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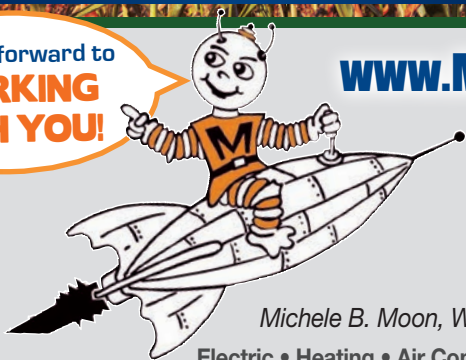
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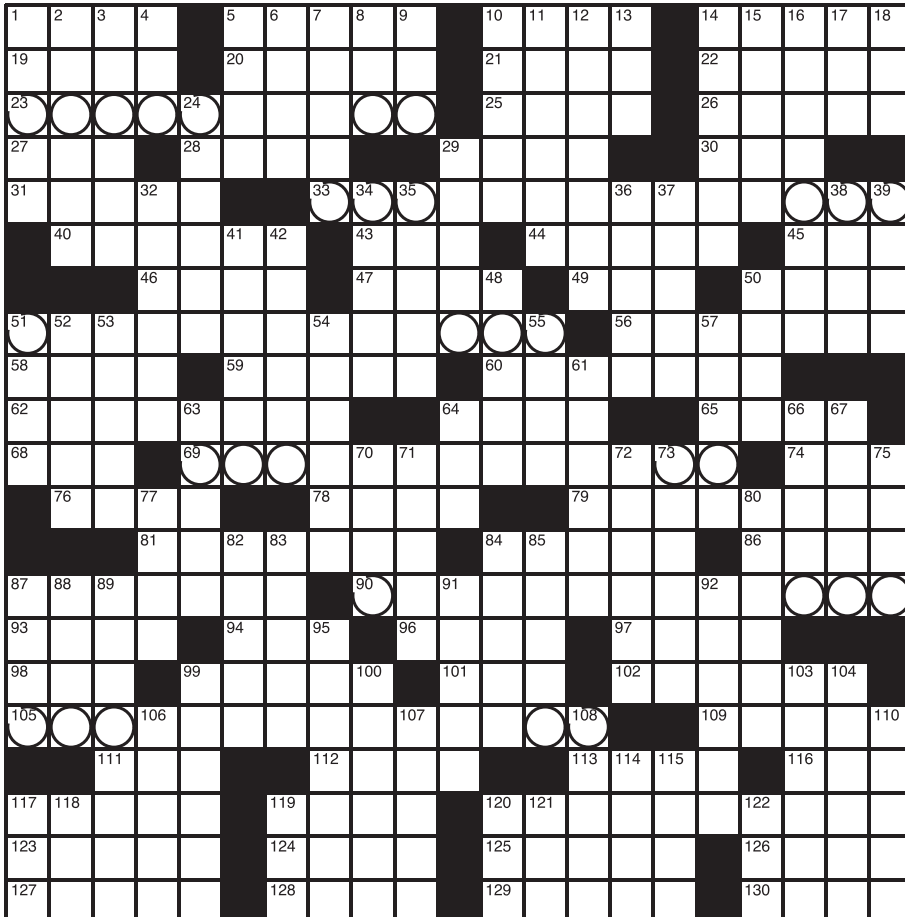
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If Your Birthday Is This Week: You're not much for inner conflict - you are generally happy with who you are and what you want from life - but there will be times this year when doubts start creeping in. Use those doubts to push your expectations to a much higher level.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20):

Anyone who suggests that you might like to try a different method or routine is going to wish they had kept their mouth shut. You are in no mood to take advice or admit that you don't know it all. Your ego won't allow it.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21):

If you have to make allowances for a loved one's erratic behavior that's the price you must pay for keeping things sweet on the home front. You can though be a positive influence on them by showing how to get things done without losing your cool.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21):

You may be searching too hard for a solution to a problem that isn't really much of a problem at all. The more others say you need to do something drastic the more you should ask yourself why they seem so desperate to get you involved.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23):

The recent full moon could be making you a little bit crazy, especially when it comes to spending money. You don't have to splash out on fancy food and clothes to have a good time. There are plenty of ways to have fun without breaking the bank.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23):

It's not like you to get overly emotional but the full moon seems to be tugging on your heart strings. It's good that you can feel other people's pain but you don't have to blame yourself for what they are going through. Focus on your own situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23):

The more demands you make of people the less inclined they will be to assist you. That may seem unfair seeing as how often you have helped them in the past but if it forces you to stand on your own two feet it's a very good thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23):

Step out of the shadows and into the spotlight. You may not want to draw attention to yourself but you can't move up in the world if you are stuck at the back of the crowd. Make full use of the talents you were born with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22):

You have a reputation for toughness but there is a softer side to your nature as well and that is the side you need to show now. It doesn't matter what others may have said or done, it matters only that you are willing to forgive and forget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21):

Someone you thought you knew very well will surprise you with some of the things they say and do over the next few days. It won't affect you in any adverse way but maybe in future you should look more closely at other people's motivations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20):

Money is always important but it isn't in the same league as love, so if you find yourself having to choose between making a profit or making someone happy this week choose the latter without hesitation. Not everything has a monetary value.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19):

The recent full moon is making it easy for you to get to the bottom of why a friend or loved one has been in such a miserable mood. Most likely it's because of something they thought you said. Make it clear to them they were mistaken.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20):

Physical activity may be good for you but it could also cause problems if you go too far. The moment you feel that you are overstretching yourself you must slow down and step back from what you are doing. Stay within your comfort zone.

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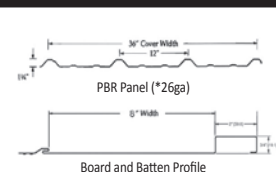
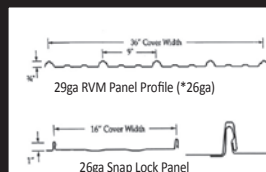
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St. James UM Church - Sun School 10am; Worship 11am; 10965 St. James-Newtown Rd., Worton; Find details online by visiting www.wortonfairleecharge.org or find us on Facebook.

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

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

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.

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

St. Paul's Parish, Kent - Holy Eucharist Sun. 8am & 10:30am; 7579 Sandy Bottom Rd., off Rt. 20, Chestertown; Call 410-778-1540; Visit www.stpaulkent.org.

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Town of Millington

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In accordance with the Millington Town Charter, the Town of Millington will hold an election for two (2) positions on the Town Council. Candidates must file with the Town by 3:00 PM on Friday, February 6, 2026. Filing forms require the signatures of five registered voters in the Town and are available at the Town Office during regular business hours.

The election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.
Polling location is the Town Office, 402 Cypress Street, Millington.
The polls will be open from Noon to 8:00 PM.

Results of the election will be posted at the Town Office and on the Town's website within two (2) after the closing of the polls on March 3, 2026.

Town of Millington
Jillian Starkey, Town Clerk, 410-928-3880

Calvary Chapel - Sun. Service 10:30am, children's ministries available; Thurs. Bible study 7pm; Call 410-348-5702; Learn more at www.calvarychapelchestertown.net.

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Faith Bible Church - Sun School 10am, Service 11am; Prayer/Bible Study Wed 6:30pm; 407 Dudley Corner Rd., Sudlersville; Call 410-438-6003; Learn more at www.faithbiblechurch316.com.

St. John Catholic Church - Sat. Mass 4pm, Sun. Mass 8am; Catholic Ave., Rock Hall; Call 410-778-3160.

