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Members of A Celebration of Charity 2018 event committee are, from left, Meg Gallagher, Linda Kohler-Chesapeake Charities Exec. Director, Martha Wentz Kendall, Deidre Wilson, Jodie Gray-Co-Chair, Audrey Scott-Co-Chair, Diana Waterman, Retha Arrabal and Paula Warner. Not shown: Salena Barrett, Jami Kirkwood, Brenda Smith and Anne MacKinnon Welsh

Carson to speak at charity awards luncheon Nov. 15

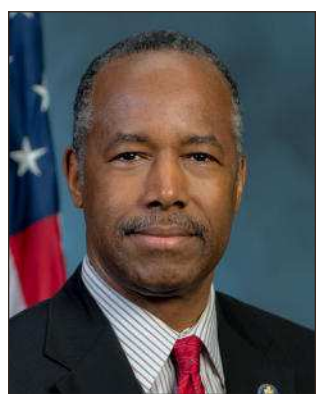
STEVENSVILLE — Chesapeake Charities will host its annual awards luncheon, A Celebration of Charity on Thursday, Nov. 15, to recognize people who give back to the community in an extraordinary way.

This year, Dr. Ben Carson, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary, is the invited guest of honor, and the program will focus on local efforts to break the cycle of poverty.

During the luncheon, awards will be given to organizations and individuals who provide food for the hungry, shelter and services to prevent homelessness and educational opportunities so children in need can pursue higher education.

The second annual Governor Larry Hogan Scholarship will also be awarded to a medical student pursuing a career in cancer research.

In 2016, Governor Larry Hogan was honored for the courage and leadership he displayed while waging a personal battle against cancer. Last year, the spotlight was on solutions to the heroin and opioid crisis, and the honorees included Talbot County Sheriff Joe Gamble and Talbot Goes Purple, Ber-



DR. BEN CARSON

nie Fowler, Jr. and Farming-4Hunger, and the Samaritan House of Annapolis.

"Last year's honorees had a powerful impact on those in attendance and we're looking for extraordinary nominees to honor this year whose efforts help families break the cycle of poverty", said Executive Director Linda Kohler.

The 2018 Celebration of Charity Event Committee, co-chaired by Jodie Gray and Audrey Scott, includes Retha Arrabal, Salena Barrett, Meg Gallagher, Martha Wentz Kendall, Jami Kirkwood, Linda Kohler, Brenda Smith, Paula Warner, Diana Waterman, Anne MacKinnon Welsh and Deidre Wilson.

Sponsorships for the awards luncheon are available. For more information, send an email to info@chesapeakecharities.org.

Located in Stevensville, Chesapeake Charities is a community foundation that supports over 85 nonprofit funds that impact a range of charitable causes including animal welfare, arts, education, health and human services, and the environment.

All funds have a common cause — a passion for making a difference in their communities. Chesapeake Charities serves organizations in eight counties: Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot. They have invested more than \$11 million in the Chesapeake Bay region since 2005, including \$279,900 in scholarship awards to 254 local high school students, through nine scholarship programs.

For more information, contact Chesapeake Charities at (410) 643-4020 or info@chesapeakecharities.org, or visit www.chesapeakecharities.org. Chesapeake Charities is accredited by the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

Benedictine given state grant totaling \$336K

RIDGELY — Benedictine has been awarded a \$336,000 grant from the State of Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program through a partnership with Caroline County.

The funds will be used to make capital improvements to 10 of Benedictine's group homes in Caroline County that provide community living options for adults with developmental disabilities.

Improvements set to be made to the homes include new roofs, handicap-accessible upgrades to bathroom and kitchen areas, and new generators.

The selected group homes, a part of Benedictine's Adult Services program, provide residential support for adults with developmental disabilities ages 21 or older through community living options.

In total, Benedictine serves more than 100 adults in 19 group homes across the Mid-Shore and Annapolis, including the 10 group homes scheduled for improvements in Caroline County.

"Our focus in the residential program is to assist the individuals we serve in becom-

ing productive and active members of their communities," said Benedictine Executive Director Scott Evans.

"We have a great staff that works in our group homes that engage and motivate individuals to learn home-life skills, social skills, and recreational activities. These improvements will have a huge impact in the lives of the individuals we serve," Evans said.

Benedictine's goal is to assure a comfortable, enduring, and positive home environment, as well as an excellent quality of life for the 42 adults that reside in the 10 group homes. The funds will help to cover the costs of mandated, but not yet funded, transition of services for the care of adults with disabilities.

The CDBG award will fund projects to make necessary capital improvements to address obsolescence, any safety issues, and make handicap accessible upgrades.

CDBG is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).



