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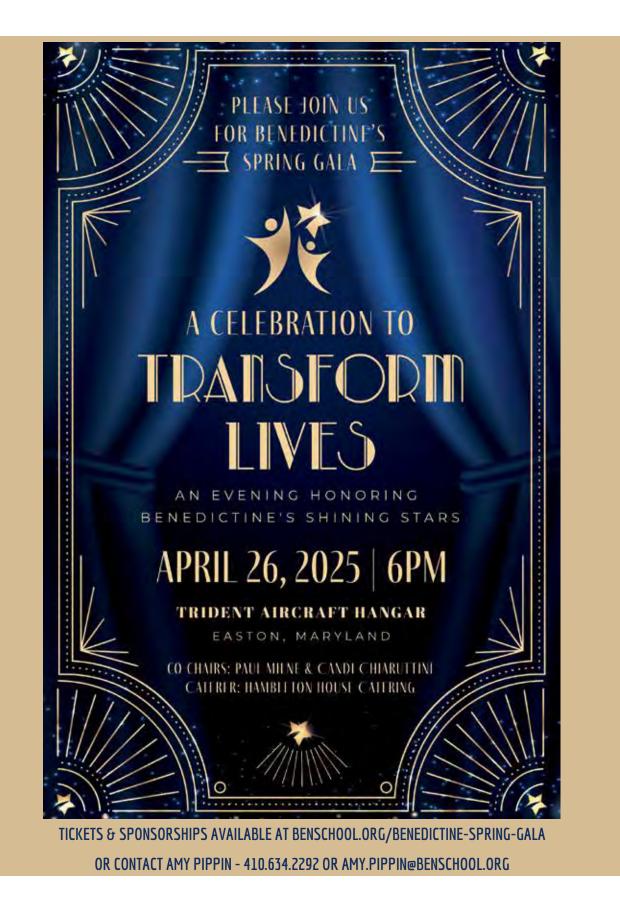


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Hunter Durham kneels near his finished Eagle Scout project in the Greensboro Cemetery.

# Just Take a Minute

#### **Debbie Bowden - Publisher**

There are so many stories to tell about people, places, and things in Caroline County. If you are a regular reader, you've read about those tall grasses that you see at the Tribbett's farms, or the county's very own Santa Claus (Ben Cahall). The story of the young entrepreneurs who are opening the Eden Town Brewing Company, and the seasoned restaurateurs who bring patrons delicious meals - Caroline's, El Chupacabra , Preston Roadhouse. And we all wondered just what was going on north of Greensboro - and Connie Connolly reported on that solar project.



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# **Durham earns Eagle Scout**

ONLY AROUND FOUR OUT OF EVERY 100 SCOUTS EARN THEIR EAGLE DESIGNATION

#### **By Angela Price**



North Caroline High School sophomore Hunter Durham, 15, is Caroline County's latest Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, Hunter installed a flagpole and paved ceremony space with benches in Greensboro Cemetery for the annual Wreaths Across America celebration, which honors veterans

for their service by placing decorative wreaths on their gravesites each December. The national celebration is held at Arlington National Cemetery, with local celebrations taking place throughout the country.

Hunter is the son of Lisa and Andrew "Drew" Durham of Goldsboro and a member of Troop 165 in Denton, led by Scoutmaster Walt Palmer. Hunter is the 84th member of Troop 165 to earn his Eagle since the troop formed in 1934.

As a scout, Hunter had participated in Wreaths Across America ceremonies in Greensboro at the flagpole in town, after which people had to proceed to the cemetery for the actual laying of the wreaths. So, he was familiar with the event when the fire chief of Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Department approached him about the need for ceremony space in the cemetery itself. Hunter spoke to the cemetery officials, who embraced the idea, and he immediately began working on his proposal.

Eagle is the highest rank in scouting and an impressive achievement, Palmer said. Projects are a lot of paperwork -- a scout must come up with a plan, write a proposal, recruit helpers, work with a sponsor, actually carry out the project, then file a written report. Only around four out of every 100 scouts earn their Eagle.

"Hunter's a good leader. He's conscientious, and he has a good sense of humor," Palmer said, adding, "He has the knowledge and ability to work with other scouts."

The Del-Mar-Va Council approved Hunter's community Continued



Hunter Durham addresses the crowd during his recent Eagle Court of Honor at the Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Company. In the background is Scoutmaster Walt Palmer. Photo by Tiffany Blough Photography

service project in October 2023. To raise funds, Hunter launched a letter writing campaign seeking donations from local businesses, organizations, and individuals.

The plan received a lot of community buy-in, Lisa Durham said. Hunter raised \$11,000 and put 158 hours into the project.

Hunter's fellow troop members and local residents were always ready to help. Installation of the flagpole took place in November 2023, in time for the 2023 Wreaths Across America celebration.

Last spring, the concrete went in for the sidewalks and ceremony area and landscaping was completed. The finishing touches were the placement of two granite benches – one purchased by the troop and the other donated by the local funeral home – and a monument dedicated to service members. The whole project was finished in time for the 2024 Wreaths Across America celebration.

One of the prerequisites for Eagle is earning 21 merit badges – 14 of those specifically required. Hunter earned 44. He said his favorite badge was metalworking, which he did during summer camp at the Henson Scout Reservation in Rhodesdale. Hunter made a Dutch oven hook and a crowbar.

He said his favorite scouting experience was Philmont Scout Camp in Cimarron, NM.

"We backpacked 83 miles across 10 days," Hunter said. The hike included reaching the summit of Mt. Baldy.

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"You can tell when scouts cross over who you think will go all the way. He was a very determined scout," Welch said of Hunter.

After Hunter finished the project, he had to write up the final report and finish filling out his Eagle book. Welch read over the report with him before Hunter submitted it.

"He's super smart, super intelligent. He just had it," Welch said.

Hunter received final approval for his advancement to Eagle in December 2024, Palmer said.

Hunter's official Court of Honor was held in February at the Goldsboro VFD, where he also was named VFW Scout of the Year by Post 5246 of Federalsburg.

VFW Commander Erik Peterson said, "We're proud of him. He's a pretty impressive kid."

Hunter will represent Caroline County at the state level, Peterson said. The state winner goes on to national competition.

Hunter remains an active member of Troop 165 and continues to work with younger scouts. As for the future, he said he might like to study psychology or history.

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Hunter Durham discusses his project , shown on the screen behind him, during his Eagle Court of Honor. Photo by Tiffany Blough Photography





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# Federalsburg's Rappin' Granny

THE UNSTOPPABLE LULA SHORT

#### **By Kennedy Thomason**



At 89 years old and barely five feet tall, Lula Short is an order-packing powerhouse at Sisk Fulfillment Services in Federalsburg, Maryland.

Miss Lula will celebrate 25 years of concurrent employment with Sisk this coming August. She had previously worked

for the company during their early days in Caroline County but left for what she considered a better opportunity, or as she put it, "You know how the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence — even if it is artificial turf? It was that sort of thing."

As far as what has kept her here all this time, she says: "I enjoy working. I like being around people, and this is a very good place to work because it's like one big happy family."

You can find Miss Lula at her work station in Sisk Fulfillment's warehouse, diligently packing materials and



Miss Lula at her workstation in the Sisk warehouse. Photo by Kennedy Thomason

ensuring that each label matches the correct package. According to her coworkers and supervisors, "she just doesn't stop." But what makes Lula, Lula? Getting an answer to that question is easier said than done.

Although you wouldn't know it from a simple conversation with this spunky workaholic, Miss Lula is a jack of all trades, a truly selfless volunteer, and one of the Eastern Shore's most inspiring amateur rappers. But before all of that, she was a young girl living in rural Dorchester County.

The majority of Miss Lula's retellings showcased her quickwitted sense of humor, but her tone shifted when discussing her childhood. "Don't tell me about the golden years, because those weren't the golden years," Miss Lula recalled her upbringing as the youngest of 14 siblings being raised by a single mother, "I went practically all the way through high school in a house with no electric, no heat, none of the fancy stuff. And I didn't know what TV was until I got married." Her father died when she was 12 years old, leaving the family to scrape by. She recounted how she and her mother would listen to their battery-operated radio while she matched up squares of piecemeal fabric to create quilts, "it wasn't a fancy quilting, but it kept us warm."

While listing her places of early education — Peachblossom Elementary, Cambridge Junior High, and Cambridge Senior High — she noted how each are either repurposed or have been torn down over the years. "I guess I'm the only thing left of the schools," she quipped.

Miss Lula married in 1953 and stuck around Dorchester County. She would go on to have six children. Rather than following a specific plan for her life, she simply took what came at her and did her best. One unexpected and tragic turn was the death of her husband in 1992. Her daughter had moved to Caroline County by this time and suggested that Miss Lula do the same. So, she left her "great big house" in Dorchester behind in favor of a small place in Federalsburg in 1994.

After retiring from Dorchester General Hospital – "when it was there" – she found retired life too boring, saying, "I didn't know what to do with myself." She worked part-time at Federal Paper for a while before the business was sold, and she eventually wound up back at Sisk in August of 2000. But in true Miss Lula fashion, she refused to sit behind a desk. "I had sat at a computer for so many years, I said I just want to work with my hands. So, back out I went on the [warehouse] floor."

Just like her grit, Miss Lula's generosity knows no bounds. Her coworkers shared that she is a dependable helping hand during any Sisk-sponsored community outreach programs, including sending military care packages and participating in coat or food bank drives. She is also a lifetime member of the Linkwood-Salem Fire Department and was inducted into the Dorchester County Firemen's Hall of Fame for her efforts in the early days of the fire company. When the company was first founded in 1953, "We had a fire chief and a fire company, but we didn't even have a fire truck or a firehouse," she said. Through laughter, she added, "We were more like the bucket brigade." She says she held just about every position in the fire company, as long she didn't have to go through fire training.

As for her reasons for being so selfless, she attributes the lessons instilled in her by her upbringing; "I've come through life with people helping me, you know, because my mother was a single mom, and she had work, and I had to do a lot of things that grown-ups would do. I've had several people help me. So, you know, if I can give back, I try to."

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Miss Lula prepares packages being shipped from Sisk Fulfillment Services. She ensures each customer receives the correct parcel every time! Photo by Kennedy Thomason



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Now, on to the most pressing matter of business: the title of "The Rapping Granny". The short of it (pun intended) is that Miss Lula started as a hobbyist poet and eventually turned her stanzas into hip-hop verses. "The Rapping Granny comes from [team building] events we do, like the Olympics. So, she cheers her team on... and that's where the poems started," shared another member of Sisk staff, "and as she read it, she got this rhythm to her, and it just progressed." Miss Lula has now become famous in the workplace for these motivational rhymes, and she is happy to oblige, "if anything comes up and they want a little ditty or something." Still, her poems are famous in their own right. Some Sisk workers have personalized poems by Miss Lula proudly displayed on their desks or walls.

It's obvious that Miss Lula makes it a point to encourage others, whether it be through volunteer work or writing an uplifting "ditty." Again, she cites her personal experiences as her motivators, saying, "I've had help through my personal tragedies, if I can help someone else through theirs then I feel like I've accomplished something." As a note to those who may be going through a difficult time, she offers the following advice: "You have to put it in your mind: this has happened, we can't change it, we've got to push forward and make the best of what we can do with it."

Miss Lula currently lives with one of her daughters and two of her great-granddaughters in Federalsburg. When she's not at Sisk, you can probably bet she's writing raps, doing word searches, fixing dinner, or spending time with her family (which includes four great-great granddaughters!). But "workin" is still her favorite pastime. And for those who give her a hard time about her age, Miss Lula simply says, "I'm thankful that I can still work at my age, and you better hope you can too."

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# **Dr. Travis Ford joins Extension team**

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#### **By Connie Connolly**



DENTON – Ask agronomist Dr. Travis Ford what he does, and the conversation immediately turns to spot spraying of Palmer amaranth, drone flyovers to map water hemp, and variable rate applications of nitrogen.

The newest addition to the 10-member

Caroline County Extension team is admittedly an "ag nerd."

"I love being able to help others," he said during a meetand-greet at the University of Maryland's local Extension office in Denton.

"I like doing research, so learning new stuff is always fun for me, and then learning new stuff that I can try to help somebody with is extra fun," Ford said. "Being able to apply the information I've learned is the next logical step."

While Ford, 34, has earned both a master's and Ph.D. in Precision Agriculture, he's personable, and knowledgeable, with a good sense of humor. Ford joined Extension Jan. 27, succeeding longtime Extension agent Jim Lewis, who retired two years ago.

He uses drones, sophisticated calculations and an extensive knowledge of agricultural equipment, pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers to apply precision ag's Four Rs principle.

"It's all about applying the Right product at the Right time, at the Right place, with the Right amount," Ford said. "So (we're) trying to allocate resources where they will be most efficiently used and produce the most amount of crops."

A native of Camden, Delaware, Ford still lives near family with his wife and two small children. While he didn't grow up on a farm, his dad did, and his wife's family were potato farmers.

Ford's professional journey began in a different field. He earned an associate's degree from Delaware Tech and a bachelor's in Environmental Science at Delaware State

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Dr. Travis Ford joined the Caroline County Extension team in January 2025. Photo by Connie Connolly

University. But after working in environmental remediation at refineries in northern Delaware and southeast Pennsylvania, he decided to hang up his hazmat suit and respirator.

"I figured I should go back to school and not have to dig holes for a living for the rest of my life," he said. "It very much motivated me to get a better job."

At a bio-energy workshop during his last undergrad semester, Ford met a professor from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore who asked him if he had ever considered going to school for agriculture. That's when Ford learned about the university's precision agriculture program.

Ford found his knowledge of environmental science relates to precision ag problem solving by helping farmers "minimize runoff and ... the costs" of overapplying nutrients. He said that over the past 20 years most farmers have realized, "If you ain't using the nitrogen or phosphorus you're losing money on it, so you might as well try to figure out how to keep it in your field."

Even though he's only been in the Extension office a couple of months, Ford has met with farmers and invites them to stop in, call or email him. "I always say farmers are the hardest working, honest people."

To reach Dr. Travis Ford, stop by the Extension office at 9194 Legion Road, Suite 4, Denton, email him at twford@ umd.edu or call 410-479-4030.







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The Greensboro Lions Club will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at Charles Bilbrough Memorial Park on Rt. 480 in Greensboro. The Hunt will begin at 12:00 pm and is open to all children 10 years and under.

A travel team has request to use the park one night a week and received unanimous approval. Also, the girls softball team has asked to use the park and received unanimous approval. We encourage more activities at the park and will consider sponsorships. Chicken Barbeque sales will take place on April 5, 2025.

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# **Bringman receives Little League honor**

**By Kennedy Thomason** 



DENTON - Kyle Bringman of Denton was named one of Little League International's Community Heroes, a program presented by New York Life that recognizes individuals all over America who go above and beyond for their local Little Leagues.

Bringman first got involved with Denton Little League as a volunteer assistant coach for his son Brayden's team. When the League hit a dry patch for volunteers to run the program, Bringman stepped up, serving as a Board Member. He became the President of Denton Little League in the Fall of 2022 but credits former League President Ashley Eason for laying the groundwork for a successful program. Little League is important because it "provides youth with a fun, safe environment to make friends and learn important life lessons," according to Bringman.

His background as a corporal with the Maryland State Police has informed his approach to community service via Little League. He says that "working in Caroline County for several years as a trooper has taught me there is a definite need for programs like Denton Little League to be successful."

