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Caroline County Bird Club

The Oldest Eastern Shore Chapter of The Maryland Ornithological Society!



Below you will find the upcoming schedule of programs and birding outings. You don't have to be a member of the club or a great birder to attend! Just come join the fun!

Thursday, February 19 – Movie. "Opposable Chums: Guts & Glory at the World Series of Birding with David Sibley, Pete Dunne and Kenn Kaufman". 7:30 PM, Caroline County Public Library, 100 Market St., Denton.

A fun look at the annual competitive bird watching event that takes place in New Jersey one day each Spring, where you get to know some of the best birders in North America. And did you know it is also a major fundraiser for conservation?

Thursday, March 19 - Program. Phil Davis. Update of the Maryland Next 10 Bird Species List. 7:30 PM, Caroline County Public Library, 100 Market St., Denton.

Maryland's Next Species - Periodically, the editors of the Maryland Yellowthroat have polled a number of Maryland birders to determine which species they predicted would be the next to be observed in our state. This presentation provides an update to the latest survey, indicating which species have since been recorded in the state, which ones are currently under review by the MD/DC Records Committee, and which ones are still predicted. For the still-predicted species, field identification is discussed, including key field marks with particular emphasis on how to separate similar species. This multi-media presentation includes both

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First New Store Opens in Denton Plaza, More To Follow Soon

By JOHN P. EVANS III

With the opening last month of the Dollar Tree store, the new-look Denton Plaza shopping center had its first new tenant since renovations began. The new store opening is a significant event in that several more businesses are expected to open in renovated space within the next few months.

According to Denton town administrator Don Mulrine, Dollar Tree is just one of four new stores expected to move by May into the shopping center along State Route 404 next to the Super Wal-Mart on Legion Road.

According to Mulrine, soon to follow are Petco (end of March), Sleepy's (end of April) and Verizon (end of April).

"We're excited about the Dollar Tree because it is the first of the new stores," said Mulrine in a phone conversation the week of Dollar Tree's expected opening. "When it opens, the others should follow quickly."

Soon after the mall's new property managers, Black Oak took over, the shopping center began to take on a new look – giving the strip center a cleaner, more modernized appearance.

Mulrine commented that when the four new stores open for business it will leave only the old indoor mall part of the center unoccupied.

"They are still looking for a Big Box store (larger retailer) to go into that part of the center," said Mulrine, who said a number of retailers had been contacted but backed out over their concern that Denton could draw enough customers, even with the new Wal-Mart nearby.

"Face it, Denton just isn't big enough to draw the really big retailers, although many of them have been contacted," he said.

Mulrine added, however, that there is some optimism that space can be filled by a single retailer because figures compiled by Wal-Mart gave an "astonishling" positive picture as to the number of shoppers who have come to that store since its 2013 opening.

"We hope that we can use some of those figures to attract other stores of the Big Box nature to that space," said Mulrine.

Mulrine said that at 32,000 residents, Denton alone isn't big enough to draw a bigger store, but Wal-Mart figures, which keep track of the zip codes of its customers, show that it draws customers from far beyond Denton, throughout the Mid-Shore area and even into some areas further away.

Mulrine added that a Rite-Aid will move into one of the free-standing, parking lot locations by April, as well.

Also under contract, according to Mulrine, is a pub-type restaurant to go into the space occupied by the now-closed Snappy's. He added that negotiations are also in the works to bring a free-standing restaurant into the mall.

"Several years ago, we underwent a study that showed us the amount of dollars that were leaving town because local residents needed to go somewhere else to shop for items they want," Mulrine said. "It showed \$14 million (a year) was leaving the county.

"Now, we're hoping that with the Wal-Mart and the stores that are coming to Denton Plaza, we can keep (the spending dollars) at home, here in Denton," said Mulrine.

Mulrine said the new look of the mall, its location along Route 404 and next to the Super Wal-Mart, and all the new stores, should sell other retailers on coming to Denton.

Mulrine added that the new stores would hopefully mean new jobs for local residents looking for work, especially younger job-seekers, and that the new stores would hire locally.

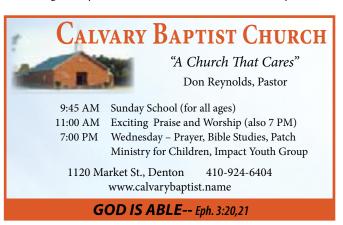
"It's an exciting time. It will be even more exciting when all the new retailers move in and the mall is full and looking fresh from its more modern, fresher look," he closed. "The likelihood for economic growth through added revenue and job opportunities for the Denton-area offers great opportunity.

Attempts were made to contact management at the Denton Wal-Mart and at Black Oak Associates, but calls were not returned.



Marydel Lions Club College Scholarships

The members of the Marydel Lions Club are pleased to announce the continuation of the Marydel Lions Club College Scholarship Program. The \$500 scholarships will be awarded to individuals from the Maryland and Delaware Mason-Dixon Line Communities of the Marydel area. Applications are available from any member of the Marydel Lions Club or at 302-492-3354. Application due date is to be postmarked no later than June 15, 2015 with the announcement of the recipients occurring in July, 2015 for the 2015 - 2016 academic year.



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The four-session program runs through February 28, with advanced registration needed as participation is limited. On each of the dates, the four to six year old program runs from 10-12 noon, and the seven to nine year old program runs from 1-3 p.m.

Small classes and age-appropriate projects facilitate the learning process while offering kids a special place and opportunity to explore the Chesapeake's unique people, animals, and environment. Each program is conducted inside and on the museum's waterfront campus, and includes activities inspired by the museum's exhibitions and historic vessels.

Enrollment in ChesAdventures engages children through hands-on games, arts and crafts, and storytelling. This year's themes include "Oh Deer! It's Winter!," "We Heart Snow," "Who Who Who knows about Owls," and "Weir are the Fish? Fishing the Native American Way."

The cost for the ChesAdventures program is \$12 per class for museum members and \$17 per class for non-members. A special four-session pass is available at \$40 for museum members and \$60 for non-members. Scholarships for individual sessions are available for qualifying students. To register or for more information, contact Allison Speight at aspeight@cbmm. org or 410-745-4941.





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Daddy Daughter Dance

Escort your princess to a special evening full of smiles, dancing, and fun at the Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Dance. Dad and daughters ages 3-12 will enjoy dancing, refreshments, souvenir photos and more! Dance is Sunday, February 15 at the General James F. Fretterd Community Center from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per couple and \$5 for each additional daughter. Registration deadline is February 6. The Community Center will be open from 3 – 5 p.m. to allow dads and daughters to have their pictures made.

Family Fun Night

Bring the entire family to Family Fun Night at the Fretterd Community Center. Beat the winter blues with a steaming evening of pirates and lost boys as we take a trip to Neverland with Robin Williams in "Hook" on Saturday, February 21 from 5-8 p.m. Dominos will pro-

vide pizza and Hershey's will provide the ice cream. Popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase. Bring comfy pillows, blankets, or chairs. Cost is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Children 3 & under are free.

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St. Paddy's Day 10K and 5K

Start your salute to the Irish in all of us March 14th on this certified fast and scenic course through scenic residential neighborhoods. Event proceeds benefit Recreation & Parks youth and family programming scholarships. There will be Irish fiddling on the course and always a few lucky surprises. Finish line production by Seashore Striders. Onsite registration starts at 7:30 a.m. Race starts at 9 a.m. at the Fretterd Community Center in Denton. You can register at www.active.com and look for the St. Paddy's race in Denton.

The Lil' Leprechaun Dash is a thrilling 200 foot chase exclusively for youngsters under the age of 5 from the corner of Randolph and 4th streets to the finish line and cheering crowds. Participants will make their own lucky gold medal. Dash will be at 8:45 a.m. before the St. Paddy Day race and cost is \$5 in advance and \$7 on site.

Sports

South Caroline Youth Basketball

instructional league for boys and girls in grades six through eight. Program will be offered at Colonel Richardson Middle School. This league is intended to foster the athletic talent of youth through specific skills associated with basketball. Following up on the Junior NBA/WNBA program currently taught in grades two through five, this program expands the program to middle school youth. Practices/ skill development will last a total of 10 weeks on Mondays for boys and Thursdays for girls. Approximately every other week, games will be scheduled on Saturdays (five Saturdays in all). League starts the week of March 2 at 5:30 p.m. through May 9. Cost is \$29.



