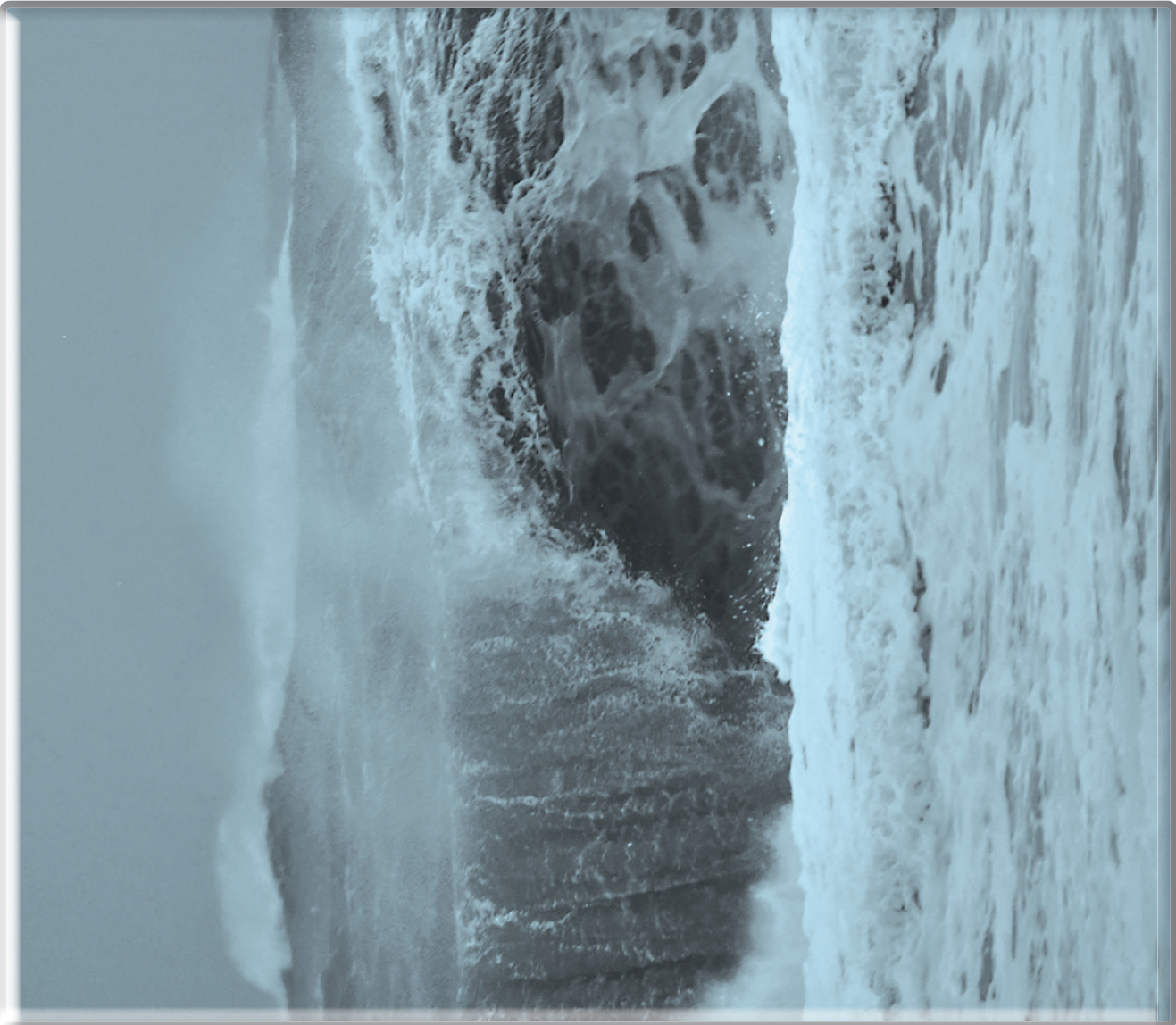


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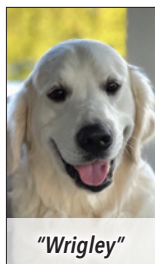
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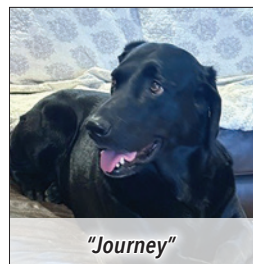
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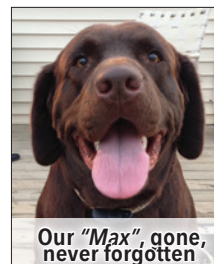
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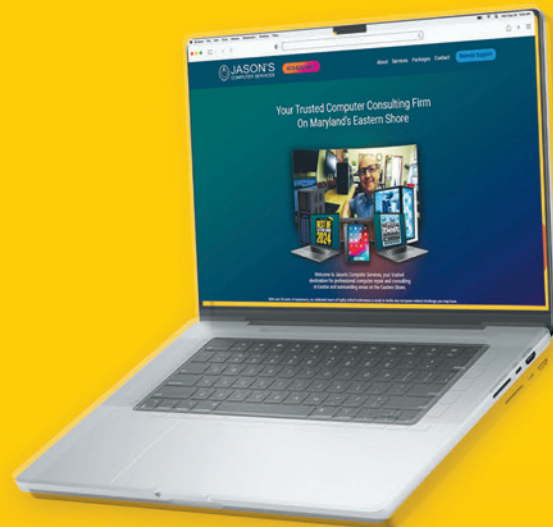
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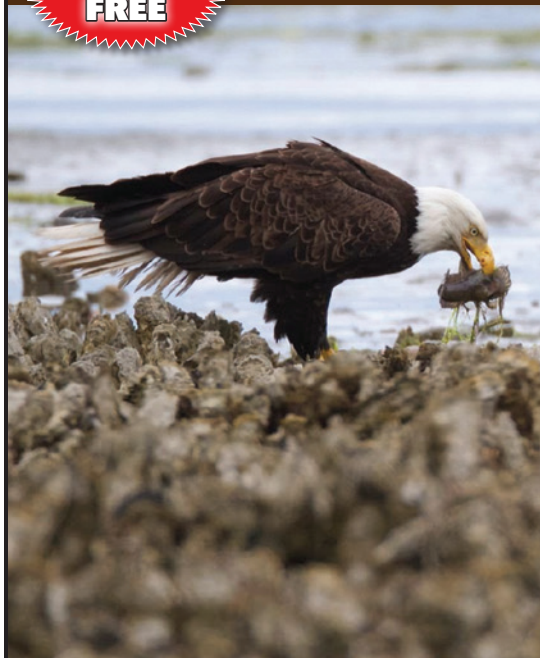
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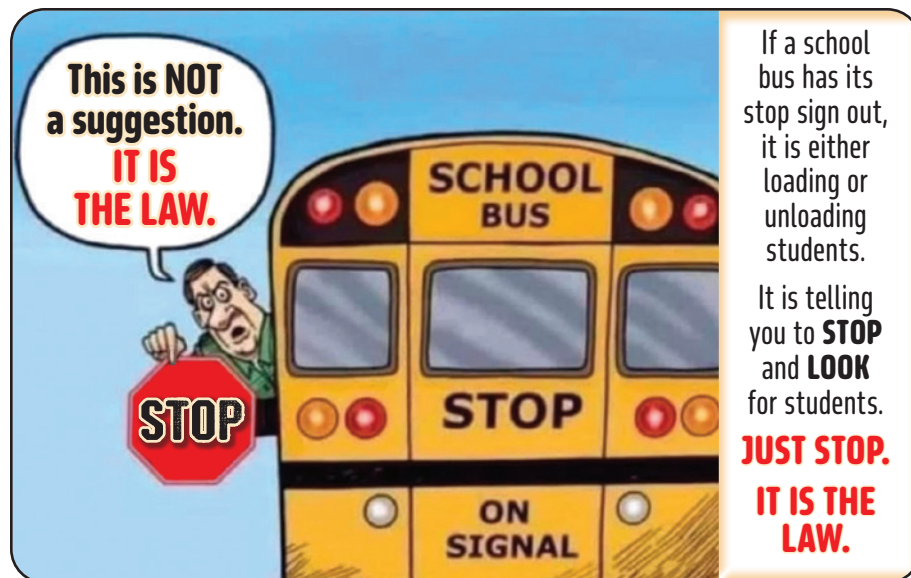
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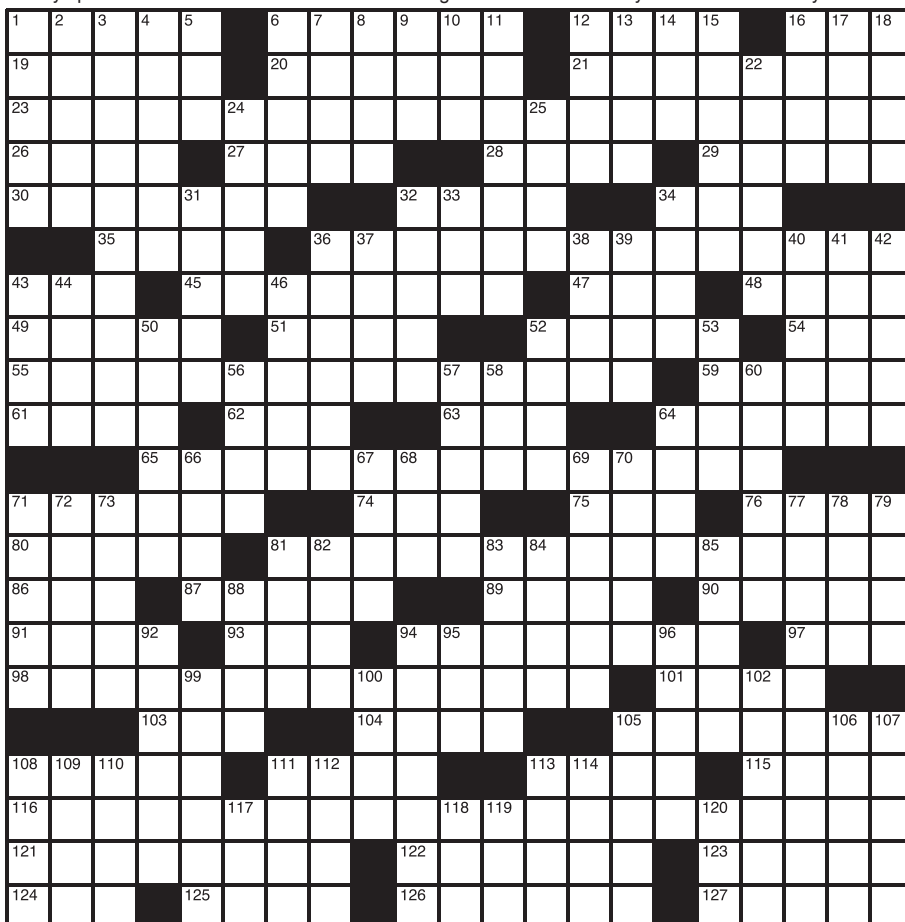
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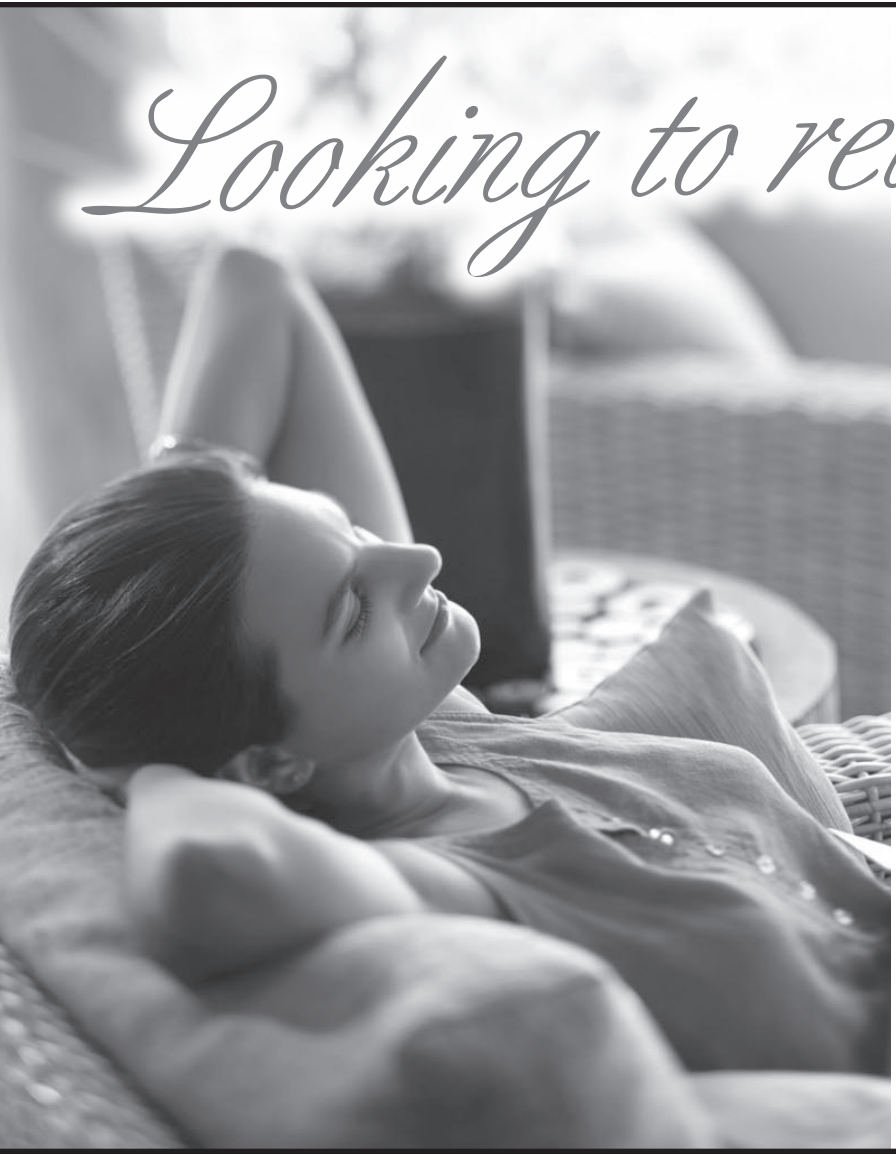
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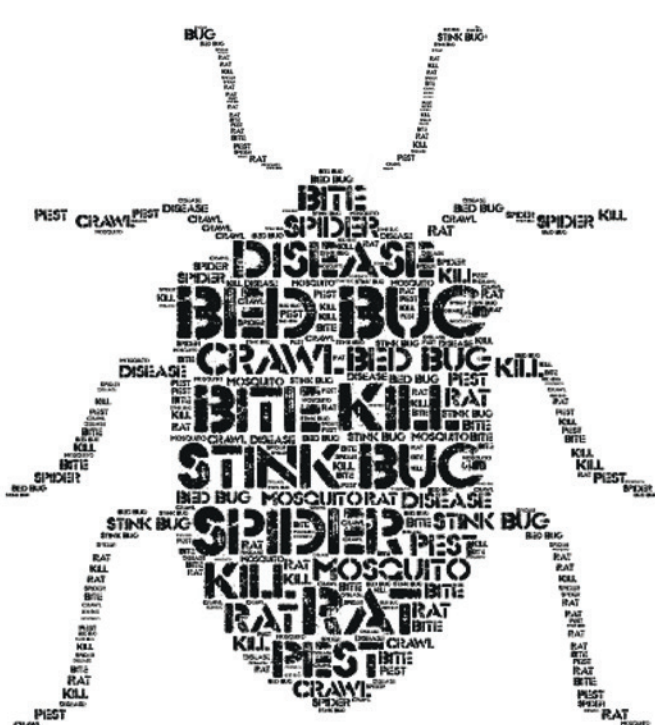
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	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
	am	pm	am	pm
1	6:33	7:35	7:00	6:47
2	6:34	7:33	7:01	6:45
3	6:35	7:32	7:02	6:44
4	6:36	7:30	7:03	6:42
5	6:37	7:29	7:04	6:40
6	6:38	7:27	7:05	6:39
7	6:38	7:25	7:06	6:37
8	6:39	7:24	7:07	6:36
9	6:40	7:22	7:08	6:34
10	6:41	7:21	7:09	6:33
11	6:42	7:19	7:10	6:31
12	6:43	7:17	7:11	6:30
13	6:44	7:16	7:12	6:28
14	6:45	7:14	7:13	6:27
15	6:46	7:13	7:14	6:25
16	6:47	7:11	7:15	6:24
17	6:47	7:09	7:16	6:22
18	6:48	7:08	7:17	6:21
19	6:49	7:06	7:18	6:20
20	6:50	7:04	7:19	6:18
21	6:51	7:03	7:20	6:17
22	6:52	7:01	7:21	6:16
23	6:53	7:00	7:22	6:14
24	6:54	6:58	7:23	6:13
25	6:55	6:56	7:25	6:12
26	6:56	6:55	7:26	6:10
27	6:57	6:53	7:27	6:09
28	6:58	6:52	7:28	6:08
29	6:59	6:50	7:29	6:07
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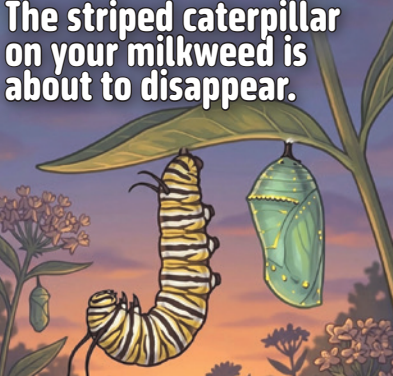
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2026 SEPT. 30-SEPT. 6									
	CHESTERTOWN	SWAN CREEK	KENT NARROWS	CORSICA RIVER	TOLCHESTER	BETTERTON	CRUMPTON		
Sept. 30	Low 5:23am	4:43am	3:24am	5:01am	4:58am		5:51am		
Wednesday	High 10:33am	9:32am	8:00am	9:50am	9:48am	12:10am	10:40am		
	Low 4:04pm	3:24pm	2:05pm	3:42pm	3:39pm	7:02am	4:32pm		
	High 11:27pm	10:26pm	8:54pm	10:44pm	10:42pm	12:05pm	11:34pm		
Oct. 1	Low 6:28am	5:48am	4:29am	6:06am	6:03am		6:56am		
Thursday	High 11:24am	10:23am	8:51am	10:41am	10:39am	12:59am	11:31am		
	Low 4:50pm	4:10pm	2:51pm	4:28pm	4:25pm	8:07am	5:18pm		
	High 11:20pm	11:20pm	9:48pm	11:38pm	11:36pm	12:56pm	6:29pm		
Oct. 2	Low 12:21am	6:55am	5:36am	7:13am	7:10am		12:28am		
Friday	High 7:35am	11:21am	9:49am	11:39am	11:37am	1:53am	8:03am		
	Low 12:22pm	5:05pm	3:46pm	5:23pm	5:20pm	9:14am	12:29pm		
	High 5:45pm		10:48pm			1:54pm	6:13pm		
Oct. 3	Low 1:21am	12:20am	6:40am	12:38am	12:36am	2:53am	1:28am		
Saturday	High 8:39am	7:59am	10:54am	8:17am	8:14am	10:18am	9:07am		
	Low 1:27pm	12:26pm	4:56pm	12:44pm	12:42pm	2:59pm	1:34pm		
	High 6:55pm	6:15pm	11:54pm	6:33pm	6:30pm	8:34pm	7:23pm		
Oct. 4	Low 2:27am	1:26am	7:40am	1:44am	1:42am	3:59am	2:34am		
Sunday	High 9:39am	8:59am	12:03pm	9:17am	9:14am	11:18am	10:07am		
	Low 2:36pm	1:35pm	6:16pm	1:53pm	1:51pm	4:08pm	2:43pm		
	High 8:15pm	7:35pm		7:53pm	7:50pm	9:54pm	8:43pm		
Oct. 5	Low 3:36am	2:35am	1:03am	2:53am	2:51am	5:08am	3:43am		
Monday	High 10:33am	9:53am	8:34am	10:11am	10:08am	12:12pm	11:01am		
	Low 3:45pm	2:44pm	1:12pm	3:02pm	3:00pm	5:17pm	3:52pm		
	High 9:37pm	8:57pm	7:38pm	9:15pm	9:12pm	11:16pm	10:05pm		
Oct. 6	Low 4:43am	3:42am	2:10am	4:00am	3:58am	6:15am	4:50am		
Tuesday	High 11:22am	10:42am	9:23am	11:00am	10:57am	1:01pm	11:50am		
	Low 4:52pm	3:51pm	2:19pm	4:09pm	4:07pm	6:24pm	4:59pm		
	High 10:51pm	10:11pm	8:52pm	10:29pm	10:26pm		11:19pm		

