10:36	Hi
19	4:53	Lo	10:41	Hi	4:57	Lo	11:18	Hi
20	5:39	Lo	11:30	Hi	5:47	Lo	11:59	Hi
21	6:25	Lo	12:20	Hi	6:38	Lo		
22	12:40	Hi	7:11	Lo	1:11	Hi	7:30	Lo
23	1:22	Hi	7:58	Lo	2:04	Hi	8:23	Lo
24	2:07	Hi	8:45	Lo	2:58	Hi	9:17	Lo
25	2:55	Hi	9:33	Lo	3:53	Hi	10:11	Lo
26	3:46	Hi	10:22	Lo	4:47	Hi	11:05	Lo
27	4:38	Hi	11:11	Lo	5:39	Hi	11:59	Lo
28	5:30	Hi	12:01	Lo	6:30	Hi		
29	12:52	Lo	6:20	Hi	12:51	Lo	7:19	Hi
30	1:43	Lo	7:08	Hi	1:39	Lo	8:06	Hi
31	2:31	Lo	7:57	Hi	2:28	Lo	8:50	Hi

Add or subtract hours and/or minutes as indicated:

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Choptank	Subtract	3:06	Subtract	2:23
Denton	Subtract	:40	Subtract	:03



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*Submitted by Jennifer Reibly, Public Information Officer,
Caroline County Commissioners*

Starting December 1st, 2024, 2025 Solid Waste Permits will be available for purchase at the Public Works Office. This annual permit helps support the operation of our three local courtesy solid waste sites and ensures fair and efficient waste disposal for all county residents.

Permit Details:

- Cost: \$100 for the first vehicle, and just \$25 for each additional vehicle.
- Prorated Fees: The permit cost is prorated based on when you purchase it during the year.

How to Get Your Permit: Visit the Public Works Office at:

- 520 Wilmuth St., Denton, MD 21629
- Phone: 410-479-0520
- Fax: 410-479-0409
- Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Permit Requirements:

- Each vehicle must have its own permit.
- Proof of County residency is required.
- The permit sticker must be affixed to the lower left corner of the vehicle's windshield.
- Permits are non-transferable and can only be used for the vehicle they were issued to.

Important Notes:

- Permits that are not properly affixed will not be considered valid.
- Misuse or violation of solid waste/recycling rules may result in permit revocation.
- Lost or stolen permits can be replaced at no cost with proper documentation, such as proof of vehicle sale, theft, or windshield replacement.

The 2025 Solid Waste Permit is an important step toward keeping Denton County clean and ensuring that waste services are both accessible and equitable. Be sure to stop by the Public Works Office to get your permit starting December 1st!

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Reindeer x55

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The word "Reindeer" appears 55 times in this puzzle.

Can you find them all?

Circle words forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally.

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The Caroline Review elves curated a list of shops and events around the county for holiday shopping and experiences.

We included advertisers (Thank you!).

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thecrowsnest75@comcast.net

The Foundry

401 Market Street, Denton
410-479-1009
www.carolinearts.org

Tuckahoe Sportsman

22145 Shore Highway, Hillsboro
410-364-9005
www.tuckahoesportsman.com

Tuckahoe Treasures Alpaca Farm

8955 Tuckahoe Road, Denton
410-479-2971
www.tuckahoetreasures.com

Twilight Farms

7305 Todd's Wharf Road, Preston
410-479-9703
www.twilightfarmllc.com

Whats New Shop

224 Market St, Denton
410-479-0006

Florists

Enchanted Blooms

21269 Dover Bridge Rd Lot 7,
Preston
443-477-2833
enchantedblooms4@gmail.com

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Garden Basket Florist
21084 Dover Bridge Road, Preston
www.thegardenbasket.org

Greensboro Florist
103 W. Sunset Avenue, Greensboro
410-482-2143

John's Four Season's
6102 Finchville Reliance Rd,
Federalsburg, MD 21632
410-754-5835

Lucy's Flowers and Gifts
100 Bloomingdale Avenue,
Federalsburg
410-754-5011
www.lucysflowers.com

Pattis Petals
219 Market Street, Denton
410-479-4445
www.pattispetalsflorist.com

Events

Christmas Open House
Tuckahoe Treasures Alpaca and
Yarn Barn
Saturday, November 30 from 10:00
am - 2:00 pm

8955 Tuckahoe Road, Denton
410-479-2971

Country Christmas Market
Saturday, November 30 from 9:00
am - 5:00 pm
8230 Detour Rd, Denton (Caroline
County 4-H Park)

44th Annual Craft Show at
Goldsboro Vol. Fire Co.
Saturday, November 30 from 9:00
am - 3:00 pm
700 Old Line Road, Goldsboro
gvfc.craftshow@yahoo.com

Winter Fest at JZ Farms
Friday, November 29 from 11:00
am - 8:00 pm
Saturday, November 30 from 11:00
am - 8:00 pm
December 6-21 Fridays from 4:00
pm - 8:00 pm and Saturdays from
11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Denton Holiday Parade & Lighting
of the Green
Thursday, December 5 at 6:00 pm
Historic Downtown Denton
www.dentonmaryland.com

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Thursday, December 5 from 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Downtown Denton, 3rd St & Market

director@downtowndenton.com

Outstanding Dreams Farm Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 7 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

**24480 Pinetown Road, Preston
410-829-4492**

www.outstandingdreamsfarm.com

Christmasdaze

Saturday, December 7 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**105 Backlanding Rd, Preston
(410)-673-7929**

Festival of Trees Open House

Saturday, December 7 from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 8 from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Towers Family Historical Museum
26299 Sennett Road, Denton**

443-262-4107

**[www.compassregionalhospice.org/
festival-of-trees-2024](http://www.compassregionalhospice.org/festival-of-trees-2024)**

Holiday Artisan Market

Saturday, December 7 from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Choptank River Yacht Club

10287 River Landing Rd, Denton

www.carolinechamber.org

Christmas in Ridgely Winter Festival

Saturday, December 14 from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Railroad Memorial Park 1 W.
Railroad Ave, Ridgely**

www.christmasinridgely.com

Sights & Sounds of Christmas Camp Mardela

December 20-22 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

301 Deep Shore Rd, Denton

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