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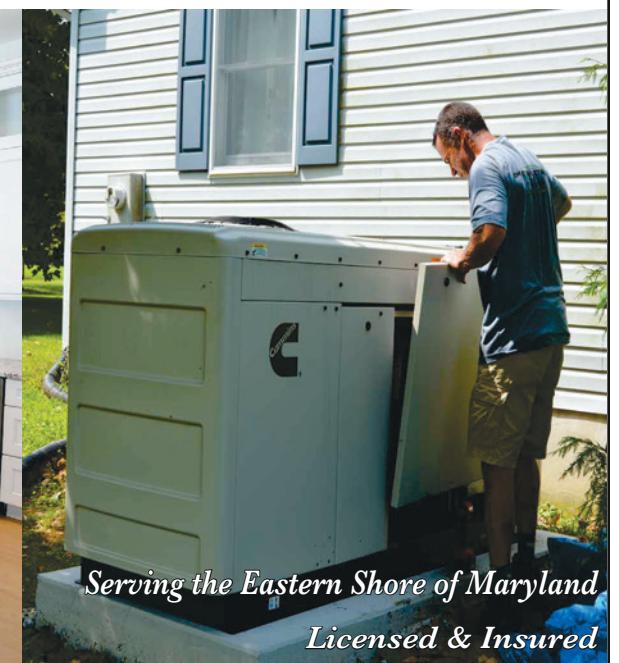
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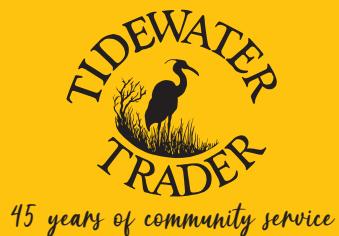
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- Minimize travel. If it is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
- Don't forget family pets – bring them indoors. If they can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm and that they can get to unfrozen water.
- Avoid frozen pipes - run water, even at a trickle, to help prevent them from freezing. Open the kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children. Keep the garage doors closed if there are water lines in the garage.
- Keep the thermostat at the same temperature day and night to help avoid freezing pipes.
- Download the Red Cross First Aid App for quick, expert advice on what to do in case of an emergency. This free app is available on the Apple iTunes or Google Play stores.
- Never use a stove or oven to heat the home.
- Space heaters should sit on a level, hard surface. Keep anything flammable at least three feet away, (i.e.) paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs. Turn off space heaters and make sure fireplace embers are out before leaving the room or going to bed.
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- Wednesday, March 11

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Tier 2 NEPA

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One virtual and two in-person public hearings will be held in February, where the public will have the opportunity to provide comments on the NEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Study: Tier 2 NEPA (Tier 2 Study), and the MDTA-Recommended Preferred Alternative, Alternative C. The MDTA-Recommended Preferred Alternative would replace the two existing Chesapeake Bay Bridge spans with two new four-lane bridge spans with full shoulders across the Chesapeake Bay. This alternative best fulfills the Study's purpose and need while having the lowest cost and least environmental impacts to natural, socio-economic, and cultural resources.

The Draft EIS is available online for review at [baycrossingstudy.com](http://baycrossingstudy.com). Printed copies are also available for review at select public locations listed on the website.

To provide either public or private testimony, please pre-register by 5 p.m. the day before the hearing at [baycrossingstudy.com](http://baycrossingstudy.com) or call 667-203-5408. Same-day registration will also be available at the event.

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6 - 8 p.m.: Presentation and Testimony

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**Queen Anne's County** Kent Island High School  
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Comments may be submitted through March 9, 2026, via mail, email, project website, public or private testimony and by phone 667-203-5408. All comments received will be given equal consideration.

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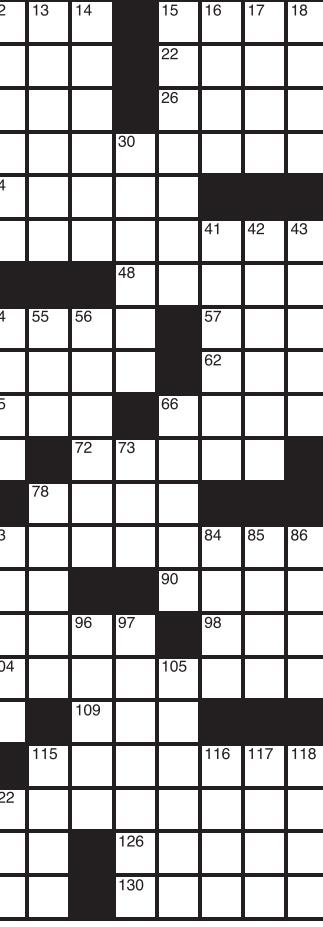
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Source: NOAA Global Monitoring Laboratory

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Hearing Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall, 100 Main Street, Betterton, MD 21610

The Board of Appeals will review a request for a variance concerning a front yard setback to allow construction of a porch.

This meeting is open to the public, and all interested persons are invited to attend and provide comment.

*Backup Date (if needed due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances): Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.*

# FLAG Facts

The United States Flag, adopted on June 14, 1777, is the fourth oldest national flag in the world. Denmark's flag, adopted in 1219, is the oldest.

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- On Memorial Day (the last Monday in May), to honor all who died in battle, the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff for the remainder of the day.
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Christ First UM Church - Every Sun 9:30am Worship Service; 401 High St., Chestertown; Rev. Amy D. Yarnall; Call 410-778-0911; Email [christumc1@gmail.com](mailto:christumc1@gmail.com); Learn more at [www.firstandchristumc.org](http://www.firstandchristumc.org).

Rock Hall Fairlee Charge - 10am Sunday Service; Aaron Chapel UM Church, 5830 Crosby Rd. in Rock Hall; In Chestertown at Asbury UM Church, 8979 Georgetown Rd., Mt. Pleasant UM Church, 9175 Fairlee Rd., and Mt. Pisgah UM Church, 23755 L Rd.; Pastor Kwame Abrefa Nuamah; Call 302-981-9967; Email [pastowarmenuamah@gmail.com](mailto:pastowarmenuamah@gmail.com).

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The logo for S&M Unlimited Driveway Repairs. It features the company name in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Below the name, the services offered are listed in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. On the left side of the text, there is an illustration of a backhoe. On the right side, there is an illustration of a skid-steer loader. The background of the entire advertisement is a light, textured color.

The logo for Refresh Interiors features a large, flowing script font for the company name. To the right of the script is a detailed illustration of a metal spool of thread with a small, textured metal thimble resting on its base. A few strands of thread are shown trailing from the spool. Below the spool, the text "Formerly Sewing Works" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font.

The logo for A-Plus Sanitation, LLC. It features the company name in a large, bold, black sans-serif font at the top. Below it is a smaller line of text with the owner's name, address, and phone number. At the bottom, there is a large, stylized graphic of a grey portable restroom unit with a white door and a small window. The door has a handle and a small square vent. The overall design is clean and professional.

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# Need Help Understanding Your Medicaid Benefits?

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**Questions about Community Resources in the area?**

**Can't find a Dental Provider?**

**Can't find a Doctor?**



**What is HealthChoice?**  
HealthChoice is Maryland's Medicaid managed care program. Most people who qualify for Medicaid are required to enroll in a Managed Care Organization (MCO). It is best to select an MCO that your doctor participates with. If your doctor does not participate in the MCO you select or are assigned to, you will need to choose another primary care doctor (PCP) to oversee your medical care.

**What is a HealthChoice MCO?**  
An MCO is a group of doctors, clinics, and other health care providers who work together to take care of HealthChoice members health care needs. MCOs are responsible to provide or arrange for most of your health care services including most pharmacy services. Some services such as mental health and substance use disorder services and certain drugs are covered by the State and not your MCO.

**The Administrative Care Coordinator serves as a local resource for all HealthChoice members. The ACCU can:**

- Help you understand your HealthChoice benefits and how to access services
- Explain your MCO choices
- Help you find a primary care doctor or specialist in your MCO's network (You can change PCPs at any time.)
- Help you find a dentist (Dental services for children and adults are covered through the Maryland Healthy Smiles Program.)
- Help link you to Medicaid transportation services (MCOs are not required to provide transportation.)
- Help you get your prescriptions filled
- Explain the health care services you can get out of network and without a referral, like prenatal care (if you already started prenatal care) and family planning services
- Explain your annual right to change MCOs

**More examples of help that is only a phone call away:**

- More examples of help that is only a phone call away
- Explain how to renew your Medicaid benefits through the Maryland Health Connection
- Explain how to keep your information updated and how to get a new Medicaid card if your card is lost or stolen
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Target populations include children, pregnant and postpartum women, individuals with disabilities (physical, mental or developmental), and homeless individuals. The ACC can help anyone who is eligible for HealthChoice.

## Ombudsman

The local Ombudsman acts as an advocate for your health care needs. An Ombudsman may contact you when there are complex medical issues

involving care coordination with the MCO. The HealthChoice Program may also request that an Ombudsman contact you to ensure that any complaints that you have about your health care or MCO have been resolved.

**If you need help or have a complaint about your care, call the HealthChoice Help Line at 800-284-4510 or call your Queen Anne's County Health Department ACC/Ombudsman Program at 443-262-4482 or 443-262-4456:**

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Sun, Feb. 8th 4pm - Super Soberbowl Party & Chili Cook-Off at the Eastern Shore Alano Club, 103 Dixon Dr., Chestertown; 50/50 raffle; Call 302-379-6866.

Thurs, Feb. 12th 1pm - Caregiver Support Group at Compass Barnette Center, 255 Comet Dr., Centreville; Meets every second Thurs.; Call 443-262-4124 for more information; Find details online by visiting [www.compassregionalhospice.org](http://www.compassregionalhospice.org).

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Starting Sat, Feb. 14th 12pm-1pm - "The Chain Breakers" Nicotine Anonymous (NicA) Meeting at Eastern Shore Alano Club, 103 Dixon Drive, Chestertown; Free, open to everyone; No registration; Meetings every Saturday; Text "READY" to 200-400; See ad in this week's issue.