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Faith Unity Fellowship Ministries - Every Wed 12pm-1pm Hour of Power; Sun School 9:30am, Worship 11am; Little Lights of Faith Early Learning Center; Pastor Christine Pritchett; 116 Liberty Lane, Chestertown; Call 410-778-4300; Visit www.faithunityfm.org.

Chestertown Christian Gathering - Sun 9:45am Adult Small Group, Children's Movie; Sun 10:30am Gathering, Children's Program; Wed 6:30pm Family Gathering, Adult, Teen, Children Small Groups; 932 Washington Ave., Unit 1, Austin Plaza, Chestertown; Find us on Facebook.

Grace Community Church - A Bible Fellowship Church; Meeting in person and online Sun. 10:30am; Sunday School 9:15am; 400 Morgnec Rd, Chestertown; Call 410-778-0390; www.gcchestertown.org.

Olivet Pentecostal Church of Love - Sun 11am Worship; Wed 6pm Bible Study; 31579 Galena Sassafras Rd., Galena; Call 410-648-5510.

Emmanuel UM Church - 9:30am Sun Service; 6698 Church Lane, Pomona, Chestertown; Rev. Diane L. Wood; Learn more at 410-778-0430.

St. Luke's Church - Services at 10am on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 403 Main St., Church Hill; Call 410-556-6060.

St. Andrew's Chapel - Services at 10am on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 105 Church St., Sudlersville; Call 410-556-6060.

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Seventh-day Adventist Church - Sabbath School 9:30am, Worship Service 11am, Saturday; Chestertown: 305 N. Kent Street; Rock Hall: 21366 E. Sharp St.; Services streamed live online on Facebook @ facebook.com/chestertownsda and also facebook.com/rockhallsda.

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



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

- Always display the flag with the blue union field up – never display the flag upside down, except as a distress signal.
- It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
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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 for more information; Find details online by visiting www.shrewsburyparish.org.

Chestertown Havurah - An inclusive Jewish community Chestertown to Middletown; Religious and social activities; Call 856-514-0528 for more information; Email chestertown18havurah@gmail.com.

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Christ First UM Church - Every Sun 9:30am Worship Service; 401 High St., Chestertown; Rev. Amy D. Yarnall; Call 410-778-0911; Email christumc1@gmail.com; Learn more at www.firstandchristumc.org.

Divine Church of Deliverance - Worship Service every Sunday 11am; Youth & Adult Sunday School 10am; Bible study every Wednesday 7:30pm; Service every Friday 7:30pm; Prophet Morrise Moore, Pastor; 31579 Galena Sassafras Road, Galena, MD 21635; Call 443-417-5191.

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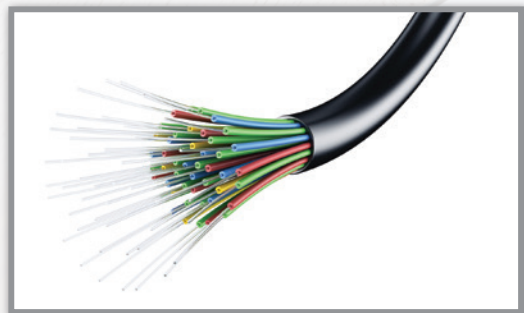
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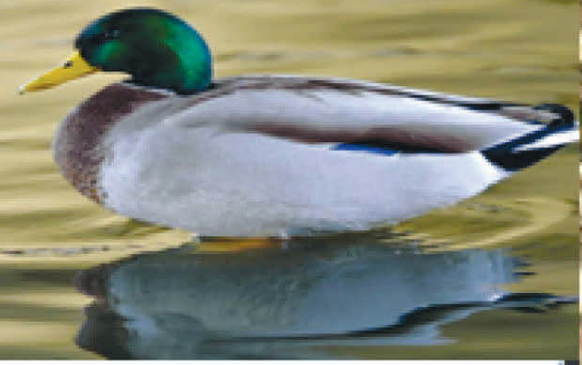


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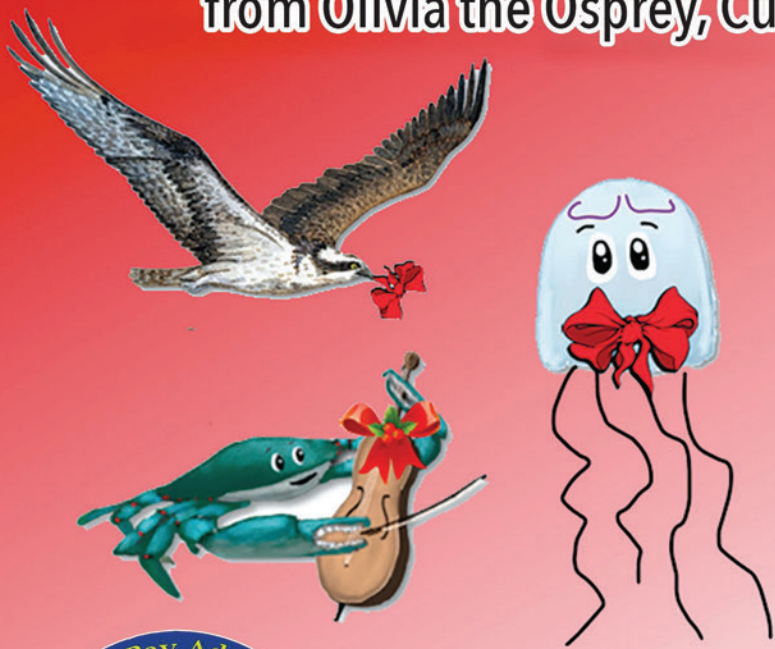
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Thurs, Feb. 5th-12th - Online Valentine's Day Silent Auction featuring extraordinary experiences and unique giveaways; Benefits For All Seasons behavioral health and rape crisis center; Call 410-822-1018; See ad in this week's issue; Find details online at www.supportforallseasonsinc.org/2026valentinesauction/

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

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

Tues, Feb. 17th 8:30am-4:30pm - Compass Training Session for Patient Care Volunteers at Caroline Chamber's Conference Room, 108 Market St., Denton; To register or for more information call 443-262-6045; Details are available online by visiting www.compassregionalhospice.org.

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

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

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

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

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

1st Wed Monthly 11:30am-1pm - Home-Ports Monthly Luncheon at local establishments; Must RSVP; Call 443-480-0940; Email jeanette@homeports.org; Learn more by visiting www.homeports.org.

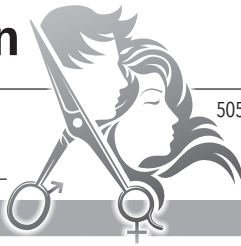
2nd & 4th Wed Monthly 5pm-6:30pm - Pink for Patsy Breast Cancer Support Group at Compass. 255 Comet Dr., Centreville; Light dinner provided; Call 443-262-4109; Email rknotts@compassregionalhospice.org.

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Bingo @ 11:00
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- February 4 - Cooking with David @ 10:30
- February 5 - On the Move Class @ 1:00, *must pre-register*
- February 9 - Health Education with Jillian "Heart Health Matters" @ 10:15
- February 10 - Blood Pressure Screening with Shore Community Outreach Team @ 10:30
- Enduring Faith @ 10:30
- February 12 - Fashion Show & Valentine's Celebration @ 10:00
RSVP by February 5
- February 16 - Center Closed for Presidents Day
- February 17 - Pancake Breakfast 9:00-10:00
- Medication Management with Melanie @ 10:30
- February 18 - Museums of Kent County Trivia Game @ 10:15
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- February 23 - Dementia Program @ 10:30
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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 for more information 443-262-4524.

