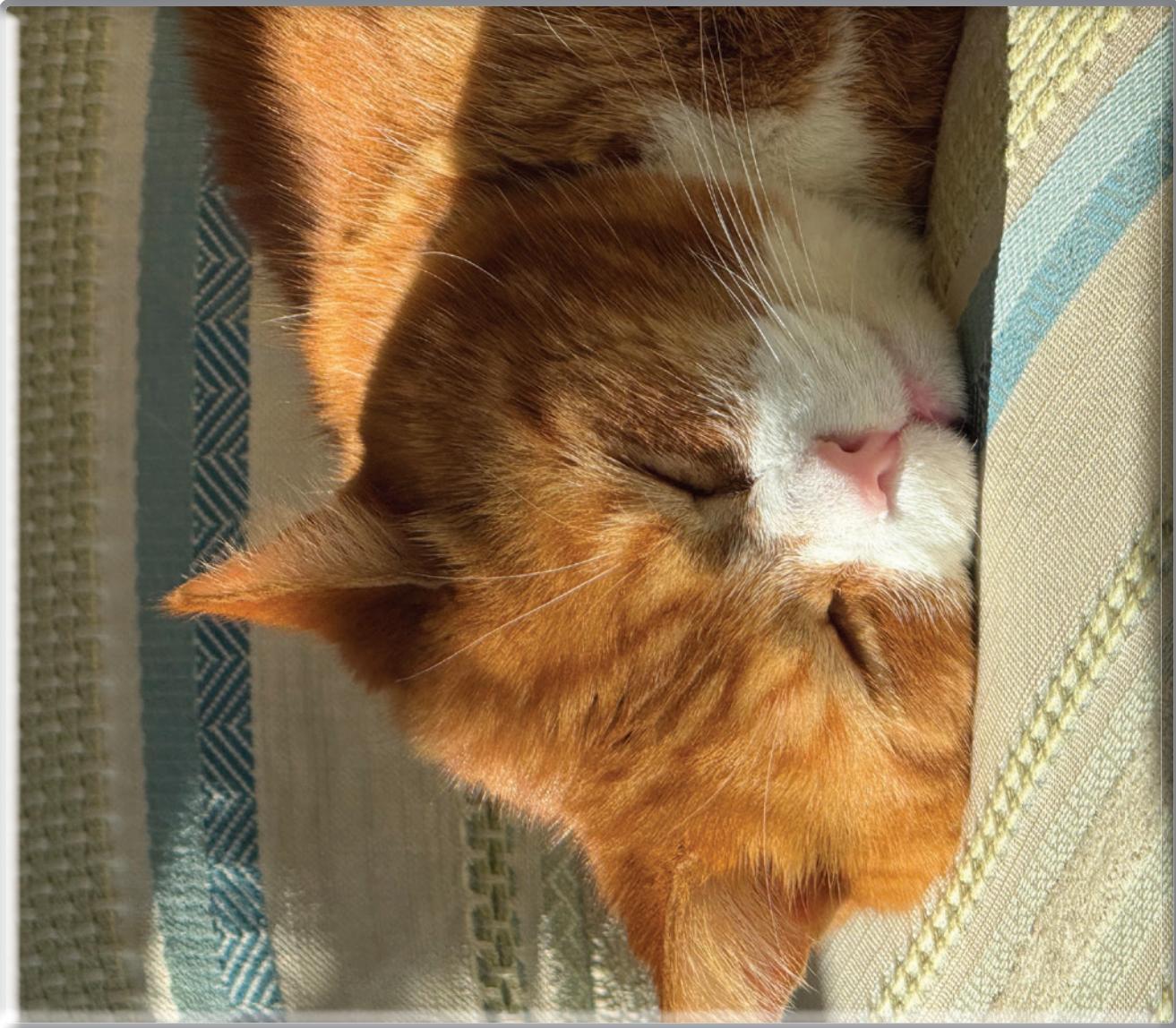


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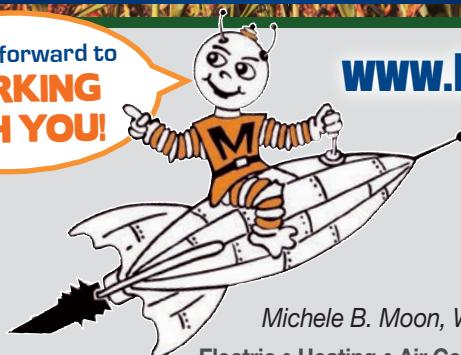


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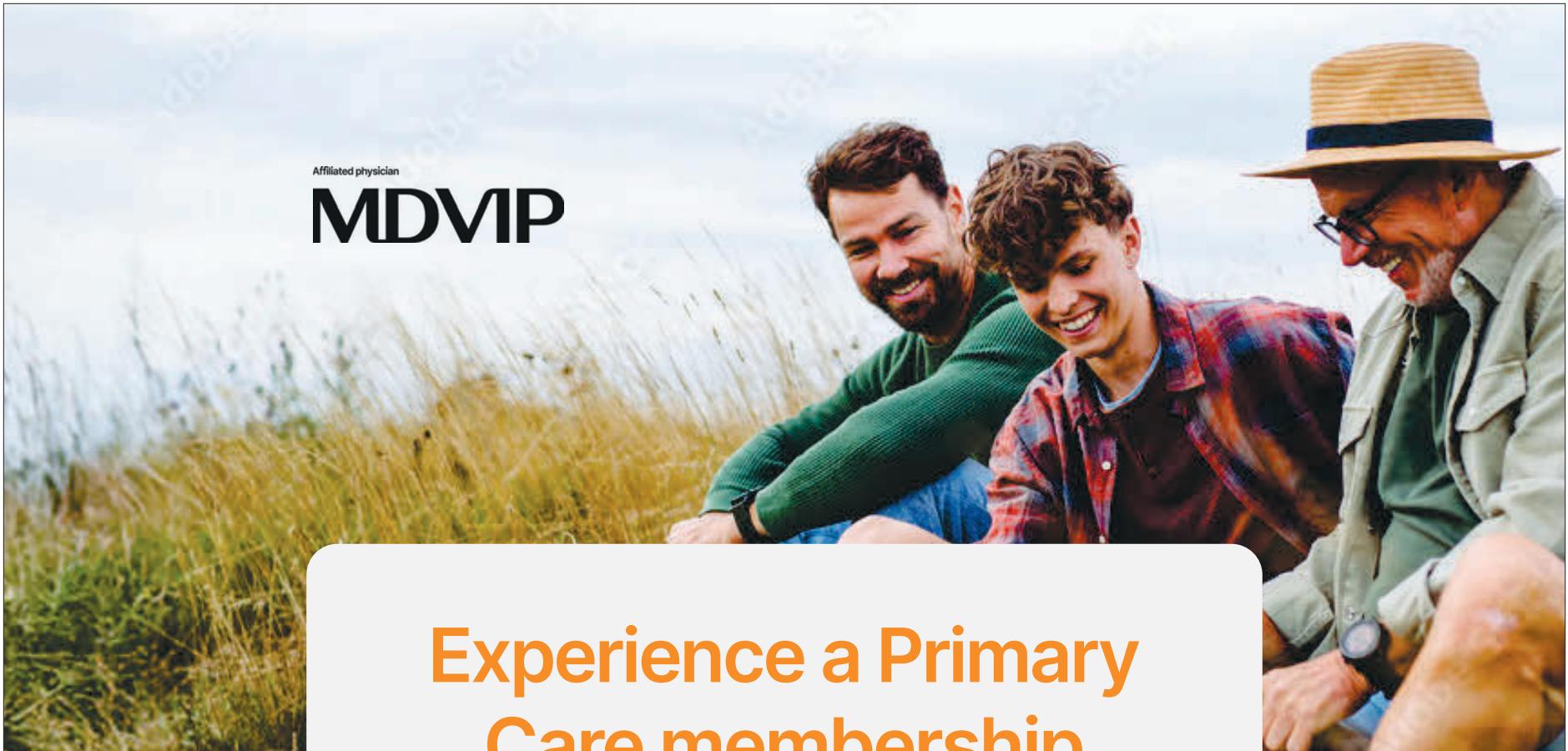
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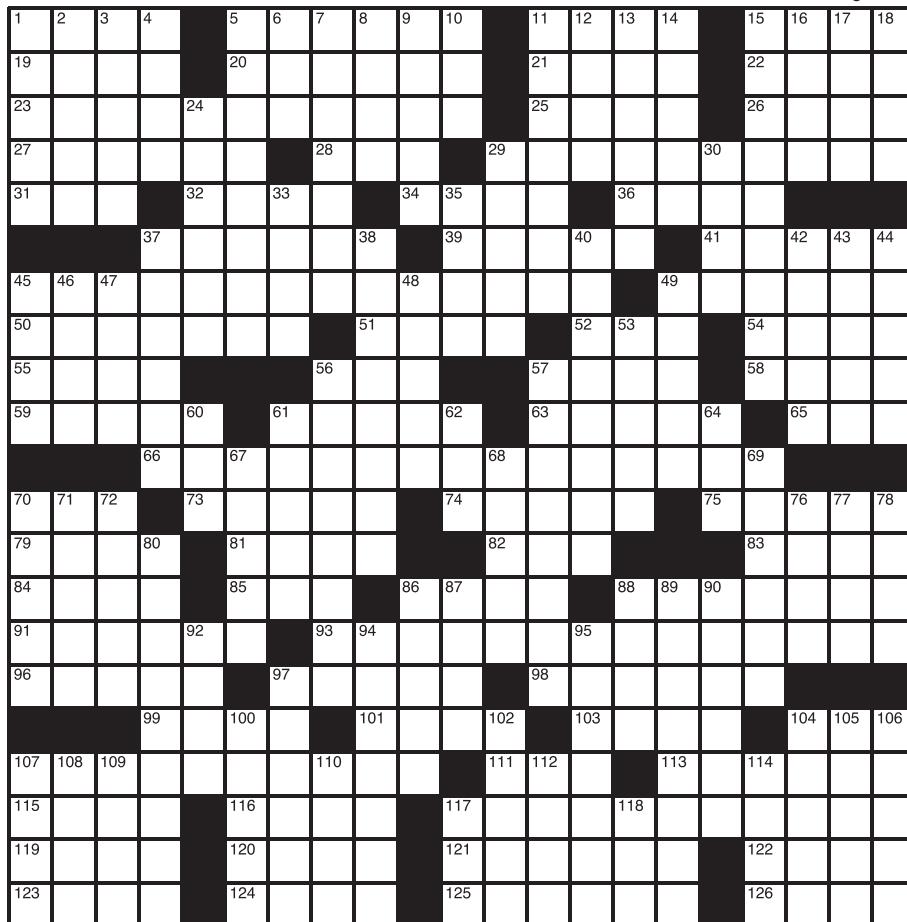
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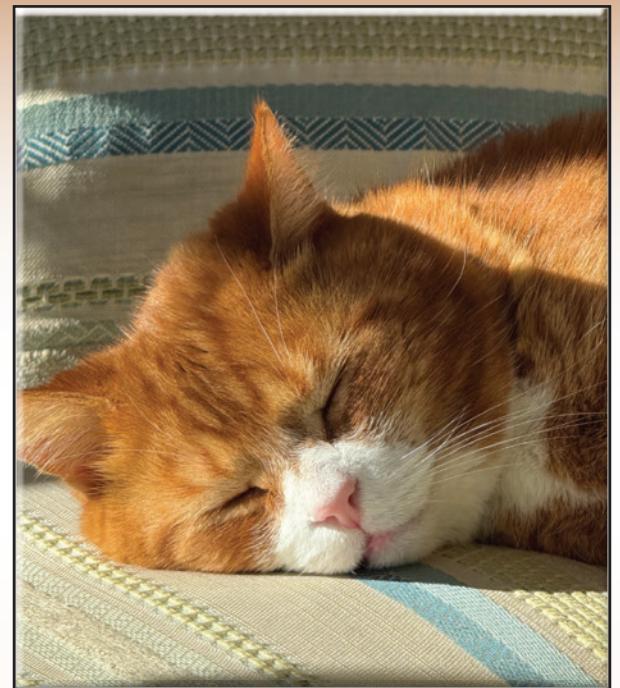
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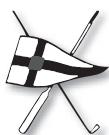
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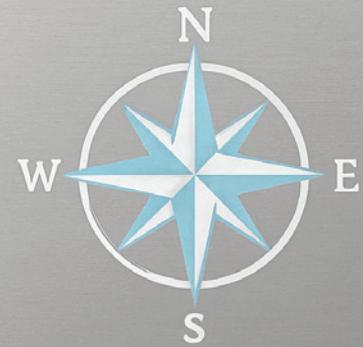
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- On Memorial Day (the last Monday in May), to honor all who died in battle, the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff for the remainder of the day.
- Since 1834, the U.S. Flag has flown continuously next to the grave of the Revolutionary War hero, the Marquis de Lafayette, near Paris, France.
- June 14 was proclaimed Flag Day by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916. While Flag Day was a popular celebration in scores of communities for many years after Wilson's proclamation, it didn't receive its official Congressional designation until 1949.