Tues, Feb. 17th 8:30am-4:30pm - Compass Training Session for Patient Care Volunteers at Caroline Chamber's Conference Room, 108 Market St., Denton; To register call 443-262-6045; Learn more by visiting [www.compassregionalhospice.org](http://www.compassregionalhospice.org).

Mon, March 2nd 6pm - Monthly Bereaved Parents Group for ages 18 and older who have experienced the loss of a child at any age at Compass Barnette Center, 255 Comet Dr., Centreville; Call 443-262-4109 for more information; Email [rknotts@compassregionalhospice.org](mailto:rknotts@compassregionalhospice.org); Visit [www.compassregionalhospice.org](http://www.compassregionalhospice.org).

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Every Wed 8pm - Free & Clean Narcotics Anonymous group at Bethel AME Church, 237 N. College Ave., Chestertown; Email bethel.ctown@gmail.com.

Every Wed 1pm - "Women's Circle" Support group for expecting mothers or mothers with children ages 3 & under; Kent Family Center; Call 410-810-3790.

Every Wed 6pm-8pm - Empowerment group for Dads; Kent Family Center; Online only; Call 410-810-3790.

Every Wed 5:30pm-7pm - Women's Latino Support Group; Online only; Free; Call 410-822-1018 ext. 207; text 443-786-4947.

1st Wed Monthly 7pm - GriefShare Recovery Support Group Online Meeting; Held by Mt. Pisgah UM Church, 23755 L Rd., Chestertown; Call 410-810-0110; Visit www.griefshare.org.

1st Wed Monthly 11:30am-1pm - HomePorts Monthly Luncheon at local establishments; Must RSVP; Call 443-480-0940 to learn more or visit www.homeports.org.

2nd & 4th Wed Monthly 5pm-6:30pm - Pink for Patsy Breast Cancer Support Group at Compass. 255 Comet Dr., Centreville; Light dinner provided; Call 443-262-4109; rknotts@compassregionalhospice.org.

Every Thurs 4pm - Women's Peer Support Group at Recovery In Motion, 300 Scheeler Rd., Chestertown; Call 410-778-6404.

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2nd & 4th Thurs Monthly - NAMI Kent & Queen Anne's Family Support Group meets online via Zoom; For family members who have a loved one with mental illness; Call National Alliance on Mental Illness KQA, 443-480-0565; For more information email namikentandqueenannes@gmail.com.

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### Garfield Center for the Arts will Hold Auditions For "The SpongeBob Musical" February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>

The Garfield Center will be holding open auditions in early February for "The SpongeBob Musical", a family friendly show that will run Fridays and Saturdays at 7pm and Sundays at 2pm from April 17<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The production will be directed by Abbey Wark, and the production sponsors are Chesapeake Bank and Trust and Kent School.

"The SpongeBob Musical" is based on the beloved animated series created by Stephen Hillenburg and features a book by Kyle Jarrow. It began its development when Nickelodeon commissioned American playwright and theatre director Tina Landau to create a stage show that captured the cartoon's spirit. Instead of a single composer, Landau brought in about 15 artists to contribute original songs, including John Legend, Cyndi Lauper, Sara Bareilles, Steven Tyler, Lady A, Panic! At the Disco, The Flaming Lips, among others, and added additional music by David Bowie, Tom Kenny and Andy Paley. The songs were unified by Tom Kitt's additional music and Jonathan Coulton's lyrics. The end result is an incredibly memorable, fun and inspired soundtrack that helps create the spirit of Bikini Bottom, the imaginary home of SpongeBob and his friends.

The plot was not derived from any of the animated stories but was instead given an original concept. In the show, when the citizens of Bikini Bottom discover that a volcano will soon erupt and destroy their humble home, SpongeBob and his friends must come together to save the fate of their undersea world. With lives hanging in the balance and all hope lost, a most unexpected hero rises up. Can the power of optimism save the world? In Bikini Bottom, everything is possible!

Audition dates will be Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm, Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, and Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Auditions are open to anyone age 10 and up. All roles are available for casting. Auditions will be held at the Garfield Center for the Arts at 210 High Street in Chestertown.

To audition, be prepared to sing a song that demonstrates your singing ability and your range. Singers are strongly discouraged from singing a cappella without accompaniment. A piano is available, but there will be no piano accompanist provided. If an auditioner wishes to sing using piano sheet music, they must bring their own accompanist. For karaoke-style accompaniments, a Bluetooth speaker will be provided. The GCA does not have a way to play from CD tracks or thumb drive files, so auditioners should have their playback music ready on their phone to broadcast over Bluetooth.

Readings from provided scripts may occur. Additionally, some auditioners may also be put through a light dance or movement audition, so auditioners should wear regular shoes or athletic shoes.

Character descriptions and additional information are available on the Garfield Center's website at [www.garfieldcenter.org/gcaevent/open-auditions-spongebob-musical/all](http://www.garfieldcenter.org/gcaevent/open-auditions-spongebob-musical/all).

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## Holiday Closing

### DEADLINE CHANGE

Tidewater Trader, Inc. will be closed on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents' Day. Early deadlines for the February 18<sup>th</sup> issue are as follows: Classified and Display Ads: 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

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# GOOD NEWS PAGE

## Newsworthy Notes From You The Readers

### Historical Society Winter Renovations

Reinforcing the Second Floor of the Bordley History Center in Chestertown

The Historical Society of Kent County's (HSC) headquarters will undergo a significant renovation project during the winter of 2026. Rosin Creek Collaborative, LLC, following plans developed in collaboration with structural engineer Jay Silcox, will reinforce the second floor of the Bordley History Center on the corner of Cross and High Streets in Chestertown beginning in early February.

The project will ensure the safety of the library and archival collections housed on the second floor of the building. These collections comprise a large and continually growing repository of documents and artifacts not found anywhere else. The cumulative weight of the collections has exceeded what the existing upper-floor structure can reliably support. The planned renovation will address this issue, allowing for the continued growth of the collections and on-site use by scholars, researchers, and community members.

The renovation will take place during HSC's traditional winter closure, with completion anticipated in time for a grand reopening in late March or early April. Staff and volunteers will be able to continue working in HSC offices with little, if any, interruption. A major construction project like this represents a significant financial investment for the Historical Society, which is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization. The project will be funded through a combination of private donations and grant funding. The public can support the effort with donations at the organization's website at [www.kentcountyhistory.org/](http://www.kentcountyhistory.org/)

"This is an exciting project," said Maria Wood, Executive Director of HSC. "It demonstrates a strong and long-lasting commitment to the community, and to remaining a resource for residents, visitors, and anyone interested in learning more about our shared history."

The Historical Society invites everyone to get involved as a member, a volunteer, or by attending programs and visiting the Bordley History Center. Membership benefits include use of the Genealogy and Research Library, discounts on books, and invites to members-only events. For more information visit [www.kentcountyhistory.org/](http://www.kentcountyhistory.org/)

### Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Selects Kent County Recipients for Over \$2M in Various Awards

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has recently announced a series of planned awards and investments in Kent County, totaling more than \$2M in total funding that will benefit Kent County and its residents, businesses, and communities. DHCD's State Revitalization Program (SRP) has selected the Kent County entities listed below for awards through a variety of programs.

Community Legacy Funding: \$100,000 to Main Street Rock Hall for site development and construction of a community multi-use area on a vacant lot and \$150,000 to the Town of Betterton, to provide extensive renovations to the Betterton American Legion Building, including a new roof, windows, ceilings, floors, and a kitchen update.

SEED Funding: \$500,000 to Washington College toward the construction of its Innovation Plant,

which will serve as a regional hub for workforce training, skilled trades education, and entrepreneurship, as well as a public walking path to facilitate community access to the facility.

Maryland Façade Improvement Program: \$50,000 to Main Street Historic Chestertown, to support its successful downtown Façade Improvement Program; \$50,000 to the Town of Galena, to incentivize exterior improvements of buildings in Town, including painting, siding, shingles, windows, rain gutters, and porch repair; and \$50,000 to Main Street Rock Hall, to support commercial property façade improvements and revitalization.

Strategic Demolition Fund Program: \$250,000 to Main Street Historic Chestertown, to demolish unused and deteriorating structures at 107 North Cross Street to enable redevelopment.

### The Shelter Alliance Shared Impact and Goals at Community Meeting



Please visit [www.shelteralliancemd.org](http://www.shelteralliancemd.org) for more information and complete details.

Some 45 community members attended The Shelter Alliance's first quarterly meeting of the year on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. To those who were able to attend, the Shelter Alliance thanks you for your interest and support. To those who were unable to make it, below is an overview of the presentation. Sheila Barry, the newly elected President of the Board of Directors, introduced the Executive Director, Kimrose Goodall, who provided information on the organization's accomplishments and goals. Treasurer Linda Kuiper provided information about The Shelter Closet.

The Shelter Alliance currently operates an active Emergency Shelter and Case Management program while working toward a year-round shelter. In the process, 90+ individuals have been helped, 280+ emergency bed nights have been provided, 265+ hours of case management have been delivered, four individuals have been assisted in securing lease-based housing, and shelter and housing placements have been coordinated both locally and regionally.

In addition, The Shelter Alliance continues to partner closely with

SFY2026 Community Investment Tax Credit Program: \$10,000 to Main Street Historic Chestertown, to provide operating support in delivering programs across all Main Street pillars.

FY26 Community Development Block Grant Funding: \$800,000 toward infrastructure related to the relocation and new construction of the Millington Wastewater Treatment Plant.

FY26 Technical Assistance Grant Funding: \$30,000 to Kent Attainable Housing, a local nonprofit focused on breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty by preparing limited-income families for first-time home ownership; \$30,000

community organizations, most recently working alongside The Samaritan Group Winter Shelter to provide daytime staffing support for the overnight shelter during recent snowstorm, ensuring continuity of care during extreme weather conditions.

