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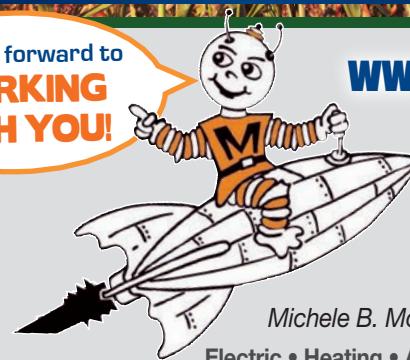
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HealthChoice is Maryland's Medicaid managed care program. Most people who qualify for Medicaid are required to enroll in a Managed Care Organization (MCO). It is best to select an MCO that your doctor participates with. If your doctor does not participate 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.

Can't find a Dental Provider?

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

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

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Target populations include children, pregnant and postpartum women, individuals with disabilities (physical, mental or developmental), and homeless individuals. The ACC can help anyone who is eligible for HealthChoice.

Ombudsman

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



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

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

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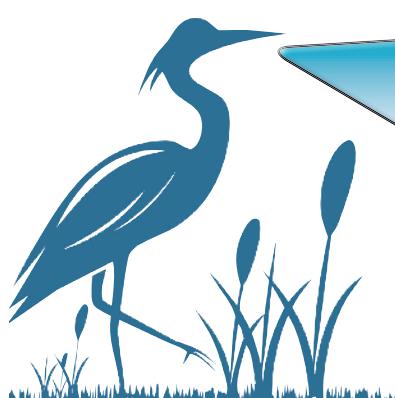
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Positive Strides Therapeutic Riding Center invites cyclists to its 13th Annual Spring Classic Bike Tour on Saturday, April 11th in support of its mission to build confidence, self-esteem, and a sense of accomplishment for children and adults with physical, cognitive, and emotional challenges.

The Spring Classic is known for its friendly volunteers, homemade baked goods, and the famous cream of crab soup served at lunch. This event welcomes people of all ages and fitness levels to come together to have fun and fundraise.

The event in Easton, Maryland will include 25-, 50-, or 62-mile rides along some of the most scenic routes in Talbot County.

The ride starts and ends at Easton High School located at 723 Mecklenburg Avenue. Packet pickup will be at 8am. The fully supported event – held rain or shine – will have three rest stops and a delicious lunch at the end of the ride.

Early bird registration is \$55, not including processing fees. The price after February 27th will increase to \$65, not including processing fees.

In addition to the registration fee, all cyclists are encouraged to donate and/or select "Become a Fundraiser" when registering for the event, which will create a page that can be shared with family, friends, and colleagues. Although fundraising is optional, every dollar raised is appreciated and will help Positive Strides Therapeutic Riding Center to help some of the most vulnerable people in Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, and Queen Anne's counties.

"When you ride for Positive Strides, you ride for the countless men, women and children who benefit from horse therapies on the Eastern Shore," says Kim Hopkins Thomas, executive director of Positive Strides. From autism and addiction recovery to PTSD and cerebral palsy, horses can play a powerful role in giving a person the confidence and skills they need to live a fulfilling life.

Please support Positive Strides and its biggest fundraiser of the year. To register, please visit www.bikesignup.com/Race/MD/Easton/PositiveStridesSpringClassic. To learn more about what Positive Strides does for the men, women, and children of the Eastern Shore – or to find out how you can volunteer or donate – visit www.positivestridescenter.org.

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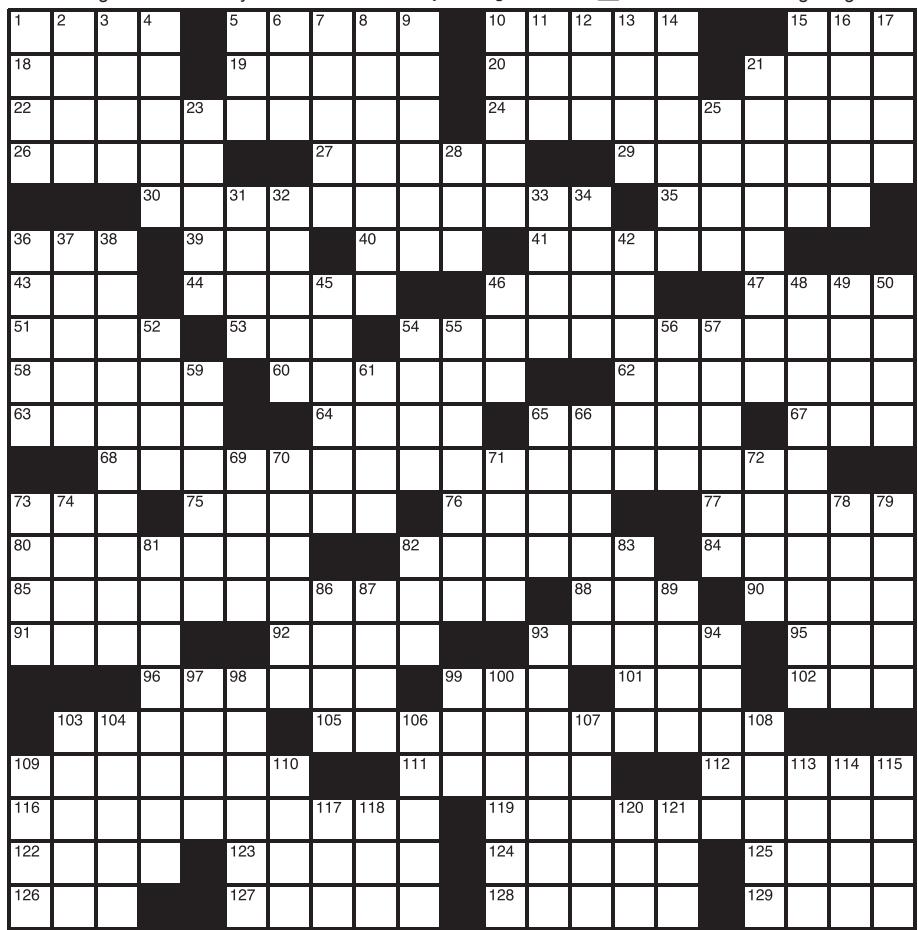
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- A flag expert is called a "vexillologist."
- The blue field on the U.S. Flag is called the "union."
- On Memorial Day (the last Monday in May), to honor all who died in battle, the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised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



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1st Mon Monthly 6pm - Sister to Sister Christian Women's Group at Bethel AME Church, 237 N. College Ave., Chestertown; Rev. Robert N. Brown, Jr.; Send emails to bethel.ctown@gmail.com.

2nd Mon 9am-12pm - Millington-Crump-ton Food Pantry housed at Asbury U.M. Church, 392 Cypress St., Millington; Call 443-480-0053.

Every Tues & Thurs 10am-12pm - Community Food Pantry is open to Kent County residents who meet income requirements; Christ First UM Church, Mill St., Chestertown; Donations welcome 9:30am-10am these days; To donate, volunteer, or for more information call 410-778-0550; Visit www.kentfoodpantry.org.

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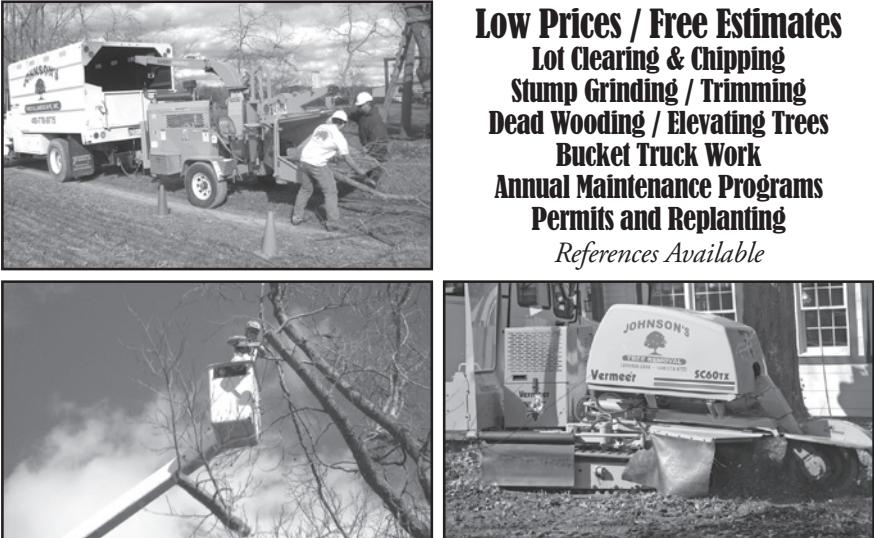
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Mass Sat. 4pm & Sun. 10am; 508 High St., Chestertown; Call 410-778-3160; Learn more at www.sacredparish.org.