SAT, OCT. 3RD 8AM-12PM - Multi-family Yard Sale (1 moving) at Chestertown Landing Senior Apartments, 115 Clipper Way, Chestertown; Pictures, Christmas items, and much more.

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Mon, Oct. 5th 5pm-6:30pm - Free Community Table Dinner at Christ First UM Church, 401 High St., Chestertown; All are welcome; For more information email communitytable@christfirstumc.church.

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Sat, Nov. 14th 9am-1pm - Annual Bazaar at Raum Chapel UM Church, 5272 Skinner's Neck Rd., Rock Hall; Crafts, white elephant table, silent auction, homemade baked goods; Light lunch available; Look for ads in upcoming issues.

Sat, Nov. 21st 8am-1pm - Christmas Bazaar at Zion UM Church, 164 W. Main St., Cecilton; Call 410-275-8283 for more information.

Sat, Nov. 28th 5pm - Holiday Concert & Art Market at Christ Church, 121 E. Main St., Stevensville; Call 410-604-2100.

Sun, Feb. 21st, 2027 4pm - Choir of Church Christiana Hundred: Wilmington Concert at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 101 N. Cross St., Chestertown; 33rd Season Emmanuel Organ Concert Series; \$20/pp at door, Students/Free; Subscriptions available; For details, contact 410-778-3477 or email emmanuelchestertown@gmail.com.

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Fri, April 30th, 2027 7pm - Ken Cowan Concert at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 101 N. Cross St., Chestertown; \$20/pp at door, Students/free; Subscriptions available; For details, contact 410-778-3477 or emmanuelchestertown@gmail.com.

3rd Fri 10am-12pm - Food Pantry at Mount Olive AME Church, 24840 Lambs Meadow Rd., Worton; Must have referral from MD Food Bank; To donate, volunteer or for more information call 410-778-3329; Learn more by visiting Mount Olive AME Church's website at www.mtoliveamecworton.org.

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2nd Tues Monthly 6pm - Sons of Allen Christian Men's Group at Bethel AME Church, 237 N. College Ave., Chestertown; Rev. Robert N. Brown, Jr.; Send emails to bethel.ctown@gmail.com.

2nd Tues Monthly 10:30am-12pm - Care-givers Group at the Presbyterian Church, 905 Gateway Dr., Chestertown; Call 410-778-6057; deetrakat@gmail.com.

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St. Clement's Episcopal Church - Sun. Worship 10am in English, 12:30pm in Spanish; Bilingual Rosary as announced online; 32940 Maryland Line Rd, Massey; Burial Plots available in Massey Cemetery; Call 410-928-5051 for more information or visit www.saintclements.org.

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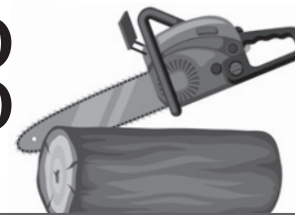
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Worton UM Church - Sun Worship 8am; Prayer Meeting Thurs 6:30pm; 10756 Worton Rd., Worton; Rev. Kevin White; Call 240-210-3996 to learn more or email kevincwhite70@yahoo.com.

New Freedom Church - Sun. 10:30am Service with Sun. School; 121 Rabbit Hill Rd., Church Hill; Call 410-778-4208; Visit www.newfreedomchurch.church.

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Mount Olive AME Church - Sun services held virtually on Facebook Live, YouTube, and conference call in at 1-518-263-8400; Rev. Monique Upshur Davis; 24840 Lambs Meadow Rd., Worton; Call 410-778-3329 for more information; Find details online by visiting Mount Olive AME's website at www.mtoliveamecworton.org.

Shrewsbury Parish Church - Sunday Services Holy Eucharist Rite I 7:30am in the Church & Holy Eucharist Rite II 10am in the Church and on Facebook; Adult Spiritual Formation 8:45am in the Parish Hall and on Zoom; 12824 Shrewsbury Church Rd., Kennedyville; Call 410-348-5944 or visit www.shrewsburyparish.org.

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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - Holy Eucharist every Sun. 9am, in person or zoom; Bible study every Thurs. 5pm; 10 Glebe Rd., Earleville; Call 410-275-8785.

Kennedyville UM Church - Sunday service 9:30am-10:30am; Pastor Vonnie Paxton; 12008 Augustine Herman Hwy., Kennedyville; Call 410-348-5502 or send emails to kennedyvilleumc@live.com.

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; Learn more at www.firstandchristumc.org.

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Dorothy "Dottie" Ann Thomas, 84, passed away September 26, 2026. She was born September 23, 1942. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00am Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Chester, Maryland. Burial will be held at 12:00pm at Stevensville Cemetery in Stevensville, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Carol Jean Matthews, 83, of Worton, Maryland, passed away peacefully September 26, 2026, at home, surrounded by her loving family. Carol was born February 25, 1943 in Farmingdale, New Jersey to the late William and Jeanne Megill. A Viewing will be held Wednesday, September 30, 2026 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech in Galena, Maryland. The Funeral Service will be held Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 11:00am at the funeral home. Burial will be held in Union Cemetery, Worton, Maryland. *Arrangements by Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

Julia Margaret Lohr Mertens, 91, passed away September 25, 2026, at Heron Point in Chestertown, Maryland. Julia was born October 15, 1934 in Fayetteville, Arkansas, to the late Harold and Ora (Whitford) Matthews. A Memorial Service is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 2:00pm in Wesley Hall at Heron Point in Chestertown, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Rex A. "Poppy" Snider, Jr., 83, a United States Armed Forces veteran, passed away September 23, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Born May 31, 1943 in Baltimore, Maryland, Rex was the son of Rex A. Snider, Sr. and Dorothea Lunt. A Visitation will be held Wednesday, October 7, 2026 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, Maryland. The Funeral Service will be held Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 11:00am at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Broad Creek Cemetery in Stevensville, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Donna Marie Hutcherson, 81, passed away September 23, 2026 peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family. Donna was born November 24, 1944 to the late Donald and Marie Oakes. Visitation will be held Sunday, October 4, 2026 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newman Funeral Home in Centreville, Maryland. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, October 5, 2026 at 11:00am at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Joann "Joe" Teresa Schultz, 77, peacefully passed away September 22, 2026. Joann was born December 21, 1948, daughter of George C. Booker and Jane V. Booker. A Visitation will be held from 12:00pm to 2:00pm Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, Maryland, where the Funeral Service will begin at 2:00pm. Interment will be held at Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Lewis Richard Berryan, 84, a United States Air Force veteran, of Millington, Maryland, passed away September 21, 2026. Born July 30, 1942 in Kingston, New York, he was the son of Margaret J. (Longyear) and Willard A. Berryan. Services will be held Monday, October 19, 2026 at 11:00am at St. John's Catholic Church in West Hurley, New York with a private burial at the Woodstock Cemetery. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Alexander Joseph Kovach, Sr., 71, passed September 21, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Born July 4, 1955 in New Jersey, he was the son of Helen and Alexander Kovach. A Funeral Service was held Friday, September 25, 2026 at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, Maryland. Visitation was held from 3:00pm to 5:00pm and the Funeral Service immediately followed. Afterward, the family welcomed family and friends to celebrate Al's life at Hyatt Place Kent Narrows and Marina in Grasonville, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Doris "Zaza" Kohler, 97, passed away peacefully September 20, 2026, at her home in Chester, Maryland. Doris was born December 27, 1928 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Pierce and Helen Butler. Visitation will be held Monday, October 5, 2026 at 10:00am at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, Maryland, where a Memorial Service will begin at 11:00am. Doris will be interred the following day, Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 11:00am at Parkwood Cemetery in Baltimore, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Leroy "Lee", "Junior" Darnell Hamilton, Jr., 63, a United States Army veteran, died peacefully September 20, 2026 at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland on September 20, 2026. Junior was born January 19, 1963 in Cecilton, Maryland, to the late Leroy "Punky" and Diane Hamilton. A viewing was held Friday, September 25, 2026 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech in Galena, Maryland. A Memorial Gathering follow on Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 1:00pm at the Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company in Cecilton, Maryland. *Arrangements by Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

