

CALENDAR

INFORMATION
WELCOME

To submit information, mail to Calendar, *The Star Democrat*, P.O. Box 600, Easton, MD 21601, fax to 410-770-4019, or e-mail to eastonedit@chespub.com. Clubs and organizations must be nonprofit. Meetings NOT open to the public WILL NOT be published. Deadline is TWO WEEKS before the event. Include telephone number with area code. Events are published as space allows.

TODAY

PROGRAM: "Literature and the Garden," 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., St. Michaels library. For children in grades first to fourth. Register: 410-745-5877 or www.tcfl.org.
STORYTIME, 11 a.m., Federalsburg library. For newborns to age 5 with a caregiver. Info: www.carolib.org.
SHORT ORDER LUNCHESES, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., American Legion Talbot Post 70, Easton. Specials: 410-822-9138.
MEETING: Caregiver's Support Group, 1 p.m., Hospice, Easton. Info: 410-822-6681.
BE CREATIVE CRAFT PROGRAM, 2 p.m., Federalsburg library. For ages 5 to 8. Info: www.carolib.org.
LADIES NIGHT, 3 p.m. to close, American Legion Talbot Post 70, Easton. Info: 410-822-9138.
POETRY SLAM, 3 p.m., Cambridge library. Teens can perform original poems. Rules and sign up sheet at Information Desk. Info: 410-228-7331.
PROGRAM: "Meet the Creatures from Pickering Creek," 4 to 4:45 p.m., Easton library. Info: 410-822-1626 or www.tcfl.org.
PICKIN' & GRINNIN' DINNER PARTY, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Sudlersville Senior Center. Info: 410-778-5444.
CONCERT: Bay Jazz Project, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels. Concessions available. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

PIT BEEF SALE, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Neaton's Tire Service, Easton. Proceeds benefit the family of Wade Sharp. Order: 410-829-5198.
1950s SOCK HOP LUNCHEON/DANCE, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Grasonville Senior Center. Prizes awarded for creativity and contest participation. Tickets: 410-827-6010.
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: "Under Tables and Out Back Doors," 11 a.m., Fountain Park, Chestertown. A program of songs, movement, stories and games.
SHORT ORDER LUNCHESES, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., American Legion Talbot Post 70, Easton. Specials: 410-822-9138.
TOUR, 11:30 a.m., historic homes on the property of the Historical Society of Talbot County, Easton. Info: 410-822-0773 or curator@hstc.org.
FREE FRIDAY FLICKS: "High School Musical 3," 3 p.m., Easton library. Info: 410-822-1626 or www.tcfl.org.
MEAT LOAF DINNER, 5 to 8 p.m., VFW Post 5118, Easton. Menu and carry-out available. Info: 410-822-8619.
SHRIMP DINNER, 5 to 7 p.m., East New Market Fire Company. Eat-in or carry-out. Order: 410-943-3663 or 410-943-3766.
PRIME RIB DINNER, 6 to 8 p.m., Kent Island Elks 2576, Stevensville. Alternative dinner choices available. Info: 410-643-2221.
BINGO, doors open at 6:30 p.m., games begin at 7:30 p.m., Easton VFD. Food and refreshments. Info: 410-822-4848 or www.eastonvfd.org.
CINEMA BY STARLIGHT: "Roxanne," dusk, corner of Harrison Street and Brewers Lane, Easton. Bring a chair or blanket. Info: 410-820-8822.
MUSICAL: "Once Upon A Mattress," 8 p.m., St. Michaels High School Auditorium. Info: www.stmichaels.cc.org or 410-745-6073.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