Every Fri 9am - Insight Meditation Community of Chestertown meditation group meets at Unitarian Universalist Church, 914 Gateway Drive, Chestertown; Call 410-708-5402; www.imc-chestertown.org.

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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 at Unitarian Universalist Church, 914 Gateway Dr., Chestertown; Newcomers welcome; Call 410-708-5402; Learn more at www.imc-chestertown.org.

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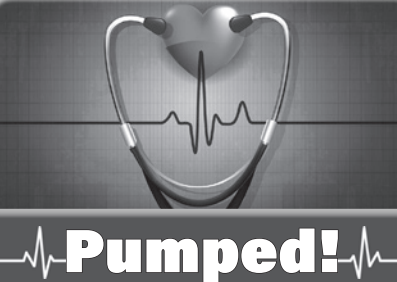
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Diabetes Education Classes - To help people with diabetes discover what they want & need to know about managing diabetes; UM Shore Medical Center, 100 Brown St., Chestertown; Call 667-343-3359 for more information or visit www.umshoreregional.org/health-education/

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On 01/20/2026, during the early evening hours, the Chestertown Police Department was contacted via telephone by a person who inquired what would happen if he went onto the campus of Washington College and committed a crime of mass violence, specifically if he were to shoot members of the school's administration and Public Safety Officers. The caller provided detailed and specific information that led to the threat being deemed credible.

CPD Officers quickly worked to gain information on the identity of the person and his possible whereabouts. Simultaneously, CPD contacted the Washington College Department of Public Safety and briefed them on the situation. A saturation of uniformed Police Officers responded to the campus in an effort to secure the area and increase visibility. A "shelter in place" order was issued by College officials while law enforcement continued their attempt to gather more information on the caller and locate him.

During the investigation, the caller was identified Grafton Steele Howard, a 25-year-old from Chesapeake City, Maryland. It was learned that Howard was a former student at Washington College. With assistance from the Cecil County Sheriff's Office, Howard was located at his residence in Chesapeake City, where he was taken into custody for an emergency mental health evaluation at a local hospital. Following his release from the hospital, Howard was served with an Arrest Warrant charging him with multiple counts related to the threat of mass violence. He was also served with an Interim Extreme Risk Protective Order, a court order that prohibits him from purchasing or possessing firearms and ammunition for the duration of the order and requires him to surrender firearms and ammunition to law enforcement.

Howard was seen by a District Court Commissioner in Elkton and ordered held at the Cecil County Detention Center without bond. He later had a bail review in front of a District Court Judge in Cecil County District Court and was released on a \$5,000 unsecured bond.

The investigation was led by Sergeant Chris Schwink of the Chestertown Police Department. Assisting agencies include the Kent County Narcotics Task Force, Kent County Sheriff's Office, Washington College Department of Public Safety, Maryland Natural Resources Police, Maryland State Police-Centerville, and the Cecil County Sheriff's Office.

The Chetsertown Police Department would like to thank all our allied agencies that came together to prevent a possible mass casualty event. We also thank our community for their support and patience.

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KCPS Calendar Survey Open for 2026-27

Kent County Public Schools is seeking input from families, community members and staff on draft academic calendars for 2026-27. Three drafts are under review by the Kent County Board of Education. A community survey with the draft calendars can be found online at: www.tinyurl.com/9bdakha4/

The school system's Calendar Committee opened an initial survey in December and accepted responses through early January.

That survey sought input on community priorities like start date, length of breaks throughout the year and the last day of school. Using the results of that survey, the committee prepared three different calendar drafts. This latest survey seeks the community's input on which of the three calendar drafts for the 2026-27 is the preferred option.

The Board of Education has the final vote on the school calendar.

Learn more at www.kent.k12.md.us/



Who's Cookin' with Carla?

TORTILLA

- 2 Cups All Purpose Flour
- 1/4 Cup Vegetable Oil
- 1/2 Tsp Salt
- 3/4 Cup Warm Water

Mix flour and salt in a bowl. Add oil and mix until crumbly. Add warm water and form a dough. Knead for 5 minutes. Rest dough for 20 minutes. Divide into balls and roll thinly.

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- 3 Tbsp Olive Oil

Mix yeast with warm water and rest for 5 minutes.

Add flour, salt, and olive oil. Mix to form a sticky dough. Cover and let rise for 1 to 1-1/2 hours.

Spread dough on an oiled baking tray. Press fingers in the dough to make dimples. Drizzle olive oil on top. Bake at 400°F for 20 to 25 minutes, until golden.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.kcpsos.com.

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

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; Learn more at www.msfcv.org.

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

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GOOD NEWS PAGE

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Rotary Club Presents Soup and Sip Donation to Kent County Public Schools



Beverly Birkmire, right, of the Chestertown Rotary Club presents a donation to Dr. Mary Boswell-McComas, left, superintendent of Kent County Public Schools, and the Board of Education from the annual Soup and Sip fundraiser.

The Chestertown Rotary Club presented Kent County Public Schools this month with a donation for its visual arts program. Beverly Birkmire, the club's foundation chair, attended the Board of Education's monthly meeting in mid-January with a check for \$3,500. The money was raised during the club's annual Soup and Sip event, held last October at Chester River Yacht and Country Club.

The club is a frequent booster for Kent County Public Schools, with

past donations to the Makerspace afterschool program and Galena Elementary School's annual One School, One Book reading event.

Birkmire said this year's Soup and Sip organizers chose to focus on the school system's Visual Arts Program.

For the Soup and Sip event, a friendly cooking competition among local chefs, the Chester River Yacht and Country Club was decorated with student artwork. Birkmire said attendees were impressed with the art. "Actually there were several people who asked if they were for sale," Birkmire said. She presented the donation check to Superintendent Dr. Mary Boswell-McComas on behalf of David White, president of the Rotary Club of Chestertown, and Jamie Williams, chair of the Soup and Sip event committee and director of economic and tourism development for Kent County.

More information is available online at www.kent.k12.md.us/

Kent School Invites Families and Young Children to FREE Saturday Morning Programs

Kent School invites families and young children to attend two upcoming Saturday morning programs designed to spark curiosity, creativity, and active play. Both events are free of charge and open to the public.



On Saturday, February 7th Kent School will host Gym

Time: Tumble and Climb from 9am to 11am. Children will enjoy an engaging obstacle course and a variety of movement-based activities set up in the M. W. "Mike" Williams Gymnasium. This program encourages physical development, coordination, and confidence in a fun, supportive environment. Director of Athletics and Facilities Erin Kent said "Sometimes it is hard to get outside and really move in colder months. Gym Time Tumble and Climb is a great way for kids to use some energy and have a ton of fun using our mats, vault, rings, climbing rope and more."

Later in the month, on Saturday, February 28th families are invited to attend Osprey Explorations, also from 9am to 11am. This interactive program blends hands-on art activities, science exploration, and a guided nature walk, giving children the opportunity to learn through creativity and discovery. Tricia Cammerzell, Assistant Head of School for Advancement described this event by saying "We have signature academic programs at Kent School and teachers who

are passionate about teaching and collaborating to bring curriculum to life for children. Osprey Adventures is a great example with our very talented Art Teacher, Amy Bower working with our equally talented and energetic Lower School Science Teacher Meghan Fersterto create a meaningful and memorable experience where children will learn through play."