Coralie Kosanovich, 90, passed away peacefully September 20, 2026 in Easton, Maryland, after a battle with lung cancer. Coralie was born July 8, 1936 in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania to the late Archibald and Eleanor Landers. Family and friends were welcomed to a Memorial Service at 11:00am Friday, September 25, 2026 at Trinity Cathedral in Easton, Maryland. Following the Memorial Service, Interment was held privately. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Ralph Lee Capel, 86, a United States Navy veteran, of Denton, Maryland, passed away peacefully September 19, 2026 at the Compass Hospice in Centreville, Maryland. Ralph was born November 14, 1939 in Chestertown, Maryland to the late Medford E. and Bessie Batchelor Capel. A private Interment will be held at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery. *Arrangements by Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

Katherine "Kit Kat" Dawson, 40, formerly Leaverton, passed away unexpectedly September 19, 2026. She was born October 3, 1985. A celebration of Kat's life will be held at a later date. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Gail Dolores Saunders, 75, passed away September 18, 2026. She was born November 4, 1950. Visitation will be held Friday, October 2, 2026 from 9:00am to 11:00am at Bennie Smith Funeral Home in Chestertown, Maryland, where the Funeral Service will begin at 11:00am. *Arrangements by Bennie Smith Funeral Home*

Mary Frances Faery, 78, peacefully passed away September 16th, 2026. She was born May 19, 1948 to the late Nancy and Charlie Carlson. Visitation will be held Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, Maryland, where the Funeral Service will begin at 2:00pm. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Marc Dennis Beals, 59, of Chestertown, Maryland, died September 8, 2026 at home. Born April 9, 1967 in Chestertown, Maryland, he was the son of Dorothy (Charlie) Abram and William J. (Mary) Beals. A celebration of life will be held at a later time. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

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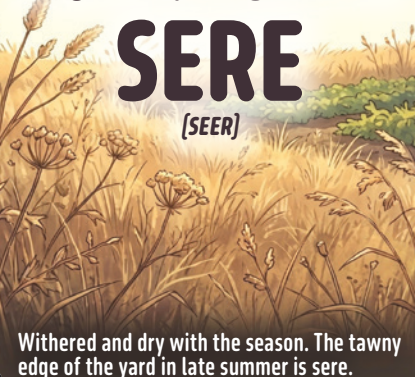
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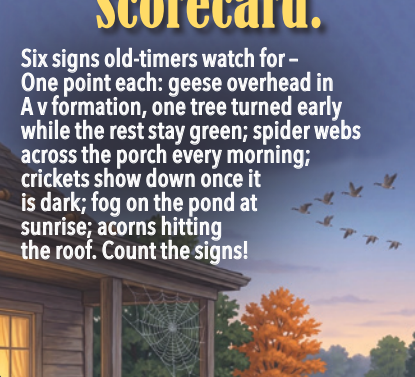
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Geneva Ann Gatling

January 18, 1929 – September 5, 2026

Geneva Ann Gatling, 97, of Rock Hall, Maryland and Placerville, California, passed away peacefully on September 5, 2026 at her home in Placerville, California.

Mrs. Gatling was born January 18, 1929 in Rock Hall, Maryland, daughter of the late James W. and Naomi Thomas Coleman. At the age of seventeen she married the love of her life, Robert R. Gatling, and they were together for more than fifty-eight years until his death.

Together they owned and operated the Rock Hall Bakery and Gatling Ambulance Service. She attended cosmetology school in Orlando, Florida and opened her beauty shop on Route 20. After closing her beauty shop in 1975, she earned her Licensed Practical Nurse degree, and in 1979 graduated from Wesley College with an Registered Nurse degree. From 1979 to 1983 she worked as a charge nurse at Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital, and from 1983 to 2000 she worked for the Kent County Health Department, including the Pulmonary Embolism Response Team, retiring in 2000.

She was a lifetime member of the Rock Hall Seventh-day Adventist Church and was an active participant in the church. She played the organ for over eighty years and was active in the annual Harvest Home program. She was a current member of the Placerville Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was a strong supporter of Christian education.

She enjoyed her family, many friends, flowers, books, and loved to travel, making the best tarts and homemade soups, passing on the family recipes to her grandchildren. She was an encyclopedia of information on Kent County and its people.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert R. Gatling, sister Lois Townsend, and brother Thomas J. Coleman.

She is survived by her three sons, Ric Gatling (Pam) of Placerville, California, Wayne Gatling (Susan) of Rock Hall, Maryland, Rob Gatling (Mim) of Chestertown, Maryland, ten grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

A Funeral Service will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2026 at the Rock Hall Seventh-day Adventist Church, with the Viewing from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at the Wesley Chapel Cemetery, Rock Hall, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Rock Hall SDA Church (Blessing Bag program), P.O. Box 477, Rock Hall, MD 21661 or Pine Hills Adventist Academy, 13500 Richards Lane, Auburn, CA 95603.

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Abraham Thomas McGinnes

May 4, 1978 – September 11, 2026



Abraham Thomas McGinnes, 48, passed away September 11, 2026. Abe was the son of Jerry (Donna) of Chestertown, Maryland and Mary (Jimmy) of Rock Hall, Maryland.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his sisters – Lindsey McGinnes and her children Sydney, Eb and Jurzy – and Hannah Lenhoff and her children Andrew and Paul, his wife Amy, his son Aiden, and stepchildren Emily and her family and Ethan and his family.

Abe was preceded in death by his niece Hailey Jo Bussels.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at Harbor Shack Waterfront Bar and Grill in Rock Hall, Maryland at 5:00pm, where family and friends are welcome.



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Pool time with four of Camp New Dawn's 2026 campers.

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Mr. Tom Baker served Camp New Dawn for 15 years, generously sharing his time and talents to help make camp possible. The community also remembered Lumi, a beloved four-legged friend who brought comfort and companionship to grieving children for more than a decade.

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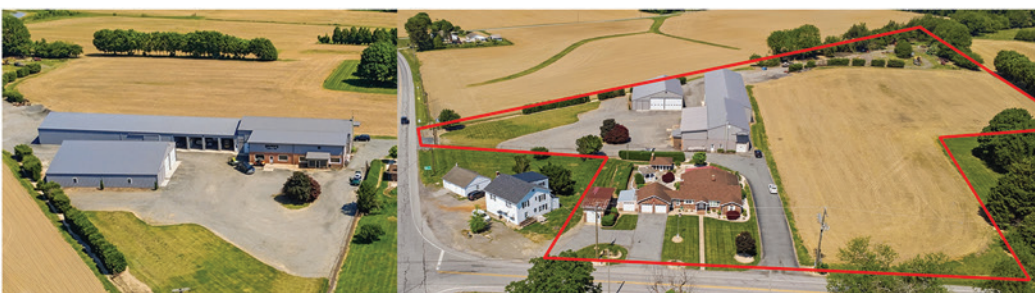
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Every Thurs 4pm - Women's Peer Support Group at Recovery In Motion, 300 Scheeler Rd., Chestertown; Call 410-778-6404.

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1st & 3rd Thurs Monthly 9am-12pm - Faith In Action Food Pantry at Cecilton UM Parish Zion, 168 W. Main St., Cecilton; For southern Cecil County residents who meet eligibility requirements; Call 443-406-5040 to learn more.

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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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.)
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- Explain your annual right to change MCOs

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If you need help or have a complaint about your care, call the HealthChoice Help Line at 800-284-4510 or call your Kent County Health Department ACC/Ombudsman Program at 410-778-7035:

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2nd Thurs Monthly 10am-12pm - Advance Healthcare Planning at Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton; Plan to complete your advance directive paperwork and Five Wishes; Free; To schedule an appointment or for more information call 410-822-6681 ext. 113.

3rd Thurs Every Other Month - Free Wellness Screenings at Sudlersville Library, 105 W. Main St., Sudlersville; Blood pressure, pulse, blood glucose, and cholesterol; Call Queen Anne's County Community Wellness Program 443-262-4524 for more information.

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; Find details online by visiting www.imc-chestertown.org.

Every Sat 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.

3rd Sat Monthly 10am-11:30am - "Munchkins on the Move" Playgroup for parents and children ages 3 & under with Kent Family Center; Online only; Want to learn more? Call 410-810-3790.

Every Sun 3pm-5pm - Hope Community Alliance free food and clothing giveaway in Rock Hall; Volunteers needed; Recycle your clothes, donate them & get a different size for free; Accepting nonperishable donations and clothing drop off by appointment only; 6528 Rock Hall Rd., Rock Hall; Call 484-889-9766 or 410-778-2073; Email docmerchandise@yahoo.com.

Every Mon 5:30pm-7pm - Men's Latino Support Group; Online only; For All Seasons; Free; Led by Alberto Ardaya; Call 410-822-1018 ext. 207 or send text messages to 443-786-4947.

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Emmanuel Organ Concert Series Launches its 33rd Season

Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Chestertown presents the 33rd season of its Organ Concert Series for the 2026-27 season. The series brings nationally and internationally regarded artists to Maryland's Eastern Shore for recitals on Emmanuel's Harrison & Harrison pipe organ.

The season of the Emmanuel Organ Concert Series kicked off Friday, September 25th at 7pm with a recital by Daniel Caroll, a student at the Curtis Institute of Music. Mr. Caroll is an Organ Scholar at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, and has won many prestigious competitions and prizes.

The music continues on October 23rd with David Neiweem, a retired Chair and Professor of Music at the University of Vermont. A graduate of Oberlin Conservatory and the University of Wisconsin, he is Interim Organist at First Congregational Church, Hudson, Ohio.

The first concert of 2027 will be held February 21st at 4pm and will feature Choir of Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Wilmington, with Director Bruce J. Barber III. The concert will showcase works by Byrd, Mendelssohn, Rutter, and Howells. The Choir of Christ Church is a fully professional ensemble and consists of 18 staff singers and one choral scholar.

The Series will feature Katherine Johnson on April 2nd, 2027. Katherine Johnson is a graduate of the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, and is currently a student at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. She was Music Intern in the Duke University Chapel.

Ken Cowan will perform in the April 30th, 2027 concert, the last of the season. Ken Cowan is praised for his dazzling artistry, impeccable technique, and imaginative programming by audiences and critics alike. He is Professor of Organ and head of the organ program in the Shepherd School of Music at Rice.

Subscriptions are available which provide admission for all concerts. Subscription pricing options include: benefactor \$200, patron \$150, and Subscriber \$90. Single tickets are \$20 and are available at the door. Students are welcomed free of charge. All concerts begin at 7pm except the choral concert on February 21st, which will begin at 4pm. A reception generally follows each concert for concert goers to greet the artists.

In addition to the Organ Concert Series, Special Services by The Emmanuel Choir, under the direction of Stephanie LaMotte, will be held November 1st, December 20th, and Sunday, May 2nd, 2027. No tickets are required for The Emmanuel Choir services.

All Saints Evensong will be featured during the Sunday, November 1st performance at 6pm; Lessons and Carols will be the feature for the Sunday, December 20th performance at 4pm; and Eastertide Evensong will be the focus of the Sunday, May 2nd, 2027 choir performance. For details, contact 410-778-3477 or Emmanuelchestertown@gmail.com. Emmanuel Church is located at 101 North Cross Street in Chestertown.

Every Mon 10am-1pm - Calling all Parents who want to raise healthy, confident, happy kids to meet with Kent Family Center; Online only; Call 410-810-3790.

Every Mon 5:30pm-7pm - Women's Latino Support Group; Online only; For All Seasons; Free; Led by Ivy Garcia; Call 410-822-1018 ext. 207; text 443-786-4947.

Every Tues 6pm - Insight Meditation Community of Chestertown meditation group meets in the "little yellow building" behind the Kent County Public Library, 408 High St., Chestertown; Newcomers welcome; Call 410-708-5402 to learn more or visit www.imc-chestertown.org.

2nd Tues Monthly 2pm-4pm - Free Wellness Screenings alternating between the Centreville and Kent Island libraries; Blood pressure, pulse, blood glucose, and cholesterol; Call QAC Community Wellness Program 443-262-4524.

3rd Tues Monthly - La Leche League Breast Feeding Support Meeting; Mothers with babies, pregnant moms & siblings welcome; Call 410-490-1553; Visit www.llofmd-de-dc.org.

Last Tues Monthly - Stigmatized Loss Drop-In Group at Compass Barnette Center, 255 Comet Dr., Centreville; Email rknotts@compassregionalhospice.org; Visit www.compassregionalhospice.org; Call 443-262-4109.

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American Cancer Society can help with pain & nausea medicine, and equipment if you're on limited income; For more information call 1-888-227-6333.

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Meet Wendy Easterling, FNP-BC

Wendy has been in the nursing field since 1989. Starting as an RN at Anne Arundel Medical Center (specializing in medical-surgical, urology, dialysis, and emergency nursing), she later obtained her Master of Science in Nursing from Bowie State University in May of 2021. Her passion for nursing motivated her to transition into a nurse practitioner role to deliver personalized care. In her spare time, she enjoys the outdoors, the sun, walking, and spending time with her kids, grandson, and furry family members.

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Please stop in - there is soooo much to talk about!!