The United States Flag should always be treated with the utmost care and respect. Remember, the flag represents a living country, and as such, is considered a living thing.

- Always display the flag with the blue union field up – never display the flag upside down, except as a distress signal.
- It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
- Always hold the flag carefully – never let it touch anything beneath it: the ground, the floor, water or merchandise.
- Always keep the flag aloft and free – never carry it flat or horizontally.
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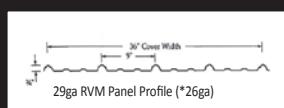
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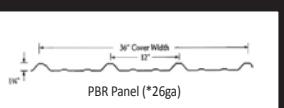
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- 17 Shrove Tuesday (Tues.)
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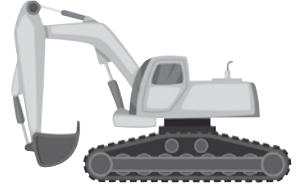
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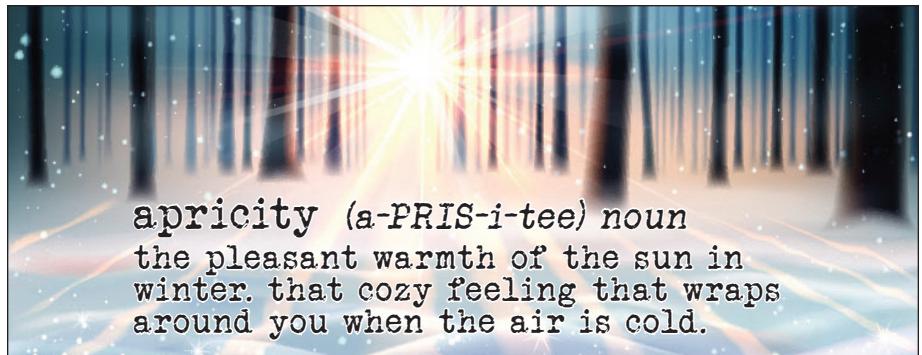
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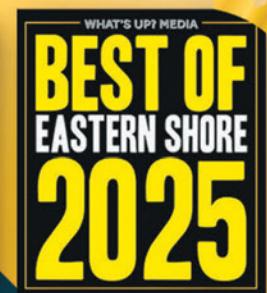


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Thurs, March 12th 1pm - Caregiver Support Group at Compass Barnette Center, 255 Comet Dr., Centreville; Meets every second Thurs.; Call 443-262-4124 for more information; Send emails and questions to tchristy@compassregionalhospice.org; Visit www.compassregionalhospice.org.

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

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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.

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| March 10 | - Blood Pressure Screening with Shore Community Outreach Team @ 10:30 - Enduring Faith @ 10:30 |
| March 11 | - Yogurt Bar to Celebrate National Nutrition Month 10:15-11:00 |
| March 16 | - Peoples Insurance Counsel will Answer Questions 10:00-12:00 |
| March 17 | - Medication Management with Melanie @ 10:30 - St. Patrick's Day Celebration @ 11:00 |
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Every Fri 7pm - Kingdom of God Community Bible Study at Recovery In Motion, 300 Scheeler Rd., Chestertown; For more information call 410-778-6404.

Every Fri 9am - Insight Meditation Community of Chestertown meditation group meets at Unitarian Universalist Church, 914 Gateway Dr., Chestertown; Newcomers welcome; Call 410-708-5402 for more information; Learn more by visiting www.imc-chestertown.org.

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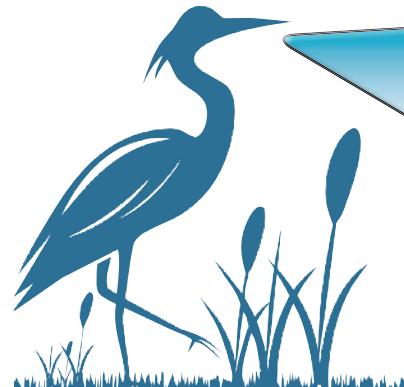
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The Family Support Resource Center for Kent County Public Schools - Assists families of children with special needs by offering programs, workshops, resources, and other assistance; Find on Facebook; Call 410-778-5708 for more information; Email fsupport@kent.k12.md.us.

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 AI NON meetings and available to support other twelve step groups; Call Patti 302-379-6866.

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

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Every Thurs 3:30pm-5:30pm - Kent Island Farmers Market at Cult Classic Brewery, 1169 Shopping Center Rd., Stevensville; Variety of foods, herbs, pet treats, and much more; Rain or shine; Call 410-643-3283; Visit <https://kifm830.wixsite.com/kifm/>; On Facebook at [kentislandfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/kentislandfarmersmarket); Email dianebedline@gmail.com.

Every Sat 8am-12pm - Easton Farmers Market at 100 N. Harrison St., municipal parking lot, Easton; Rain or shine; Find more information on Facebook.

Every Sat 8am-12pm - Chestertown Farmers Market on High St. in downtown Chestertown; Fresh vegetables, fruits, eggs, herbs, breads, soaps, plants, flowers, beef, pork, chicken, lamb, seafood, cheese, wine, chocolates, honey, butter, baked goods, berries, jam, pet treats, alpaca & wool products, artisans, crafters, and more; Visit www.chestertownfarmersmarket.org.

Every Sun 9am-1pm - Centreville Farmers Market at 101 Lawyers Row, Centreville; Call 410-708-0151 for more information or email centrevillefarmersmkt@gmail.com.

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- March 2: Moon near Regulus
- March 3: **FULL WORM MOON**
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- March 6: Moon near Spica
- March 8: Venus near Saturn
- March 10: Moon near Antares
- March 11: Last Quarter Moon
- March 15: Mars near Mercury
- March 17: Moon near Mercury;
Moon near Mars
- March 18: Comet 88P/Howell reaches perihelion;
Moon near Mars and Mercury
- March 19: New Moon
- March 20: Moon near Venus;
March Equinox
- March 23: Moon near Uranus;
Moon near the Pleiades
- March 25: First Quarter Moon
- March 26: Moon near Jupiter
- March 27: Moon near Pollux
- March 28: Moon near the Beehive Cluster
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Through Feb. 28th - Micro Agricultural Grant Program Applications Accepted; Presented by the Upper Shore Regional Council; Grants range from \$2,500 to \$10,000; Visit www.kentcounty.com/grants.

Through Feb. 28th - Public comments accepted on the proposed changes to the 2026-2028 hunting and trapping seasons and the proposed 2026-2027 migratory game bird seasons and bag limits; View proposed regulations and comment online at <https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/comment-form-hunting-regulations-2026-28.aspx>; Call 410-260-8540.

Through March 2nd - Kent Cultural Alliance Artist Grant applications accepted; Open to all Kent County artists; \$500 grant award; 101 Spring Ave., Chestertown; Call 410-778-3700; www.kentculture.org; Email hester@kentculture.org.

Through 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; \$25/child resident, \$30/child nonresident; Pizza provided for dinner; Call 410-778-1948; For details visit www.kentparksandrec.org/

Through 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; Go to www.queenannescountyart.com.

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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.

FAILURE TO APPEAR: 02/11/2026 PFC T. Burke served two District Court bench warrants on Curtis Lamonte Young, 65, of Chestertown, Maryland, charging him with failure to appear on charges of disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace. Young was released. Court date is pending.

SHOPLIFTING: 02/12/2026 PFC R. Thompson took a report for a past theft that occurred in Washington Square Plaza. The suspect has been identified. Charges are pending.

DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS: 02/14/2026 PFC T. Burke conducted a traffic stop in the 700 block of Washington Avenue. The driver, Lionel Barrington Alex Lewis, 32, of Wilmington, Delaware, was arrested and charged with: CDS, possession with intent to distribute; CDS, possession of paraphernalia x 3; CDS, possession, not cannabis x 3; driving vehicle while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance; driving vehicle while so far impaired by drugs cannot drive safely; driving motor vehicle on highway without required license and authorization; driving on highway or public use property on a revoked out-of-state license; driving vehicle while license suspended; and person driving on highway on suspended out-of-state license. Lewis also had an outstanding bench warrant through Cecil County for possession of CDS charges from 2025 that PFC T. Burke served. Lewis was held at Kent County Detention Center. Court date is pending.

SHOPLIFTING: 02/16/2026 OFC K. Harris took a report for a past theft that occurred in Washington Square Plaza. The suspect has been identified. Charges are pending.

FAMILY OFFENSES: 02/11/2026 LT Linz is investigating an incident of a child left in an unattended vehicle. Charges are pending at this time. The child was not injured.

HARASSMENT: 02/18/2026 PFC T. Burke took a report for harassment. The suspect is known to the victim. Case remains open at this time.

COUNTERFEIT/FORGERY: 02/20/2026 OFC P. Rodriguez took a report for a forged check. Investigation remains active at this time.



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.

February 10, 2026: DFC F. Baker served a Kent County District Court arrest warrant for second degree child abuse on Michael Charles Riddell, age 34, of Millington, Maryland. Riddell was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

February 11, 2026: D/S S. Steppe is investigating damage to a vehicle that occurred in the 14000 block of Augustine Herman Highway, Chestertown. The victim reported that a known suspect caused \$3000 to \$5000 in damage to their vehicle.

February 11, 2026: CPL P. Hudson arrested Raymond Costanzo, age 45, of Worton, Maryland for being a fugitive from the state of Pennsylvania where he was wanted for a violation of probation. Costanzo was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

February 12, 2026: SGT G. Manning is investigating a burglary and theft that occurred in the 30000 block of Daves Hill Road, Kennedyville. The victim reported that a known suspect entered the residence and stole items valued at approximately \$400.

February 13, 2026: SGT N. Blazejak is investigating a theft that occurred in the 7700 block of Quaker Neck Road, Chestertown. The victim reported the theft of \$400 in products from the property. Under investigation.

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 more information or visit 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/

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.

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; www.kentparksandrec.org/

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; Visit www.kentparksandrec.org/

Through June 1st - Summer Camp registration open for Sultana Education Foundation; Visit www.sultanaeducation.org; Call 410-778-5954.

Through Oct. 31st - Platform Tennis for ages 16 and older at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Call 410-778-1948.

Wed, Feb. 25th - Video Game Hangout and Mario Kart Tournament Adult Edition at Kent County Public Library, 408 High St., Chestertown; Feb. 26th Storytime; Feb. 27th Pinch Pots Homeschool Hang Out; Feb. 28th Picture Perfect; March 2nd Tech Help Drop In; March 3rd Storytime, Book Donations, Games & Gadgets; March 4th Video Game Hangout, Snack Around the World; March 5th Storytime, Games & Gadgets; Get your library card for free movies, ebooks, online classes, and much more; Call 410-778-3636; www.kentcountylibrary.org.

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Who's Cookin' with Carla?

DIVINE BEEF STROGANOFF

- 8 Oz Uncooked Egg Noodles
- 1 Lb Beef Sirloin, sliced against the grain
- Salt and Pepper, to taste
- 4 Tbsp Butter, divided in half
- 1 Large Onion, thinly sliced
- 16 Oz Mushrooms, sliced
- 4 Cloves Garlic, minced
- 3 Cups Beef Broth
- 1/4 Cup All Purpose Flour
- 2 Tbsp Worcestershire Sauce
- 1/2 Cup Sour Cream
- 2 Tsp Dijon Mustard
- Fresh Parsley, for garnish

Cook egg noodles according to package instructions. Drain and set aside.

While noodles cook, heat a skillet over medium-high heat until piping hot. Season the beef with salt and pepper. Melt half the butter in the skillet and sear the meat until medium or desired doneness. Transfer to a covered plate.

Melt remaining butter in the skillet. Add onion and garlic and saute until tender. Stir in mushrooms and cook until softened.

Whisk beef broth, flour, and Worcestershire sauce in a bowl until smooth. Pour this mixture into the skillet and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 5 to 8 minutes, stirring, until the sauce thickens.

Return beef to the skillet. Stir in sour cream and Dijon mustard. Season with salt and pepper. Stir egg noodles into the beef mixture - OR - serve beef stroganoff over egg noodles.

Ground beef can be substituted for beef sirloin; omit the butter when cooking the meat and drain excess grease.

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Who's Cookin' with Carla?

QUICK CHICKEN LETTUCE WRAPS

- 1 Rotisserie Chicken, meat removed and shredded
- 1/2 Cup Shredded Carrots
- 1/2 Cup Chopped Water Chestnuts
- 1/2 Cup Green Onions, diced
- 1/3 Cup Asian-Style Dressing
- 1/4 Cup Plain Greek Yogurt
- 1 Pinch Red Pepper Flakes, optional
- 1 Head Boston Lettuce

In a large bowl, stir chicken, carrots, water chestnuts, and green onions together until evenly combined.

In a small bowl, stir salad dressing and yogurt together until smooth. Pour dressing over the chicken mixture and toss to coat.

Plate several Boston lettuce leaves. Top each with a generous scoop of the chicken mixture. Season with red pepper flakes.

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GOOD NEWS PAGE

Newsworthy Notes From You The Readers

Regional Entrepreneurs Invited to Compete for Start-up Investments at the Upper Shore STRT1UP Roadshow



For more details and to apply to register to compete or just attend, please visit: <https://www.kentcounty.com/strt1up>

Competition returns to Washington College for 3rd Consecutive Year, sponsored by the newly announced Warehime School of Business and the Upper Shore Regional Council

Business-minded residents of the Eastern Shore are invited to an exciting showcase of regional entrepreneurship at the 2026 Upper Shore STRT1UP Roadshow, hosted by Washington College and StartUp Maryland, in partnership with Cecil County Economic Development, Kent County Economic Development, Queen Anne's Economic Development, and the Upper Shore Regional Council. The pitch competition will take place on Tuesday, April 14th at 2:00pm on the Washington College campus in Chestertown. Aspiring entrepreneurs from Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties will pitch their innovative business ideas for a chance to win significant cash prizes. This must-attend event brings together startups, students, business leaders, and resource partners from across the Upper Shore.

This is Washington College's third year hosting the Eastern Shore competition. The College's Warehime School of Business was recently established to further Washington's commitment to providing a premier business education rooted in the liberal arts and is expected to begin accepting students starting this fall. The school's mission aligns well with that of USRC's focus on nurturing the physical, economic, and social development of the Eastern Shore. Both are invested in growing business opportunities throughout the region.

"We are proud to host this celebration of entrepreneurial energy for

the third consecutive year," said Caddie Putnam Rankin, associate dean of Washington College's Warehime School of Business. "Competitions like this reflect the Warehime School's commitment to experiential learning, regional partnership, and the advancement of innovative ventures. Seeing one of our own students earn top honors last year highlighted the depth of talent within our community, and we are honored to support an event that equips emerging business leaders with the resources, mentorship, and confidence to take their next meaningful step."

This dynamic event is free to attend and offers a unique opportunity to witness the energy and creativity of local startups. Selected entrepreneurs will present 5-minute pitches, vying for a \$4,000 grand prize. The second and third place runners-up will receive \$1,500 and \$500, respectively. Pitches will be judged on clarity of idea, business viability, problem-solving impact, and innovation.

In addition to the competition, attendees will benefit from the Business Resource Panel with a discussion focused on funding and incentives (panelists to be announced). This session will explore available capital resources, incentive programs, and practical funding strategies for startups and growing businesses. They'll also have the chance to connect with key resource partners offering valuable support for entrepreneurs and small businesses. Organizations such as Maryland Capital Enterprises / Women's Business Center, the Upper Shore Regional Council Business Mentor Program, TEDCO, and others will be on-site to share information about their programs, funding opportunities,

The Garfield Center Opens Playmakers Registration March 9th

The Garfield Center has announced the 2026 Playmakers Director and the start date for open registration. Playmakers is the GCA's well-loved and successful theatrecraft and acting camp for young aspiring performers ages 8 through 15. The 2026 camp begins July 6th and ends with its performance weekend on July 31st, August 1st and 2nd.

Registration begins online only at 8am on Monday, March 9th; go to www.garfieldcenter.org/camps. A registration button will appear that morning on that webpage at 8am, so registration will not be available prior to the moment it opens.

The 2026 Playmakers production title has not yet been selected. Once a title is selected, an announcement will be posted on the Garfield Center's Facebook page.

Returning as this summer's Playmakers Director is 2024-2025 Maryland Teacher of the Year Finalist and Kent County Middle School teacher Kaitlyn Wright. This will be Kaitlyn's third summer with the Playmakers program. Kaitlyn brings over a decade of experience in education. She earned her Bachelor's degree in English at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pennsylvania, and her Masters in Educational Leadership and Administration (ELA) at Salisbury University. Over the years in the classroom, she has infused her ELA curriculum with the study of drama, inviting her middle and high school students to perform and explore works spanning various genres including titles such as the science-fiction teleplay "The Monsters are Due

on Maple Street," Shakespeare's tragedy "Romeo and Juliet," and H.G. Well's radio classic "The War of the Worlds." She directed her first Middle School production "The Big Bad Musical" at Salisbury Middle School in 2017 and was very proud to direct Kent County Middle School's productions of "A Christmas Carol," "The Wizard of Oz," and "Alice in Wonderland." She is looking forward to returning to Playmakers this summer!

To more reasonably cover costs for the program, the Garfield Center has slightly raised fees this year. The fee for participants age 8 to 11 is \$450.00 per enrollee, and the fee for participants age 12 to 15 is \$500.00 per enrollee. Monday through Friday camp days start at 9am, with child drop-off beginning at 8:30am, and each camp day ends at 2:30pm, with child pick-up lasting until 3pm. A short day will likely be held on Friday, July 31st in preparation for that evening's opening night performance starting at 7pm. The performance weekend will also feature a Saturday night performance at 7pm and a Sunday matinee performance at 2pm.