The Shelter Closet opened one year ago and has become a vital community resource providing clothing and necessities with dignity and choice. It provided clothing for adults and children, shoes and seasonal outerwear, blankets and linens, and hygiene product kits. Thanks go to those individuals and organization for their outpouring of support. To date The Shelter Closet has served 110 individuals experiencing homelessness at no cost, welcomed over 1,900 community shoppers whose donations made this work possible, benefited from over 2,000 volunteer hours, and built collaborative relationships with local partners to meet needs where they are most urgent. There is a great need for a year-round shelter in Kent County. The lack of affordable housing and transportation make it difficult for many to stay in their homes while also trying to meet the costs of everyday living. The Shelter Closet provides a snapshot of real people who are in need. A breakdown of the 110 un-housed individuals being served with free clothing includes 46 children, 37 women, and 27 men.

For more information The Shelter Alliance please visit the webpage [www.shelteralliancemd.org](http://www.shelteralliancemd.org).

to the Kent County Government to conduct a comprehensive County-wide housing study; \$20,000 to Main Street Rock Hall, to support professional services for design plans for a community space on the vacant lot located at 5769 Main Street, Rock Hall, to include a small park, flex space for community events, as well as a parking area to support those events and local businesses; and \$26,000 to Rebuilding Together Eastern Shore, a nonprofit focused on ensuring individuals can live in safe and habitable homes.

Visit <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/StateRevitalizationPrograms/default.aspx> for more information.

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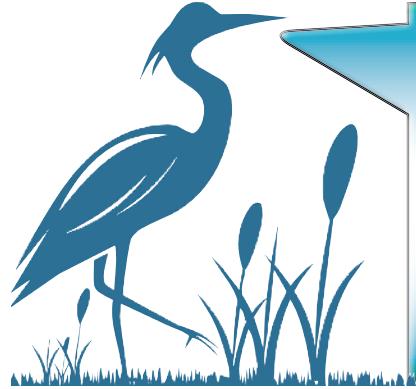


Channel Marker - Mental health and wellness support; Providing mental illness treatment and prevention programs, wellness support and community services to individuals and families; Adult services, youth services, transition age youth, health home, group practice, residential services, residential crisis beds, and more; Call 410-822-4611 for more information; Find details online at [www.channelmarker.org](http://www.channelmarker.org).

Queen Anne's County Health Dept. - Free Colorectal cancer screening and skin cancer screening; To see if you qualify call 443-262-4509.

Twelve Step Recovery - The Eastern Shore Alano Club is actively seeking twelve step groups for NA, GA, CDA, etc.; Anyone or any twelve step group interested in forming regular meetings at our recently remodeled club; Hosting AA and Al NON meetings and available to support other twelve step groups; Call Patti 302-379-6866 for more information.

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Through Feb. 26th - Kent County Jr. Wrestling at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Pre-K-8th Grade; \$85/child resident, \$95/child nonresident; Tues & Thurs 5:15pm-7:15pm; Wed 5:30pm-7pm; Call 410-778-1948; Learn more by visiting [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Through Feb. 28th - Huge Gun & Sportsman's Prize Giveaway with the Queen Anne-Hillboro Vol. Fire Co.; Ticket \$30/ea.; Each ticket can win more than once; Links to purchase tickets online through PayPal at [www.qahvfc.com](http://www.qahvfc.com).

Through March 2nd - Kent Cultural Alliance Artist Grant applications accepted; Open to all Kent County artists; \$500 grant award; 101 Spring Ave., Chestertown; For more information call 410-778-3700; Visit [www.kentculture.org](http://www.kentculture.org); Send emails to [hester@kentculture.org](mailto:hester@kentculture.org).

Through March 25th 7:30pm-8:45pm - Indoor Soccer for ages 16 and older at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; \$45/resident, \$55/nonresident; Runs every Wed; Call 410-778-1948; For details go to [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Through March 30th 10am-11am - Tots of Fun for ages 0-5 at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Free with facility access card; Call 410-778-1948; Learn more at [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Through March 31st - Season Package available at Church Hill Theatre, 103 Walnut St., Church Hill; Purchase five tickets for the price of four; Call 410-556-6003; Visit [www.churchhilltheatre.org](http://www.churchhilltheatre.org).

Through April 24th - Cornhole Club for ages 16 and older at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Free with facility access card; Every Fri 5:30pm-7:45pm; Call 410-778-1948 for more information or visit [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

## Monthly Home Maintenance Checklist

FEBRUARY

- Clean and Vacuum Curtains
- Check Caulking Around Showers and Bathtubs
- Check for Ice Dams and Icicles
- Clean Garbage Disposal
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February 1:

### FULL SNOW MOON

Moon near the Beehive Cluster

February 3:

Moon near Regulus

February 7:

Moon near Spica

February 9:

Last Quarter Moon

February 11:

Moon near Antares

February 17:

New Moon

Annular Solar Eclipse (visible from Antarctica)  
Comet 2024 E1 (Wierzchos) gets closest to Earth

February 18:

Moon near Mercury

February 19:

Mercury at greatest eastern elongation

Moon near Saturn; Moon near Neptune

February 19:

Mercury at greatest elongation west

February 23:

Moon near Uranus

February 24:

Moon near the Pleiades

February 27:

Moon near Jupiter; Moon near Pollux

February 28:

Moon near the Beehive Cluster

Six-planet alignment between Jupiter, Uranus, Saturn, Venus, Neptune and Mercury

February 24:

First Quarter Moon

## Celestial Events FEBRUARY 2026

Fri's through April 24th 5:30pm-7:45pm - Drop-In Basketball for ages 16 and older at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Free with facility access card; Call 410-778-1948; [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Through June 1st - Summer Camp registration open for Sultana Education Foundation; Details at [www.sultanaeducation.org/](http://www.sultanaeducation.org/); Email [ibrocker@sultanaeducation.org](mailto:ibrocker@sultanaeducation.org); Call 410-778-5954 for details.

Through Oct. 31st - Platform Tennis for ages 16 and older at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; \$75/resident, \$90/nonresident; Call 410-778-1948 or visit [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Wed, Feb. 4th - Video Game Hangout at Kent County Public Library, 408 High St., Chestertown; Feb. 5th Storytime, Games & Gadgets; Feb. 7th AS a Master Gardener, Mario Kart Tournament Adult Edition; Feb. 9th Tech Help Drop In; Feb. 10th Storytime, Teddy Bear Tea Party Valentines Day Edition, Book Donations; Feb. 11th Boredom Busters Perler Bead Creations, Video Game Hangout, Happiness Hour Creative Time for Grown-Ups; Feb. 12th Storytime; Get your library card for free movies, ebooks, online classes, and much more; Board members needed; Call 410-778-3636; Visit [www.kentcountylibrary.org/](http://www.kentcountylibrary.org/).

Wed, Feb. 4th - Mobile Library: The Dream Lives On, LEGO Guess & Win, Social Services, Block Printing, Slugfest II: Electric Slugaloo, and Hanging Cat Scratching Pads at the Library at QAC Public Libraries in Centreville and Stevensville; Feb. 5th Mobile Library: The Dream Lives On, LEGO Guess & Build, AARP Tax-Aide Prep, Family Law Clinic; Feb. 6th Library Opens 10am, LEGO Guess & Win, Slugfest II: Electric Slugaloo; Feb. 7th Slugfest II: Electric Slugaloo, LEGO Guess & Win, AARP Tax Aide Prep, Valentines Day Storytime; Feb. 9th Mobile Library: The Dream Lives On, LEGO Guess & Win, LEGO Open Build Slugfest II: Electric Slugaloo; Feb. 10th Chess Club, Sewing Machine Open Studio, Mobile Library: The Dream Lives On, LEGO Guess & Win, Slugfest II: Electric Slugaloo, Veterans Book Group, Celebrating Black History Month; Call 410-758-0980 or 410-643-8161; Visit [www.qaclibrary.org/](http://www.qaclibrary.org/).

Wed, Feb. 4th - Clay Studio at RiverArts, 343 High St., Chestertown; Feb. 5th Clay Studio Open Studio, Handbuilding for Beginners, Beginner Wheel; Feb. 6th Clay Studio Open Studio, First Friday Opening Reception, The Prompted Image: A Challenge to Artists; Feb. 7th KidSPOT Saturday Drop In, Clay Studio Open Studio; Feb. 8th Clay Studio, Open Studio; Feb. 9th Intro to Potters Wheel; Feb. 10th Beginner Plus Pottery, Tapestry Tuesdays Club; Call 410-778-6300; Visit [www.ctownra.org/](http://www.ctownra.org/).

## 2025-2026 Hunting Seasons

Official shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset for all waterfowl hunting, unless otherwise noted. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit except for snow geese. All dates are inclusive.

