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*Local autuer
Matthew Winstead
(center) brings his
take of Dr. Jekyll and
Mr. Hyde to the
Eastern Shore.*

Just Take a Minute

Debbie Bowden - Publisher

I was fortunate in my upbringing to have parents who worked hard and played well, who were civically minded and neighborly. Upon each of their passing, I did myself a favor and memorialized the qualities of both mom and dad that influenced me the most.

At the top of the list for both parents was a sense of humor.

Each parent showed humor in different ways. My mom could tell a story -- (she was from Caroline County, so it was preordained that she spin a good yarn), and her laugh was infectious and bold and robust and loud! She found the funny in everyday events and in well crafted jokes (most of the time very blue) that she could land with timing and precision of a surgeon.

Dad, on the other hand, was more reserved, and he appreciated the absurd. His humor was as dry as a well aged Riesling. He was also a "sneak attacker." We would be sitting around the dinner table, chatting, carrying on, and he would quietly say something so funny, so extraordinary just out of the blue that we all sat to savor the words and delivery -- and then bust a gut laughing.

The old saying, "laughter is the best medicine," rings true. I sometimes get in my head and forget to "take my medicine." When that happens, I stop, find a joke on the interwebs, or watch a cat video, or cut up with friends, so that I'm getting a big dose of what will make me feel better!



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Local filmmaker has new take on a classic story in 'Hyde'

By Angela Price



Upcoming independent film “Hyde” is in post-production and expected to be released later this year, according to local writer and director Matthew Winstead.

“Hyde” is a modern retelling Robert Louis Stevenson’s classic novella, “The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.” The 1886 gothic horror story explored the duality of human nature, of good vs. evil. Winstead learned in 2012 the story was in the public domain, and he started thinking about what that might look like today. He has taken the concept and given it a modern twist. He said he wanted to tell a different story on the same structure.



Matthew Winstead wrote and directed a different telling of the “The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,” story in HYDE. Courtesy of Matthew Winstead

“Instead of a scientist taking a potion, what if it’s a very successful lawyer who is also a family man, but then tragedy strikes and he begins to spiral into darkness and drug addiction,” Winstead said. “The drugs transform him into a hideous monster from the inside out.”

Winstead finished the script and started work on the project several times, but it never came to fruition until now.

“I’ve always been a big movie lover,” he said. Movies spoke to him; he loved the storytelling. “They were a release, an escape.”

At one point he had more than 1,500 movies in his collection (now digital). So, it made sense that writing movies became his hobby and something he loves to do. “I have so many scripts. It’s easier for me to create dialog in my head (than to write a book); it just flows.”

Winstead grew up on the Eastern Shore and spent a lot of his childhood with his grandparents in Ridgely. He also lived in Strasburg, Va., for eight years. He moved back to the Shore in 2021 and reconnected with an old friend, David Draper Jr. They had taken theater and writing classes together while students at Easton High School.

Draper asked if Winstead had ever thought about making a movie; Winstead showed Draper some of his scripts. When Draper read “Hyde,” he said it was the one they should make.

Draper stars as the title character, Edward Hyde, and is credited as producer.

For other characters and extras, they put out a casting call through Facebook. They were surprised at how many people showed up, people who wanted to help bring Winstead’s vision to life.

“Avra Sullivan of Preston, co-founder of the Shore Shakespeare group, had the whole script memorized the first day,” Winstead said. Sullivan plays Sarah Hyde, Edward’s wife.

Holly Justice of Ridgely, owner of GlamHer and Co. Beauty and Body Bar, quickly earned an expanded role as Detective Johanna Utterson.

Two local kids were cast: Conner Parker as Dylan Hyde, and Jonathan Paul Yttesen as Jack.

The story was initially much darker, but with kids involved, Winstead said he found himself revising the script again,

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Avra Sullivan, left, and David Draper Jr. in a scene from "Hyde." Courtesy of Matthew Winstead

taking out some curse words and changing one scene completely. He was pleased with the revision, saying the changes helped broaden audience appeal.

"As more people got involved, I thought this is going to be a big deal," he said. "This turned out to be a more monstrous project than I realized."

Shooting started in February 2024 and wrapped up in December 2024.

Winstead's brother Mitch filled the roles of camera man, music composer, editor, and was generally the driving force behind the scenes, he said.

Winstead makes a brief appearance in the film, and his brothers have non-speaking cameos, but the movie is especially important to him and his family because his late grandfather, Mallory B. Winstead, is in it.

His grandfather was always willing to help with his projects, Winstead said, and he appears as a priest in a funeral scene shot in Ridgely Cemetery last May. Originally the plan was just to play a music montage for the clip, so no dialog was written for it. He told his grandfather just to read from the Bible so they could capture the image of him speaking, but his grandfather created and delivered a fake eulogy for the character being buried.

After Mallory B. Winstead's unexpected death in September 2024, filming stopped for about three weeks. When they got back to work on the movie, Winstead decided he wanted to include part of the eulogy in tribute.

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Cast and crew of Hyde, from left: Connor Parker, Mitch Winstead, Gary Pinder, Matthew Winstead, Patrick Draper, Holly Justice, David Draper Jr., Daniel MacFarland Jr., Avra Sullivan, Jonathan Paul Yttesen. Photo by Mickey Pullen

Viewers will have the opportunity to spot local friends and places when the film debuts. Winstead said they shot several scenes in Ridgely and Queen Anne. They also shot in Preston, Easton, St. Michaels, and Salisbury here on the Shore. Both the opening and final scenes were shot in Virginia.

"I love taking pieces of places and making a fictional place, a fictional town," Winstead said.

While Winstead said he has made a bunch of amateur, camcorder movies with friends, "Hyde" is his first professional film.

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Trivia on the movie Facebook page notes the opening credit sequence for "Hyde" pays homage to two of Winstead's favorite movies, "The Shining" and "Beetlejuice." He said he was influenced by the thrillers of the 1990s. Other favorites include "Pacific Heights," "Silence of the Lambs," "The Good Son," and the original "Halloween."

As Studio 29 Films, Winstead said he has invested \$6,000 to \$7,000 into the movie, "and we're not done yet."

By mid-April editing was complete and work had started on sound design and effects.

"The audio really only collected dialog," Winstead explained. They have to record and splice every little sound -- the creak of a couch cushion, the sound of a glass being placed on a table -- to add depth. But that process goes much faster than the film editing, he said. Then the movie will be sent off to be colored, a two-week process. Once the coloring is done, they'll create and release an official trailer -- most likely late summer.

Independent singer-songwriter Eric Karge of Preston will mix and master sound and audio. Karge was named Maryland Country Music Artist of the Year in 2014 and spent some time in Nashville. His music can be found on YouTube. He has mixed and mastered songs before; "Hyde" will be his first movie.

When post-production work is done, Winstead plans to hold a private screening of "Hyde" for the cast and crew. He said he is looking into Flagship Cinemas in Easton for the premiere.

For the film to reach the public, Winstead said they are considering streaming services, like Amazon Prime, Tubi, and/or Hulu. Then they want to take "Hyde" to some film festivals as well, with Ocean City, Winchester, Va., and New Jersey on the list.

"This is our movie; it's definitely a group effort," Winstead said. "I appreciate each and every person who came on set. I've had the honor of meeting a lot of talented people."



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SMILEY WEIBER LIVES IN HER FAITH, FOR HER SERVICE, AND TO HELP HER FUR BABIES

By Kennedy Thomason



Most people spend their entire lives waiting to meet a real bonafide angel. But anyone in Greensboro will tell you that all it takes is to have a seat at Tenchi Spanish American Kitchen and pray you get the blonde waitress, the one rightly called Smiley.

Smiley admitted that she's been called an angel on Earth more than once, but she laughs it off and says "I always tell people my halo is bent and it's been through the recycling about 100 times!" She got this reputation by being "full of love and compassion, always ready to encourage and uplift," as Tenchi owner Nick Wake puts it.

Smiley, whose real name is Eleanor Weiber for anyone wondering, was raised in the small neighborhood of Margate in Glen Burnie, Maryland. "I didn't realize we were poor,

because we always had food and things like that. My daddy had, like, three different jobs, and my mom was a stay-at-home mom. But it was very nice," she said, "I remember my father raised chickens and vegetables, and I would help collect all the vegetables, and we would sit by the fence and get the nickels and quarters helping him sell the vegetables on the property."

Besides her mom and dad, Smiley lived at home with her sister and twin brothers. "When I was really little I would help my dad with the chickens and I always liked to shake my mom's rugs and clean. I always liked to clean. And I loved to rock. I'd sit on the back porch and just rock and rock and rock and look at the stars." But Smiley says she wasn't always so fond of her family's simple life, "sometimes I would kind of lie instead, like, 'I live in that house over there' because I guess I was embarrassed we had a poor little house."

Smiley's mother suffered from debilitating health problems that caused her to be in constant pain and even left her wheelchair-bound, but she "never complained one time." She called both of her parents extremely hardworking – which just might be where she gets it from.

Her first waitressing gig was at a small diner, where her father got her a job when she was 14. "My sister would say 'Smiley, you work with all these girls going to college. They're going to be an attorney, a nurse, they're going to do this. What are you going to do?' I'm like, I'm going to be a waitress because that's what I love to do," and so that's what she did.

To Smiley, waitressing is more than serving food and drinks. It's an opportunity to serve the Lord – something she is incredibly passionate about. "I wouldn't want to do anything else, because it's one one-on-one with the people and they touch your heart. You wait on all walks of life, and we get to talk about Jesus and the animals."

"Animals" in this context references her famous collection of rescue cats, but we'll get to that later.

Smiley moved to Caroline County in 1997 and has been here ever since. She raised her daughter, Melissa Lynn, here and has worked at a handful of local hotspots like the now-defunct Snappy's Bar and Grill in Denton. Her interview



Smiley Weiber at Tenchi.
Photo by Kennedy Thomason

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process for a serving position at Tenchi was quite unusual, "When we first came to look at the restaurant, interested in possibly opening a business, we found a note taped to the back door. It was in a small envelope, and inside it said, "I have worked here and in restaurants for a very long time; I love people, and if you open a restaurant here, please call me. I would love to work for you. - Smiley." We did indeed call her; she was our first employee," Wake said. Smiley says she has never been one to jump ship – most of her job moves have been due to her employer going out of business. But she has found her forever home at Tenchi, "I'm not going anywhere... I always tell people, we're going up in the rapture in the [Tenchi] food truck!"

Not a shift goes by that Smiley doesn't pray over, with, for, or about someone at the restaurant – "I always say by the time they leave, they'll either have dessert or get saved," she jokes. "It's just something that flows out of me from the Holy Spirit, that even sometimes when you don't make a tip and you wait on one person, it's just like a preacher going to church, and the congregation isn't that big, but if you can touch that one person and they plant that seed and goes on and on and on and, yeah, it's a beautiful thing."

Even if you have four legs instead of two, you're in luck, because she will cherish you just the same. As alluded to earlier, Smiley transcends the title of animal lover. "She's Continued



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truly the cat lady down the street who loves every animal that has ever existed,” Wake noted, “she spends her days helping, rescuing, or caring for various animals.” From turtles to birds to whitetail deer, Smiley has made it her personal mission to ensure every one of “God’s creatures” is treated with care and respect. The State Highway Administration probably owes her back pay for all the roadkill she has given a proper burial. But rescuing cats is her forte.

She says that when she first moved to the Eastern Shore, she noticed that there was a big stray animal problem due to all of the barn cats and dogs. So she started “saving them and getting them fixed,” and it has grown from there. “I’ve taken the ones who’ve been abandoned and no one wants. Some have very bad behavioral problems and some have cancer. So the ones I take in nobody wants, kind of like how God is like he knows you’re worth something. He believed in me and saved me. So I wanted to save his creatures, and that’s what I continue to do.”

In addition to running her own miniature rescue, Smiley is always supporting the Caroline County Humane Society in any way she can. Wake made sure to mention that, “over the eight years we have been here, she has helped raise thousands of dollars for the Humane Society, and she makes sure that every year we help get some of her furry friends adopted around Christmas time.” Wake also sets up yearly birthday fundraisers for the Humane Society in Smiley’s honor.

To say that Smiley would give the shirt off her back to help anyone (human or animal) in need would be an understatement. But despite her dedication and obvious impact on the community, Smiley remains humble, saying “I fall short every day.”

She truly loves all of her Caroline County customers, whom she collectively describes as “Tightly knit, sometimes opinionated, but so down to Earth and have worked hard all their life.”

“I’ve worked with hundreds of people throughout my career in the restaurant industry, and she is one of, if not the most, dedicated person to making each customer smile. I don’t think she even realizes her impact on each person she serves. It’s truly special to witness and be a part of each day.”