Under Bringman's leadership, the League has grown from 145 players in 2019 to 280 players in 2024. Bringman says he is looking forward to the upcoming 2025 season, which promises to be the biggest one yet. This increase in interest brought a new set of challenges, such as ensuring that existing fields are properly maintained and adding new fields to handle the additional games.

Bringman has worked closely with town and county leaders to face these challenges. Allison, his wife and a longtime educator in Caroline County, noted that "he was an integral part of the fields behind Denton Elementary getting new dirt and bases in recent years."

One of Bringman's largest undertakings has been advocating for two new ballfields to be added to Sharp Road Park for use by Denton Little League and Caroline Softball. He recently appeared before the Denton Planning Commission to ask that these fields be outfitted with lighting so that games can still be played after dark. At the Planning Commission's Feb. 26 meeting, Commission members gave the green light for constructing the fields and lighting infrastructure. Bringman wrote in a Facebook post after the meeting, "This park has been a necessity of Denton Little League...Thank you to the Denton Town Council, the County Commissioners, and Caroline Recreation and Parks for prioritizing our youth and getting this project approved."

These big changes are not the only way that Bringman aims to expand Denton Little League to be more accessible. Alongside Denton Little League's Coaching Coordinator Shane Hansley and other volunteers, he dedicates his Sunday afternoons to providing free winter skills and drills clinics to keep kids moving even in the off-season. "He and Shane want all kids to have an opportunity to practice and play without needing to drive 30 minutes away or pay a hefty fee," Mrs. Bringman said.

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Little League in the family: Kyle Bringman (center) with his sons Brayden Bringman and Brett Bringman. Photo courtesy of Kyle Bringman

One of Bringman's favorite parts of being in this leadership role has been "building the league back to what I remember it being when I was Denton Little Leaguer." Mrs. Bringman is also motivated by her deep roots in Caroline County, saying, "We want to keep the things that mean the most to us from our childhood alive...we want the kids of Denton to have the same Little League – and school – experience we had."

Little League International chooses its Community Heroes by accepting and assessing nominations made online by other Little League volunteers, players, parents, and citizens. At the 2025 Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA, one of the Community Heroes from across America will be named the Community Hero of the Year and will receive a donation of \$1,000 to their respective Little League program.

But Bringman isn't doing it for the recognition, just for the love of the game and the kids. Despite being League President, he still finds the most fulfillment through coaching, saying, "I thoroughly enjoy my time on the ball field with the kids in our league. Being able to not only teach them the game of baseball but be a positive role model for them with the rest of our volunteers will always be the best part for me."



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#### **Contributed by Jennifer Reibly**

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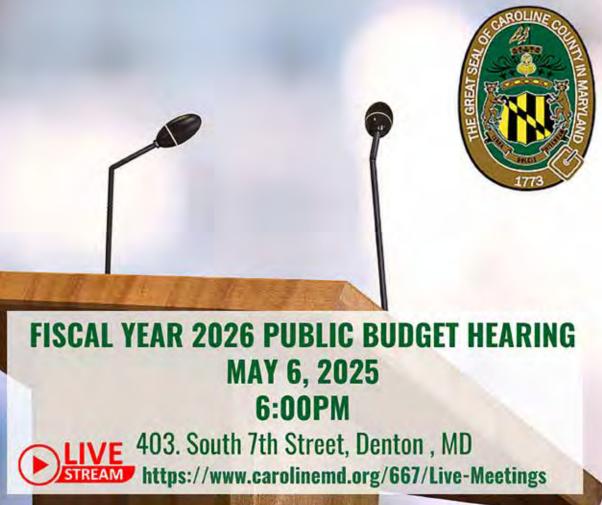
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# How to make that move from 3% to 7%

#### **By Tolbert Rowe**

With all the changes and moving parts associated with the new presidential administration, many of us are finding it difficult to keep up. Since President Trump's inauguration on January 20, everyday we have been challenged to deal with the impact of changes to the status quo.

Mortgage rates have been on a roller coaster since the election. They moved up in late December and early January, and as of early March they have dropped back to pre-election levels. President Trump's on again, off again tariff strategy is creating a climate of uncertainty that will manifest itself in higher rates as the higher cost of imported goods becomes a reality.

As homeowners who want to sell and move become more conditioned to the fact that interest rates will not be going down in the near future, the pent up supply of reluctant sellers will move forward with listing their home. Those with a 3 percent mortgage now can use the equity for a down payment on a new home but pay 7 percent. This is a tough pill to swallow when you see how much the difference will be in mortgage payments.

If you purchased a home five years ago for \$250,000 at a rate of 3.5 percent for 30 years, the principal and interest payment is \$1,122, and after five years of payments your mortgage balance would be \$224,000. Assume you sell your home for \$375,000 and pay \$20,000 realtor commissions and other costs of sale. Your equity available to go toward the purchase of a new home would be \$151,000. So, \$375,000 sale price minus \$20,000 (cost of sale) minus \$224,000 (mortgage). Assuming closing costs on new home will be \$13,000 will leave you with \$131,000 for a down payment on your new home.

Assume you purchase a home for \$400,000 and make \$131,000 down payment and borrow \$269,000. At 7 percent for 30 years your principal and interest payment will be \$1,789 or \$667 more than you were paying on your previous

Mr. Rowe is Vice President/Lending for Bay Capital Mortgage Corp. with offices in Easton and Annapolis. He has lived in Caroline for his entire life and supports the county by volunteering in a variety of ways. He currently lives near Greensboro with his wife Jeanne and daughter Kelsey. home. This "lock in effect" has been the primary reason that there has been very low inventory of homes on the market. Only those sellers who had to sell for a compelling reason were putting their homes on the market.

Although rates will never reach levels seen three to four years ago there are options to lower the interest rate. The most obvious is paying points (fee) to lower the interest rate. A general rule of thumb is that for every one point you pay, your interest rate is reduced .25 percent. In my above example, the payment on \$269,000 at 7 percent is \$1,789 but the payment would drop to \$1,744 saving \$45 per month at 6.75 percent if you paid one point. So, you spend \$2,690 more in closing costs for the benefit of saving \$45 per month. It will take five years to recoup your \$2,690 investment at \$45 per month.

Other options for lower interest rates are Adjustable-Rate mortgages (ARMS) or Hybrid Adjustable-Rate mortgages where the rate is fixed for a specific period of time then adjusts based on a predetermined index and margin. The adjustment period can be every year or every three or five years. There are also ARMS where the rate is fixed for three, five, or seven years and then adjust every year thereafter. These Hybrid ARMS will have a lower initial interest rates then those that adjust every three or five years.

When considering an ARM, the interest rate is critical. They must have a lower interest rate significant enough to justify the risk a borrower takes by not having a fixed rate. If the difference in the rate is not significant enough the fixed rate is your better option.

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# Access to legal representation makes a big impact

#### **Contributed by Shore Legal Access**

Many people don't realize that in the United States, there is no right to civil counsel. In criminal cases, you do have the right to an attorney under the U.S. Constitution. But if you have civil matter, such as a divorce or custody case, a landlord/tenant, or a consumer debt case, you have to find your own representation or go it alone.

Having equal, meaningful access to legal representation is critical to ending poverty, combating discrimination, and creating opportunity. A new economic impact study reveals that for every dollar invested in civil legal aid services in Maryland, the state sees a return of \$12.92 in immediate and long-term financial benefits.

The study, conducted by Community Services Analysis, LLC, underscores the critical role of civil legal services in generating significant socio-economic benefits while reducing the burden on government agencies and social services. Funded by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC), legal aid providers across the state delivered 75,968 legal services in 2023, with a total economic impact of \$505.4 million. The study found that these services provide substantial financial savings and economic benefits by securing rightful income and benefits for residents, preventing homelessness, protecting domestic violence survivors, and improving overall economic stability for Maryland communities.

Shore Legal Access, funded by Maryland Legal Services Corporation, provides free legal representation in civil cases for people who financially qualify and live on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Tenants facing eviction, parents in custody cases, people facing consumer debt and foreclosure cases, and people in need of a will, power of attorney, and advance medical directive can get legal representation through Shore Legal Access' network of volunteer attorneys.

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# Time for some financial spring cleaning

**Contributed by Ann Jacobs** 



Spring is here — which means it's once again time to wash the windows, organize your cabinets and steam your carpets. This year, in addition to tidying up around your house, why not also consider some financial spring cleaning?

Here are some suggestions to consider:

"De-clutter" your investment portfolio. When you embark on your home cleaning mission, you might notice that you have redundancies - three

blenders, two vacuum cleaners, and so on. Similarly, you might find duplications in your investment portfolio, perhaps in the form of multiple, near-identical stocks or mutual funds. If so, then it might be worthwhile to consider selling some of these investments and using the proceeds to boost your portfolio in other areas in which you may be lacking.



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• Cut back on "overgrown" investments. Now that winter is over and you're venturing outside more, you may notice some overgrown shrubbery or some tree branches that need pruning. And while it may sound counterintuitive, you might also have some investments that have grown too big for your needs. For example, you might own some growthoriented investments whose value has increased so much that they now take up a larger percentage of your portfolio and carry a higher degree of risk — than you originally intended. If that's the case, you might be better off by selling some of these investments and purchasing others to help bring your investment mix back to its desired alignment.

• Dust off your investment strategy. With more sunlight now pouring in your house, you might notice that the corners of your walls and ceiling may need a good dusting. And as you continually work to strengthen your financial foundation, you may need to dust off your investment strategy, especially if you've recently experienced changes in your life, such as a marriage, addition of children, new job, and so on. And as you move closer to retirement, you may also need to adjust your strategy in some ways. For one thing, you might want to adopt a more conservative investment approach in the years immediately preceding your retirement, though you'll still need to have some growth potential in your portfolio to help keep you ahead of inflation.

• Protect yourself from financial dangers. As you go about your household spring cleaning, you may find actual physical dangers that need to be removed or stored more safely, such as sharp objects or broken tools. And as you navigate daily life, you may also find threats to your financial safety — the need for an expensive home improvement, or a major car repair or an unexpectedly large medical bill. If you don't have the money available to pay these expenses, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts or run up your credit card or take out a high-rate loan. To protect yourself from having to make these moves, you may want to maintain an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account, separate from those you use for your daily living expenses.

Of course, some of these moves can take some time but by getting started on them soon, you can help put your financial house in better shape.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Iones Financial Advisor. CR

# **Developmental Disabilities Advocacy**

#### **Contributed by Benedictine Foundation**

On January 15, 2025, Maryland Governor Wes Moore unveiled cuts aimed to close a budget shortfall for fiscal year 2025, including cuts to the Department of Human Services budget, which would directly impact services at Benedictine.

Executive Director, Scott Evans, who serves as President of the Maryland Association of Community Services, mobilized to advocate against cutting funding for programs and services for the intellectually and developmentally disabled people served by Benedictine and other providers.

"It's critically important to Benedictine, and all other service providers across Maryland, to advocate on behalf of the intellectually and developmentally disabled people we serve," said Evans.

On February 13, 2025, a group of adults Benedictine supports traveled to Annapolis to attend Developmental Disabilities Day. The group met with key legislative leaders, key cabinet officials, and local legislators to discuss why these cuts would negatively impact Benedictine.

Thanks to the efforts of the DD Coalition and advocates, the proposed FY25 cuts have been reversed. Unfortunately, because of the State's fiscal crisis, there is still work to be done to minimize the proposed FY 26 cuts. CR



Senator Johnny Mautz and an adult supported by Benedictine on Developmental Disabilities Day Photo courtesy of Benedictine Foundation

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Jim Duffy learned to tell stories the old-fashioned way, starting out as a cub-reporter for a small newspaper outside Chicago. After locating to Baltimore, he moved into magazines, serving as an editor and writer at Baltimore Magazine, Chesapeake Bay Magazine, City Paper, and several other regional publications before striking out on his own as a self-employed writer. His specialties in those years were the arts, urban affairs, and healthcare.

Mr. Duffy has published five books related to the Delmarva Peninsula- Eastern Shore Road Trips #1: 27 One-Day Adventures on Delmarva, Eastern Shore Road Trips #2, Tubman Travels: 32 Underground Railroad Journeys on Delmarva, You Wouldn't Believe: 44 Strange and Wondrous Delmarva Tales, and Shore Fun: Wanderer's Guide to Delmarva.

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# **Wonderful Winterthur**

**By Tammy Coulbourne** 



We had true winter weather here in Caroline County. We saw more than one snowfall and quite cold temperatures. Signs of spring are starting to appear - an indication that the natural world is about to put on a show once again.

There is a place not too far away that is going to be putting on a fabulous show in May. Winterthur is located north of Wilmington, Delaware in the Brandywine Valley region of northern Delaware and southeastern Pennsylvania. Winterthur was home to three generations of duPonts from 1839 until 1959, when the home was turned into a museum by then owner Henry Francis duPont. The gardens were so special to him that he maintained ownership of the gardens until his death in 1969.

The 60-acre gardens are surround by almost 1,000 acres of meadows, farmland, and waterways. In 1962, duPont, a lifelong gardener, was recognized by the Garden Club of America as "perhaps the best gardener this country has every produced." He spent his life creating gardens where plants bloom almost continuously and paid particular attention to color.

Gardener duPont was also antiques collector duPont. Today, 175 rooms of the Winterthur home house almost 90,000 items, including many pieces of American decorative arts. He was so respected as a collector of American decorative arts that he was called upon by First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy in 1961 to help restore the White House interiors.

On Wednesday, May 21, the Caroline County Garden Club is hosting a bus trip to Winterthur Gardens and Museum. Cost of the trip is \$120 and includes transportation, driver tip, water and snacks for the bus ride, admission to the gardens, museum, exhibitions, and a privately led garden tour. There are two boarding locations: the Denton Food Lion parking lot at 8:30 AM, and the west bound Route 50/404 Park & Ride at 8:50 AM. Approximate return time is 6 PM. For tickets please contact: ccgardenclubinfo@ gmail.com or call Kim at 240-419-9177.





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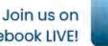
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# What is Your Immune System and What Does It Do?

#### By: Casey Sonzone BSN, RN

We keep hearing about the immune system! What is it, what does it do, why is it important? Everyone has an immune system. Everyone's immune system is different because of their overall health, medical history, and the medications they take. There are so many parts and things that happen to make your immune system work, but let's think of it as an army protecting your land. Your body and health are the "land" and your immune system is the "army" protecting you from "invaders" which are really germs, viruses and bacteria.

Your immune system army is made up mostly of white blood cells. They are mixed with your red blood cells all throughout your body. Constantly moving around and looking out for invader germs. Your army of white blood



cells has already been given a list of what invaders to look for. Every time you get a vaccine or get sick, the immune system remembers. When the army of white blood cells sees something that looks unusual, they check their list of known invader germs.

Once an invader is discovered, the white blood cell army goes after all of those invaders and the battle begins. A strong army that has been eating healthily, getting enough sleep and exercising, catches all or most of the invaders. You might not even know the invaders got onto your land! You might be able to tell that a few sneaky invaders got through because you may feel a little sluggish for a few days. An army that hasn't been taking care of itself won't be able to catch as many invader germs. Those invader germs may cause some damage to your land by causing things like fevers, rashes, a sore throat, and other mild symptoms.

If the invader germs were not on the list given to the army, that's where the problem begins. Those invader germs could take over your land and spread all over wreaking havoc. If that happens, you are in for a few days of fevers, chills, headaches, a cough and runny nose among other things. You might even need to take a trip to the doctor to get some extra tools for your army like medicine and breathing treatments. The good thing now is that your immune system will remember those invaders for the next time they see them! They will do their best to catch them next time.