Playmakers registration slots fill up quickly, so perspective participants and their parents should register as soon after registration opens as possible to ensure a spot in the camp.

Visit www.garfieldcenter.org for complete details.





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Don't miss this opportunity to experience the thrill of entrepreneurship and support local business growth. This event is free and open to the public to attend. For those wishing to compete, the deadline to apply to pitch is Tuesday, March

3rd at midnight. For more details and to apply to register to compete or just attend, please visit: www.kentcounty.com/strt1up.

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| 16 | 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day | 18 4pm - Men's Peer Support Group | 19 4pm - Women's Peer Support Group | 20 7pm - Kingdom of God Community Bible Study |
| 23 | 24 2-4pm NHIH Outreach Kent County Community Center - Worton | 25 4pm - Men's Peer Support Group | 26 4pm - Women's Peer Support Group | 27 7pm - Kingdom of God Community Bible Study |
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Wed, Feb. 25th - Clay Studio Open Studio at RiverArts, 343 High St., Chestertown; Feb. 26th Clay Studio Open Studio, Handbuilding for Beginners, Beginner Plus Pottery; Feb. 27th Clay Studio Open Studio; Feb. 28th The Prompted Image, KidSPOT Saturday Drop In, Clay Studio Open Studio, How to Speak to Your Art; March 1st Clay Studio Open Studio, The Prompted Image; Every 1st & 3rd Thurs. Photography Club; Every Sat. KidSpot 9am-12pm; Every Tues.-Sun. Open Studio; Every 2nd & 4th Tues. Tapestry; Call 410-778-6300 for more information; Details are available online at www.ctownra.org.

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.

Thurs, Feb. 26th - Rising Tide After-School Workshop at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 213 N. Talbot St., St. Michaels; Feb. 28th Paint Night Blizzard on the Bay (rescheduled); March 2nd Demystifying Wood Technology; March 3rd Rising Tide After School Workshop; March 5th Rising Tide After School Workshop; Call 410-745-4941; Go to www.cbmm.org.

Thurs-Sat, Feb. 26th-28th 7:30pm-9:30pm - "Hamlet" at Tawes Theatre, Washington College, 300 Washington Ave., Chestertown; Email ddaigle@washcoll.edu.

Fri, Feb. 27th - Botanical Drawing II at Adkins Arboretum, 12610 Eveland Rd., Ridgeley; Feb. 28th Designing with Native Plants; March 2nd Philadelphia Flower Show Bus Trip; March 5th Permaculture 101; Visit www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Fri-Sun, Feb. 27th-March 8th - "Misery" at Garfield Center for the Arts, 210 High St., Chestertown; Runs Fri, Sat and Sun; Call 410-810-2060; www.garfieldcenter.org.

Fri-Sun Feb. 27th-March 1st - Into the Woods JP at Kent Co. High School, 25301 Lams Meadow Rd., Worton; Fri & Sat 7pm, Sun 2pm; General Admission \$10, Students \$5; Call 410-778-4540; Learn more at www.kent.k12.md.us.

Sat, Feb. 28th - Combines in Design: A Mixed Media Workshop Inspired by the Robert Rauschenberg Exhibit at Academy Art Museum, 114 N. Washington St., Easton; March 5th-26th Seeing Creatively: An Introduction to Photography; Home-school Mini Sessions; Piano, Guitar, & Voice Lessons; Call 410-822-2787; Visit www.academyartmuseum.org.

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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; Learn more at www.mainstayrockhall.org; See ad in this issue.

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; Send emails to saredwards@verizon.net.

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 or visit 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; Visit www.notmychildinc.org/carmens-charity-casino-gala.

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.



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; Purchase tickets and find more information at www.chesapeakemusic.org.

Sun, March 1st 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.

Mon, March 2nd 7pm - Town of Galena Mayor & Council Meeting at 101 S. Main St., Galena; Call 410-648-5151 for more information or visit www.townofgalena.com for details on all upcoming meetings.

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 for more information on all upcoming events

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 for details; Email ltownadmin@millingtonmd.us; See public notice in this issue.

Tues, March 3rd 10am-2pm - Spring/Summer Clothing Donations Accepted at the Nearly New Shop, 320 High St. (corner of High & Spring Sts.), Chestertown; Benefits UM Shore Medical Center at Chestertown; Call 410-778-1781 for more information.

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Tues, March 3rd - Deadline to Apply to Pitch at the Upper Shore STRT1UP Roadshow at Washington College, 300 Washington Ave., Chestertown; Startups & entrepreneurs in Cecil, Kent & QA's Co.'s are invited to pitch ideas for prize money; Prize money to top 3 competitors; Free; Find more information and complete an application online at www.kentcounty.com/business/strt1up.

Tues, March 3rd 5pm-6pm - Second Open House American Kestrel Solar Project at Rock Hall Vol. Fire Co., 21500 Rock Hall Ave., Rock Hall; Learn about the project, its local benefits, and ask questions to the team; For details, send emails to rroj@cleancapital.com; Learn more at www.cleancapital.com.

Wed, March 4th 12pm - RH Senior's Lunch Group meets at 21273 Sharp St., Rock Hall; Open to all seniors; Meets 1st Wed Monthly; Call 410-810-2074.

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; Additional Dates are: March 19th & April 2nd; AARP membership not required; Program open to taxpayers of all ages; For appt. call 443-485-1153, leave a message; www.easternshoretaxaide.com.

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Sat, March 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; Visit www.gopofkent.com and www.kentcountyrcc.com

Sat, March 7th 7pm-10pm - "Del-Mar" at Millington VFW Post #652, 30922 River Rd.; Dances 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month; All are welcome; On Facebook; Call 410-928-3234; vfwpost652@gmail.com.

Sat, March 7th 7:30pm - James Fernando Trio at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Philly 3 Album Release; \$25/pp; Piano Jazz; Cash bar; Call 410-639-9133; Visit www.mainstayrockhall.org.

Sun, March 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.

Maryland Hunters Harvest 71,649 Deer for 2025-26 Season

Maryland deer hunters harvested 71,649 deer during the combined archery, firearms, and muzzleloader seasons, from September 5, 2025 through February 4, 2026. The statewide harvest reported to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources included 29,814 antlered and 37,925 antlerless white-tailed deer, and 1,874 antlered and 2,036 antlerless sika deer. The harvest was 14.9% lower than the 2024-2025 total of 84,201 deer and 7.2% lower than the previous 5-year average of 77,221. Multiple counties in central and southern Maryland experienced an outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease during late summer and fall. This likely reduced local deer populations and may have contributed to the lower harvests in those areas. The 2025 outbreak is not expected to have long-term consequences for local deer populations. During the 2025-26 season, hunters harvested 6,998 deer on Sundays, comprising 9.8% of the total harvest. Hunting deer on Sunday is only permitted during certain weeks in 20 of Maryland's 23 counties. The harvest in deer management Region A (Western Maryland) decreased 11.4%, from 10,275 deer last year to 9,107 this year. Hunters in the western counties reported 5,463 antlered and 3,644 antlerless deer. Hunters in Region B – the remainder of the state – harvested 62,542 deer, down 15.4% from 73,926 deer harvested last year. A total of 26,225 antlered and 36,317 antlerless deer were reported in this region. Frederick County had the highest reported whitetail harvest again this year, with 6,342 deer reported: a 7.7% decrease from last year. Carroll County followed with 5,268 and Garrett County was third with 5,146 deer. Baltimore and Washington counties rounded out the top five with 4,779 and 4,560 deer, respectively. For more information visit <https://news.maryland.gov/dnr>.

MD Reported Antlered and Antlerless Deer Harvest for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Hunt Seasons

| County | Antlered | | | Antlerless | | | Total | | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2024-2025 | 2025-2026 | % Change | 2024-2025 | 2025-2026 | % Change | 2024-2025 | 2025-2026 | % Change |
| Allegany | 1,868 | 1,739 | -6.9 | 1,544 | 1,185 | -23.3 | 3,412 | 2,924 | -14.3 |
| Anne Arundel | 898 | 579 | -35.5 | 1,371 | 843 | -38.5 | 2,269 | 1,422 | -37.3 |
| Baltimore | 2,109 | 2,008 | -4.8 | 3,130 | 2,771 | -11.5 | 5,239 | 4,779 | -8.8 |
| Calvert | 658 | 524 | -20.4 | 1,062 | 700 | -34.1 | 1,720 | 1,224 | -28.8 |
| Caroline | | | | | | | | | |
| whitetail | 878 | 914 | 4.1 | 2,262 | 1,622 | -28.3 | 3,140 | 2,536 | -19.2 |
| sika | 2 | 2 | * | 2 | 2 | * | 4 | 4 | * |
| Carroll | 2,368 | 2,340 | -1.2 | 3,620 | 2,928 | -19.1 | 5,988 | 5,268 | -12.0 |
| Cecil | 1,325 | 1,320 | -0.4 | 2,260 | 1,839 | -18.6 | 3,585 | 3,159 | -11.9 |
| Charles | 1,356 | 873 | -35.6 | 2,012 | 1,222 | -39.3 | 3,368 | 2,095 | -37.8 |
| Dorchester | | | | | | | | | |
| whitetail | 637 | 698 | 9.6 | 1,278 | 967 | -24.3 | 1,915 | 1,665 | -13.1 |
| sika | 1,840 | 1,639 | -10.9 | 2,319 | 1,800 | -22.4 | 4,159 | 3,439 | -17.3 |
| Frederick | 3,012 | 2,899 | -3.8 | 3,857 | 3,443 | -10.7 | 6,869 | 6,342 | -7.7 |
| Garrett | 3,238 | 3,058 | -5.6 | 2,375 | 2,088 | -12.1 | 5,613 | 5,146 | -8.3 |
| Harford | 1,386 | 1,286 | -7.2 | 2,414 | 1,876 | -22.3 | 3,800 | 3,162 | -16.8 |
| Howard | 852 | 837 | -1.8 | 1,329 | 1,268 | -4.6 | 2,181 | 2,105 | -3.5 |
| Kent | 1,220 | 1,202 | -1.5 | 2,284 | 1,816 | -20.5 | 3,504 | 3,018 | -13.9 |
| Montgomery | 1,379 | 1,229 | -10.9 | 2,085 | 1,840 | -11.8 | 3,464 | 3,069 | -11.4 |
| Prince George's | 755 | 466 | -38.3 | 1,051 | 532 | -49.4 | 1,806 | 998 | -44.7 |
| Queen Anne's | 1,212 | 1,271 | 4.9 | 2,554 | 2,084 | -18.4 | 3,766 | 3,355 | -10.9 |
| St. Mary's | 1,003 | 835 | -16.7 | 1,470 | 1,098 | -25.3 | 2,473 | 1,933 | -21.8 |
| Somerset | | | | | | | | | |
| whitetail | 730 | 632 | -13.4 | 1,373 | 1,178 | -14.2 | 2,103 | 1,810 | -13.9 |
| sika | 26 | 25 | -3.8 | 11 | 11 | 0.0 | 37 | 36 | -2.7 |
| Talbot | 745 | 713 | -4.3 | 1,557 | 1,238 | -20.5 | 2,302 | 1,951 | -15.2 |
| Washington | 2,477 | 2,337 | -5.7 | 2,589 | 2,223 | -14.1 | 5,066 | 4,560 | -10.0 |
| Wicomico | | | | | | | | | |
| whitetail | 945 | 949 | 0.4 | 1,832 | 1,525 | -16.8 | 2,777 | 2,474 | -10.9 |
| sika | 222 | 163 | -26.6 | 227 | 150 | -33.9 | 449 | 313 | -30.3 |
| Worcester | | | | | | | | | |
| whitetail | 1,097 | 1,105 | 0.7 | 1,962 | 1,639 | -16.5 | 3,059 | 2,744 | -10.3 |
| sika | 53 | 45 | -15.1 | 80 | 73 | -8.8 | 133 | 118 | -11.3 |
| Total | 34,291 | 31,688 | -7.6 | 49,910 | 39,961 | -19.9 | 84,201 | 71,649 | -14.9 |