Salem UM Church - Sun 9:30am Worship Service; 23100 Old Fairlee Rd., Fairlee; Visit www.wortonfairleecharge.org.

St. James UM Church - Sun School 10am; Worship 11am; 10965 St. James-Newtown Rd., Worton; Find details online by visiting www.wortonfairleecharge.org or find us on Facebook.

Worton UM Church - Sun Worship 8:15am; Prayer Meeting Thurs 6:30pm; 10756 Worton Rd., Worton; Rev. Kevin White; Call 240-210-3996 for more information or email kevincwhite70@yahoo.com.

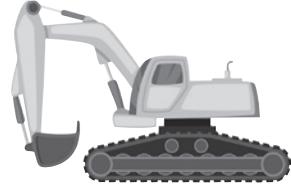
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Mount Olive AME Church - Sun services held virtually on Facebook Live, YouTube, and conference call in at 1-518-263-8400; Rev. Monique Upshur Davis; 24840 Lambs Meadow Rd., Worton; Call 410-778-3329; Visit www.mtoliveamecworton.org.



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ARIES (March 21 - April 20): Leave your doubts and fears behind and do something special. Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart won't make that easy but if you want to make your mark on the world it's got to be now, so push yourself harder.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21): With so much energy at your disposal there is a danger you might fritter it away on matters of no real importance. As one of the zodiac's Earth signs you know how to make good use of your resources, so make every effort and moment count.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21): What you hear over the next few days, and especially around the time that Mercury turns retrograde on Thursday may not be music to your ears but it's what you need to know. Don't try to ignore or avoid the truth, face it head on.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23): If someone you usually get along with keeps talking down your plans there could be a simple reason for it. Most likely they are afraid you will head off into the future without them. Hand them a ticket to join you on your journey.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23): A breakthrough of some kind is likely this week but there is also a danger that you will think you don't have to do anything more. On the contrary, it's not an end but a beginning, so get ready for some exciting new challenges.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23): If you are faced with an embarrassing situation over the coming week you must embrace it rather than run away from it. Everyone does something stupid now and again, you are nothing special in that regard, so lighten up and laugh at yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23): If you get a tip of some kind from a friend or colleague you should take it seriously. They are closer to a certain situation than you are and can see connections that you are likely to miss, so make good use of what they tell you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22): You are in no mood to wait for people who move too slowly for your liking, so make it clear to friends and work colleagues alike that if they can't keep up they can expect to be left behind. You really don't have time to be a nursemaid.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21): It's good when life is so easy that you don't have to make much of an effort but it can be even better when you do have to push yourself and the results are above and beyond what you expected. That's what will happen this week.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20): All things are possible for those who dare. True or false? It will certainly be true for you over the next few days and if you really go for it on the career front a breakthrough is guaranteed. Never give less than 100 per cent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19): What occurs over the coming week may catch you unawares but in a way that's good because you need a shock to shake you up a bit. If nothing else it will remind you that to be a winner you must remain vigilant at all times.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20): Your confidence will be sky high as the new week begins but around the time Mercury starts its retrograde phase on Thursday it will take a dip again. Maybe that's no bad thing. Maybe you need to be reminded that life is full of ups and downs.



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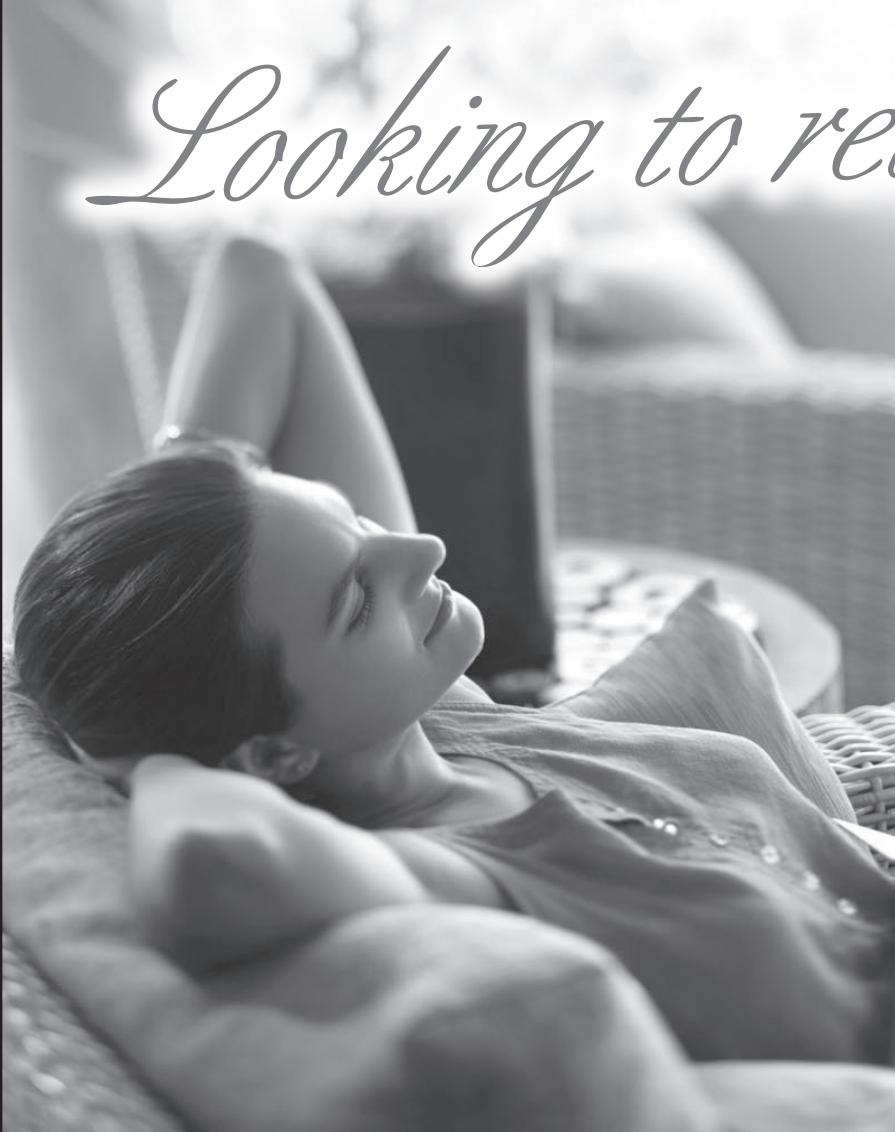
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2nd Thurs Monthly 10am-12pm - Advance Healthcare Planning at Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton; Plan to complete your advance directive paperwork and Five Wishes; Free; To schedule an appointment call 410-822-6681 ext. 113.

3rd Thurs Every Other Month - Free Wellness Screenings at Sudlersville Library, 105 W. Main St., Sudlersville; Blood pressure, pulse, blood glucose, and cholesterol; Call QAC Community Wellness Program 443-262-4524.

Every Fri 7pm - Kingdom of God Community Bible Study at Recovery In Motion, 300 Scheeler Road, Chestertown; 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; For details call 410-708-5402; Visit 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; Call 410-810-3790.

Every Sun 3pm-5pm - Hope Community Alliance free food and clothing giveaway in Rock Hall; Recycle your clothes, donate them & get a different size for free; Non-perishable donations and clothing by aptt; 6528 Rock Hall Rd., Rock Hall; Call 484-889-9766; 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.

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 for more information.

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 or send text messages to 443-786-4947.

Every Tues 6pm - 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; 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; Learn more at www.llolofmd-de-dc.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Send in your photo for Tidewater Trader's Hunt Issue!



Email your high resolution (300dpi) tiff or jpeg file to: info@tidewatertrader.com with "hunt issue photo" in the subject line. Photos accepted through August 14, 2026

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If you or someone you know has a drug problem and needs help, call the Narcotics Anonymous Hotline 1-800-317-3222.

Health Insurance Questions? Let the Kent Co. Health Dept. help you! Find out about your health insurance options, get help with health insurance issues; Free health insurance for qualifying Kent Co. families; 125 S. Lynchburg St., Chestertown; Call 410-778-7039; Text 410-708-3164; Learn more at www.kenthd.org.