Both programs are best suited for children ages 3 to 6 and are designed to introduce young learners to Kent School's experiential approach to early childhood education. The public is warmly invited to attend, and no registration or fee is required. Please monitor Kent School's social media channels for any schedule changes due to inclement weather.



For more information, contact Kent School at 410-778-4100 ext. 110, by email at info@kentschool.org, or visit the school's website located at www.kentschool.org

Kent School is an independent school serving children from Pre-school through Grade Eight located on the bank of the Chester River just outside of historic Chestertown. Kent School prepares students for active citizenship through joyful and rigorous academics, arts, and athletics in an inclusive community that fosters moral excellence.

Volunteer Fire Departments in 17 Maryland Counties Receive \$167,314 for Rural Wildfire Protection

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service is providing Volunteer Fire Assistance grants to 55 volunteer fire departments in 17 counties across the state. The funded projects help volunteer fire companies enhance wildland fire protection in rural communities.

For the 2025 grant cycle, finalized in December, the Maryland Forest Service is providing \$167,314 in match funding to complete \$370,376 in total project cost. The grants match up to fifty percent of project cost with a maximum grant of \$3,500 per department. For this grant cycle, all but two Maryland applicants received a grant.

Funding for this program is provided by the USDA Forest Service. Maryland Volunteer Fire Assistance grant recipients by county, along with the grant amount and total project cost in parentheses, are: in Caroline County - Greensboro Volunteer Fire Company \$1,688 (\$3,375), Preston Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

\$3,500 (\$7,408), Ridgely Volunteer Fire Department \$3,500 (\$8,063); in Cecil County - Hacks Point Fire Company \$2,950 (\$5,900), The Community Fire Company of Perryville \$3,500 (\$8,105); in Dorchester County - Church Creek Volunteer Fire Company \$2,762 (\$5,523), East New Market Volunteer Fire Department \$3,500 (\$7,554), Eldorado-Brookview Volunteer Fire Company \$2,820 (\$5,640), Hurlock Volunteer Fire Company \$3,500 (\$7,353), Linkwood-Salem Volunteer Fire Company \$3,500 (\$7,250), Secretary Volunteer Fire Company \$3,481 (\$6,961), Vienna Volunteer Fire Company \$3,500 (\$7,002); in Kent County - Galena Volunteer Fire Company \$3,400 (\$6,800); in Queen Anne's County - Grasonville Vol-



The Volunteer Fire Assistance Program provides funds to help local firefighters equip and prepare for these efforts. Photo courtesy of Maryland DNR.

unteer Fire Department \$3,500 (\$12,000), Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company \$3,500 (\$10,547); and in Wicomico County - Hebron Volunteer Fire Department \$1,750 (\$3,500), Parsonsburg Volunteer Fire Company \$3,500 (\$7,373),

Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department \$2,931 (\$5,862), and Powellville Volunteer Fire Company \$3,480.38 (\$6,960.76).

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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, berries, jam, pet treats, alpaca & wool products, artisans 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; Visit www.facebook.com/eastonmarylandfarmersmarket/

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

Through Feb. 1st - Kent County Public Schools Calendar Survey seeks input for academic calendars; Survey online at www.tinyurl.com/9bdakha4/

Through Feb. 4th 5pm-5:45pm - Smart Spot Sports Baseball for ages 2 years 8 months to 5 years at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Pizza provided for dinner; Visit www.kentparksandrec.org/

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; www.kentparksandrec.org/

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

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

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

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

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

Through June 1st - Summer Camp registration open for Sultana Education Foundation; Details at www.sultanaeducation.org; lbroker@sultanaeducation.org; For details 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; Learn more at www.kentparksandrec.org/

Wed, Jan. 28th - Preschool Dance Party and Video Game Hangout at Kent County Public Library, 408 High St., Chestertown; Jan. 29th Storytime, A Cozy Chat About KCPL's Next Chapter; Jan. 30th Reach Out To Incarcerated Loved Ones Program Series; Feb. 2nd Tech Help Drop In; Feb. 3rd Storytime, Book Donations, Games & Gadgets; Feb. 4th Video Game Hangout; Feb. 5th Storytime, Games & Gadgets; Get your library card for free movies, ebooks, online classes, and much more; Board members needed; Call 410-778-3636; For details visit www.kentcountylibrary.org.

Wed, Jan. 28th - Story Time and Bouncing Babies at the Library at QAC Public Libraries in Centreville and Stevensville; Jan. 29th Book Club; Jan. 31st Strength and Balance Class, Celebrate Carnival; Feb. 2nd Mobile Library: The Dream Lives On, LEGO Guess & Win, Art with Friends & Caregivers, Slugfest II: Electric Slugaloo; Feb. 3rd Chess Club, Sewing Machine Open Studio, Mobile Library: The Dream Lives On, LEGO Guess & Win, Slugfest II: Electric Slugaloo; Feb. 4th Mobile Library: The Dream Lives On, LEGO Guess & Win, Social Services, Block Printing, Slugfest II: Electric Slugaloo, Hanging Cat Scratching Pads; Feb. 5th Mobile Library: The Dream Lives On, LEGO Guess & Build, AARP Tax-Aide Prep, Family Law Clinic; Call 410-758-0980 or 410-643-8161; Visit www.qaclibrary.org.

Wed, Jan. 28th 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.

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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.

On January 22, 2026 at approximately 2:30pm, members of the Chestertown Police Department were dispatched to 100 Elmer T. Hawkins Drive for a fight in progress with gunshots fired. The investigation revealed a single victim was assaulted by multiple suspects. During the assault, the victim was punched in the face and was pistol-whipped. The victim stated that he was beaten while being dragged outside the home. Once outside of the residence, several gunshots were fired at the original victim and two of his acquaintances while the suspects fled the area. Witnesses in the area also reported hearing numerous gunshots being fired. The victim was transported to a local medical facility for treatment of his injuries, which included lacerations and swelling.

Based on the victim's statement and identification of two suspects, officers were able to take the pair into custody at a residence in the 400 block of Calvert Street. They are identified as: Mehki Jordan Bordley-Reeves and Mehki Terrence Jenkins. Bordley-Reeves, 17 years old, of Chestertown, Maryland was charged as an adult with the following: attempted second degree murder (three counts), assault first degree (three counts), assault second degree (three counts) reckless endangerment, handgun on person, loaded handgun on person, and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony/violent crime, and was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond. Jenkins, 19 years old, of Kennedyville, Maryland, was charged with the following: assault first degree, assault second degree, reckless endangerment, handgun on person, loaded handgun on person, and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony/violent crime, and was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

Further investigation revealed that two nearby homes were struck by gunfire during this incident. Each was processed, and evidence of the crime was recovered at each location. Additionally, A search warrant was obtained for the residence where the suspects were in the 400 block of Calvert Street. Evidence was recovered from that location also. Brief shelter-in-place notices were issued at H.H. Garnet Elementary School and Washington College.

No other injuries were reported. The investigation is continuing and is being led by Sergeant Chris Schwink. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Chestertown Police Department at 410-778-1800.

Assisting agencies included: Kent County Sheriff's Office, Kent County Narcotics Task Force, Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police - Centreville Barrack, Maryland State Police - Crime Lab, Kent County Office of Emergency Services - EMS, Kent County Office of Emergency Services - Communications, Kent-Queen Anne's Rescue Squad, and Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company.