*Small sample size



Who's Cookin' with Carla?

DARK CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY CUPCAKES

- 1/2 Cup Cocoa Powder
- 1/2 Cup Fresh Black Coffee
- 2 Large Eggs
- 1 Cup Granulated Sugar
- 1/3 Cup Vegetable Oil
- 1/2 Cup Sour Cream
- 2 Tsp Vanilla Extract
- 1 Cup All Purpose Flour
- 1/2 Tsp Baking Soda
- 1/2 Tsp Baking Powder
- 1/2 Tsp Salt
- 12 Tsp Raspberry Jam
- For the Icing:
- 8 Oz Semisweet Chocolate Baking Bar, finely chopped
- 8 Oz Heavy Cream
- Fresh Raspberries, for garnish
- 1/4 Cup Freeze-Dried Raspberries, blitzed in the blender to a powder

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a cupcake pan with 12 liners and set aside.

In a small mixing bowl, add the cocoa powder and hot coffee. Mix thoroughly until the mixture looks like a thick paste; set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, add eggs, sugar, oil, sour cream, and vanilla. Whisk on a medium speed until smooth. Add the chocolate paste to the mixing bowl and whisk on medium speed until completely combined and uniform in color.

Add the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt into the mixing bowl. Gently fold the ingredients together until just combined. The batter will be very thin.

Transfer the cupcake batter the prepared cupcake pan. Bake in the center of the oven for 18 minutes or until the cupcakes feel springy to the touch. A toothpick inserted in the middle of the cupcake should come out clean. Remove from the oven and cool for a few minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

To make the chocolate ganache icing, place the finely chopped chocolate into a heat-proof glass bowl. Heat cream on the stovetop until just simmering. Turn heat off and pour the cream over the chocolate. Allow to sit for 2 minutes before stirring slowly, until smooth.

From the top of the cupcake, use a corer to make a hole in middle of each cupcake. Fill the hole with 1 teaspoon of raspberry jam. Spread chocolate ganache on the top of each cupcake. Top each with a fresh raspberry or two, and dust the tops of each cake with the freeze-dried raspberry powder.

♥♥ It's what's on the inside that counts - cook from the heart! ♥♥

Sun, March 8th 2pm - Quarter Auction at Rock Hall Vol. Fire Co., 21500 Rock Hall Ave., Rock Hall; Doors open 1pm; Admission Paddle/\$5, extra paddles available; Food & drinks available; For more information call 410-639-7081.

Mon, March 9th 12pm-1:30pm - Maryland House of Delegates Legislation Panel Discussion in Hynson Lounge, Washington College, 300 Washington Ave., Chestertown; Nonpartisan luncheon; Listen, learn & ask questions; Register online by visiting www.washcoll.edu/people_departments/offices/wc-all/index.php

Mon, March 9th 8am - Online Registration Open for Playmakers Camp at Garfield Center of the Arts, 210 High St, Chestertown; Visit www.garfieldcenter.org/camps.

Tues, March 10th 10am - Senior Nature Hikes for ages 55 and older at Sassafras Natural Resources Management area, with Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center; www.kentparksandrec.org/

Wed, March 11th 10am-2pm - MVA On Wheels & Online at 848 High St., Chestertown; By Appointment Only; For an appointment, a list of Motor Vehicle Administration services offered on the bus or to verify the bus schedule call 410-768-7000; Visit www.mva.maryland.gov/

Wed, March 11th 5pm-8pm - All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co., 211 Maple Ave., Chestertown; \$12/adult, \$8/under age 7; Call 410-708-3635; For details visit www.chestertownvfc.org.

Fri-Sun, March 13th-29th - "The Glass Menagerie" 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; Go to www.churchhilltheatre.org.

Fri, March 13th 8pm - MCW Pro Wrestling Winter Blast at Galena Vol. Fire Co., 90 E. Cross St., Galena; Doors open 7pm; Call 443-422-3713; www.mcwpro wrestling.com.

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; Call 410-822-1000, ext. 5234; Learn more at 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.

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 or to khope80@hotmail.com; Find more information online at www.qahvfc.com.

Sat, March 14th 5:30pm - "A Night at the Races" video horse races at Betterton Fire House, 2 Howell Point Rd., Betterton; 12 races; \$15 admission at door; Ages 21 and older; Benefits local charities; Donate a nonperishable food item donation for Kent County Christmas Baskets.

Sat, March 14th 7:30pm - Mike Agranoff at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; \$25/pp; Cash bar; Folk music; Call 410-639-9133; www.mainstayrockhall.org.

Sun, March 15th 3pm-4:30pm - Resonance: Jennifer Parker-Harley on flute St. Paul's Parish, Kent, 7579 Sandy Bottom Rd.; Chestertown; Call 443-480-0221.

Mon, March 16th 6pm - Town of Galena Park & Tree Committee Meeting at 101 S. Main St., Galena; Call 410-648-5151; Visit www.townofgalena.com.

Tues, March 17th 6pm-8:30pm - 206 Tuesdays at Six Open Mic at QAC Centre for the Arts, 206 S. Commerce St., Centreville; Free; RSVP 410-758-2520; Learn more at www.queenannescountyarts.com.

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2025-2026 Hunting Seasons

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 Wed.-Sat. Only (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)

COYOTE

Firearms, Archery and Airgun: Year-Round in all counties, Day and Night, No limit
Trapping: Nov. 15, 2025-Feb. 28, 2026 (no limit)

WILD TURKEY, WINTER SEASON

January 22-24, 2026*, Statewide (fall 2025 and winter 2024 seasons have a combined bag limit of 1 turkey of either sex)

WILD TURKEY, SPRING SEASON

Junior Hunt April 11/12*, 2026

Apr 18-May 23 (daily bag limit 1 bearded turkey; possession limit of 2 bearded turkeys per season)
*Visit http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Documents/Hunting_Seasons_Calendar.pdf for Sunday hunting details

Maryland DNR Seeks Public Input for Upcoming Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is accepting public comment on proposed changes to the 2026-2028 hunting and trapping seasons and the proposed 2026-2027 Migratory Game Bird Seasons and Bag Limits.

The public can view the proposed regulations and comment online <https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/comment-form-hunting-regulations-2026-28.aspx>, as well as view and comment on the proposed migratory game bird seasons and bag limits through February 28th.

"We thank our many stakeholders who have worked with us on the latest set of regulatory proposals," said Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Karina Stonesifer. "Public input is essential to setting our regulations and we look forward to receiving comments to help us further refine and finalize these actions."

Some proposals include regulations on the use of drones for recovering injured or deceased game, providing electronic check-in for additional game species, modified requirements for firearms that can be used for deer and bear, and several other changes.

Commenters are advised not to use names or personally identifiable information in the comments as these comments may be posted for public view on the DNR website. Hunters are also reminded that Sunday hunting is controlled by legislation and cannot be changed through the regulatory process.

In addition to online comments, the department is also accepting feedback by phone at 410-260-8540; by fax to 410-260-8596; or in writing to: Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife and Heritage Service, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-1, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401.

Maryland hunting regulations and licenses generally take effect on August 1st of each year, with new licenses valid from that date through July 31st of the following year. Licenses can be purchased starting July 1st. Hunter's education courses take place throughout the year for individuals needing to fulfill requirements or interested in furthering their knowledge and skills

Maryland hunting licenses, stamps, and permits can be purchased online through the MD Outdoors licensing website, at a licensing agent, or by calling DNR Licensing and Registration services at 866-344-8889.

Hunting license fees go toward recruiting, educating, and certifying new hunters; acquiring and restoring wildlife habitats; maintaining and improving existing Wildlife Management Areas; providing technical assistance to landowners; and helping enforce wildlife laws and regulations for the benefit of all Marylanders.

Hunters or interested citizens with any questions may contact the Wildlife and Heritage Service at 410-260-8540.

DNR Extends Maryland's Oyster Season for Two Additional Weeks

Maryland's Department of Natural Resources is moving forward with a two-week extension of the commercial oyster season to help watermen make up for lost harvesting opportunities after many waterways and parts of the Chesapeake Bay froze during frigid temperatures in January and early February.

The change will extend the state's commercial oyster season to April 14th this year. It was originally scheduled to end on March 31st. Under the extension, all current gear restrictions and bushel limits will remain in effect. Handscraping for oysters in hand tong areas is not permitted under the extension, which went into effect February 23rd.



Photo by William Whaley, submitted to Maryland DNR Photo Contest.