When she considers the advice she’d give to someone else (because who wouldn’t want to be more like Smiley?), she thinks back to those early days on her family’s tiny farm in Margate. “We all wish we could go back in time, and I wish I would have been better to my mom and dad when I went through my teenage years... and I hope I get to tell them in Heaven.” She also stressed that it’s “never too late to forgive someone” and not to “take each day for granted.”

Wake will tell you that Smiley’s presence “is a gentle reminder of what truly matters—faith, kindness, and hope.” But if you ask Smiley herself, she simply says, “I just ramble on and love God’s people and creatures.”

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'Mr. Webby' looks back on 64 years as a volunteer firefighter

By Connie Connolly



DENTON – For 64 years, John Webster of Denton served his community as a volunteer firefighter.

While he no longer goes out on calls, Webster, 86, stays active with Denton Volunteer Fire Company as a trustee. He expects he'll be driving a fire truck in August during Summerfest to give kids and the young at heart a thrilling ride through town.

While May 4 is National Firefighters Appreciation Day,

appreciating "Mr. Webby," as he is affectionately known, isn't limited to one day a year. A DVFC Facebook post in August 2024 declared, "Mr. Webby leads by example and is an incredible mentor to all our members."

DVFC members recognized Webster's many years of service on two milestone anniversaries.

For his 50th anniversary as a firefighter, they gave him a commemorative white chief's helmet emblazoned with a large gold shield honoring his service.

For his 60th anniversary with the company, officers and members presented him with a hose nozzle mounted as a trophy "to commemorate a momentous accomplishment that many will attempt, but few will achieve."

"So, I don't know what it'll be at 70, if I hang around," Webster said, laughing.

In his large, comfortable American foursquare home on 5th Avenue, Webster still listens daily to the emergency scanner with his orange tabby cat Tommy purring by his side. An antique hoosier houses his firefighting memorabilia, and Cat's Meow collectibles perch on all the door headers. A wood stove in the living room that's heated his home for 50 years is fueled by the logs two of his three sons supply and stack for him. Antique cast iron fire marks dot the brick wall behind the stove.

Rural Maryland roots

Webster was born on a small farm that bordered a train track and trestle in the rolling hills of rural Harford County, where his family has deep roots. He married his high school sweetheart Carol Hanna on April 9, 1960, and they soon moved to Caroline County after he accepted a teaching job at North Caroline High School. He and Carol called Denton home and raised three sons, Mark, Mike and Marty. The couple enjoyed 57 years of marriage until Carol passed away in 2017.

While Webster taught vocational agricultural and some mechanical subjects, Carol earned her degrees and taught elementary and middle school math for 33 years. A college friend asked him for help with his swimming pool business in the mid-1960s, so Webster worked for him part-time. He resigned from teaching after nine years, became a partner in



Denton Volunteer Fire Company veteran firefighter John

Webster is surrounded by his commemorative anniversary gifts, a wedding photo of him with his late wife Carol and firefighting collectibles at his home in Denton. Photo by Connie Connolly

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the business, and finally sold it to a large company in Easton, making a profit.

Soon after he began teaching, Webster met Ted Manlove of the now-defunct Manlove Automotive where he bought supplies for school. Manlove was chief of the fire company and recruited Webster in 1961, but not before Webster would go out to a fire “and observe what they were doing,” he said. “Finally, (Manlove) said, ‘Why don’t you just join?’ So I joined.”

Webster remembers when the old Silco Cut Price Store on Market Street burned down. “That was a tough day for me, because I had to go to work,” he said. “I had to drive by that big fire they had. But anyway, I went to plenty of big fires, believe me.”

Musical interludes

Balancing the intensity of firefighting was Webster’s love of performing music.

Music has always been a big part of Webster’s life. In North Harford High School, he played tenor saxophone and marched with the band. He also was very active in FFA, raising pigs and beef cattle for FFA and his 4-H Club projects.

It was in FFA that Webster honed skills in leadership and music that would serve him well in the future. He was the president of the state chapter of the FFA during his senior

year in high school and his first semester at the University of Maryland.

He was accepted as a member of the National FFA Band and marched in the American Royal Parade in Kansas City, Missouri. During three years living in the agricultural fraternity house, he joined up with like-minded frat brothers and sang “not as good as we thought we were, but we had fun,” he said.

Webster learned to sing harmony from a young age at Emory United Methodist Church, where his mother was the choir director, and for many years he sang in the choir at St. Luke’s Methodist Church.

Dale Palmer from St. Luke’s sang in a barbershop group in Seaford, Delaware, 40 years ago and invited Webster to check out a practice. “I finally did go with him, and it hit with me, and I’ve been singing barbershop ever since,” he said. “I do enjoy it very much.”

Today, he’s a barbershop lead in quartets and choruses, meeting weekly in Milford for practices with the chorus, which performs occasionally in local venues.

These days, Webster practices his music at home and keeps up with his sons, daughters-in-law and four granddaughters who are all grown. All of them are college graduates or are attending college.

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As Webster reflected on the role of a volunteer firefighter, he said, "It's very rewarding" despite the stress and challenges of possible exposure to chemicals, seeing tragic outcomes and even possibly having to exit family celebrations suddenly to respond to a call.

Besides the camaraderie and training, he said, "You gotta have dedication. I mean, you can't just roll over (in bed) and say, 'I'll catch the next one.' You just can't do it."

Webster said today's volunteer is sometimes a full-time professional firefighter elsewhere, bringing a high level of expertise. However, all volunteers are trained well.

"We have a very dedicated group of officers of the fire department who are cognizant of safety and expect the members who have been trained to do the job when they get on the scene," Webster said. "We have a cadet program where young boys and girls get well-trained by a senior member of the fire department, and then they have training sponsored by the state of Maryland."

Webster marveled at how the apparatus and equipment have evolved in the past half-century.

"The equipment – particularly safety equipment – has gotten better and better over the years," Webster said. "Just in

my 60 years, the equipment is so much different. I mean, the breathing apparatus that was part of our responding equipment back when I started was really inferior compared to what the members use today, but every member knows how to use it, when to use it, and how to take care of it. It's important."

"The rolling equipment, the engines, are so much more sophisticated, so much better, of course, and it is something that each member is expected, when the call is finished, to be sure that piece of equipment is ready to go out the very next time it's needed, and everybody does that," Webster said.

Webster's dedication to service is deeply ingrained. His own moral compass and his conviction that the community deserves committed volunteer firefighters continue to guide him.

"I think you've got to have a sense of being obligated to everybody you come in contact with," Webster said. "If there was an accident right here in front of my house, I would, of course, even now, try to find out if there was something I could do – if it was just to keep people away, or whatever it would be – that I was capable and trained to do. You've got to always know that you have the training to do the job you're asked to do."

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Passion for animals

STEPHANIE FLOWER IS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY

By Angela Price



RIDGELY - Stephanie Flower is the new executive director at the Caroline County Humane Society in Ridgely. She comes to the local Humane Society with an extensive background in animal welfare.

"I'm incredibly passionate about helping animals, and I've been doing it for a long time," she said.

Flower began her career in animal care as a zookeeper at the Erie Zoo in Pennsylvania. She said her intention was to work with exotic animals. She was intrigued by big cats.

She earned her bachelor's degree in veterinary and biomedical science at Penn State, but chose Hunter College in New York when she decided to pursue her master's in animal behavior and conservation.

While a grad student, she worked at two different animal shelters in New York, igniting a newfound passion for helping homeless animals, and her career took a turn from

zoos to shelters. She also earned her certification as a professional dog trainer.

Flower has spent countless hours working hands-on with shelter animals and has lived in Maryland previously, working at the Baltimore Humane Society.

Most recently, Flower worked and lived in Cleveland. She moved to Denton when she took the job here and expects to be joined shortly by her significant other and her pets, a Persian cat and a 12-pound Pomskey dog (which she explained is a Pomeranian-Husky mix) named Berry. Appropriately, both are rescues.

She said she wants to get the shelter out into the community more. Homeless pets are a community problem, she said, one that needs a community solution.

Some of the Caroline Humane Society shelter's primary needs include:

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1. Volunteers – Flower would like to develop a more robust volunteer program. Volunteers are the lifeblood of a shelter, she said. Some immediate tasks where volunteers could help include cleaning out the cat kennels, spending time helping socialize the cats, and walking dogs.

2. Fosters – The shelter has great fosters who already are providing temporary homes for around 25 animals, but kitten season is starting. Many more foster homes will be needed.

3. Affordable veterinary care – a need not just for the shelter, but for the entire community, Flower said.

Flower has plans to build a behavior program for animals at the shelter as well as providing enhancements for them.

Applications to volunteer or foster, as well as for adoption, are available on the website, www.carolinehumane.org. And a new computer system is coming soon to the shelter, which will make everything easier, she said.

If someone is considering adoption, Flower said she would encourage them to consider a longer-term shelter resident or an older animal. They have a lot of love to give, she said.

The shelter is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. **CR**



Stephanie Flower is the new director of the Caroline County Humane Society. She is shown here with her dog Berry. Photo courtesy of Stephanie Flower

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Vintage Family Farms gives visitors the homestead experience

By Joanne Gelles



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Step into Vintage Family Farms, a pick-your-own flower farm on Rt. 331 outside of Preston.

Katelin and Eric Frase built their flower farming homestead four years ago with their two daughters, Amelia and Dorothea.

"I wanted to do something that brings joy to people" Katelin says, "I still remember picking strawberries with my mom when I was a kid. I wanted to provide a place for other families to create memories like that."

The 35-acre farm has grown to include interactive games, bunny snuggling, flower parties, and other creative activities. Eric grows Heirloom variety vegetables that are sold to local

restaurants and at farmer's markets. Katelin's oldest daughter, Amelia, manages the rabbits as a 4-H member and is learning business entrepreneurship at the age of 12. Her younger sister, Dorothea, is 9 and helps out with general chores.

The farm is also home to four dogs, four cats and 30 Champagne d'argent rabbits, plus chickens, ducks, Guinea hens and two Kunekune pigs!

Katelin hosts special "Flowertainment" events at Johnny's Tavern in East New Market and Corah's Corner in St. Michaels. She would like to partner with other businesses who want to hold outdoor events at her farm.

She envisions all 35 acres of the farm covered in flowers some day!

Appointments to visit the farm are encouraged but not required. There are various sizes of flower containers to choose from. The pick your own fields are open through September. **CR**



Aerial view of Vintage Family Farms. Drone footage courtesy by Mickey Pullen



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The uncertainty of US tariffs

By Tolbert Rowe

April 2, 2025, "Liberation Day" as described by President Donald Trump, began a new era of US trade with our global partners. Another chapter in the book of "Making America Great Again" has started, and the plot continues to change.

Concern by investors moved the stock market so negatively that Trump was forced to back off on individual tariffs to countries of various degrees on April 9 for 90 days. Kicking the can further down the road, leaving more confusion and uncertainty as Trump negotiates better deals with individual countries.

In the meantime, across the board tariffs of 10% are in place on every country on Earth, whether inhabited by people, penguins, or no one. China is penalized with tariffs of 145%, which could be different by the time you read.

As those who have been diligent in saving, the chaos of on-again, off-again, and how-much-again tariffs will continue to rattle the balances in retirement accounts, as well as nerves. Consumers will need to decide whether to pull the trigger and buy something now before tariffs are imposed, or take the chance that Trump will reconsider and not impose tariffs.

Borrowers waiting for a drop in mortgage rates will continue to be disappointed as interest rates remain near current levels (hopefully, they do not go up). With inflation rising due to higher costs from tariffs, the Federal Reserve will not be motivated to lower rates. Bond investors will demand a higher rate to offset their loss of purchasing power because of higher inflation, putting even more upward pressure on interest rates.

Tariffs make items more expensive to those who import (bring into the US) products or materials from another country. A business importing a product or material into the US will pay a tariff, which is a fee (aka tax), to the US treasury to "land" that product or material into the US, creating revenue to the US Treasury. The cost of the tariff will most

likely be passed onto other businesses and eventually consumers. Good for Uncle Sam; not so much for us.

Assume that a US company imports (or lands) a widget from another country at a cost of \$1.00. Assume that the company can market and sell the widget for \$1.10 to a US consumer, making a profit of .10 cent per widget.

Imposing a tariff of 10% or .10 cent wipes out the profit the business was making. If the business wants to continue to make .10 cent per widget, they will have to increase the price to the consumer to \$1.20.

Trump declares that in addition to the extra revenue to the US from the tariffs, businesses will create more manufacturing jobs by moving production from overseas to the US. Thus, rather than paying a .10 cent per widget tariff, the business will build a factory and produce widgets right here in the US, hiring thousands to produce them. Thus "Making America Great Again" by creating more US jobs.

Or will it? Before spending tens of millions of dollars to build a factory and hiring thousands of people to produce widgets, the business will do a cost/benefit analysis. It will determine if it can produce a widget using 100% US parts, and market them for the same price or lower than the imported one widget at \$1.20.