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

FEBRUARY 2026 Dates to Remember

18 Ash Wednesday (Wed.)
18 Ramadan Begins (Wed.)
22 Washington's Birthday (Sun.)

UM Shore Medical Center's Health Care Professionals available to discuss health and wellness issues with community groups; Call 667-343-3359 or visit www.umshoreregional.org/health-education/

AA Meetings held 7 Days a Week throughout Chestertown, Rock Hall, Sudlersville, Kennedyville, Centreville, Church Hill, Stevensville, Wye Mills, Maryland, Galena, Crumpton, Millington, Chester, Ridgely, Queenstown, Tolchester, Greensboro, Tilghman Island, Easton, Cambridge, Oxford, St. Michaels, Denton, Hurlock; Call 410-822-4226; Visit www.midshoreintergroup.org.

Thinking About Quitting Smoking? Undecided? Attend Tobacco Cessation Program at Kent Co. Health Dept., 125 S. Lynchburg St., Chestertown; For more information call 410-778-2167; Find details online by visiting www.kenthd.org.

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; For more information call 410-778-2564.

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HomePorts, a nonprofit membership alliance, provides access to a wide range of services designed to offer residents age 55 & above, what they want & need to remain content, safe & confident living in their own home; \$100 for 3 month trial membership; Volunteers needed; Contact 443-480-0940 or info@homeports.org; Find more information online at www.homeports.org.

Diabetes Education Classes - To help people with diabetes discover what they want & need to know about managing diabetes; UM Shore Medical Center, 100 Brown St., Chestertown; Call 667-343-3359 or visit www.umshoreregional.org/health-education/ for more information.

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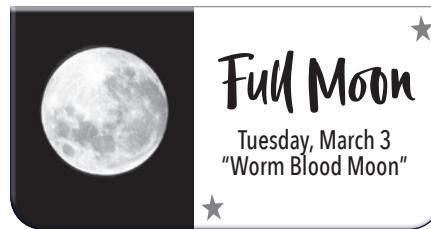
UM Shore Medical Center Community Health Education Courses - Adult CPR, Breathe Again, Lessons for Adult Caregivers, Don't Worry Be Healthy, Healthy Holiday Habits, Safe Summer & Healthy Skin, Recognizing and Reporting Elder Abuse and Neglect; Vitals 4 Life, and more; Brown St., Chestertown; Call 667-343-3359;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

Recovery In Motion - Wide range of free services and activities to support recovery and wellness; Groups, meetings, 1-on-1 peer support, assistance, basic computer skills, job search assistance, narcan training, prevention/education, recovery housing, movies and more; Crisis stabilization beds; 300 Scheeler Rd., Chestertown; Call 410-778-6404; Eastern Shore Crisis Response 1-888-407-8018; Suicide & Crisis Lifeline call or text 988; Veteran's Crisis Hotline 1-877-838-2838; Trevor Project LGBTQ+ Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-866-488-7386.

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

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

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For All Seasons Welcomes New Botard Members

For All Seasons is excited to announce the appointment of Bill Flook, Ph.D., of Chestertown, Sally Heckman of Easton, and Craig Postlewait of Easton to its Board of Directors.

According to For All Seasons' President and CEO Beth Anne Dorman, "We are thrilled to have these new members join our board. They bring a wealth of experience, as well as a spirit of generosity and a passion for community service."

Bill Flook is a retired school psychiatrist, having also supported School Psychological Services at the Maryland State Department of Education and the Office of Psychological Services in the Baltimore County Public Schools. Active with both educational and mental health advocacy for many years, Flook represented public education on the Mental Health Advisory Committees of both Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties. He also previously served as President of the Democratic Club of Kent County. Flook currently serves on the steering committee for the Kent and Queen Anne's chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the Mental Health Subcommittee of the Blueprint Committee for the Kent County Public Schools, and the Chester Valley Ministers' Association.



Bill Flook (left), Sally Heckman, and Craig Postlewait (right)

In addition to being actively engaged in legislative advocacy for mental health, he volunteers for the CVMA Good Neighbor Fund program and the Kent Branch of the NAACP. He and his wife have three children and five grandchildren.

Sally Heckman is a retired pharmacist with over 45 years of experience in a variety of pharmacy fields. She also has had extensive experience in retail, hospital, and long-term care pharmacy. As a pharmacist in the UK, she was employed by the National Health Service and as an Army reservist with a British field hospital.

Craig Postlewait is the owner of Olde School Builders, a firm specializing in historic restoration, custom home building, kitchen and bath renovations, and additions. He has over 40 years of experience in the construction industry, earning numerous accolades for his work, and has been featured in prominent national publications. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Craig is deeply involved in community service, having served on the boards of several nonprofit organizations in Pennsylvania.

For All Seasons Behavioral Health & Rape Crisis Center offers mental health services, victim and crisis support, and education and outreach on Maryland's Mid-Shore and throughout the state. The agency's unique model of care ensures that anyone can receive high-quality, trauma-certified mental health care when they need it – regardless of language or ability to pay. For information about For All Seasons' walk-in hours, call 410-822-1018 or visit www.forallseasonsinc.org/

Word Hunt

Compass - Hospice care, grief support, counseling, Camp New Dawn, workshops, events & more in Kent, Queen Anne's and Caroline counties; 255 Comet Dr., Centreville; Call 443-262-4100 to learn more or visit www.compassregionalhospice.org.

SOS Support Our Schools - Parents and concerned citizens fighting for the best possible education for their children; To be a part of this initiative or for more information visit www.kcpssos.com.

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

Queen Anne's County Health Dept. - Free Colorectal cancer screening and skin cancer screening; Call 443-262-4509.

Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence - For victims of domestic abuse; You can get a protective order; Emergency shelters available; Call 1-800-927-4673; Visit www.msfcv.org.

Feed the Children and Elderly Initiative - Delivering food and groceries to those in need in Kent County; To learn more, donate food, or volunteer contact Social Action for Racial Justice at sacracialjustice@gmail.com; For details visit www.sumnerhall.org.

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.

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.

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

Community Events

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

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.

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February 23:	Moon near Uranus
February 24:	Moon near the Pleiades

Who's Cookin' with Carla?

SALSA OYSTERS

2 Dozen Oysters on the Half Shell
1 Small Fresh Anaheim Chile, seeded, de-ribbed and finely minced
1 Small Red Onion, finely minced

1 Medium Red Bell Pepper, finely minced
1 Medium Yellow Pepper, finely minced

1 Tsp Gari (pickled baby ginger - like served with sushi), finely minced
1 Tbsp Fresh Cilantro, finely minced
Juice of 1 Lemon, remove seeds
Pinch of Salt and Pinch of Pepper

Combine in a bowl all ingredients except the oysters. Gently toss until mixed. Place cold oyster on a plate. Top each with a spoonful of the salsa mixture. Garnish with lemon wedges and fresh cilantro.

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

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

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

Through Feb. 26th - Kent County Jr. Wrestling at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Pre-K-8th Grade; \$85/child resident, \$95/child nonresident; Tues & Thurs 5:15pm-7:15pm; Wed 5:30pm-7pm; Call 410-778-1948 for more information; Find details online by visiting KCPR's website www.kentparksandrec.org/

Through Feb. 28th - Huge Gun & Sportsman's Prize Giveaway with the Queen Anne-Hillboro Vol. Fire Co.; Ticket \$30/ea.; Each ticket can win more than once; Purchase tickets via PayPal at www.qahvfc.com.

Through Feb. 28th - Micro Agricultural Grant Program Applications Accepted; Presented by the Upper Shore Regional Council; Grants offered to support expansion, diversification, marketing improvements, and agricultural research initiatives; Grants range from \$2,500 to \$10,000; Learn more at www.kentcounty.com/grants.

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

Through March 11th 5pm-5:45pm - Smart Spot Sports Football for ages 2 years 8 months to 5 years at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; \$25/child resident, \$30/child nonresident; Pizza provided for dinner; Call 410-778-1948; For details visit www.kentparksandrec.org/

Through March 21st - 15th Annual Small Works Exhibition at Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts, 206 S. Commerce St., Centreville; Call 410-758-2520; Go to www.queenannescountyart.com.