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2026 Election Timeline



- Tuesday, October 13: Deadline to register to vote for the General Election; 5pm.
- Thursday, October 15: Deadline for write-in candidates to file a Certificate of Candidacy. Only filed write-in candidates will have their votes reported on the official canvass.
- Thursday, October 22: Early Voting for the General Election Begins**
Polls open 7:00am-8:00pm
- Tuesday, October 27: Deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or faxed mail-in ballot; 8:00pm for requests made by mail, 11:59pm for requests made by fax/email.
- Thursday, October 29: Early Voting for General Election Ends** Polls open 7:00am-8:00pm
- Friday, October 30: Deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic mail-in ballot; 5pm for requests made by mail; 11:59pm for requests made by fax/email.
- Tuesday, November 3: GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION DAY** Polls open 7:00am-8:00pm
- 8:00pm Deadline for a registered voter or voter's agent to request a mail-in ballot in person at a local board.
- 8:00pm Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications sent by mail for voting in General Election.
- 8:00pm Deadline for the local boards to receive a mail-in ballot.
- 10:00am Deadline for local boards to receive mail-in ballots by mail.
- Friday, November 13: Certification of the General Election results.
- Monday, November 16: Voter registration reopens.
- Thursday, December 3: Statewide Certification of General Election results.

Timeline above is for the state of Maryland. Contact the Delaware State Board of Elections below for the Delaware timeline.

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Are you caring for a health impaired adult and could use some help? Know of someone who needs medical supervision? Call Kent Co. Medical Adult Day Care Center 410-778-5581.

Staff of Upper Shore Aging available to discuss "Medicare Savings Programs" for those receiving Medicare; Learn more by calling 410-778-2564.

Dr. Truth

Dear Dr. Truth:
 An old friend of mine called me and asked me for a loan. I had not heard from her in over 30 years. I felt badly that I couldn't help her. At first she was nice, then she tried guilt, crying, and then ended up yelling at me. I am so glad I told her I couldn't help her. I have no question for you, but maybe one person can benefit from this letter. Stick to your guns. Don't cave because someone is giving you "the business". She never was really a friend, just an opportunist! **Old Friend**

Dear Old Friend,
 I have never found that personal loans pay off... **AND THAT'S THE TRUTH!**

Time Traveler

By Mrs. H.

September 28, 1966 – Kent County News
 A campaign is underway by the Mennonite Christian Fellowship of Still Pond to raise funds for the construction of a new church near Urieville Lake on Route 213, five miles north of Chestertown. The new church, to be known as Lakeview Mennonite Church, will have a one-story chapel, 30x50, with an added educational wing. The Mennonite Christian Fellowship began with three families in 1954. The first Sunday School in June of that year was held in a private home and from November 1954 to July 1956, a nearby Episcopal Church shared its facilities. The present building, formerly the Still Pond School, has been used since July 1956.

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Washington College Students Learn from Living Writers

The English department course at Washington College, in collaboration with the Rose O'Neill Literary House, brings authors to campus to share their work with the public and help students with their own writing.

When students come to Washington College, they join a unique community. It is a community of scholars, athletes, leaders. And it is a community of writers. Learning to communicate effectively is built into every student's education, from the first-year seminar to the senior capstone project. And for students who want to write for non-academic settings, there are four student-run publications; minors in creative writing and journalism, editing and publishing; the Writers' Union student organization; and of course the Rose O'Neill Literary House.

Students are consistently introduced to the larger writing community and industry as well, including through the Living Writers course, which is taught every two years rotating through a focus on fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction. The professor teaching the course works with the Lit House to bring several writers to campus during the semester for readings, craft talks, and class visits.

This year, Lit House Associate Director Roy Kesey is teaching the fiction version of the course, featuring climate fiction in a class that mixes literary analysis and creative writing. "It's one of my favorite courses to teach, and this is my second time teaching it," Kesey said. "The course can be primarily a literature course, primarily a creative writing workshop, or a hybrid of the two; in a nod to some of the new species that show up in the Climate Fiction we're reading, my version this year is hybrid. The discussions are primarily looking at the books as literature, but each student will also workshop pieces of their own climate fiction and turn in a portfolio of climate fiction in place of a final exam. "The three writers visiting for the Living Writers series this year are Matt Bell, Allegra Hyde, and Sequoia Nagamatsu, all of whom Kesey characterized as having "made notable and varied contributions to the field of contemporary climate fiction."

Bell will be the first to come to campus and is giving a public reading at 6pm on Wednesday, September 30th in the Lit House. Hyde will read on October 28th, and Nagamatsu will share his work with the public November 18th. All three are also offering second public sessions – either generative workshops or craft talks – the following day.

All public readings are also livestreamed for people who cannot make it to the Lit House. The full schedule of public Lit House events is available on the College website at www.washcoll.edu/live/news/living-writers-2026.php.

Are you a caregiver for a child with developmental disabilities or a chronically ill adult? Respite provides a short break from the stress of full-time caregiving; Call Eastern Shore Respite Care Project 1-800-439-1222.

Local Al-Anon & Alateen Meetings at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 301 S. Liberty St., Centreville; Every Wed. 7:30pm AFG & Alateen; Every Thurs. 8pm Adult Child Group; www.easternshoremnd-alanon.org.

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Volunteers Needed at UM Shore Medical Center - Hospital Transport and Nearly New Shop; Interested volunteers should call 410-348-2159.

UM Shore Medical Center Community Health Education Courses - Adult CPR, Breathe Again, Lessons for Adult Caregivers, Don't Worry Be Healthy, Healthy Holiday Habits, Safe Summer & Healthy Skin, Recognizing and Reporting Elder Abuse and Neglect; Vitals 4 Life, and more; Brown Street, Chestertown; Call 667-343-3359; www.umshoreregional.org/health-education/

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| S.A.I.L. Exercise @ 9:00 | Sit Fit @ 9:00 |
| Mahjongg @ 1:00 | Cardio Line Dancing @ 9:45 |
| <u>Tuesdays</u> | Knitting Club @ 10:00 |
| Sit Fit @ 9:00 | Greenhouse Group @ 10:30 |
| Cardio/Line Dance @ 9:45 | Cardio Drumming @ 1:00 |
| Bingo @ 11:00 | <u>Fridays</u> |
| Bocci Ball @ 1:00 | Ball Coordination Class @ 9:30 |
| <u>Wednesdays</u> | Bingo Bash @ 9:30 |
| S.A.I.L. Exercise @ 9:00 | Billiards @ 1:00 |
| Watercolors @ 12:30 | |

OCTOBER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

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| October 1 | - | Cooking with David @ 10:30 |
| October 5 | - | Morning Stretch @ 9:00 |
| | - | Creative Crafts @ 10:30 |
| October 7 | - | Morning Stretch @ 9:00 |
| | - | Outing to Lockbriar Farms, Pumpkins/Cider @ 10:30 |
| October 12 | - | Columbus Day Holiday, <i>Center Closed</i> |
| October 13 | - | Blood Pressure Screening with Shore Community Outreach Team @ 9:00 |
| | - | Enduring Faith @ 10:30 |
| October 14 | - | Creative Crafting @ 11:00 |
| October 15 | - | Cardio Drumming @ 1:00 |
| October 19 | - | Dementia Education @ 10:30 |
| October 20 | - | Medication Management with Melanie @ 10:30 |
| October 21 | - | Creative Crafting with Nancy @ 10:15 |
| October 26 | - | Health Education with Jillian @ 10:15 |
| October 28 | - | Pumpkin Carving @ 10:00 |
| | - | Grief Support Group @ 12:30 |
| October 29 | - | Community Outreach Event @ 10:30 |
| October 30 | - | Halloween Bash and Bingo @ 9:30 |
| | - | Come in Costume! Costume Contest @ 11:30 |
| October 29 | - | October Birthday Celebrations @ 12:00 |

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Home Educators of the Eastern Shore - Local support group and cooperative for home schoolers in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties; www.homeschool-life.com/MD/HEES.

Lyme Disease Assoc. of Delmarva - Providing education and resources about lyme and other tick-borne diseases; Call 410-749-5963; www.delmarvalyme.org.

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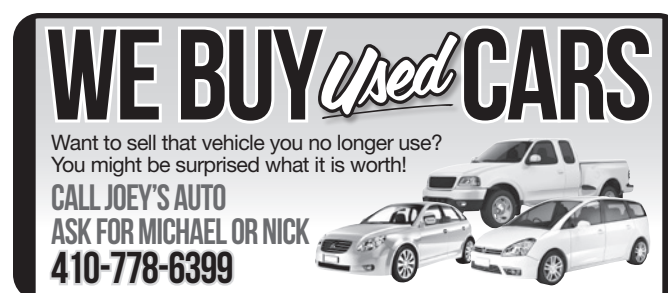
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Chester River Wellness Alliance - Offering health and wellness services and education; 106 Spring St., Chestertown; Visit www.crvell.org.

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Samaritan Group is Hiring: Assistant Program Manager

Preparations are underway to open the annual Winter Shelter for unhoused people, hosted by the Samaritan Group of Kent County with the support of multiple individual volunteers and community partners. Pastor James Diggs, Board President and Winter Shelter Director, has announced a search to fill the newly created position of Assistant Program Manager. "Adding December as the fourth month of the Shelter's operations last year created an obvious need for more person-power to manage the Shelter seven days a week," says Diggs. "We also welcome new and returning volunteers to fill out the demanding schedule of four months of nightly service."

The Assistant Program Manager will be expected to work approximately 20 hours per week from December 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027. Duties will include Shelter management on the weekends, from Friday evening through Monday morning, and an array of other duties related to coordinating volunteers, collaborating with community partners, and insuring that Shelter supplies and operations meet the needs of guests and the community as a whole.

"We know we are looking for a special person," Diggs continued. "Our new Assistant Program Manager needs to be a kind and compassionate communicator with good boundaries and the ability to adapt to changing circumstances. At the same time, they need organizational and administrative skills, a flexible schedule and reliable transportation. This job will be rewarding and challenging to the person who wants on the ground experience providing essential human services to an often overlooked population. We look forward to receiving applications for this important addition to our team, and to a successful Shelter season ahead."

For more information and details on the position and how to apply, please visit their webpage www.samaritangroupofkentcounty.org/employment.

Choptank Health Expands Dental & Behavioral Health Access with New Providers

Choptank Community Health System is expanding access to dental and behavioral health care across Maryland's Mid-Shore with the addition of three providers at its Chestertown, Denton, and Easton health centers.

Areeg Elmusrati, BDS, PhD, has joined the dental team at the Chestertown Health Center. Roland Jennings, LCSW-C, is providing behavioral health care at the Denton Health Center, and Sarah Kinsel, LCPC, has joined the behavioral health team at the Easton Health Center.



Three new providers have joined Choptank Community Health: Areeg Elmusrati, BDS, PhD (left), Roland Jennings, LCSW-C, and Sarah Kinsel, LCPC (right).

Dr. Elmusrati brings extensive clinical, academic, and research experience to the Chestertown dental team. She earned a Bachelor of Dental Surgery with honors from the University of Tripoli in Libya, a master's degree with honors in diagnostic oral pathology, and a doctorate in oral and maxillofacial pathology from the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom. She also completed advanced training in orofacial pain at the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of the University of Southern California.

Her experience includes comprehensive general dentistry, urgent dental care, preventive and restorative treatment, oral medicine and pathology, care for patients with complex medical needs, and diagnosing and managing orofacial pain and temporomandibular disorders. Her addition further expands dental capacity at the Chestertown Health Center, where Choptank Health recently added pediatric dental and primary care providers.

Jennings earned a master's degree in social work and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Salisbury University. He is a licensed, certified social worker-clinical in Maryland and a Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners-certified supervisor. His experience includes individual, marital, and family counseling; crisis intervention; clinical supervision; school-based behavioral health care; and community mental health services.

Jennings provides behavioral health services as part of Choptank Health's integrated care team at the Denton Health Center.

Kinsel earned a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling from Argosy University and a bachelor's degree in psychology with an emphasis in crisis counseling from Liberty University. She is a licensed clinical professional counselor in Maryland and a nationally certified counselor with more than nine years of clinical experience. Kinsel also served in the U.S. Air Force and brings experience supporting patients through hospital, community, school-based, and virtual care settings.

For more information, visit www.ChoptankHealth.org.

Are you an amputee - Want to talk to others about the challenges or help someone cope with the challenges associated with being an amputee; Call 443-480-4455.

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

Certified Lactation Consultants - Offer expectant and new mothers information about the benefits of breastfeeding for mother and baby, along with tips and techniques for successful breastfeeding; By appointment via video-conference or in-person; Call Carol Leonard for more information 410-822-1000 ext. 5700.

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; www.channelmarker.org.

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The Historical Society of Kent County's popular Lunch & Lore series returns this fall with six new sessions featuring local experts and a wonderfully eclectic mix of topics. Beginning October 8th, Lunch & Lore takes place every other Thursday at the Bordley History Center, offering a casual, drop-in opportunity to bring a brown bag lunch, hear a good story, and learn something new about the place we call home.

The fall lineup includes: October 8th - Black Mutual Aid Societies, with Niambi Davis, October 22nd - 5 Things About This Old Shore, with Kate Livie, November 5th - The Busload of Books, with Robbi Behr and Matthew Swanson, November 19th - Cleaning Up Olivet Hill, with Amber Englebach, December 3rd - Quakers of Kent County, with Bob Denison, and December 17th - John Bolton, with Michael McDowell.

Lunch & Lore programs begin at noon and are free and open to the public, with no reservations necessary. Attendees are welcome to bring a lunch and stay for the presentation and conversation.

The Historical Society of Kent County is also a welcoming place to dig deeper into local history. Membership includes discounts on research fees, discounts on books in the museum gift shop, and invitations to members-only events. Individual memberships are \$25, family memberships are \$40, and student memberships are always free.

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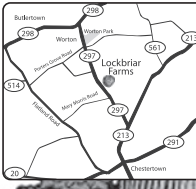
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OCTOBER 2026
Dates to Remember

- 11 Clergy Appreciation Day (Sun.)
- 12 Columbus Day (Mon.)
- 16 Boss's Day (Fri.)
- 17 Sweetest Day (Sat.)
- 24 United Nations Day (Sat.)
- 31 Halloween (Sat.)

Holiday Closing

DEADLINE CHANGE

Tidewater Trader, Inc. will be closed Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.
 Early deadlines for the October 14th issue are as follows:
 Classified and Display Ads:
 12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 7th.