A significant variable in this analysis is that the imported widget is produced in an overseas plant by employees making \$8 per hour, or less. Trump has told us that the main reason for implementing tariffs is that they will create good paying manufacturing jobs paying at \$25 per hour, or more. At the very least, US labor as an input to the cost of manufacturing will cost \$17 more per hour.

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Say that the US plant will be able to produce more widgets per hour because of “automation” that will reduce the per unit cost to .90 cents (down .30 cents from the imported widget). Successful manufacturing companies currently operating in the US have spent millions in automating processes wherever possible to lower per unit costs. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis data, there were approximately 50% less manufacturing jobs in 2023 as there were in 1980. Manufacturing employment will never be the same as it was 40 years ago, regardless of tariffs.

Businesses moved manufacturing operations overseas because they could produce and import into the US a product cheaper than they could by producing it in the US. This allowed them to sell the product to US consumers at a

lower price. If you increase the cost to produce the product, the price of the product will go up. Plain and simple.

Trump assures us that although there may be some short-term pain there will be “great joy and prosperity” when the US manufactures or produces everything we need. No longer will we have to rely on other countries that have been ripping us off for the last 50 years.

I am not exactly sure how being “ripped off” by other countries negatively impacted us. We have existed and functioned in this capitalist, global economy blind to tariffs that are being paid on products we consume. If a product we wish to purchase is available at a price we are willing to pay, we buy it. Regardless of what “tariff” has been paid to get it to the store shelf.

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The Fiber Arts Center presents Joanne Scott - Inspiration in Fiber

Joanne Scott is more widely known on a national scale for her visual art - watercolor, acrylics, etchings and lithographs. She had many one-woman shows and awards at the Corcoran, Baltimore Museum of Art, and the Walters Art Museum. She is also a published poet.

Joanne had a love of fiber and was an accomplished seamstress, sewing Vogue wool silk lined suits. She was an embroiderer, and knitter. When she bought a summer cottage on Monhegan Island in Maine, she took classes from Robert Semple, a world renowned needlepoint artist. He became mentor in needlepoint and colleague in art. This will be the first time that Joanne's fiber art will be exhibited. A museum piece of Robert Semple's is also included.

Many of Joanne's fiber art pieces were inspired by her visual art pieces. These are displayed side-by-side. Much of the art is done in a needlepoint stitch called libra point which is a short-long stitch. Examples of Joanne's watercolors, acrylics, etchings and photographs serve as inspirations for her fiber art. They have also inspired her daughter, Victoria, to join in the exhibit with quilting and felting to round out the fiber art experience for the viewer.

Joanne had a very full life. She attended the Boston Museum School, Nantucket School of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, and the Maryland Institute of Art. She was widowed twice with four children and many grand and great grand children. She was an expert sailor having lived on boats and spent much time sailing open ocean. She was a leader in whatever art community she found herself in and worked to promote the arts, most notably in this area- she

co-founded Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis and Vice President of the Maryland Federation of Art.

It is hoped that the viewer will take inspiration from this exhibit to create their own fiber art from the art and nature around them. This exhibit is on display at the Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore from May 21 through August 2, 2025 and is free for all to enjoy. The Artist Reception is May 31, 2025 from 3:00-6:00pm - please join us! The Fiber Arts Center is located at 7 N. 4th St., Denton, MD. 21629.

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Artist Joanne Scott's work will be on display at The Fiber Arts Center in Denton through August.

How to cope with market volatility

Contributed by Ann Jacobs



The financial markets always go through periods of instability. And we may see more of that now, given concerns about tariffs, inflation and the economy. As an investor, how can you deal with this volatility?

Some investors try to take advantage of market ups and downs by attempting to follow the age-old advice to “buy low and sell high” — that is, they seek to buy stocks when they feel prices have bottomed out and they sell stocks when they think the market has reached a high point. In theory, this is a great idea, but in practice, it’s essentially impossible, because no one can really predict market highs and lows.

Rather than trying to anticipate highs and lows, your best strategy for coping with the price fluctuations of the financial markets is to diversify your investment portfolio by owning

a mix of stocks, bonds and other types of securities. Different types of financial assets can move in different directions at any given time — so, for example, stocks may be up while bonds are down, or vice versa. If you only owned one of these types of assets, and the market for that asset class was down, your portfolio could take a bigger hit than if you owned a variety of asset types.

And you can further diversify within individual asset categories. Stocks can be domestic or international, large-company or small-company — and these groupings can also move in different directions at the same time, depending on various market forces. As for bonds, they too don’t always move in a uniform direction, or at least with the same intensity — for instance, when interest rates rise, bond prices tend to fall, but longer-term bonds may fall more than shorter-term ones, which are closer to maturity with fewer interest payments remaining. Conversely, when rates are falling, longer-term bonds may be more attractive because they lock in higher yields for a longer time. Consequently, one diversification technique for bonds is to build a “ladder” containing bonds of varying maturities.

Some investments, by their nature, are already somewhat diversified. A mutual fund can contain dozens, or even hundreds, of stocks, or a mixture of stocks and bonds. And different mutual funds may have different investment objectives — some focus more on growth, while others are more income-oriented — so, further diversification can be achieved by owning a mix of funds.

Furthermore, some investors achieve even greater diversification by owning alternative investments, such as real estate, commodities and cryptocurrencies, although these vehicles themselves are often more volatile than those in more traditional investment categories.

While a diversified portfolio is important for every investor, your exact level of diversification — the percentages of your portfolio devoted to stocks, bonds and other securities — will depend on your individual risk tolerance, time horizon and financial goals. You may want to consult with a financial professional about creating the diversified investment mix that’s right for your needs.

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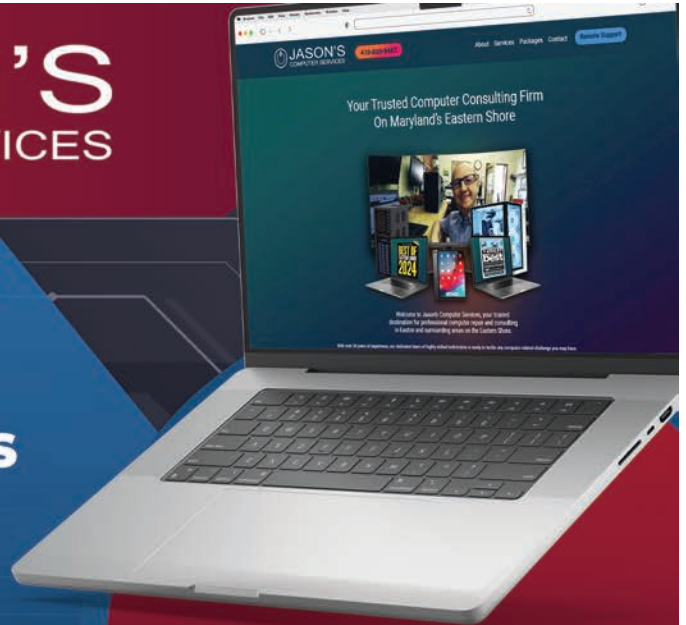
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The Expungement Reform Act of 2025 will allow many more Marylanders to clear their records and shield from public view cannabis convictions pardoned by Governor Wes Moore in 2024. The new law also overturns a 2022 state court ruling that found that a person who is found to have violated their probation after a criminal sentencing would be indefinitely ineligible to have that record expunged, even if they have served an entire sentence, paid the consequence for the probation violation and waited through a required waiting period of between five and 15 years. The new law ensures that a probation violation will not impede a person's ability to seek an expungement if they complete their

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The Tenant Possessions Recovery Act ensures that tenants have notice prior to a landlord implementing an eviction. This reform will ensure that tenants know the exact date when an eviction will take place. The Maryland General Assembly also passed HB59, a bill reforming tax sale procedure including additional notice requirements to homeowners, increased threshold triggering tax foreclosure, and prevention of unpaid water and utility bills from triggering foreclosure. This significant reform will improve equity, efficiency, and protection of homeowners.

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REVIVING THE MARYLAND NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF THE EASTERN SHORE CHAPTER

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Maryland's Eastern Shore (ES) is rich in natural habitats, including salt marshes, nontidal wetlands, Delmarva bays, swamps, pine and hardwood forests, serpentine barrens, and dune communities. Recognizing that the Eastern Shore of Maryland has many amazing natural areas, Cristina Niciporciukas and Jil Swearingen, who met on a Maryland Native Plant Society (MNPS) field trip in 2021, decided to revive an MNPS ES Chapter under the guidance of an expert Steering Committee.

Cristina and Jil partnered with Adkins Arboretum (Ridgely, MD), rekindling the Chapter's beginnings. In 2000, Arboretum staff, along with Master Gardener volunteers, hosted the chapter's founding meetings in Caroline County, which thrived for 15 years. Partnering with Jim Brighton, co-founder of the Maryland Biodiversity Project (marylandbiodiversity.com), was also essential. Jim grew up on the Eastern Shore and is dedicated to documenting the plants and wildlife here and throughout the state.

Building on the historical successes of the previous

Chapter, the newly revived ES Chapter was started in January 2025. The Chapter serves members of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties and will promote awareness, appreciation, and conservation of the Eastern Shore's unique flora and natural habitats. Chapter goals include improving documentation of the area's ecoregions and native plant species through field trips and the use of iNaturalist (inaturalist.org). Success will rely on building a community of passionate and dedicated partners invested in achieving these goals.

The Eastern Shore Chapter is hosting the 2025 MNPS Annual Conference Extraordinary Ecosystems of the Eastern Shore on September 6-7 at Washington College in Kent County. Check the Chapter's webpage for upcoming field trips and other events.

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Experimenting with herb buddies

By Kimberlee Eveland



I just love a vegetable garden and despite the many hours I spent as a child complaining about having to help with weeding, these days I find myself constantly seeking ways to grow things in my very limited space. And when I say limited, I mean a 4-foot-by-4-foot space in the sunniest spot of my very sunny urban patio.

Nevertheless, over the years from that little space I have coaxed lots of cherry tomatoes, a few oddly shaped cucumbers, half a dozen string beans (WOOT, WOOT), and a couple mutant eggplants, however, I have successfully grown bunches and bunches of sage, tarragon, chives, parsley and rosemary.

Reflecting on that experience, I decided to rethink my idea of a vegetable garden and turn my little patch into an herb garden. Yep, just herbs with maybe a few leafy greens like spinach or mesclun or arugula thrown in to see what

happens. And then the lightbulb went off – I needed to investigate companion planting!

Boy, is there plenty of information out there about what vegetables grow well together and the same is true for herbs. As it happens, some herbs are natural buddies while other combinations can lead to very disappointing results.

Good pairings include plants with shared water and light preferences, and space considerations. In other words, group herbs with similar needs together. This is especially true if you are growing your herbs in containers, but the logic also applies to small space gardens.

Through trial and error, I've found a grouping of herbs that work quite well together. Additionally, I've learned that I should grow basil in a pot so that I can move it around my patio depending upon heat conditions, which makes me think maybe planting lettuce with my basil could prove to be a good pairing. Parsley is something else I keep in a pot and because of the ability to move it around I've had parsley all year round. I've read that parsley does well with marjoram and savory and because of their size both are also considerations for my companion planting this year. Don't be afraid to experiment. Here's to a pot or patch full of herb buddies that make you happy this season. CR



Do I have all of my vaccines?

By: Casey Sonzone BSN, RN

Maintain all of your vaccination records as best you can. Keep all of those childhood immunization records, receipts, and folded up vaccines tracker cards so they can all be compiled into one comprehensive list. This makes it much easier to assess your vaccines for completeness.

Depending on where you are from geographically will also play a role in which vaccines you have received. Keep in mind that to enter Maryland schools, a child must meet specific minimal vaccine requirements, as well as anyone applying through immigration for various forms of citizenship. All of this information can be easily found on the internet.

There is an immunization information system, or IIS that Maryland providers use called ImmUNET. Beginning October 1, 2019, all providers giving vaccines in Maryland were mandated to report those vaccines to ImmUNET.

Therefore, providing a comprehensive vaccine record with any vaccine you receive from any provider or vaccine clinic in Maryland. This IIS also helps by including reminders for which vaccines may be behind or recommended based on the individual's age and previous doses of vaccines.

As a consumer, you have access to myIRmobile. Which usually provides the same list of vaccines that ImmUNET has. You need to create an account to gain access to this resource. Since ImmUNET is a fairly new system, it likely does not contain the childhood immunization records of adults, unless they have been entered manually by a provider from your paper records.

Can't find any records but need proof of vaccination for employment or education? The best option here is to have titers checked for the vaccines required. Titers are blood work that will show if you have antibodies to a disease through vaccination or from previous exposure. This can be done through your doctor or a lab. If these are positive, check to make sure your institution accepts them. If they are negative, you will need a vaccine booster through your doctor or pharmacy to prove your immunity.