Through March 25th 7:30pm-8:45pm - Indoor Soccer for ages 16 and older at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; \$45/resident, \$55/nonresident; Every Wed; Call 410-778-1948; www.kentparksandrec.org/

Through March 30th 10am-11am - Tots of Fun for ages 0-5 at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Free with facility access card; Call 410-778-1948 for more information; Find details online by visiting www.kentparksandrec.org/

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

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

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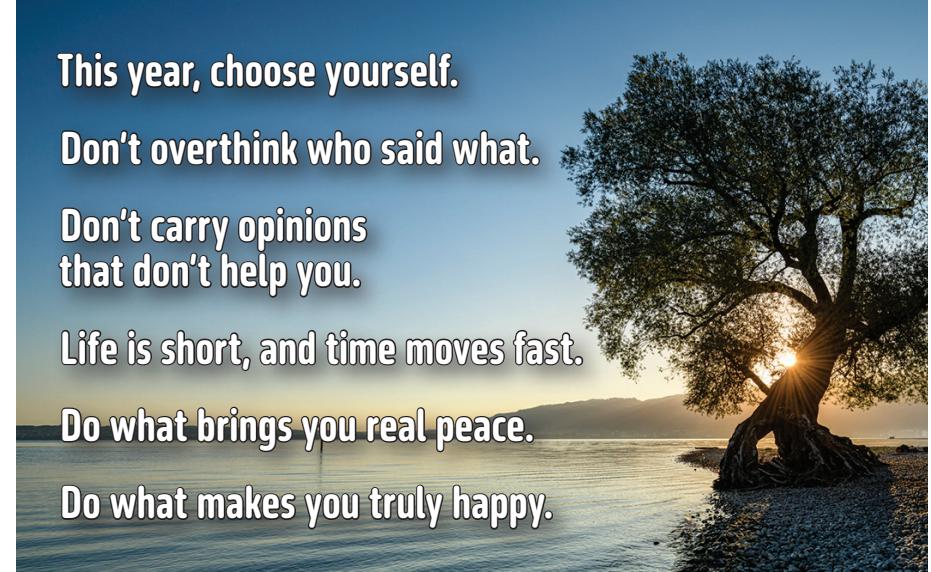
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Monthly Home Maintenance Checklist

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GOOD NEWS PAGE

Newsworthy Notes From You The Readers

Sultana Education Foundation Introduces Community Classroom



Sultana Education Foundation (SEF) is proud to introduce Community Classroom, a new series of public programs offering lectures, workshops, wellness classes, art seminars, and musical performances at locations across SEF's Chestertown campus. Community Classroom will be offered in two sessions each year: Spring (February–May) and Fall (September–December).

"Sultana is fortunate to have several exceptional facilities that support our school programs and are available in the evenings and on weekends," said Sally Shea, SEF Board Member and Community Programs Co-Chair. "Community Classroom puts those spaces to work, hosting a range of free and

low-cost enrichment programs, created for – and often led by – the local community."

SEF is now accepting program proposals for the Fall 2026 session. "This is a community endeavor; we encourage anyone to propose a Community Classroom program," said Melissa Lane, Community Programs Co-Chair. "The SEF website includes clear program guidelines and a simple online proposal form."

Visit the Community Classroom webpage located at www.sultanaeducation.org/community-classroom/ to register for Spring 2026 programs, propose a program for the Fall 2026 session, or for general information.

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Hosts 2026 Eagle Festival

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge is celebrating 250 years of America's rich natural heritage and the birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System at its annual Eagle Festival on Saturday, March 14th from 9am to 4pm. This free, family-friendly event focuses on the bald eagle and other birds of prey, with educational programs and exhibits featuring live birds and reptiles, hands-on activities, and refuge tours.

Programs in the big tent will kick off at 9:30am with naturalist Jim Wilson as he shares the magnificent world of owls. At 11am and again at 2:30pm, naturalist Mike Callahan of Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center will present an interactive program with live birds focusing on bald eagles and other native raptors of Maryland. At 12:30pm, learn about falconry and the healing power of nature with an interactive program by Master Falconer Rodney Stotts.

Live birds of prey and reptiles will be on display throughout the Visitor Center, with exhibits from the Salisbury Zoo, Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center,



Naturalist Mike Callahan of Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center will present an interactive program with live birds at the Eagle Festival at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge on March 14th. Photo credit: Robert Sullivan

Guided tours will be available throughout the day, including eagle prowls and tours of Wildlife Drive. Registration for tours will begin at 9:30am the day of the festival (no pre-registration).

"Early birds" to the Eagle Festival can meet at the refuge's Environmental Education Building on Wildlife Drive at 8am for a guided birding tour with Terry Allen.

There will be no shortage of fun for children at the Eagle Festival. Activities will include build-your-own wren nesting boxes, owl pellet exploration, face painting, and make-your-own wildlife buttons, bird masks, and postcards. Kids' "make-and-take" activities will run throughout the day while sup-

New Tom McHugh Scholarship Honors Legacy of Arts and Community

What stemmed from a conversation between Peg McHugh and Sarah Schut has now grown into the development of the first Tom McHugh Arts Scholarship to be awarded this spring to a graduating Kent County High School student with a passion for the arts. Peg and Sarah agreed it is important to carry on Tom's legacy. Tom did so much for the community spreading joy, excitement, and hope through his work in the arts community. One prominent theme that came out of that meeting was that the Tom McHugh Scholarship "will help to cultivate the next Tom McHugh." While an attractive mahogany sign with Tom McHugh's name hangs over The Mainstay stage, and the Blackbox Theatre at the local high school also bears his name, this scholarship is different in that it will live on through the spirit of a student who has a passion in the arts. The scholarship will live on into perpetuity through the Mid-Shore Community Foundation.

student interested in studying the arts." Seed money was raised before the end of last year enabling a \$500.00 award to be presented this spring at Kent County High School's Award Ceremony. A selection team of Julie Gill, Sue Matthews, and Peg McHugh will review the applications. Graduating students applying should be enrolled in a college or higher education institution in the study of the "arts," submit letters of recommendation from Art/Music teachers or an academic mentor, and complete a one-page essay describing how Kent County has helped shape and inspire their vision, art, and goals as an artist.



For details about the new Tom McHugh Scholarship, visit www.tommcHughscholarship.com

A website, along with Facebook and Instagram pages, has also been created. Donations are ongoing and can be made on the Tom McHugh Scholarship website directly to the Mid-Shore Community Foundation by visiting www.tommchughscholarship.com/

In addition, a new event that will support the scholarship is the first annual Tom McHugh Arts Scholarship 5K Run/Walk to be held during Rock Hall FallFest on Saturday, October 11th. Walkers and runners are welcome. The event is now live on RunSignUp at www.runsignup.com/race/md/rockhall/tommcHughartscholarship.

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plies last. Kids can also try their skills at a youth archery range and the National Wild Turkey Federation's BB gun range. In addition, families can enjoy a "StoryWalk®" along the Woods Trail with the picture book "Over in The Forest."

Food and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the day, provided by Boy Scout Troop 532. Programs and activities take place at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center as well as in large, heated tents adjacent to the building. Pets are not permit-

ted. A free shuttle is available from satellite parking. Entrance to the Festival, the Wildlife Drive, and all activities are free thanks to the support of the Friends of Blackwater and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge is located at 2145 Key Wallace Drive in Cambridge, Maryland. For more information and a program schedule, call 410-228-2677 or visit www.fws.gov/refugee/Blackwater, or call 410-228-2677.

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Through June 1st - Summer Camp registration open for Sultana Education Foundation; Find details online by visiting www.sultanaeducation.org; Send emails to lbrocke@sultanaeducation.org; For more information call 410-778-5954.

Through Oct. 31st - Platform Tennis for ages 16 and older at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; \$75/resident, \$90/nonresident; Call 410-778-1948 for more information; Learn more by visiting KCPR's website at www.kentparksandrec.org/

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Dear Dr. Truth:

My husband is diabetic. He has been prescribed pills for his disease. He drinks water, exercises, and eats what I feed him...or so I thought! The kids ratted him out. They say he keeps offering/bribing them with ice cream and burgers - anything the drive-thru has to offer. The deal is if they order anything they can't tell me. My youngest cannot keep a secret or tell a lie! So not only is my husband indulging but he is filling our kids with junk and bad life lessons. Believe me, they don't need to be any sneakier. Things are out of control and I don't know how to fix them. He is an intelligent man acting like an idiot. Any suggestions? **Fed Up**

Dear Fed Up,

Yikes! Have a family meeting and talk about diabetes. It affects diet - the whole kit and caboodle! Make a plan and involve the whole crew...I wish you luck. Educate your children. Knowledge is power...**AND THAT'S THE TRUTH!**

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Wed, Feb. 18th - Video Game Hangout at Kent County Public Library, 408 High St., Chestertown; Feb. 19th Storytime, Brilliant Bookmarks; Feb. 20th Pinch Pots Homeschooler Hang Out; Feb. 21st Ask a Master Gardener Info Table; Feb. 23rd Tech Help Drop In; Feb. 24th Storytime, Book Donations, Boredom Busters Perler Beach Creations; Feb. 25th Video Game Hangout, Mario Kart Tournament Adult Edition; Feb. 26th Storytime; Feb. 27th Pinch Pots Homeschooler Hang Out; Get your library card for free movies, ebooks, online classes, and much more; Board members needed; Call 410-778-3636 for more information or visit www.kentcountylibrary.org.