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Wed, Jan. 28th - Clay Studio at RiverArts, 343 High St., Chestertown; Jan. 29th Plein Air Painting Club, Clay Studio, Handbuilding for Beginners, Beginner Wheel; Jan. 31st KidSpot, Clay Studio, How To Speak About Your Art; Through Jan. 31st Anything Goes Exhibit; Feb. 1st Clay Studio: Open Studio, Pick up for Anything Goes/ Drop Off for AI, The Prompted Image: A Challenge to Artists; Feb. 2nd Art Adventures, Intro to Potters Wheel, Pick up for Anything Goes/ Drop Off for AI; Feb. 3rd Art Adventures, Beginner Plus Pottery; Feb. 4th-28th The Prompted Image: A Challenge to Artists; Feb. 4th Clay Studio Open Studio; Feb. 5th Clay Studio Open Studio, Handbuilding for Beginners, Beginner Wheel; 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 & Thurs, Jan. 28th & 29th 10am-2pm - Cool Schools Plunge at the foot of the Bay Bridge at Sandy Point State Park; Details and registration at www.plungemd.com.

Thurs, Jan. 29th - Watermen's Story Swap and Rising Tide After School Workshop at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 213 N. Talbot St., St. Michaels; Feb. 3rd Rising Tide After-School Workshop; Feb. 5th Rising Tide After-School Workshop; Feb. 6th Coffee & Wood Chips; Call 410-745-4941; Go to www.cbmm.org.

Fri, Jan. 30th - Police Polar Bear Plunge at the foot of the Bay Bridge at Sandy Point State Park; 10am-1pm Police & Public Safety Plunge; 1pm-5pm Corporate Plunge; Sat, Jan. 31st 10am-4pm Maryland Plunge; Benefits Special Olympics of Maryland; Sponsorship opportunities; Register at www.plungemd.com.

Fri, Jan. 30th 5pm - Reach Out To Incarcerated Loved Ones at Kent County Public Library, 408 High St., Chestertown; Free services and support; Professional portraits, family meal, books to take home, supplies to send mail to facilities, help using virtual visit technologies; Registration required; Call 410-778-3636; For more information visit www.kentcountylibrary.org.

Sat, Jan. 31st - ShoreRivers Summer Internship Application Deadline; Two internships available for rising college juniors or seniors and recent college graduates with majors in appropriate fields; Visit www.shorerivers.org for complete details.

Sat, Jan. 31st 12pm-1pm - Kent MD 250 Kick-Off Event Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary at Kent County Courthouse Lawn, 103 N. Cross St., Chestertown; Special reading of the Declaration of Independence and County Resolution followed by apple cider toasts at Kent Cultural Alliance; Email kentmd250@kentgov.org.

Sun-Sat, Feb. 1st-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 online through PayPal at www.qahvfc.com.

Sun, Feb. 1st - "We Had A Dream" commemoration of the 1963 march at Church Hill Theatre, 103 Walnut St., Church Hill; Call 410-556-6003 for more information or visit www.churchhilltheatre.org/

Sun, Feb. 1st - Deadline for Business Leaders & Nonprofits to submit Biannual Business Sentimental Survey; Visit bit.ly/eswinter26; Call 410-770-8058; Find details online by visiting www.talbotworks.org/

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

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

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

Mon, Feb. 2nd 8am - Summer Camp Registration will open at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Wor-ton Rd., Worton; www.kentparksandrec.org/

Tues, Feb. 3rd - Hand-Built Ceramics After Work, Tuesday Morning Intermediate & Advanced Ceramics, and Tuesday Afternoon Intermediate & Advanced Ceramics at Academy Art Museum, 114 N. Washington St., Easton; Feb. 4th-March 11th Wednesday Afternoon Intermediate & Advanced Ceramics; Feb. 4th-March 11th Beginning Handbuilding; Feb. 4th-June 24th Drop-In Pastel Studio: February; Feb. 5th-27th February Session: Thursday Night Printmaking Explorations; Visit www.academyartmuseum.org.


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

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Wed, Feb. 4th - Composition for Botanical Art at Adkins Arboretum, 12610 Eveland Rd., Ridgely; Feb. 6th Healing Walk; Feb. 7th Pride Nature Walk, First Saturday Walk, The Birds Will Be Coming; Feb. 13th Botanical Drawing II; Feb. 20th Botanical Drawing II; Feb. 27th Botanical Drawing II; Visit www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Wed, Feb. 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.

Wed, Feb. 4th 6pm - Free Community Forum at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Enjoy pizza, snacks and share ideas; Call 410-639-9133; Learn more by visiting www.mainstayrockhall.org.

Wed, Feb. 4th 6pm-8pm - The Richard L. Harwood in American Journalism Presents John J. Harwood with Roy Kesey at Gibson Center for the Arts, Washington College, Chestertown; lit_house@washcoll.edu.

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

Fri, Feb. 6th 8pm - First Friday with Joe Holt at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Ticket \$20/advance, \$25/door; Call 410-639-9133; www.mainstayrockhall.org.

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

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

Sat, Feb. 7th 7:30pm - Karen Somerville "History of Praise" Black History Month Concert at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Call 410-639-9133 for more information; Visit www.mainstayrockhall.org; See article in this week's issue.

Sat, Feb. 7th-March 21st - 15th Annual Small Works Exhibition at Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts, 206 S. Commerce St., Centreville; Submit works by Jan. 30th; For more information call 410-758-2520; Find details online by visiting www.queenannescountyart.com.

Sat, Feb. 7th 9am-11am - Gym Time Tumble & Climb at Kent School, Wilkins Lane, Chestertown; Free; Open to the public; Ages 3-6; Call 410-778-4100 for more information; Visit www.kentschool.org.

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

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

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

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

Wed, Feb. 11th 7pm - Open Mic Night at The Mainstay, 5753 N. Main St., Rock Hall; Admission is free; www.mainstayrockhall.org.

Wed, Feb. 11th-March 11th 5pm-5:45pm - Smart Spot Sports Football for ages 2 years 8 months to 5 years at KC Parks & Recreation, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Visit www.kentparksandrec.org/

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

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

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

Sat, Feb. 14th 7pm-9:30pm - For the Love of Artists: Sue Matthews in Concert at The Bank, High St., Chestertown; Benefits Kent Cultural Alliance; Ticket \$45; Call 410-778-3700; Visit www.kentculture.org.

Sun, Feb. 15th 8am - Guided Birding Tour at Blackwater NWR Visitors Center, 2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge; Free; 3-4 hour tour using personal vehicle, stopping at various points; Binoculars and field guides recommended; Call 410-228-2677; Go to www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater.