Children that qualify for VFC can have their vaccine record reviewed and receive needed vaccines at their local participating health department or provider's office. To qualify for VFC a child must be under 18, be eligible for Medicaid, or have no insurance, or be under insured, or Alaskan or Indian Native heritage. **CR**



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No Menthol Sunday 2025

By Heather Grove, BSN, RN



Each year, on the third Sunday in May, No Menthol Sunday serves as a powerful nationwide call to action, led by The Center for Black Health & Equity. This day of observance brings together faith leaders, public health advocates, and community members to confront a pressing issue: the devastating impact of menthol tobacco products on Black communities.

Menthol, a minty additive that makes cigarettes easier to start and harder to quit, is used by more than 85% of Black smokers. That's not by chance. For decades, the tobacco industry has aggressively marketed menthols to Black neighborhoods, discounting prices, targeting ads, and sponsoring cultural events to promote their products. These predatory tactics have resulted in higher rates of addiction and tobacco-related disease in Black communities.

In addition to cigarettes, many vapes and nicotine pouches also feature menthol flavoring. These newer products are particularly enticing to young people.

While policy decisions—like the delayed federal ban on menthol cigarettes—can be disheartening, No Menthol Sunday empowers communities to press forward, hold leaders accountable, and build momentum at the local level to protect our health.

No Menthol Sunday is more than a day, it's a movement for health equity and restorative justice. Tobacco addiction among Black Americans isn't just a health issue; it's a direct result of systemic racism and corporate exploitation. For too long, the tobacco industry has profited from illness and death in our communities. They get richer, while we get sicker. It's time for that to change!

Whether you're a pastor, a parent, a youth leader, or a public health professional, your voice matters in this fight. There are several ways to get involved:

- Visit NoMentholSunday.org: Download a free toolkit, access free promotional materials, and register your event.
- Host Community Events: Provide cessation resources, hold panel discussions, or organize walks to show solidarity.
- Partner with Faith-Based Groups: Churches can share facts and resources, along with offering support and prayers for their congregations.
- Promote Cessation Support: Share information

about free resources to stop smoking like 1-800-QUIT-NOW and mobile text programs like Live Vape Free, which is accessible to teens by texting "VAPEFREE" to 873-873.

- Advocate for Local Policy: Fight for equitable tobacco control policies.
- Spread the Word: Use the hashtag #NoMentholSunday to share your activities on social media to amplify your events and highlight local action.

Together, we can clear a path toward healthier, tobacco-free communities—rooted in truth, justice, and love. **CR**

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MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Contributed by Mental Health Association of Maryland

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to recognize that mental health is health and to take action to support the well-being of our communities. The Mental Health Association of Maryland (MHAMD) and the Maryland Department of Health's Integrated Wellness and Prevention Office partnered to spread this vital message.

You can show your support by joining 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.

Spreading awareness is another impactful way to contribute. Share resources like the 988 Lifeline, Maryland's mental health county resources, and the Maryland Action Plan to Prevent Suicide in Schools (MAPS) with your network.

Visit mhamd.org/green to learn more and join the movement. Together, we can create a Maryland where mental health is prioritized and everyone has the support they need to thrive.

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Join the Movement in Maryland this May



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BECOME A CHAMPION
Join us as a Champion to help advocate for the mental wellbeing of children and families across the state.



SHARE RESOURCES
Spread awareness by sharing resources such as the 9-8-8 Lifeline, county mental health resources, and more.



Get involved at MHAMD.org/green



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Embracing life: how Compass Hospice made a difference

Contributed by Compass Regional Hospice

Sandra Mitchell, 68, had never heard of ALS before her diagnosis in 2023. After years of surgeries and other issues with no clear answers, she learned she had ALS. “I most likely had ALS for two years before I was diagnosed,” she says. She took the time to educate herself and reflect on what she needed to embrace her condition and get into the right headspace to navigate life.

ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, is a progressive neurological disorder that affects voluntary muscle movement.

Her journey included several surgeries and time in assisted living, where she felt unseen and unsupported. “I was fully aware of everything around me, but I couldn’t do anything about it,” she shares. Eventually, Sandra’s sister created a home space where she could receive care, but even then, her needs weren’t fully met. After a hospitalization for pneumonia, Sandra transferred to Compass’ Barnette Center

in Centreville, Maryland. There, she found not just medical support, but compassion and peace.

“If I could give Compass 100 stars, I would,” she says. “Everything I’ve asked for has been done. I couldn’t be happier.”

Her social worker, Roya, helped ease the transition. “She was 100% right—Compass gave me peace and comfort,” Sandra says. Now nine months into hospice care, her family has seen her joy and personality return. “Before, I cried all the time. I was stressed. Now, I laugh again,” she says.

Sandra once believed hospice was only for the final days of life. Now she knows it’s about living fully. “I can see sunsets, go out with my family, and just feel loved.” Heather Guerieri, Compass CEO, affirms: “Hospice isn’t about dying. It’s about living to the fullest.”

For more information, or to share your story, visit <https://compassregionalhospice.org/storytelling-blog.html>

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THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSIDERING HOSPICE EARLY

“While hospice cannot add days to your life, it does add life to your days”

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.

Depending on the terminal illness, research suggests that individuals in hospice care live **29 DAYS LONGER** than those who aren’t enrolled.

“Hospice care is not just about dying; it’s about helping people live life to the fullest”

Considering hospice services early can make all the difference for you and your loved ones.

Why Consider Hospice Services Early?

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- Improved Quality of Life:** Starting early allows patients to benefit from pain and symptom management, emotional and spiritual support, and personalized attention tailored to their needs.
- Living Fully:** Many patients and families report a renewed sense of connection and meaning when hospice services are introduced early.

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May is national Foster Care Month

By Victor Reynolds

May is National Foster Care Month—an opportunity to celebrate foster families, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, and child welfare professionals, who work to secure homes for youth in foster care.

Foster parents serve as a vital support system for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or abandonment. They offer stability during a tumultuous period in these young people's lives. However, foster care is designed to reinforce families, not replace parents.

Many youth in foster care miss out on learning crucial life skills. Transitioning to adulthood is already challenging, but it can be even more difficult for those who leave foster care without establishing a permanent family or support network.

This year's National Foster Care Month theme, "Engaging Youth. Building Supports. Strengthening Opportunities," spotlights the collaborative role played

by all areas of child welfare to help young people exit foster care with stronger relationships, holistic support systems, and genuine opportunities. The theme also highlights the importance of including youth in decision-making from the early stages of foster care to improve both their experience and long-term outcomes.

Each year, roughly 18,500 young people age out of foster care without finding a forever family, leaving them vulnerable in adulthood. By providing skill-building and opportunities for growth, we can equip them to flourish as they move forward in life.

To learn more about National Foster Care Month or the foster care system, please visit www.childwelfare.gov. If you're interested in becoming a foster resource in Caroline County, contact the Caroline County Department of Social Services at 410-819-4500. To explore becoming a CASA volunteer, visit www.carolinecasa.org.

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CAROLINE BETTER TOGETHER GOES FROM SPRING TO SUMMER WITH FOOD RESOURCES POP-UPS

Contributed By Caroline Better Together

On May 13, 14 and 15, Caroline Better Together will debut a new opportunity for Caroline County neighbors to get together and learn about the resources available in our community while enjoying good food and good conversation.

Building on the success of Community Dinners and Conversations, these “pop-ups” bring a featured topic to specific locations. This first set of pop-ups focuses on summer food options and resources such as the MD Sunbucks and Sun Meals programs. Along with learning a bit about food resources, attendees will also (weather permitting) get a start on outdoor summer fun with food provided by Chesapeake Culinary Center, while participating in some community engagement activities.

The pop ups will take place on consecutive evenings from Tuesday through Thursday during the second full week of May, at sites across the county. From Federalsburg in the south to Greensboro in the north and ending in Denton in

the center of the county, the pop-ups hope to introduce new folks to Caroline Better Together and the collective impact work going on throughout the county. Our hosts in Federalsburg and Denton are both affordable housing complexes managed by The Severn Companies.

Both Federal Manor and the Caroline Apartments offer below-market rent for qualifying applicants. We contacted The Severn Companies, which manages both sites, regarding affordable housing opportunities and they shared this statement: “Severn is dedicated to creating wholesome, thriving communities for the residents we serve.” Income based rent is dependent on specific community qualifications and applicants will need to submit income verification documents along with standard rental application materials. Severn added that “Applicants who need rent based on their income will find we maintain waiting lists. The wait may be anywhere from 3 months to 1 year, depending on the community.”

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Do You Live In the 21632 Zipcode?



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

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GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM CELEBRATES SIXTH COHORT GRADUATION

Esther Nichols found her life “entirely different” upon becoming a widow after 54 years of marriage. Dealing with grief, she found purpose and hope as a member of the Getting Ahead cohort.

Getting Ahead “investigators” as they are called, investigate the root causes of poverty and how to set a course toward stability. This sixth cohort of graduates celebrated their accomplishments on March 25 with a ceremony and lunch at DC Center.

Graduating investigators shared what the program meant for them. “I always like to make a joyful noise,” says Tony Chase, before adding that folks such as himself need resources to get by. Despite transportation issues Tony made it a priority to attend the graduation. “I needed to get to graduation because I needed to complete. I ain’t never completed something,” he said. Sharon Brown shared her story and the benefits of the experience through a song.

“Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting-By World” is a unique national program that relies on multiple community partners and volunteers to provide an opportunity for those in poverty to investigate its impacts and plan a more stable

future. Investigators receive a financial stipend for participation, meals at every class, child care and transportation assistance to get to class to ensure they have the material support to succeed.

Established in 2023 with funding from the Rural Maryland Council by two Caroline Better Together member organizations, DC Center, Inc. and Shore Strategies LLC, 10+ Caroline County organizations have shared resources to support the investigators and their investigations. DC Center, a nonprofit providing community resources at its location in Denton, houses the program, receiving sustaining funding through the Caroline Foundation.

There are 50+ Getting Aheaders in Caroline County. The oldest graduate to-date was 78, the youngest 17. Past graduates have succeeded in securing permanent housing, finding employment, paying off credit card debt and enrolling in college courses.

“The next Getting Ahead cohort will meet at Bridge Church in Federalsburg. Contact Stacy Gardener at 443-203-9507 for more information about upcoming cohorts.” **CR**

Stacy Gardner stands with the Getting Ahead graduates: Vera Bolden, Sharon Brown, Tony Chase, Wanda Hutson, Miranda Moorman, Esther Nichols, Chennel Nuton, Harold Smith, and Teresa Taylor.





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MARYLAND SUN BUCKS ARE BACK IN 2025!

Maryland SUN Bucks helps families with school-aged children who receive free or reduced-price meals buy groceries during the summer break when school meals are unavailable.

Just as last year, families who qualify for the Maryland SUN Bucks program will receive \$40 for June, July, and August (a total of \$120) for each eligible student.

Who is eligible?

A school-aged child is eligible for benefits under the Maryland SUN Bucks program if they are:


- enrolled in a Maryland School that participates in Free and Reduced-Price School Meals (FARMS)
- aged 5-18 and their household already participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), or Medical Assistance/Medicaid (MA),
- applied for and was enrolled in Free and Reduced-Price School Meals (FARMS) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) during School Year (SY) 2024-2025,
- in foster care, experiencing homelessness, a migrant, or runaway,

- not meeting any of the criteria above but apply and are determined eligible for FARMS before August 31, 2025.

How do I enroll?

Enrolling in Maryland SUN Bucks is easy! Most eligible students will be automatically enrolled so parents or guardians don't need to do anything if:

- their child applied for and received free or reduced-price meals at school in the last school year,
- their child is age 5 through 18 and part of a household that receives SNAP, TCA, or Medicaid benefits, or
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Strawberries: Putting Ridgely on the Map

by Kennedy Thomason



Anyone in Caroline County with a good set of tastebuds has already marked their calendars for Ridgely's annual Strawberry Festival, which takes place this year on Sunday, May 25. The yearly celebration got its start in 1979 when the Ridgely Lions Club decided to take a page out of Plant City, Florida Lions Club's book – they'd been hosting a Strawberry Festival in Plant City since the 1930s.

But why a strawberry festival, and why in Ridgely? Depending on who you ask, Ridgely was once the Strawberry Capital of the World!

Strawberries have been used by humans as either a snack, medicine, or table ornament since ancient Roman times. However, wild strawberries before the 1700s were not the plump, juicy, sweet summertime treats we think of today. Modern strawberries were accidentally bred in France between Chilean female strawberries and Virginian male strawberries (go figure). Regardless of how it happened, strawberries became quite popular.