HAPPY Birthday

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GOOD NEWS PAGE

Newsworthy Notes From You The Readers

Sudlersville - Queen Anne's County on Maryland's Eastern Shore Republished for 110th Anniversary Celebration

On September 5th the Sudlersville Community Betterment Club (SCBC) launched a republished



From left: David Richards, Beatrix (Paddy) Richards, and seated Trix Richards and her companion.

edition of *Sudlersville - Queen Anne's County on Maryland's Eastern Shore* at its 110th anniversary celebration. First published by the Queen Anne's County Historical Society in 1973, the book was written by Paul W. Phillips, a lifelong resident of Sudlersville and a prominent local businessman. It combines his recollections of the town with its history and includes many of his personal sketches depicting life in the community.

The Sudlersville Community Betterment Club members were

pleased that some of Mr. Phillips' descendants could join them for the celebratory day and book launch - Mrs. Beatrix (Paddy) Richards, granddaughter of Paul Phillips and Trix and David Richards, his great-grandchildren.

The effort to re-publish the book was a two-year endeavor to source a local publishing company as well as grant funds from Queen Anne's County. The project is part of the SCBC's effort to celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary, honor the history of Sudlersville and the surrounding community, and introduce the book to a new generation of readers and residents.

Copies of the 100+ page book are available for sale for \$30 at the Sudlersville Train Station when it is open, or by contacting the Sudlersville Community Betterment Club at: Sudlersvillmuseum@gmail.com or Billie Carroll, member at 443 480-3059.

2026 Tom McHugh Run for the Arts 5K Will Debut at Rock Hall Fallfest

The First Annual Tom McHugh Run for the Arts 5K Run/Walk on will debut Saturday, October 10th, starting at 9am at Waterman's Crab House in Rock Hall.

The Tom McHugh 5K Run/Walk event will kick off this year's 2026 Rock Hall FallFest celebration, a festival created by Tom McHugh himself over 25 years ago. The festival brings the local community together and greets thousands of visitors from across the eastern seaboard showcasing small town Rock Hall, celebrating its heritage as a waterman's town. The Tom McHugh Run for the Arts 5KRun/Walk event aims to raise awareness of the late Tom McHugh's legacy and to help grow the Tom McHugh Arts Scholarship established in 2025 with Mid-Shore Community Foundation in Easton, Maryland. To sign up for the Tom McHugh 5K go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/RockHall/Tom-MchughArtScholarship>

The Tom McHugh Scholarship for the Arts carries on his work by nurturing young talent springing up from within the community. The scholarship aims to cultivate the

next Tom McHugh, someone who will elevate our society through a life dedicated to the arts and personal creativity. The scholarship is administered by Mid-Shore Community Foundation, a non-profit, 501(c)3. Mid-Shore Community Foundation and will maintain the scholarship in perpetuity with defined guidelines and dedicated volunteers and staff. The first Tom McHugh Scholarship for the Arts award in the amount of \$750.00 was presented to Laila Sidky in May of this year. Laila is attending Frostburg State University studying Early Childhood Education and Art. The Scholarship Committee looks forward to following her college experience.

The following quote from the late Tom McHugh help describe his lifelong devotion and tireless commitment to arts education in our schools and community: "When I retired early from Vassar, I vowed to my students that I would take the things I learned there and convert them for use in some other setting. Those things Vassar taught me were a love of community service, that every act is a teaching act, that the best learning takes place in settings that are artis-

Maryland DNR Announces 2026 Photo Contest Winners

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has chosen the winners of the annual Maryland Natural Resource Photo Contest, with the grand prize, and first place in the



(Grand Prize, 1st Place Spring): *Night of Right Behind You* - Kyle Smith

spring category, going to Kyle Smith for his photo of a remarkable moment in nature - an Eastern Whip-poor-will on a branch while a squirrel sneaks up behind it.

"The squirrel kept inching closer, sniffing the whole time, until it was right next to the bird," Smith wrote in his entry to the photo contest. This year's contest received more than 1,000 photo submissions, which were judged by a panel of DNR wildlife and photography experts.



(First Place Winter): *Night of the Wanderer* - Matt Felperin



(1st place Summer): *American Sandcastlebuilder* - Matt Felperin



(First place Fall): *Great Horned Owl* - Brian Reidy

First place winners for the three remaining seasons (other than the grand prize winner) will receive \$100, a Maryland State Park Passport, and five copies of the 2027 calendar. Second place winners for each season will receive five copies of the calendar.

Still to be determined is the Fan Favorite, which will be chosen by popular opinion on the department's Facebook page. Followers are encouraged to "like" their pick when the photos are posted on September 16th, with votes taken through close of

business on September 30th. The Fan Favorite wins a one-year Maryland State Park Passport and three copies of the calendar.

Every winner and the Fan Favorite will have their images published in the department's 2027 annual calendar, which will be available for sale later in the fall.

Matt Felperin took First Place Summer, Brian Reidy won First Place Fall, and Matt Felperin captured First Place Winter.

tic and creative, and that the arts are critical to any learning atmosphere."

Thank you to all the generous sponsors of the Tom McHugh Scholarship and Tom McHugh Run for the Arts 5K. Top Sponsors of the scholarship include Betsy & Dick Durham and Sue & Bryan Matthews. Top sponsors of the Run for the Arts 5K include Bartholomew Kreiner, DDS, Haven Harbour Marina Resorts, and Lynn & Julia Hilfiker of Gunther McClary Real Estate, Rock Hall. A list of remaining sponsors of both the Tom McHugh Scholarship and Tom McHugh 5K Run/Walk can be found on the Tom McHugh Arts Scholarship website: tom-mchughscholarship.com

The Tom McHugh Run for the Arts 5K begins and finishes near Waterman's Crab House Restaurant, lo-

cated at 21055 East Sharp Street. The course is a scenic 3.1-mile course that loops through the quaint town of Rock Hall. Same day registration begins at 8:00am at Waterman's and the race starts at 9:00am.

The registration fee will increase after October 3rd - from \$30 to \$35. The first 75 registrants to sign-up by October 3rd are guaranteed a premium performance tank top. The morning of the race a raffle will be held morning for a Solo Stove Bonfire Stainless Steel Fire Pit with Stand donated by Costello's Ace Hardware in Rock Hall. Team discounts are also available when signing up for the event on RunSignUp.

Please email any questions to Peg McHugh, Director, Tom McHugh Run for the Arts 5K Run/Walk, peg.mchugh2@gmail.com.



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

Every Sat 8am-12pm - Easton Farmers Market at 100 N. Harrison St., municipal parking lot, Easton; Rain or shine; Learn more by visiting www.facebook.com/eastonmarylandfarmersmarket.

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

Through Oct. 14th 9am-4:30pm - Shore Love Little Quilts Exhibit at Heron Point, 501 E. Campus Ave., Chestertown; Free; Open to public; Exhibit of art quilts, wall quilts and other small works.

Through Oct. 29th - Lights Out; Two Thirds of all songbirds migrate at night; Aviary experts encourage everyone to turn off all unnecessary lights at night; dim the rest.

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; Visit www.kentparksandrec.org/

Through Oct. 31st - Frank Stewart: A Jazz Life in Images Exhibit at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Celebrate a lifetime of documenting jazz, culture and human experience; www.sumnerhall.org.

Through Nov. 1st - Fall Fun at Jones Farm Station, 32545 Galena Sassafras Rd., Galena; 7.5 Acre Corn maze, corn box, ice cream, wagon rides, pick your own pumpkins, sunflowers & more; Meat available; Hours: Fri 4pm-6:30pm, Sat 10pm-6:30pm, Sun 12pm-4:30pm; On Facebook; Visit www.jonesfarmstation.com.

Through Nov. 24th 7pm-9pm - Rehearsals every Tues. for Cecil County Choral Society at Weldin Hall, Elkton UM Church, 219 E. Main St., Elkton; Visit www.cecilchoral.org.

Through Dec. 5th - Recreational striped bass season on the Chesapeake Bay; Harvest; Fishing license is required; Visit <https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/>

Through June 30, 2027 - Transportation Assistance Pilot Program to assist Kent County residents to overcome transportation barriers keeping them from receiving needed medical care or nutrition; Free rides to medical appointments, pharmacies, and grocery stores in Kent & QA Counties; 24 hours advance notice required; Call Jab Express 410-490-5217 or 443-480-5805; Kent County Health Dept. program; Learn more at www.kenthd.org.

Wed, Sept. 30th - Mobile Library: Calavera Creations, Bouncing Babies, Story Time, Make a Button, and Teen Advisory Board & Hangout at QAC Public Libraries in Centreville and Stevensville; Oct. 1st Mobile Library, Family Law Clinic; Oct. 2nd Mobile Library, Teen Pop Culture Club; Oct. 3rd Bouncing Babies, Family Music; Oct. 5th Heated Rivalry Raffle; Oct. 6th Heated Rivalry Raffle, Story Time, Mother Goose on the Loose, Sewing Machine Open Studio; Call 410-758-0980 or 410-643-8161; www.qaclibrary.org.

Wed, Sept. 30th 6pm-7:30pm - Living Writers Fiction Series Presents Matt Bell Fiction Reading at Washington College, Washington Ave., Chestertown; Call 410-778-7800; Email aallen5@washcoll.edu.

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- Week 6:** Care for houseplants. Green mulch.
- Week 7:** Enrich the soil now for spring.
- Week 8:** Final steps for putting the garden to bed.

Chester River Chorale Surges into the 2026-2027 Kaleidoscope Season

Chester River Chorale (CRC) welcomes well over one hundred new and returning singers to the 2026-2027 Kaleidoscope season, including four Choral Scholars and the brand new Aurora Treble Choir.

CRC Choral Scholars Program was created to support the next generation of singers through mentorship, leadership, and meaningful artistic experiences. The inaugural Choral Scholars are assigned to Aurora or the Chester River Chorale, and may sing in both ensembles. These singers are amazingly talented and excited for the Choral Scholars program. As Annabelle says, "If singing is something you are passionate about, take every opportunity to sing!"



The newly formed Aurora ensemble explores a rich and growing repertoire for treble voices expanding CRC's ability to serve both singers and audiences by increasing performance opportunities, reaching new venues, and creating space for more voices. Artistic Director Alexis Ward is thrilled with the turn out for all ensembles and specifically for Aurora. "The size of Aurora definitely exceeded my expectations. We are approaching 40 voices!"

Under the direction of Ward and Assistant Director Stephanie LaMotte, CRC will stage two holiday programs. The Colors of Christmas will be presented by the Chester River Chorale and the smaller auditioned Chester Chamber Singers ensemble on December 11th and 12th. Illuminate will be performed by Aurora and the Chester Chamber Singers on December 6th. Concert tickets go on sale in early November.

River Voices, the CRC auditioned community outreach acapella ensemble directed by LaMotte, is back in action this fall. On Saturday, October 3rd River Voices will sing for the NAACP's Annual Scholarship banquet fundraiser. The holiday season kicks off with the Questers Holiday Luncheon on December 1st. Then on Friday, December 4th River Voices will continue the tradition of singing for Chestertown's "Dickens of a Christmas. They will be caroling around town and throughout businesses in full Dickens attire as well as performing on the outdoor High Street stage. Come out to hear them.

Chester River Chorale is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council. Support is also provided by the Kent Cultural Alliance, the Artistic Insights Fund of the Mid-Shore Community Foundation, and our generous sponsors, patrons, advertisers, and audiences.

For more information visit www.chesterriverchorale.org.



Wed, Sept. 30th - Nobel Garden Tour and Dickel Property Tour at Adkins Arboretum, 12610 Eveland Rd., Ridgely; Oct. 1st Slow Birding; Oct. 2nd Healing Walk, Botanical Art: Watercolor Palette; Oct. 3rd Fall Migration Walk with Jim Wilson, First Sunday Walk, Sketch and Paint: Autumn Landscapes, Pride Nature Walk; Oct. 4th Cyanotypes, Sunlight, Wildflowers & Watercolor, Fall Nature Preschool; Call 410-634-2847; Visit www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Wed, Sept. 30th - Common Table Art-work Pick Up Day at RiverArts, 343 High St., Chestertown; Oct. 2nd Fall Into Place Opening; Oct. 3rd Plein Air Painting Club; Oct. 9th Fall Into Place Artist Talks; Every 1st & 3rd Thurs. Photography Club; Every Sat. KidSpot 9am-12pm; Every Tues.-Sun. Open Studio; Every 2nd & 4th Tues. Tapes-try; Call 410-778-6300; www.ctownra.org.

Wed, Sept. 30th 7pm-9pm - Open Mic Night with Ford Schumann at Garfield Center for the Arts, 210 High St., Chestertown; No entry fee; Cash bar; Donation appreciated; To sign up call 410-810-2060; schumannford@gmail.com; Learn more by visiting www.garfieldcenter.org.

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Wed, Sept. 30th - Rosie Parks Skipjack Evening Sail at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 213 N. Talbot St., St. Michaels; Oct. 1st Intro to Sailing Small Craft, Rising Tide After-School Workshop, Member Night in the Shipyard; Oct. 2nd Intro to Sailing Small Craft, Historic Workboat Experience Cruises; Oct. 2nd-Oct. 4th Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival; Oct. 3rd Guided Tour: Boats of the Bay: Log-Bottom Boats; Oct. 4th Family Funday Sunday, Historic Workboat Experience Cruises, Guided Tour: Navigating the Chesapeake; Oct. 6th Rising Tide After-School Workshop, Yoga on Navy Point; Oct. 7th Rosie Parks Skipjack Evening Sail; Call 410-745-4941; Visit www.cbmm.org.

Thurs, Oct. 1st - Camaraderie & Critique at Academy Art Museum, 114 N. Washington St., Easton; Oct. 2nd Half-Day Art Club; Oct. 3rd Sketch and Paint; Oct. 3rd-4th Intro to Handmade Books; Call 410-822-2787; www.academyartmuseum.org.

Thurs, Oct. 1st 12pm-4pm - Fabulous Fiber Month at Skipjack Art Studios and Gallery, 329 Cannon St., Chestertown; Through Nov. 2nd; Wed-Fri 12-4, Sat 10-3; Featuring free demos and finished fiber works; dreamcastlequiltstudio@gmail.com.

Thurs, Oct. 1st 5:30pm-7pm - Kent County Citizen's Academy Fall 2026 Cohort at 400 High St. in the 1st floor Commissioners' Hearing Room, Chestertown; Free 5 week civic engagement program; Unique opportunity to learn more about local government & learn how to make a meaningful impact within their community; Register online at: <https://bit.ly/451xHZ4>; For details, call 410-778-0416.