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Co-chairmen Julie Pax, left, and Sandy Strauss, right, join Barbara Lawrence of the Cambridge Woman's Club as they display raffle prizes for the Fall Dessert and Games Party on Friday, Oct. 19.

Fall Card and Games Party set for Oct. 19 in clubhouse

CAMBRIDGE — The Cambridge Woman's Club will hold its annual Fall Card and Games Party at 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, in the clubhouse, 417 High St., Cambridge.

The members will contribute homemade desserts and door prizes for attendees.

Tickets are \$10 per person at the door.

A print of a southern harbor contributed by Barbara Lawrence and a hand carved vase donated by Julie Pax will be raffled during the party. The vase was carved by Pax's son from the wood of a deodar cedar that had to be

removed from in front of the clubhouse several years ago.

Proceeds from the party will support projects to promote literacy, community service and the preservation of the clubhouse, historic Sycamore Cottage. The building is one of the oldest in Dorchester County.

CALENDAR

INFORMATION WELCOME

To submit information, please email community@stardem.com or fax 410-770-4019. Items may be mailed to *The Star Democrat*, P.O. Box 600, Easton, MD 21601. News from clubs, churches and nonprofit groups will be accepted. Meetings not open to the public will not be published. The deadline for items to appear is TWO WEEKS in advance of the event. Please include a phone number and contact email addresses. Events are published as space allows.

TODAY

YOGA PRACTICE, Martinak State Park Amphitheater, 137 Deep Shore Road, Denton. 8 a.m. Improve your flexibility, core development and balance. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bring a mat or towel. Info: 410-820-1668.

TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS, Oxford Community Center. 9 a.m. Led by Nathan Spivey, certified Bow Sim Mark Tai Chi Arts Association affiliate instructor with 40 years experience. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost: \$75 per month or \$10 per class. Drop-ins welcome. Info: 410-226-5904 or email oxfordcc@verizon.net. Website: www.oxfordcc.org.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING, Diagnostic and Imaging Center, 10 Martin Court, Easton. 9 a.m. to noon. Every Tuesday and Wednesday.

WALK IT OUT, Martinak State Park Amphitheater, 137 Deep Shore Road, Denton. 9 a.m. Challenge yourself and go further and faster. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Info: 410-820-1668.

ZUMBA GOLD, Martinak State Park Nature Center, 137 Deep Shore Road, Denton. 9 a.m. Kathy Leary leads a low intensity workout to music for adults. Info: 410-820-1668.

STORY TIME, Talbot County Free Library, 100 W. St., Easton. 10 a.m. For children ages 5 and younger accompanied by an adult. Free. Info: 410-822-1626 or www.tcfli.org.

IMMIGRATION TRENDS TALK, Talbot County Free Library, 100 W. Dover St., Easton. 10 a.m. Matthew Peters, Director of the Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center will discuss historical immigration trends and recent demographic changes. Sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

PARTY BRIDGE, Talbot County Senior Center, 400 Brooklets Ave., Easton. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Tuesday. All levels welcome.

MARVELOUS MONARCHS, Tal-

bot County Free Library, 100 W. St., Easton. 10 a.m. Join Pickering Creek's Teacher Naturalist Krysta Hougan to discover the joy of monarch butterflies. Story and craft program. Ages 5 and younger accompanied by an adult. Info: 410-822-1626 or www.tcfli.org.

GRAND OPENING, Federalsburg Community Center, 26245 Williamsburg Road, Federalsburg. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Grand opening and tour of the community hub for Head Start early childhood programs, job training, food programs and more. Info: community-developmentmd.org.

STEADY AND STRONG CLASS, Oxford Community Center. 10:30 a.m. A 45-minute class for adults who seek enhanced core and muscle strength, as well as better balance. Class led by Janet Pfeffer. Cost: \$8 per class, \$50 for 10 classes. Drop-ins welcome. Info: 410-226-5904.

SENIOR STROLL, Martinak State Park Office, 137 Deep Shore Road, Denton. 10:30 a.m. Walk with others on the paved fitness trail and complete easy exercises. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING, Main Lobby, UM Shore Medical Center at Dorchester, 300 Byrn Ave., Cambridge. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Friday.

DIABETES PREVENTION TALK, Lions' Club Community Building, 114 Williamson St., Preston. 1 p.m. Community Club of Preston meeting with speaker from Caroline County Health Dept. New members welcome. Info: 410-673-1119 or on Facebook at "Community Club of Preston, Maryland."

THRIFT CENTER & FOOD PANTRY, Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Center and Food Pantry, 29533 Canvasback Drive, Easton. 1 to 4 p.m. Info: 410-770-4505 or www.svdpeastonmd.org.