Another thing that is as old as mankind: using produce as a symbol of wealth. Before refrigeration or mass transportation, fresh fruits, flowers, herbs, and other simple pleasures with a low shelf life were only available to the rich. The aristocrats of Holland are known to have paid the equivalent of tens of thousands of US dollars for individual tulip bulbs simply to flaunt their disposable income. Strawberries were no different. By the early 1800s, wealthy Marylanders were hosting quite extravagant "Strawberry Parties", where guests could stuff themselves with delicacies like strawberries, pineapples, sweets, and champagne.

However, the invention of railroads - and their expansion to the Eastern Shore of Maryland - meant that fresh produce could be shipped at greater speeds and at a much lower cost, thereby bringing the price of strawberries down considerably. Now that strawberries were less of a luxury, demand shot up. At the same time, the already primarily agricultural Eastern Shore realized that strawberries could provide valuable early-season income ahead of regular harvesting. So the truth is, it wasn't just

Ridgely that experienced the Strawberry-boom (in fact, Sussex County, DE sent "more strawberries to market than any county in the country" in 1899). But if any Eastern Shore town owes its roots to strawberries, it's Ridgely.

Ridgely was officially founded in 1867. It wasn't long after that the strawberry business came to town. According to Ridgely Historical Society's President Cathy Schwab, a gentleman by the name of T. L. Day started shipping strawberries out of Ridgely via refrigerated train cars as early as 1892. These berries headed for larger markets such as Baltimore, New York City, and Philadelphia. The Alliance Preserving Company opened in 1890 and also contributed to the demand for fresh strawberries. Just 20 years later, the Armour Packing Company opened its doors, increasing demand even further.

By the time Armour Packing Co. came to Ridgely, the town had basically become a strawberry-producing mecca. The Caroline Sun reported in 1907 that "From Monday until Friday of this week there has been 6,617 crates of strawberries shipped to the cities. That makes 158, 856 quarts with the average price of about \$.11." Back then, strawberry-dealing mob bosses negotiated their prices based on the quality of the day's berries, hence the "average price." As of 1903, the strawberry pickers were paid 2 cents a quart, and regular field workers were paid 10 cents an hour. It was said that "Good pickers can pick over 400 quarts in a long day of 14 hours."

The strawberry business brought more workers to Ridgely than the town had people. When Armour Packing Co. opened, "around 900 people lived in Ridgely, but the plant needed a worker population of about 1,000." Armour built barracks to house workers, even including a kitchen, dining hall, and play equipment for the children. The plant was located on Cow Barn Road, near the present-day Caroline County Humane Society.

To say that Ridgely was built around strawberries would be an understatement. The Pennsylvania Railroad ran tracks specifically to haul berries from the fields to the refrigerated cars. Some Ridgely families made their living catering to the hired help – boarding immigrant workers, babysitting children who were too young to work, etc. The

economy relied on the influx of field workers in May and June and the prosperity brought by the strawberry business. According to one source, by 1912 the total amount of souls needed to keep the industry going was upwards of 6,000, and the Armour plant was in operation “day and night.” Even school hours were dictated by strawberry season, as many of the field workers were children, so schools held night classes.

Perhaps most notably, the strawberries brought permanent residents who probably wouldn’t have otherwise heard of Ridgely, Maryland. One such family was that of Tom Rampmeyer, who is one of the main sources of information for Ridgely’s history and this article.

But all good things must come to an end. Schwab noted that the beginning of the end was Armour’s involvement in a federal anti-trust suit in 1919, which led to their closing of the Ridgely plant. Advancements in refrigeration and transportation also meant that places unburdened by unpredictable weather (i.e. Florida and California) could mass-produce strawberries much earlier and easier than the Eastern Shore. And the icing on the cake: the soil was simply strawberryed to death. So, the Shore switched to the agricultural products we still have today: poultry, grains, corn, etc. and strawberries became a thing of the past.

Until 1979 that is! That’s when the Ridgely Lions Club decided to base their yearly fundraiser on this sweet piece of history, and it has paid off tremendously. Lions Club member Jesse Crook said that the idea was first pitched by Jim Lynch, a prominent Caroline County businessman and member of the Ridgely Lions Club. The event has grown from around 500 people in attendance to about 5,000, and the Lions Club dishes an estimated 1,800 servings of their famous strawberry shortcake (until it usually sells out). So now that you know all your stuff, you can educate everyone else waiting in the shortcake line with you about the history of the Ridgely strawberries. **CR**



The Ridgely Railroad Station in 1892, with boxes of strawberries waiting to be loaded.
Photo courtesy of Ridgely Historical Society



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OBJECTS IN MIRROR ARE CLOSER
THAN THEY APPEAR

Be mindful of what you write

by Bryan Gadow



Long ago some author convinced me it was nearly impossible to remember a scent. I thought myself rather special, therefore, because certainly I could pull them from that card catalog in my cranium and enjoy them once again. I shall try not to lay too much blame on that writer, for I may have misunderstood, and plenty of readers may look upon my monthly dose of dribble as second-grade hogwash!

All this to say, oh what joy, brought to us courtesy of the olfactory. My most recent of countless experiences came on one of those unseasonably warm early spring days. It was one of the first times this year that I could work in the yard in a t-shirt; I thought it proper to douse myself with spray-on sunscreen as I waltzed out the door. An aside: are you aware of this stuff? I was not, until just a few years ago. Lotion proved

such a mess, amid the hair of my arms, along with the stains it left upon my sleeves and collar. But this aerosol? A joy! A greater one, yet, for the fine folks over at Coppertone have seen to it that it smells just as it ought. That first spring squirt of canned chemical compounds? They took me back!

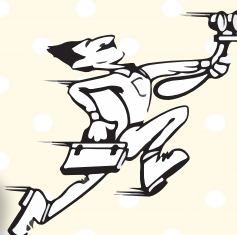
There I sat on the tiny beach at Oxford. Have you been there, yourself? I've not stood upon it since Reagan was in the White House. I wonder if it still looks the same, namely, pebbled with sea glass? Sitting upon that sand, a little black Panasonic transistor was tuned to WCEI. They were playing "Morning Train" by Sheena Easton. The sun was warm on my back; what I didn't know about life greatly outnumbered what I did know. Ignorance is bliss? I suppose that made me one very happy young man.

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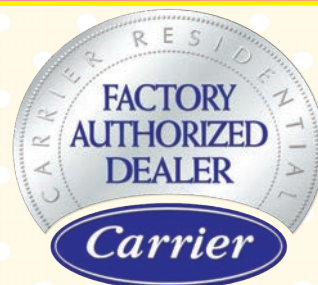
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I thought of other days when suntan oil filled the air, for a time our favorite spot was Trap Pond. I thought it novel that I should climb out of the water and find my legs green with algae! The feminine among our party were likely not so amused. Those outings were brought to an end the day my youngest sister stepped on a piece of broken glass. A thought just came to me: surely some of that old bottle remains there still, under those waters. Might it now, over forty years hence (checks and double-checks against his age...gulp!) have itself turned to sea glass?

Other summer Saturdays found us at the community pool in Cambridge. Tall for my age, but never that fond of swimming, I mostly just hung out in the shallow end bouncing along on my knees. One day, too close to the edge of that concrete vessel and mouth wide open, I managed to chip a tooth. Another time a younger girl came along and teased me. "Hello, LITTLE boy!" For decades now I have wondered, just what would her reaction have been if I stood up just then? I was perhaps a foot, maybe two, taller than her. Ah, as far as she ever knew, I was just an awkward...and short...kid.

All there; like a treasure chest, opened all to rarely. The key? This time, just that bit of oil, coconut I suppose. Yesterday? While I cannot exactly return to thee, I can stand here and watch from the sidelines. The good news? There's plenty left in that can.

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NEW

Maker Station: Play-Doh Is For Everyone. Stop by and build something out of everyone's favorite modeling compound. May 1 - 31, All ages, Central Library, Denton. No registration is required.

Teen DIY: Image Transfer. Give "Copy/Paste" a whole new meaning with Image Transfer art. While supplies last. May 1 - 31, 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, May 1, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Ages 15 - Adults, Central Library, Denton. Registration required*.

Beginner Yarn Dyeing with Food Color. Have you ever wondered about the process of dyeing yarn? Come learn one non-toxic method that uses supplies you have in your kitchen! Each participant will receive one 50-gram skein of yarn to dye. Please wear old clothes. Tuesday, May 13, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Adults, Federalsburg Branch. Registration required*.

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Thrive & Shine. Join us for the TED Talk viewing and discussion of the book. *My Stroke of Insight* by Jill Bolte Taylor, Ph.D. Discuss key takeaways on building resilience, mindfulness, and the brain's ability to heal itself. Thursday, May 15, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Adults, Central Library, Denton. No registration is required.

Petite Picassos: Springtime Fun. Let's paint a picture! Bring your little ones to Petite Picassos to make art using household materials like tissue paper, foil, and plastic eggs. Dress for a mess. Monday, May 19, 10:30 am - 11:30 am, Birth to age 4, Central Library, Denton. Registration required*.

Anime Club. A club whose focus is on building community around a shared love of anime and manga. Activities include watching anime episodes, talking about anime/manga topics, and learning about the Japanese culture that informs both mediums. Wednesday, May 21, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Teens, Central Library, Denton. No registration is required.

ONGOING

Playtime at the Library. Playtime at the Library is an hour for your toddler or preschooler to learn through playing with other children. Each session will involve sensory and imaginative play stations with age-appropriate toys. Monday, May 5, 10:30 am - 11:30 am, Birth to age 4, Federalsburg Branch. No registration is required.

Lego Mania. Join us for Lego® Mania, where you'll work with friends to create a board game, or choose to free build. Thursday, May 8, Central Library, Denton, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Ages 5 - 12. No registration is required.

Bookies. Tuesday, May 20, 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! Reading to a dog decreases the stress that children often feel when reading aloud. Grigsby is trained to sit or lay calmly beside your child while he reads. Thursday, May 22, 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 this month's DND sessions! Tuesday, May 20th, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Teens, Federalsburg Branch. Thursday, May 22nd, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Teens, Central Library, Denton. Registration required*.

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

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What do a magicians, lizards, rainbows, dancing, and books have in common?

GIVE UP? THEY'RE ALL PART OF CCPL'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

Contributed by Caroline County Public Library


The fun and learning begin on Monday, June 9. The Amazing Josini will delight us with a blend of magic, comedy, and storytelling. Children can see, learn about, and maybe even touch live reptiles at the Reptile Wonders show. Ariana Ross of Story Tapestries will paint our world with stories, music, and movement in the multilingual program *The Fastest Plane*. We need your help solving a mystery when Kris & Holly present *The Museum of Lost Colors*, an interactive program featuring magic, puppets, balloons, and more. Does your child love science experiments? Make sure they register for *Rainbow Science* when we'll learn how to make a rainbow walk and create a rainbow using a sunny window.

Teens, we've got you covered. How about coming to Library After Hours night? We'll hang out in the Teen Zone, have some dinner, and team up for an art-themed

escape room. If you're into arts and crafts, you'll want to register for the teen *Crafty Crash Course*.

Of course, what's a summer reading program without a reading game? Color bingo is name of the game for youth summer reading this year. Read books and complete activities on our bingo board to earn a free book and prize for each bingo.

The Color Your World Summer Reading Program isn't just for kids. Adults can earn entries for prize drawings by writing the titles of books read on Color Your World bookmarks and dropping them off at any branch of the library.

Registration for the Caroline County Public Library Color Your World Summer Reading Program begins on June 9 at all library locations. For more information on programs, call 410-479-1343 or visit our website www.carolib.org. 



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MAP/SHIP/SMP programs explained

Contributed by Upper Shore Aging staff

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

Upper Shore Aging, Inc., is designated by the State of Maryland to serve as the Area Agency on Aging to meet the needs and concerns of all older people at the regional and local levels. Upper Shore Aging, Inc. serves Caroline, Kent, and Talbot Counties.

I am fully accredited and certified by Inform USA as a Community Resource Specialist on Aging and Disabilities. I also hold a degree in Human Services. Inform USA is the sole national source of standards, accreditation, and practitioner certification in my chosen human services field of resource information, referral, navigation of resources, and connecting clients to services.

MAP is the acronym for Maryland Access Point. It is Maryland's designated gateway point for information and referral services for older adults and those who are 18 years

or older with a disability. MAP responds to both the immediate and long-term needs of seniors and caregivers. MAP offers option counseling to assist individuals, family members, and caregivers, to make informed decisions and evaluate resources to help gain or maintain functionality to remain in the community.


Caroline MAP offers complete assistance over the telephone, face to face office visits by appointment, and home visits for those who are homebound or without transportation.

After evaluating one's potential eligibility for public and private benefit programs, MAP assists with identifying the clients' strengths, needs, and preferences with the goal of connecting them to outside agencies to help the clients reach their goals. Options are then evaluated by assessing the services and programs available. The costs of services and options for opportunities to help cover out of pocket costs are explored. Assistance and benefit opportunities offered by private and nonprofit community organizations are explored. Referrals are made to local, state, and federal resources and programs.