### MOURNING DOVES

September 1-October 18\* (\*shooting hours 12noon-sunset)

October 25-Nov. 28 • December 20, 2025-Jan. 9, 2026 (daily bag limit 15 birds, possession limit 45 birds)

### SEPTEMBER TEAL

September 18-27 (daily bag limit 6 Teal (blue-winged and green-winged teal), possession limit 18)

### SPECIAL EARLY RESIDENT CANADA GOOSE - EASTERN ZONE

September 1-15 (daily bag limit 8 per day) (\*\*shooting hours (1/2) hour before sunrise to (1/2) hour after sunset)

### YOUTH, VETERAN, AND MILITARY WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

Saturday, November 1, 2025 AND Saturday, February 7, 2026\*\*

\*\*For 2 AP Canada Goose, 1 Brant, 25 Light Geese, 6 Ducks, and 15 Coots

### MIGRATORY CANADA GOOSE ATLANTIC POPULATION

December 19, 2025-January 3, 2026 • Jan. 14-31, 2026 (daily bag limit 1 bird, possession limit 3 birds)

### LIGHT GOOSE STATEWIDE (Greater and Lesser Snow Geese and Ross's geese)

October 1-November 28 • Dec. 15, 2025-Jan. 31, 2026 • Feb. 7 (daily bag limit 25, no possession limit)

### LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

December 1-13 • February 2-6, 2026 • Feb. 9-April 15, 2026 (no daily bag limit, no possession limit)

### REGULAR DUCK (Except Black Duck) INCLUDING COOTS EASTERN DUCK ZONE

October 11-18 • November 15-28 • December 16, 2025-Jan. 31, 2026 - See Duck Daily Bag Limit

### BLACK DUCK EASTERN DUCK ZONE

November 15-28 • December 16, 2025-January 31, 2026 (daily bag limit 2 black ducks)

### SEA DUCKS (Scoots, Long-tailed Duck and Eiders)

No longer a special season; Regular Duck Season Dates Apply

### BRANT

December 29, 2025-January 31, 2026 (daily bag limit 1 per day, possession limit 3)

### BLACK BEAR

October 20-25 (bag limit 1 per hunter/1 per hunting team), Open in Allegany, Frederick, Garrett & Washington Counties only)

### DEER REGION B

TOTAL Antlered Bag Limit is 2 total for all seasons combined, no more than 1 in any weapon season, and a third antlered white-tailed deer may be taken only in Region B as a bonus antlered deer.

TOTAL Antlerless Bag Limit is 15 for Archery season, 10 for Muzzleloader season and 10 for Firearms season.

### ARCHERY (antlered & antlerless)

September 5-October 15 • October 19\*-November 28

December 15-19 • January 4\*-8, January 9-11\* (Region A only), January 12-31

Primitive Deer Hunt Days: February 2-4 (antlerless and antlered)

### MUZZLELOADER

October 16-18 (antlered & antlerless) Oct. 20-25 (antlerless)

December 20-Jan. 3\* (antlered & antlerless) Primitive Deer Hunt Days<sup>†</sup> Feb. 2-4 (antlerless and antlered)

### FIREARMS

November 29-December 13\* • January 9-11\* (Region B only) (antlered & antlerless)

### JUNIOR DEER HUNT DAYS

Saturday & Sunday, November 15/16<sup>†</sup>, 2025

2 White-tailed Deer total for all seasons combined, no more than 1 in any weapon season; a third antlered white-tailed deer may be taken only in Region B as a bonus antlered deer with a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp, but not during the Oct. 16-18, 2025 Muzzleloader season. \*Deer taken by junior hunters during the Junior Hunt Days do not count towards the regular Archery, Muzzleloader, or Firearms season bag limits; Sun., Nov. 16, 2025 hunting in certain counties; <sup>†</sup>Hunters may only use long bows, recurve bows, or flintlock and sidelock percussion muzzleloaders during these days.

\*Visit [http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Documents/Hunting\\_Seasons\\_Calendar.pdf](http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Documents/Hunting_Seasons_Calendar.pdf) for hunting details.

Official shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset for the following, unless otherwise noted. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit, unless otherwise noted. All dates are inclusive.

### SQUIRREL - GRAY, RED (PINEY) AND EASTERN FOX

Sept. 6, 2025-Feb. 28, 2026 (daily bag limit 6)

### EASTERN COTTONTAIL RABBIT

Nov. 1, 2025-Feb. 28, 2026 (daily limit 4)

### QUAIL

Nov. 1, 2025-Jan. 15, 2026 (daily limit 6)

### PHEASANT

Nov. 1, 2025-Feb. 28, 2026 (daily limit 2)

### CROW

August 15, 2025-March 15, 2026 (no limit)

### MUSKRAT & MINK

(trapping only) December 15, 2025-March 15, 2026 (no limit)

### FOX

(Red and Gray) Trapping, Firearms, Archery, and Airgun Nov. 15, 2025-Feb. 28, 2026 (no limit)

Wed, Feb. 4th - Drop-In Pastel Studio, Beginning Handbuilding, and Intermediate & Advanced Ceramics at Academy Art Museum, 114 N. Washington St., Easton; Feb. 5th-27th February Session: Thursday Night Printmaking Explorations; Feb. 5th-April 30th Three Month: Thursday Night Printmaking Explorations; Feb. 6th-March 13th Beginning Wheel Throwing; Feb. 7th Sculpting Land and Sea, Dimensional Monotypes: Visiting Artist Workshop with Caryn Martin; Feb. 8th Woodwinds and Strings; Feb. 10th Working Artists Forum Demonstration by Robert Simone; Home-school Mini Sessions; Piano, Guitar, & Voice Lessons; Call 410-822-2787; Visit [www.academyartmuseum.org/](http://www.academyartmuseum.org/).

Wed, Feb. 4th 6pm - Free Community Forum at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Enjoy pizza, snacks and share ideas; Call 410-639-9133; For details visit [www.mainstayrockhall.org/](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org/).

Wed, Feb. 4th 6pm-8pm - The Richard L. Harwood in American Journalism Presents John J. Harwood with Roy Kesey at Gibson Center for the Arts, Washington College, 300 Washington Ave., Chestertown; Email [lit\\_house@washcoll.edu](mailto:lit_house@washcoll.edu).

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Thurs, Feb. 5th - Rising Tide After School Workshop at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 213 N. Talbot St., St. Michaels; Feb. 6th Coffee & Wood Chips; Feb. 7th Paint Night: Blizzard on the Bay; Feb. 10th Rising Tide After-School Workshop; Feb. 12th Rising Tide After-School Workshop; Call 410-745-4941; Learn more by visiting [www.cbmm.org](http://www.cbmm.org).

Thurs, Feb. 5th 6:30pm - Auditions for "The SpongeBob Musical" at Garfield Center for the Arts, 210 High St., Chestertown; Show runs April 17th-May 3rd; Additional auditions Feb. 7th 1pm; Ages 10 and up; Call 410-810-2060 for more information; Visit [www.garfieldcenter.org/gcaeevent/open-auditions-spongebob-musical/all/](http://www.garfieldcenter.org/gcaeevent/open-auditions-spongebob-musical/all/)

Fri, Feb. 6th 5pm-7pm - First Friday Celebration in Downtown Chestertown; Extended shopping hours and specials; Go to [www.downtownchestertown.org](http://www.downtownchestertown.org).

Fri, Feb. 6th 8pm - First Friday with Joe Holt at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Ticket \$20/advance, \$25/door; Call 410-639-9133 for more information or visit [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org).

Fri, Feb. 6th 4pm-6pm (or until sold out) - Soup & Sub Carryout at Rock Hall Vol. Fire Co., 21500 Rock Hall Ave.; Home-made vegetable crab soup \$7/pint, \$14/quart; Home-made chicken noodle soup \$6/pint, \$12/quart; \$8/six in. Italian sub; Home-made desserts available; Call 410-639-7888 for more information; Visit [www.rockhallvfc.org](http://www.rockhallvfc.org); See ad in this week's issue for details.

Fri, Feb. 6th 4pm-7pm - Game Changers Art Exhibit at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Free; RSVP appreciated at [www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp](http://www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp); Find more information by visiting [www.sumnerhall.org](http://www.sumnerhall.org); See ad in this week's issue.

Sat, Feb. 7th 7pm-10pm - "Del-Mar" at Millington VFW Post #652, 30922 River Rd.; Dances 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month; All are welcome; Find us on Facebook; Call 410-928-3234 for more information; Send emails to [vfwpost652@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost652@gmail.com).

Sat, Feb. 7th 9am-12pm - Join The Republicans of Kent at the Farmers Market at Kent Republican Headquarters, 302 Park Row, Chestertown; Register to vote; Change party affiliation; Volunteers welcome; Call 410-924-4442 for more information; Find details online by visiting [www.gopofkent.com](http://www.gopofkent.com) or [www.kentcountyrcc.com](http://www.kentcountyrcc.com)

Sat, Feb. 7th 7:30pm - Karen Somerville "History of Praise" Black History Month Concert at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Call 410-639-9133 for more information; Find details online by visiting [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org).

Happy Birthday Ears!

Sat, Feb. 7th-March 21st - 15th Annual Small Works Exhibition at Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts, 206 S. Commerce St., Centreville; Call 410-758-2520; Visit [www.queenannescountyart.com](http://www.queenannescountyart.com).

Sat, Feb. 7th 9am-11am - Gym Time Tumble & Climb at Kent School, Wilkins Lane, Chestertown; Free; Open to the public; Ages 3-6; Call 410-778-4100; Visit [www.kentschool.org](http://www.kentschool.org).

Sat, Feb. 7th 2pm - Hard Hat Tour & Fundraiser at Bordley History Center, 301 High St, Chestertown; Come view the structure; Donations encouraged; Call 410-778-3499.

Sun, Feb. 8th 7:30am-10:30am - All You Can Eat Breakfast at Crumpton Vol. Fire Dept., 300 Third St., Crumpton; Held 2nd Sunday of each month; \$12/ages 13 and older, \$6/ages 6-12, ages 5 & under free; Call 410-778-6100.



# SHERIFF'S REPORT

Press Release from **Kent County Sheriff's Office**  
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*As with all legal proceedings, it is important to remember that all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

**January 16, 2026:** DFC R. Strong served a Kent County District Court criminal summons for assault second degree on Sheldon Walter Murray, age 58, of Worton, Maryland. Murray was released after signing for the summons.

**January 17, 2026:** D/S S. Steppe served two Kent County Circuit Court bench warrants, both for failure to appear, on Kristina Anne Serrano, age 48, of Federalsburg, Maryland. Serrano was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

**January 17, 2026:** CPL A Freeman arrested Devin Marquis Rasin, age 39, of Millington, Maryland, on a Queen Anne's County District Court bench warrant for failure to appear. Rasin was turned over to the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office for service of the warrant.

**January 19, 2026:** CPL D. Nolan is investigating a theft that occurred in the 400 block of Back Street, Millington, Maryland. The victim reported that blank checks were stolen and then forged resulting in unauthorized transactions being made. Under investigation.