FLEA MARKET & YARD SALE, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kent Island Senior Center, Stevensville. Food available for purchase. Benefits a new treadmill for the senior center. Info: 410-604-3801.
BENEFIT FLEA MARKET, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Caroline County Humane Society, Ridgely. Info: 410-820-1600.
PROGRAM: "Telling Your Story: A Gift to Those You Love," 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Dorchester County Historical Society, Cambridge. Led by Joan Katz. Register: 410-228-7953.
TOUR, begins at 10 a.m., Horn Point Laboratory, Cambridge. A 90-minute walking tour. Info: 410-221-8383 or www.hpl.umces.edu/tours.
CHESAPEAKE FOLK FESTIVAL, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels, to celebrate the Bay's people, traditions, work, food and music. Includes hands-on demonstrations, live music, skipjack and buyboat rides, food, visual arts displays and exhibitions, local artists and artisans displaying work, documentary films and children's activities. Tickets: 410-745-2916 or www.cbmm.org.
MEETING: The Harriet Tubman/Underground Railroad History Discussion Group, 10 a.m., Cambridge library. Info: 301-221-1732, or 443-521-7163.

Girls-Only Book Group at Easton library

EASTON — At noon Aug. 4, girls ages 8 to 10 are invited to bring a favorite piece of reading material and a bag lunch to the Easton branch of the Talbot County Free Library for a meeting of the Girls-Only Book Group. Parents need to pre-register their children for this program. For more information, call 410-822-1626 or visit www.tcfl.org.



Virginia Sharp is one of two women honored by Women and Girls Fund of the Mid-Shore.



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Women and Girls Fund announces new program for Caroline County

The Women & Girls Fund of the Mid-Shore is announcing a new program in Caroline County called "Caroline's Inspiring Women." The first awards have been given to two county residents who have done truly inspiring things with their lives: Virginia Sharp of Preston, for her remarkable dedication to foster children, and Cay Cutright of Denton, for her ability to teach creatively and instill in her students a desire for excellence. Mrs. Sharp, better known as "Miss Virginia" or "Mom" to friends and family, has in her lifetime fostered more than 100 children, and some adults, in addition to raising her own family of six. She also is hoping more will be sent to her for she treasures doing the work that she says God has put into her heart, and she is proud of the good, productive lives these children are living

today. You might run into her at the Farmers' Market on a Saturday. Apparently she knows a thing or two about raising good vegetables too. Cay Cutright stands for what all good teachers hope they can do for their children; inspire them to be creative problem solvers, lovers of learning, hard working achievers and good citizens. Doing this is what she loves best, and she had incredible success in her 30 years teaching English at Lockerman Middle School, directing plays and coaching Odyssey of the Mind. Since retirement she has continued to pursue her own learning and serving in ways as diverse as being a CASA volunteer and studying astronomy. The Women & Girls Fund board members living in Caroline County, Sara Jane Davidson and Patricia Bradley, are hoping this program will

increase awareness in the county, not only of the work that the fund is doing, but the good work that goes on in the county all the time. As Pat Bradley says, "Our county is full of ordinary women who do extraordinary things, and knowing about some of these things can serve as inspiration to all of us." Sara Jane Davidson added, "There is enough work to be done for all of us to be involved, and knowing about an organization such as the Women & Girls Fund that is there to help should be encouraging as well." The Women & Girls Fund is a permanent endowment associated with the Mid-Shore Community Foundation. It channels contributions into grants supporting under-funded programs and initiatives that target problems facing women, girls, and families in the five mid-shore counties. Since its inception

seven years ago, the pooled resources of the fund's donors have provided \$193,126 in grants to 44 area non-profit organizations. The fund has another program called "Honor Someone Special" where, for a donation of as little as \$10, you may name anyone you like and the fund will send them a card informing them of the honor. It's a wonderful thing to do for a birthday, a special holiday or just to say you appreciate them. You don't have to wait for your special someone to be named one of Caroline's Inspiring Women. You can download the "Honor Someone Special" form from the website at www.womenand-girlsfund.org or you may call the office at 410-770-8347. The address of the Women & Girls Fund of the Mid-Shore is 11 S. Washington St., Suite E, Easton, MD 21601.