FREE FLU VACCINE, Queen Anne's County Department of Health, 206 N. Commerce St., Centerville. 1 to 7 p.m. Free flu vaccine while supplies last to all persons 6 months of age and older. Info: 410-758-0720, www.qahealth.org, www.facebook.com/QACDOH or [twitter/QACDOH](https://twitter.com/QACDOH).

STITCHING TIME, Talbot County Free Library, 100 W. Dover St., Easton. 3 to 5 p.m. Patrons may work on their favorite needlework project with a group. Limited instruction available for beginners; newcomers welcome. Free and open to the public; no need to pre-register. Info: 410-822-1626 or www.tcfli.org.

CHESS ACADEMY, Talbot County Free Library, 100 W. Dover St., Easton. 4:30 p.m. Ages 6 — 16. Participants will learn and play chess. Snacks provided. Free and open to the public, but patrons must pre-register to participate in this program. Info: 410-822-1626

or www.tcfli.org.

MARTINAK PARK DISCOVERY, Martinak State Park Nature Center, 137 Deep Shore Road, Denton. 5 p.m. Tuesdays in October. Children ages 6-10 can complete nature activities, games and crafts. Free. Reserve a space: 410-924-1529.

OPIOID PROGRAM, DRI-Dock Recovery & Wellness Center, 208 Sunburst Highway (U.S. Route 50), Cambridge. 5 to 6:30 p.m. Reception sponsored by Dorchester County's Opioid Intervention Team and the Dorchester County Arts Council. Learn about Wellness in the Storm, an April 2019, a public awareness initiative that uses arts programming to challenge the stigma associated with mental illness and substance use disorder. Info and RSVP: Angela, 410-901-8126 or angela.mercier@maryland.gov.

WRITERS GROUP MEETING, Queen Anne's County Library, 121 S. Commerce St., Centerville. 6 to 8 p.m. Discussion of "Bay to Ocean 2018: The Year's Best Writing from the Eastern Shore Writers Association." Sponsored by Friends of Queen Anne's County Library. Authors include Brent Lewis, Ann Hymes, Nancy McCloy, David Healey and Barbara Lockhart. Emceed by ESWA past president Ron Sauder. Free. Info: friendsofqaclibrary.org/event/bay-to-ocean-2018/.

WALK 15, Martinak State Park Amphitheater, 137 Deep Shore Road, Denton. 6:30 p.m. Exercise class for everyone of all fitness levels. Walk 2 miles to music in 30 min. Info: 410-820-1668.

HARMONY ON THE BAY, Ruthsburg Community Hall, 105 Damsontown Road, Queen Anne. 7 p.m. every Tuesday. A chapter of Sweet Adelines International singing barbershop music. Info: 301-512-3288.

BINGO, Denton American Legion Post #29, 9238 Legion Road, Denton. 7:30 p.m. Computers available. Info: 410-479-2708.

EVENING YOGA, Martinak State Park Nature Center, 137 Deep Shore Road, Denton. 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Stretch major muscle groups, become flexible and feel calm. Info: 410-820-1668.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

FREE FLU VACCINE, Sudlersville Senior Center. 9 a.m. to noon. Free flu vaccine while supplies last to all persons 6 months of age and older. Administered by Queen Anne's County Department of Health. Info: 410-758-0720, www.qahealth.org, www.facebook.com/QACDOH or [twitter/QACDOH](https://twitter.com/QACDOH).

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING, Diagnostic and Imaging Center, 10 Martin Court, Easton. 9 a.m. to noon. Every Tuesday and Wednesday. Info: 410-820-1668.

YARN AND NEEDLE GROUP, Talbot County Senior Center, 400 Brooklets Ave., Easton. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Every Wednesday. Some help given for knitting and crocheting. Open to members of the center at no cost. Info: 410-822-2869.

ELDER LAW CLINIC, Dorchester County — Pleasant Day, 2474 Cambridge Beltway, Cambridge. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by Mid-Shore Pro Bono. Free. For appointment call 410-690-8128.

BANKRUPTCY CLINIC, MSPB Office, 8 S. West St., Easton. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Mid-Shore Pro Bono. Free. For appointment call 410-690-8128.

SENIOR GATHERING, St. Michaels Community Center, 103 Railroad Ave. 10:30 a.m. In partnership with Upper Shore Aging. Every Wednesday. Games and activities followed by a healthy lunch and conversation at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation: \$2 per person.

LEGION GRILL, American Legion Talbot Post 70, 29511 Canvasback Drive, Easton. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Specials & carry outs available. Info: 410-822-9138.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION, St. Michaels Community Center, 103 Railroad Ave. 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. In conjunction with Society of St. Vincent DePaul. Open to all Talbot County residents. Must provide identification. Each family can participate once per week.

BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION, Talbot County Free Library, 106 Fremont St., St. Michaels. 3:30 to 5 p.m. "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult. Info: 410-745-5877 or www.tcfli.org.