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

2025-2026 Hunting Seasons

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

MOURNING DOVES

September 1-October 18* (*shooting hours 12noon-sunset)
October 25-Nov. 28 • December 20, 2025-Jan. 9, 2026 (daily bag limit 15 birds, possession limit 45 birds)

SEPTEMBER TEAL

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

SPECIAL EARLY RESIDENT CANADA GOOSE - EASTERN ZONE

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

YOUTH, VETERAN, AND MILITARY WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

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

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

MIGRATORY CANADA GOOSE ATLANTIC POPULATION

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

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

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

LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

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

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

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

BLACK DUCK EASTERN DUCK ZONE

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

SEA DUCKS (Scoters, Long-tailed Duck and Eiders) No longer a special season; Regular Duck Season Dates Apply

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

BLACK BEAR

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

DEER REGION B

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

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

ARCHERY (antlered & antlerless) September 5-October 15 • October 19*-November 28

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

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

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

December 20-Jan. 3* (antlered & antlerless) Primitive Deer Hunt Days: Feb. 2-4 (antlerless and antlered)

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

JUNIOR DEER HUNT DAYS - Saturday & Sunday, November 15/16†, 2025

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

*Visit http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Documents/Hunting_Seasons_Calendar.pdf 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)

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

EASTERN COTTONTAIL RABBIT

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

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

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

CROW August 15, 2025-March 15, 2026

Wed.-Sat. Only (no limit)

MUSKRAT & MINK (trapping only)

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

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

COYOTE

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Trapping: Nov. 15, 2025-Feb. 28, 2026 (no limit)

WILD TURKEY, WINTER SEASON

January 22-24, 2026*, Statewide

(fall 2025 and winter 2024 seasons have a combined bag limit of 1 turkey of either sex)

WILD TURKEY, SPRING SEASON

Junior Hunt April 11/12*, 2026

Apr 18-May 23 (daily bag limit 1 bearded turkey; possession limit of 2 bearded turkeys per season)

*Visit http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Documents/Hunting_Seasons_Calendar.pdf for Sunday hunting details

Duck Daily Bag Limit

For regular duck season: 6 ducks, no more than: 4 mallards (only 2 can be hens), 3 wood ducks, 2 black ducks (Black Duck Season only), 2 canvasbacks, 3 pintails, 2 redheads, 1 scaup per day (2 per day from January 9-31), 1 fulvous tree duck, 1 mottled duck, 4 sea ducks (no more than 3 scoters, 3 longtailed ducks, or 3 eiders (only 1 eider hen)). All other species of ducks may be taken up to the six duck limit. There is no open season for harlequin ducks. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit. • Shooting hours for all duck and coot seasons are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. In addition to the duck bag limit hunters may take 15 coots per day.



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Divide dough into balls and roll into oval shapes. Cook in a hot pan until bubbles form, then flip and cook the other side. Brush with butter, if desired, and serve hot.

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Mon, Feb. 16th 7pm-8:30pm - Eula Biss: Revolution in the Personal Essay at Washington College, 300 Washington Ave., Chestertown; lit_house@washcoll.edu.

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

Tues, Feb. 17th 7:30pm - Celebrate Mardi Gras with The Alligators at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Ticket \$25; Call 410-639-9133; www.mainstayrockhall.org.

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

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

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; Pizza provided for dinner; Call 410-778-1948; Visit www.kentparksandrec.org/

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

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

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.

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; Binoculars and field guides recommended; Call 410-228-2677; Go to www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater.

Sun, Feb. 22nd 4pm - Chamber Music "The Brasswood Trio" at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Cash bar; Call 410-639-9133; www.mainstayrockhall.org.

Mon, Feb. 23rd 7pm - Town of Galena Planning & Zoning Meeting at 101 S. Main St., Galena; Call 410-648-5151; Learn more at www.townofgalena.com.

Sat, Feb. 28th 7:30pm - The Black Eyed Suzies Bluegrass at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Tickets \$25; All female bluegrass band; Call 410-639-9133; Visit 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; Learn more at www.ducks.org/maryland#events; Send emails to saredwards@verizon.net.

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

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

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; See public notice in this week's issue.

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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; For tickets call 410-556-6003; Visit www.churchhilltheatre.org.

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PRESS RELEASE from Chestertown, Maryland Police Department
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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.

TRAFFIC ARREST: 01/09/2026 PFC R. Thompson issued a must-appear traffic citation to Adrienne Shonique Anderson-Hill, 50, of Church Hill, Maryland, charging her with knowingly driving an uninsured vehicle. Court date is pending.

SHOPLIFTING: 01/09/2026 PFC R. Thompson took a report for a theft in Washington Square Plaza. Charges are pending.

SHOPLIFTING: 01/09/2026 PFC E. Nunez and PFC R. Thompson responded to Washington Square Plaza for a report of a shoplifting. Craig Jamar Turner, 38, of Chestertown, Maryland, and Kristin Denise Lindsey, 40, of Chestertown, Maryland, were arrested and issued must-appear criminal citations, charging them each with one count of theft less than \$100.00. Turner and Lindsey were released on their signatures. Court date is pending.

SHOPLIFTING: 01/13/2026 OFC K. Harris responded to Washington Square Plaza for a report of a theft in progress. OFC Harris arrested Frederick Arthur Taylor, 65, of Centreville, Maryland, charging him with theft \$100.00 to under \$1500.00. Taylor was released on his own recognizance. Court date is pending.

SHOPLIFTING: 01/13/2026 OFC K. Harris responded to Washington Square Plaza for a report of a theft in progress. OFC Harris arrested Tanganyika Nirobi Cain, 49, of Worton, Maryland, charging her with theft \$100.00 to under \$1500.00. Cain was released on, Court date is pending.

ASSAULT: 01/16/2026 PFC T. Burke responded to the 100 block of Flatland Road for a report of an assault. PFC Burke later served a District Court criminal summons on Mark T. Nicholson, 64, of Chestertown, Maryland, charging him with assault second degree. Nicholson was released on his signature. Court date is pending.

DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS: 01/18/2026 PFC T. Burke responded to the 200 block of Spring Avenue for a report of an unwanted person. PFC Burke issued two must-appear criminal citations to Jesse Lamont Wilson, 62, of Chestertown, Maryland, charging him with possession CDS and possession of paraphernalia. Wilson was released on his signature. Court date is pending.

DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS: 01/22/2026 PFC T. Burke conducted a traffic stop in the 600 block of Washington Avenue. PFC Burke issued a must-appear criminal citation to Joshua James Allen Hunter, 37, of Chestertown, Maryland, charging him with possession CDS not marijuana. Hunter was released on his signature. Court date is pending.



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.

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

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

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

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



FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, February 4 - 6:00PM
COMMUNITY FORUM - FREE

Saturday, February 7 - 7:30 pm
KAREN SOMERVILLE - "HISTORY OF PRAISE"

Thursday, February 12 - 5:30 pm
PUB NITE - Dan Saunders Doo Wop - FREE

Saturday - February 14, 7:30 pm
DEANNA BOGART - SOLD OUT

Tuesday - February 17, 7:30 pm
MARDI GRAS WITH THE ALLIGATORS

Friday - February 20, 7:30 pm
JOE HOLT WITH LESTER BARRETT AND GUS MERCANTE

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

Saturday February 28 7:30 pm
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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 by visiting www.umms.org/shore.

Sat, March 14th 1pm-2:30pm - DASH Freedom to Dream Academy at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Monthly reading program designed to inspire imagination, creativity, and a love of reading; Ages 5-10 years old; All are welcome; Register online and fine more information by visiting 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 and questions to tdifatta@comcast.net or khope80@hotmail.com; Learn more by visiting www.qahvfc.com.

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

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



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The Mainstay Presents "History of Praise: An African American Legacy"

The Mainstay in Rock Hall is proud to present – as its opening concert of the season in honor of Black History Month – "History of Praise: An African American Legacy", a gospel concert celebrating the enduring power of African American worship, music, and cultural history. The concert will begin at 7:30pm on Saturday, February 7th.

From the fields of bondage to the campgrounds of revival, from humble churches to the grand stages of Broadway, gospel music has carried the voice of a people. It is the language of fortitude, born of struggle and lifted in triumph. Through spirituals first whispered in hush arbors, through bold call and response that gathered voices as one, through songs that carried hidden messages of hope and freedom, African American praise has always been more than music. It is resilience made audible and joy made visible.



Karen Somerville The concert follows a historical and musical arc that traces the progression of African American worship from bondage to the Civil Rights era and beyond, shaping a living legacy expressed through scripture, testimony, and song.