While that was a fun way to think of your immune system and how it protects you from illness, it is a serious topic. It is very important for you to take care of yourself, be as healthy as you can be, keep up to date on vaccines, and wash your hands after touching things around you. You want to give your immune system army the best chance at keeping you strong and healthy, especially during times of the year when there are more invaders all around just waiting for a chance to take over your land. Don't even give them a chance.

# How to Stop Vaping for a Healthier Life

#### By Heather Grove, BSN, RN



Many people start using vapes thinking they are safer than smoking cigarettes. But over time, they may realize the risks and want to stop—yet aren't sure how. As a public health nurse, I want to share some simple and effective tips to help anyone stop vaping and enjoy the benefits of a

vape-free life.

Here are some great reasons to stop vaping:

• Stronger Brain – Nicotine affects memory and focus. Avoiding it helps your brain work better.

• Better Mood and Less Stress – Many people feel less anxious and have more stable moods after stopping.

• More Money Saved – Vapes are expensive! Quitting can save you hundreds or even thousands of dollars a year.

• Improved Sense of Taste and Smell – Food tastes better, and you'll enjoy scents more.

• Better Breathing – Your lungs will work better and you'll reduce your risk of lung diseases.

• Healthier Heart – Stopping improves blood pressure and heart rate and lowers the risk of heart disease.

• Better Sleep and More Energy- Consuming nicotine can make it harder to fall and stay asleep. Avoiding it leads to better rest and more energy.

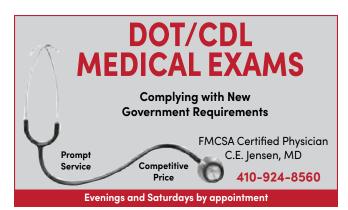
• Setting a Good Example – If you have kids or younger people in your life, stopping can show them the importance of healthy choices.

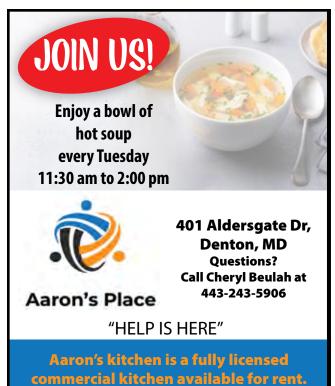
Find Your Reason to Stop - Think about why you personally want to stop vaping. Do you want to breathe better? Save money? Feel less stressed? Set a good example for your kids? Write down your reason and keep them as a reminder.

Know Your Triggers - Do you tend to vape when you're stressed, bored, or having coffee? Identifying your triggers can help you manage cravings. Instead, try deep breathing, chewing gum, or taking a short walk when the urge hits.

Make a Plan for Cravings - Cravings don't last forever, but they can be strong. When you feel the urge to vape, try drinking water, taking deep breaths, or keeping your hands busy with a fidget toy, pen, or stress ball. Consider nicotine replacement options like patches or gum.

Stay Busy - Keeping your mind and hands occupied can make avoiding vaping easier. Exercise, new hobbies, or spending time with loved ones can help distract you from cravings. Get Support - You don't have to quit alone! Tell friends, family, or a support group about your plan. They can encourage you and help keep you accountable. Talk to your doctor—there are medications that may help. You can also reach out to free resources like 1-800-QUIT-NOW for phone-based support.





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# **Measles: A Dangerous But Preventable Disease**

#### **Contributed by the Caroline County Health Department**

Measles may seem like a disease of the past, but it remains a serious threat, especially to young children and unvaccinated individuals. While widespread vaccination has kept measles cases low in the U.S., recent outbreaks in Texas and New Mexico highlight the dangers of declining immunization rates, with some cases even resulting in fatalities. In Texas, the outbreak has been most severe in Gaines County, where vaccination rates are notably low. When communities fall below the recommended immunization levels, measles can resurface quickly, putting vulnerable populations at risk and reversing decades of public health progress.

Measles spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes, and the virus can linger in the air and on surfaces for up to two hours. A person with



measles is contagious from four days before the rash appears until four days after, meaning they can unknowingly spread the virus before realizing they are ill.

Symptoms usually appear 8 to 12 days after exposure and include high fever, runny nose, watery eyes, and a cough. A telltale sign is Koplik spots—small red spots with blue-white centers inside the mouth. A few days later, a red rash starts on the face and neck, eventually spreading across the body before fading in the order it appeared.

Fortunately, measles is entirely preventable with a safe and effective vaccine. Staying up to date on immunizations

is the best way to protect individuals and communities from this highly contagious disease.

Complications and Treatment

Many underestimate measles, but it can lead to severe complications, especially in children under five and adults over 20. Possible complications include diarrhea, ear infections, pneumonia, encephalitis (brain swelling), seizures, and, in severe cases, death.

There is no specific cure for measles. Treatment focuses on managing symptoms, staying hydrated, and getting adequate nutrition. Antibiotics may be prescribed for secondary infections, and acetaminophen (Tylenol) can help reduce fever.

What to Do After Exposure

If exposed to measles, contact a doctor or local health department immediately. If unvaccinated, receiving the measles vaccine within 72 hours of exposure may help prevent infection. High-risk individuals, such as pregnant women, infants, and those with weakened immune systems, may benefit from Immune Globulin (IG) treatment within six days of exposure. During this period, it's essential to avoid public places, school, and work until cleared by a doctor.

Preventing Measles Through Vaccination

The best protection against measles is vaccination. Despite misinformation, decades of research confirm the safety and effectiveness of the Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine. The first dose is recommended at 12 to 15 months, with a second dose given between four and six years of age. Adults uncertain of their vaccination status should consult their doctor about receiving a booster.

Vaccination not only protects individuals but also safeguards vulnerable populations, such as infants and those with weakened immune systems.

Measles is a serious but entirely preventable disease. Ensure you and your family are vaccinated according to recommendations. If unsure of your vaccination status, talk to your doctor. Together, we can prevent measles outbreaks and protect our communities.

For more information, visit https://www.cdc.gov/ measles/ CR

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# Why Consider Hospice Services Early?

#### **Contributed by Compass Regional Hospice**

When most people hear the word "hospice," they often associate it with the final days or weeks of life. However, hospice care is much more than end-of-life support-it's about enhancing quality of life, managing symptoms, and providing compassionate care for individuals and their families during a challenging time. One of the most significant misconceptions about hospice is that it's only for the last moments of life. In reality, hospice care can begin much earlier, offering patients and their loved ones the time and support they need to focus on what matters most.

#### The Carter Example: Living Life to the Fullest

President Jimmy Carter passed away peacefully at his home in Plains on Sunday, December 29, after 22 months in home hospice care. President Carter was a longtime advocate for hospice care, and chose to enter hospice early in 2023. His decision raised awareness about the benefits of seeking hospice care sooner rather than later. President Carter spent nearly two years in hospice, surrounded by loved ones and focusing on living life to the fullest. His journey demonstrated that hospice care is not about waiting for the end but

embracing every moment along the way. "Hospice care is not just about dying; it's about helping people live life to the fullest," a representative noted, emphasizing how Carter's journey embodied this approach.

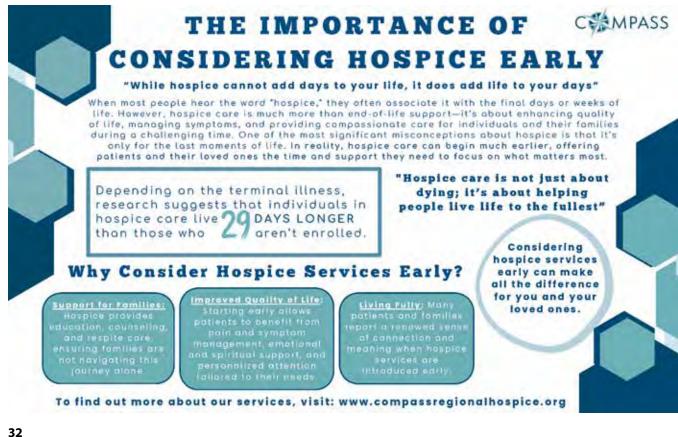
To learn more information about how Jimmy Carter supported hospice, visit: https://bit.ly/3Ppdd4w.

#### How to Start the Conversation

Talking about hospice care can be difficult, but it's an essential conversation. Compass is an organization dedicated to providing compassionate care and support to those facing life-limiting diagnosis or loss. It's an organization whose value is to enhance the experience of serious illness and endof-life care by promoting dignity and quality of life through respect, compassion, trust and commitment. Hospice care is not about giving up-it's about gaining comfort, support, and time to live fully. Considering hospice services early can make all the difference for you and your loved ones.

For more information, visit Compass at: https:// compassregionalhospice.org/ or follow us on social media.

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#### MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

#### **Contributed by Mental Health Association of Maryland**

Join the go-green movement during Mental Health Awareness Week (May 12 -18) and Children's Mental Health Awareness Week (May 4-10). Light up your home, business, or community space in green-the color of mental health awareness. You can also wear green on May 8 to show solidarity and help reduce stigma. Learn more at mhamd.org/green.

Another way to get involved is by becoming a Champion for Children's Mental Health. By signing up at childrensmentalhealthmatters.org, you'll join a growing network of Marylanders advocating for the mental wellbeing of children and families across the state. You can also get trained in Mental Health First Aid or QPR Suicide Prevention Training to support those in crisis.

Spreading awareness of resources like the 988 Lifeline, Maryland's mental health county resources, and the Maryland Action Plan to Prevent Suicide in Schools with your network. Starting conversations about mental health with kindness and empathy can also make a significant difference. CR



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# **Pinwheels for Prevention 2025**

#### **By Victor Reynolds**

Every April, our nation comes together to observe National Child Abuse Prevention Month, focusing attention on the alarming reality of children experiencing abuse or neglect.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), at least one in seven children in the U.S. has faced abuse and/or neglect in the past year. Even more troubling, over 600,000 children are reported as abused or neglected annually. Children living in low socioeconomic households face an especially high risk, with rates of abuse and neglect five times higher than those in families with greater financial stability.

At CASA of Caroline, we work to ensure every young person who has

experienced abuse or neglect can find a safe, permanent home—and the chance to thrive. A resilient family relies on strong support systems, whether that's relatives, friends, neighbors, or dedicated community resources.

Each of us can play a role in protecting children by staying vigilant, recognizing signs of mistreatment, and reporting any concerns to local authorities so families can receive needed interventions.

Below are some indicators that a child might be in distress or at risk:

- Unexplained bruises, burns, welts, or fractures
- Untidy or malnourished appearance

• Sudden changes in mood or behavior, such as anxiety, depression, aggression, or withdrawal

- Disrupted sleep patterns
- Drastic changes in appetite or school performance
- Avoidance or fear of certain people or places
- Self-harm behaviors or talk of suicide

• Frequent wetting or soiling accidents unrelated to toilet training

• Signs of pain during urination or bowel movements

• Unusual or overly sophisticated knowledge of sexual content

• Sexualized behavior toward toys or other children



If you suspect a child in Caroline County is being abused or neglected, please call the Caroline County Department of Social Services at 800-917-7383 or the Caroline County Sheriff's Department at 410-479-2515. By making a report, you may help a child—and their family—access critical services and support.

This April, you can also show your commitment to prevention by joining our 5th Annual Pinwheel Planting Ceremony on Wednesday, April 16th at 3:00 PM at the Denton Wharves of Choptank Visitor Center. This community-wide event honors children who've been harmed and promotes awareness of how we can work together to protect them.

As part of the event, Caroline County Public Schools students have been invited to color pinwheels as a symbol of hope. The school with the highest percentage of students participating will earn a Kona Ice Party—so encourage the kids in your life to get involved! Don't worry if you can't attend in person: keep an eye out for colorful pinwheel displays throughout local businesses and storefronts.

For more information on the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign, or to learn about becoming a CASA volunteer, visit www.carolinecasa.org or email info@casaofcaroline. org. CR



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# **Gilpin Point Forgotten Tax Uptopia**

#### by Kennedy Thomason



"In this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes." This thought was originally penned by Benjamin Franklin and has been alluded to probably millions of times since. Fast forward to the late 19th century, economist Henry George of Philadelphia sought to change the way we

pay taxes. His ideas stretched across America over the next several decades – even into the small village of Preston, Maryland.

To save you a long explanation, Encyclopedia Britannica describes George's design of a "single tax" like this: "that the state tax away all economic rent—the income from the use of bare land but not from improvements—and abolish all other taxes." The idea of all land being essentially owned by the government and the people paying economic rent is a less strict form of socialism. Like all well-intentioned economic reformers, George's idea stemmed from frustration with the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer. The rich owned more land, made more money, became richer, and bought more land – you guessed it – to make more money. In theory, a single economic rent tax would ensure that everyone had an equal opportunity to utilize land. Those who bought into this single tax idea were labeled "Georgists."

In 1911, devoted Georgist and fellow Philadelphian Frank Boland bought 100 acres of land along the Choptank River at Gilpin Point. When exactly it became a single tax "conclave" (as the locals reportedly called it) is disputable. One newspaper article says that Boland didn't get involved in the single tax movement until 1927. But at some point, he brought on two "trustees" to help him build a colony of Georgists on Gilpin Point. These were William Worthington Jr. and George Frank Stephens, who were connected with the more well-known and well-hated single tax colony of Arden, DE.

While Caroline Countians were mostly indifferent towards the Georgists on Gilpin Point, larger single tax colonies were not received well during this time period. World War I had planted seeds of discontent within American culture against anyone or anything that went against the status quo, especially anything that even hinted at communism.

Twelve leases of this land on Gilpin Point were granted by the trustees to Georgists in the Delmarva / Washington DC area. Very little, if anything at all, is known about the people who lived there. Mr. Stephens died not long after the experimental community was founded. According to secondary sources, this left the spirits of the Georgists permanently dampened. Those who lived there paid only a flat land "rent" to the board of trustees, which the board used to pay for any expenses still imposed upon them by the normal American economic system. In a way, the board served as a mediator between the outside world and the Georgists, allowing them to live under the single tax system as they pleased. If one of the Gilpin Point Georgists wanted to operate a business or get a license of some kind, the board used the money incurred with their land rents to pay for the taxes or fees that were required by the government for such activities.

Some local historians called the Gilpin Point Georgist colony "Caroline County's Utopia." But utopias can't last forever. Mr. Boland was still living there as of a 1938 newspaper article. However, the article was alerting the public that the communal land was being privately sold, hinting that the Georgists has dispersed by then. Some residents who knew Boland were skeptical to what extent the colony existed or thrived. As I've alluded to before, very little is documented about this snippet of our history, probably due to the previously mentioned unpopularity of Georgists in post-war America and the onset of the Great Depression in the 1930s. Additionally, Gilpin Point would much prefer to remain known as the former stomping grounds of Colonel William Richardson. Boland died sometime before World War II, well into his 80s, and with him went possibly the last Georgist believer in Caroline County.

All of this to say, if you're unhappy about filing your taxes this month, you could always try and start your own tax reformist colony!

#### Meet the Denton Team at Ashley Insurance

#### **Heather Gowen**

One of Ashley Insurance's more seasoned agents, Heather Gowen, can help with personal and commercial insurance needs. Heather has been with Ashley for six years, following her 10 years with Rowe Insurance. Her time in the industry has taught her that "people are looking for trust," Heather says, and "I don't sell anyone anything I would not want for myself."

For someone who might want to be an insurance agent Heather says, "you don't need to go to college for it, you just need to find someone who will show you the ropes of the business." The top quality for an insurance agent is, "you have to like people," according to Heather. For Heather, Ashley Insurance is a great place to be!