The Maryland Homeowners Property Tax Credit program is one of the many that MAP connects residents to. It is structured to prorate homeowners' primary residence land taxes according to their income using the credit system. One must apply annually for these credits. If the application is received before April 15, the credits would appear on the initial tax bill, reducing the amount due. If the application is received after April 15, the homeowner must pay the property taxes in full, and then receive a refund on the amount prorated. Gross household income cannot exceed \$60,000 and the applicants' net worth cannot exceed \$200,000. The filing deadline is October 1, 2025. Go to www.datmaryland.gov and search for property tax credit to apply online or call 410-767-5900 to get a hardcopy application. Or call me for more information.


MAP resource specialists also work with consumers to troubleshoot complex issues. People are frequently referred to MAP for assistance with Social Security. Examples of these referrals from Social Security are newly widowed individuals and loved ones of those who just passed and are in crisis. They need not only information and referral assistance, but also an empathetic ear who is willing to use local knowledge to help the bereaved deal with the changes caused by the loss of the loved one.

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MAP provides education and referrals to those experiencing housing issues, the need for emergency shelter, transportation limitations, or who are suffering from food insecurity.

MAP systematically conducts Level One Screens to establish priority aligned in home care based on clients Activities of Daily Living (ADL). Level One addresses one's ability to perform basic, essential self-care tasks daily to maintain their independence. Those seeking to stay in the community, but needing assistance with ADLs and financial help, must apply to the waiver system programs by completing the Level One Screen. Referrals are then made through this assessment to Department of Human Services and the MDoA Senior Care Program. A person-centered plan of care may be developed that outlines the services the client is currently receiving and those that are still needed. Funds are available to offset the cost of case management to implement a care plan, oversee the services provided, and advocate for the client for those who qualify. This Level One Screen is also applied to assist with Medicaid qualification for nursing home care.

For Caroline County, MAP is an essential navigation service that helps people find solutions to their life issues. Educating the public about available options, utilizing the individuals' strengths and finding solutions to their barriers, and connecting people to life by changing resources is what makes Caroline MAP an essential part of our community.

May Birthday Rule Reminder: You can change your supplemental insurance this month to save money. **CR**

Caroline Senior Center

May has arrived!!!! In May we celebrate Older Americans Month and this year's theme is "Flip the Script on Aging." This year's theme is to focus on transforming on how society perceives, talks about, and approaches aging. Older Americans Month will be celebrated at the Caroline Senior Center starting with Bingocize every Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m., and Mindful Memory Thursday, beginning May 8 for 10 weeks at 12:30 p.m. This program is designed to help with cognitive brain health by using their memory to talk about past and current events.

Caroline "Senior" Spirit Week will begin on May 12 through May 16. Michelle Hammond will be here on May 14

at 10 a.m. to give us a presentation on different techniques to keep our minds healthy and strong.

SAIL Exercise with Jannelle will be each Monday and Wednesday, come join us for fall and balance, as well as strength training exercises while in a group setting.

Jilliam Luna will be here every Tuesday with her FREE presentation on "Life Without Limits" a Diabetes Free Living Presentation.

Lastly, on May 28 we will have the seniors get "glammed" up and for Glamour Shots.

Mother's Day is in May, and on May 9 we will have a Mother's Day Tea with Karaoke to follow (let's see who our Senior Center American Idol will be!).

May will also bring us a few Springtime crafts.

If you would like to join us, please call 410-479-2535 and ask for Brandy or Geraldine.

The Caroline Senior Center will be closed on May 26 to observe the Memorial Day Holiday!

May Birthdays: Linda McGregor, Sue Shortall, Sandy Polansky, Nancy Henry, and Amanda Brown

Federsburg Senior Center!

We have so many exciting events happening at the center this month, and we hope to share in the fun with more of our local seniors!

This year we will be participating in Senior Americans Month's theme of "Flipping The Script on Aging" and keeping with these themes through-out the whole month with fun activities!

First, we will be holding our "Federsburg's Finest Film Festival" every Tuesday after lunch, where we will be watching movies with senior themes and discussing them afterwards, touching on relevant topics that seniors face every day.

Second, we will be hosting a day of "Hollywood Headshots" on May 29, where the seniors are encouraged to come in their "red carpet ready" clothing to have some fun pictures taken. On that same day, we will be hosting a "Wrap Party" where everyone is invited for light refreshments and drinks since everyone will already be in their best attire for pictures!

We will still be hosting our weekly crafts, our wonderful S.A.I.L. Exercise class every Thursday at 10:30 am as well as our weekly Bingo game each Tuesday at 11:00 am.

Be sure to stop by on May 20 for our Ice Cream Social with Mary Moran to talk about Medicare fraud and scams. We will be hosting Melanie Chappel on May 15 for Medication Management at 11:00 am. On May 8 at 10:00 am we will be presenting Michelle Hammond's Health Education.

Don't miss out on all the fun and be sure to stop by this month to get the "red carpet treatment" at Federsburg Senior Center, where you can be a star. **CR**



Greensboro Lions Club

Leader Dog Dinner

Nine Lions and their wives attended the Annual Leader Dog Banquet held at the Greensboro Lions Club on March 22. Over \$8,000 was donated by various clubs along with dozens of pairs of used eyeglasses.

An excellent speaker, B.J. Blahnik accompanied by his companion leader dog gave an outstanding presentation on how the Leader Dog Program has helped in his life.

Eagle Scout Project

Jacob Carpenter of Scout Troop #165 plans to build a trophy case at North Carolina High School where 65 years of trophies have accumulated. The club unanimously agreed to donate \$500.00 toward the project.

Opening Little League Day Chicken BBQ proved successful.

Marty Gangemi Car Show is currently being planned for May 31 to take place at the Greensboro Elementary School.

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 **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

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 **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.net

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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.

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

FIRST MONDAYS

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


TUESDAYS


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

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


 **English as a Second Language** Classes from 9:00 am -

11:00 am at Aaron's Place, 401 Aldersgate Drive, Denton. Any questions, please call 443-243-5906.


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

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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 Upcyclelatatime@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. To visit our meeting or learn more about Rotary service and lunch programs, contact member Sue Simmons at dentonrotary21629@gmail.com. May programs include Bridging the Language Gap with Danie Thomas Career and Lifelong Learning Center Director at Chesapeake Community College and Gabrielle Horan, recent graduate of the new Community Interpreter Program (May 7); The Intrepid Intercontinental Travelers of Rotary: from Argentina to Thailand with Julie Quick and Walt Palmer (May 14); "Getting Ahead" = Empowerment, Networking and Community! With Stacey Gardner, Program Coordinator of adult development programming for Caroline Better Together, Inc. (May 21). Club business and planning meetings are regularly held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.


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 **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 year-long 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.

 The Fiber Arts Center Presents **"Somewhat Traditional" a Quilt Exhibit-Deborah Killen**. Debbie Killen, Quilt Artist: I love color! Though I love traditional quilts, I find it difficult to do muted or quiet colors. I am very much a scrappy quilter, the more color the richer the quilt becomes. It provides the quilt with texture and movement which keeps your eye moving over the whole quilt and appreciating all the parts of it. I enjoy creating my own designs, from start to finish. I also love to adapt patterns and make them my own, using colors that make me happy. Over the years I have enjoyed being a member of various Quilt Guilds in DE and MD. I have had the great pleasure of sharing my knowledge and love of quilting with others through teaching classes and techniques. This exhibit will be on display at the Fiber Arts Center in Denton, MD until March 15, 2025 and is free for all to see. The Fiber Arts Center is open Wednesday - Saturday from 12:00pm - 4:00pm

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

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Marydel Lions Club Presents Designer Purse



Sunday May 18th

Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Company

700 Old Line Road
Goldsboro, MD

\$30 per person in advance
\$35 per person at the door

Doors Open at 11:30am Games Begin at 2pm

**DOOR PRIZES 50/50 RAFFLES
SPECIAL GAMES TRICKY TRAY BAKE TABLE**

Bring non-perishable food item(s) for local food pantry to receive one raffle ticket. Maximum 10 raffle tickets per donation.

For Advance Tickets or More Information:
Joanna 302-270-1948 or Jessica 302-382-1864




100% of all funds raised by the Marydel Lions Club are returned to the youth, families, adults and senior citizens of the Marydel area and beyond.


FIRST THURSDAYS

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


FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS & MONDAYS

 Through the month of June, Smokey Cat Lavender is open from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS


 The Federalsburg Historical Society's Heritage Museum, located at 100 Covey-Williams Alley, is open on Fridays from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. A docent is available to answer questions. Handicap accessible. Free to the public, but donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, call 443-434 3114. federalsburgmuseum@comcast.net; www.federalsburghistoricalsociety.com

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.

The Burrsville Ruritan's

CHICKEN BBQ

is back for another year!




Dinner includes:
½ BBQ Chicken,
Corn on the Cob,
Bag of Chips, Roll,
Soda or Water.
\$12 Cash only


**2nd Saturdays
through October
11 A.M. until...**

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May 10
June 14 • July 12
August 9 • September 13
October 11


Burrsville Ruritan Club • 1 Ruritan Rd, Denton

For more information, contact:
Karen at 302-222-2541 (call or text), karenstubbs93@gmail.com
or
George at 443-786-0871 (call or text), gbradleyd17@gmail.com.


 **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!

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.


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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30


 **Special informational meeting.** The **Caroline County Bird Club and Town of Denton** invite you to a public meeting to learn about Bird City Maryland at the Wharves of Choptank Visitor & Heritage Center, 3 Crouse Park Lane, Denton, MD from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. For more information about Bird City Maryland, go to <https://marylandbirds.org/bird-city-maryland>

THURSDAY, MAY 1


 **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

 **Heartland Quilters of the Eastern Shore.** Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. If you are a quilter or interested in quilting, join us to learn from others and to share your love of quilting. We meet at 6:30 at Choptank Electric, 24820 Meeting House Rd., Denton.

 **Crescendo Club with Music in Caroline (MIC)** from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm at The Foundry. A collaborative music club for middle school musicians to explore, perform, and create. Cost: \$90/month or \$30/session.

 **The National Day of Prayer** on the Courthouse Green. Coordinated by Paul Twining of Calvary Baptist Church. The National Day of Prayer, as designated by our government to be observed on the first Thursday of May annually belongs to all Americans— People of all ages are welcome. It is a call for us to humbly come before God in personal repentance and prayer and to intercede for America's leaders, its families, and His grace upon us as a people. Refreshments will be served afterward. "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." 2 Tim. 2:1-2. Join us at Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629. 410-924-6404. donaldwreynolds@comcast.net www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org Every Sunday we have an exciting worship service at 11:00 am. We also host Jr Church (Ages 5-11) and a great Nursery for little ones. Bible Study for all ages is at 10:00 am. All are cordially invited.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

 American Legion Post 29- **Bacon wrapped scallops, baked potato, cole slaw, dessert** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Music: The Ramblers from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm.

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The Preston Lions and Fire Department

Carnival

May 26-31 Monday thru Saturday 7-10 nightly
at the Carnival Grounds off Williamson Street

Lots of fun
Rides & Games

Food & drinks
CAKE BOOTH

Bingo

Bracelets every night \$30
Pay one price & ride all RIDES!!
Pre-sale bracelets \$20 at the Carnival Grounds
10 am - 2 pm, May 3, 10, 17 & 24


**Parade
May 27**
Rain date
May 28




For more information call 443-786-0324

All donated cakes appreciated!


FRIDAY, MAY 2 & SATURDAY, MAY 3


 **LADIES' RETREAT.** Missionary Keri Kondracki will lead this retreat at the church. She is a dedicated servant of God who travels the world for Christ. Friday is from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm with a light dinner at 6:00 pm and Saturday starts at 9:30 am, with breakfast at 8:30 am. Lunch will be at the end of the conference (around 12:00 pm). REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY. Call Nancy Reynolds at 410-924-6344 to register and for any questions. Join us at Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629. donaldwreynolds@comcast.net www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org


SATURDAY, MAY 3


 **Empty Bowls Food and Fundraising Event.** Our mission with Empty Bowls is to continue raising awareness for the hunger crisis and those suffering from it, while also raising funds for food-related charities that actively work to combat this issue. The funds we raise through our Empty Bowls Food & Fundraising Event will go towards ongoing operations and the expansion of services for local organizations such as Aaron's Place, His Hope Ministries, Martin's House & Barn, and the Food For Learning Backpack Program. There are multiple ways to contribute. You can join one of the 2 sessions offered at the

Caroline Culinary Arts Center-mingle, enjoy refreshments, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, auctions & presentations from the non-profit organizations behind empty bowls or purchase a ticket and drop by to pick up your hand-painted bowl with soup. Individuals and businesses can also donate directly to our fundraiser in any desired amount or be a sponsor of raffle & auctions. Cost: \$40 per ticket.