History of Praise is structured as a journey through styles and eras, blending unaccompanied a cappella tradition, gospel quartet roots, and the sanctified sound that swings with jazz and blues. Featured selections include music shaped by the call and response tradition that influenced work songs, spirituals, gospel, and blues.

The concert also honors the powerful evolution of gospel quartet singing, a style that emerged after slavery and grew through groups such as the Fisk Jubilee Singers. That tradition continues through beloved contemporary gospel classics including "Something About the Name Jesus" and "Hold On." A special segment highlights Duke Ellington's Concert of Sacred Music.

The evening's performers will bring this story to life with artistry, scholarship, and deep spiritual conviction. Karen Somerville leads the way as founder of the acclaimed vocal trio Sombarkin', known for expressive harmonies and sophisticated vocal interplay across spirituals, blues, and jazz. Bishop Leon Frison serves as Master of the Ceremony, bringing a remarkable legacy as a trumpet artist, arranger, producer, and pastor whose career spans award winning gospel projects and major performance halls. Joining them are powerful voices and outstanding musicians including soprano Portia Turner, Reverend Denise M. Jones, and a gifted band featuring Gerry Werner on piano, Jeff Davis on bass and guitar, Anthony Turk Cannon on saxophone, Chris Copper on drums, and flutist DéJaneé Jones.

History of Praise invites audiences to hear more than songs. It is a cultural story told through sacred sound, a legacy shaped by faith and survival, and a celebration of how praise has carried generations forward and continues to sing through us today.

The event begins at 7:30pm on Saturday, February 7th. Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling 410-639-9133 or visiting www.mainstayrockhall.org. The Mainstay is located at 5753 North Main Street in Rock Hall.

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Dear Stranger in the Night,

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JANUARY 2026

Dates to Remember

- 1 New Year's Day (Thurs.)
- 6 Epiphany (Tues.)
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day (Mon.)

Did You Know?

The moon moves away from the Earth about 1-1/2 inches each year.



Full Moon
Sunday, February 1
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Sun, March 22nd 8am - Guided Birding Tour at Blackwater NWR Visitors Center, 2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge; Free; 3-4 hour tour using personal vehicle, stopping at various points; Binoculars and field guides recommended; Call 410-228-2677 for more information; Find details online at www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater.

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

Sat, March 28th 8am-1pm - Indoor Craft & Yard Sale at Caroline Co. 4-H Park, 8230 Detour Rd., Denton; Benefits Caroline Co. 4-H Programs; Crafters, direct sales consultants, flea market items; All vendors welcome; \$15/table; To reserve a space or for more information call Joanne at 410-479-0565 or send emails/questions to 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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2 Cups Whole Wheat Flour
 3/4 Cup Water
 1 Tbsp Oil
 1/2 Tsp Salt

Mix flour and salt. Add water and oil to form dough. Knead until smooth and rest for 15 minutes.
 Divide into balls and roll thinly. Cook in a hot pan until bubbles form. Flip and cook until they are fully done.

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Who's Cookin' with Carla?

PARATHA (LAYERED FLATBREAD)

2 Cup All-Purpose Flour
 1/4 Cup Vegetable Oil
 1/2 Tsp Salt
 3/4 Cup Warm Water

Mix flour and salt in a bowl. Add oil and mix until crumbly. Add warm water and form dough. Knead for 5 minutes. Rest dough for 20 minutes.
 Divide into balls and roll thinly. Cook in a hot pan until light brown spots appear.

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For All Seasons is hosting an online Valentine's Day Silent Auction from February 5th-12th, featuring extraordinary experiences and unique getaways – the perfect way to find a meaningful gift just in time for Valentine's Day!

Auction packages promise connection, fun, and relaxation, and include: Private Chef Experiences; Mosaic Class for five with Jen Wagner; a week-long Lake Tahoe adventure; seven days in the heart of French wine country; learn latte and bread baking basics with Night Kitchen Coffee & Craft Bakery; elegant 18k white gold bracelet accented with diamonds courtesy of DBS Jewelers; bushel of crabs and four pounds of jumbo lump crab meat; and one-year membership, plus Festival Season passes for two at Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.



For All Seasons Valentine's Day Silent Auction is offering a Week-Long Lake Tahoe Adventure in California as one of its auction items.

"This year's One-of-a-Kind Valentine's Auction will feature exciting and interesting experiences both here and abroad," states Sidney Trond, Director of Development at For All Seasons. "It's a great way to find the perfect gift for that special someone, while simultaneously helping the community. Every bid will help ensure that those in need get the personalized, trauma-informed care they deserve, regardless of their ability to pay. What better way to celebrate love than by making a lasting difference in someone's life?"

If you have a unique experience to donate to the For All Seasons Valentine's Day Silent Auction, email Kelsey Trumbull-Meyers, Event Coordinator at ktmeyers@forallseasonsinc.org. Visit www.supportforallseasonsinc.org/2026valentinesauction for more information on this year's Valentine Auction and to sign up to receive updates on auction items.

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/

Eastern Shore Alano Club Launches New Nicotine Anonymous Meeting

The Eastern Shore Alano Club is proud to announce the start of a new Nicotine Anonymous (NicA) meeting, The Chain Breakers, offering hope and support to anyone seeking freedom from nicotine. Whether you are a newcomer, a long-time quitter, or currently using nicotine in any form – including vaping, cigarettes, or chewing tobacco – you are welcome to attend.

Nicotine Anonymous is a 12-step, peer-support program that provides a safe, non-judgmental environment where participants can share their experiences, listen to others, and find encouragement for living nicotine-free – one day at a time. The meeting is open to everyone, with teens especially encouraged to attend. There are no fees, no registration requirements, and anonymity is always respected.

The Chain Breakers will meet every Saturday, beginning February 14th from 12pm to 1pm at Eastern Shore Alano Club, located at 103 Dixon Drive in Chestertown. For information about this and other 12-step meetings and events, please contact Patt at 302-379-6866 or visit www.easternshorealano.com. Freedom from nicotine is possible – together.



Who's Cookin' with Carla?

PITA BREAD

- 2-1/2 Cups Flour
- 1 Cup Warm Water
- 2 Tsp Olive Oil
- 2 Tsp Instant Yeast
- 1 Tsp Sugar
- 1 Tsp Salt

Mix yeast, sugar, and warm water. Rest for 5 minutes.

Add flour, salt, and olive oil. Knead into a soft dough. Cover and let rise for one hour.

Divide into balls and roll into circles. Heat a pan or oven and cook until puffed. Cool slightly and serve.

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Who's Cookin' with Carla?

OYSTER STEW

- 1/4 Cup Butter
- 1 Pt Drained Oysters
- 1 Qt Rich Milk
- 1-1/2 Tsp Salt
- 1 Tsp Paprika
- Pepper, to taste

Melt butter in a pan. Add oysters and cook over low heat for 3 minutes, or until edges of oysters curl slightly. Add milk, salt, pepper, and paprika. Bring almost to a boiling point. Remove and ladle into bowls, serving at once. Serve with toast, hard rolls, or crisp crackers, and with celery and radishes on a side plate.

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Who's Cookin' with Carla?