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Caroline Mentoring Program Offers Guidance To Youths

By John P. Evans III

Active since 1998, the Caroline County Mentoring program currently has mentors for 28 youths, but is always looking for more adults to become involved.

"We currently have 21 adult mentors, but we can always use more. Right now, we're a little above average in the num-

ber of mentees we have, which is currently 28," said Tony Gianninoto, who became involved in the program four years ago after retiring from the county public school system.

"When I retired from teaching I was looking for something to continue working with youth in the county," said Gianninoto. "My wife, Karen, has been a mentor for six years."

Gianninoto said the mentoring program in the county got a shot in the arm a few years back when funding for and supervi

sion of the program was taken over by the YMCA of the Chesapeake, which

now offers financial support with funds raised through its annual Strong Kids fundraising campaign.

According to its website, the YMCA Strong Kids project is an annual fundraising campaign "focused on raising much needed resources to support proven YMCA programs that give kids the opportunities they need to reach their full potential: to live healthier, happier lives today, and grow into productive adults in the future."

Gianninoto added that although funding for the mentors program comes

This photo was taken at Jewels Landing Farm in Ridgely. The program enjoyed a visit to the horse farm.

from the YMCA, the program also benefits from the support given it from the

Caroline County Public Schools, the Caroline County Health Department and the Christ Episcopal Church in Denton.

"It really is a collaborative effort from all these groups that keeps the program going strong." he said.

According to Gianninoto, each mentor is assigned a school-age youth and makes a commitment to spend at least two hours a week with that child doing some sort of activity, during which he/she helps in teaching life skills and instilling positive values. The child's fam-

ily must also be committed and involved in the program by supporting the relationship between the mentor and the child and being involved in the activities as well."

"The mentoring project focuses on developing a trusting relationship between a caring adult and a child," he added. "But it also involves the family in the program, so the relationship actually is with the child and their family.

"Sometimes, more than one child from a family is involved in the program. In that case, a mentor might take on one or

more kids who are related," Gianninoto added.



Once a month or more, activities are arranged through the mentoring program and could include a trip to the Tuckahoe State Park, the Salisbury Zoo, ice skating, swimming or even a trip to a minor league or major league baseball game. Costs for these activities is paid for by the YMCA.

Gianninoto added that each child who is part of the mentoring program also gets a free membership to the YMCA of the Chesapeake, which allows them to use the Easton YMCA facilities as well as the Denton facilities.

Great care is taken in screening the mentor. All persons applying to be a mentor must go through a background check and finger-printing process before being approved, then go through a training program.

Not only is the program rewarding for the youth, but the mentors themselves benefit from the relationships.

"My mentee is a joyous addition to my life as I am privileged to see things as a new adventure through her eyes," Norma Schultz, a third-year mentor, said of her experience.

Another program associated with the Caroline Mentoring program, but not a direct part of it, is the after-school tutoring program at North Caroline High School. Through this program, tutoring sessions for high-school age teens are held Tuesdays and Thursdays after school at the high school. Adult and high school juniors and seniors serve as tutors with needy students on their studies or homework. A large number of the tutored students in this program are from the school system's English Language Learner (ELL) program.

"Often, kids in the after-school tutoring program are plugged into the mentoring program and assigned mentors," said Gianninoto. "The after-school program also helps some of the student tutors to earn their service learning hours."

Back to the mentoring program, Gianninoto said mentors must be 21 years or older and willing to make the time commitment necessary to make the relationship with the child worthwhile, at least two hours each week is the norm



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Gianninoto said anyone wishing to be a mentor should contact him at tgianninoto@comcast.net. Those wishing to make a financial contribution to support

the program, should do so by giving to the YMCA'S Strong Kids program and designating that the donation should be used to fund the Caroline Mentoring program.



Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore (FACES)

The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore (FACES) is a program of the Caroline County Council of Arts and is located at 7 N. Fourth Street, Denton. Visit the current exhibit Thursday to Saturday from 12-4 PM.

Exhibit Information

Art in the Weave, Early American Coverlets: The Spence Collection

On display through March 28, 2015. The coverlet collection of the Spence family will make you wonder why you haven't spent more time looking for your own piece of American history. These hand woven beauties from the 1800's were



made by women, men, the housewife, and the itinerant weaver. Easily overlooked in their day as necessary items, today the art in their various designs, use of color, durability, and charm is hard to miss. This slice of America's material culture will be on display in the FACES gallery for visitors who want to experience a lost art form.

Men At Work, Looking at the Local Artist

On display through March 28, 2015. In an art form often dominated in modern times by women, there is a different point of view to be found - the male perspective. Through various media the male fiber artist does not create to define their gender but to express themselves in this versatile media. Come help us to honor the work of some local artists who are experimenting in the world fiber.

Join us at the opening reception! Saturday, Febuary 14th, from 2-4 p.m.

Class Information

Knitted Irish Moss Hat; Tuesdays, February 17 & 24, 6 -8 p.m.; Instructor, Alida Greenhalgh; \$30; for adults. A two session class for knitters. Learn how to take a basic stitch and turn it into a work of art.

Jelly Role Quilt Top; Friday, February 20, 6-9 p.m.; Instructor, Lynn Davis;



\$10; for adults. Ideal for beginners. A "jelly role" is a bundle of pre-cut fabric strips. Learn how to sew these strips into a wonderful quilt top that can be used for the Jelly Role Throw class on Sunday, February 22.

Quilt As You Go Jelly Role Throw; Sunday, February 22, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.; Instructor, Lynn Davis; \$30; for adults. Ideal for beginners. Learn an easy way to quilt using your standard home sewing machine. Students can bring their own Jelly Role quilt top, or attend the companion class on Friday, February 20.

Intro to Quilting; March 1st -3rd, Sunday 1 - 5 p.m, Monday & Tuesday 6-8 p.m.; Instructor, Donna Hayes; \$45; for adults. Gain a basic understanding of how to make quilts on the sewing machine. Techniques will include beginning level piecing, quilting, and finishing. Students will have a completed lap quilt square at the end of the course.

Teen Friday Night Sew-In; Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 5:30-8 p.m.; Instructor, Lynn Davis; \$10 per session or \$30 for all 4 sessions; ages 14 and up; parents welcome. Learn basic sewing skills while making four cool projects: three seam pillow case, quilted cell phone cozy, infinity scarf, and zippered wristlet.

Knitting a Shawl; Tuesdays, March 24, 31, April 7, & 8, 6-8 p.m.; Instructor, Alida Greenhalgh; \$60; for adults. Four session class for knitters who would like to broaden their knitting skills. Students will complete a simple shawl.

Scrappy Mod Quad Quilt; Sundays, April 12 & 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Instructor, Lynn Davis; \$30; for adults. Ideal for beginners. Learn how to make a modern looking quilt using a special quilt-asyou-go technique that makes the joining strips disappear.

Beginning Knitting; Tuesdays, April 21, & 28, 6-8 p.m.; Instructor, Alida Greenhalgh; \$30; for adults.Learn the basics of knitting. Students will complete a cowl.

For more information and to register for classes visit www.fiberartscenter.com or contact 410-479-0009, info@fiberartscenter.com.

CCCA Publishes Story Tellers: Stories by Writers from Caroline County, Maryland

The Caroline County Council of Arts has had a long standing tradition of

providing programs for local writers, including an annual short contest for all ages, and, most recently, an adult writing club called Write On! which meets twice a month at The Foundry. At these meetings writers share their work, encourage fellow writers, and generally enjoy the process. All this activity has culminated in the publishing of "Story Tellers", a selection of writings from Write On! members and Short Story Contest winners. The book is illustrated by artwork from last year's Youth Art Show winners.



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Caroline County 4-H Shotgun Club Earns Medals

Ryan Boyles, Brockman Harris, Cole Patrick and Matthew Lloyd are members of the Caroline County 4-H Shotgun Club. Each one earned medals during the Maryland 4-H Shotgun Match. These teens gained skills through interaction and directions provided by Ed Biscoe and Travis Elliott, who both serve as University of Maryland Extension volunteers. The Caroline County 4- H members practice regularly at the Talbot Rod and Gun Club near Easton. This club is very much appreciative of the support that the Talbot Rod and Gun Club members provide to help them gain marksmanship skills.