"Maryland's watermen have faced a difficult oyster season after recent declines in market demand and ice on waterways blocked access to traditional harvest areas," said DNR Secretary Josh Kurtz. "This oyster season extension will give them additional opportunities to boost their livelihoods and the local communities where they live. DNR made this decision after extensive conversations with industry stakeholders and scientists. Coordinated oyster restoration and management efforts led by DNR have resulted in a multi-year increase of the overall oyster population in Maryland. We are confident that extending the season will not affect the ongoing resurgence of oysters in the Bay and local rivers."

Oyster populations in Maryland are in the midst of a multi-year increase and are at their highest levels in more than two decades. The 2025 Maryland oyster stock assessment found that adult oyster populations in state waters had more than tripled to 7.6 billion oysters since a low of 2.4 billion oysters in 2005.

The fall oyster spat survey, which documents how well oysters are reproducing, showed solid reproduction in 2024 and 2025 after a record year in 2023 where oyster spat – or baby oysters – were documented at levels not seen in a generation in some places. In 2023, scientists recorded widespread spat distribution throughout the Bay and rivers as well as approximately 87 spat per bushel – nearly four times the median of 23.6 spat per bushel.

The extension will also support watermen during a difficult market for oysters. Despite wide availability of oysters in harvest areas, oyster sellers have not been buying as many oysters, according to reports from watermen. Many watermen have said oyster buyers during the previous two years have only been buying oysters from harvesters as little as one day per week, and sometimes less.

Marylanders can help watermen and local communities that depend on commercial fishing by purchasing Maryland oysters at seafood markets and restaurants.

Learn more at <https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/>

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; For more information email m.waal@breezeline.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; Find more information online by visiting www.easternshoretaxaide.com.

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Fri, March 20th 4:30pm-7pm - All You Can Eat Fish Dinner at Galena Vol. Fire Co., 90 E. Cross St., Galena; \$15/adult, \$10/children ages 6-12, Free/under age 6; Carryout available; Cash bar; Cash, check or credit cards accepted; Benefits Galena Vol. Fire Co. Tanker Fund; Visit www.galenavfc.org.

Sat, March 21st 5:30pm-10pm - Island Beach Bash Benefit Concert at Kent Island Resort, Farmstead Building, 500 Kent Manor Dr., Stevensville; Entertainment, food, drinks, auction access and prize entries; Visit www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-beach-bash-tickets.

Sat, March 21st 3pm-5pm - Oyster & Ham Supper at Price Community Center, 121 Rabbit Hill Rd., Church Hill; Dine in or carry out; \$35/ea.; Additional oysters available, 10 for \$10; Limited availability; Pre orders suggested by calling 410-708-6216.

Sat, March 21st 7:30pm - Old Time Musical Magic with Ken and Brad Kolodner at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; \$25/pp; Cash bar; Call 410-639-9133; Visit www.mainstayrockhall.org.

Sun, March 22nd 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.

Sun, March 22nd 3pm-5pm - Dinner at Chestertown Elks Lodge #2474, 8631 Bell Rose Lane, Chestertown; Pork Chop Dinner with stuffing, parsley, potatoes, peas & dumpling; \$16/ages 12 & up, \$7/ages 7-11, Free/under age 7; Carryouts available; Call 410-639-7062 for details.

Thurs, March 26th 7:30pm-9:30pm - "9 to 5 the Muscial" at Gibson Center for the Arts, Washington College, 300 Washington Ave., Chestertown; Send emails and questions to kschweitzer2@washcoll.edu.

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 visit 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 items; All vendors welcome; \$15/table; To reserve a space call Joanne at 410-479-0565 or email caroco4hcraftshow@gmail.com.

Sat, March 28th 9am - 20th Annual Timothy 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; Email tkmemorialclayshoot@gmail.com.

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; Call 410-228-2677; www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater.

Sun, March 29th 4pm - Special Sunday Afternoon with Dick Durham at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; \$25/pp; Cash bar; Call 410-639-9133 for details; Visit www.mainstayrockhall.org.

Mon, March 30th 7pm - Town of Galena Planning & Zoning Meeting at 101 S. Main St., Galena; Call 410-648-5151; Learn more at www.townofgalena.com.

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; Program open to taxpayers of all ages; Must be a MD resident; For appointments call 443-485-1153, leave a voicemail; www.easternshoretaxaide.com.

Fri, April 3rd 4:30pm-7pm - All You Can Eat Fish Dinner at Galena Vol. Fire Co., 90 E. Cross St., Galena; \$15/adult, \$10/children ages 6-12, Free/under age 6; Carryout available; Cash bar; Benefits Galena Vol. Fire Co. Tanker Fund; Visit www.galenavfc.org.



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| Saturday March 14 7:30 pm | MIKE AGRANOFF - FOLK SINGER/SONGWRITER |
| Saturday March 21 7:30 pm | KEN AND BRAD KOLODNER QUARTET - BLUEGRASS AND AMERICAN ROOTS MUSIC |
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ZESTY STEAK BURRITO

- 1 Lb Flank Steak, or Sirloin, thinly sliced, across the grain
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- 2 Cloves Garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp Lime Juice
- Zest of Half a Lime
- 1 Tsp Ground Cumin
- 2 Tsp Chili Powder
- 1/2 Tsp Smoked Paprika
- Salt and Black Pepper, to taste
- 4 Large Flour Tortillas
- 1 Cup Cooked Rice
- 1 Cup Black Beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 Cup Mexican, Monterrey Jack or Pepper Jack Cheese, shredded
- 1/2 Cup Pico de Gallo
- 1/2 Cup Avocado, sliced, or Guacamole
- 1/4 Cup Sour Cream
- 1/4 Cup Fresh Cilantro, chopped
- Hot Sauce, optional

In a bowl, whisk together the olive oil, garlic, lime juice, lime zest, cumin, chili powder, smoked paprika, salt, and black pepper. Add sliced steak and toss to coat evenly. Marinate for at least 30 minutes, up to 2 hours in the refrigerator.

Heat a skillet or grill pan over medium-high heat. Cook steak for 2 to 3 minutes per side until nicely seared and cooked to desired doneness. Rest steak for 5 minutes.

Briefly warm each tortilla in a dry skillet until pliable. On each tortilla layer rice, beans, steak, cheese, pico de gallo, guacamole, sour cream, and cilantro. Fold in the sides and roll tightly into a burrito. If desired, place seam-side down on a hot skillet for 1 to 2 minutes to seal and crisp.

Substitute chicken or sauteed veggies for the beef. To make it a burrito bowl, skip the tortillas and serve the steak over rice, beans, and toppings.

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Sally Brompton WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

Your weekly horoscope by Sally Brompton • March 2-8, 2026

If Your Birthday Is This Week: You cannot change the world but you can change things about yourself that make it easier to see the world in a happier light. It is your own thoughts, feelings and actions that will make the biggest difference this year. Ignore everything else.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20):
You will need to confront some kind of fear as the new week begins. You may be courageous by nature but there are still things that get you worried and one of those things cannot be allowed to upset you any longer. Bring it into the open.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21):
The message of the stars for the coming week is that you must give yourself permission to dream. As one of the zodiac's Earth signs you may be practical to a fault but sometimes a little reverie can be a good thing. Such a time is now.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21):
Your destiny is very much in your own hands at the moment and with Mars moving into the career area of your chart this week you can pretty much write your own future. What would you do if you knew you could not fail? So do it!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23):
The adventurous side of your nature has been coming to the fore a lot over the past week or so but that will be nothing compared to what occurs over the next few days. Your confidence is such that there won't be a single doubt in your mind.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23):
As Mars moves into the wealth area of your chart this week you won't be short of ideas to improve your financial situation, but don't get carried away. Where joint money matters are concerned get approval from your partners before taking action.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23):
Partners and loved ones will become a lot more demanding over the next few days but in a way that could be a good thing in that it forces you to be more demanding of yourself. You've tried taking the easy route, now do it right.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23):
Don't go too far as the new week begins because the influence of Mars in the wellbeing area of your chart could lead to you overestimating your capabilities. A step at a time in the right direction will take you where you need to go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22):
You may be eager to get started on a new project but have you done the necessary groundwork? If you have planned in depth and got the backing of friends and colleagues then by all means get going. If not, lay those foundations first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21):
If you cut back on your social life over the next few days you will have more time and energy to spend on your family. Mars in the domestic area of your chart will encourage you to reach out to the people who love you the most.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20):
You have been far too serious of late and need to inject some fun into your life. With Mars joining the Sun and Venus in the most outgoing area of your chart this week this is the perfect time to forget about work and take a vacation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19):
Some of the many projects you set in motion since the start of the year are beginning to pay off. Enjoy the good things that come your way but if it's money you make don't just spend it all again - put some aside for a rainy day.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20):
Mars joins the Sun, Mercury and Venus in your sign this week, so the focus is very much on you now. Not only will you be in the spotlight but your every word and action will be examined in depth, so watch what you say and do.

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Sat, April 4th 7:30pm - Tracy Grammer at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Nationally Acclaimed Singer-Songwriter; \$25/pp; Cash bar; Call 410-639-9133; Learn more at www.mainstayrockhall.org.

Sat, April 4th 3pm - Gospel & Comedy Explosion at Kent Co. High School, 25301 Lambs Meadow Rd., Worton; Doors open 2pm; \$15/general admission, \$25/VIP seating; Premium VIP seating \$75 & \$150 (whole row); For sponsorships, call 302-483-7847; For vendor info, call 443-354-2711; For more info, call 215-986-3117.

Fri-Sun, April 10th-19th - "Between The Lines" 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.

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.

Sat, April 11th 8am - Positive Strides Annual Spring Bike Classic Bike Tour at Easton High School, 723 Mecklenburg Ave., Easton; 25, 50 or 62 mile scenic routes with 3 rest stops & lunch at end of ride; Rain or shine; All ages welcome; www.positivestridescenter.org.

Sat, April 11th 7:30pm - An Evening of Love & Bossa Nova at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; \$25/pp; Cash bar; Call 410-639-9133; www.mainstayrockhall.org.

Sat, April 11th 9am-3pm - Chestertown A&E District Spring Art Walk in downtown Chestertown; Artists and artisans, pop up gallery, live music and more; Kent Cultural Alliance, 101 Spring Ave., Chestertown; Call 410-778-3700; www.kentculture.org.

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 only GA \$25, VIP tailgating & sponsorships \$250 & up; Lots of vendors; Call 410-275-8819; Visit www.mountharmon.org.