Wed, Feb. 18th - Social Services at the Library, Slugfest II Electronic Slugaloo, and Paint like Alma Thomas at the Library at QAC Public Libraries in Centreville and Stevensville; Feb. 19th AARP Tax-Aide Tax Prep, Creating Monarch Habitat, Slugfest II Electronic Slugaloo, Ukelele Hangout, Family Lax, Lunar New Year Readaloud & Paper Cut Craft; Feb. 20th Slugfest II Electronic Slugaloo; Feb. 21st Slugfest II Electronic Slugaloo, AARP Tax Prep Tax Help, Family Music, Snowflake Making; Feb. 23rd Slugfest II Electronic Slugaloo, Homeschool Art Mosaic; Feb. 24th Slugfest II Electronic Slugaloo, Chess Club, Beach Collage; Feb. 25th Slugfest II Electronic Slugaloo, Playdoh Playdate, Karaoke Band Rocking; Feb. 26th Slugfest II Electronic Slugaloo, Next Chapter Book Club, AARP Tax-Aid Tax Prep; Call 410-758-0980 or 410-643-8161; Visit www.qaclibrary.org.

Wed, Feb. 18th - Homeschool Art Class at Academy Art Museum, 114 N. Washington St., Easton; Feb. 21st & 22nd Intro to Monoprints; Feb. 21st Christopher Rauschenberg Lecture: Roberts Rauschenberg's Photographic Legacy in Context; Feb. 28th Combines in Design: A Mixed Media Workshop Inspired by the Robert Rauschenberg Exhibit; Homeschool Mini Sessions; Piano, Guitar, & Voice Lessons; Call 410-822-2787; Visit www.academyartmuseum.org.

Wed, Feb. 18th - The Prompted Image, Clay Studio Open Studio, and Board Meeting at RiverArts, 343 High St., Chestertown; Feb. 19th Clay Studio Open Studio, Photography Club; Feb. 20th Clay Studio, Fiber Fanatics; Feb 21st KidSPOT Saturday Drop In, Clay Studio; Feb. 22nd Clay Studio Open Studio; Feb. 23rd RiverArts Closed, Into to Pottery Wheel; Feb. 24th RiverArts Closed, Beginner Wheel, Tapestry Tuesdays; Feb. 25th Clay Studio Open Studio; Feb. 26th Clay Studio Open Studio, Handbuilding for Beginners, Beginner Plus Pottery; Feb. 27th Clay Studio Open Studio; Feb. 28th The Prompted Image, KidSPOT Saturday Drop In, Clay Studio Open Studio, How to Speak to Your Art; Every Sat. KidSpot 9am-12pm; Every Tues.-Sun. Open Studio; Call 410-778-6300; Visit www.ctownra.org.

Thurs, Feb. 19th 7pm - Town of Betterton Board of Appeals Public Hearing to consider an application for variance at Town Hall, 100 Main St., Betterton; For more information visit www.townofbetterton.com.

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CLAM AND SAUSAGE STEW

1 Tbsp Olive Oil

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1 Small Yellow Onion, chopped

1 Garlic Clove, minced

One 14 Oz Can Chopped Tomatoes

1 Cup Water

1 Tbsp Asian Fish Sauce, optional

One 15 Oz. Can Garbanzo Beans, drained

24 Small Hard Shell Clams, scrubbed

1/3 Cup Chopped Fresh Italian Parsley

Brown the crumbled sausage in the oil. Add the onion and cook until soft, about 5 minutes. Add garlic, stir and cook for about one minute. Stir in tomatoes, 1 cup water, fish sauce, and garbanzo beans. Let mixture come to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Cover and simmer for about 15 minutes. Stir in the clams, raise heat to medium, cover pan and cook until clams open, about 10 minutes. Stir in parsley and serve with crusty bread!

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Thurs, Feb. 19th - Rising Tide After-School Workshop at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 213 N. Talbot St., St. Michaels; Feb. 21st-22nd Drawing Boats; Feb. 23rd Women at the Helm: Navigating Fear and Risk in the Storm, Small Diesel Familiarization and Maintenance; Feb. 24th Rising Tide After-School Workshop, Small Diesel Familiarization and Maintenance; Feb. 26th Rising Tide After-School Workshop; Call 410-745-4941; Go to www.cbmm.org.

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

Fri, Feb. 20th - Botanical Drawing II at Adkins Arboretum, 12610 Eveland Rd., Ridgely; Feb. 27th Botanical Drawing II; Feb. 28th Designing with Native Plants; Call 410-634-2847; For more information visit www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Fri, Feb. 20th 5:30pm-8pm - Kids Night Out for Pre-K-5th Grade at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; \$10/child resident, \$15/child nonresident; Pizza provided for dinner; Call 410-778-1948; Visit www.kentparksandrec.org/

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

Fri-Sun, Feb. 20th-March 8th - "Misery" at Garfield Center for the Arts, 210 High St., Chestertown; Runs Fri, Sat and Sun; Call 410-810-2060; www.garfieldcenter.org.

Sat, Feb. 21st 7pm-10pm - "The Ramblers" 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; Send emails to vfwpost652@gmail.com.

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

Sat, Feb. 21st 1:30pm-3pm - In Pursuit of Liberty: The United Stated Colored Troops at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Free; Online RSVP appreciated at www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp.

Sat, Feb. 21st 1pm-5pm - We Got It! A Show About Empathy at Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center, 410 Little Kidwell Ave., Centreville; For details call 443-239-2110.

Sun, Feb. 22nd 8am - Guided Birding Tour at Blackwater NWR Visitors Center, 2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge; Free; 3-4 hour tour using personal vehicle, stopping at various points; Call 410-228-2677.

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

Sun, Feb. 22nd 3pm-5pm - Dinner at Chestertown Elks Lodge #2474, 8631 Bell Rose Lane, Chestertown; Lasagna and/or Spaghetti & Meatballs with salad, plain garlic bread, assorted desserts & drinks; \$16/ages 12 & up, \$7/ages 7-11, Free/under age 7; Carryouts available; Call 410-639-7062.

Mon, Feb. 23rd 7pm - Town of Galena Planning & Zoning Meeting at 101 S. Main St., Galena; Call 410-648-5151 for more information; Find details online by visiting www.townofgalena.com.

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

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

Sat, Feb. 28th 7:30pm - The Black Eyed Suzies Bluegrass at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Tickets \$25; All female bluegrass band; Call 410-639-9133; Learn more at www.mainstayrockhall.org.

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

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Wishes and witches feature prominently in Kent County High School's upcoming musical production, set to take the stage this month. Theater students at the high school will be performing "Into the Woods JR.", an adaptation of a Tony-winning musical by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine. The show features such familiar fairy tale characters as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack, of the famed beanstalk, in a "lyrically rich retelling of classic Brothers Grimm fables."

The curtain goes up in the Kent County High School auditorium at 7pm for evening performances on Friday and Saturday, February 27th and 28th and at 2pm for a matinee on Sunday, March 1st.

The cast includes: Bjorn Birkmire as The Narrator; Eamon Lindsey as Jack; Kelly Sengprasert Galan as The Witch; Trent Johnson as The Baker; Ava Pannett as The Baker's Wife; Amber Vela Fernandez as Little Red Riding Hood; Noelle Demby as Cinderella; Sebastian Cousineau as Cinderella's Prince and The Wolf; Olivia Chapman as Cinderella's Stepmother, Granny, and Rapunzel; Lanie Gibb as Florinda; Sydney Bortz as Jack's Mother and Cinderella's Mother; Emerson Cotton as The Mysterious Man; Lyndon Saunders as Rapunzel's Prince; and David Kim as The Steward and Cinderella's Father.

General admission is \$10; student tickets are \$5. Kent County High School is located at 25301 Lambs Meadow Road, Worton.

For more information visit www.kent.k12.md.us or call 410-778-4540.



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Combine 1/4 Tsp Each of: Minced Dry Onion, Sesame Seeds, Poppy Seeds, and Garlic-Herb Spice Blend

Combine softened cream cheese, mayonnaise, red pepper, mustard, and salt. Use electric mixer until smooth.
Stir cheese and seasoning into cream cheese mixture. Cover and refrigerate at least one hour before serving. Great on buttery crackers.

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Sebastian Cousineau, left, and Lyndon Saunders star as two princes in Kent County High School's upcoming staging of "Into the Woods JR."