St. Michaels teens share scholarship

ST. MICHAELS — The Community Alliance for the Performing Arts has announced that Katya Widell and Krystle Ashman, both of St. Michaels, will share the honors as the first recipients of CAPA's Erin Dickins SummerFame Scholarship. The scholarship, which is awarded on the basis of vocal talent and ambition, honors Dickins' 10 years of service and leadership in the Mid-Shore region's performing arts community as CAPA's co-founder and executive director. As recipients of the award, Widell and Ashman receive full tuition to CAPA's summer performing arts program for teens, held from July 20 to Aug. 1, at The Avalon. Classmates at St. Michaels Middle and High Schools, the two were selected after submitting a resume and completing an audition. The audition judges were Jeff Moran, CAPA board president; Kate Gallagher, CAPA board member; Pam Toll, director of SummerFame; and Ed and Beth Ann Langrall, veteran performers of the musical stage who have been involved with TAP, CAPA and other theatre productions

on the Mid-Shore and beyond. "Katya and Krystle both presented and sang extremely well, and we're delighted to make two awards in Erin's honor for 2009," Moran said. A voice student with Suzanne Chadwick, Widell won the Junior All Shore Chorus Competition and performed in the SMMHS production of "The Secret Garden." She plays the flute and has received school awards for public service and academics as well as chorus. Ashman, a voice student of Kevin Thomas, also has been a member of the Junior All Shore Chorus and the Specialty Choir at SMMHS. Her musical stage performances include "Into the Woods" and "The Secret Garden" at SMMHS, and "Christmas at the Kringle House," "Bah Humbug" and "Once Upon a Mattress" at the St. Michaels Community Theatre. Strong enrollment in this year's SummerFame sessions (kids, pre-teen and teen) brought fairly high demand for need-based financial aid, according to Toll. "Given that many families are cutting back on outlays for camp and vaca-



CAPA's SummerFame Teen participants Katya Widell, left, and Krystle Ashman, right, are the first recipients of CAPA's Erin Dickins SummerFame Scholarship, established this year in honor of Dickins, center, who resigned in January after 10 years as executive director and co-founder of CAPA to devote more time to her singing and recording career. The two winners, both students at SMMHS, were selected for the scholarship on the basis of their outstanding vocal talent and ambition. "We are very pleased that 70 students signed up," she said. "But not everyone could afford the tuition. So that every interested child could participate in SummerFame, CAPA issued 18 tuition-assistance awards totaling more than \$2,600." Moran notes that CAPA's ability to provide scholarships and need-based aid is possible thanks to the support of the Talbot County Arts Council, the Maryland State Arts Council, the St. John's Foundation, the Bright Eyes Foundation and individual CAPA patrons, donors and members, as well as volunteer help and in-kind donations of time and services from teaching artists and tech specialists. "We are very grateful to all who have responded to our mailings and attended our events," Moran said. "These individuals and organizations make it possible for CAPA to fulfill our mission of 'setting the stage for youth to succeed.'" Further information may be found at www.capaarts.com and www.summerfame.com, or by calling 410-924-1350.



Youth hold sale to aid troops overseas

On July 18, Caroline Southworth, 7, Kyle Howser, 7, and Claire Southworth, 4, held a lemonade and baked good sale in Fike's Orchard. The children raised \$50 to buy care packages for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Suicide Survivors Support Group to meet

EASTON — The Suicide Survivors Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month, at Talbot Hospice House in Easton. For details, call 410-822-0444.

Library welcomes illustrator Yitzhak to Kent Island branch

STEVENSVILLE — The Queen Anne's County Free Library welcomes illustrator Celia Yitzhak to the Kent Island Branch Library at 10:30 a.m. and Centreville Library at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, for a "Creative Journey Through Illustration." In this interactive program for ages 5 to 12, children use their imaginations to provide the background to a story about a journey to an unknown destination. The storytelling turns into story illustrating under the guidance of artist and children's illustrator, Celia Yitzhak. Yitzhak is a 35-year resident of

Israel, where she has illustrated more than 100 books for children. She also was an art teacher for ages 5-15 for more than 10 years. Yitzhak has been involved in art exhibits and shows in Israel and America. During trips to the U.S., Yitzhak has presented programs at Port Discovery Children's Museum, the Jewish Museum of Maryland, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore County Public Library, Queen Anne's County Library and public schools in Maryland. For information, contact the Centreville Library at 410-758-0980 or the Kent Island Branch Library at 410-643-8161.

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