Sun, April 12th 12pm-3pm - Annual Dinner at Queen Anne-Hillsboro Fire Hall, 13512 First St., Queen Anne; Eat in buffet-style or carryout; Country ham, fried chicken, chicken & dumplings, and all the fixins; \$25/advance, \$30/door, kids under 5 are free; Tickets at www.qahvc.com; Call or text 410-920-9146 or 410-829-4678.

Sun, April 12th 3pm-4:30pm - Resonance: Manuel Barrueco on guitar at St. Paul's Parish, Kent, 7579 Sandy Bottom Rd., off Rt. 20, Chestertown; Call 443-480-0221; Email info@nationalmusic.us

Tues, April 14th 2pm - Upper Shore STRT-1UP Roadshow at Washington College, 300 Washington Ave., Chestertown; Start-ups & entrepreneurs in Cecil, Kent & QA's Co.'s are invited to pitch ideas for prize money; Prize money to top 3 competitors; Free; Apply to pitch or register to attend at www.kentcounty.com/business/strt1up.

Wed, April 15th 7:30pm - "Where Voices Meet" Invited Dress Rehearsal at Presbyterian Church, 905 Gateway Dr., Chestertown; Presented by Chester River Chorale; Celebrate the American spirit, Appalachian folk tunes, shape-note hymns, blues, gospel & spirituals honor the diverse traditions; Reserve tickets online and find more information by visiting www.chesterriverchorale.org/performances/spring-concert-2026.

Fri, April 17th 7:30pm - "Where Voices Meet" Concert at Presbyterian Church, 905 Gateway Dr., Chestertown; Presented by Chester River Chorale; Celebrate the American spirit, Appalachian folk tunes, shape-note hymns, blues, gospel & spirituals honor the diverse traditions; Reserve tickets online at www.chesterriverchorale.org/performances/spring-concert-2026.

Fri-Sun, April 17th-19th 10am-6pm - Bay Bridge Boat Show at Safe Harbor Narrow Point, 428 Kent Narrow Way North, Grasonville; Visit www.annapolisboatshows.com/bay-bridge-boat-show/

Sat, April 18th 4pm - "Where Voices Meet" Concert at Presbyterian Church, 905 Gateway Dr., Chestertown; Presented by Chester River Chorale; Celebrate the American spirit, Appalachian folk tunes, shape-note hymns, blues, gospel & spirituals honor the diverse traditions; Reserve tickets online at www.chesterriverchorale.org/performances/spring-concert-2026.

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Folk Singer Songwriter Mike Agranoff Performing at The Mainstay in March

The Mainstay will welcome acclaimed folk singer songwriter and storyteller Mike Agranoff for a special performance on Saturday, March 14th at 7:30pm. Known for his wide ranging repertoire and captivating stage presence, Agranoff offers audiences far more than a traditional folk concert. His performances blend music, storytelling, humor, and history into an evening that is deeply engaging, thoughtful, and often unforgettable. Advance tickets are \$25, and early purchase is strongly encouraged due to the intimate nature of the venue.



For details about Mike Agranoff performing at The Mainstay, please visit www.mainstayrockhall.org

Mike Agranoff is a seasoned performer whose work defies easy categorization. Drawing from traditional and contemporary folk traditions, he weaves together songs, tunes, and spoken word with exceptional instrumental skill. Agranoff is a master of fingerstyle guitar and concertina, and he also incorporates banjo, a cappella singing, and unexpected musical textures that keep audiences constantly engaged. His sets feature a carefully curated mix of little known traditional gems, original compositions, and rediscovered songs, each presented with warmth, intelligence, and wit.

Equally compelling is Agranoff's gift as a storyteller. With roots in folk music circles and storytelling communities, he has earned a reputation for holding audiences spellbound through his ability to connect song to story and history to humor. Whether delivering a poignant ballad, a surprising instrumental passage, or a sharply observed anecdote, Agranoff invites listeners into a shared experience that is both entertaining and meaningful.

The concert will begin promptly at 8pm and will feature two full sets of music and storytelling. The Mainstay's close listening environment allows for nuance, connection, and musical subtlety, making it an ideal setting for Agranoff's richly textured performances. This is a concert for those who value craft, character, and authenticity, and for anyone seeking a live music experience that rewards attention and curiosity.

Located at 5753 North Main Street in Rock Hall, Maryland, The Mainstay has earned a reputation as one of the Eastern Shore's premier listening rooms, presenting world class artists in an intimate setting. Mike Agranoff's appearance promises to be a standout evening in the venue's 2026 season. Whether you are a longtime folk music enthusiast, a fan of great storytelling, or simply looking for a memorable night out, this performance offers a rare chance to experience an artist of real depth up close.

Tickets are \$25 in advance. Seating is limited, and early arrival is recommended. A cash bar is available for cocktails, wine, beer, soft drinks, and snacks; credit cards are accepted. For tickets and additional information, visit www.mainstayrockhall.org/ or contact the box office by calling 410-639-9133.

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Samuel E. Carroll, Jr.

December 18, 1943 – February 19, 2026

Samuel E. Carroll, Jr., 82, of Galena, Maryland, died peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on February 19, 2026 at Compass Hospice in Centreville, Maryland.

Sam was born on December 18, 1943 in Worton, Maryland at home on the farm to the late Samuel E. Sr. and Lillian Darrell Carroll. He attended schools in Chestertown and was a 1964 graduate of Chestertown High School. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy where he proudly served until his honorable discharge in 1968. While in the Navy he served overseas during the Vietnam War on the amphibious assault ship the USS Princeton. Shortly after his discharge from the Navy he met the love of his life – Betty – at a dance in Betterton. They married in 1969 and shortly after they built their house in Galena. There they called home for the next fifty years, where they raised their family and made life long friendships. Many of these friends and community members knew Sam for his kindness and caring personality.

Sam was an avid sports fan and sports were a large part of his life. If he wasn't playing or coaching softball, baseball or basketball, he was watching it, especially his beloved Baltimore Orioles, Baltimore Colts, and eventually the Ravens. When he was stationed in San Diego in the Navy, he also found a love for the San Diego Chargers when they were in the AFL, prior to the NFL/AFL merger. He always cheered on his west coast team, unless they were playing Baltimore. He had a knack for remembering stats and facts about players and teams and could pull them out in a moment's notice in sports discussions. If he wasn't watching sports Sam loved being outside working around the house and tending to his garden. He also enjoyed listening to the news and sports radio on an AM radio that friends lovingly called "Sam's Crackle Box."

Sam most valued his family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. He was a patriot at heart and loved his country. He was an active member of the C. Henry Price II American Legion Post 246 and was a former Post Commander. He was also a history lover and enjoyed studying the history of the United States and, just like his knack for remembering sports facts, he also had that knack for remembering important dates and events in history – often quizzing his children and grandchildren. He instilled a love and respect for our country in his family. Dinners were spent together at the dinner table every night listening to the news on the radio and discussing current events. He also believed that regardless of our differences in opinions, we should all respect each other. While he may no longer be with us, he entrenched these values in his children and grandchildren.

Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his loving wife of fifty four years Elizabeth "Betty" Carroll, and siblings Ernest Usilton, Bill Usilton, Lib Davis, Gin Capel, and Robert Carroll.

Sam is survived by his children Jeffrey D. Carroll and Maureen E. Ranville (Sean), grandchildren Emma and Alex Ranville, siblings Doris Fletcher, Fran Wersten, and John Carroll, and many nieces, nephews, and life-long friends.

A visitation will be held on Saturday February 28, 2026 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech, 118 West Cross Street, Galena, Maryland, where the funeral service will begin at 1:00pm. Burial will follow in Galena Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to C. Henry Price II American Legion Post 246, P.O. Box 100 Betterton, MD 21610 or to Galena Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 189, Galena, MD 21635.

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Fond Farewells

William Alexander "Billbo" Jones, Sr., 82, passed away February 21, 2026. He was born November 17, 1943. A viewing will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church in Worton, Maryland. The Funeral Service will begin at 12:00pm at the Church. Burial will follow at Union Cemetery/Worton United Methodist Church Cemetery in Worton, Maryland. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Samuel E. Carroll, Jr., 82, a United State Navy Veteran, of Galena, Maryland, died peacefully February 19, 2026, at Compass Hospice in Centreville, Maryland, surrounded by his loving family. Sam was born December 18, 1943 in Worton, Maryland to the late Samuel E. Sr. and Lillian Darrell Carroll. A visitation will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech in Galena, Maryland, where the Funeral Service will begin t 1:00pm. Burial will follow in Galena Cemetery in Galena, Maryland. Arrangements by *Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

James Oscar Clough Sr., 92, passed away February 19, 2026. He was born May 2, 1933. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 27, 2026 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Fellows Family Funeral Home in Millington, Maryland. The Funeral Service will begin at 1:00pm on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at the funeral home. Arrangements by *Fellows Family Funeral Home*

Lois G. Byerly, 98, of Crumpton, Maryland, passed away at her home February 18, 2026. Lois was born January 19, 1928 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of the late Frank and Gladys Clifford. Services were postponed due to inclement weather and have been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 11:00am at Fellows Family Funeral Home in Millington, Maryland. Following the service, interment will be held in Crumpton Cemetery in Crumpton, Maryland. Arrangements by *Fellows Family Funeral Home*

Marlene Dolores Burns, 81, of Chester, Maryland, passed away peacefully February 18, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family. Born June 30, 1944 in Richeyville, Pennsylvania, Marlene was the daughter of the late Frank and Helen Zukauckas. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Granville Harrison Wilds, Sr., 95, of Galena, Maryland, passed away February 18, 2026 at Chestertown Nursing and Rehab in Chestertown, Maryland. Mr. Wilds was born July 21, 1930 in Wilmington, Delaware, son of the late Harrison and Kathleen Dougherty Wilds. A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, February 27, 2026 at 2:00pm at Crumpton Cemetery, Crumpton, Maryland. Arrangements by *Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

Beverly Jean Young, 83, passed away February 18, 2026. She was born February 16, 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*