**January 20, 2026:** CPL P. Hudson served two Kent County Circuit Court bench warrants, both for failure to appear, on Matthew Edward Hinefelt, age 40, of Rock Hall, Maryland. Hinefelt was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

**January 21, 2026:** SGT G. Manning served a Kent County Circuit Court bench warrant for violation of probation on Leslie Lynn Leonard, age 38, of Chestertown, Maryland. Leonard was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

**January 23, 2026:** DFC T. Baitsholts served a Kent County District Court arrest warrant for first degree assault and associated charges on Anthony Michael Mallory, age 22, of Worton, Maryland. Mallory was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

**January 23, 2026:** DFC B. Collins served a Kent County District Court arrest warrant for burglary second degree and associated charges on Kyle William Porter, age 31, of Rock Hall, Maryland. Porter was released by the District Court Commissioner on an unsecured bond.

**January 24, 2026:** CPL P. Hudson conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation on High Street, Chestertown. During a roadside interview, indicators of impairment were observed. The driver, Ronald Douglas Cotton, Jr., age 39 of Middletown, Delaware, performed poorly on standardized field sobriety tests and as a result was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while impaired by alcohol, along with numerous other driving offenses. Cotton was released after being issued citations.

**January 24, 2026:** SGT S. Lockerman conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation on Route 297 in Chestertown. During a roadside interview, indicators of impairment were observed. The driver, Diamond Shacole Lewis, age 31, of Chestertown, Maryland, performed poorly on standardized field sobriety tests and as a result was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while impaired by alcohol, and numerous other driving offenses. Lewis was released after being issued citations.



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# Street HEAT

**PRESS RELEASE from Chestertown, Maryland Police Department**  
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**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL:** 01/12/2026 OFC K. Harris conducted a traffic stop in the 600 block of High Street. OFC Harris issued three must-appear traffic citations to Jessica Alexandra Gitlin, 44, of Chestertown, Maryland, charging her with: driving without a license, driving on suspended license and privilege, and driving while license suspended. Court date is pending.

**TRAFFIC ARREST:** 01/14/2026 PFC T. Burke conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of Maple Avenue. PFC Burke issued two must-appear traffic citations to Adriel Juwan Nashon Wilson, 27, of Seaford, Delaware, charging him with: driving motor vehicle on highway without required license and authorization; person driving motor vehicle on highway or public use property on suspended out of state license; and driving motor vehicle while license is suspended in other state for failure to appear/failure to pay. Court date is pending.

**ASSAULT:** 01/24/2026 PFC Nunez took a report for an assault that occurred in the 800 block of High Street. The suspect was known to the victim. The victim did not wish to pursue charges at this time. Case closed by exception.

**HARASSMENT:** 01/26/2026 PFC M. Srinivasan took a report for harassment. The suspect is known to the victim. Case remains open at this time.

**UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:** 01/26/2026 PFC M. Srinivasan took a report for an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. PFC Srinivasan referred a 16-year-old male to the Department of Juvenile Services. Case cleared by juvenile arrest.

**LARCENY:** 01/27/2026 PFC McGinnis took a report for a fraud/theft. The investigation is active at this time.

**SHOPLIFTING:** 01/28/2026 PFC E. Nunez took a report for a past theft in Washington Square Plaza. Investigation is active at this time.

Sun, Feb. 8th 12pm-6pm - Super Game Wings To Go at Galena VFC, 90 E. Cross St., Galena; 12, 24, 26, 50, 75 and 100 packs available with sauce; French fries \$6, homemade mac & cheese \$8/lb., pretzel bites w/cheese \$6/half dozen; Benefits GVFC; Advance orders call 410-708-7074 or 443-480-1749; On the day of event call 410-648-5050.

Mon, Feb. 9th 6pm-8pm - Virtual Public Hearing for the new Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing; Register to provide public or private testimony; Draft and information available at [www.baycrossingstudy.com](http://www.baycrossingstudy.com); Call 667-203-5408; See ad in this week's issue.

Tues, Feb. 10th 10am - Senior Nature Hikes for ages 55 and older at Sassafras Natural Resources Management area, with Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center; Next hike Feb. 10th; Call 410-778-1948; [www.kentparksandrec.org](http://www.kentparksandrec.org)/

Tues, Feb. 10th 6pm-8pm - In Person Public Hearing for the new Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing; Held at Broadneck High School, 1265 Green Holly Dr., Annapolis; 5pm-6pm Open House; Register to provide public or private testimony; Draft and information available at [www.baycrossingstudy.com](http://www.baycrossingstudy.com); Call 667-203-5408; See ad in this issue.

Wed, Feb 11th 10am-2pm - MVA On Wheels & Online at 848 High St., Chestertown; By Appointment Only; For an appointment or to verify the bus schedule call 410-768-7000; Learn more by visiting [www.mva.maryland.gov/](http://www.mva.maryland.gov/)

Wed, Feb. 11th 7pm - Open Mic Night at The Mainstay, 5753 N. Main St., Rock Hall; Admission is free; Learn more by visiting [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org).

Wed, Feb. 11th-March 11th 5pm-5:45pm - Smart Spot Sports Football for ages 2 years 8 months to 5 years at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Pizza provided for dinner; Call 410-778-1948; Visit [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Thurs, Feb. 12th 5:30pm - Pub Nite at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Dan Saunders Doo Wop; Free, open to all; Call 410-639-9133; [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org).

Thurs, Feb. 12th 6pm-8pm - In Person Public Hearing for the new Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing at Kent Island High School, 900 Love Point Rd., Stevensville; 5pm-6pm Open House; Register to provide public or private testimony; Draft and information available at [www.baycrossingstudy.com](http://www.baycrossingstudy.com); Call 667-203-5408.

Sat, Feb. 14th 1pm-2:30pm - DASH Freedom to Dream Academy at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Monthly reading program designed to inspire imagination, creativity, and a love of reading; Ages 5-10 years old; All are welcome; Register at [www.sumnerhall.org/dash](http://www.sumnerhall.org/dash); See ad in this week's issue.

Sat, Feb. 14th 5pm-7pm - Valentine's Sweetheart Ball for ages 0-12 at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Free; Must register; A chance for kids to bring their adult sweetheart out for a formal evening of food, dancing and memories; Call 410-778-1948; [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Sat, Feb. 14th 7pm-9:30pm - For the Love of Artists: Sue Matthews in Concert at The Bank, High St., Chestertown; Benefits Kent Cultural Alliance; Ticket \$45; For more information call 410-778-3700; Learn more at [www.kentculture.org](http://www.kentculture.org).

Sun, Feb. 15th 8am - Guided Birding Tour at Blackwater NWR Visitors Center, 2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge; Free; 3-4 hour tour using personal vehicle, stopping at various points; Binoculars and field guides recommended; Call 410-228-2677 for more information; Find details online at [www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater).

Mon, Feb. 16th 6pm - Town of Galena Park & Tree Committee Meeting at 101 S. Main St., Galena; Call 410-648-5151; Go to [www.townofgalena.com](http://www.townofgalena.com).

Mon, Feb. 16th 7pm-8:30pm - Eula Biss: Revolution in the Personal Essay at Washington College, 300 Washington Ave., Chestertown; [lit\\_house@washcoll.edu](mailto:lit_house@washcoll.edu).

Tues, Feb. 17th 6pm-8:30pm - 206 Tuesdays at Six Open Mic at QAC Centre for the Arts, 206 S. Commerce St., Centreville; Free; All welcome; Acoustic musicians, writers, poets, etc.; RSVP to 410-758-2520; Visit [www.queenannescountyarts.com](http://www.queenannescountyarts.com).

Tues, Feb. 17th 7:30pm - Celebrate Mardi Gras with The Alligators at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Ticket \$25; For more information call 410-639-9133; Find details online by visiting The Mainstay's website [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org).

Tues, Feb. 17th 4pm-7pm - Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner at Crumpton Vol. Fire Dept., 300 Third St., Crumpton; \$12/adult, \$6/ages 6-11, ages 5 & under free; Benefits CVFD; Call 410-778-6100.

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## Holiday Closing

### DEADLINE CHANGE

Tidewater Trader, Inc. will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of Presidents' Day. Early deadlines for the February 18th issue are as follows:  
Classified and Display Ads: 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 11th.



### Did You Know?

After a snow blower is turned off its blades still turn. Do not use your hands to clean off blades, EVER!

### FEBRUARY 2026 Dates to Remember

- 2 Groundhog Day (Mon.)
- 8 Super Bowl (Sun.)
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday (Thurs.)
- 14 Valentine's Day (Sat.)
- 16 Presidents' Day Observed (Mon.)
- 18 Ash Wednesday (Wed.)
- 18 Ramadan Begins (Wed.)
- 22 Washington's Birthday (Sun.)

### Dear Dr. Truth:

What is up with Chestertown? I am wheelchair bound. Downtown Chestertown's streets and sidewalks are not navigable. The sidewalks, streets, and crosswalks are treacherous where they are open. Not a clear path on High Street sidewalks. Is the town broke? **Off-Roading**

### Dear Off-Roading,

Great question for the mayor and council. I am not qualified to answer the question... **AND THAT'S THE TRUTH!**



## Who's Cookin' with Carla?

### CHEESY CORN GRATIN

4 Cups Corn Kernels (fresh, frozen, or canned - well drained)

2 Tbsp Unsalted Butter

2 Tbsp All-Purpose Flour

1-1/2 Cup Heavy Cream

1/2 Cup Whole Milk

1 Tsp Sugar

1/2 Tsp Salt

1/4 Tsp White or Black Pepper

1/2 Cup Shredded White Cheddar or Gruyère Cheese

1/4 Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese

Optional Topping:

2 Tbsp Melted Butter

1/4 Cup Panko Breadcrumbs

Preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly butter a baking dish.