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OBJECTS IN MIRROR ARE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR

## **April is Autism Acceptance Month**

#### by Bryan Gadow



What can I say about Autisum? I'm careful to not pretend to be an expert. My studies began just a few years ago. Among the things I've learned: it is neither a disease, nor can it be "cured," nor should it be. Autism covers a wide spectrum, from individuals who are nonverbal and demand constant care, to those

who seem quite "typical." Indeed, a newer term popped up recently, "neurodiverse" as opposed to "neurotypical."

Why do I have these factoids memorized? Because, you see, several years ago it was suggested (by someone with a fancy diploma on his wall) that your author just might be among those on the spectrum. I did not take this as an insult, indeed, the more I read up on it, the more various events of my life made sense. In school, in work, in relationships, there were stumbling blocks that I never realized were there. Trying to fit in was akin to removing a torx-bit screw with a Philips-head screwdriver. You might get there, with enough pain for both involved, or you may just give up in anger!

My place on the spectrum may not be "severe" but I'd argue it wrong to label any placement as being a bad thing. Certainly, it is true that my challenges aren't those that some face. I can deal with crowds but cannot mingle. I can handle most decisions, but some will shut my circuitry down. Looking at someone in the eyes can sometimes cause true pain. I can rattle on and on about my favorite topics: care for a history of the Philco Corporation, the rise and fall of Studebaker-Packard, or my take on how the Vietnam War could be blamed on the assassin who took the life of Archduke Ferdinand? But catch



me off guard on something I know nothing about, and you'll set me to stuttering.

I most certainly don't tell you this in a plea for sympathy, rather more to say, I'm one of so many who sometimes struggle along in a world where maybe we don't fit so well. My case isn't very unique at all, I've come to learn. There are times when I wish I learned all this at a young age, but then again, I wonder if being labeled with a "handicap" back in the day might have held me back? If there is a real lesson, for this month and ever forward, it is to simply have patience with those around you. Do you really know what makes them tick, what they're going through, and what a challenge it might be to just have a conversation with you? In this respect, you should treat them just like anyone else. Give them grace, give them respect, and show them love. You treat everyone like that already, no? Yeah, I knew you did!





April 26, 2025 April 26, 2025 11 AM - 2 PM You're Invited to Attend the Ist Annual Talbot Kennel Club Open House

405 W. Belle Street Unit 6, Ridgely, MD

### Watch demonstrations in:

- PUPPy class, family dog, focus
- tricks
- ♦ agility
- obedience and rally
- scent work

Talk with instructors and register for classes.

Ask about Canine Good Citizen classes.

Learn how to train your dog to be a better companion at home and in public.

To promote TKC's Rescue Outreach Program a Caroline County Humane Society representative will be available to answer questions about adopting a rescued dog.

> Food Truck by *Bayside Hotdogs* will offer a variety of foods and drinks.

#### Children welcome!

Saturday.

We promote junior handlers.

Attendees are asked to please leave their canine companions at home.



For more Information, go to talbotkennelclub, or call 410-820-1229

### Activities at the local senior centers

#### **Contributed by Upper Shore Aging staff**

### Spring is in the air, especially at the Federalsburg Senior Center!

We are excited about spring and all its blooming colors. This month we will be planting in our very own planter boxes provided by Upper Shore Aging, and on April 22 we will be getting our hands dirty while we plant seeds in our boxes and hope you'll stop by to enjoy the fun.

Our other crafts this month include dyeing Easter eggs on April 1, a Shrinky Dink Party on April 8, tissue paper flowers on April 15, and the Caroline Public Library's monthly craft on April 29.

We will also be hosting Tyrell James' Health Education on April 1 at 10:00 am, Melanie Chapple's Medication Management and Blood Pressure Checks on April 17 at 10:00 am, as well as The University of Maryland Shore Regional Health's Ms. Kara Greene to



discuss Advanced Directives on April 15 at 10:30am.

We are also happy to announce that we will be hosting a SYM SIM (Sympathy Simulation), a presentation by Arcadia Living that gives insight and understanding to what people suffering from agerelated disorders such as Alzheimer's go through in their daily lives. This immersive experience is geared to help the public's understanding of these disorders and help empathize with people who are afflicted by them.

We will still have our weekly favorites such as BINGO every Tuesday at 11:00 am (only \$1 to play or bring a small gift), our wonderful S.A.I.L. Exercise class every Thursday at 10:30 am, and our weekly card games every Thursday at 1:00 pm.

From all of us here at the Federalsburg Senior Center, spring is a time of change and renewal, so be sure to never stop growing. We hope to see you soon!

#### Happy Easter from the Caroline Senior Center!

We have finally started to thaw out, and it looks like better weather is on the horizon.

This month is National Women's Eye Health & Safety month. Just as we take care of our bodies with healthy eating and including daily physical activity, eye health is just as important because they help us stay alert.

Join us every Monday and Wednesday at 12:30 pm for S.A.I.L. Fitness with Jannelle Bramble. Jillian Luna is here every Tuesday for "Life without Limits" a Diabetes Prevention Class.

April 20 through 26 is Volunteer Appreciation Week, and we will be celebrating our Volunteers on April 23 at 12:00 pm.

The center has plenty of Springtime crafts this month such as Easter Bingo with Easter themed prizes, Wooden Pressed Flower Coasters, Clay Easter Eggs Ornaments. If you would like to join us, please call Brandy or Geraldine at 410-479-2535 to reserve a spot.

April Birthdays: Dennis Giles, Michael Klein, Martha Baker, Franklin Banks, Joann Carlson, and Emily Parry.

### Supporting adults with health impairments

#### **Contributed by Caroline County Adult Day Care Foundation**

The Medical Adult Day Care (MDAC) allows eligible adults with health impairments to remain in their homes and avoid premature entry into a nursing home or other residential facility. MDAC serves its clients through the Caroline County Health Department.

The Medical Adult Day Care program offers a wide range of services that enhance a participant's mental, emotional, and physical health. A well-trained and compassionate team of nurses, social workers, health aides, activities staff, and patient drivers ensure that loved ones are cared for during the day and provide respite for caregivers.

The cost of the Program is based on household income and ability to pay, using a sliding fee scale. This allows the program to be affordable to anyone who would like to participate. The services may be eligible for coverage for those with Veterans Administration or Medicaid benefits. Program fees do not cover all of the special events and activities for program participants. The program is supported by a charitable foundation created specifically to support the Medical Adult Day Care program. (*Editor's note: the Caroline Review publisher serves as president of the foundation board*).

Program services include skilled nursing, activities, transportation, social services, nutrition, and personal care. To be eligible to participate in the MADC program, participants must meet the following requirements:

• Be at least 16 years of age.

• Be under the active care of a physician or advanced practice provider.

- Be free from Tuberculosis.
- Be up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations.

• Be able to commit to the Program's minimum attendance requirements (at least 2 days a week for at least 4 hours a day)

For more information on enrollment, call 410-479-8065 or email Sherry Baker at sherry.baker@maryland. gov.



### **Caroline County Public Library**

#### www.carolib.org info@carlib.org 410-479-1343

#### LIBRARY HOURS

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

#### NEW

**Maker Station:** Visit and Fidget. Stop by the Maker Station to assemble your own Fidget! April 1 – 30, All ages, Central Library, Denton. No registration is required.

**Teen DIY:** Neon Sign Painting. Let your creativity shine through with your own take on a neon sign! April 1 – 30, Teens, Central Library, Denton. No registration is required

**CCPL 3D Printing Certification.** Come to this program to get certified to use our Bambu X1C 3D printer! We'll go over safety, evaluating models for printing, slicing, and starting a print. Thursday, April 3, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Ages 15 – Adults, Central Library, Denton. Registration required\*.

**Fairy Creation Station.** Express your creativity by decorating fairy wands and/or making fairy houses. Saturday, April 5, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Ages 3 - 12, Central Library, Denton. No registration is required.

Anime Club. A club whose focus is on building community around a shared love of anime and manga. Activities will

### **DO YOU HOOPLA??**



Borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone. FREE with your Library card! Visit carolib.org for details. include watching anime episodes, talking about anime/ manga topics, and learning about the Japanese culture that informs both mediums. Wednesday, April 16, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Teens, Central Library, Denton. No registration is required.

**Thrive & Shine.** Join us to discuss the national bestseller The Art of Possibility by Rosamund Stone Zander and Benjamin Zander. Thursday, April 17, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Adults, Central Library, Denton. No registration is required.

**Make Your Own Stamp!** Join us to find out how to turn erasers into stamps! Wednesday, April 16 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Adults, North County Branch, Greensboro. Registration required\*.

#### ONGOING

**Winter/Spring Storytime.** Tuesdays, 10:30 am, Birth to age 4, North County Branch, Greensboro. Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Birth to age 4, Central Library, Denton. No registration is required.

**Playtime at the Library** is an hour for your toddler or preschooler to learn through playing with other children. Casey Irby, Family Support Coordinator for Caroline County Public Schools, will be joining us! Monday, April 7, 10:30 am – 11:30 am, Birth to age 4, North County Branch, Greensboro. No registration is required

**Calling all young builders!** Are you ready to take on this month's Lego<sup>®</sup> challenge? Join us for Lego<sup>®</sup> Mania, where you'll work with friends to create a birdhouse, or choose to free build. Thursday, April 10, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Ages 5 – 12 Central Library, Denton. No registration is required.

**Bookies.** Tuesday, April 15, 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.** Practice reading to a trained service dog! Grigsby is a great listener and would love to have you read a story to him. Thursday, April 24, 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm, 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm, 5:30 – 6:00 pm, 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Ages 5-12, Central Library, Denton. One registrant per session\*.

**Teen Tabletop Club.** Join our adventuring party for this month's DND sessions! Tuesday, April 22, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Teens, Federalsburg Branch. Thursday, April 24, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Teens, Central Library, Denton. Registration required\*.

#### CAROLINE BETTER TOGETHER IN THE WORDS OF OUR PARTNERS Contributed By Caroline Better Together

2025 marks three-years of collective impact work in Caroline County. What started out simply and generically as the Caroline County collective impact initiative has grown into Caroline Better Together, a broad collaborative of organizations and residents focused on working together toward better outcomes for all County residents. Over the past six months, here in the Caroline Review, we've been sharing features about various partners, issues and events. This month, three community partners share their reflections as your invitation to join April's Community Dinner and Conversation to be held on April 23rd where we will celebrate Caroline Better Together, its impact and its potential. Heather Harding of the Federalsburg Judy Center, Deborah Hudson Vornbrock of Martin's House and Barn, and Department of Social Services' Resource Navigator Renee Oney all give their personal perspectives on what Caroline Better Together has already accomplished and what it can mean for future collaborative responses to community needs.

#### BENEFITS OF THE COLLECTIVE IMPACT WORK HERE IN CAROLINE COUNTY

Collective impact requires communities to come together to identify solutions for addressing community needs. I was introduced to collective impact in Caroline County while completing the Maryland Early Childhood Leadership Program.

This initiative, in my opinion, has shown the power of networking and how various sectors can come together to create change, and build community connections to achieve results. For example, as the Federalsburg Judy Center Early Learning Hub Coordinator I am tasked with fulfilling the requirements of our 5 component standards. One aspect of those standards is to identify and serve families with children 0-5 that are not currently enrolled in or receiving services through an early childhood education program. We then provide learning opportunities and connect families to partners that provide such services. Partner organizations may be a home visiting program, family childcare provider, a childcare center, or Early Head Start, Head Start, Private or Public PreK programs. But Caroline County is a child care desert, meaning we have an insufficient 3:1 ratio of children to available child care slots. Through Caroline Better Together, I have been engaged and aided in

advocating for this cause. I serve on the Workforce and Economic Development pillar, which creates a unique space for Early Childhood to link with a network of resources that would not have been easily accessible without the assistance of the collective impact initiative. Another valuable product of collective impact work is the Human Services Council's needs assessment. This document and subsequent data guide were instrumental in developing the statement of need for the Federalsburg Judy Center Early Learning Hub Grant application, contributing to another win for the county as a whole by providing an invaluable and easily accessible compilation of data for use across sectors.

Heather Harding, Federalsburg Judy Center Early Learning Hub Coordinator







caroline better together Community Dinners and Conversations



A dinner and conversation to celebrate three years of making Caroline Better Together!

- Date: Wednesday April 23, 2025
- Location: Federalsburg Lions Club, 223 Kinder St, Federalsburg, MD 21632
- Time: 5:30-7:30 pm
- RSVP appreciated but not required





For more information contact: admin@carolinebettertogether.org



Caroline Better Together

#### COLLECTIVE IMPACT: THE WORK HAS BEGUN, BUT THERE'S MORE TO DO

#### **Contributed By Caroline Better Together**

Over the past three years, Caroline Better Together—our county's Collective Impact initiative—has strengthened community engagement, increased collaboration, and improved efforts to address poverty, housing instability, and homelessness. Under the leadership of Susan Runnels, Director of the Caroline Human Services Council, and Kat Stork Blaher, of Shore Strategies, this initiative has built a foundation of trust and accountability among stakeholders. It has empowered those with lived experience to have a voice in shaping solutions, illustrating the idea that poverty is not an individual failing but a systemic issue requiring a collective response.

A strong commitment to equity guides every aspect of the work, ensuring that those most affected by poverty, housing instability, and food insecurity have a seat at the table. By fostering continuous communication, using shared data tools, and ensuring access to services, community partners work smarter—not just harder—to drive meaningful and lasting progress.

While we've made progress, the real work is still ahead. The biggest challenge is not just a lack of funding or time but is instead the difficulty of breaking down silos and fostering true partnerships between organizations that are already stretched thin. It takes intentional effort to align services, coordinate strategies, and shift from working independently to working together. The willingness of organizations to embrace collaboration over competition will determine the long-term success of these efforts.

As we move forward, the impact of this work will continue to grow. When a community unites with intention and radical compassion, transformational change is possible. Caroline County has proven that Collective Impact is not just an idea—it is a catalyst for real, lasting progress.

Deborah Hudson Vornbrock is the Executive Director at Martin's House & Barn in Ridgely and Co-Facilitator Family and Workforce Resources Action Team, Caroline Better Together CR

### Do You Live In the 21632 Zipcode?

With the help of Maryland's ENOUGH initiative funding, collective impact is coming to Federalsburg!

Starting this Spring, community members, organizations, public agencies, and local leaders are coming together to build capacity and to work toward improving the lives of Federalsburg residents. Bring your voice and your ideas to the process of making Federalsburg Better Together!

Scan the QR code below and sign up to hear about how you can be part of this movement from the start.





#### FEELING "FULL" FROM COLLECTIVE IMPACT

#### **Contributed By Caroline Better Together**

Caroline Better Together has been impactful by promoting positive change by addressing social issues in our community. Monthly gatherings at different locations throughout the county bring people together at what is known as Community Conversation Dinners. These dinners are a delightful opportunity to connect with people you know and people that you don't know. I always leave these dinners feeling "full". Not full from the delicious meal but full from the material shared in the room, the presentations and the socialization. The diversity in the room is always welcoming. I have been present at these dinners for a year now, and I have seen so much growth in attendance. Whether the topic is barriers in the community or a platform for the youth -people coming together without judgment and enjoying each other's company is priceless. Thank you Caroline Better together for hosting these events and supporting the community and its organizations.

Renee Oney, Community Resource Navigator, Caroline County Department of Social Services



Caroline Better Together An initiative of Caroline Human Services Council 319 Bloomingdale Ave. Federalsburg, MD 21632 admin@carolinebettertogether.org | 443-786-6492

### **Building Character, Leadership, and Skills**

#### **Contributed by Caroline County Scouts**

Scouting America, formerly known as the Boy Scouts of America, officially changed its name on February 8, 2025, to reflect a more inclusive approach for all youth. Scouting provides structure, education, and valuable life skills to children, helping them grow into responsible and capable individuals.