Fri, Oct. 2nd 5pm-7pm - First Friday Celebration in Downtown Chestertown; Extended shopping hours and specials; Visit www.downtownchestertown.org.

Sat, Oct. 3rd 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; vfwpost652@gmail.com.

Sat, Oct. 3rd 9am-12pm - Join The Republicans of Kent during the Farmers Market at Kent Republican Headquarters, 302 Park Row, Chestertown; Register to vote; Change party affiliation; Call 410-924-4442; For details visit www.gopofkent.com or www.kentcountyrcc.com

Sat, Oct. 3rd - Bosom Buddies Ball at The Westin Annapolis Hotel, 100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis; Find details online by visiting www.bosombuddiescharities.com/bosombuddiesball.

Sat, Oct. 3rd 5pm-9pm - Bull & Oyster Roast at Mount Harmon, 600 Mount Harmon Rd., Earleville; Oysters, silent auctions, live auctions, 50/50 raffle, live bluegrass music; \$150/pp or \$950/reserved table for 8; Call 410-275-8819; Visit www.mountharmon.org.

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A Letter from the Kent Co. Commission on Aging

Kent County is changing, and the Commission on Aging believes it is time to pay closer attention to what that means for one of the largest and most important parts of the community: older residents.

The Kent County Commission on Aging is a county-appointed advisory and advocacy board whose role is to help ensure that the needs of older adults are reflected in decisions affecting our community. The Kent County Commission on Aging advises local and state government on issues affecting older adults and advocate for improvements that support their well-being, rights, independence and quality of life.

Today, approximately 30% of Kent County residents are age 65 or older. That is nearly one in every three people who live here. The demographics of this area are changing in other ways as well, with younger age groups declining while the number of older residents continues to grow. The Census tells us more than how many people live here. It helps us understand who the community is becoming. That matters.

The recent discussion and decision surrounding a new middle school is a good example of Kent County thinking seriously about its future. The need is to attract and retain families with children, and for a community where people of different generations can live, work and thrive. Kent County already has many of the qualities that make that possible: natural resources, communities, agricultural heritage and the people who choose to call this place home.

Planning for the future also means understanding the people who are here today.

Older residents are homeowners, taxpayers, voters, volunteers, caregivers, employers, business owners, community leaders and neighbors. They contribute to the life of this county in countless ways. Many have lived here for decades; others have chosen Kent County as the place where they want to spend their retirement years.

Kent County also has limited resources. As a small, rural community, being creative is necessary in how the needs of residents are met, making good use of the resources already in place and looking for solutions that strengthen the communities and benefit people across generations. The Commission on Aging has an important role in that conversation.

The Commission also wants to work with the County Commissioners and with the many organizations already serving older residents and welcomes the opportunity to build those relationships with the current County Commissioners and with those who seek to serve on the Commission in the future.

The Commission on Aging looks forward to being a stronger voice for older residents and to working collaboratively with the County Commissioners as plans proceed for the future of this community – one that recognizes and values every generation that calls Kent County home. – *from the Kent County Commission on Aging. [edited for space]*



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Sat, Oct. 3rd 8am-2pm - Midshore Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day at 7341 Barkers Landing Rd., Easton; Rain or shine; Free to residents of Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties; Call 443-685-4073; See ad in this issue.

Sat, Oct. 3rd 11am-3pm - ArtOberFest in historic Stevensville's A&E District; Free entry; Sponsored by QAC Parks & Rec; Featuring artisans, vendors, activities, games, live music, performers, DJ, corn-hole, pumpkin decorating, beer garden, historic site tours, food trucks, and more; Visit <https://qac.org/1873/ARToberfest/>

Sat, Oct. 3rd 7:30pm - Buskin & Batteau, Legendary Singer Songwriters at The Mainstay, 5753 N. Main St., Rock Hall; Call 410-639-9133 to learn more or visit www.mainstayrockhall.org.

Sat, Oct. 3rd 8am-6pm - Election for Betterton Town Mayor and two Council positions at Betterton Town Office, 100 Main St., Betterton; Call 410-348-5522 for more information.

Sat, Oct. 3rd 9am-2pm - Craft & Vendor Show at Sudlersville Vol. Fire Co., 203 N. Church St., Sudlersville; Unique handmade crafts, gifts, home décor and more; Call 410-443-6820 or visit www.svfc6.com.

Sat, Oct. 3rd 10:30am until Sold Out - Chicken BBQ at Trinity Lutheran Church, Washington Ave., across from Washington College, Chestertown; Carryout only; Dinner \$18 each; Proceeds benefit Chestertown Lions Club charitable projects; Advance tickets available (not required) are good while food supply lasts; Tickets available from any Chestertown Lion.

Sat, Oct. 3rd 11am - Maryland State Jousting Tournament at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center, 619 Crouse Mill Rd., Queen Anne; Bring a chair, popup or sun umbrella for shade; Food available for purchase; Call 301-514-3577.

Sun, Oct. 4th 2pm-6pm - Rockin' The Porch at QAC Centre for the Arts, 206 S. Commerce St., Centreville; Live music, food vendors, family friendly; Sponsors, partners and volunteers needed; Call 410-758-2520; For details visit www.queenannescountyarts.com.

Sun, Oct. 4th 4pm - "Yoga in the Living Landscape" Outdoor Yoga at Semans-Griswold Environmental Hall, located at 485 S. Cross St., Chestertown; Presented by Slack Tide Yoga & WAC's Center for Environment & Society; Followed by complimentary herbal tea; <https://motence.com/l/dahVv7dr>; info@slacktideyoga.com.

Sun, Oct. 4th 12pm-4pm - Fire Prevention at Crumpton Vol. Fire Dept., 300 Third St., Crumpton; Call 410-778-6100.

Mon, Oct. 5th 7pm - Live Playwrights' Society at Garfield Center for the Arts, 210 High St., Chestertown; Call 410-810-2060 for more information; Find details online at www.garfieldcenter.org.

Mon, Oct. 5th - Tech Help Drop-In at Kent County Public Library, 408 High St., Chestertown; Oct. 6th Friends of the Library: Book Donations Welcome; Oct. 9th The Page Turners; Oct. 13th Friends of the Library: Book Donations Welcome, KCPL Finance Committee; Oct. 14th Playlist Curation: What Does Music Do?; Get your free library card to borrow video games, board games, dvds, books, activity kits, ebooks, online classes, tutors, and much more; Board members needed; Call 410-778-3636 or visit www.kentcountylibrary.org.

Mon, Oct. 5th 7pm - Town of Galena Mayor & Council Meeting at 101 S. Main St., Galena; 410-648-5151; www.townofgalena.com.

Wed, Oct. 7th 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, Oct. 8th 5:30pm-7pm - Kent County Citizen's Academy Fall 2026 Cohort at 400 High St. in the 1st floor Commissioners' Hearing Room, Chestertown; Free 5 week civic engagement program; Unique opportunity to learn more about local government & learn how to make a meaningful impact within their community; Register online at: <https://bit.ly/451xHZ4>; For details, call 410-778-0416.



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**The Garfield Center Announces
Auditions for "A Sherlock Carol"**

The Garfield Center for the Arts has announced audition dates for Mark Shanahan's "A Sherlock Carol." Auditions will be held Saturday, October 10th at 2pm and Monday and Wednesday, October 12th and 14th at 6:30pm. Auditions on October 10th will be held at the Garfield Center for the Arts, and auditions on October 12th and 14th will be held at the Raimond Cultural Center, located at 101 Spring Avenue in Chestertown (home of the Kent Cultural Alliance).

"A Sherlock Carol" combines aspects of two classics of Victorian literature, and unites them both in a joyful mug of holiday cheer, making Mark Shanahan's play a festive feast for the senses. When a grown-up Tiny Tim asks Sherlock Holmes to investigate the death of Ebenezer Scrooge, the Great Detective must use his gifts to solve a Dickens of a Christmas mystery! This festive, funny, heartwarming and highly theatrical holiday treat is one for all ages.

Originally conceived to be performed by six actors, casting is flexible and the director intends to expand beyond that cast size. The goal of this production is to lean into the fun and theatricality of the play to create a fast paced, joyful, Dickensian holiday experience for the cast and audiences alike. For this reason, the director encourages anyone to audition - casting will be inclusive.

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script as well as acting exercises, and some singing. While the play is not a musical, there are a smattering of Christmas Carols throughout the script that the company will perform.

Rehearsals will begin quickly after audition dates, and the production runs Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from December 4th through 20th.

For complete details, email the director, Hester Sachse at hester@kentculture.org.

Thurs, Oct. 8th 12pm-1pm - Lunch & Lore Session at Bordley History Center, 301 High St., Chestertown; Special Guest Black Mutual Aid Societies, with Niambi Davis; Brown-bag drop in gatherings on alternate Thursdays through Dec. 17th; Presented by The Historical Society of Kent Co.; All are welcome; Visit www.kentcountyhistory.org or email director@kentcountyhistory.org.

Sat, Oct. 10th 1pm - Sudlersville Vintage Base Ball Showdown & Picnic honoring hometown hero Jimmie Foxx at Sudlersville Park, 206 E. Main St., Sudlersville; 1pm Picnic; 2:15pm Opening Ceremony; 3pm First Pitch; Free admission; Call 410-703-9212 for more information or email shatim216@gmail.com.

Sat, Oct. 10th 10:15am-4pm - FallFest 2026: A Full Day of Music & Community Celebration at The Mainstay, 5753 N. Main St., Rock Hall; Live music, oysters, kids kourt, food, artisan vendors, & lots of fun; Admission & parking free; Call 410-639-9133; Visit www.mainstayrockhall.org.

Sat, Oct. 10th 10am-12pm- Meet Local Representatives working with homeless at Fountain Park in downtown Chestertown; Held in conjunction with World Homeless Day; Kent County's Shelter Alliance provides year-round shelter for the homeless; For more information or to volunteer, email contact@shelteralliancemd.org, call 443-739-2459 or find details online at www.shelteralliancemd.org.

Sat, Oct. 10th 12pm-6pm - Boatyard Bash "Where Heritage Drops Anchor" at 103 Hayward St., Cambridge; Live music by Chesapeake Sons & The G Method, tours, presentations, antique boats & cars, food and beer trucks, artisans, Battle of the Boatyards: The Block Championship; Benefits Richardson Maritime; Call 410-221-1871; Visit www.richardsonmuseum.org/bash/ for more information.

Sat, Oct. 10th 9am - FallFest Tom McHugh Run for the Arts 5K Run/Walk at Waterman's Crab House, 21055 E. Sharp St., Rock Hall; Register 8am; \$30/before Oct. 3, \$35/Oct. 4-10; Benefits art scholarships; Visit www.tommcHughscholarship.com for more information.

Sat, Oct. 10th 7:30pm - The Eastport Oyster Boys Special FallFest Concert at The Mainstay, 5753 N. Main St., Rock Hall; Call 410-639-9133; For more information visit www.mainstayrockhall.org.

Sat, Oct. 10th - World Homeless Day; Kent County's Shelter Alliance provides year-round shelter for the homeless; Send emails to contact@shelteralliancemd.org, visit www.shelteralliancemd.org, or for more information call 443-739-2459.

Sat, Oct. 10th 7pm-10pm - Ashley Chapa FallFest Concert at Harbor Shack, 20895 Bayside Ave., Rock Hall; Call 410-639-9996 or visit www.harborshack.net for more information.

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Sat, Oct. 10th 12pm-3pm - Soup & Sip at Chester River Yacht & Country Club, 7738 Quaker Neck Rd., Chestertown; Crab soup competition and wine tasting; \$25 includes a wine glass, 10 tastings and a raffle ticket; Tickets purchased at the door; Bring dollar bills to vote at each booth; Benefits KCPS, Drama & Theatre Programs; Send emails with requests for more information to ChestertownRotaryClub@gmail.com.

Sat, Oct. 10th 9am - Stars & Stripes Sporting Clay Shoot at Schrader's Outdoors, 16090 Oakland Rd., Henderson; Sporting Clays, Pig Roast, Rabbit 50/50 Game & Silent Auction; \$90/Tickets include 50 targets & lunch; Must pre-register by Oct. 1st; For tickets & details, call 443-642-0403 or send emails to info@kentcountyrcc.com; See ad in this week's issue.

Sat, Oct. 10th 2pm - Auditions for "A Sherlock Carol" at Garfield Center for the Arts, 210 High St., Chestertown; Want to learn more? Send emails with requests for more information to hester@kentculture.org.

Sun, Oct. 11th 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.

Sun, Oct. 11th 5pm-6:30pm - Kent County Drum Circle at Airy Hill Stables, 7886 Airy Hill Road, Chestertown; All adults & teenagers welcome; No experience req'd; Join us!

Sun, Oct. 11th - Special Second Sunday History and Nature Programs at Mount Harmon, 600 Mount Harmon Rd., Earleville; Call 410-275-8819; For more information visit www.mountharmon.org.

Sun, Oct. 11th 9am - Chestertown Challenge Half Marathon Run & 5K Run/Walk begins at Wilmer Park, Cross St., Chestertown; 8am registration; USAFT Certified; Free gift for first 25 spectators; Benefits KART; Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Chestertown/ChesterRiverChallenge>; Visit www.kentridingtherapy.org/

Sun, Oct. 11th 4pm - "Yoga in the Living Landscape" Outdoor Yoga at Semans-Griswold Environmental Hall, 485 S. Cross St., Chestertown; Presented by Slack Tide Yoga & WC's Center for Environment & Society; Followed by complimentary herbal tea; Visit <https://mومence.com/l/dahVv7dr>; Email info@slacktideyoga.com.

Mon, Oct. 12th 9am-4pm - Barn Block Painting Class at Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore, 7 N. Fourth St., Denton; All supplies & blank blocks included in price; Must contact 2 weeks before class about your design; To register call 410-253-9716.

Mon & Wed, Oct. 12th & 14th 6:30pm - Auditions for "A Sherlock Carol" at Raimond Cultural Center, 101 Spring Ave., Chestertown; Email hester@kentculture.org.