Like all of the 4-H programs, the purpose of the shooting sports programs is youth development and teaching of life skills to young people. The shotgun club helps youth develop self- confidence, personal discipline, responsibility, teamwork, self-esteem and sportsmanship. The discipline and self- control required for responsible firearms use carries over into many other aspects of life.

Are you interested in learning more about 4-H shooting sports programs? Caroline County 4-H has programs for all youth ages 10-18 in the disciplines of archery, rifle and shotgun. All University of Maryland 4-H programs are "Equal Access/Equal Opportunity." Please check out the details at the following website: extension.umd.edu/caroline-county or by calling 410-479-4030.







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Valuing the Cost of Education-cost versus the benefit of the "college experience"

It is February and that time of the year when high school seniors are making their final choices as to where they are considering going to college. They have spent the last four years preparing for this day and have worked diligently in making themselves look the best they can, both personally and academically.

Some will get accepted to numerous institutions of higher learning while others will hope and pray that the one school that they really want to attend chooses them to grace their halls. Some soon to be high school graduates are convincing themselves that the career path they have chosen must begin at a particular school, and there is no other school on the planet that comes close to being able to provide the educational experience they will get at this particular school.

The reality of all this is that choosing a college is much more of an emotional decision for many instead of a business decision. Institutions of higher learning promote themselves not only as meccas of knowledge and enlightenment but as sanctuaries of opportunity for young adults to morph into mature contributing members of society with skills

and know how to achieve gainful employment and fulfill the promise of the American Dream. In our lovely State of Maryland colleges and universities have spent literally over a billion dollars during the last eight years building state of the art facilities to entice and draw those seeking a higher education.

Go around this state and look at the new construction that has been done at huge taxpayer expense at the likes of Salisbury University, University of Maryland, Towson University, UMBC, Bowie and any other college under the University System in Maryland, not to mention all the construction done at Community Colleges throughout this state. If you don't think that Higher Education is big business just take some college tours and see what is being spent on physical plant.

Attracting students is the number one reason for building new and more attractive facilities. The number two reason is to attract and retain professors who are actually teaching less. According to The Higher Ed Research Institute at UCLA the percentage of full time faculty teaching nine or more hours per week has dropped from 63.4% in 1989 to 43.6%

in 2010. At the same time the increase in Administrative expense at colleges has increased 61.2% from 1993 to 2007 and actual instruction cost increased only 39.3% according to the Goldwater Institute. It is obvious that colleges are attracting students for reasons other than instruction. Academics have taken a back seat to the business of the "college experience".

But attracting students is becoming more of a challenge because potential students are looking at the cost versus the benefit of the "college experience".

Colleges have had a pretty free ride with tuition costs. Increases in tuition rates would be absorbed by students by taking on additional student loan debt. Another tactic used by colleges is the granting of scholarships through outright reductions in tuition or trustee/presidential grants. These grants are usually for the entire four year program and actually help college's lure more potential students. These grants can actually increase the bottom line to the college. By offering more grants (discounts) more students can actually attend without the college lowering tuition across the board for everyone. Car dealers have this down to an art with rebates.

If colleges are so expensive, but I need a college education to achieve my career goals, what am I able to do? How can I get the education that will move me to where I need to be without me having to take on mountains of student loan debt?

The first thing I would suggest is to go to the myplan.com website and find out the income ranges for the career you feel you will work toward. This website provides a ton of additional information regarding salaries of those in the career path you have chosen. It also shows college satisfaction ratings for over 600 colleges in the country. It gives all kind of information about how to pay for college, loans and tuition assistance. I highly recommend checking it out be



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fore you finalize you decision.

Granted many high school graduates are not sure what they want to do with their life, and that is okay. There are not a lot of 40 year olds that are working at a job that they envisioned when they graduated from high school. And many of us, me included, have a degree that is not related at all to the career they have chosen. For many of us the college degree opens doors of opportunity that would not necessarily be opened without a college degree. Not everyone chooses their individual career path. Sometime it chooses you.

Up until recently colleges have had carte blanche in what they charged in tuition and room and board without having to suffer the loss of significant numbers of students. Tuition increases were, and to some extent still are, offset with additional student loan borrowings. A student's ability to repay is never a factor when getting a student loan, only the student's need is required. So what if the student already has \$50,000 in student loans? Here is one more! And unfortunately these loans begin repayment at the most fragile time of a young adult's career, the beginning.

Think of the excitement of getting that first job, first apartment, new car. To all this excitement add the baggage of a \$200, \$300 or even \$500 student loan payment and before you know it something is not getting paid on time and/or not getting paid at all. Student loan debt needs to be a funding source of last resort when paying for college.

Before you get what you think at the time is free money, be sure to milk all you can from scholarships and grants and tuition assistance. Work a part time job to help offset expenses. Have a frank conversation with parents about help from them, and parents, consider a Home Equity loan, assuming you have equity in your home. Pay the interest while your child is in school and, when they graduate, have them repay what you have borrowed.

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decision and not an emotional decision. If you don't, you could find yourself paying a lot more than you need to for longer than you want to.

Ch-Ch-Changes Harness the Power of Resolve in 2015

By Penny Hadaway

You have had a month to implement your New Year's Resolutions and if you are already feeling irresolute, you are probably with the majority. So what is stopping you from creating the person you want to be? Common impediments to greater happiness are: carrying around problems you can't seem to get over, being intimidated by challenges and giving up, or not getting to the things that make life worth living. Feeling illequipped to get over it, get through it, or get to it, leaves you starting out with the scales tilted toward disappointment. The following tips from Navy SEAL training may benefit you when you are having difficulty getting through something.

The first training that SEALs are put through is a sorting out process that concludes with hell week, where they get four hours of sleep over a sixty-hour period of time, and they spend a lot of time being cold and wet. (Does this already make your resolution seem easier to achieve?) In this phase of training the Navy discovered that despite selecting high IQ candidates who were great physical specimens, in this six week period of time, 76% of these carefully selected candidates were dropping out of the program. By studying these people to find out what made the difference between quitting and persevering, the Navy was able to begin training SEAL candidates intensively in four critical habits that increased the graduation rate by 50%!

Habit 1: Focus On Right Now. The major way to combat stress





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when you're doing something very difficult is to narrow your focus. Narrow it down to the immediate future. Navy SEALs focus on just getting to the end of the twenty-mile run. They don't think about anything after that, not the next meal, or the inspection coming after that, nor any further test. The Navy SEALS are trained to just focus on the job directly in front of them..

Habit 2: Imagine How Good It Will Feel.

When rehearsing past successes, it is important to go through a victory list in a way that you are reliving it all over again (as opposed to running a movie of your past successes in your mind's eye). By the time you're done with twenty or thirty of those successes, you'll be very familiar how your body conveys feelings that tell you, "I'm pleased with myself. I'm on top of this. I'm doing this. It's working." Then take that feeling of success and imagine what it will be like when you successfully do the thing you're doing right now. The trick to that is to transfer those wonderful feelings to the task you're doing and tell yourself how good it feels to be making progress, how good it feels to be almost done, how good it feels to be completing this task. Make a habit of noticing that every little step feels good and moves you forward. You can do this over and over again. And as you do, you're providing your brain with extra experiences of success, which will further deepen the feelings and make them easier for you to access when you need them.

Habit 3: When all Else Fails, Breath Deeply.

When you are in the process of being discouraged, demotivated, or physically drained, there is often a sort of inner collapse and panic reaction. "I can't do it! I can't hold on! Oh, no!" That's when two little parts of your brain about the size of a pair of thumbnails take over your life. The amygdala determines when you are safe and when you're not. When you feel yourself failing, the amygdala decides that everything has gone to hell in a hand basket and you're likely to have a panic reaction of some kind. The way to beat this primal reaction is by flooding your body with oxygen. You actually change your blood chemistry, when you do, it calms down the amygdala. The Navy SEALs are taught to do this special kind of breathing, you can try it right now.

Inhale for the count of six. Hold it for a count of two. Then exhale for a count of six—completely emptying your lungs. Do this three times, just three times, anytime during the day. Doing this kind of breathing lowers your blood pressure. You flood your brain with oxygen, increasing your ability to think and react without panic or excess emotion. Being able to breathe easily and think clearly makes using the other habits possible.

Habit 4: Cheer yourself on.