Cub Scouts (Grades K-5)

Cub Scouts follow a well-rounded program that fosters personal development, teamwork, and leadership. To earn each rank, scouts must complete six core development requirements and two elective activities in areas such as:

- Character & Leadership
- Outdoor Skills
- Fitness & Health
- Citizenship & Community Involvement
- Personal Safety
- Reverence & Respect

Elective activities range from hands-on building projects to meaningful community service.

Cub Scout Ranks:

- Lion Kindergarten
- Tiger 1st Grade
- Wolf 2nd Grade
- Bear 3rd Grade
- Webelos 4th Grade
- Arrow of Light 5th Grade

Cub Scouts lay the foundation for lifelong skills, building on them each year in preparation for the next step in their Scouting journey.

Scouts BSA (Ages 11-18)

At age 11, scouts advance into Scouts BSA, where they apply their knowledge from Cub Scouts and begin their Trail to Eagle Scout. Scouts work toward their Eagle rank by earning 21 merit badges and leading a community-based service project before their 18th birthday.

Local Cub Scout Packs:

- Pack 264 Ridgely
- Pack 265 Denton
- Pack 461 Preston
- Local Scouts BSA Troops:
- Troop 77 Denton
- Troop 137 Federalsburg
- Troop 165 Denton
- Troop 461 Preston
- Troop 461 Girls Preston

Join the Adventure!

Scouting is an incredible opportunity for children to develop confidence, leadership, and essential life skills. To find a local pack or troop, visit www.beascout.org.





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The Hunt is On!

Grab your flashlight and track down thousands of eggs Page 1

#### Find your Zen(tangle)

Relaxing art classes for youth and adults Page 1

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Learn to play or expand your game with more advanced techniques Page 5

Serving up FUN!

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# **Special Events & The Arts**



#### St. Paddy's Day 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run 🕐 🚯 Fretterd Community Center

Start your spring fitness conditioning on this certified fast and scenic course through Denton. Seashore Striders will be using the Chronotrack chip timing system. Register early to guarantee a commemorative performance tee. This event benefits youth registration financial aid and scholarship fund for recreation programs produced by CCRP. **Saturday • March 16** *Check-in:* 8:00 am *//Race start:* 9:00 am

Pre-registration: \$35 for 5K/\$20 for 1-Mile Fun Run. Add \$5 after Friday February 21 or day of event.



#### Lil' Leprechaun Dash 🕐 Fretterd Community Center

Kick off the festivities with a 100-meter dash down 4th Street exclusively for youngsters ages 5 and under. Special prizes for all finishers. Saturday, March 16 • Dash at 8:40 (before St. Paddy's Day event)

Advance registration: \$7 (\$10 after February 21 or day of event)



#### Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt 🕐 Denton Elementary School Cafeteria

Kids will "hunt" eggs in the dark using only a flashlight and their own night vision. A small number of special eggs will win additional prizes. Each participant needs to bring a flashlight (*size limited to 2D batteries*) and basket or bag to collect the eggs. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Parent or guardian must attend with their child(ren). **Friday • April 11 Ages: 3–4** 8:00 pm start • **Ages: 5-7** 8:15 pm start • **Ages: 8-10** 8:30 pm start **\$6 per child** 



#### The Art of Zentangle 🕄 🗛 Fretterd Community Center, Room 204 🛛 🔍

Relax and create through structured, eye-catching patterns which culminate in an intricate, beautiful design. Zentangle promotes mindfulness, focus, and self-expression while fostering a sense of calm. No artistic experience needed. **Grades 4-6** Wednesdays • **April 16 – May 7** • 5:30 – 6:15 pm **\$19 Ages: 18 & up** Wednesdays • **April 16 – May 7** • 6:30 – 7:30 pm **\$29** 



#### Young Musicians Summer Academy 🕥 Colonel Richardson High School, Federalsburg Four half days of workshops, lessons, and performances! Instruction by guest artists and regional music education

masters! For complete details go to ymsacc.com. Lunch and snacks provided. Students should bring instruments. T-shirt included with registration through May 31st. Program is supported by a grant from Caroline County Council of Arts. **Grades 6-12** (*in fall*) **June 23 - 26 •** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Until May 31st- **\$99** (*\$119 after*)



#### Summer Teen Drama Production () North Caroline High School This six-week program (running for over 40 years!) teaches all the elements of theatre production—including acting, costuming, lighting, and set design with Master Thespians, Keith Shaffer and Chrissie Yoxall.

Ages: 12-19 Open auditions: June 3-4 • 3-5 pm // Rehearsals: Mondays - Thursdays starting June 23Performances: Friday, August 1 • Saturday, August 2\$55 (Includes commemorative T-shirt)



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## **Shotokan Karate**

Learn this ancient martial art and improve self-confidence and self-respect, build character, body dynamics and physical fitness, make new friends and have fun. Classes require an attendance minimum for belt-testing and advancement. Led by Sensei Karine Ireland at the Fretterd Community Center gym.



Or scan QR code to register online >>> QUESTIONS? (410) 479-8120



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#### All Karate classes and sessions are held @ Fretterd Community Center Gym



Panda Cubs //current students: camo stripe ♥ An energetic introduction to Karate through exercises and games. Ages: 5-6 Mondays • March 31 - June 2 • 6-6:30 pm \$59



Leopard Cubs //current students: yellow-orange stripe 🕅 The next step for children completing Panda Cubs or older children new to karate. Instruction includes warm-up, basic karate techniques, and kata/forms. Ages: 7-8 Thursdays • April 3 - June 5 • 6–6:30 pm \$69



Tiger Cubs //current students: green-black stripe 🕅 Instruction includes warm-up, intermediate karate techniques, kata/forms, and sparring. Ages: 8–10 Mondays • March 31 - June 2 • 6:45–7:45 pm \$69



**Beginner/Intermediate Shotokan Karate** //current students: yellow or orange belt () Accelerate skill development with focused instruction and interaction. For experienced "cubs" or older students new to karate. **Ages: 10 & up** Thursdays • **April 3 - June 5** • 6:45–7:45 pm **\$69** 



Advanced Shotokan Karate //current students: green-black belts 🕅 🚱 For karate students that are serious about furthering their skills and abilities. Students will assist during earlier classes then transition to instruction focused on their own development. Ages: 12 & up Mondays & Thursdays • March 31 - June 5 • 6:45–8:45 pm \$139



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# **Gymnastics**

Classes led by Joan Dyott focus not only on your child's physical development, but their cognitive and socialemotional development as well. In addition to helping build coordination, balance, and small and gross motor skills, your child will practice discipline and gain self-confidence.

There will be no gymnastics classes during the weeks of May 12 and 19



**Tumble Bunnies ()** Fretterd Community Center, Room 104

Help your child develop physical coordination and balance through tumbling and FUN! **Ages: 2-3 yrs** Tuesdays • **April 8 - June 10** • 10:00 - 10:45 am **\$79 Ages: 2-3 yrs** Wednesdays • **April 9 - June 11** • 5:00 - 5:45 pm **\$79 Ages: 2-3 yrs** Thursdays **April 10 - June 12** • 4:30-5:15 pm **\$79** 



#### Super Tots 🕐 Fretterd Community Center, Room 104

**Beginner:** gymnastics class tailored for older tots. Basic skills in tumbling are taught. **Ages: 4-6 yrs** Tuesdays • **April 8 - June 10** • 5:30 - 6:15 pm **\$79 Ages: 4-6 yrs** Thursdays **April 10 - June 12** • 5:30 - 6:15 pm **\$79** 

Advanced: for students with several classes of experience Ages: 4-6 yrs Wednesdays • April 9 - June 11 • 6:00 - 6:45 pm \$79



**Recreational Gymnastics** Fretterd Community Center, Room 104 Focused on building good fundamentals, tumbling, and work on the low balance beam. Beginner: (1 night): 7-12 yrs Wednesdays • April 9 - June 11 • 7:00 - 8:00 pm \$99

Advanced: (2 nights): 7-12 yrs Tues/Thurs • April 8 - June 12 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm \$169



**NOTE:** Participants in activities sponsored or co-sponsored by CCRP CONSENT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S USE OF ANY PHOTOGRAPH, FILM OR VIDEO OF THE ACTIVITY in marketing/ promotional materials and social media. **If you do not wish you or your child's photograph taken, please alert the program leader or coordinator on-site.** 



Thanks to generous donations and fundraising events, scholarships covering up to 50% of registration costs are available for most programs. We've simplified our scholarship process, so contact (410) 479-8120 for more information.





# **Fitness & Sports**



StrongHER Women's Fitness Over 40 🚱 NCHS Weight Room, Gym

Utilizing body weight and weight training, women over 40 will learn techniques that will build muscle, improve mobility and gain overall physical strength. Women 40 yrs 8 up Mondays 8 Thursdays • April 7 - May 5 • 5:30pm-6:15pm \$89

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#### Beginner Tennis 🕐 Fretterd Community Center, Gym 🔍

Introduces basic concepts, skills, strokes, and rules. Equipment provided. (*No class 4/1*) **Grades 1-2** Saturdays • April 5 – May 3 • 9:00 – 9:45 am **\$49 Grades 3-5** Saturdays • April 5 – May 3 • 10:00 – 10:45 am **\$49** 



#### CTA Junior Tennis Summer Camp 🕐

Tennis instruction for ages 5-15 years old for beginning and intermediate skill levels! Includes 7 sessions, culminating with game and skills play on June 28 (Saturday morning) at Martin Sutton Park in Ridgely. For additional information go to *www.carolinetennis.org*.

**Preston Elementary Tennis Courts** 

Ages: 5-7 Monday & Tuesday • June 9 - 28 • 5:45 - 6:30 pm \$59 Ages: 8-11 Monday & Tuesday • June 9 - 28 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm \$59 Ages: 12-15 Monday & Tuesday • June 9 - 2 • 7:30 - 8:30 pm \$59

Martin Sutton Tennis Courts (Ridgely)

 Ages: 5-7
 Wednesday 5:45-6:30 pm & Saturday 8:45 - 9:30 am
 June 7-28
 \$59

 Ages: 8-11
 Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm & Saturday 9:30 - 10:30 am
 June 7-28
 \$59

 Ages: 12-15
 Wednesday 7:30-8:30 pm & Saturday 10:30 - 11:30 am
 June 7-28
 \$59



#### Tribal Belly Dance // Level 1 Fretterd Community Center, Room 104

Low impact and core strengthening, proven to improve posture, muscle tone, and relieve stress. Students will learn the basic belly dance movements and format for how to dance together as a group. No previous dance experience required.

Ages: 16 & up Thursdays • April 3 – May 8 • 6:15 – 7:15 pm \$59



**Open Gym Advanced Volleyball** Fretterd Community Center, Gym Ready for some competition? Come out and join the fun. High energy group of adults. Must have previous volleyball experience. Ages 18 yrs & up Fridays (Ongoing) • 6–8 pm \$5 at the door



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🚺 Youth Event/Session

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# **Pickleball**



Come try the fastest growing sport in America, combining elements of tennis, ping-pong and badminton. Perfect for adults of all ages and skill levels. Equipment available at no extra charge. Pickleball instruction by Mace Davis, IPTPA Level 1, USAPA Ambassador

#### All Pickleball sessions held at Fretterd Community Center Gym



#### Learn to Play Pickleball 🚯

Instruction is designed to give you the fundamental knowledge to get started and give you the confidence needed to join us during open play. **Ages 18 yrs & up** Friday • **April 5** • 11:30 – 12:15 pm **\$19** 



#### Pickleball Clinics \Lambda NEW! Register for all 3 nights for \$49

Specialized instruction for beginner (must understand rules) and intermediate players (must be able to play recreationally without instruction). *Topics include:* April 9 Dinking 101 • April 16 Court Transitions • April 23 Volleys (beginner)// Speed Up (intermediate)

Beginners: Ages 18 yrs & up Wednesdays • April 9 - 23 • 5:30 – 6:15 pm \$19 per night Intermediate: Ages 18 yrs & up Wednesdays • April 9 - 23 • 6:30 – 7:15 pm \$19 per night



#### Morning Drop-In 🚯

Please check in and pay at CCRP front desk before entering the gym. **Ages 18 yrs & up** Wednesdays/Fridays (*Ongoing*) • 9 am–12 pm **\$5 drop-in fee** per morning



#### Evening Drop-In 🚯

Please check in and pay at the gym. Indoor play will end at 7:00 pm if there is only 1 court in operation. Ages 18 yrs 8 up Tuesdays (*Ongoing*) • 6:15–8:15 pm \$5 drop-in fee per evening



Or scan QR code to register online >>> QUESTIONS? (410) 479-8120



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### **Sweet Caroline Historic Homes Tour**

#### **By Kennedy Thomason**

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The Caroline County Historical Society is hosting the first-ever Sweet Caroline Historic Homes Tour on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

This self-driven tour will include five sites with seven historic buildings, including five homes, an 1800s log cabin, and a Black school. Each location will have various

dedicated historians and volunteers to lead information sessions, answer questions, and promote discussion.

In addition to the beauty of the homes themselves, the Caroline County Garden Club and the Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore are partnering with the Historical Society to combine nature, art, and history - reminiscent of the many ways Caroline County history intertwines with our landscape.

Proceeds from the tour benefit the restoration and repurposing of the old Denton Volunteer Firehouse on 3rd and Gay Streets into a museum space.

This event is rain or shine.



**CASTLE HALL** 

Built circa 1781, Castle Hall is one of the rare Revolutionary-period homes in Caroline County. Constructed by one of the county's most prominent citizens, Thomas Hardcastle, it stands in Goldsboro on MD 311. The current owners have prioritized restoring the home to its original glory and are excited to share the updates.



#### POTTER HALL

A testament to our area's roots in agricultural exportation, the original portion of Potter Hall was built at Potter's Landing along the Choptank River in Williston in 1750 by Captain Zabdiel Potter. The Federal-period home was finished by Zabdiel's grandson William, a War of 1812 Brigadier General, in 1808.



#### **MEMORY LANE**

Memory Lane in Williston is best know for its exquisite Italianate architecture. Built in 1864 by Wharf Master A.J. Willis – reportedly as a wedding gift for his daughter – it boasts wrap-around porches and an octangle cupola. The home served as the Williston community's primary social hub for generations.



**KNOTTS WALSH** 

Prominently on display in Denton's downtown historic district, Knotts Walsh is a large multi-style home built by Judge Owen Knotts and his wife Margaret after the home originally occupying the space burned down in 1935. The home belonged to the late Caroline County historian JOK Walsh.



#### MARBLE HEAD

Marble Head, a three-part brick home in Ridgely, dates back to 1803. Built over the course of 17 years in a Federal style popular for Caroline County farmhouses, it reflects a different era of Caroline County. The home was meticulously restored after being saved from demolition.



# Murder for NonProfit! Dinner Theatre



**APRIL**<br/>4+5<br/>6PMYou're invited to the C.R.A.B.B. Ball Gala<br/>Dinner, a Show, and a Murder or Two!<br/>Greensboro Fire Hall Community Center

MSAC

COUNCIL OF ARTS

Tickets \$50



# **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.

Art & History Tours at The Foundry. Explore Caroline County's vibrant creativity with Kyleen Asche! Learn about our talented local artists and the gallery's special role in the community. Reserve your spot: Kyleen.Asche@ carolinearts.org or 410-479-1009.