OPEN JUKEBOX NIGHT, VFW Post 7464, 203 VFW Ave., Grasonville. 4 to 9 p.m., Happy Hour until 7 p.m. Every Wednesday. Free music and fun.

WE ARE BUILDERS, Talbot County Free Library, 100 W. Dover St., Easton. 4 p.m. Children 6-12 can enjoy STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) building with LEGOS and Zoobs. All library programs are free and open to the public; no need to pre-register. Info: 410-822-1626 or www.tcfli.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER, Easton VFW, 355 Glebe Road, Easton. 5 to 7 p.m. Hot beef sandwich. \$7.

FALL SPEAKER SERIES, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, Van Lennep Auditorium, St. Michaels. 2 p.m. "Where is Watkins Point?: Mapping Maryland's Southern Boundary." Edward Papenfuss, retired Maryland State Archivist and Commissioner of Land Patents, will explore the topic, from the Oyster Wars to the Supreme Court. Cost: \$7.50 per person;

20 percent discount for CBMM members. Register online using the code **SPEAKER5** for an additional discount. Info and registration: cbmm.org/fallspeakerseries.

PARENTING PROGRAM, Scossa Restaurant, Easton. 6 p.m. Meet the speaker reception. "Empowering Youth and Parents" with Rosalind Wiseman, internationally recognized parenting expert and author of "Queen Bees and Wannabes" and "Masterminds and Wingmen," addresses adolescent culture and technology. Benefits Women & Girls Fund programs. Tickets: \$200. Info and reservations, 410-770-8347 or online (credit card) at www.womenandgirlsfund.org.

GROCERY BINGO, Ridgely Fire House, 101 Sunset Blvd., Ridgely. 6 p.m. doors open; 6:45 p.m. bingo starts. Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary. Refreshments available. Info: Carolyn, 410-634-2713.

PARENTING PROGRAM, Avalon Theatre, Easton. 7 p.m. Program, Q & A, and book signing. "Empowering Youth and Parents" with Rosalind Wiseman, internationally recognized parenting expert and author, addresses adolescent culture and technology. Benefits Women & Girls Fund programs. \$50 general admission, \$25 students 21 and younger. Info and reservations, 410-770-8347 or online (credit card) at www.womenandgirlsfund.org.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18 2018 ECONOMIC SYMPOSIUM & BREAKFAST, The Tidewater Inn Gold Room, 101 E. Dover St., Easton. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Featured speakers: Gary Keith, economist and VP of M&T Bank and Anirban Basu, chairman of CEO Sage Policy Group, Inc. Register and info: talbotchamber.org.

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MIND OVER MILES, Martinak State Park Amphitheater, 137 Deep Shore Road, Denton. 9 a.m. How many steps equal a mile; how many miles at a moderate pace? Held in Nature Center in case of inclement weather. Info: 410-820-1668.

ELDER LAW CLINIC, Queen

Anne's County — Kramer Center, 104 Powell St., Centerville. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by Mid-Shore Pro Bono. Free. For appointment call 410-690-8128.

GENERAL CIVIL LAW CLINIC — QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, Kramer Center, 104 Powell St., Centerville. 10 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by Mid-Shore Pro Bono. Free. For appointment call 410-690-8128.

MAHJONG PLAY, hosted by Blue Crab Coffee, 102 S. Fremont St., St. Michaels. 10 a.m. Sponsored by St. Michaels Community Center. Every Thursday. No charge. All skill levels invited.

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LUNCH & LEARN. TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY, 100 W. Dover St., Easton. Noon. Tarah Kleinert and Anna Harding will speak about hunger in Talbot County and the contribution Empty Bowls has been making for the past 10 years to support local food pantries. Free and open to the public; no need to pre-register. Info: 410-822-1626 or www.tcfli.org.

FARMERS' MARKET, Long Wharf, Cambridge. 3 to 6 p.m. Thursdays.

SHRIMP DINNER, American Legion Post 70, 29511 Canvasback Drive, Easton. 3 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in October. Half-pound shrimp dinner. Info: 410-822-9138.

YOUNG GARDENERS' CLUB, Talbot County Free Library, 100 W. St., Easton. 3:45 p.m. Window Sill Herb Gardens. Children grades 1 to 4. Pre-registration required. Info: 410-822-1626 or www.tcfli.org.

SCIENCE BYTES, Piazza Italian Market, 218 N. Washington St., Easton. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Science Bytes with Horn Point Lab. Learn, sip, and taste Italian fare as HPL Director Mike Roman and Dr. Louis Plough discuss Plough's research and its impact for the Shore. Get to know the scientist behind the science and mingle. \$25 per person. Cost: \$25. Info: www.umces.edu/events/science-bytes.