CREAMY, CHEESY SPINACH

- 2 Lbs Fresh Spinach, or 2 bags, chopped
- 4 Tbsp Unsalted Butter
- 1 Small Onion, finely diced
- 3 Cloves Garlic, minced
- 4 Oz Cream Cheese, softened
- 1/2 Cup Heavy Cream
- 1/2 Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese
- 1/2 Cup Shredded Mozzarella Cheese
- 1/4 Tsp Nutmeg
- Salt and Black Pepper, to taste
- For the Topping:
- 1/2 Cup Panko Breadcrumbs
- 2 Tbsp Melted Butter
- 2 Tbsp Grated Parmesan Cheese

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease a small baking dish.

In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion and cook until soft, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add garlic and cook 30 seconds until fragrant. Add spinach and cook until wilted. Drain excess liquid very well and chop the mixture finely.

Return spinach mixture to the skillet. Stir in cream cheese and heavy cream until smooth and creamy. Add Parmesan, mozzarella, nutmeg, salt, and pepper. Mix until fully combined.

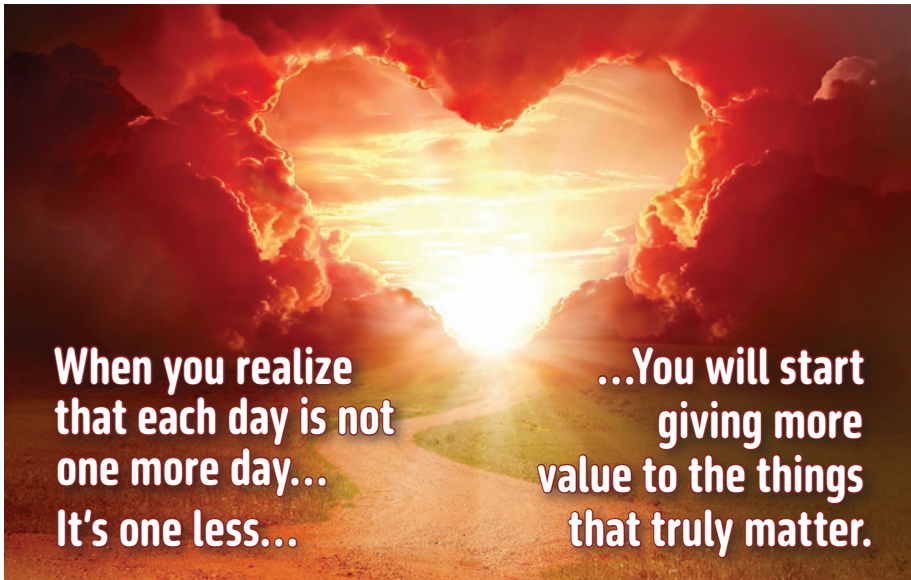
Spread mixture evenly into the prepared baking dish.

In a small bowl, mix Panko breadcrumbs, melted butter, and Parmesan. Sprinkle topping evenly over the spinach mixture.

Bake uncovered for 20 to 25 minutes, until bubbly and golden on top. Broil for 1 to 2 minutes, if desired, for extra crispiness.

For extra flavor, add a pinch of cayenne or a splash of white wine to the spinach while cooking.

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Fond Farewells

Kenneth Wesley Egolf, 82, of Queen Anne, Maryland, passed away January 24, 2026 at Compass Regional Hospice in Centreville, Maryland, surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Egolf was born November 25, 1943 in Owings Mills, Maryland, son of the late Harry and Ruby Elliott Egolf. A memorial service will be held at a later date. *Arrangements by Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

Kathleen A. Quinn, 76, of Earleville, Maryland, passed away January 23, 2026, surrounded by her loving husband and close neighbors. Mrs. Quinn was born May 27, 1949 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late Robert and Margaret Healy Kearney. A gathering will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech in Galena, Maryland. *Arrangements by Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

Garrison Henry Phillips, Jr., 82, affectionately known as "Junie Bug", "Junie", "Jabo", or "Jab", of Worton, Maryland, departed this life January 23, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 15, 1943, the son of the late Garrison H. Phillips Sr. and Blanche A. Hynson Phillips. A viewing will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 9:00am to 11:00am at Mt. Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church in Worton, Maryland and will be followed by the Funeral Service at 11:00am at the church. Burial will be held in St. George's United Methodist Church Cemetery in Worton, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Norman "Ed" Edward Huffman, 65, passed away January 22, 2026. He was born November 24, 1960 in Baltimore, Maryland, the son of Norman Ray Huffman and Barbara Lynn Dodson Huffman. Friends and family are invited to gather at 10:00am on Saturday, February 7, 2026, and to the Memorial Service at 11:00am at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, Maryland. A celebration of life luncheon will follow at 12:00pm at the funeral home. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Kaitlin Elizabeth Gorrow, 37, passed away peacefully January 22, 2026. Born November 17, 1988, she was the daughter of William and Barbara Gorrow. Services will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 11:00am at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, Maryland, where a reception will follow. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

James A. Waters, Jr., 63, of Warwick, Maryland, passed away January 22, 2026, peacefully, surrounded by his loving family at Elkton Nursing and Rehab in Elkton, Maryland. He was born May 31, 1962. When service arrangements have been finalized the information will be posted on the funeral home's website. *Arrangements by Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

Sharon "Sherry" Jarboe Baxter, age 79, of Church Hill, Maryland, passed away January 22, 2026, peacefully, surrounded by her family, at Anne Arundel Medical Center. Born November 25, 1946, in Sherwood, Maryland, Sherry was the daughter of Wilson M. Jarboe and Evelyn Sinclair Jarboe. Visitation will be held from 11:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Centreville, Maryland. The Memorial Service will begin at 1:00pm at the funeral home and will be followed with Burial at 3:00pm at Stevensville Cemetery in Stevensville, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

David Alan Powers, 71, of Stevensville, Maryland left this life, surrounded by his family, January 22, 2026, to be with his Lord, Jesus. David was born January 16, 1955 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts to the late Joseph A. Powers, Jr. and Eunice Joan (Diamond) Powers. The family will receive friends Sunday, February 1, 2026 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, Maryland. The funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Monday, February 2, 2026 beginning at 11:00am. Following the service Burial will be held at Stevensville Cemetery in Stevensville, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Herbert Swann Wilkinson, 86, of Chestertown, Maryland, passed away, January 20, 2026. Herbert was born February 10, 1939 in Washington, D.C. to the late Herbert Arnold Wilkinson and Katherine (Stimson) Wilkinson. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date and when details are available they will be posted on the funeral home's website. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

Juergen "Yogie" Klaus Meyer, 86, of Chestertown, Maryland, passed away peacefully January 20, 2026 at Complete Care at Corsica Hills, surrounded by his loving family. Yogie was born May 25, 1939 in Berlin Germany to the late Willi and Hildegard Meyer. Services will be held privately. *Arrangements by Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

Edmond Joseph Gardner, 90, a United States Marine Corps veteran, of Earleville, Maryland, passed away peacefully January 19, 2026 at AccentCare at Christiana Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware. Edmond was born July 10, 1935, to the late Rainey and Yvonne Gardner. A viewing was held on Thursday January 22, 2026 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at the Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech in Galena, Maryland, where the Funeral Service followed at 4:00pm. *Arrangements by Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

Angela "Angel" Gail Somers, 62, of Chester, Maryland, passed away unexpectedly January 16, 2026, at home with loved ones. Angela was born September 3, 1963 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Mildred Louise (Gernert) Walters and Raymond Joseph Walters. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 11:00am with a Visitation from 10:00am to 11:00am, at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

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What is a HealthChoice MCO?

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

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

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

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 - Explain your appeal & grievance rights
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The local Ombudsman acts as an advocate for your health care needs. An Ombudsman may contact you when there are complex medical issues

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