Mini-Grants Open-Apply Today! CCCA mini-grants are available to support art projects and events. Applications must be submitted at least 60 days before the start date. Email info@carolinearts.org. Details: www. carolinearts.org

Sponsorships Now Open – Support the Arts! Help us enrich lives and foster creativity in Caroline County by becoming a sponsor. Levels start at \$250 and include



Contact Deanna Blanch - (443) 786-7359 \*Limited Number Of Tickets will be sold \* exclusive benefits. Your generosity fuels art education, exhibitions, and events. Contact us today: 410-479-1009 or visit www.carolinearts.org

Adkins Arboretum's Yarnstorming Exhibit invites fiber artists, or teams of artists, to wrap dormant trees in colorful fiber creations. Presented in partnership with the Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore. On show from March 2 – April 6. For more information, visit www. adkinsarboretum.org

#### SUNDAYS

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

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

**Bethesda Methodist Church** 155 Main St., Preston. 410-673-7538. Bethesda Bible Adventures for ages 4 and up every Sunday at 9:00 am, Adult Bible Study every Sunday at 10:00 am, Bible Study with Pastor Nate every Thursday at 6:00 pm. Contemporary Service Sundays at 9:00 am and Traditional Service Sundays at 11:00.

**Greater Impact Worship Experience** every Sunday at 11:00 am. Impact Kids (ages 3-11) meet during the worship experience.

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

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

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

**Lakeview Fellowship Church of God** invites you to join us every Sunday morning at 8:45 am cafe, 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 am worship service with Kids Church and Nursery available. Address: 230 Hess Frontage Road, Grasonville, MD. 410-827-5665 www. lakeviewfellowship.org Find us on FACEBOOK



# EGGSTRAVĂGANZA

## Sunday, April 20, 2025 IO AM to I PM 7000 eggs to hunt @ 10:30 & 12:30 Ages toddler to 12 years

- · FREE EVENT
- · Food
- Music
- Giveaways
- Face painting

Greater Impact 13699 Greensboro Rd, Greensboro, MD 21639 / (410) 482-6897 /https://www.greaterimpactmd.com Denton Church of the Nazarene, 10660 Greensboro Road, Denton. Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 am – 10:15 am. Sunday morning Worship/Children's Church 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. Nursery is provided and we are handicapped accessible.

Join us at **Calvary Baptist Church**, 1120 Market Street, Denton. Sunday School at 10:00 am and Worship at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm every Sunday. There's always something special happening at Calvary as "Faith in God is Alive in 2025". All are welcome. Bring a friend! 410-924-6404 donaldwreynolds@comcast.neth ttps:// calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org/

**St Paul's United Methodist Church** located at 300 W Sunset Ave, Greensboro invites you to join us at our Sunday Service at 11:00 am with children's Sunday School during the service and Adult Sunday School at 9:45 am.

Join us for worship and fellowship at **St. Luke's Methodist Church**, 100 S. 5th Ave., Denton, MD. We are a Global Methodist Church with Traditional Worship at 8:30 am and Contemporary Worship at 10:00 am. Sunday School starts at 9:45 am and Adult Bible Study is at 9:30 am. Find your place to BELONG at St. Luke's Church!

#### 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 2:00 pm. Concessions available. \$15 at the door. 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/ridgely lions club. 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.

#### TUESDAYS

We have a series of the series

**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.

#### FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

**Write On!** From 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm on Zoom. An online writer's group for adults. Join us to listen, write, and share your work in a welcoming community.

#### **SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS**

Ages & Stages class from 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm for pregnant mothers and infants up to 6 months old. Registration is preferred (410-479-8185). Let's have fun learning about the stages of pregnancy through infancy. Topics include prenatal



care, eating healthy, becoming a mom, caring for yourself and caring for your baby. This class is hosted by Caroline County Health Department at the Federalsburg Judy Center. There is no charge for participants.

#### THIRD TUESDAYS

Caroline County Chapter of Maryland **Right to Life** meets 7:00 pm 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 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at the Caroline Culinary Center, 512 Franklin Street, Denton MD. Rotary is people of action. It's a local network of neighbors, leaders and problemsolvers who unite to create lasting change in our community. To visit our meeting or learn more about Rotary service and lunch programs, contact member Sue Simmons at dentonrotary21629@gmail.com. April lunchtime programs include Sandra Hayman, local author on April 2, Jessica Tuel, Director of Behavioral Health and Addictions Service, Caroline County Health Department on April 9, Edith Ramirez & Meredith Girard, Shore legal Access on April 16, Rotary Service planning and business meeting on April 23 and Special service project on April 30.

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

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

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

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





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

#### WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

#### WEDNESDAYS - SATURDAYS

The Fiber Arts Center Presents **Mimi Dietrich-Baltimore Hometown Girl Exhibit**. Mimi Dietrich is a Baltimore Hometown Girl, a well-known teacher and author in the quilt world, and a member of The Quilters Hall of Fame. Mimi has been quilting for 50 years. Mimi saw her first Baltimore Album Quilt forty years ago at an exhibition at the Baltimore Museum of Art and it changed her life! These gorgeous quilts were made in her hometown in the 1850's and she became obsessed with them! She taught yearlong Baltimore Album classes from 1990 until 2024, wrote three books about them, and exhibited her quilts at the Maryland Center for History and Culture in 2019. The quilts in our FACES exhibit are hand appliqued and many of them



have wonderful stories stitched with a contemporary thread that connects them to the original historic quilts. This exhibit will be on display from March 19 – May 17. The Fiber Arts Center is open from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and the exhibit is free of charge.

#### THURSDAYS

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

#### **FIRST THURSDAYS**

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

#### SATURDAYS

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

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

#### **FIRST SATURDAYS**

**Community Civic League Breakfast**, 3439 Laurel Grove Road, Federalsburg. Every first Saturday, 7:00 am -10:00 am. Scrapple, sausage, eggs, potatoes, applesauce, biscuit, OJ, coffee. Cost is \$9. Local delivery available. One free breakfast to anyone who attended the original school or day care. Contact: 410-754-6011 or 410-924-0552. There will be no breakfast in April or July.

#### SECOND SATURDAYS

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

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

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

#### **SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**

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

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 1 – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Boy Scout Troops 137 & 461 17th Annual Mulch Sale Fundraiser. We are offering 2 different styles of mulch. Hardwood (natural brown color) for \$4.25 per bag and Black, Brown or Red dyed mulch for \$4.50 per bag. Bags are 2 cubic feet, same size and brand as sold at LOWE'S only. Place order Continued

### **CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

1120 Market St., Denton • 410-924-6404 www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org Don Reynolds, Pastor

Join us for our 51st Church Anniversary Celebration April 6 AND Jesus, Messiah, A Musical for Easter Easter Sunday April 20 at 11 AM

#### All are welcome - bring a neighbor or friend



10 am Sunday Bible School – All ages

11 am Exciting Praise / Worship Also, great Junior Church (5-11 yrs.)/Nursery

7 pm Sunday Evening Worship

7 pm Wednesday Bible Studies

#### Faith in God is Alive in 2025



# EMPTY BOWLS FOOD and Fundroising Event

## Filling bowls

TAKE YOUR SOUP TO GO, OR STAY AWHILE & ENJOY IT!

CHOOSE A HAND-PAINTED CERAMIC BOWL TO TAKE HOME WITH YOU

LIGHT FARE & CASH BAR (BEER, WINE & SEASONAL COCKTAIL)

SILENT AUCTION -SIGNED BOOKS, ARTWORK & MORE! MAY 3RD TWO SESSIONS: 4-5:30PM OR 6-7:30PM

512 FRANKLIN ST. DENTON

\$40 PER PERSON

DID YOU PAINT A BOWL & PAY ALREADY? NO NEED TO SIGN UP! COME JOIN US -WE HAVE YOU ON OUR GUEST LIST! SCAN TO PURCHASE TICKETS



THIS EVENT WAS CREATED TO BENEFIT LOCAL FOOD-RELATED CHARITIES THAT ACTIVELY WORK TO END CHILDHOOD HUNGER. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS LISTED BELOW & HELP COMBAT THE FOOD INSECURITY THAT 1 IN 4 CHILDREN LIVE WITH IN CAROLINE COUNTY.











prior to March 26. For questions contact Tammy Simmons at 443-521-5872 or Eddie Hitchens at 410-310-9174 or email to federalsburgbsatroop137@gmail.com. FREE delivery April 11, 12 and 13.

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 28**

Scouting America Troop 77 will celebrate its 27th anniversary with a lasagna dinner at 6:28 pm at Calvary Baptist Church in Denton at 1120 Market Street. Former Scouts, scouters and friends and family are welcome. There is no charge. There will be a court of honor for awards following the meal. RSVP by text to Tim Walters 302-535-5414.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 1 - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30**

Ridgely Vol Fire Dept Fundraiser "Online Facebook Raffles". Multiple per month. Call Tammy for more info at 443-786-9266.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 1**

American Legion Post 29 Bingo games start at 7:00 pm.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

The Fiber Arts Center Offering: Knitting, Needlepoint 😇 & Crochet. Take your knitting, needlepoint and crochet onward from beginner student to the next level. Bring your projects that are in the works or new starts and learn from our fabulous instructors, Alice Engle and Victoria McConnell, how to get through and correct mistakes, confusing techniques, trying new stitches, cast-ons and bind-offs, even starting a brand-new project. With four consecutive Wednesdays and three hours each day, you will make tremendous progress with your technique and confidence. Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Cost: \$5/members, \$10/non-members. Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up at 443/448-4611 or email at info@fiberartscenter.com

📷 American Legion Post 29 tomato soup with grilled ham and cheese from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Cost: \$9

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 3**

Wy Stitch and Sews from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Fiber Arts Center. Members \$5, Non-members \$10. Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up at 443-448-4611 or at info@ fiberartscenter.com

Ridgely Vol Fire Dept Fundraiser **"Spaghetti Dinner".** Cost: \$11. Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Call Tammy for more info at 443-786-9266.

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 4**



American Legion Post 29 meatloaf, mashed potatoes,



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

#### Spaghetti Dinner

April 3 • 4 pm to 7 pm \$11

All you can eat spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert Take-out available

#### **Chicken n Dumpling Dinner** April 6 • 2 pm to 5 pm \$15

All you can eat includes mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, chicken salad, roll and dessert. Chicken salad sold by the pint, while supplies last. Dine in and Drive Thru Carry Out available.



#### Indoor Community Yard Sale

Coincides with Ridgely's Community Wide Yard Sale. Breakfast is available for purchase.

April 26 • 7 am to 12 pm \$15 per spot • Call Tammy at 443-786-9266 to reserve

For up to date info, check the Facebook page **Ridgely Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. or** Website www.rvfd400.com

applesauce & dessert from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Music: Hot Dog Gravy from 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm.

Boy Scout Troops 137 & 461 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Salad and dessert included. Located at the Preston Firehouse from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. \$12/adults, \$6/10 and under. All carryout's \$12.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 4 & SATURDAY, APRIL 5

**"Murder for NonProfit!" Dinner Theatre**. You're invited to the C.R.A.B.B Ball Gala Dinner, a Show and a Murder or Two! Location: Greensboro Fire Hall Community Center. Time: 6:00 pm. Ticket Cost: \$50.

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 5 & SUNDAY, APRIL 6**

Caroline County Humane Society "Shelter Slumber Pawty". Call for sponsors- Become a sponsor for our 3rd Annual Slumber Pawty! Are you a community leader, local business owner or lover of animals that wants to make a big local impact? We are excited to partner with your business to make this years Shelter Slumber Pawty a success. Contact Luci Kitching at lucikitching@gmail.com. Join us on Facebook LIVE!

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 5**

Empowering Women's Health and Wellness at 506 S. 5th Ave. in Denton, Maryland is hosting a **free monthly** wellness series for women. Sessions are led by a nutritionist and a board-certified women's health nurse practitioner. Participation is limited, with spaces reserved by calling Jamie Gordon, WHNP-BC at 443-493-7575, or Alice Lloyd, CNS at 410-924-1776. As we welcome the season of renewal, it's the perfect time to focus on refreshing your body, mind, and spirit with Spring Wellness. This interactive session will help you transition into spring with healthier habits, greater energy, and a more balanced approach to wellness. Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Caroline County Bird Club "Clean-up day at Pelot Sanctuary". Meet at the Sanctuary at 9:00 am. Wear proper clothing and work gloves and if you can, bring some trash bags. Sanctuary information and directions https:// mdbirds.org/conservation/refuges-sanctuaries/pelot/

The Rural Life Museum, 16 N. 2nd St., Denton, is open from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. The RLM houses WWI and WWII exhibits, an intact sharecropper's cabin, memorabilia from FDR's visit to Denton in 1938, a wedding cake and dress from a WWII bride, bride dresses from the previous century. Entry is through the Annie Taylor House built in 1819 by a merchant. Also ship models from various eras of Caroline shipbuilding, a display of Indian artifacts found in Caroline County with a map showing where they were found. A docent is on hand for tours. Free to the public but donations are accepted. For more information, call 410-479-2055 (leave a message) or carolinehistory.org.

Ladies, "**Mugs & Muffins**" will be held at 9005 Pealiquor Landing Dr., Denton, MD 21629. This is a special Bible Study just for women. Come join us for a special time of sistership and Bible teaching. Bring your Bible, a mug/cup, and notebook. ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME—BRING A NEIGHBOR/FRIEND. Join us at Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629 -- 410-924-6404. donaldwreynolds@comcast.net

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 6**

Ridgely Vol Fire Dept Fundraiser **"Chicken & Dumpling Dinner".** Cost: \$15. Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Call Tammy for more info at 443-786-9266.

Join us for our "**51st Anniversary Celebration**". Our Theme: Celebrating 51 Years of Blessings! Starting at 10:00 am, Testimonies to be offered of how they have been Continued

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S	oonsor the flowers of Downtown Denton
Yo	ur donation will sponsor a light pole adorned with a vibrant hanging
flower basket, bringing charm and color to Market Street.	
Eac	h sponsorship includes a personalized plaque featuring your business,
	family name or a dedication in honor of a loved one

Scan QR code below or mail checks and completed form to DDMS by 5/20/2024 to 323 Market St, Denton, MD 21629. For more information, contact Jessica Willoughby, Director of Downtown Denton Main Street • 410-924-2328 director@downtowndenton.com • www.downtowndenton.com

Your Name/Business Name:
In Honor/Memory of:
Address:
Phone: Email:
Sponsorship Levels: Gold \$75 Silver \$50 Bronze \$25
Amount Enclosed:



Make checks payable to Downtown Denton Main Street or scan the QR code



blessed, time of God's blessings. At 11:00 am we have a Worship Service to include our Choir, Special Music, Testimony, and Preaching. A delicious luncheon follows, hosted by John Wilson and a team of those who help faithfully. This special service is hosted by Dr. Christian Jensen. Join us at Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629 -- 410-924-6404. donaldwreynolds@comcast.net

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 7**

**Grocery Bingo at the Cordova Firehouse**. Doors open at 5:45 pm and games begin 6:30 pm. Refreshments are available for purchase. For more information, call Cathy at 410-924-6535.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 8**

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. Meeting from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Fiber Arts Center.