The Navy SEALs are taught to create their own cheering section—to be their personal chorus of encouragement. They mentally hear their own voice say, "You can do it! This is easy. Forget that mistake. Focus on the next (shot, step, swim stroke, etc.) and on getting it better." They constantly cheer themselves on while they're in the process of doing it—instead of saying, "This is terrible. This is exhausting. I wonder if my ankle is go

ing to hold up. I've got a blister. My pack is loose and shifting around."

Instead of listing their troubles, they list everything that feels good. This isn't about being reasonable; this about being successful. If this methodology is working for people who are in the most challenging situation that humans can invent, how well will it work for you?

So next time you are wavering in your resolve, feeling wishy-washy, or freaking out in the moment, try these steps. Six-two-six count breathing will help you regain some equilibrium and enable you to put your focus on the task at hand, tap into past successes, and cheer yourself on. (Adapted from NLP: The Essential Guide)

In making any new year's resolution, you've recognized it is essential to shift something about your current way of life to arrive at the sweet spot of accomplishment. Perhaps you have decided to work at changing small pieces of yourself—like eliminating clutter, or ending procrastination. Or maybe you've decided to just go for it—a total transformation: get your body and soul to a higher and happier plane and park yourself there until further notice. That body and spirit come as a package deal makes for an efficiency of effort I can appreciate. An upgrade in one positively affects the other. What usually gets in the way is that these two facets of being are connected by the mind.

Intellect formulates the possibilities from which you make your choices. What goes on in your head, the stories you tell yourself, matter. Begin to think in a new way and you get to do new things and feel new things. Resolutions are about updating, renewing, and enhancing your life. To keep a resolution is to give yourself a promotion. Harness the power of your resolve. Join me in a free seminar Essential Resolve: Plan to Succeed.

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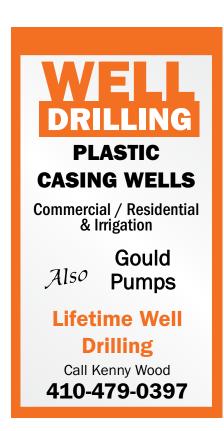
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Rec & Parks Annual St. Paddy's Day 5K/10K Run Set for March 14th

Share your Irish spirit and dare to sport your green and join Caroline County Recreation and Parks for the 8th annual St. Paddy's Day 5K Run and Walk on Saturday, March 14. And this year, the more ambitious runners can opt to "Go the distance" and participate in the 10K Run. The race starts at 9 a.m. and on-site registration opens at 7:30 a.m.

This a fun event for the whole family! Also added to the schedule this year is a Leprechaun Dash at 8:30 a.m for runners ages 3 – 5 and every little leprechaun will be a winner with a special kid crafted medal. There will also be festival give-aways, pre-race crafts, face-painting, door prizes and live music. You can even bring your Lucky Dog to pace you. Just remember to bring a leash and register in the Lucky Dog Category.

Tim Bamforth from Seashore Striders provides finish line coordination and registration can be done on-line through Seashore Striders website at seashorestriders.com or by calling Caroline County Recreation & Parks.

Register by March 6th to guarantee your Tech Performance T or opt to save \$5 and skip the memorial tee. For the first time this year, women's cut shirts are available as well as Men's Cut.

Proceeds from the event help kids in Caroline County participate in summer enrichment programs that their families might otherwise not be able to afford. Event production sponsors include Sustainable Science, Provident State Bank, the Methodist Board of Child Care and Win Transport.

Registration fees for the 5K are \$20/advance; \$25 after March 6th and \$30 in advance and \$35 after March 6 for the 10K. Take a \$5 discount for a No Shirt Discount. Run with your favorite four-legged companion in the 5K for \$30 in advance/\$35 after March 6th and the Leprechaun Dash is \$5 per participant. For more information call 410-479-8120 or visit carolinerecreation.org or seashorestriders.com.







Greensboro resident Levi Porter with his lucky "Lepre-dog" before the start of the 2014 race.





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Up from the Ashes – A Mother's Pledge to Redefine Her Daughter's **Memory After a Heroin Overdose**

By Amy Blades Steward

It starts like any other love story. For Valerie and Rick Albee of Easton, their daughter, Mariah Albee, was the apple of their eye. Their only child, they raised Mariah with love and support. Born in Anchorage, Alaska, the family relocated to Severna Park, Maryland when Mariah was three. They enrolled her in Montessori School where she was a high achiever. Her mother, Valerie recalls, "She was very artistic, self-confident, and although shy, she had many friends. It was a happy childhood."

As her interests grew, Mariah competed on the swim team and participated in cheerleading. She took private flute and ballet lessons and by the age of 10, she was the youngest member of the Anne Arundel Community College Concert Band and in the All County Middle/Jr. Band. She also performed with the Ballet Theatre of Annapolis in several Nutcracker productions.

In the middle school years, however, Mariah began to experience bullying by her peers. She went on to attend Severna Park High School and by age 14, she began suffering from anxiety and depression. Her mother recalls the trips to the therapists, who at different times diagnosed Mariah's behavior as either acting out or Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD).

During high school, Mariah began self-medicating with alcohol and prescription drugs to deal with her anxiety and depression. Even though she was experiencing these conflicting emotions, she still managed to be a cheerleader, football manager, and a member of the Maryland Youth Symphony Flute Choir. She also found time to help the poor and the homeless. Eventually, the debilitating effects of her emotions required her to be homeschooled to complete her senior year. In 2000, she was ultimately diagnosed at Johns Hopkins Hospital with having bipolar disorder.

Although Mariah was capable of acquiring several jobs, she was unable to sustain them due to her emotional conflicts. During this time, Mariah was slipping away. By 2003 she attended drug rehabilitation for the first time. By this point, she was using heroin, prescription drugs and alcohol. The addiction continued through the next five years, with repeated rehabilitation stays. In 2008, she was able to "get clean" and was married in 2009, only to have the marriage dissolve in 2010. During that time, Mariah was happy and worked as a manager for approximately two years. Her employer commented how she was loved by everyone for her organizational skills, her great attitude, her giving personality, and most of all, for her



Left to right: Mariah Albee, Valerie Albee, and Rick Albee. effects were devastating. Their only

enthusiasm.

By 2012, Mariah had moved home and was again trying to get her life together - attending Anne Arundel Community College to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. The family took a two-week vacation to visit Valerie's sister Eileen and her family in Michigan. Everything seemed perfect. Then one week after returning home, the unthinkable happened. On September 7, 2012, Mariah died of a heroin overdose at her parents' home at the age of 29.

For Valerie and Rick Albee, the

child was gone. Valerie turned to grief counseling to try and deal with her loss and eventually found solace in a bereavement group of parents in Pasadena. The members were like her, having lost children to substance abuse. She recalls, "I wouldn't be alive today without their counseling help."

It has been two years since her daughter's death and Valerie has been searching for meaning in it all. She comments, "I don't want drugs to define who Mariah was. These kids don't want to be drug addicts."

In November 2013, the Albees moved to the Eastern Shore for a new start. While living in Easton Village in Easton, Valerie met a group of women who have embraced her and want to get involved in making a difference with the issue of substance abuse on the Eastern Shore.



The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene reported in July 2014 that the number of heroin-related emergency department visits for Marylanders has more than tripled, with 1200 visits in 2013 – up from 871 visits in 2012. Two age groups showed large increases in heroin deaths between 2012 and 2013, one of which was individuals ages 25 to 34 years of age, just like Mariah. The State reported that there has been an 88 percent increase in heroin-related deaths in Maryland since 2011.

Encouraged by her group of friends, Valerie approached the Mid-Shore Community Foundation and established Mariah's Mission Fund. The purpose of the Fund reads: "Mariah's Mission Fund has been established to honor our beloved daughter, Mariah, who lost her life to heroin. The mission is to provide resources for worthy organizations that support families who have lost loved ones to drugs and/or alcohol. We will use our struggles and experiences to empower the community through awareness and education."

Valerie adds, "I recently decided to tell my story to gain support for services to help families struggling with the issue of addiction on the Shore. By establishing the fund at Mid-Shore Community Foundation, I hope to support the development of these services and make them available to the community here."

Buck Duncan, president, Mid-Shore Community Foundation, states, "We are thrilled that the Albees have decided to start a fund of this kind. It will provide resources to help families

in our region who are trying to cope with the stresses of substance abuse and increase awareness of this important community issue."