Olga (Midock) Cook, 81, of Chester, Maryland, passed away peacefully February 17, 2026, surrounded by her loving children, at Shore Regional Medical Center in Easton, Maryland She was born September 21, 1944, in De Lancey, Pennsylvania to the late Nick and Mary Midock. Visitation was held on Monday, February 23, 2026 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, Maryland. A Funeral was held at St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Chester, Maryland on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 10:00am. Immediately after the Catholic Mass on Tuesday a light lunch was served at Kent Island Methodist Church in Chester, Maryland. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Sara Simmons Gepp, 83 of Kennedyville, Maryland, passed away peacefully February 16, 2026, at home. Mrs. Gepp was born August 24, 1942 in Havre de Grace, Maryland, daughter of the late Thomas Cordie and Martha Jourdan Simmons. A viewing was held on Friday, February 20, 2026 from 12:30pm to 2:00pm at Shrewsbury Parish Church in Kennedyville, Maryland, where the funeral service began at 2:00pm. Burial was held privately at Rock Run Cemetery in Havre de Grace, Maryland. Arrangements by *Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

Teresa Louise Film, 66, passed away peacefully February 16, 2026 in Baltimore, Maryland. Born April 3, 1959 in Chestertown, Maryland, Teresa was the daughter of Francis Edward Schaubert and Anna Louise Schaubert. A viewing was held on Friday, February 20, 2026 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, Maryland. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Chestertown, Maryland. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Virginia Lee Coleman, 89, of Worton, Maryland, passed away peacefully February 16, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family. Born April 27, 1936 Virginia was the daughter of the late Claudia and Kenneth Cronshaw. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 11:00am at Christ I.U. Church in Worton, Maryland. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Thomas "Tom" E. Draper, 80, a United States Army veteran, of Centreville, Maryland, passed away February 16, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Born August 1, 1945, Tom was the son of the late Frank W. Draper, Jr., and Ruth Willis Draper. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Centreville, Maryland. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 11:00am at the funeral home. Interment will be held at a later date. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Charles "Charlie" Edward Ackermann, 77, a United State Navy veteran, of Centreville, Maryland, passed away February 16, 2026 at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, Maryland. Charlie was born August 6, 1948 in Baltimore, Maryland, son of the late Joseph L. Ackermann and Irene (Murphy) Ackermann. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville, Maryland at 4:00pm on Sunday, March 1, 2026. A reception will follow immediately in the church's fellowship hall. All are welcome. Inurnment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

William "Chip" Heaps Jr., 68, of Chestertown, Maryland, passed away February 14, 2026, as the result of a tragic event at his home. Chip was born December 15, 1957 in Havre de Grace, Maryland, son of the late Charles William Heaps Sr. and Ruth Heaps. A memorial service celebrating Chip's life will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 12:00pm at Vignor Manor Farm in Havre de Grace, Maryland. A reception will follow at the same location. Arrangements by *McComas Family Funeral Homes*

Wayne Charles Putman, 88, of Centreville, Maryland, passed away peacefully February 14, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Born November 27, 1937, in Westminster, Maryland, he was the son of the late Margaret Busch Putman and Walter Norval Putman. When service details have been finalized the information will be posted on the funeral home's website. Arrangements by *Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

Edward "Ted" Byrne, 93, a United States Air Force veteran, died February 13, 2026 at Abbey Manor Assisted Living in Elkton, Maryland. Ted was born March 19, 1932 in Buffalo, New York. Arrangements by *Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

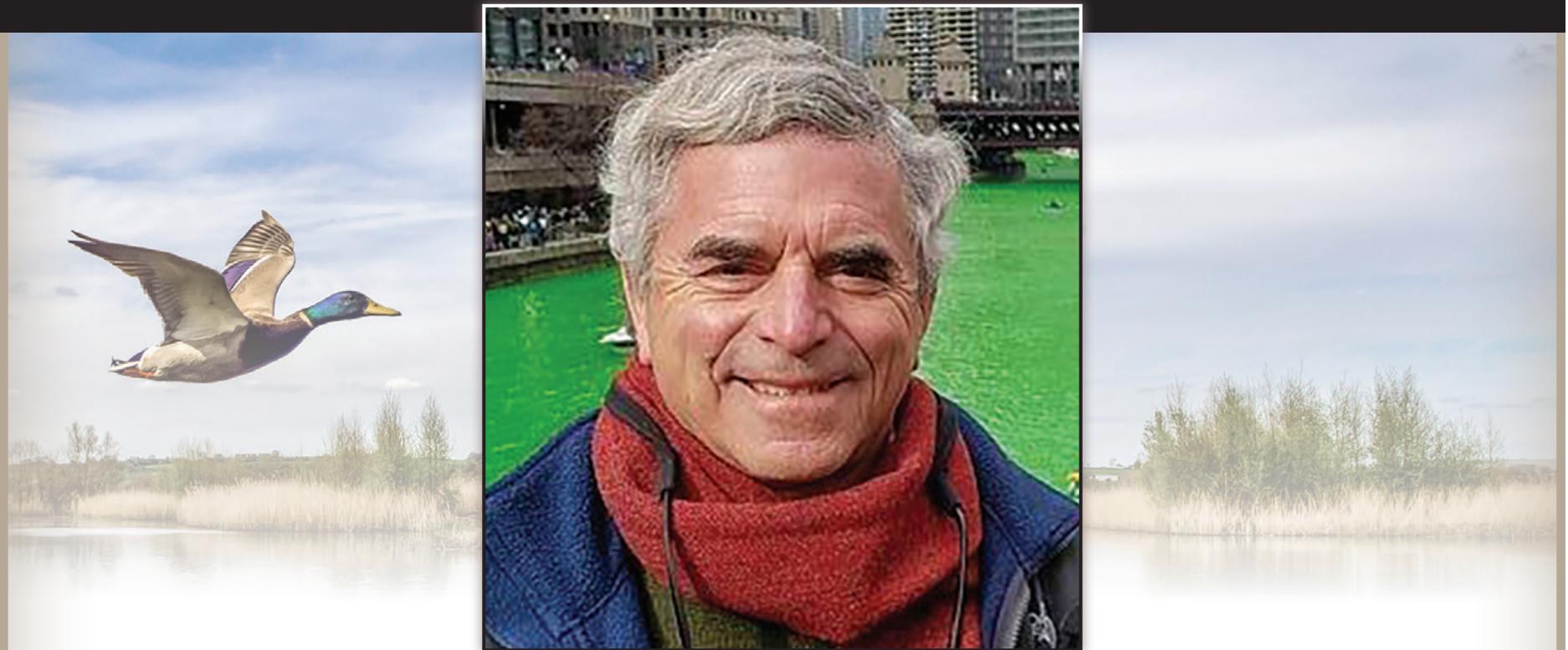
Thelma "Mother Pennick" Rowe Pennick, 94, departed this life February 7, 2026 in Sassafas, Maryland, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born August 7, 1931 in Sassafas, Maryland, daughter of the late William Melvin Rowe, Sr. and Laura Virginia Rowe. Visitation was held Friday, February 20, 2026 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm and Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 9:00am to 11:00am at Rehoboth Church of God in Christ in Middletown, Delaware. The Funeral Service began at 11:00am at the church. Arrangements by *Bennie Smith Funeral Home*

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Charles "Chip" William Heaps



December 15, 1957 – February 14, 2026

Charles William "Chip" Heaps, Jr., 68, of Chestertown, Maryland, passed away on February 14, 2026, as the result of a tragic event at his home.

Born in Havre de Grace and raised in Harford County, Chip carried with him the values of hard work, loyalty, and a deep love of the outdoors that shaped him from an early age. An Eagle Scout, he developed a lifelong commitment to stewardship, service, and responsibility that would guide the course of his life. He was a graduate of The John Carroll School in Bel Air, where lifelong friendships first took root.

Chip attended Randolph-Macon College, where he formed enduring bonds and was a proud member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The brotherhood he found there remained meaningful throughout his life and reflected the loyalty and camaraderie that defined him.

An avid hunter and passionate outdoorsman, Chip dedicated 32 years of his professional life to Ducks Unlimited, building a career that left a lasting mark on conservation efforts nationwide. He served in leadership roles, including Maryland State Campaign Chairman, and was deeply involved in expanding the organization's reach and impact across the Mid-Atlantic and beyond. Chip

built a broad community of volunteers, donors, and friends united by a shared purpose and respect for wetlands and waterfowl conservation. He also served on the board of the Waterfowl Festival in Easton, and on the board of the Coastal Conservation Association. His impact on conservation initiatives will continue to be felt for generations.

Those who knew Chip will remember a true gentleman – steady, positive, and unfailingly decent. He valued conversation and connection, greeted others with a genuine smile, and quietly encouraged those around him to be better. Those who spent time with him were reminded to speak kindly, love their families fiercely, and focus on what truly matters. He did not seek recognition, but he earned respect everywhere he went.

Music was woven into Chip's life from the beginning. For Chip, live music wasn't just entertainment; it was gathering, friendship, and joy. His enthusiasm and generosity of spirit helped build community wherever he went, whether at a conservation event, fraternity gathering, on the golf course, or at a live show.

Chip shared a 42-year marriage of enduring love and strength with his beloved wife, Patricia "Patty" Heaps. He

was a proud father to Lindsay Warren (Will) and Charles William Heaps III "Chad" (Clare), and "Ducky" to his grandchildren, Amy Ruth Heaps, William Charles Warren Jr. ("Charlie"), Sarah Louise Heaps, and Peter Wilson Warren. Born from his lifelong devotion to waterfowl, the nickname became something far more meaningful. As Ducky, he was playful, protective, and endlessly kind. His grandchildren knew they were the light of his life and deeply cherished.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles William Heaps, Sr. and Ruth Heaps.

Despite the significant loss, Patty remains surrounded by the strength, love, and support of her family and community.

Chip's legacy lives on in the land he protected, the music he loved, and the family who will always carry his strength forward.

A memorial service celebrating Chip's life will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 12:00pm at Vignon Manor Farm in Havre de Grace, Maryland. A reception will follow at the same location.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ducks Unlimited at www.ducks.org/get-involved/memorial-giving/

Maryland Medicaid Health Choice Program
Administrative Care Coordination/Ombudsman Services

Need Help Understanding Your Medicaid Benefits?



Contact the Administrative Care Coordination Unit (ACCU) at Queen Anne's County Department of Health

Call 443-262-4482 or 443-262-4456

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

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 - 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
 - Help you resolve a billing issue
 - Explain your appeal & grievance rights
- 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:

- Help is available to you in your language free of charge.

Español/Spanish: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia con el idioma. Llame al.

中文/Chinese: 如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電

Deaf or hard-of-hearing call: Maryland Relay at 711 or 800-735-2258

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