In a saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Whisk in flour and cook one minute to form a roux.

Slowly whisk in heavy cream and milk until smooth and slightly thickened.

Stir in sugar, salt, and pepper. Add corn and simmer gently for 5 minutes.

Remove from heat and stir in white cheddar (or Gruyère) and Parmesan until melted and silky. Transfer mixture to prepared baking dish.

If using topping, mix panko with melted butter and sprinkle evenly on top.

Bake uncovered for 25 to 30 minutes until bubbly and lightly golden. Remove from oven and rest 5 minutes before serving.

For an ultra-silky texture, blend 1 cup of the corn with the cream sauce before baking.

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## Who's Cookin' with Carla?

### CRAB CAKES WITH LEMON BUTTER SAUCE

1 Lb Lump Crabmeat (keep lumps in tact)

1/4 Cup Mayonnaise

1 Egg

1 Tbsp Dijon Mustard

1 Tbsp Lemon Juice

1/2 Tsp Old Bay or Paprika

1/4 Cup Breadcrumbs

1 Tbsp Fresh Parsley, chopped

Salt and Pepper, to taste

1 Tbsp Butter or Oil for Frying

Lemon Butter Sauce:

1/2 Cup Butter (1 stick)

1 Tbsp Lemon Juice

1 Tsp Lemon Zest

1/4 Cup White Wine or Chicken Broth

Pinch of Salt

1 Tbsp Cream, for extra silkiness, optional

In a bowl, gently combine crab meat, mayonnaise, egg, Dijon mustard, lemon juice, Old Bay, breadcrumbs, parsley, salt, and pepper. Form into 6 patties, pressing lightly so they stay tender.

Heat butter or oil in a skillet over medium heat. Sear crab cakes 3 to 4 minutes per side until golden and crisp.

To make the lemon butter sauce, melt butter in a small saucepan. Add wine or broth and simmer 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in lemon juice, lemon zest, salt, and cream, if using.

Spoon warm lemon butter sauce over crab cakes just before serving.

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Tues, Feb. 17th 4pm-7pm (or until sold out) - Pancakes at Rock Hall Vol. Fire Co., 21500 Rock Hall Ave.; Pancakes, sausage, scrapple, hash browns, bacon, eggs & danish; \$15/adults, \$6/under age 10; Call 410-639-7888; Visit [www.rockhallvfc.org](http://www.rockhallvfc.org); See ad in this issue.

Tues, Feb. 17th 5pm-7pm - African-American Read-In at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Celebrate African-American authors, literacy, reading & diversity in literature; Free; RSVP appreciated at [www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp](http://www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp).

Thurs, Feb. 19th 7pm - Town of Betterton Board of Appeals Public Hearing to consider an application for variance at Town Hall, 100 Main St., Betterton; Learn more at [www.townofbetterton.com](http://www.townofbetterton.com).

Thurs, Feb. 19th 10am-5pm - AARP Foundation Tax Aide Volunteers will be doing Federal and Maryland income taxes for free at Kent Co. Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Additional Dates are: March 5th, March 19th & April 2nd; AARP membership not required; Program open to taxpayers of all ages; Must be a MD resident; For appointments call 443-485-1153, leave a voicemail; Learn more by visiting [www.easternshoretaxaide.com](http://www.easternshoretaxaide.com).

Fri, Feb. 20th 5:30pm-8pm - Kids Night Out for Pre-K-5th Grade at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; \$10/child resident, \$15/child nonresident; Pizza provided for dinner; Call 410-778-1948 for more information; Find details online by visiting [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Fri, Feb. 20th 7:30pm - Joe Holt with Lester Barrett & Gus Mercante at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Cash bar; Call 410-639-9133; [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org).

Thurs-Sun, Feb. 20th-March 8th - "Misery" at Garfield Center for the Arts, 210 High St., Chestertown; Runs Thurs, Fri and Sun; Call 410-810-2060; [www.garfieldcenter.org](http://www.garfieldcenter.org).

Sat, Feb. 21st 7:30pm - Stephen Philip Harvey Jazz Orchestra at the Ebenezer Theater at the Prager Family Center for the Arts, 17 S. Washington St., Easton; Presented by Chesapeake Music; Tickets at [www.chesapeakemusic.org](http://www.chesapeakemusic.org).

Sat, Feb. 21st 1:30pm-3pm - In Pursuit of Liberty: The United Stated Colored Troops at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Free; RSVP appreciated at [www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp](http://www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp); See ad in this week's issue.

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Sun, Feb. 22nd 4pm - Chamber Music "The Brasswood Trio" at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Dana Newcomb, Anne Nye & Kendra Bigley; Cash bar; Advanced Tickets \$15/pp (plus \$1.30) purchased online at [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org); For more information call 410-639-9133.

Mon, Feb. 23rd 7pm - Town of Galena Planning & Zoning Meeting at 101 S. Main St., Galena; [www.townofgalena.com](http://www.townofgalena.com).

Wed, Feb. 25th 7:30pm-9pm - Open Mic with Ford Schumann at Garfield Center for the Arts, 210 High St., Chestertown; Runs the last Wed. of each month; Call 410-810-2060; Email [schumannford@gmail.com](mailto:schumannford@gmail.com).

Sat, Feb. 28th 7:30pm - The Black Eyed Suzies Bluegrass at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Tickets \$25; All female bluegrass band; Call 410-639-9133 for more information; Details are available online at [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org).

Sat, Feb. 28th 11am - Sassafras River Ducks Unlimited and Galena Vol. Fire Co. 4th Annual Sportsman's Bash at Galena VFC, 90 E. Cross St., Galena; 17 winners on the main ticket; \$5/\$10/\$15 gun raffle tables, 50/50 cash raffles, money wheel, other raffles, food, cash bar, and more; \$65/entry and raffle chance, \$35/non-entry raffle chance; Need not be present to win; Ages 18 and older to participate and attend; Must be ages 21 and older to claim handguns; Sponsorships available; Visit [www.ducks.org/maryland#events](http://www.ducks.org/maryland#events); Send emails to [saredwards@verizon.net](mailto:saredwards@verizon.net); See ad in this week's issue for details.

Sat, Feb. 28th 9am-11am - Osprey Explorations at Kent School, Wilkins Lane, Chestertown; Free; Open to the public; Ages 3-6; Call 410-778-4100 for more information; Find details at [www.kentschool.org](http://www.kentschool.org).

Sat, Feb. 28th 5pm-11pm - Carmen's Charity Casino Gala at The Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, 500 Marina Club Rd., Stevensville; Presented by Not My Child; \$250/pp; Sponsorship opportunities available; For tickets more information, visit [www.notmychildinc.org/carmens-charity-casino-gala/](http://www.notmychildinc.org/carmens-charity-casino-gala/)

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Who's Cookin' with Carla?

### DIVINE CRAB

2/3 Cup Mayonnaise  
1 Tsp Minced Garlic  
2 Tsp Lemon Juice

1-1/2 Tsp Worcestershire Sauce  
1-1/2 Tsp Dijon Mustard

1 Tsp Old Bay Seasoning, with more for topping  
1 Tsp Chopped Parsley, with more for garnish

1 Large Egg, lightly beaten  
1 Lb Jumbo Lump Crab Meat (already cooked)

1/4 Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese  
Lemon Wedges for garnish

Fresh Parsley or Chives, chopped, for garnish

Preheat oven to 400°F and spray four 8-ounce ramekins with non-stick

spray. Set aside.

In a large bowl, mix mayonnaise, garlic, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, Dijon mustard, Old Bay seasoning, parsley, and egg. Stir until creamy and smooth. Carefully fold in the crab meat by scooping from the bottom over the top so the lumps of crab meat are not broken.

Divide crab mixture into the ramekins and bake for 20 minutes, until the tops start to turn golden in color. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and an additional sprinkle of Old Bay and bake again for 5 minutes or until the Parmesan cheese is melted.

Remove from oven and garnish with lemon wedges and fresh parsley or chives. Serve warm.

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Sat, Feb. 28th 2pm-4pm - Soul Line Dance Showcase at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Free; RSVP appreciated at [www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp](http://www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp).

Sun, March 1st 2pm - Abeo Quartet at the Ebenezer Theater at the Prager Family Center for the Arts, 17 S. Washington St., Easton; Presented by Chesapeake Music; Tickets at [www.chesapeakemusic.org](http://www.chesapeakemusic.org).

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Mon, March 2nd 7pm - Town of Galena Mayor & Council Meeting at 101 S. Main St., Galena; Call 410-648-5151; Learn more at [www.townofgalena.com](http://www.townofgalena.com).

Mon, March 2nd 7pm - Live Playwrights' Society at Garfield Center for the Arts, 210 High St., Chestertown; Call 410-810-2060; Visit [www.garfieldcenter.org](http://www.garfieldcenter.org).

Tues, March 3rd 12pm-8pm - Town of Millington Public Election at Millington Town Office, 402 Cypress St., Millington; Results of election will be posted at Town Office and on Town's website within 2 days of closing polls; Call 410-928-3880; Email [townadmin@millingtonmd.us](mailto:townadmin@millingtonmd.us).

Thurs, March 5th 10am-5pm - AARP Foundation Tax Aide Volunteers will be doing Federal and Maryland income taxes for Free at Kent Co. Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Also on March 19th & April 2nd; AARP membership not required; Program open to all taxpayers; Must be a MD resident; Call 443-485-1153, leave a voicemail; [www.easternshoretaxaide.com](http://www.easternshoretaxaide.com).

Fri-Sun, March 13th-29th - "Lend Me A Soprano" at Church Hill Theatre, 103 Walnut St., Church Hill; Fri's & Sat's 7:30pm, Sun's 2pm; \$25/adults, \$20/members, \$15/students; For tickets call 410-556-6003; Visit [www.churchhilltheatre.org](http://www.churchhilltheatre.org).