American Legion Post 29 **Bingo games** start at 7:30 pm.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 8 - THURSDAY, APRIL 10

**UFO Stitching Groups**. These fiber artists meet to finish "Unfinished Objects", in other words, if you have a project that you need time to finish, then this is the event for you! For three consecutive days you can work on your own sewing projects and enjoy the fun and camaraderie of other stitchers. The best thing is that you can leave your machine and materials overnight. Cost: members - \$30 per session (3 days), non-members - \$45 per session (3 days). If you buy 3 sessions you get the fourth for free! Reservations are required. Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up 443/448-4611 or at info@fiberartscenter.com.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

The Fiber Arts Center Offering: Knitting, Needlepoint **& Crochet**. Take your knitting, needlepoint and crochet onward from beginner student to the next level. Bring your projects that are in the works or new starts and learn from our fabulous instructors, Alice Engle and Victoria McConnell, how to get through and correct mistakes, confusing techniques, trying new stitches, cast-ons and bind-offs, even starting a brand-new project. With four consecutive Wednesdays and three hours each day, you will make tremendous progress with your technique and confidence. Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Cost: \$5/members, \$10/non-members. Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up at 443/448-4611 or email at info@fiberartscenter.com

American Legion Post 29 **meatball subs and fries** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Cost: \$9



#### 2nd Saturday of the Month Noon until Sold Out

**\$10** includes 1/2 Chicken, roll, pickles, chips



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#### FRIDAY, APRIL 11

**Caroline County Garden Club** meeting at 10:00 am at the Denton branch of the Caroline County Public Library. Guest speaker will be Victor Reynolds of CASA of Caroline. For more information on the meeting, or how to join CCGC, email ccgardenclubinfo@gmail.com or call 410-253-9540.

Join us for our **2025 GOSPEL CONCERT SERIES** from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. We will have The Itzels (Maryland) and Divinity Trio (Indiana). A Love Offering will be taken, and bottled water will be available at no cost (no food in church). For information, call Holiday Park 410-482-6797. ALL ARE WELCOME—BRING A NEIGHBOR/FRIEND. Join us at Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629 -- 410-924-6404. donaldwreynolds@ comcast.net www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org

American Legion Post 29 **fish and shrimp dinner** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Music: Sweet Water from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm.

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

The Fiber Arts Center presents **Mimi Dietrich-Baltimore Hometown Girl Exhibit**. There will be a reception at the Center from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. All are welcome.

**Burrsville Ruritan Club Chicken Barbecue**, drive through pickup event, from 11:00 am until sold out at 1 Ruritan Road, Denton MD. Dinner includes half barbequed chicken, corn on the cob, bag of chips, roll and soda or water. Dinner Cost: \$12 (cash only). For more information, contact Karen at 302-222-2541 or karenstubbs93@gmail.com or George at 443-786-0871 or gbradleyd17@gmail.com. No preorders required.

**The Rural Life Museum**, 16 N. 2nd St., Denton, is open from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. The RLM houses WWI and WWII exhibits, an intact sharecropper's cabin, memorabilia from FDR's visit to Denton in 1938, a wedding cake and dress from a WWII bride, bride dresses from the previous century. Entry is through the Annie Taylor House built in 1819 by a merchant. Also ship models from various eras of Caroline shipbuilding, a display of Indian artifacts found in Caroline County with a map showing where they were found. A docent is on hand for tours. Free to the public but donations are accepted. For more information, call 410-479-2055 (leave a message) or carolinehistory.org.

Walk For the Well of It 5K Race to benefit Lifetime Wells International life-giving fresh water well drilling project in rural villages in Ghana, Africa. Run or walk the 3.1 mile course that is fast and flat within the Town of Ridgely



and surrounding country roads. Race coordination by Seashore Striders PRoductions, Inc. Race starts at 10:00 am. For more information, go to https://runsignup.com/Race/ MD/Denton/WalkForWells5K

The **Caroline County Republican Women** will meet on at 10:00 am. The location has yet to be determined. Please call or text Bobbi R at 410-570-0494 for information. Put CCRW in the subject line. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. There will be a guest speaker.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 13

**Eastern Shore Bluegrass Association** concert at the American Legion Post 29, 9238 Legion Road, Denton. Doors open at 12:30 pm with the Kitchen Pickers performing at 1:00 pm and the featured performers, Billy Harrison & Haywire, at 2:00 pm. This is the last concert of the season.

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 14**

**Caroline County AARP Chapter 915** meets at 12:00 pm, with a covered dish luncheon, at the Church of the Nazarene in Denton. Our speaker this month is Debbie Bowden, publisher of the "Caroline Review". We look forward to learning more about her new direction for the 'Caroline Review". Enjoy free magazines and door prizes. Guests and New Members are welcome. For more information, call 410-482-6039.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 15

American Legion Post 29 **Bingo games** start at 7:00 pm.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

The Fiber Arts Center Offering: Knitting, Needlepoint & Crochet. Take your knitting, needlepoint and crochet onward from beginner student to the next level. Bring your projects that are in the works or new starts and learn from our fabulous instructors, Alice Engle and Victoria McConnell, how to get through and correct mistakes, confusing techniques, trying new stitches, cast-ons and bind-offs, even starting a brand-new project. With four consecutive Wednesdays and three hours each day, you will make tremendous progress with your technique and confidence. Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Cost: \$5/members, \$10/non-members. Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up at 443/448-4611 or email at info@fiberartscenter.com

**American Legion Post 29 wings** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Cost: 6 for \$5, 12 for \$10.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Maundy Thursday service at Union UMC at 7:00 pm.



#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 18**

In Fiber Arts Center Presents Louisa Rose Garden Applique Class. In this class, Kay Butler will be teaching how to reproduce this beautifully hand quilted applique floral quilt with an emphasis on back basting applique. The quilt belongs to owner, Whitney Conard, and dates circa 1860. It has exquisite hand quilted sunflower designs in the alternate quilt blocks and quilted tulip designs in the triangular portions of the quilt. The borders are also beautifully hand quilted and all of these designs have been included in the pattern. The original quilt measures 84 1/2 inches by 69 1/4 inches. The guilt contains 24 appliqued rose blocks which measure at 9 inches square finished and are set on point. Come join us to learn how to reproduce this lovely floral beauty! Cost of class: \$40/members, \$50/ non-members. Cost of pattern: \$40. Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Contact: Kay Butler for questions, supply, fabric requirements and to sign up: 410-829-5136, email: mrs.kay.butler@gmail.com

**Eternal Life Ministries "Good Friday Service"** at 3:00 pm, 807 Market St. Denton, MD. Good Friday Fish Dinner & Crab Cake Dinner. For more information, call 410-714-1087 or 410-725-1484.

**Good Friday Baked Goods Sale** at the Cordova Firehouse from 8:00 am until sold out. For more information, call Belinda at 410-820-1283.

**Kids Bingo** at the Cordova Firehouse from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Cost is \$1 for first card and \$.25 for each extra card. Lunch will be available for purchase. For more information, call Catherine at 443-988-8594.

Merican Legion Post 29 **lasagna, salad and garlic bread** from 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm. Karaoke: Garrett Roe from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm.

Good Friday service at St Paul's UMC at 7:00 pm.

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

**Caroline County Bird Club Bird Walk**. Basic Bird Walk at Tuckahoe State Park. Leaders: Debby Bennett & Friends. Meet at the boat ramp parking lot at 8:00 am.

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#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

**Resurrection Sunday services** at Calvary Baptist Church. Starting at 7:00 am we will have an Easter Sunrise Service at 9005 Pealiquor Dr., Denton, MD 21629... Coffee, Music, and Message. At 10:00 am there is Bible Study for all ages at the church. Starting at 11:00 am we will have Resurrection Sunday Celebration with Choir, Special Music, JESUS MESSIAH, and Message. We also host Junior Church (Ages 5-11) and a great Nursery. NO OTHER SERVICES FOLLOW ON SUNDAY. ALL ARE WELCOME—BRING A NEIGHBOR/FRIEND. Join us at Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629. 410-924-6404. donaldwreynolds@comcast.net

**Sunrise Service in the outdoor chapel** area at St Paul's UMC at 6:30 am.

**Easter Eggstravaganza at Greater Impact**, 13699 Greensboro Rd, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Free event,

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**Resurrection Sunday Celebration Service** at Lakeview Fellowship Church of God. 230 Hess Frontage Road, Grasonville. Service starts at 10:30 am.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 22**

The **Caroline County Branch of the NAACP** 2025-2026 branch officers are the Executive branch members: Sherone Lewis-President, Vanice L. Myers-Vice President, Janet Fountain-Treasurer, Alfreda Dennis-Bowyer-Secretary, Stephanie Kellum-Assistant Secretary; and the At Large Executive Committee Members are: Berl Lovelace, Darlene Lovelace, Savannah Britt, Norma Robinson, Doretha Coursey, Patrice Flamer, and A. Michele Wayman. We are honored to have the mentorship of Dr. Willie Woods.The NAACP general membership meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 pm. If you would like to learn more about the Caroline County NAACP, visit our website at www.carolinenaacp.org. Feel free to send an email to naacpcaroline7013b@gmail.com.



American Legion Post 29 **Bingo** starts at 7:00 pm.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

American Legion Post 29 **sliders and chips** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Cost: \$9

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 24**

The Fiber Arts Center Offering **The Stars and Bars Tote Bag Class**. Show your patriotic style with this fun tote! It is ideal for running errands during a busy day. The tote has a zipper keeping the tote closed so nothing can fall out! Plus, there are two pockets to hold necessities. The finished size is approximately 17 inches wide x 13 3/4 inches high x 3 1/2 inches deep. The double-sided fusible foam stabilizer makes the tote sturdy! An advanced beginning knowledge of sewing is required for this project. Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Instructor: Priscilla Hodge. Cost: Member/\$60.00, Non-Member/\$70.00. Supply list and special BEFORE THE CLASS instructions are on the website www.fiberartscenter. com. Please call Kathleen at 443-448-4611 to sign up for this super fun class or email at info@fiberartscenter.com.

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 25**

**Medina's Applique Floral Garden; Session 4** with Kay Butler. Adelina's Flower Garden is a mid-nineteenth century New York appliqued quilt with a folk-art appearance to the blocks. You will have the opportunity to create this lovely quilt as we delve into the world of back basting applique. The floral quilt contains 12 applique blocks each measuring 22 inches square. For the first session, we will be



focusing on four floral blocks. Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Cost: \$60/members, \$75/non-members. Class Supply List https://fiberartscenter.com/upcoming/.

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

Safe Sitter-Essentials with CPR for ages 11 – 13. From 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at UM Shore Medical Center at Easton, Health Education Center, Classroom C/D, 219 S. Washington Street, Easton, MD. Class fee is \$50 and includes Safe Sitter Kit. Students should bring a lunch. Register early, as classes fill quickly. To register, email Gladys Peeples at Gladys.Peeples@umm.edu. For questions, call Stephanie Blades at 410-822-1000, ext. 5234.

Ridgely Vol Fire Dept **Fundraiser "Indoor Yard Sale".** Cost: \$15 per spot. Time: 7:00 am – 1:00 pm. Breakfast available. Call Tammy for more info at 443-786-9266.

**St. Benedict's Old Fashioned Eastern Shore Bull & Oyster Roast** Buffet from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm at St. Benedict Parish Hall, Ridgely, MD. Buffet will be open from 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Cost is \$40 per person, kids 12 and under are free. Tables of 8 available for \$300. Contact the St. Benedict Parish Office to sign-up and purchase tickets 410-634-2253 or parishoffice@beparish.com. Music, Dancing, Cash Bar, Chance Auction, Raffles & Games and more. www. beparish.com. Continued Save the Date! **Talbot Kennel Club** will be hosting its 1st **Annual Open House** in cooperation with Caroline County Humane Society from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at 405 W. Belle Road, Unit 6, Ridgely, MD. Demos, talk with instructors, Bayside Dogs food truck. For more information, contact Talbot Kennel Club at 410-820-1229. Please leave your canine companions at home.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 29**

**"Lunch & Learn with Fleegle & Helfenbein".** Come have lunch on us at Fisherman's Inn, Grasonville, MD from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm and discover unique ways to honor a loved one, planning in advance and how you can save your family thousands! Seating is limited. To register please give us a call at 410-604-3862.



American Legion Post 29 Bingo starts at 7:00 pm.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

American Legion Post 29 chicken or beef tacos from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Cost: \$9.

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Robert Shaffer and Kelly N. Shaffer to Saltwater Investments, Inc, \$170,000, 3995 American Corner Road, Federalsburg.

Susan M. Covington, Personal Representative of the Estate of John Mosley, III, before the Register of Wills for Talbot County, Maryland, Estate No. 23941 to Monica Rose Loeffler, \$135,000, 405 W. Central Avenue, Federalsburg.

Ngoc Nguyen to Tina Evans and Kaitlyn Evanas, \$260,000, 411 North Sixth Street, Denton.

Dale Ann Adams to CLC Solutions, Inc, \$150,000, 510 North Main Street, Greensboro.

Bronte Yvette Kabad and Chazaq Yaresh Kabad to Brian W. Pincin and Paul Trambarulo, \$185,000, 311 Main Street, Marydel.

Patrick D. Papineau, Sr. to Ronald James Ray, \$260,000, 1223 Fairfield Court, Denton.

Nicole Carrion, Personal Representative of Estate of Jonathan

Lee Carrion and Curtis Ryan Potts to Zulfiqar Ali Khan and Naveed Khan, \$160,000, 4845 Houston Branch Road, Federalsburg.

Kia D. McKinney to Patrice Shane Taylor, \$400,000, 1502 Cattail Commons Way, Denton.

Colin C. Durner, Personal Representative of The Estate of Maureen T. Duggan-Cassidy to Craig Raymond Kelley and Lauren Marie Chilcoat, \$335,000, 100 South 7th Street & 608 Franklin Street, Denton.

Steven Kijak and Melanie Kijak to Hunters Chance, LLC, \$385,000, 318 Morning Glory Drive, Denton.

Alwinta D. Lake and Rodney J. Neal, Jr. to Jessica Bueres and Antonio Bueres, \$25,000, 26471 Three Bridges Road, Federalsburg.

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Henry A. Spies, IV and Cynthia L. Hoffman, formerly known as Cynthia L. Spies to Gregory N. Turner, \$900,000, 4014 Poplar Neck Road, Preston.

Florence Back to Rausheen Tyayre Lively, Sr, \$180,000, 203 N. Main Street, Greensboro.

Chad M. Hicks and Angela M. Hicks, formerly known as Angela M. DiGiovine to Juan Alberto Gonzalez and Hilce Gonzalez, \$399,000, 5576 Harmony Woods Drive, Preston.

Kent B. Miller and Joyce R. Miller to Charles Daffin and Margaret Daffin, \$756,000, 23278 Holly Park, Preston.

Dawn Dice, Trustee of Gary E. Waltemeyer Irrevocable Trust dated January 17, 2022 to Kelly Ferguson and Ruth Garcia, \$335,000, 111 Fooks Avenue, Preston.

Chandler Christine Mead f/k/a Chandler Christine Johnson to Elaine Ferraro, \$299,900, 106 Noble Avenue, Preston.

Daniel B. Foster, Trustee of The Daniel B Foster Revocable Trust dated June 30, 2021 to Robert Henry Scott, \$379,900, 1111 Trice Meadows Circle, Denton.

Dawn Jester and Dennis Payne as PErsonal Representatives of The Estate of Edna Marie Payne F/K/A Marie D. Payne to Collier Enterprises, LLC, \$230,000, 308 Buena Vista Avenue, Federalsburg.

David Ruiz and Susana Mabel Flores to Christian Shipley and Syntyche Shipley, \$350,000, 315 West Sunset Avenue, Greensboro.

Patricia Clark to Hermann L. Rudolph and Katie M. Rudolph, \$489,000, 7508 Harmony Road, Preston.