 **Lakeview Fellowship Church of God's Mother Daughter Banquet** "Taco-bout A Mother's Love" from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm at Cloverfields Club House, Stevensville, MD. Guest Speaker: Larissa Bell. Invite your Grandmother's, Mothers and Daughters. For more information and to register, call 410-827-5665.

 **The Fiber Arts Offering: Basket Weaving for Beginners.** Have you always wanted to weave a basket but didn't know how? This class will offer an opportunity to learn basic steps in basket weaving. This basket will teach many of the basic basket weaving skills found in most baskets. The reed weaving materials to make this basket will be provided. Students should bring to class the items in the basket making supply list. Limited quantities of supply list items will be available for use in the class. Basket making supply list to bring to class: wooden spring-type clothespins or metal clips, scissors for cutting reed (not good fabric scissors), pencil, awl or ice pick or flat end screwdriver, soft tape measure, water spray bottle, old hand towel, dishpan or bucket (can share). Instructor: Ellen Malenfant. Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Cost: \$40.00 members/\$50.00 non-members. Please call or email Kathleen to sign up 443/448-4611 or info@fiberartscenter.com

 **Ridgely Train Station** will be open from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. The Ridgely Historic Society will guide you through the history of a Town that persevered. Learn how the Heart of Ridgely continued to beat and build a town that became known as the Strawberry Capital of the World! For more information or to schedule a personal tour, contact Cathy or Rick Schwab at 410-991-8225 or mscakel1@aol.com

 **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.

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MAY 31, 2025
7am-1pm


Space/Table Rental
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Greensboro, MD 21639
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410-482-6897


 **Mask Making Workshop with Mary Elizabeth Atwood**
Part One from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at The Foundry. In this session, you'll sculpt a one-of-a-kind clay mask by molding it directly on your own face, creating a truly personal and unique piece. Cost: \$40/person. Registration: <https://carolinearts.org/events/mask-making-workshop-with-mary-elizabeth-atwood/>

SUNDAY, MAY 4


 10:00 am - Sunday School for All Ages. 11:00 am - Worship, Choir, **Missionary Keri Kondracki**, reporting on her recent mission's trip, Special Music, Bible Message. Don Reynolds, Pastor, preaching. Join us at Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629 410-924-6404. donaldwreynolds@comcast.net www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org

MONDAY, MAY 5

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


 **Teen Writers Club**, a creative outlet for young writers aged 13-18 featuring engaging prompts, discussions and peer feedback, from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 6


 **Write On!** From 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at The Foundry. A welcoming community of writers for weekly creative writing sessions, sharing stories and building skills together. Theme: FREE WRITE. Registration: <https://carolinearts.org/events/write-on-may-6th/>

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

 American Legion Post 29- **Chicken salad w/chips** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

TUESDAY, MAY 6 – THURSDAY, MAY 8

 **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. 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. There are waiting lists for some dates. Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up 443/448-4611 or at info@fiberartscenter.com.





Every Monday Night 6:00 pm
Food until 7:00 pm

Federalsburg
VFW

Caroline County, MD
Post #5246


THURSDAY, MAY 8


 At 6:30 PM, Calvary Baptist Church will host a candlelight vigil **Remembrance Service for Fallen Police Officers** as part of National Police Week, hosted by Patti Wood. Following the service, a light course of refreshments will be provided. Check our webpage for additional details. Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629 -- 410-924-6404. donaldwreynolds@comcast.net.

 Compass is hosting **spring volunteer training** on from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at their Barnette Center Conference Room. Address: 255 Comet Dr. Centreville, MD 21617. Volunteers provide company for patients, relieve the primary caregiver for a short period of time, assist with administration duties. and/or grief services. We are always looking for Veterans to assist with our We Honor Veterans program. For more information or to register: Jessica Sheubrooks at jsheubrooks@compassregionalhospice.org or 443-262-4112.

 **Make Your Own Jewelry!** From 5:30 – 7:00 pm at The Foundry. Join us for a hands-on jewelry-making class where you'll repurpose vintage necklaces and beads into three pairs of earrings and a pin or barrette—open to ages 8+ with no experience needed! Cost: \$34/per person.

FRIDAY, MAY 9


 Join us for our **2025 GOSPEL CONCERT SERIES** from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. We will have The Isbells (Tennessee) and The Needhams (Tennessee). A Love Offering will be taken, and bottled water will be available at a nominal 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.


 The **Caroline County Garden Club** will hold its monthly meeting at 10:00 am at the Caroline County

Public Library in Denton, with guest speaker Sue Barth giving a presentation on ikebana design. The public is invited to attend, for more information: ccgardenclubinfo@gmail.com or 410-253-9540.

 American Legion Post 29- **Fish & Shrimp, dessert** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Music: Del Mar 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm.


SATURDAY, MAY 10

 **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. Nurturing the Nurturers is a special event designed for women who often put everyone else's needs before their own. This session will help you embrace the importance of self-care, understand fertility health, and master easy meal prep techniques that support your body and your busy lifestyle. Time: 11:00 am- 1:00 pm.

 **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 pre-orders required.

 Bethesda Methodist Church hosting **Mother's Day Tea/Brunch** at 10:00 am. This event is free. Invite your moms, daughters, children and grandchildren to this real tea party. Feel free to wear your Sunday best or your most comfy clothes. Let us celebrate you! Please RSVP to Kari Farnell at kari21632@yahoo.com or visit this address to register <https://forms.gle/JYKChTyT8TG1MtD79>

 Please join the Federalburg Historical Society at 1:00 pm for a special program **"Remembering Cantner's Drug Store"**. The event will take place at the museum located at 100 Covey Williams Alley, and will feature a history of Cantner's, guest speakers, a picture display, and light refreshments. The presentation is open to the public, and the FHS hopes that all previous employees and their families, as well as current staff members, can attend in recognition of Cantner's contribution to the community. Call 443-434-3114 or email www.federalburgmuseum@comcast.net with questions.

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LAVENDER FESTIVAL

5090 Long Swamp Rd. Federalburg, Maryland





June 14, 2025 10am-4pm

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30+ Exceptional Vendors * Free Parking
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 **May Bird Count.** Coordinators: Dara Winfield & Debby Bennett. dabennett1996@gmail.com


 American Legion Post 29- **BBQ Chicken** from 12:00 pm - Sold Out

SUNDAY, MAY 11


 Lakeview Fellowship Church of God **Mother's Day Service** at 10:30 am. Location: 230 Hess Frontage Road, Grasonville. 410-827-5665

 Join us for our special service, "**Honoring All Mothers at Calvary**". 10:00 am, Sunday School for all ages; 11:00 am, Dynamic Worship Service. Also, Junior Church (5-12) and Nursery. If you have questions, contact Don Reynolds, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629. 410-924-6404. donaldwreynolds@comcast.net www.calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org


 American Legion Post 29- **Breakfast- Mother's Day**

 Eternal Life Ministries hosts **Mother's Day Celebration** at 11:00 am. Mother's, come out a wear your hats and have Muffins & Tea with Mom. All are Welcome. 807 Market St, Denton.

MONDAY, MAY 12


 **Caroline County AARP Chapter 915** meets at 12:00 pm, with a covered dish luncheon, at the Church of the Nazarene in Denton. We are excited to welcome back the Bay Country Chorus. Enjoy free magazines and door prizes. Guests and new members are welcome. For more information, call 410-482-6039.


TUESDAY, MAY 13

 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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

 American Legion Post 29- **Beef quesadillas** from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

 Requested deadline for **flag sponsorship for the Rotary Club of Denton's Flags for Heroes** display set for May 21 - June 11 at the Denton Cemetery and the Caroline County Courthouse. All proceeds benefit the community service projects of the club and are 100% tax deductible. Contributions accepted in partnership with the MidShore Community Foundation. See the ad in this issue. For more information contact Clem Hathaway at dentonrotary21629@gmail.com

THURSDAY, MAY 15

 The **Fiber Arts Center Offering: Beginning Needlepoint.** In session 1 you will learn the Half Cross stitch and the Tent (Continental) Stitch by making two coasters on plastic canvas and then start on a needlepoint canvas bookmark. Instructor: Victoria McConnell. Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Cost is \$35.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members. Supplies are \$15 payable to instructor Victoria McConnell. Limit 8 students. Please bring small

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MT. PLEASANT HERITAGE PRESERVATION PRESENTS

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Thursday, June 19, 2025
RAIN OR SHINE

2pm to 7pm

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FUN **LOTS OF GAMES** **GET READY TO WIN!**

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scissors. Contact Victoria 410-253-9716 to sign up or Kathleen at 443-448-4611.

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FRIDAY, MAY 16

The 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 quilt 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

American Legion Post 29- **Spaghetti w/salad, garlic bread, dessert** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Karaoke: Garrett Roe from 7:00 pm- 11:00 pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

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.

Program at 9:00 am. **AMP Students nesting bird house presentation**, followed by a presentation from Denton Girl Scout Danielle Ridgell. Members of Delmarva Wild Ones will then join us to discuss how to partner with the Town of Denton officials & staff to make Denton a Maryland Bird City. Location: Wharves of Choptank Visitor & Heritage Center, 3 Crouse Park Lane, Denton, MD.

Mask Making Workshop with Mary Elizabeth Atwood from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at The Foundry. In this second session, you'll bring your mask to life with vibrant paint and creative decorations, making it uniquely your own. Cost: \$40/Person. Registration: <https://carolinearts.org/events/mask-making-workshop-with-mary-elizabeth-atwood/>

Caroline County Republican Women will be hosting the **Strawberries and Champagne** meeting at 10:00 am. Thinking about joining the Republican Women? Please contact Bobbi by phone or text at 410-482-9487 for information and location. Refreshments will be served.

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2:30	Stoeger M3500 12ga camo	5:10	CVA Wolf 50cal blk
2:40	Savage 93R 17 hmr blk	5:20	Tristar Upland Hunter Silvr II
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3:00	\$5000 Cash	5:40	Win SXP Waterfowler 12g 3" camo
3:10	Charles Daly 101 20ga wd	5:50	Savage Axis II 308 win
3:20	Tradition Nitrofire 50 cal blk/cera	6:00	\$5000 Cash
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SUNDAY, MAY 18



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There will be door prizes, 50/50, raffles, special games, tricky tray, and bake table. Location: Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Company, 700 Old Line Road Goldsboro, MD. Time: Doors open at 11:30 am and games begin at 2:00 pm. Cost: \$30 per person in advance, \$35 per person at the door. For advance tickets or more information, call Joanna Reedy at 302-270-1948 or Jessica Reedy at 302-382-1864. Bring non-perishable food item(s) for local food pantry to receive one raffle ticket. Maximum 10 raffle tickets per donation.



Lakeview Fellowship Church of God guest singer

Curtis Hyler at our 10:30 am service. Location: 230 Hess Frontage Road, Grasonville. For more information, call 410-827-5665.



Men's Day Celebration at 3:00 pm. Eternal Life Ministries, 807 Market St Denton. All are Welcome.

MONDAY, MAY 19

Plant Sale at Smokey Cat Lavender from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Location: 5090 Long Swamp Rd, Federalsburg, MD. Contact: 410-829-9253 or www.smokeycatlavender.com

TUESDAY, MAY 20



Write On! From 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at The Foundry. A welcoming community of writers for weekly creative writing sessions, sharing stories and building skills together. Registration: <https://carolinearts.org/events/write-on-may-20th/>



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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21



American Legion Post 29- **Wings & wheels show** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

THURSDAY, MAY 22



The Fiber Arts Center Offering: Beginning

Needlepoint. In session 2 you will learn the Basketweave Stitch, making another plastic canvas coaster, finish the bookmark and start on a 4" X 4" needlepoint. Instructor: Victoria McConnell. Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Cost is \$35.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members. Supplies are \$15 payable to instructor Victoria McConnell. Limit 8 students. Please bring small scissors. Contact Victoria 410-253-9716 to sign up or Kathleen at 443-448-4611.

FRIDAY, MAY 23





American Legion Post 29- **Cavatini (pasta, peppers, etc.) w/open salad bar, dessert** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Music: Chain Break from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm.

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SATURDAY, MAY 24


 **Plant Sale at Smokey Cat Lavender** from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Location: 5090 Long Swamp Rd, Federalsburg, MD. Contact: 410-829-9253 or www.smokeycatlavender.com

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 **Crystals & Clay: Magical Mugs** with Sharon Guzman and Kyleen Asche from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm at The Foundry. Local potter Sharon Guzman will help you sculpt the perfect mug, while Kyleen Asche guides you in choosing a crystal to add beauty and intention to your design. Cost: \$65/per person. Registration: <https://carolinearts.org/events/crystals-clay-magical-mugs/>

SUNDAY, MAY 25

 **Ridgely Lion's Club 44th Annual Strawberry Festival** at the Martin Sutton Park in Ridgely, MD. Festival opens at 9:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm. Parade will start at 12:00 pm. Go to www.ridgelylions.org for a parade application. Parade line-up starts at 10:30 am at Provident State Bank (Central & Bell Avenues). For additional information, please visit us at www.ridgelylions.org, on Facebook at Ridgely Lions Club or send an email to RLCStrawberryFestival@gmail.com.