Sat, March 14th 9am-3pm - Safe Sitter Class at UM Shore Medical Center at Easton's Health Education Center, 219 South Washington St., Easton; Ages 11-13; \$50/pp, Safe Sitter kit included; Registration encouraged, space is limited; To register, contact [gladys.peeples@umm.edu](mailto:gladys.peeples@umm.edu); Call 410-822-1000, ext. 5234; Learn more by visiting [www.umms.org/shore](http://www.umms.org/shore).

Sat, March 14th 1pm-2:30pm - DASH Freedom to Dream Academy at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Monthly reading program designed to inspire imagination, creativity, and a love of reading; Ages 5-10 years old; All are welcome; Register at [www.sumnerhall.org/dash](http://www.sumnerhall.org/dash).

Sat, March 14th 1pm - Texas Hold 'Em at Queen Anne-Hillsboro Vol. Fire Co., 13512 First St., Queen Anne; Doors open 11am; \$100 entry fee, no re-buy, includes soda and water; Food and beer available; Prize money payout to all 8 finalists; To register call 443-786-4532 or 410-924-1860; Send emails to [tdifatta@comcast.net](mailto:tdifatta@comcast.net) or [khope80@hotmail.com](mailto:khope80@hotmail.com); [www.qahfc.com](http://www.qahfc.com).

Tues, March 17th 6pm - Chevrolet Corvette Fans "No" Club Corvette Enthusiasts meet at Procolino's, Kent Plaza, Chestertown; Meets every third Tues. monthly at 6pm, March through Nov., weather permitting; No dues, rules, regs, by-laws, officers, agenda; A social gathering of like-minded Corvette enthusiasts; Send emails and questions to [m.waal@breezelinet.net](mailto:m.waal@breezelinet.net).

Thurs, March 19th 10am-5pm - AARP Foundation Tax Aide Volunteers will be doing Federal and Maryland income taxes for Free at Kent Co. Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Additional Date: April 2nd; AARP membership not required; Program open to taxpayers of all ages; Must be a MD resident; For appointments call 443-485-1153, leave a voicemail; Visit [www.easternshoretaxaide.com](http://www.easternshoretaxaide.com) for more information.

Sat, March 21st 5:30pm-10pm - Island Beach Bash Benefit Concert at Kent Island Resort, Farmstead Building, 500 Kent Manor Dr., Stevensville; \$175/pp includes all entertainment, food, drinks, auction access and prize entries; Purchase tickets at [www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-beach-bash-tickets](http://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-beach-bash-tickets); Call 410-924-7744 for more information.

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Fri-Sun, March 27th-29th - 17th Annual Poetry Festival at Kent Cultural Alliance, Raimond Cultural Center, 101 Spring Ave., Chestertown; Poetry jam, eco poetry workshop, Jericho Brown, and community open mic; Call 410-778-3700 for more information; Find details at [www.kentculture.org](http://www.kentculture.org).

Sat, March 28th 8am-1pm - Indoor Craft & Yard Sale at Caroline Co. 4-H Park, 8230 Detour Rd., Denton; Benefits Caroline Co. 4-H Programs; Crafters, direct sales consultants, flea market; All vendors welcome; \$15/table; Call Joanne at 410-479-0565 or email [caroco4hcraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:caroco4hcraftshow@gmail.com).

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**If Your Birthday Is This Week:** A Venus-Uranus link at the start of your birthday week suggests you will be attracted to people and causes that are out of the ordinary over the next 12 months. That's fine, but take care you don't get swept away by passions you may not be able to control.

### ARIES (March 21 - April 20):

It's never nice being told you are wrong but on this occasion the person doing the telling is doing you a favor. If you carry on along your current path you will inevitably hit a wall, so listen to what they have to say. It's good advice.

### TAURUS (April 21 - May 21):

You seem to be wasting a lot of time and energy on minor matters that can probably be safely ignored and that is something you will need to deal with over the next few days. There are far more important things that need looking at.

### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21):

Do what you want to do this week rather than what other people expect you to do. You have gone out of your way of late to make life easier for family and friends and now you have every right and reason to do something for yourself.

### CANCER (June 22 - July 23):

Some people take great delight in criticizing and they are the people you must ignore over the next seven days. If they don't have anything positive to say then tune them out and focus on what matters to you. You don't need their validation.

### LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23):

By all means take other people's opinions into account over the coming week but don't hold back from doing what you are planning just because they have their doubts. Your own self-belief will be enough to carry you past any potential obstacles.

### VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23):

If you get a lucky break this week don't listen to those who say you did nothing to earn it. On the contrary, the good fortune you are about to experience is linked directly to the efforts you made towards the end of last year.

### LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23):

If you don't feel 100 per cent sure about a joint project of some sort then take a time out and let your partners know that a rethink may be needed. Your ability to see obstacles as well as opportunities could save you all a lot of hurt.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22):

You may be reluctant to let go of something that has outlived its usefulness but let go you must. As a Water sign you have a tendency to hold on to the past when you should be looking to the future. It's time to move on.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21):

If you get the chance to move up in the world over the next few days you must seize it without a moment's hesitation. The planets warn you are not the only one in the running for a promotion, so you will need to be quick.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20):

Don't make a big deal of it if a friend or loved one pulls out of a social event at the last moment this week. You can still go along without them and because they are not there you might even be less inhibited than usual.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19):

With the Sun, Mars and Pluto all moving through your sign you are in the mood to take on the world and win. Just remember though that you don't HAVE to make a fight out of every situation. A lot of people are on your side.

### PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20):

What at first looks like a mutually beneficial agreement could turn out to be something much less appealing later on, so be on your guard and be ready to back out if the vibes don't feel right. Your main obligation must be to yourself.

Sat, March 28th 9am - 20th Annual Timo-thy Kern Memorial Clay Shoot at Hopkins Game Farm, 13003 Turners Creek Rd., Kennedyville; Registration 8:30am; \$85/shooter; \$65/ages 17 and under; Sponsors needed, \$100 per sign; Raffles, 50/50, and more; Benefits Tim Kern Memorial Fund; For more information send emails to tkmemorialclayshoot@gmail.com; See ad in this week's issue.

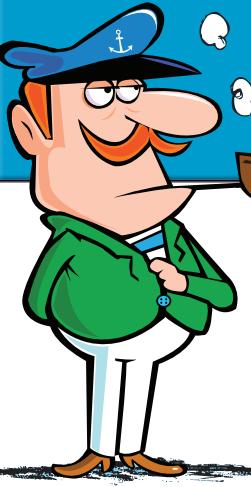
Sun, March 29th 8am - Guided Birding Tour at Blackwater NWR Visitors Center, 2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge; Free; 3-4 hour tour using personal vehicle, stopping at various points; Binoculars and field guides recommended; Additional tour dates are April 4th, 19th and May 3rd; For more information call 410-228-2677; Visit [www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater) for details about all upcoming guided birding tours.

Thurs, April 2nd 10am-5pm - AARP Foundation Tax Aide Volunteers will be doing Federal and Maryland income taxes for Free at Kent Co. Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; AARP membership not required; Open to all taxpayers; Must be a MD resident; For more information call 443-485-1153, leave a voicemail; Find details at [www.easternshoretaxaide.com](http://www.easternshoretaxaide.com).

Sun, April 4th 8am - Guided Birding Tour at Blackwater NWR Visitors Center, 2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge; Free; Visit [www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater).

Fri-Sun, April 10th-19th - "Between The Linds" at Church Hill Theatre, 103 Walnut St., Church Hill; Fri's & Sat's 7:30pm, Sun's 2pm; \$25/adults, \$20/members, \$15/students; For tickets call 410-556-6003; Visit [www.churchhilltheatre.org](http://www.churchhilltheatre.org).

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## A Cozy Winter Salon of Classical Music at The Mainstay

*The Brasswood Trio Brings Beautiful Music to Rock Hall on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>*

On Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm The Mainstay in Rock Hall will be the venue for a cozy winter salon of 19<sup>th</sup> century classical music. Salons were a weekly feature in Paris from the 16<sup>th</sup> century until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and one is the perfect antidote for winter malaise.

The Brasswood Trio's 21<sup>st</sup> century's version of this tradition features oboist Dana Newcomb, French hornist Anne Nye, and pianist Kendra Bigley – three musicians who exemplify the characteristics of bright, inspired, and trend setters – of the leaders of history's great salons.

Oboist Dana Newcomb earned her Bachelor of Music in Performance and Master's Degrees from the Peabody Institute of Music. She is Principal Oboe for several orchestras in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New Jersey including the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra.



Anne Nye, French Horn, is an orchestral and chamber musician who currently performs with the Brasswood Trio, Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, and Pennsylvania Philharmonic. Her Bachelor of Music degree in Performance is from the Wheaton Conservatory of Music.

Pianist Kendra Bigley is a versatile musician, based in Pennsylvania, who performs frequently with chamber groups, operas, and orchestras. She earned degrees from the Eastman School of Music and Temple University.

"Given the infectious warmth of these three accomplished musicians and the elegant and inventive program they have put together, this will be a cozy concert to cheer us all up after this winter's chill," said Muphen Whitney, Volunteer Coordinator of the Classical Music Series. "The intimate atmosphere of The Mainstay and our wonderful audience also will add to the ambiance of a cozy winter salon."

The program opens with 19-century composer Carl Reinecke's Trio for piano, oboe, and horn that will introduce the audience to all three members of the Trio. The other works to be performed include Hermann Neuling's Bagatelle for Horn and Piano and Bela Bartok's Three Folksongs from the County of Csik for Oboe and Piano.

This concert is part of the Hedgelawn Classical Series at The Mainstay in honor of Judy Kohl.

Advance tickets are \$15 (plus \$1.30 fee) and can be purchased online on the webpage [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org). Tickets at the door (\$20) may be available the day of the performance. A cash bar is available for cocktails, wine, beer, soft drinks, and snacks before the performance and at intermission. The Mainstay is located at 5753 North Main Street in Rock Hall. For more information call 410-639-9133.