Bayland, Inc to Evelins Antojitos Latinos, LLC, \$40,000, Lot 1 Sunset Ave, Greensboro.

Nancy L. Adams to Angela Hicks and Chad Hicks, \$460,000, 22959 Lyn Oaks Drive, Preston.

Glanden Construction, LLC to Robert P. Copsey and Joyce E. Copsey, \$469,000, 22700 Thawley Road, Denton.

Anne C. Ogletree, Successor Personal Representative of the Estate of Thomas Wesley Corkell, JR to Michael Lee Corkell and Judy Corkell, \$233,405.28, 26955 Anthony Mill Road, Denton.

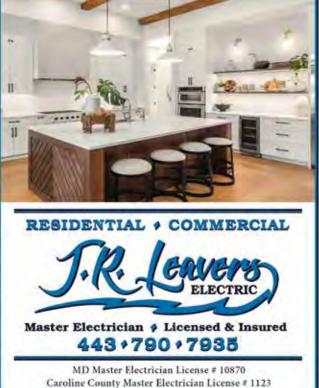
Joshua D. Rein and Tiffany Leigh Rein to Brendin Gestole, \$193,125, 213 South 6th Street, Denton.

Dennis J. Farina and Joanne M. Farina to Tierra K. Edwards and Jason T. Edwards, \$133,000, 301 Franklin Street, Denton.

Dan E. Walker, JR, Remainderman, Theresa L. Beauchamp, Remainderman, Julia A. Scudder, Remainderman, and Nancy M. Robinson, Remainderman to Carl Wakeland and Melinda Marie Wakeland, \$290,000, 2746 Owens Drive, Federalsburg.

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Roger W. Johnson Sr to Antoinnette Johnson-Ball and Tunisha R. Royal-Scott, \$50,000, 2.893 AC L-2 SE/S MD RTE 313 S, Greensboro.

JV Land Holdings, LLC to Luqman Ali and Ikrah Ullah, \$409,900, 1207 Trice Meadows Circle, Denton.

Christine Baker, Personal Representative of the Estate of Gloria Jean Baker to Lewis Riley Stutzman, \$310,000, 12974 Greensboro Road, Greensboro.

Tyler M. Jarrell and Natalee N. Moran to April Arford, \$220,000, 611 Market Street, Denton.

Kelly T. Lord (formerly known as Kelly Leigh Trader) to Dean F. Tilghman and Wendy T. Tilghman, \$120,000, 313 Holt St, Federalsburg.

Joseph Bret Shortall and Barton Davis Shortall, Personal Representatives of Estate of Joseph F. Shortall, Jr to Lucinda Sanders, \$299,000, 9792 Foy Road, Denton.

Alexander R. Breeding, Falynn D. Breeding and Mary Jo Shaffer to Seth E. Brennick, \$239,000, 350 Deep Shore Road, Denton. HNB Investment Properties LLC to Walter L. Taylor, Jr and Starr Lynn Taylor, \$385,000, 15218 Westbridge Court, Henderson.

Nancy S. Hildebrand, sole surviving Tenant by the Entirety of Brian C. Hildebrand, who died on November 25, 2007 to Osita Ibe, \$430,000, 25132 Adams Landing Road, Denton.

Thomas C. Scott, JR to William M. Moberly and Kimberly N. Moberly, \$365,000, 8614 Andersontown Road, Denton.

Lee Nash McMahan and Melanie R. McMahan to Harmon William West and Kinnereth Ellentuck West, \$1,060,000, 8072 Martin Lane & Parcel No. 221 Martin Lane, Denton.

Romulus International LLC to Jasmine S. Murray, \$42,999, Lot 1E Hill Top Road, Federalsburg.

Mary L. Vonville to Michael T. Kelly, \$225,000, 325 Carter Avenue, Denton.

Highlander Development, LLC to Mary L. Vonville and Jesse L. Vonville, \$299,000, 125 S Fourth Street, Denton.

Ronny K. Largent and Cheryl A. Hudson-Largent to CMH Homes, INC, \$95,000, Lot 7 Overlook Drive, Greensboro.



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Ashworth LLC, 24774 Tribbett Cir, New Building

Ferracane Sam Jr, Jennifer A Ferracane, 10767 Collinswood Dr, Swimming Pool/Hot Tub

Young Mi Lee, 7067 American Corner Rd, Solar Energy System

Stephen A Izaguirre, Marryanne Izaguirre, 5940 Newton Rd, Remodel/Renovation

Susanna B Cesarini, 24561 Burnt Mill Rd, Foundation Only

CMH Homes Inc, 12104 Overlook Dr, New Building

Ronald J & Bonnie Niebuhr, 11562 Holly Rd, Pole Building

Mike J Konoski, 28140 Bridgeville Rd, Pole Building

TIlghman Erin Alanna O'neill, 12545 Ridgely Rd, Addition

George Etal Taschler, Karen L Etal Bell, 7006 Breeding Rd, Carport

Richard A Southard, 3630 Houston Branch Rd, Pole Building

Cedar Lane Farm LLC, 24354 Bridgetown Rd, Agricultural Building

Doris A Grable, 12847 River Rd, Pole Building

Mark Bailey, 23853 Holsinger Ln, Solar Energy System

Newton Douglas James Jr Etal, 5798 Newton Rd, New Building

Garey Edward Quidas, Rhonda F Quidas, 21779 Tanyard Rd, Deck

Collins Richard Jr, Gina S Collins, 12317 Bowen Dr, New Building

CMH Homes Inc, 12104 Overlook Dr, Pole Building Continued



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Thomas J Cornelia, Celeste Rose Cornelia, 22291 Butler Ct, Pole Building

Phillip Hausler, Therese Hausler, 20789 Frazier Point Ln, Shoreline Work

Patrick M Bilbrough, Ann E Bilbrough, 24701 Tribbett Cir, Remodel/Renovation

BML Contracting LLC, 3345 Gallagher Rd, New Building

Sarratt Curtis H Trustee, 3523 Eagle Dr, New Building

S&H Holdings LLC, 24150 Shore Hwy, Pole Building

Faye Marie Sterling, Michael Lee Sterling, 2687 Choptank Main St, Remodel/Renovation

John and Penny Osborne, 13392 N Quail Ct, New Building

John R Tapponnier, Marie E Tapponnier, 25817 Hunters Point Ln, Solar Energy System Blair R Carmean, Cheryl A Carmean, 22750 Fleming Rd, New Building

Jenna R Norris, Seth B Norris, 24621 Mill Creek Ln, Pole Building

Joan Louise Breeding, Catherine Louise Breeding, 23304 Cow Barn Rd, Solar Energy System

Ricardo Ramirez Munoz, 16450 Henderson Rd, Shed

Guy Allen Etal Haffner, Barbara Fay Etal Haffner, 25156 Pealiquor Rd, Agricultural Building

Betch John Andrew SR, Peggy H Betch, 26090 Shults Rd, Agricultural Building

Harmony Properties LLC, 5549 Harmony Woods Dr, New Building

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Linda Tripp, 27285 Boyce Mill Rd, Pole Building

Wayne Robert Coles, 17780 Cool Spring Rd, Pole Building

Jana M Stockhausen, 10949 Holt Ct, Addition

Dora L Landis, George W Landis, 24759 Bridgetown Rd, Solar Energy System

Fitchett Randolph Jr, Joyce Ann Fitchett, 23948 Holsinger Ln, Solar Energy System

Warren A Frase, Mary A Frase, 24351 Auction Rd, Agricultural Building

Alicia M Dulin, Jeffrey H Ciprich, 10813 Greensboro Rd, Pole Building

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#### **April Tide Table**

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

Date		АМ				РМ		
1	5:09	Lo	11:33	Hi	5:53	Lo	11:35	Hi
2	5:57	Lo	12:23	Hi	6:43	Lo		
3	12:22	Hi	6:47	Lo	1:12	Hi	7:33	Lo
4	1:09	Hi	7:38	Lo	2:02	Hi	8:23	Lo
5	2:00	Hi	8:31	Lo	2:53	Hi	9:14	Lo
6	2:55	Hi	9:25	Lo	3:47	Hi	10:06	Lo
7	3:55	Hi	10:21	Lo	4:43	Hi	10:59	Lo
8	4:59	Hi	11:17	Lo	5:39	Hi	11:51	Lo
9	6:02	Hi	12:14	Lo	6:33	Hi		
10	12:43	Lo	7:01	Hi	1:09	Lo	7:24	Hi
11	1:33	Lo	7:55	Hi	2:03	Lo	8:12	Hi
12	2:20	Lo	8:44	Hi	2:54	Lo	8:57	Hi
13	3:06	Lo	9:28	Hi	3:42	Lo	9:39	Hi
14	3:50	Lo	10:10	Hi	4:28	Lo	10:18	Hi
15	4:33	Lo	10:50	Hi	5:13	Lo	10:56	Hi
16	5:16	Lo	11:30	Hi	5:58	Lo	11:32	Hi
17	5:59	Lo	12:09	Hi	6:43	Lo		
18	12:09	Hi	6:43	Lo	12:50	Hi	7:30	Lo
19	12:48	Hi	7:30	Lo	1:34	Hi	8:17	Lo
20	1:31	Hi	8:19	Lo	2:20	Hi	9:07	Lo
21	2:22	Hi	9:12	Lo	3:11	Hi	9:57	Lo
22	3:21	Hi	10:08	Lo	4:05	Hi	10:48	Lo
23	4:28	Hi	11:06	Lo	5:02	Hi	11:39	Lo
24	5:35	Hi	12:06	Lo	6:00	Hi		
25	12:31	Lo	6:40	Hi	1:06	Lo	6:55	Hi
26	1:22	Lo	7:40	Hi	2:04	Lo	7:49	Hi
27	2:13	Lo	8:36	Hi	2:59	Lo	8:42	Hi
28	3:03	Lo	9:30	Hi	3:52	Lo	9:33	Hi
29	3:52	Lo	10:22	Hi	4:42	Lo	10:23	Hi
30	4:42	Lo	11:13	Hi	5:32	Lo	11:12	Hi

Add or subtract hours and/or minutes as indicated:

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



## **IN MEMORIAM**

#### **BOLDEN-TILGHMAN MORTUARY SERVICE**

February 7, Naomi Octavia (Wayman) Thomas, 82, Denton February 15, Kenneth Eugene Dawson Jr., 65, Easton February 18, Jacqueline Kay (Skipper) Perser, 75, Federalsburg

#### **MOORE FUNERAL HOME**

February 6, Elizabeth "Betsy" Lillian Wood, 82, Denton February 7, Betty Lou Schall (Ruth), 69, Denton February 8, Adam Nathan Jackson Anders, 21, Queen Anne February 14, Henry Francis Addison Callahan, Jr., "Sonny", 88, Denton

February 25, Edward D. Rehbein, Sr., 79, Preston February 27, Ruth Trainer Asche, 99, Denton

#### FRAMPTOM FUNERAL HOME

February 1, Richard Nelson Garner, Jr., 75, Federalsburg February 3, Alice Karen Gray, 81, Preston February 9, Lawrence Edward "Shorty" Passwaters, 83, Federalsburg February 11, Lillian Sharon Carels, 74, Bethlehem February 15, Carol Arlene Robinson, 97, Federalsburg February 25, Lisa Marie Golt, 62, Preston February 26, Terri Virginia Marvel, 65, Ridgely February 28, Timothy Charles Williams, 65, Federalsburg

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February 8, William Robert Shockley Jr., 65, Goldsboro February 10, Roxanne Hill, 56, Denton February 16, Mary Alice Crouch, 59, Cordova February 23, Deborah Ann Arthur, 74, Greensboro February 26, Margaret B Ebling (Peggy), 95, Ridgely

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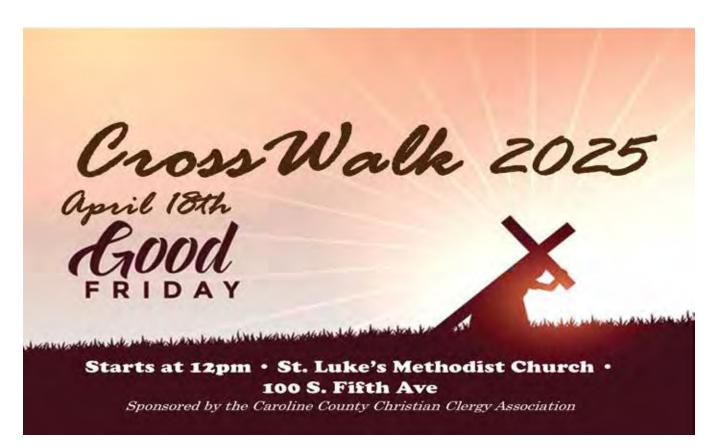


In 2007, 50-year-old Wesley Autrey of New York City was standing on a subway platform when he saw a man nearby suffer a seizure and fall onto the tracks. As the light of an oncoming train appeared, Autrey made a split-second decision. Leaving his two young daughters on the platform, he leapt in front of the train and pinned the man to the ground as the train rumbled overhead, saving the man's life. When asked later why he risked his life for a stranger, Autrey replied, "I did what I felt was right."

Just prior to his sacrificial death on the cross, Jesus told his followers that "Greater love has no "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." -John 15:13

one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:3). As we enter the days leading up to Jesus' death on the cross (Good Friday) and subsequent resurrection (Easter Sunday), we commemorate the greatest demonstration of love ever, that "while we were still sinners" – still powerless to save ourselves – "Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for one another. This is the GREATEST LOVE!



# **Caroline Review Word Puzzle**

### **Fire Fighting**

Circle words forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally. Bracketed words are not in the puzzle.

т	Ε	Ν	D	Ε	R	Ε	S	W	0	В	Ε	L	L	R	С	G	Κ	W
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F	R	L	В	С	С	V	L	Ν	Μ	В	F	R	G	Ν	Κ	L	J	D
R	Ε	Н	S	I	U	G	Ν	I	Т	Χ	Ε	Ε	V	Α	Ρ	U	G	F
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G	I	W	U	R	U	Ε	D	Μ	С	Ν	Α	R	D	Ρ	Ε	Т	R	Т
G	W	Α	R	S	0	Ν	L	D	Т	R	Ζ	D	Ν	Μ	Н	0	Ν	Ε
Μ	V	Ρ	Ρ	G	Н	L	Т	Ε	J	W	Α	Υ	Т	U	С	L	Т	R
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В	Ρ	Н	F	Ρ	R	Ε	С	0	Ν	Ν	Ε	С	Т	S	Α	Н	В	F
F	G	0	Ν	0	I	Т	Α	Т	S	Κ	Ν	Ε	Α	Н	Ε	D	L	L
J	Α	W	S	0	F	L	I	F	Ε	G	Α	V	L	Α	S	I	Ε	Ρ

Aerial (Apparatus) Apparatus Arson Breathing (Apparatus) Brush Chief Command (Center) Crane Crash Rig Deluge Gun Egress FDC (Fire) Bell (Fire) Brigade (Fire) Control (Panel) (Fire) Department (Fire) Engine (Fire) Extinguisher (Fire) Hose (Fire) Hydrant (Fire) Station Fire (Truck) Firefighter Firehouse Floodlights Foam Halotron Hazardous (Materials) Hook (and Ladder) Jaws of Life Ladder Mobile Platform (Trucks) Pneumatic (Portable Water) Tank Preconnects Pumper Quint (Engine) Riser Salvage Search (and Rescue) Tanker (Truck) Telescopic (Ladder) Tiller (Truck) Tower Turntable (Ladder) (Water) Bowser (Water) Rescue (Water) Tender Wildfire



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