Valerie's friends are helping her raise funds for Mariah's Mission Fund, meeting monthly to plan fundraising activities. Currently, the group is planning to hold a silent auction in the spring of 2015. Valerie is also working with the bereavement staff at Talbot Hospice Foundation in hopes of creating a support group by next spring on the Eastern Shore to help parents who have lost children to substance abuse. In the meantime, she is encouraging any parents in need of these supportive services to attend a bereavement group for parents at the Chesapeake Life Center in Pasadena, MD. The group meets on Mondays once a month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For further information on meeting times, call 410-987-2129, ext. 1271.

Sharon Huseman, Executive Director of Talbot Partnership, comments, "I am reminded of how courageous it is for parents to share their experiences like Valerie has after dealing with the pain of losing their child to addiction. Addiction is like the elephant in the room that no one wants to talk about. Parents often feel a stigma in having a child who is suffering from substance abuse problems."

Donations to Mariah's Mission Fund are tax-deductible and can be made by contacting the Mid-Shore Community Foundation at 410-820-8175 or by visiting www.mscf.org. For fur-



ther information about helping with the spring silent auction for the Fund, contact Valerie Albee at mariahsmission2014@ gmail.com. For parent resources in dealing with teen substance abuse, visit the Talbot County Parent Coalition at parentscoalitionoftalbotpartnership.org.

Poem

by Mariah Albee

(Written to her parents while she was in rehab in 2007)

When I was little my dreams were so bright.

I never imagined my life wouldn't be alright.

Like any little girl, I played and went to school.

Taught to always live by the rules.

My mind was filled with dreams and hope.

Unaware of the nightmare of dope.

Somehow, somewhere, my dreams went up in smoke.

With real life I could no longer cope.

With drugs and danger I began to flirt.

After all, who could I hurt?

Whenever there was pain or anger to feel.

It was stopped and stifled with little pills.

Oh, but I made some progress didn't I?

I found stronger drugs to get me high.

My dreams turned to hallucination.

My world was empty of imagination.

If my visions were to become real

There was always another pill.

Slowly, all my hopes and dreams were destroyed by addict schemes.

My morals and values were tossed aside

As I deserted my hopes and dreams

My childhood lullabies were replaced by bent spoons

I woke to the nightmare of looking through bars

I knew I could no longer reach for the stars

I finally had to face a scary reality

No one could change this situation but me.

I have learned it's ok to think and feel.

To go through life without the needle

Now I can reach for the stars.

ONE DAY AT A TIME!

(Postscript: Maybe you can understand me a little better now. I love you mom, dad and grandpa! – Mariah)







Optimist Club of Salisbury Hosts 50th Annual Better Living Expo, Celebrates 60th Year as 'Friend of Youth' in Wicomico County

The Optimist Club of Salisbury hosts its 50th Annual Better Living Expo on Friday-Sunday, February 20-22, at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center. Over 125 regional vendors showcase products, services and innovations for the home and garden, as well as fine arts and crafts.

"Last October the Optimist Club began its 60th year in Wicomico County," said Jason Curtin, the club's president for 2014-15. "Our mission is to support youth-oriented programs in the community and we appreciate everyone who supports us by coming out to see what's new at the expo year after year."

Featured are landscaping and HVAC companies, contractors and remodelers, custom-made Dutch furniture and quilts, gutter/leaf relief, pest control, insurance agencies, health and fitness, and more. The Midway Room also is entirely devoted to fine arts and crafts, including jewelry, alpaca clothing, paintings and foods, among other specialties.

A stage features live entertainment and demonstrations throughout the weekend. There also will be children's activities.

Expo hours are 4-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Friday admission is \$1. Saturday and Sunday tickets are \$4 and may be used both days. All proceeds support Optimist programs for youth in the community.

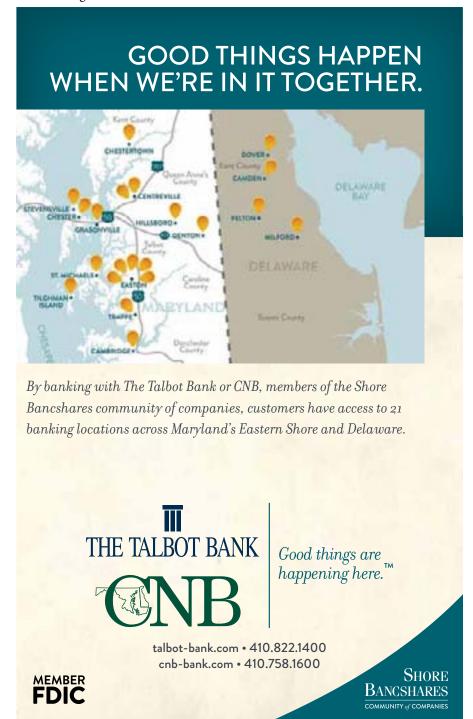
Throughout the year, the Optimist Club sponsors a Youth Appreciation Day, the Sea Gull Classic Basketball Tournament, essay and oratorical contests for middle and high school students, a Respect for Law banquet and Wicomico County Parks and Recreation girls' softball teams. The Club also offers five \$1,500 college scholarships to area students annually, and donates funds to a variety of

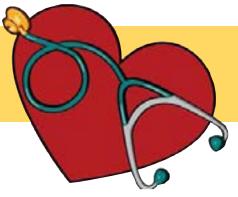
educational and youth-related efforts.

The Better Living Expo is the Optimist Club's main fundraiser for these endeavors, along with its Golf for Kid's Sake Tournament in October. Club officers for 2014-15 are: President Jason Curtin of Denton; First Vice President Kort Dickson of Salisbury and Second Vice President Will Tyler of Marion; First Director Don Fitzgerald, Second Director Jim Walling and Treasurer Dave Corry, all of Salisbury; Secretary Nikki Tyler of Marion; Sargent at Arms Tom Chesser

of Delmar; Scribe Katie Curtin of Denton; and Past President Mike DeFiore of Salisbury.

Optimist Clubs have been "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" since 1919. Optimist members believe in young people and want to empower them to be the best they can be. For more information, visit the Salisbury Optimist Club website at www.salisburyoptimist.org or Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SalisburyOptimist.





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Brockson Named Regional Patient Advocate for U.M. Shore Regional Health



Amy Brockson, RN, BSN, CEN, has been appointed regional patient advocate for U.M. Shore Regional Health.

Amy Brockson, RN, BSN, CEN, of Ridgely, has assumed the new position of regional patient advocate for University of Maryland Shore Regional Health, according to Kim Billingslea, RN, BSN, NE-BC, regional director, patient and family-centered care.

Brockson, who had served U.M. Shore Regional Health as emergency clinical coordinator of U.M. Shore Medical Center at Dorchester since 2010, has diverse clinical, management and leadership skills, including the management of direct and indirect care for patients of diverse ages and backgrounds with a wide variety of medical issues with care requirements ranging from minor to critical care. She also spent nine years in emergency nursing.

The recipient of a 2nd place Spectrum Nurse Excellence Award for Clinical Implementation from Care.com (Maryland, Delaware and Virginia), Brockson holds several specialized nursing certifications, including stroke, pediatric

Adult Grief Support Group

Compass Regional Hospice is forming a new grief support group for adults 18 years and older who have lost a loved one. The group will meet at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall, 508 High Street in Chestertown from 3 to 5 p.m. The group will meet every Tuesday for ten consecutive weeks.

The grief support group will be co-facilitated by Ann O'Connor, LCSW-C, and Wayne Larrimore, MEd, grief counselors for Compass Regional Hospice.

For more information about the adult grief support group, contact Ann O'Connor, 443-262-4100, aoconnor@compassregionalhospice.org or Wayne Larrimore, 443-262-4100, wlarrimore@

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"Amy will be working with our patients throughout the region and addressing any concerns regarding patient care and treatment," notes Billingslea. "Her exceptional experience and her many accomplishments are very well suited to this new position."

How Sugars and Sweeteners Affect Your Health

Illustration of a woman surrounded by healthy foods that don't contain added sugar.

Most of us love sweet foods and drinks. But after that short burst of sweetness, you may worry about how sweets affect your waistline and your overall health. Is sugar really bad for us? How about artificial or low-calorie sweeteners? What have scientists learned about the sweet things that most of us eat and drink every day?