Sat, April 11th 1pm-2:30pm - DASH Freedom to Dream Academy at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Monthly reading program designed to inspire imagination, creativity, and a love of reading; Ages 5-10 years old; All are welcome; Register at [www.sumnerhall.org/dash](http://www.sumnerhall.org/dash).

Sun, April 12th 10am-4pm - Wicomico Hunt Point to Point at Mount Harmon, 600 Mount Harmon Rd., Earleville; Point to Point races, tailgating, marketplace & food court; Advanced tickets GA \$25, VIP tailgating & sponsorships \$250 & up; Call 410-275-8819; [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org).

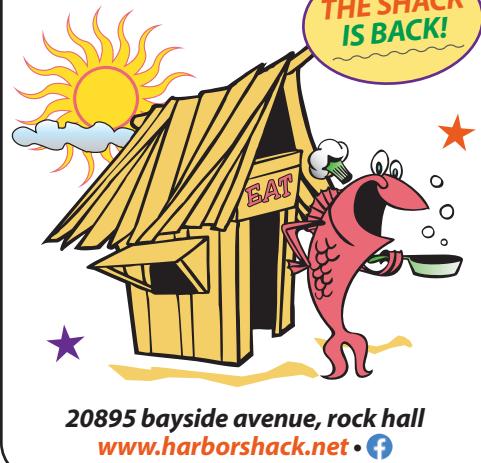
Fri & Sat, April 17th & 18th - "Where Voices Meet" Concert with Chester River Chorale at Presbyterian Church, 905 Gateway Dr., Chestertown; Fri. 7:30pm, Sat. 4pm; tickets at [www.chesterriverchorale.org](http://www.chesterriverchorale.org).

Sun, April 19th 8am - Guided Birding Tour at Blackwater NWR Visitors Center, 2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge; Free; 3-4 hour tour using personal vehicle, stopping at various points; Binoculars and field guides recommended; Call 410-228-2677; Visit [www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater).

Wed, April 22nd-26th - Chestertown RiverArts Paint The Town plein air celebration throughout Kent County; Wet Paint Show & Sale; Quick Draw competition; 410-778-6300; Send emails and questions to [kriskelley@chestertownriverarts.org](mailto:kriskelley@chestertownriverarts.org).

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What a great poem by the late Spike Milligan about smiling



Smiling is infectious,  
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When someone smiled at me today,  
I started smiling, too.

I walked around the corner  
and someone saw me grin,  
When he smiled I realized  
I had passed it on to him.

I thought about the smile  
and then realized its worth.

A single smile like mine  
could travel 'round the earth.

So if you feel a smile begin,  
don't leave it undetected.

Start an epidemic,  
and get the world infected.

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**Be silent** if you don't know the full story.

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**Be silent** in the heat of anger.

**Be silent** if your words can destroy  
an amazing friendship or relationship.

**Be silent** if you are unsure about  
the topic or lack knowledge.

**Be silent** when someone is sharing  
their struggles and vulnerability.

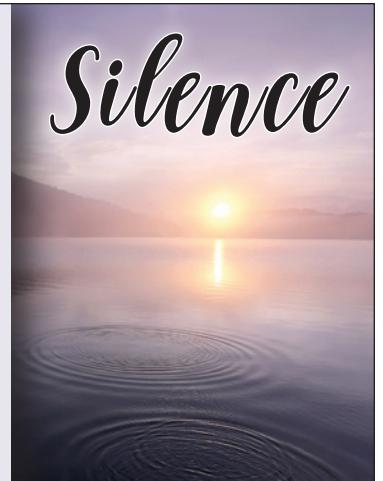
**Be silent** if you can't talk without yelling.

**Be silent** if your silence can save your bonds.

**Be silent** if speaking will only serve to  
boost your ego or seek validation.

**Be silent** if your words can betray someone's trust.

*Silence*



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- Rise to your feet when someone enters the room.
- Let others exit before you walk in.
- Say "My pleasure" instead of "No problem".
- Listen fully before speaking.
- Keep your phone off the table.
- Always keep your shoes polished.
- Lower your voice during serious moments.
- Wait to be addressed in formal situations.
- Maintain eye contact during handshakes.
- Ask about others before talking about yourself.
- Walk beside your guest, never ahead.
- Send hand-written thank-you notes.
- Leave space when joining group conversations.
- Wait until everyone is served before eating.
- Compliment someone's character, not just their looks.
- Dress for the occasion, not for attention.
- Speak only when you can add value.
- Gesture with calmness – never point.
- Use linen napkins, not paper ones.
- Check your reflection in private.
- Remember names – and actually use them.



## Gerald Lewin Jacquette, Sr.

January 14, 1958 – January 28, 2026



Gerald Lewin Jacquette, Sr., 68, of Rock Hall, Maryland passed away peacefully on January 28, 2026 at University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Chestertown.

Gerald was born on January 14, 1958 to the late James W. and Ann Schaeber Jacquette. He was lovingly raised at Shipyard Farm in Rock Hall with his siblings. It was there that they learned that hard work, perseverance, family, and God are what matter most. He spent his life working on farms, as a waterman, and operating a dump truck for local companies. He was a natural storyteller who loved to share stories and life lessons with everyone he spoke to. He leaves his family and friends with many memories, stories, and life lessons to cherish.

Gerald enjoyed cooking, especially recipes that he was taught by his mother. He made soup, biscuits, and many other meals from memory that his family will miss. He also enjoyed fixing things. He loved to take things that were broken, repair them, and put them back together, leaving the item with his own personal touch. He was also an animal lover, with a big heart for animals of all kinds who needed care. He welcomed many animals into his home and instilled this love throughout his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of forty one years, Nita, and their three children – Sarah Davis, Buck Jacquette and his wife Amanda, and Kendall Manning and her husband Ryan; his three grandchildren – Mackenzie Jacquette, Blake Jacquette, and Marley Manning; siblings Betty Ann Strong (Buff), Jimmy “Jim Bob” Jacquette (Andrea), and Frances Rodney (George); a special niece Sheila, and many other nieces and nephews. He is also survived by many pets including JJ, Cooper, and Maizie.

Gerald's life was full of cherished moments that will live on in his family's hearts. He would often give people many chances to make situations right and his spirit and memory will live on with them forever.

A service will be held at Chestertown Baptist Church on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 2:30pm, with fellowship following from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Please visit at any time to share your memories and enjoy the company of one another.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company or Kent County Humane Society, or buy some scratch-offs and enjoy them with your family, as Gerald did many times.

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# Fond Farewells

**Robin Rebecca Beach**, 66, passed away January 31, 2026. She was born September 7, 1959. When service details have been finalized the information will be posted on the funeral home's website. Arrangements by *Fellows Family Funeral Home*

**Mary Page Taylor**, 69, passed away January 31, 2026. She was born November 8, 1956. When service details have been finalized the information will be posted on the funeral home's website. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Jerry Kersey Hunter**, 82, passed away January 31, 2026. He was born August 9, 1943. When service details have been finalized the information will be posted on the funeral home's website. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Shirley Greenwood Bedford**, 87, passed away January 30, 2026. She was born May 9, 1938. A viewing will be held on Friday, February 6, 2026 from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Centreville, Maryland. The Funeral Service will begin at 12:00pm at the funeral home and will be followed by burial at 1:15pm in Chesterfield Cemetery in Centreville, Maryland. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Gerald Lewin Jacquette, Sr.**, 68, of Rock Hall, Maryland, passed away peacefully January 28, 2026 at University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Chestertown. Gerald was born January 14, 1958 to the late James W. and Ann Schaeber Jacquette. A Funeral Service will be held at Chestertown Baptist Church on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 2:30pm, with fellowship following from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. The family invites family and friends to visit at any time to share memories and enjoy the company of one another. Arrangements by *Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

**Dorothy “Dottie” Fae Phillips**, 92, passed away January 27, 2026, peacefully at her home. Dottie was born July 25, 1933 in Cambridge, Maryland to the late Philip Martin Booze and Susie Estelle Rruark. A joint service for Dottie and her husband Kenneth Phillips, Sr. will be held on Monday, February 6, 2026 at 1:00pm at Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock, Maryland. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Rosemarie Regina Hemsley**, 92, passed away peacefully January 27, 2026, surrounded by her loved ones in her home in Queenstown, Maryland. Rosemarie was born December 28, 1933 in Baltimore, Maryland, daughter of the late Hilda and Nicholas Esposito. Services will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 11:00am at Old Wye Church in Wye Mills, Maryland. A reception will follow at 425 Wye Island Road in Queenstown, Maryland. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Robert “Bob” Edward Stiller**, 83, passed away January 26, 2026, at his home in Queenstown, Maryland. He was born on February 13, 1942 in Brackenridge, Pennsylvania, son of the late Robert Joseph and Twila Louise (nee Thorne) Stiller. A visitation will be held on Wednesday February 4, 2026 from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Centreville, Maryland. A Funeral Service will follow at 12:00pm at the funeral home. Interment will be held immediately after the service at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Easton, Maryland. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Kimberly Rollison Dean**, 67, of Chestertown, Maryland, passed away January 26, 2026 at home. Kim was born June 7, 1958 in Chestertown, Maryland to the late Paul M. and Mildred Taylor Rollison. Services will be announced at a later date and will be posted on the funeral home's website. Arrangements by *Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

**Allan Frank Price**, 91, a United States Army veteran, of Chestertown, Maryland, went home to be with the Lord January 24, 2026. Allan was born May 4, 1934 in Baltimore, Maryland, son of the late Allan Washington Price and Eva J. Price. Services will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 1:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, Maryland. Interment will follow at a later date at Wesley Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Jane Cook Fox**, 104, died peacefully January 8, 2026, surrounded by family. She was born Jane Iris Cook August 26, 1921 in Mount Holly, New Jersey, to George & Ida Cook. A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 11:00am at Wesley Hall at Heron Point in Chestertown, Maryland. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

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