Gibb as Florinda; Sydney Bortz as Jack's Mother and Cinderella's Mother; Emerson Cotton as The Mysterious Man; Lyndon Saunders as Rapunzel's Prince; and David Kim as The Steward and Cinderella's Father.

Sat, Feb. 28th 9am-11am - Osprey Explorations at Kent School, Wilkins Lane, Chestertown; Free; Open to the public; Ages 3-6; Call 410-778-4100; Learn more at www.kentschool.org.

Sat, Feb. 28th 5pm-11pm - Carmen's Charity Casino Gala at The Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, 500 Marina Club Rd., Stevensville; Presented by Not My Child; \$250/pp; Sponsorship opportunities available; Visit www.notmychildinc.org/carmens-charity-casino-gala for details.

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

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

Sun, March 1st 8am - Guided Birding Tour at Blackwater NWR Visitors Center, 2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge; Free; 3-4 hour tour using personal vehicle, stopping at various points; Call 410-228-2677; Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater.

Mon, March 2nd 7pm - Town of Galena Mayor & Council Meeting at 101 S. Main St., Galena; Visit www.townofgalena.com.

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

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

Tues, March 3rd 10am-2pm - Spring/Summer Clothing Donations Accepted at the Nearly New Shop, 320 High St., downtown Chestertown; Benefits UM Shore Medical Center at Chestertown; Call 410-778-1781.

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

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

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

Fri, March 6th 5pm-7pm - First Friday Celebration in Downtown Chestertown; Extended shopping hours and specials; Go to www.downtownchestertown.org.

Sat, March 7th 9am-12pm - Join The Republicans of Kent at the Farmers Market at Kent Republican Headquarters, 302 Park Row, Chestertown; Register to vote; Change party affiliation; Volunteers welcome; Call 410-924-4442; www.gopofkent.com or www.kentcountyrcc.com

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

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

Tues, March 10th 10am - Senior Nature Hikes for ages 55 and older at Sassafras Natural Resources Management area, with Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center; Next hike April 14th; Call 410-778-1948 for more information; Visit www.kentparksandrec.org/

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

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As with all legal proceedings, it is important to remember that all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

FAILURE TO APPEAR: 01/29/2026 PFC E. Nunez served a District Court arrest warrant on William Dudley Thompson, Jr., 55, charging him with failure to appear for CDS charges on 01/21/2026. Thompson was held at Kent County Detention Center. Court date is pending.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE: 01/24/2026 PFC E. Nunez arrested Bulmaro Espinoza Ramos, 34, of Chestertown, Maryland, charging him with driving vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, driving vehicle while impaired by alcohol, driving while so far impaired by drugs and alcohol cannot drive safely, and driving vehicle while under the influence of alcohol per se. Ramos was released on citation. Court date is pending.

SHOPLIFTING: 01/28/2026 PFC E. Nunez took a report for a past theft in Washington Square Plaza; investigation is active at this time. 02/03/2026 PFC Nunez issued a must-appear criminal citation to Adrian Thomas Saccone, 19, of Chestertown, Maryland, charging him with theft less than \$100.00. Saccone was released on his signature. Court date is pending.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE: 02/01/2026 PFC T. Burke arrested Walmer Orlando Lopez Hernandez, 33, of Chestertown, Maryland, and charged him with driving vehicle while impaired by alcohol, driving vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and driving vehicle while so far impaired by alcohol cannot drive safely. Lopez Hernandez was released. Court date is pending.

ASSAULT: 02/04/2026 OFC K. Harris responded to the 100 block of Morgue Road for a report of an assault. The suspect was known to the victim. At this time the victim does not wish to pursue charges.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE: 02/04/2026 PFC T. Burke arrested Islaam Ibrahim Asadi, 22, of Millington, Maryland, and charged him with driving vehicle while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance and driving vehicle while so far impaired by drugs cannot drive safely. Asadi was released on must-appear citations. Court date is pending.

TRAFFIC ARREST: 02/05/2026 PFC T. Burke issued three must-appear traffic citations to Robert Russell Ervin, Jr., 53, of Chestertown, Maryland, charging him with: driving motor vehicle on highway without required license and authorization; person driving motor on highway or public use property on suspended license and privilege; and driving while license suspended. Court date is pending.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE: 02/10/2026 PFC T. Burke arrested Rusty John Roselle, 46, of Chestertown, Maryland, and charged him with driving vehicle while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance and driving vehicle while so far impaired by drugs cannot drive safely. Roselle was released on must-appear citations. Court date is pending.

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Time Traveler
By Mrs. H.

February 17, 1956 – Kent County News

Construction of a new plant for the LaMotte Chemical Products Company, which specializes in the development of test and control equipment and materials for the scientific and technical fields, was begun in late January, north of Chestertown on Route 213. The new building, which will cover 25,000 square feet, will be constructed on steel, brick and concrete and is entirely fireproof.

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

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

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

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

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

Sat, March 14th 5:30pm - "A Night at the Races" video horse races at Betterton Fire House, 2 Howell Point Rd., Betterton; 12 races; \$15 admission at door; Ages 21 and older; No smoking; Benefits local charities; Bring a nonperishable food item donation for Kent County Christmas Baskets.

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

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

Tues, March 17th 6pm - Chevrolet Corvette Fans "No" Club Corvette Enthusiasts meet at Procolino's, Kent Plaza, Chestertown; Meets every third Tues. monthly at 6pm, March through Nov., weather permitting; No dues, rules, regs, by-laws, officers, agenda; Email m.waal@breezelne.net.

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

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

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

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

Sun, March 22nd 8am - Guided Birding Tour at Blackwater NWR Visitors Center, 2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge; Free; 3-4 hour tour using personal vehicle; Call 410-228-2677; Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater.

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

Fri-Sun, March 27th-29th - 17th Annual Poetry Festival at Kent Cultural Alliance, Raymond Cultural Center, 101 Spring Ave., Chestertown; Poetry jam, eco poetry workshop, Jericho Brown, and community open mic; Call 410-778-3700; www.kentculture.org.

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

Sat, March 28th 9am - 20th Annual Timothy Kern Memorial Clay Shoot at Hopkins Game Farm, 13003 Turners Creek Rd., Kennedyville; Registration 8:30am; \$85/shooter; \$65/ages 17 and under; Sponsors needed, \$100 per sign; Raffles, 50/50, and more; Benefits Tim Kern Memorial Fund; Email tkmemorialclayshoot@gmail.com.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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As with all legal proceedings, it is important to remember that all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

February 3, 2026: D/S S. Steppe served a Kent County District Court bench warrant for violation of probation on Sean Anthony Regan, age 57, of Riegelsville, Pennsylvania. Regan was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

February 5, 2026: SGT G. Manning is investigating a two-vehicle accident that occurred on Rock Hall Avenue near Main Street, Rock Hall, Maryland. A 2005 Ford Truck operated by Harvey Bowers of Rock Hall, Maryland struck a 2021 Subaru passenger car that entered the roadway that was operated by Patricia Callahan of Chestertown, Maryland. The Subaru was towed from the scene. There were no injuries.

February 7, 2026: DFC T. Baitsholts conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation on North Water Street, Chestertown. During the traffic stop, signs of impairment were observed. The driver, Joshua Ryan Knotts, age 22, of St. Michaels, Maryland, performed poorly on roadside field sobriety tests and was subsequently arrested. After being arrested, Knotts submitted to a chemical test which yielded a result over .08 BAC. Knotts was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while impaired by alcohol, and driving under the influence of alcohol per se. Knotts was released after being issued citations.

February 9, 2026: CPL M. Piasecki served a Kent County District Court arrest warrant for violation of a protective order on Michael Durkee, age 44, of Galena, Maryland. Durkee was held at Kent County Detention Center on \$5000 bond.

February 9, 2026: CPL A. Freeman served a Kent County Circuit Court bench warrant for failure to appear on Tevin Lamont Dodd, age 35, of Easton, Maryland. Dodd was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

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

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

Sun, April 12th 10am-4pm - Wicomico Hunt Point to Point at Mount Harmon, 600 Mount Harmon Rd., Earleville; Point to Point races, tailgating, marketplace & food court; Visit www.mountharmon.org.

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

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

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Sunday February 22 4:00 pm **CHAMBER MUSIC - THE BRASSWOOD TRIO**

Saturday February 28 7:30 pm **THE BLACK EYED SUZIES - BLUEGRASS**

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The Mainstay's Classical Concert Series Schedule for 2026

Beginning with The Brasswood Trio on Sunday, February 22nd at 4:00pm The Mainstay will be bringing top classical musicians to its intimate music venue in Rock Hall during 2026 as part of The Hedgelawn Classical Music Series in Memory of Judy Kohl.