Our bodies need one type of sugar, called glucose, to survive. "Glucose is the number one food for the brain, and it's an extremely important source of fuel throughout the body," says Dr. Kristina Rother, an NIH pediatrician and expert on sweeteners. But there's no need to add glucose to your diet, because your body can make the glucose it needs by breaking down food molecules like carbohydrates, proteins, and fats.

Some sugars are found naturally in foods, such as fruits, vegetables, and milk. "These are healthful additions to your diet," says Dr. Andrew Bremer, a pediatrician and NIH expert on sweeteners. "When you eat an orange, for instance, you're getting a lot of nutrients and dietary fiber along with the natural sugars."

Although sugar itself isn't bad, says Rother, "sugar has a bad reputation that's mostly deserved because we consume too much of it. It's now in just about every food we eat."

Experts agree that Americans eat and drink way too much sugar, and it's contributing to the obesity epidemic. Much of the sugar we eat isn't found naturally in food but is added during processing or preparation.

About 15% of the calories in the American adult diet come from added sugars. That's about 22 teaspoons of added sugar a day. Sugars are usually added to make foods and drinks taste better. But such foods can be high in calories and offer none of the healthful benefits of fruits and other naturally sweet foods.

Sugar-sweetened beverages like soda, energy drinks, and sports drinks are the leading source of added sugars in the American diet. Juices naturally contain a lot of sugar. But sometimes, even more is added to make them taste sweeter.

"Juices offer some vitamins and other nutrients, but I think those benefits are greatly offset by the harmful effects of





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too much sugar," says Bremer.

Over time, excess sweeteners can take a toll on your health. "Several studies have found a direct link between excess sugar consumption and obesity and cardiovascular problems worldwide," Bremer says.

Because of these harmful effects, many health organizations recommend that Americans cut back on added sugars. But added sugars can be hard to identify. On a list of ingredients, they may be listed as sucrose (table sugar), corn sweetener, high-fructose corn syrup, fruit-juice concentrates, nectars, raw sugar, malt syrup, maple syrup, fructose sweeteners, liquid fructose, honey, molasses, anhydrous dextrose, or other words ending in "-ose," the chemical suffix for sugars. If any of these words are among the first few ingredients on a food label, the food is likely high in sugar. The total amount of sugar in a food is listed under "Total Carbohydrate" on the Nutrition Facts label.

Many people try cutting back on calories by switching from sugar-sweetened to diet foods and drinks that contain low- or no-calorie sweeteners. These artificial sweeteners—also known as sugar substitutes—are many times sweeter than table sugar, so smaller amounts are needed to create the same level of sweetness.

People have debated the safety of artificial sweeteners for decades. To date, researchers have found no clear evidence that any artificial sweeteners approved for use in the U.S. cause cancer or other serious health problems in humans.

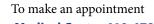


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But can they help with weight loss? Scientific evidence is mixed. Some studies suggest that diet drinks can help you drop pounds in the short term, but weight tends to creep back up over time. Rother and other NIH-funded researchers are now working to better understand the complex effects that artificial sweeteners can have on the human body.

Studies of rodents and small numbers of people suggest that artificial sweeteners can affect the healthful gut microbes that help us digest food. This in turn can alter the body's ability to use glucose, which might then lead to weight gain. But until larger studies are done in people, the long-term impact of these sweeteners on gut microbes and weight remains uncertain.

"There's much controversy about the health effects of artificial sweeteners and the differences between sugars and sweeteners," says Dr. Ivan de Araujo of Yale University. "Some animal studies indicate that sweeteners can produce physiological effects. But depending on what kind of measurement is taken, including in humans, the outcomes may be conflicting."

De Araujo and others have been studying the effects that sugars and low-calorie sweeteners might have on the brain. His animal studies found that sugar and sweeteners tap differently into the brain's reward circuitry, with sugars having a more powerful and pleasurable effect.

"The part of the brain that mediates the 'I can't stop' kinds of behaviors seems to be especially sensitive to sugars and largely insensitive to artificial sweeteners," de Araujo says. "Our long-term goal is really to understand if sugars or caloric sweeteners drive persistent intake of food. If exposed to too much sugar, does the brain eventually change in ways that lead to excess consumption? That's what we'd like to know."

Some research suggests that the intensely sweet taste of artificial, low-calorie sweeteners can lead to a "sweet tooth," or a preference for sweet things. This in turn might lead to overeating. But more studies are needed to confirm the relative effects of caloric vs. non-caloric sweeteners.

"In the long run, if you want to lose weight, you need to establish a healthy lifestyle that contains unprocessed foods, moderate calories, and more exercise," Rother says.

When kids grow up eating a lot of sweet foods, they tend to develop a preference for sweets. But if you give them a variety of healthy foods like fruits and vegetables early in life, they'll develop a liking for them too.

"It's important for parents to expose children to a variety of tastes early on, but realize that it often takes several attempts to get a child to eat such foods," says Bremer. "Don't give up too soon."

The key to good health is eating a well-balanced diet with a variety of foods and getting plenty of physical activity. Focus on nutrition-rich whole foods without added sugars. Get tips on healthy eating and weight control at http://win.niddk.nih.gov. Source: NIH News in Health

NEW Smoking Cessation Group will be starting in February!

This group is for any adult looking to quit smoking now or in the next month. The group will meet for a total of six (6) sessions at the Denton library from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. The first session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24th and the remaining sessions will be held on Tuesdays through March 31st. Participants are expected to make an effort to attend each of the six sessions for best results. If you would like to take advantage of free nicotine replacement products during the group sessions, such as patches or gum, a doctor's note will be required before products can be dispensed. Space in the group is limited. Please call the Caroline County Health



Library Corner



by Jeanne Trice

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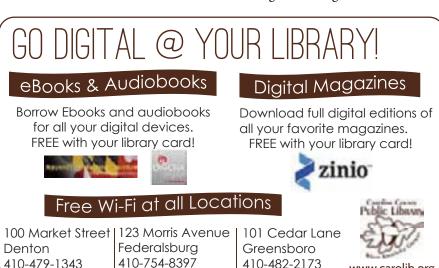
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2015's most popular resolutions include losing weight, shaping up your finances, quitting smoking and getting organized. The library's collection of helpful books, DVDs, magazines, and digital resources can help! Visit any library location and check out the "New Year, New You" display.

Seed Swap

Despite the cold and gray weather, it's not too early to start dreaming and planning for your spring garden. Visit the Central Library's Seed Library and borrow some seeds to start indoors. Have some extra seeds? Bring them along and share!



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- Explore lifelong learning, degree options, financial aid and Workforce Investment Board programs with Chesapeake College. Central Library, Wednesday, February 18, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Child care providers are invited to participate in Maryland EXCELS, a voluntary Quality Rating and Improvement System. Mary Beth Johnson visits the North County Greensboro Branch, Thursday, February 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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- Mega LEGO® Thon LEGO madness for kids grade K-8! Federalsburg: February 24, 6 p.m.; Greensboro: February 4, 6 p.m.; Denton: February 12, 6 p.m.
- Minecraft (Central Library only) beginning and experienced players are welcome. Ages 5-10 will play in the library's Computer Lab, and ages 11-17 will play in the Teen Zone. Thursday, February 5, 6-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 14, 1 2:30 p.m.

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Kids Book Club at the Federalsburg Branch

January's title is *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg. February 9, 4:30 p.m.; for ages 9-12; books are available at the Federalsburg Branch.

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Meeting Dates/Times:

3rd Tuesday / 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Small meeting room 2nd floor of Denton Library, 100 Market Street.

Purpose: To discuss selected books reflecting topics of interest & to generate lively discussion.

February 17

Discussion of Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte. Mary Ellen Wise will be leading the discussion. A light snack will be provided by Jane Terebey.



March 17

Discussion of *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman. Nancy Campbell will be leading the discussion. A light snack will be



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Reviving Caroline F. F. A.

A meeting held on December 15th at the Caroline Career and Tech Center discussed reviving the Caroline County F.F.A. Alumni. Terri Shank, Mark Milby, Brook Ridinger and David Tribbett of the Maryland State F.F.A. Association were also in attendance. They were instrumental in guiding those in attendance through the process of reviving the Alumni.