Tues, Oct. 13th 10am-2pm - MVA On Wheels & Online at 848 High St., Chestertown; No appointment needed for tag returns or individual registration renewal; For an appointment for all other services visit www.mva.maryland.gov/

Tues, Oct. 13th - Deadline to register to vote in General Election on Nov. 3rd; Early voting Oct. 22nd-Oct. 29th; Call 410-778-0038; Visit www.kentcountyelections.org.

Tues, Oct. 13th 5pm - Leaders & Citizens Dialogue Series in Decker Theater, Washington College, 300 Washington Ave., Chestertown; Presented by Hogan Institute at WC; Free; Former MD Chief of Staff to the Gov. Amelia Alcivar & former VA Chief of Staff to the Gov. Clark Mercer will share a behind-the-scenes look at how communications functions inside a governor's office & across state government; Live streamed on the WC YouTube channel at <https://youtube.com/live/aPRmhnRRbZA?feature=share>; Learn more at www.washcoll.edu/live/news/hogan-first-event.php.

Wed, Oct. 14th 9am-3pm - Improv Quilting at Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore, 7 N. Fourth St., Denton; \$90/member, \$110/non-member; For more information on the class and for a supply list, call 410-253-9716; To sign up, call 443-448-4611.

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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.

ASSAULT: 09/18/2026 PFC R. Thompson served a District Court criminal summons on Makayla Nadine Mims, 22, of Chestertown, Maryland, charging her with simple assault. The incident occurred in the 100 block of Harlan Loop in May of this year. Mims was released on her signature. Court date is pending.

THEFT FROM A BUILDING: 09/11/2026 OFC J. Fowler took a report for a past theft that occurred in the 200 block of Kent Street, Chestertown. Investigation is active at the time of this report.

FAILURE TO APPEAR: 09/15/2026 PFC B. McGinnis served a District Court bench warrant for failure to appear on traffic charges on Phylcia-Lyn Sommer Watkins, 32, of Chestertown, Maryland. Watkins was released on her own recognizance. Court date is pending.

ASSAULT: 09/20/2026 PFC R. Thompson and OFC K. Harris responded to the 400 block of Morgnec Road, Chestertown for a report of a domestic disturbance. All parties were referred to the Court Commissioners to pursue charges if they wished. Case remains open at this time.

THEFT FROM A BUILDING: 09/24/2026 PFC R. Thompson took a report for a burglary that occurred in the 300 block of Calvert Street, Chestertown. Investigation is active at this time.

FRAUD - FALSE PRETENSES: 09/24/2026 PFC R. Thompson took a report for a check fraud.



Who's Cookin' with Carla?

CHEESEBURGER SOUP

1/2 Lb Pound Ground Beef
4 Tbsp Butter, divided
3/4 Cup Chopped Onion
3/4 Cup Shredded Carrots
3/4 Cup Diced Celery
1 Tsp Dried Basil
1 Tsp Dried Parsley Flakes
1-3/4 Pounds (about 4 cups) Cubed Peeled Potatoes
3 Cups Chicken Broth
1/4 Cup All-Purpose Flour
8 to 16 Ounces Velveeta Cheese, cubed
1-1/2 Cups Whole Milk
3/4 Tsp Salt
1/4 To 1/2 Tsp Pepper
1/4 Cup Sour Cream
Onion Rings and Thinly Sliced Green Onions, optional

In a large saucepan over medium heat, cook and crumble beef until no longer pink, about 6 to 8 minutes; drain and remove from pan. In same saucepan, melt 1 tablespoon butter over medium heat. Saute onion, carrots, celery, basil, and parsley until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Add potatoes, broth and beef; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 10 to 12 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

Meanwhile, in a small skillet, melt remaining 3 tablespoons butter. Add flour; cook and stir until bubbly, 3 to 5 minutes. Add to soup; bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Stir in cheese, milk, salt, and pepper; cook until cheese melts. Remove from heat; blend in sour cream. If desired, serve with onion rings and green onion.

Can be made with any type of burger. *Makes 8 servings.*

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Thurs, Oct. 15th 5:30pm-7pm - Kent County Citizen's Academy Fall 2026 Cohort at 400 High St. in the 1st floor Commissioners' Hearing Room, Chestertown; Free 5 week civic engagement program; Unique opportunity to learn more about local government & learn how to make a meaningful impact within their community; Register online and find more information by visiting: <https://bit.ly/451xHZ4>; For details, call 410-778-0416.

Thurs, Oct. 15th 5pm-8pm - Ice Cream Social at Millington Fire Co., 185 Sassafras St., Millington; Ice cream, hot dogs, burgers; In partnership with Get The Scoop from Rock Hall; Follow on FB: "Community Fire Company of Millington, MD".

Fri's-Sun's, Oct. 16th-31st - The Rocky Horror Show at Garfield Center for the Arts, 210 High St., Chestertown; Fri & Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm; Call 410-810-2060 for more information; Visit www.garfieldcenter.org for details about all upcoming show and productions; See ad in next week's issue.

Fri & Sat, Oct. 16th & 17th 10am - Annual 50% Off Everything Sky High Clearance Sale at Women in Need Thrift Store, 106 Philosophers Terrace, Chestertown; Vintage wares, collectibles, antiques and more; Open Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm; Call 410-778-5999 for more information; Visit www.shopnifty.com; See ad in this week's issue.

Sat, Oct. 17th 1pm - Texas Hold 'Em Fall Poker Tournament at Queen Anne-Hillsboro Vol. Fire Co., 13512 First St., Queen Anne; Doors open 11am; Ticket \$100/entry fee, no re-buy, \$65/to prize pool; Prize money payout to all 8 finalists; To register call 443-786-4532 or 410-924-1860; Send emails & questions to tdifatta@comcast.net or khope80@hotmail.com; For more information visit www.qahvfc.com; Look for ad in next week's issue.

Sat, Oct. 17th 7:30pm - Buffalo Rose at The Mainstay, 5753 N. Main St., Rock Hall; Call 410-639-9133 for more information; Visit www.mainstayrockhall.org.

Sat, Oct. 17th 10am-2pm - Ladies Fall Bazaar at Millington Fire Hall, 185 Sassafras St., Millington; Refreshments, vendors, music & door prizes; Bring a friend; Presented by Gospel Gals; Call 302-222-8974.

Sat, Oct. 17th 6:30pm - Monster Mash Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre at Cecilton VFD, 110 E Main St., Cecilton; \$50/pp or \$250/table of 6, Dinner & show included; Doors open 5:30pm; Cash bar available; Costumes encouraged; Reservations required; Tickets purchased via Venmo: @ceciltonvfd1 or send emails with requests for tickets to Lizzy.day@ceciltonvfd1.com.

Sun, Oct. 18th - Pianist Ramilya Saubanova and Cellist Evangelina Ciobanu at The Mainstay, 5753 N. Main St., Rock Hall; Call 410-639-9133 for more information or visit www.mainstayrockhall.org.

Mon, Oct. 19th 6pm - Town of Galena Park & Tree Committee Meeting at 101 S. Main St., Galena; Visit www.townofgalena.com.

Mon, Oct. 19th - Deadline to order Apple Dumplings from members of the Chestertown Chapter #86 Order of the Eastern Star; Pick up Oct. 23rd & 24th 3pm-6pm at Christ First UM Church, 401 High St., Chestertown; \$7/each; Available as single, doubles, or pans of 3, 4 and 6; Pre-order sales only; Email kneff11@gmail.com; Call 443-480-4794 or 410-708-3062.

Tues, Oct. 20th 6pm - Chevrolet Corvette Fans "No" Club Corvette Enthusiasts meet at Procolino's, Kent Plaza, Chestertown; Meets monthly every third Tues. at 6pm, March-Nov., weather permitting; No dues, rules, regs, by-laws, officers, agenda; A social gathering of like-minded Corvette enthusiasts; Email m.waal@breezeline.net.

Tues, Oct. 20th 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.

Tues, Oct. 20th 6pm - Final Session & Recognition of Kent County Citizen's Academy Fall 2026 Cohort at 400 High St. in the 1st floor Commissioners' Hearing Room, Chestertown; Free 5 week civic engagement program; Unique opportunity to learn more about local government & learn how to make a meaningful impact within their community; Register online at: <https://bit.ly/451xHZ4>; For details, call 410-778-0416.

Thurs-Thurs, Oct. 22nd-29th - Early Voting for Maryland's General Election at Kent County Public Library, 408 High St., Chestertown; Maryland General Election Nov. 3rd; Call 410-778-0038, 410-758-0832, 410-996-5310 or 410-770-8099; Go to www.kentcountyelections.org for more information.

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MUSTARD PRETZEL NUGGETS

6 Cups Sourdough Pretzel Nuggets
1/3 Cup Prepared Mustard
2 Tbsp Honey
1 Tbsp Cider Vinegar
1/2 Tsp Onion Powder
1/2 Tsp Garlic Powder
1/2 Tsp Ground Mustard

Preheat oven to 350°F.
Place pretzels in a bowl. In a separate bowl, add remaining ingredients and stir to combine evenly. Drizzle over pretzels and toss to coat.
Spread pretzels on a greased 15 x 10-inch pan. Bake until lightly browned and crisp, about 15 to 20 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes. Cool completely in the pan over a wire rack. Store in an airtight container.

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Who's Cookin' with Carla?

EASY SLOW COOKER RIBS

3 Lbs Baby Back Ribs, trimmed
Salt and Ground Black Pepper, to taste
1/2 Cup Water
1/2 Onion, sliced
1 Clove Garlic, minced
One 18 Oz. Bottle Barbecue Sauce

Season ribs with salt and pepper.
Pour water into slow cooker. Layer the ribs into the slow cooker. Top the ribs with onion and garlic. Cook on high for 4 hours (or low for 8 hours).
Preheat oven to 375°F. Transfer ribs to a baking sheet, discarding the onion and garlic. Pour barbecue sauce over all the ribs so they are coated. Bake until the sauce caramelizes and sticks to the meat, about 10 to 15 minutes.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Press Release from **Kent County Sheriff's Office**
104 Vickers Drive, Unit B, Chestertown, Maryland 21620
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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.

September 15, 2026: Deputies responded to Kennedyville Road, Kennedyville for a reported shooting. Investigation revealed that the suspect fired multiple rounds from a shotgun into an occupied vehicle at close range before leaving the scene. A short time later, Louis Dominick Sparco, Jr., age 37 of Newark, Delaware was arrested and charged with attempted second degree murder and associated charges. He was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond. There were no injuries.

September 15, 2026: SGT N. Blazejak served a Kent County District Court arrest warrant for stalking and associated charges on Rusty John Roselle, age 47, of Rock Hall. Roselle was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

September 15, 2026: CPL P. Hudson served a Kent County District Court arrest warrant for first degree assault and associated charges on Jayla Marie Sisco, age 18, of Chestertown. Sisco was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

September 16, 2026: DFC D. Parent is investigating a theft that occurred in the 200 block of Sassafras Street, Millington. The victim reported that merchandise has been taken from the location on three different occasions by the same individual. Under investigation.

September 17, 2026: DFC D. Parent served a Kent County Circuit Court bench warrant for failure to appear on Shannon Lee Bordley, age 58, of Chester, Maryland. Bordley was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

September 17, 2026: DFC F. Baker is investigating a single-vehicle accident that occurred on Carrol Clark Road, Millington, Maryland. A 2017 Hyundai passenger car operated by Kailie Jackson, age 25, of Millington, Maryland, left the roadway striking a tree causing disabling damage. A passenger of the vehicle was transported by EMS to a Delaware hospital for treatment. During the investigation, indicators of impairment were observed at which time Jackson performed poorly on standardized field sobriety tests. She was subsequently arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol. She was charged and released to a sober driver. Rells Towing removed the vehicle from the scene.

September 18, 2026: DFC R. Strong served a Kent County District Court criminal summons for violation of a protection order on Keyshawn Steven Graves, age 21, of Sudlersville, Maryland. Graves was released after signing for the summons.

September 20, 2026: CPL P. Hudson served a Kent County District Court bench warrant for failure to appear on Shawn Nicholas Vassell, age 23, of Hemstead, New York. Vassell was released by the District Court Commissioner on his own recognizance.



Head to Rock Hall on Saturday, October 10th for the 29th Annual FallFest – a celebration of the mighty oyster with the grand tradition of FallFest Music – on two outdoor stages – in town throughout the day. All musical performances during the day are FREE! See the full page ad in this week’s issue.



Fri & Sat, Oct. 23rd & 24th - 7th Annual Witches of Rock Hall on Main Street in Rock Hall; Dress in your witchy finery; Music, fire pits, games, shopping, food, and more; Fri. 5-7, Sat. 11-4:30; Call 443-465-0681 or email mainstreetrockhall@gmail.com.

Sat, Oct. 24th 9am-4pm - 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, gladys.peeples@umm.edu; Call 410-822-1000, ext. 5234; Visit www.umms.org/shore.

Sat, Oct. 24th 11am - Author Patrick O’Donnell “Washington’s Immortals: The Maryland 400 and Maryland Line During the Revolutionary War” at Bordley History Center, 301 High St., Chestertown; Call 410-778-3499; Visit www.kentcountyhistory.org.

Sat, Oct. 24th 3pm-5pm - Oyster & Ham Supper at Price Community Center, 121 Rabbit Hill Rd., Church Hill; Dine In or Carryout; \$35/ea.; Additional oysters available, 10 for \$10; Limited availability; Pre-orders suggested by calling 410-708-6216.

Sat, Oct. 24th 8am-1pm - Indoor Craft & Yard Sale at Caroline Co. 4-H Park, 8230 Detour Rd., Denton; Benefits Caroline Co. 4-H Programs; Many vendors; Food for sale; Handicap accessible; To reserve a space call Joanne at 410-479-0565; Email caroco4hcraftshow@gmail.com.

Sat, Oct. 24th 4pm-7pm - All You Can Eat Annual Roast Beef Dinner at Crumpton Vol. Fire Dept., 300 Third St., Crumpton; \$17/ages 13 & up, \$8/ages 6-13, under age 6 free; Carryout is not all you can eat; Benefits CVFD.