"I am so pleased to bring some of the classical music world's top musicians to our very appreciative audiences at The Mainstay," said Muphen Whitney, Volunteer Coordinator of the Classical Music Series. "The intimate atmosphere of The Mainstay is perfect for chamber music and draws the very best musicians to our venue. Every musician who has performed here wants to come back soon - they appreciate the acoustics and the special personality of the venue -- and they love our audiences!"

The Brasswood Trio kicks off the classical season at a cozy winter salon that opens with 19-century composer Carl Reinecke's Trio for Piano, Oboe, and Horn that will introduce the audience to all three members of the Trio: Dana Newcomb: Oboe; Anne Nye, French Horn; and Kendra Bigley, Piano.

Then on April 19th The Mainstay will welcome solo musicians and ensembles of the highly accomplished Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra. These talented young musicians travel to Europe in the summers to perform with top European Orchestras...and they play at Carnegie Hall.

On Sunday, October 18th music lovers will not want to miss charismatic and virtuosic cellist Jacques-Pierre Malan who changed travel plans for his upcoming European concert tour to be at The Mainstay. The program will include Johann Sebastian Bach's Chaconne from the Violin Partita No. 2 and Gaspar Cassado's dazzling Suite for Solo Cello.

Closing out the 2026 classical concerts on Sunday, November 15th will be a favorite of Mainstay audiences: Lutenist Ronn McFarlane who has appeared often at The Mainstay in classical and Celtic concerts. This renowned musician is looking forward to being back and performing classical lute and guitar music!

Since the first Classical Music Series concert was begun in 2023 interest and attendance for the classical music performances have grown impressively for this series that has presented world-renowned solo musicians, duos, trios, and ensembles. The high quality of performances continues in the 2026 concert schedule.

These concerts are the 2026 performances of the Hedgelawn Classical Music Series at The Mainstay in honor of Judy Kohl.

The Mainstay is located at 5753 North Main Street in Rock Hall, Maryland. Tickets are \$15.00 (plus \$1.30 fee) in advance at <https://mainstayrockhall.org>. Tickets (\$20 each) may be available on the day of the performance. The bar will be open for cocktails, wine, beer, soft drinks, and snacks before the performance and at Intermission. Credit cards are now accepted at the bar. For more information call 410-639-9133 or visit The Mainstay's website.

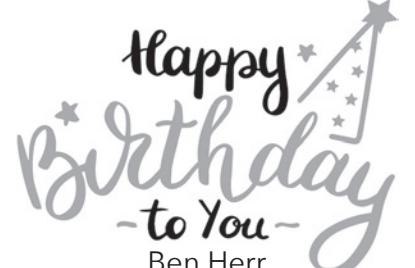
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Fri-Sun, April 17th-19th 10am-6pm - Bay Bridge Boat Show at Safe Harbor Narrow Point, 428 Kent Narrow Way North, Grasonville; Call 410-268-8828; Find details online at www.apnapolisboatshows.com/bay-bridge-boat-show/

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Wed, April 22nd-26th - Chestertown RiverArts Paint The Town plein air celebration throughout Kent County; Wet Paint Show & Sale; Quick Draw competition; Call 410-778-6300 for more information; Email kriskelley@chestertownriverarts.org.

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Sat, April 25th 9am-1pm - 16th Annual Earth Day Festival at Park Row in downtown Chestertown; Community trash walk, electric vehicle display, free recycling of batteries and fluorescent bulbs, free tree seedlings, education, info booths and more; Call 443-480-1987 for more information or email louiseandygoddard@gmail.com.

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**Live Jazz with James Fernando Trio
at The Mainstay in Early March**

The Mainstay in Rock Hall, Maryland will present a special evening of live jazz on Saturday, March 7th at 7:30pm, featuring the acclaimed James Fernando Trio in a concert that also celebrates the release of the group's latest recording. The performance offers audiences a rare opportunity to experience one of today's most compelling jazz trios in an intimate setting, paired with direct engagement with the artist.

James Fernando has been hailed by World Music Report as a "prodigiously gifted composer and virtuoso pianist," by Jazz Sensibilities as "limitless in his ability to articulate his ideas," and by Contemporary Fusion Reviews as "creating one of the most amazing musical experiences you've ever had." After building an impressive career that includes international performances, collaborations with GRAMMY Award-winning artists, and five album releases, Fernando formed the James Fernando Trio in 2023. Based in Philadelphia, the trio features Fernando on piano, Dan McCain on bass, and Kyon Williams on drums.

Despite being a relatively new ensemble, the James Fernando Trio has quickly established itself as one of the finest jazz groups active today. The trio has been presented nationwide at leading venues including The Kennedy Center, The Philadelphia Museum of Art, and The Ravenscroft, while also conducting workshops and performances at universities across the country. Their debut album, Philly 3, was released in 2026.

Steeped in the tradition of jazz legends such as Duke Ellington, Oscar Peterson, and Thelonious Monk, the James Fernando Trio balances technical mastery with a sense of playfulness and spontaneity. Their performances feature jazz standards alongside compelling original compositions, brought vividly to life through inventive improvisation, clever arrangements, and dynamic rhythmic interplay. Powerful, engaging, and downright fun, the trio delivers a live jazz experience that feels both timeless and contemporary.

In addition to the performance, the evening will include a special segment in which Fernando speaks with the audience about his latest release, offering insight into the recording process, compositional approach, and artistic journey. Following the concert, Fernando will be available for a question-and-answer session and an autograph signing.

The Mainstay is located at 5753 North Main Street in Rock Hall. Tickets are \$25, and advance purchase is recommended due to limited seating and the interactive nature of the event. A cash bar is available for cocktails, wine, beer, soft drinks, and snacks; credit cards are accepted. For tickets and information, visit www.mainstayrockhall.org or contact the box office by calling 410-639-9133.

Sally Heckman (left), Bill Flook, and Craig Postlewait (right)

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Fond Farewells

Jacob "Jake" Ryan Little, 19, passed away February 15, 2026. He was born July 25, 2006. Services will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 3:00pm at the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown in Chestertown, Maryland. A visitation will be held one hour prior, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm at the church. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Janice Orr Sharp, 88, passed away February 14, 2026, surrounded by family. Janice was born June 15, 1937 to John and Gladys Orr in Allentown, New Jersey. A viewing will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 10:00am to 11:00am at the Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech in Galena, Maryland, where the funeral service will begin at 11:00am. Burial will follow in Sudlersville Cemetery in Sudlersville, Maryland. *Arrangements by Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

Thomas Leonard Knoedler, 81, passed away February 14, 2026. He was born October 25, 1944. When service details have been finalized the information will be posted on the funeral home's website. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Evelyn Elaine Burnett, 96, passed away February 14, 2026. She was born February 9, 1930. A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026 at 11:00am at Sudlersville Cemetery in Sudlersville, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

C. Temple Rhodes, Jr., age 86, of Centreville, Maryland, passed away February 12, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Born February 6, 1940, at home in Cordova, Maryland, Temple was son to the late C. Temple Rhodes, Sr., and Mabel Ewing Rhodes. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Centreville, Maryland. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 10:00am at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Centreville, Maryland. Interment will follow at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Queenstown, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

James "Doc" Dolan Edwards, 92, of Centreville, Maryland, passed away February 11, 2026, at Compass Hospice House in Centreville, Maryland. James Edwards was born January 10, 1934 in Rock Hall, Maryland, to the late Franklin D. and Lula V. Vansant Edwards. Services to honor Dr. Edwards will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026. Visitation will be from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, Maryland. The Funeral Service will begin at 1:00pm at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Rock Hall, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Ann Downey Dowling, 79, of Rock Hall, Maryland, passed away February 10, 2026. She was born December 10, 1946 in Baltimore, Maryland, the daughter of the late Joseph Strong Downey, Sr. and Rebecca Parsons Downey. Services were held on Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 1:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, Maryland. A visitation was held one hour prior, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at the funeral home. Interment followed in Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Rock Hall, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Ophelia Bugg Roop, 91, passed away February 8, 2026. She was born July 26, 1934. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at First Baptist Church of Kent Island in Stevensville, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

William "Bill" Calvin House, 74, passed away peacefully February 7, 2026 in Washington, D.C. Born February 17, 1951 in Ft. Meade, Maryland, son of Chief Warrant Officer Edward Allen House and Lieselotte House. A private burial ceremony will be held in Petersburg, Virginia. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Beverly Ann Sudler, 78, passed away peacefully February 2, 2026. Born January 7, 1948, she was raised by her grandmother, Annie Miller. Visitation was held Thursday, February 12, 2026 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Bennie Smith Funeral Home in Chestertown, Maryland. On Friday, February 13, 2026 Visitation was held from 11:00am to 12:00pm and the funeral service began at 12:00pm at the funeral home. *Arrangements by Bennie Smith Funeral Home*

Please contact the funeral home or visit the funeral home's website to confirm service arrangements.