Officers elected were, President, Carroll Hetrick; Vice President, Nikki Swann; Treasurer, Alica Meredith and Secretary, April Kinnish. By-Laws and a constitution were adopted. Newly elected President Carroll Hetrick stated "This is an exciting time. We are very pleased at the response that we've received already. The Caroline County F.F.A. Chapter really needs our support."

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 9 at the Caroline Career and Tech Center in Ridgely at 6 p.m. All past F.F.A. members and F.F.A. Alumni members are invited to attend. A member does not have to be a past F.F.A member to join.



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Community Calendar

MONTHLY

Ravens Nest 20 monthly meetings are scheduled on the first Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Doc's Riverside Grille, Centreville. (On Holiday Mondays—we meet the first Tuesday). If you would like to join Ravens Nest 20, or receive more information, please feel free to come to a meeting, or, contact Michael Parsons at mikeparsons66@yahoo.com.

Visit the Greensboro Historical Society Museum located at 114 Sunset Avenue, behind the cabin, in Greensboro. The museum is open the first and third Sunday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. or by appointment. Our mission is to preserve our town's history for future generations.

FIRST SATURDAYS

Breakfast with Community Civic League on the 1st Saturday of each month, located at 3439 Laurel Grove Road, Federalsburg. Includes scrapple, sausage, fried potatoes, eggs, applesauce, bread, coffee and orange juice for \$6. Breakfast hours are 7 to 10:30 a.m. For information call 410-754-6011.

MONDAYS

Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) General 12 Step Program Meeting at 8 p.m. (except Holidays). Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is to develop healthy and loving relationships. "The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and loving relationships". Meetings held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church; 100 Peach Blossom Road; Easton. Take basement steps behind flag pole to first room on right.

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THURSDAYS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) support group meets at the Talbot County Senior Center at Brookletts Place, 400 Brookletts Avenue, Easton at 6 p.m. every Thursday. Contact 410-200-4101 or 410-673-2971.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Grocery Bingo at the Cordova firehall. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games start at 7 p.m. Contact: 410-820-1283.

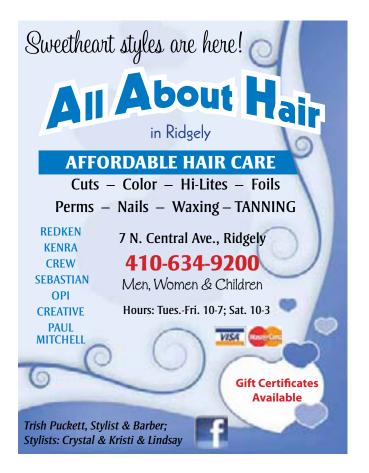
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Denton American Legion Post #29 will be serving **steamed shrimp and/or talapia fish** from 5 to 7 p.m. and is open to the public. For more information call 410-479-1324.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Rebuilding Together Salvage Depot Sale, Corner of River Landing and Bridge Street, West Denton from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Sale of appliances, cabinets, ceiling fans, lights, vanities, chandeliers, mantles, sinks, reusable building materials, windows, doors, plus electrical fixtures at very reasonable prices. Valentine's Special: Chandeliers ½ off! Contact: Patrice Morrison at Rhea.Build07@gmail.com or 410-479-2929.

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 9

AARP 915 will meet at noon at the Denton Church of the Nazarene with a covered dish lunch. Members are asked to bring valentine cards to distribute to nursing home residents. All AARP members are invited to attend. For information call 410-634-8009.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The Activities Singles Klub (Ask) will meet at the Easton Diner on Rt 50 at Noon. You may purchase a meal, placing orders upon arrival, then participate in a short business meeting as the afternoon unfolds. Adult singles (single, divorced, separated or widowed) are invited to attend. We hope you'll come out and meet some new single friends and learn about the many activities offered through the Klub. Current newsletter and activities calendar will be available. Call 443-837-7929 for more information.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Breakfast at Denton American Legion Post #29. Cost is \$8 per person, served 8-11 a.m. For further information call the Legion 410-479-2708.

Sweetheart Breakfast at the Cordova firehall from 7:30 til 11 a.m. All you can eat. Adults \$8 children 6 - 12 \$5. For more information call 410-364-5752.

The Marydel Lions Club will be sponsoring a Bingo at the Goldsboro VFC in Goldsboro. This Bingo will feature Longaberger baskets and Coach purses. Doors will open at 12:30 and bingo will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets include 20 regular games and one door prize ticket. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. There will be five special games. Raffles, 50/50 and Chinese Auction available. Bring a donation of non perishable food item and receive one free raffle ticket. Your support allows Marydel Lions Club to donate 100% of funds raised to help local families in need. For more information or to reserve tickets call Joanna Reedy 302-270-1948 or 410-482-7625 Chrissy Bartz 410-310-3705.

Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Dance from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Fretterd Community Center, 107 S. 4th Street, Denton. Escort your princess to a special evening full of smiles, dancing, and fun at the Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Dance. Dads and daughters ages 3-12 will enjoy dancing, refreshments, souvenir photos and more! \$30 per couple and \$5 for each additional daughter. Registration deadline is February 6. The Community Center will be open from 3 - 5 p.m. to allow dads and daughters to have their pictures made. Contact: 410.479.8120.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Soup Kitchen from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Greater New Hope Church and Ministries, 4514 Preston Road, Preston. For more information please contact Patrice Flamer at 443-362-9469 or Teshyra Downes at 302-331-0869. Sponsor: Fireflies, Denton.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Hopeful Hearts Dinner & Dance from 6 - 11 a.m. at the Denton Fire Hall, 5th Avenue, Denton. The Hopeful Hearts Dinner & Dance to benefit the Caroline County Humane Society features music by Matt Spence of Steve Moody Entertainment and cuisine by the Chesapeake Culinary Center. The event also features Live, Silent and Chinese Auctions, Buck-a-Shuck Oysters, a Cake Wheel and more! Tickets are \$40 per person/advance and \$45/door. Tickets are available at the Caroline County Humane Society or by calling 410.643.2303. Contact: jshipley55@comcast.net.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Jigsaw Puzzle Jamboree from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Talbot County Free Library, 100 W. Dover Street, Easton. Teams of one to six members compete to be the first to assemble a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. Families, friends, co-workers - all ages welcome. Lunch provided. Prizes awarded. Fundraiser hosted by Soroptimist International of Talbot County. \$20 per participant or \$100 per team of six. To register or for more information call Debbie at 410-770-8555 or www.talbotsoroptimist.org

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Friday Night Dinner at Denton American Legion Post #29. Hot turkey sandwich, with mashed potatoes and a green side. Cost is \$7 per person. For more information call the Legion at 410-479-2708.

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Predictions for Tuckahoe (See below for other factors)

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February

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1	4:10	Hi	10:48	Lo	5:31	Hi	11:15	Lo
2	4:13	Hi	10:46	Lo	5:28	Hi		
3	12:06	Lo	5:16	Hi	11:44	Lo	6:31	Hi
4	12:59	Lo	6:15	Hi	12:41	Lo	7:22	Hi
5	1:51	Lo	7:12	Hi	12:36	Lo	7:16	Hi
6	1:43	Lo	7:06	Hi	1:29	Lo	8:10	Hi
7	2:34	Lo	8:59	Hi	2:20	Lo	8:04	Hi
8	2:25	Lo	9:51	Hi	2:10	Lo	9:57	Hi
9	3:15	Lo	9:40	Hi	3:59	Lo	9:49	Hi
10	3:07	Lo	10:28	Hi	4:48	Lo	10:54	Hi
11	4:40	Lo	11:59	Hi	5:15	Lo	11:37	Hi
12	5:33	Lo	12:51	Hi	6:02	Lo		
13	12:28	Hi	6:45	Lo	1:51	Hi	8:05	Lo
14	1:25	Hi	7:39	Lo	2:41	Hi	9:06	Lo
15	2:23	Hi	8:33	Lo	3:33	Hi	10:56	Lo
16	3:20	Hi	9:27	Lo	4:25	Hi	10:46	Lo
17	4:15	Hi	10:21	Lo	5:18	Hi	11:35	Lo
18	5:36	Hi	11:06	Lo	5:15	Hi		
19	12:25	Lo	6:54	Hi	12:06	Lo	6:47	Hi
20	1:13	Lo	6:39	Hi	1:55	Lo	7:41	Hi
21	1:00	Lo	7:23	Hi	2:42	Lo	8:24	Hi
22	2:46	Lo	8:05	Hi	3:28	Lo	9:07	Hi
23	3:31	Lo	9:46	Hi	4:14	Lo	10:50	Hi
24	4:16	Lo	10:26	Hi	5:59	Lo	10:33	Hi
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Add or Subtract Hours and/or Minutes as indicated:

	AM		PM	
Greensboro	Add	.25	Add	.43
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Dec. 20	Tyler Fauset DeWitt, 21, Greensboro
Dec. 21	William C. Lanning, 97, Leesburg, FL
Dec. 28	Irene Esther Garrettson, 66, Greensboro
Jan. 3	Ann Nichols Stoops, 81, Centreville
Jan. 4	Brianna Taylor and Caroline Brooke Ross, 1 Day, Easton
Jan. 6	Roland James Taylor, 102, Dover, DE

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Dec. 15	Anna Marie Rhodes, 97, Preston
Dec. 17	Patricia "Pat" Daffin, 73, Denton
Dec. 22	William Newton White, 76, Federalsburg
Dec. 22	Helen Ann Taylor, 79, Salisbury
Dec. 26	Erma W. Haley, 88, Selbyville, DE
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Jan. 9	Bernice Cecil Miller, 91, Fredericksburg, TX			
Jan. 11	Janet L. Blades, 67, Federalsburg			
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Dec. 8	Charles Russell Bassford, Jr., 72, Denton			
Dec. 13	Rebecca L. Fountain, 36, Denton			
Dec.14	Glen Allen Garey, 41, Denton			
Dec.17	Catherine "Pat" Brown, 83, Denton			
Dec. 22	Katherine "Kitty" Margaret Bilbrough, 87, Denton			
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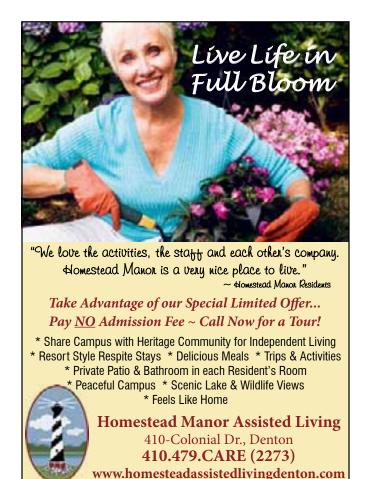
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Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available locally at the What's New Shop in Denton and at Al Docs Christian Shop in Cambridge or from me at owkelley@gmail.com. It is also available from the publisher at www.tate-publishing.com/bookstore, or amazon.com.

Kelley is a 52-year old insurance agent. He lives in Denton with Beverly, his wife of 32 years. They have one son, a daughter-in-law, three grandchildren and one god daughter. They attend Denton Christian Church and love Jesus.



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St. Martin's Barn

Thrift Shop

14376 Benedictine Lane, Ridgely, MD

Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 8:30-11:30

SPECIAL SALE

1st Saturday of each month / 8 am-noon

All Sales Benefit St. Martin's Barn Food Program

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508 S. 5th Ave., Denton 410-479-1100 Fax: 410-479-1240

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Caroline Veterinary Clinic

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Office Hours Daily & Sat. mornings
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Chocolat: A Decadent Evening to benefit the Chesapeake Culinary Center

Indulge your senses at Chocolat, an evening to benefit the Chesapeake Culinary Center featuring a chocolate-inspired gourmet menu and cocktails. The event will take place on Friday, February 13th from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. at the Chesapeake Culinary Center, located at 512 Franklin Street in Denton.

With offerings that include a decadent chocolate fountain, chocolate-inspired cocktails, white chocolate risotto, beef tenderloin, chicken mole, cocoa roasted vegetables and more, this is one evening you aren't going to want to miss!

Tickets to the event are \$35 and include two drink tickets. Reservations can be made by calling 410-479-2144 or online at www.chesapeakeculinarycenter. com. Proceeds benefit the Chesapeake Culinary Center, a community-driven facility that promotes a positive culinary learning experience for students, and a professionally trained workforce for the hospitality industry.

About the Chesapeake Culinary Center

The Chesapeake Culinary Center is a grassroots, nonprofit organization committed to the betterment of the community through job training and economic development. Established in the fall of 2004, this organization provides culinary training to youth and adults and offers many student-run programs, affording practicum-learning experience. In 2014, the Chesapeake Culinary Center moved into the recently rehabilitated circa 1903 Caroline Schoolhouse. In addition to serving as the headquarters for the organization, the multi-use facility is home to the Career and Technology Center's culinary arts classes. The center also features a Commercial Kitchen Incubator, where prospective clients, including caterers, bakers and farmers, are able to produce their culinary product in a health-approved commercial facility that provides a wealth of shared resources. For more information on the Chesapeake Culinary Center, please visit www.chesapeakeculinarycenter.com.

CRABS

AVAILABLE LIVE AND STEAMED

Bushel - 1/2 bushel - dozen

SOFT SHELL CRABS

Primes - Hotels - Mediums

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CRABMEAT

AVAILABLE IN:

Backfin - Jumbo Lump - Claw

PREPARED CRABMEAT ITEMS

Crab Cakes - Jumbo Lump Crab & Backfin. Crabmeat delicately blended with a light mix of spices and seasonings.

Crab Balls - *Crab Cakes made in a festive appetizer size.*

Crab Pretzel - Delicious soft pretzel topped with crab dip and cheese

Homemade Maryland Crab Dip

SPECIALTY CRABS

Dungeness Crab Clusters - Crawfish Snow Crab Legs - King Crab Legs

SHRIMP

SIZES AND QUANTITY AVAILABLE:

Large - 26/30 ct. X Large - 16/20 ct. Large - 5 lb. frozen block X Large - 5 lb. frozen block

PREPARED SHRIMP:

Breaded Shrimp

Premium shrimp hand breaded

CLAMS

TYPES AVAILABLE:

Littlenecks - Cherrystones

PREPARED CLAMS:

Breaded Clam Strips 6 oz Bag Savory clam strips hand breaded

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SMITH ISLAND CAKES

FISH

FILLETS & WHOLE FISH AVAILABLE

Catish - Whiting - Flounder - Cod Salmon - Mahi Mahi - Sea Trout Shark - Tilapia - Grouper - Tuna Haddock Fillet - Rockfish Red Snapper - Swordfish Wahoo - Orange Roughy Chilean Seabass

LOBSTER

Lobster Tail - Lobster Meat Live Lobsters Please give two days notice for live lobster orders

OYSTERS

AVAILABLE SHUCKED AND IN THE SHELL

Bushel - ½ Bushel - Peck ½ Peck Pints - Quarts - Gallons On the ½ Shell - Dozen

PREPARED OYSTERS

Breaded Oysters 6 oz Bag Deliciously hand breaded

Calamari & Mussels & Scallops Calamari Available in

Baby Octopus - Whole Squid Tubes

MUSSELS & SCALLOPS

Green Shell Mussels - Scallops

SPECIALTY ITEMS

Frog Legs - Alligator Raccoon - Muskrat



SOUPS AVAILABLE BY PRE-ORDER

Ask about our Cocktail Horseradish & Tartar Sauces!

February Specials

EXPIRE 2/28/15

Backfin CRABCAKES \$1 off

Box of Green Shell Mussels \$2 off

WHTITING FILLETS \$4 lb

Ridgely Lions February Fruit Sale

The Ridgely Lions Club is holding their fourth fruit sale of the season during the month of February. Lions will be selling oranges, tangerines and red grapefruit to support their vision and hearing programs and for donations to local charities.

Fruit orders will be available for pick up at Ridgely United Methodist Church,

109 Central Ave. Ridgely on Saturday February 28th from 9 a.m.- Noon.

Cost for 2/5 bushel box (20 lbs) of oranges, red grapefruit or tangerines is \$22; 4/5 bushel box (40 lbs) is \$37.

To order fruit contact Lion Dave Davis at 443-786-2547 or email ddavis@ goeaston.net no later than Saturday, February 21st. Please include your phone number with all email orders. Make checks payable to Ridgely Lions Club. In case of inclement weather the

fruit pick-up will be at Ridgely Elementary School from 9am-Noon.

Lions clubs are groups of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Ridgely Lions Club, please contact Lion John Voshell at 410-634-2214 or jevoshell@comcast. net or go www.ridgelylions.org.

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