OCTOBER & NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

Saturday	October 3	7:30 pm	BUSKIN & BATTEAU - LEGENDARY SINGER-SONGWRITERS
Saturday	October 10	10:15 am	FALLFEST 2026 - A FULL DAY OF MUSIC AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
Saturday	October 17	7:30 pm	BUFFALO ROSE
Sunday	November 1	4:00 pm	MYRNA SISLEN & JEFFREY MEYERRIECKS
Friday	November 13	7:30 pm	MAINSTAY PLAYERS - AMERICAN BANDSTAND TRIBUTE
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Sally Brompton **WEEKLY HOROSCOPE**
Your weekly horoscope by Sally Brompton • October 5-11, 2026

If Your Birthday Is This Week: TSaturn’s influence early in your birthday week means you won’t always be on the same wavelength as the people around you. That won’t matter if you have the courage to strike out on your own in new directions. Act as if you cannot fail – and you won’t.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20):

It’s not nice having your shortcomings pointed out to you but if a friend does that this week you would be wise to listen and learn. You can at times be blind to your own faults and failings and should probably thank them for being honest with you.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21):

Do what is expected of you on the work front and don’t look for praise if it goes right or sympathy if it goes wrong. You have never been the sort to care what other people think of your efforts, so why would you want to start now?

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21):

You may be inclined to do a favor for a co-worker but first you must find out if it will be a one-time event or if it could lead to you being pulled in to doing even more for them in the future. “No” may be your best response.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23):

If someone you don’t always get along with is on their best behavior this week you will, of course, be suspicious. And rightfully so, as the planets warn they are up to something and, whatever it might be, it’s unlikely to be for your benefit.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23):

The Sun, your ruler, is at odds with Saturn, so even if you are feeling pumped up and ready to get on with things there will be some kind of obstacle or opposition to deal with first. If you move too fast you may overlook something important.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23):

Slow down and take life at a more leisurely pace during the early part of the week. No one is timing you, so you don’t have to act as if you are competing against the clock. Sometimes you push yourself way too hard.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23):

You may be happy to try something new and exciting but friends and loved ones will be less than enthused, so expect some pushback to your plans. If you are smart you will ignore them and get together with people who know how to have fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22):

A problem you have been struggling with for quite some time will resolve itself without any direct input from you. That might be annoying as you put so much effort into it but at least now you can leave it behind and move on to something else.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21):

Some people have had a lot to say for themselves in recent days and much of it seems to have been about you. Not that you care, of course, but it might be smart to find out what exactly they’ve been discussing behind your back.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20):

Don’t feel bad if you benefit from a colleague’s fall from grace. It isn’t your fault they made a serious career mistake and if you don’t take advantage of the changed situation you can be sure someone else will. Move fast and move up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19):

If a friend or family member demands full freedom of action don’t try to deny them. You would not agree to them holding you back from something you want to do, so it’s only fair you should let them go off and do their own thing.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20):

So many things are changing in your world and the forces at work are too powerful to oppose. The best you can hope for over the next few days is that some of those changes will work in your favor. A positive attitude is a must.

Baltimore Ravens 2026-27 Schedule

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	TV	RESULT
PRESEASON				
1 SATURDAY AUGUST 15	7:00PM ET	EAGLES	WBAL-TV	RAVENS 24-7
2 SATURDAY AUGUST 22	1:00PM ET	VIKINGS	WBAL-TV	RAVENS 13-3
3 FRIDAY AUGUST 28	7:00PM ET	COMMANDERS	WBAL-TV	RAVENS 41-3
REGULAR SEASON				
1 SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13	1:00PM ET	COLTS	CBS	RAVENS 41-23
2 SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20	1:00PM ET	SAINTS	CBS	SAINTS 24-17
3 SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27	4:25PM ET	COWBOYS	CBS	RAVENS 34-31
4 SUNDAY OCTOBER 4	1:00PM ET	TITANS	CBS	
5 SUNDAY OCTOBER 11	8:20PM ET*	FALCONS	NBC	
6 SUNDAY OCTOBER 18	1:00PM ET*	BROWNS	FOX	
7 SUNDAY OCTOBER 25	1:00PM ET*	BENGALS	CBS	
8 SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1	1:00PM ET*	BILLS	CBS	
9 THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5	8:15PM ET	JAGUARS	PRIME VIDEO	
10 MONDAY NOVEMBER 16	8:15PM ET	CHARGERS	ESPN	
11 SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22	1:00PM ET*	PANTHERS	FOX	
12 SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29	1:00PM ET*	TEXANS	CBS	
13 BYE WEEK				BYE WEEK
14 SUNDAY DECEMBER 13	1:00PM ET*	BUCANEERS	FOX	
15 SUNDAY DECEMBER 20	1:00PM ET*	STEELERS	CBS	
16 SUNDAY DECEMBER 27	1:00PM ET*	BROWNS	CBS	
17 THURSDAY DECEMBER 31	8:15PM ET*	BENGALS	PRIME VIDEO	
18 TBD	TBD	STEELERS	TBD	
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AWAY	* FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE TIME - GAME TIMES AND TV NETWORKS SUBJECT TO CHANGE			
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Sat, Oct. 24th 10am-1pm - No Sew Christmas Balls at Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore, 7 N. Fourth St., Denton; To sign up for class, call 443-448-4611.

Wed, Oct. 28th 6pm-7:30pm - Living Writers Fiction Series Presents Allegra Hyde Fiction Reading at Washington College, Washington Ave., Chestertown; Call 410-778-7800.

Thurs, Oct. 29th 4pm-5pm - Living Writers Fiction Series Presents Allegra Hyde Generative Workshop at Wash. College, Washington Ave., Chestertown; 410-778-7800

Fri-Sun, Oct. 30th-Nov. 1st - Sultana Downrigging combines the largest annual gathering of Tall Ships in North America and a high-energy Bluegrass Festival; Fireworks Oct. 30th; Call 410-778-5954; Visit www.sultanaeducation.org.

Sat & Sun, Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st 10am-4pm - Chestertown Artists Trail to art studios in Chestertown; Visit with the artists at work, ask questions, and view their items; Visit www.chestertownartists.com.

Sat, Oct. 31st 10am-2pm - Polly's Persuasion Appliqué Class at Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore, 7 N. Fourth St., Denton; \$60/member, \$80/non-member; For more information on the class and for a supply list, call 410-829-5136; To sign up for the class, call 443-448-4611.

Sat, Oct. 31st 7pm-10pm - Halloween Party at Chestertown Elks Lodge #2474, 8631 Bell Rose Lane, Chestertown; Doors open 6pm; Music 7pm-10pm; \$20/pp; Bring favorite appetizer to share; Music by Blues Keepers Band; Best costume contest; Call 443-480-5664.

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SAFETY TIPS

Migratory Game Bird season dates and bag limits for 2026- 2027 are contingent upon approval from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Please verify at the department website in September.

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 17* (*shooting hours 12noon-sunset)

October 24-Nov. 27 • December 19, 2026-Jan. 8, 2027 (daily bag limit 15 birds, possession limit 45 birds)

SEPTEMBER TEAL
September 17-26 (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 7, 2026 AND Saturday February 6, 2027***

***For 2 AP Canada Goose, 1 Brant, 15 Coots, 25 Light Geese, and 6 Ducks (See Duck Bag Limit)

November 24-27 • December 15, 2026-January 30, 2027 (daily bag limit 2 birds, possession limit 6 birds)

Eastern Zone Only: February 8-March 10 (daily bag limit 25, no possession limit)

To Be Determined - Check Back in the fall for status of the light goose conservation order season

October 10-17 • November 14-27 • December 15, 2026-Jan. 30, 2027 - See Duck Daily Bag Limit

November 14-27 • December 15, 2026-January 30, 2027 (daily bag limit 2 black ducks)

SEA DUCKS (*Scoters, Long-tailed Duck and Eiders*) No longer a special season; Regular Duck Season Dates Apply
BRANT December 28, 2026-January 30, 2027 (*daily bag limit 1 per day, possession limit 3*)

BLACK BEAR
October 26-31 (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.

ARCHERY (antlered & antlerless) September 11-October 21 • October 25*-November 27

Primitive Deer Hunt Days[†]: February 1-3 (antlerless and antlered)

FIREARMS November 28-December 12* • January 8-10* (Region B only) (antlered & antlerless)

JUNIOR DEER HUNT DAYS - Saturday & Sunday, November 14/15[†], 2026
2 White-tailed Deer total for all seasons combined, no more than 1 in any weapon season; a third antlered white-tailed

22-24, 2026 Muzzleloader season. [†]Deer taken by junior hunters during the Junior Hunt Days do not count towards the regular Archery, Muzzleloader, or Firearm season bag limits: Sun., Nov. 15, 2026 hunting in certain counties: [†]Hunters may

*Visit 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. 5, 2026-Feb. 28, 2027 (daily bag limit 6)

EASTERN COTTONTAIL RABBIT
Nov. 7, 2026-Feb. 28, 2027 (daily bag limit 4)

Nov. 7, 2026-Jan. 15, 2027 (daily limit 6)
Trapping: Nov. 15, 2025-Feb. 28, 2026 (no limit)

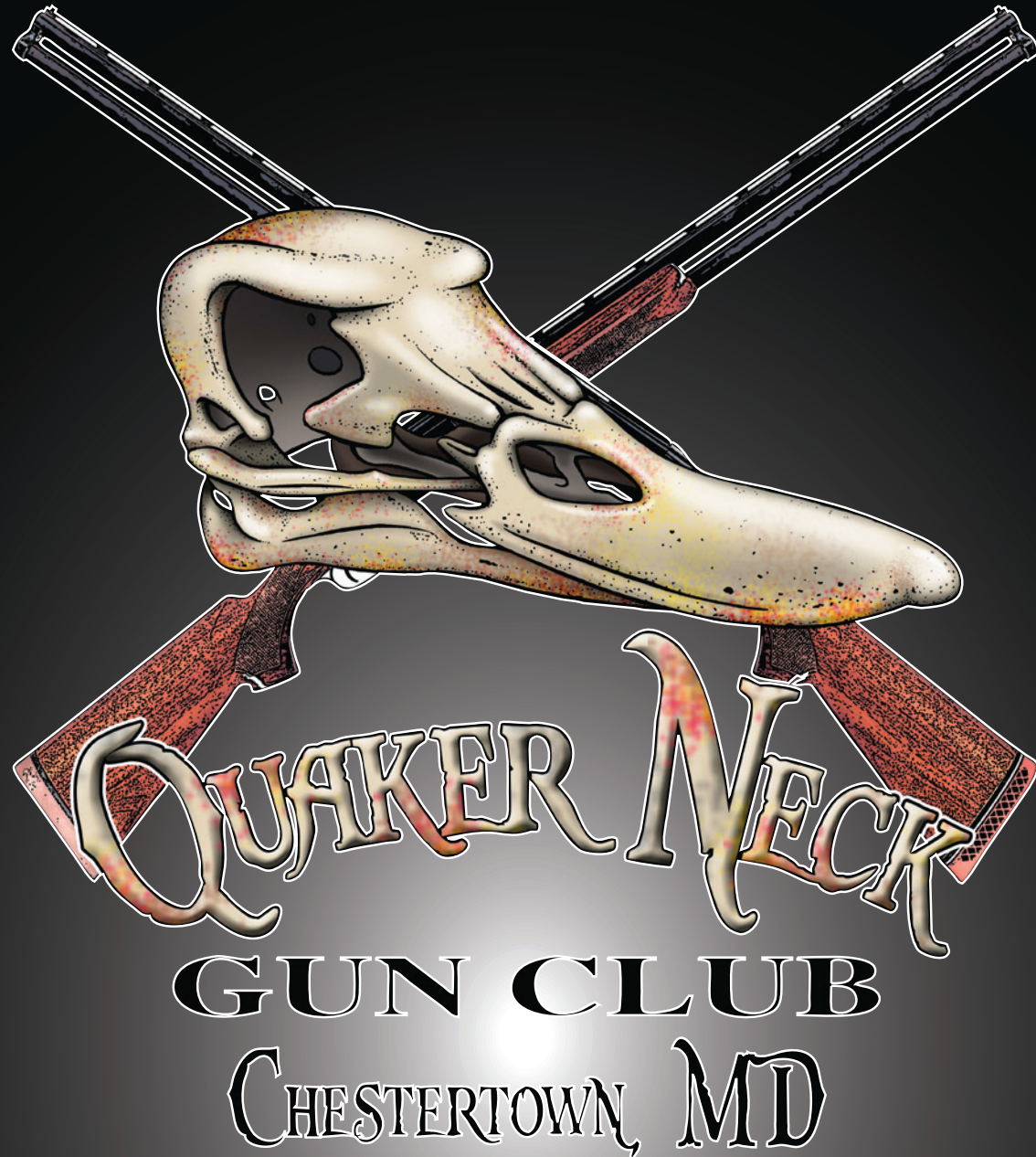
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January 21-23, 2027*, Statewide

MUSKRAT & MINK (trapping only)
December 15, 2026-March 15, 2027 (no limit)

FOX (Red and Gray) Trapping, Firearms, Archery, and Airgun Nov. 14, 2026-Feb. 28, 2027 (no limit)

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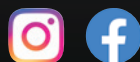
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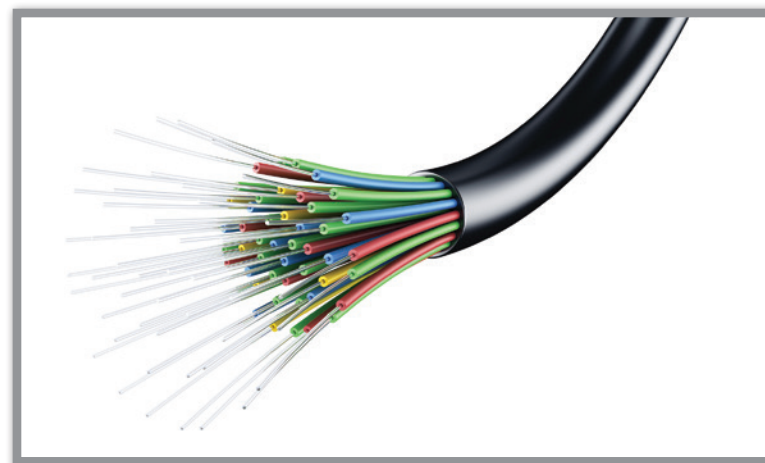
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