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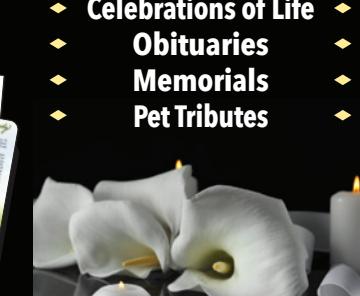
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Marshall Lodge McSorley

May 31, 1987 – February 8, 2026



Marshall Lodge McSorley of Chestertown, Maryland, passed away on February 8, 2026 at Christiana Hospital in Newark, Delaware. He was 38. Marshall was born May 31, 1987 in Chestertown, Maryland, the son of the late Samuel E. McSorley (August 27, 2025) and Kim Jones McSorley of Chestertown. He was a 2005 graduate of Queen Anne's County High School and a 2010 graduate of Salisbury University, earning a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science with a minor in Geographic Information Systems. He worked for David A. Bramble Construction after graduation until taking a position with Cecil County Department of Public Works in 2012.

Marshall willingly embraced many roles doing whatever was needed to get the job done, acting as an inspector, project manager, equipment operator, software application designer, event coordinator, planner or supervisor. Above all, he was regarded as a mentor and teacher.

As Cecil County Watershed Coordinator, he devoted himself to protecting and improving local waterways. He was deeply passionate about education, delivering presentations to students of all ages about water quality and promoting restoration efforts. In partnership with University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension, he prepared and taught four cohorts of the Cecil County Watershed Stewards Academy. He was instrumental in securing and managing millions of dollars in competitive grant funding to bring stormwater and stream restoration projects from concept to completion. In recognition of his leadership and expertise, he was recently appointed by the Maryland Municipal Stormwater Association Board President to serve as Chair of the Phase II MS 4 Committee. His legacy lives on in restored shorelines, healthier streams, and thriving native landscapes.

Marshall's devotion to his family, friends, and traditions was a true testament to the person he became, a true conservationist and loyal friend. Spending time at the family property fondly known as Damsite was the cornerstone of how deeply committed he was to protecting and preserving the environment for generations to come. Marshall held close many family traditions from hosting oyster roasts at Thanksgiving dinners to crab feasts in the summer. He was tireless in maintaining the property for all to enjoy. Marshall was always happy and eager to answer the call and help anyone in need. He was an avid fisherman and hunter who loved sharing his passion and skills with those around him. Whether casting a rod from the bulkhead to catch a delicious rock fish or taking long walks through the back woods to check on the wildlife, he cherished and celebrated his blessings through his actions and deeds. Marshall felt great joy in the accomplishments of others, whether it was assisting a teammate with scoring a goal in a soccer or lacrosse game, or watching a friend's child catch their first fish or shoot their first duck, goose, or deer.

He had a keen eye for capturing amazingly beautiful sunrises and sunsets on the Chesapeake Bay. If you had a question on almost anything related to nature, he was your source for information. Following in the footsteps of his great-grandmother, grandmother, and father, he was a birder – maintaining a life list of all his sightings over the years.

Marshall was never without a dog. More often than not, he was seen with a yellow lab at his side, until a golden retriever stole his heart. His loyal trio of dogs – Oakley, Clip Jasper, and Linda Lou – were truly part of the family.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by sister Braley McSorley Cole (Adam) of Easton, Maryland and his devoted partner of twelve years, Melissa Wooddell and her children Renae Feister (Jimmy) and Robert Stickley.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 between the hours of 5:00pm and 7:00pm. Services will be held Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 12:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newman Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, Maryland, where relatives and friends may visit one hour prior from 11:00am to 12:00pm. Interment will be held privately in St Paul's Cemetery, Kent.

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In Loving Memory

Janice Orr Sharp

June 15, 1937 – February 14, 2026

"Her life was a blessing,
Her memory a treasure,
She is loved beyond words
And missed beyond measure."

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Janice Orr Sharp on February 14, 2026, surrounded by family, at the age of 88. Janice was born June 15, 1937 to John and Gladys Orr in Allentown, New Jersey. Janice married Harold Sharp on April 2, 1960 and together they shared sixty-five inseparable years of marriage.

Janice was a woman of warmth, grace, and unwavering devotion to her family. She carried a quiet strength that uplifted those around her and offered kindness freely to all who crossed her path.

She was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and cherished friend. Janice found joy in family gatherings, shared meals, and simple moments that brought hearts together. Her gentle spirit and caring nature left a lasting impression on everyone blessed to know her. Janice was a retired registered nurse and helped on her husband's dairy farm when not working at the local hospital or a private-duty case.

She was involved in the sewing classes at Dover Sewing Center. Starting with her granddaughters she was known as the sewing grandmom, who helped many young other 4-H'ers learn how to sew. She enjoyed her embroidery projects and her trips to the sewing center. Janice was actively involved with the New Jersey Grange for most of her life. When moving to Maryland, she and Harold joined the Sudlersville Ruritan where they helped with many community projects and could always be found in the funnel cake booth.

She is survived by her husband Harold Sharp; sister Arlene Lavelle; three children – Warren Sharp (Josie) of Dover, Delaware, Bryan Sharp of Church Hill, Maryland, and Lorraine Moore (Steve) of Sudlersville, Maryland; and ten grandchildren – Jolene Eidle (Eric), Darla (Stephen), Sandy, Sarah (Nathan), Kelly (Amir), Stacy (Ryan), Emily, Melody, Thomas, and Jeffery; and four great-grandchildren: Julia, John, Isabell, and Bennett. She was preceded in death by her parents Gladys and John Orr, her two sisters Barbara Frick and Phyllis Earley, and great-grandchildren Madison and Arash. She will forever remain in the hearts of her family and friends.

A viewing will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 10:00am to 11:00am in the Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech, 118 West Cross Street, Galena, Maryland, where the funeral service will begin at 11:00am. Burial will follow in Sudlersville Cemetery, Sudlersville, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to the Queen Anne's County 4-H Program or the Sudlersville Ruritan General Fund.

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With the winter season comes frigid temperatures and winds. Local warming centers are available when weather is inclement or harsh in Kent County, Maryland. The Kent County Community Center, located at 11041 Worton Road in Worton, Maryland, will operate Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 8:00pm, and Saturday from 8:00am to 6:00pm. The Kent County Public Library of Chestertown, located at 408 High Street, will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30am to 6:00pm, Wednesday from 9:30am to 7:00pm, Friday from 9:30am to 5:00pm, and Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The North Branch of the library, located at 119 North Main Street in Galena, and the Rock Hall Branch of the library, located at 21258 Rock Hall Avenue, will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm and 2:00pm to 6:00pm and on Fridays from 10:00am to 1:00pm and 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Visit <https://www.kentcounty.com/oes> for details.

Who's Cookin' with Carla?

SWEET ITALIAN SAUSAGE PIE

Flour, for dusting

1 Lb. Pizza Dough, thawed and left at room temperature for 30 minutes
2 Tsp Olive Oil

2 Small Bell Peppers (1 orange and 1 red), quartered
8 Oz Sweet Italian Sausage Links, halved lengthwise
4 Oz. Part-Skim Mozzarella Cheese, shredded

1/2 Small Red Onion, thinly sliced • 3 Pepperoncini Peppers, thinly sliced
Heat skillet on medium-high. Place peppers and sausages, cut sides down, on skillet and cook, covered, for three minutes. Turn and cook until sausages are cooked through and peppers are tender; transfer to cutting board and slice.

Preheat oven to 425°F. Lightly dust a baking sheet with flour. Shape the dough into a 14-inch round and place on the prepared baking sheet. Brush dough with 1 teaspoon of the oil.

Transfer dough to the oven, oiled side down and cook until the top begins to bubble and the bottom is crisp, about 2 minutes. Remove and brush top of dough with the remaining 1 teaspoon of oil.

Turn dough over and sprinkle the "grilled" side with half of the mozzarella cheese, then all of the onion. Top with peppers, sausage and pepperoncini. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Cook until bottom is golden brown and crisp and mozzarella has melted, about 3 minutes. Transfer to cutting board and cut into pieces for serving.

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