 Join us for our “**Memorial Day Tribute Program**” at 10:55 am, led by John L. Wilson, Sergeant Major, U.S. Army, Retired. Nursery will be provided. Sunday School for all ages – 10:00 am. If you have questions, contact Don Reynolds, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, 1120 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629 -- 410-924-6404.

TUESDAY, MAY 27

 “**Lunch & Learn with Fleegle & Helfenbein**”. Join us for a complimentary lunch at Olive Garden, Easton, 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 visit <http://bit.ly/2AvTo83>, or give us a call at 410-604-3862.

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Shrimp

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Green Salad with Dressings,
Summer Nut/Berry Salad,
Baked Beans, Green Beans,
Corn on the Cob, Apple Sauce
Macaroni and Cheese,
Macaroni Salad, Au Gratin Potatoes,
Pasta Salad, Steamed Broccoli,
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,
Red Skinned Potatoes

Appetizers

Fruit Tray, Veggie Tray,
Cheese/Cracker Tray,
Meatballs, Crab Dip,
Crab Balls, Shrimp Cocktail
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

 American Legion Post 29- **Shrimp Salad w/chips** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

THURSDAY, MAY 29

 **The Fiber Arts Center Offering The Stars and Bars Tote Bag Class.** Show your patriotic style with this fun tote! 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.

 **Crescendo Club with Music in Caroline (MIC)** from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm at The Foundry. A collaborative music club for middle school musicians to explore, perform, and create. Cost: \$90/month or \$30/session.

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FRIDAY, MAY 30

 Adelina'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. 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

 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.

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Anton W. Spiering, Jr to John W Osborne and Penny K. Osborne, \$60,000, Lot 3 - Spiering Estates - Quail Court, Greensboro.

Tara Peddicord, Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael L. Sullivan to Lesly Perez and Braulio Perez Rivera, \$9,000, 10460 Burrsville Branch Road, Denton.

Christopher D. Masten and Lisa A. Masten to CMH Homes, INC, \$119,500, 26190 Boyce Mill Road, Greensboro.

Emily A. Roe and Ronald Wayne Roe to Alfa Marina Lopez Fuentes and Gabriel Perez Lopez, \$228,000, 26875 Barclay Road, Maryland.

Karen K. Van Offeren, Personal Representative of Estate of Joan E. Kirsch, Maryland Estate #11237, who departed this world on or about December 16, 2023 and who was the surviving tenant by the entirety of Charles N.

Kirsch who departed this world on or about September 28, 2016 to Kristen M. Dehn, \$300,000, 122 Main Street, Preston.

Richard E. Solomon, Richard J. Rogers, Michael McKeefery, Christianna Kersey, Kyle Blackstone, Jason Murphy, and John Ansell, Substitute Trustees to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Dwelling Series V Trust, \$29,354.27, 9810 Corkell Road, Denton.

Cynthia L. Seiler-Kolva, Personal Representative of the Estate of Julia P. Seiler to Kevin L. Hauf, \$40,000,

Sennett Road, Denton.

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its capacity but solely as trustee of NRZ PassThrough Trust XVIII to Alexander Israel Jimenez Lopez, \$100,000, 4429 Harmony Road, Preston.

Ryan A. Baughman to Mahasin K. Ingram, \$319,999, 25720 Burrsville Road, Denton.

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Judith Ann Carmichael to Meghan C. Allen, \$193,000, 708 Randolph Street, Denton.

Michele Lynn Williams and Arthur J. Williams Jr to William D. Faery and Robin Faery, \$625,000, 13056 Hog Lot Road, Ridgely.

Peter Garvin Lombardi to David Scott George and Marla George, \$650,000, 25822 Goldsboro Road, Goldsboro.

Henry A. Spies, IV and Cynthia L. Hoffman, formerly known as Cynthia L. Spies to Beth Anna Ball, \$550,000, 3758 Poplar Neck Road, Preston.

Melissa M. Dixon, formerly known of record as Melissa M. Rholetter to Craig Meredith, \$65,000, 23811 Bridgetown Road, Henderson.

Joan Theresa Kibler, by. Brenda J. Kibler, her Attorney-In-Fact to Aiden Daly and Olivia Berndlmaier, \$265,000, 27701 Burrsville Road, Denton.

Randolph P. Moore and Catherine P. Moore, husband and wife, married, to Randolph P. Moore and Catherine P. Moore, Trustees, or their successors in trust, under the Randolph P. Moore Living Trust, dated September 26, 2023; Randolph P. Moore and Catherine P. Moore,

Trustees, or their successors in trust, under the Catherine P. Moore Living Trust, dated September 26, 2023, \$10.00, 1 Maple Ave, Ridgely.

Placentia Homes, LLC to Sunil Gera and Alicia M. Gera, \$10.00, 1306 Blue Heron Drive, Denton.

Justin D. Crawford and Rachel N. Crawford, formerly known as Rachel N. Milligan to Sarah Hause, \$382,500, 412 Morning Glory Drive, Denton.

Roland R. Corkell, Jr and Monica Corkell to James G. Fonti and Malinda L. Fonti, \$435,000, 27082 Anthony Mill Road, Denton.

Brian J. Tilghman and Rachel N. Tilghman to Jeffrey Michael Merryman and Amelia Josephine Merryman, \$710,000, 25615 Hignutt Road, Denton.

George Nicholson and Karen T. Clark to Katherine M. Colwell, \$189,900, 206 Maple Avenue, Ridgely.

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James A. Hyde to Jeffrey Robert Davis, \$350,000, 20867 Tanyard Estates Drive, Preston.

Judith Ann Sosnowski-Ensor to Rachel Nicole Tilghman, \$392,000, 327 Morning Glory Drive, Denton.

Robert M. Phipps and Elizabeth Perfect Love f/k/a Karen E. Resch to Raymond H. Glaeser Jr., \$622,000, 106 Sunset Drive, Denton.

William Feehley to Alicia Davidson and Bryan Davidson, \$25,000, Lot Templeville Road, Marydel.

Sheaffer Ridgely Farm, LLC to Bruce M. Schrader and Ann D. Schrader, \$9,000,000, 13146 Mason Branch Road, Ridgely.

Daniel Fox, Director of Finance and Collector of Taxes for Caroline County and the State of Maryland to Maria Santos Zavala, \$11,250, 4482 Harmony Road, Preston.

Joshua M. Marshall and Michelle L. Marshall to Adrian Arturo Rodriguez and Luz Noemi Carpio Riera, \$387,000, 25698 Caroline Street, Greensboro.

Patricia A. Derlunas to Lisa A. Mack and Peter Desipio, \$60,000, 2.04 acres on the north side of Kibler Road, Greensboro.

Todd Ocus, Jr, Personal Representative of Estate of Todd Ocus, Sr to Nicholas Patrick Seckler and Elizabeth Cray, \$218,000, 312 Holt Street, Federalsburg.

Merele R. Bonner to A. R. Ventures LLC, \$60,000, 604 High Street, Denton.

Chesapeake Community Development, LLC, a Maryland Limited Liability Company to Chesapeake Neighbors, LLC, a Maryland Limited Liability, \$375,000, 23074 Tuckahoe Springs Drive, Denton.

German Haro Bojorquez and Remedios Haro to Hunter Martin, \$318,000, 700 Central Avenue, Ridgely.

Randolph P. Moore to Randolph P. Moore and Catherine P. Moore, Trustees, or their successors in trust, under the Randolph P. Moore Living Trust, dated September 26, 2023, \$10.00, 12 S 2nd St, Denton.

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Eastern Daylight Savings Time

Date	AM				PM			
1	5:32	Lo	12:01	Hi	6:20	Lo		
2	12:01	Hi	6:23	Lo	12:49	Hi	7:09	Lo
3	12:51	Hi	7:15	Lo	1:37	Hi	7:59	Lo
4	1:44	Hi	8:08	Lo	2:25	Hi	8:48	Lo
5	2:40	Hi	9:02	Lo	3:15	Hi	9:38	Lo
6	3:39	Hi	9:57	Lo	4:07	Hi	10:29	Lo
7	4:41	Hi	10:52	Lo	5:00	Hi	11:19	Lo
8	5:41	Hi	11:48	Lo	5:52	Hi		
9	12:09	Lo	6:36	Hi	12:43	Lo	6:43	Hi
10	12:58	Lo	7:27	Hi	1:37	Lo	7:32	Hi
11	1:46	Lo	8:14	Hi	2:28	Lo	8:18	Hi
12	2:32	Lo	8:59	Hi	3:16	Lo	9:02	Hi
13	3:18	Lo	9:41	Hi	4:03	Lo	9:43	Hi
14	4:02	Lo	10:23	Hi	4:48	Lo	10:22	Hi
15	4:45	Lo	11:03	Hi	5:33	Lo	11:02	Hi
16	5:29	Lo	11:43	Hi	6:19	Lo	11:42	Hi
17	6:15	Lo	12:25	Hi	7:05	Lo		
18	12:26	Hi	7:03	Lo	1:07	Hi	7:52	Lo
19	1:14	Hi	7:54	Lo	1:52	Hi	8:40	Lo
20	2:09	Hi	8:49	Lo	2:39	Hi	9:28	Lo
21	3:10	Hi	9:46	Lo	3:31	Hi	10:17	Lo
22	4:15	Hi	10:45	Lo	4:26	Hi	11:08	Lo
23	5:19	Hi	11:45	Lo	5:23	Hi	11:59	Lo
24	6:21	Hi	12:44	Lo	6:20	Hi		
25	12:51	Lo	7:20	Hi	1:41	Lo	7:16	Hi
26	1:43	Lo	8:16	Hi	2:37	Lo	8:11	Hi
27	2:35	Lo	9:10	Hi	3:29	Lo	9:05	Hi
28	3:27	Lo	10:02	Hi	4:19	Lo	9:58	Hi
29	4:18	Lo	10:52	Hi	5:08	Lo	10:50	Hi
30	5:08	Lo	11:40	Hi	5:57	Lo	11:42	Hi
31	6:00	Lo	12:26	Hi	6:45	Lo		

Add or subtract hours and/or minutes as indicated:

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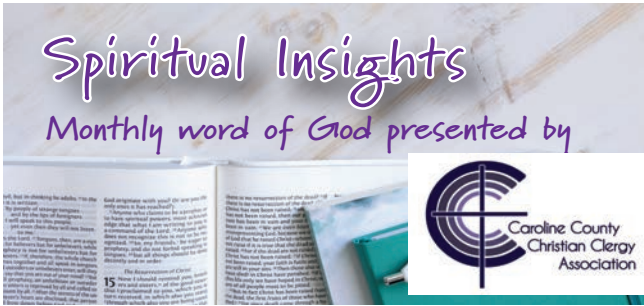


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PICTURES OF PRAYER

“When you pray, say: ‘Father’” (Luke 11:2)

What is prayer? Why is it, according to Philip Yancey, that “prayer ranks so high on surveys of theoretical importance and so low on surveys of actual satisfaction.”* Perhaps one of the reasons for this gap is the way we view prayer.

Some of us think of prayer as organ music in a great cathedral—angelic, elegant, other-worldly. We are convinced that to truly connect with God we must be lifted out of our ordinary, everyday environment to a higher plane. For many, prayer is a formality that has no connection to the real world and so we soon lose interest.

Some view prayer like a gumball machine. We put something in and expect to get something out. This makes

prayer very mechanical and self-centered. And like a gumball machine, we don’t always get what we want. And when God doesn’t answer prayers the way we expect Him to, we become confused and frustrated believing that either God doesn’t care or that we are doing it wrong, and we give up.


Some of us approach prayer like an exercise bike. We know we should do it, but often lack the motivation to remain committed and consistent. We feel out of shape spiritually, so we give prayer a try, but it’s not very enjoyable. And just like our New Year’s resolution to exercise, we eventually give up on prayer.

Prayer is like talking to God across the kitchen table. Kitchen tables are ordinary, everyday places where life is lived, meals are eaten, homework is done, bills are paid, and games are played. We talk, laugh, cry, and even discipline at the table. Kitchen tables are casual, chaotic, messy, real, and one of the most memorable places we have as a family.

So, when Jesus prays, “Father,” He is inviting us to pull up a chair at the kitchen table where you and God, as family, talk to one another. Prayer is having a conversation with God. It is inviting Him to be a part of your world while He invites you to be a part of His. So, when you pray, start by saying: “Father!”


(*Quote from Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference by Philip Yancey, Zondervan 2006)

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