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## Co-op members can now buy green power

Choptank Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce it has received approval from the state's Public Service Commission to sell power from renewable resources to consumers.

Called Renewable Energy Credits (REC), this "green" power is accounted for by certificates issued by a government certifying agency to a power company that utilizes environmentally friendly methods to generate electricity. The renewable power can in turn be traded and sold on the open market. Consumers who want to support green power and reduce their carbon footprints can take advantage of Renewable Energy Credits, regardless of the source of their power.



Sources of green power include solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, biodiesel, some fuel cells, and low impact hydropower. The green power Choptank will sell is generated from biomass, which is organic material made from plants and animals. Biomass is a renewable energy source because we can always grow more trees and crops, and waste will always exist. Some examples of biomass fuels are wood, crops, manure and some garbage.

Wood waste or garbage can be burned to produce steam for making electricity, or to provide heat to industries and homes.

"Delivered green power is currently unavailable in large quantities to Choptank and is often cost prohibitive. We want to help our members go green now, so we will purchase quantities of one megawatt-hour credits and make them available to members in affordable units of 100 kilowatt-hour (kWh) blocks to be

sold at an affordable cost," said Fred Hubbard, president and CEO at the Denton-based co-op.

"By purchasing Renewable Energy Credits, consumers can say they are supporting green energy. Renewable Energy Credits allow individuals to support alternative power in areas that do not offer it directly. Consumers should, of course, practice conservation and encourage further development of environmentally-friendly power generation, but Renewable Energy Credits are a good place to start," he said.

Choptank will buy its supply of RECs with the assistance of its power supplier, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative. Those members who purchase green power will pay an additional cost each month. By purchasing green power you are supporting the investment in biomass as a viable and renewable resource to manufacture electricity. Co-op members will be able to purchase green power in blocks of 100 kWh that are expected to cost 20 cents per block. For example, to purchase four blocks or 400 kWh would cost 80 cents that will appear as a green energy line item charge on the monthly bill. There is a minimum purchase of one block with no maximum. The purchase requires a one-year commitment.

"Making green power available to our members is one part of Choptank's 'Watt's in Your Future?' program of responsible energy management," said Mr. Hubbard. "This includes providing members with energy saving tools and information, our new Beat the Peak program and encouraging energy conservation."



## Aero Energy merges with Wise Oil and Fuel

The merger of Wise Oil and Aero Energy was recently announced by Bill Wise, owner of the Cambridge-based Wise Oil and Fuel, and Tom Washburn, Aero president and CEO.

Mr. Wise said, "I have looked long and hard for a company to partner with that I felt could match the small town values and commitment to customer serv-

ice that have been the hallmark for the Wise family and its employees over the past 60 years."

Mr. Wise and his employees will continue to run the operation out of Cambridge, where Mr. Wise will remain as the manager. "Our goal is to maintain the local Wise traditions of customer service and savings, and to also add products and services made possible through our new relationship with Aero Energy."

Mr. Washburn said Aero has been looking to fill a mid-Eastern Shore service. Both Mr. Wise and Mr. Washburn believe the combined operation is a great service territory fit to better serve consumer needs on the Delmarva Peninsula.

He added, "We are very pleased Bill Wise will remain to manage the merged businesses. Wise Oil has a great team of technicians as well as expert installers and a courteous support staff. Aero is now able to provide its customers with skilled heating and cooling service on indoor and outdoor equipment."

Propane will be reintroduced into the Wise family of products and services. "Aero's propane expertise now allows us to offer propane delivery, sales and service out of our Cambridge office."



Present at the merger are, from left: Joe Cole, vice president, Finance and Corporate Services, Adams Electric; Tom Washburn, president and CEO, Aero Energy; Bill Wise, owner of Wise Oil; and Fred Hubbard, president and CEO, Choptank Electric.

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# NRECA scores concessions in Waxman-Markey bill

By Bob Behlke  
Vice President, Consumer Affairs



A last-minute House Democratic blitz June 26 swayed enough fence sitters, and the House of Representatives passed the 1,500 page Waxman-Markey bill on a 219 to 212 vote, with three not voting.

With 44 Democrats voting against the bill despite intense arm-twisting by House leaders and the White House, crossover "yea" votes by eight Republicans helped lift the bill to passage.

Before debate started, a "leadership amendment" was folded into the bill with a host of concessions and changes made to gain votes. It contained provisions addressing farm and rural concerns of House Agriculture Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN) and other lawmakers, including some fairness issues electric cooperatives raised about emission allowance allocations.

As a result of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) nearly week long negotiations with top House leaders and Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman (D-CA), the bill addresses some of the fairness issues NRECA raised, including provisions that will:

- Limit emission allowances to 100 percent of a utility emitter's carbon dioxide emissions and distribute excess allowances across the utility sector based on the carbon intensity of retail sales. No one gets a windfall. Excess allowances are distributed to investor-owned utilities, electric cooperatives and municipal utilities based on emissions.
- Provide an additional 0.5 percent of allowances to small utilities with less than 4 million megawatt hours (MWh) in annual retail sales. Allowances will be distributed

only to electric co-ops and municipals based on emissions. They must be used for efficiency, renewable electricity or low income assistance programs. This allowance allocation has the same distribution schedule and phase-out between 2025 and 2030 as the electricity sector allocation currently in the bill.

According to NRECA, these additions came on top of advances made in the aftermath of the May Legislative Conference, with particular gains on the energy sections of the bill. The efficiency reductions mandate for utilities was killed. The Renewable Electricity Standard (RES) exempted utilities that met the Small Business Administration definition of a small utility. The definition of what constitutes a renewable resource was broadened.

The original version of the bill was unfair to electric cooperatives, but was supported by the investor-owned utilities' (IOU) trade association, Edison Electric Institute, because, among other things, IOUs were pleased with the level of emissions allowances they received, including a portion of allowances assigned off the top for merchant generators, many of which are owned by IOUs. The unfairness of this original version prompted NRECA's Glenn English to threaten to oppose the bill on the allowance issue alone. There were also regional disparities that made the earlier version especially unfair to states that burn coal. After days of intense negotiations garnered the concessions for electric cooperatives outlined above, NRECA pledged to Chairman Waxman that, while electric cooperatives still could not support the bill, co-ops would "stand aside" and not work to prevent its passage.

Another significant change NRECA says will benefit co-ops, in the transmission section, is a further broadening of the definition

of what constitutes a renewable resource. The provision now includes an expansive list of biomass, renewables and expanded recognition for existing hydro dams.

There is a complete delegation to the Agriculture Department of the oversight of the carbon offset program - the only significant vehicle for keeping allocation costs down in the next decade.

NRECA had also expressed great concern with the carbon trading section requirements that would have enormously raised costs for hedging by co-ops. As a result of this concern, NRECA worked with the Agriculture Committee, because the committee has jurisdiction over derivatives and futures - which could have been substantially undermined by a bill provision transferring jurisdiction to the Energy and Commerce Committee. In the last 48 hours before the floor vote, negotiations on this issue resulted in an agreement between Ag Committee Chairman Peterson and Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank (D-MA) that the carbon trading sections would be eliminated as soon as they address these sections in new law to rewrite the regulatory structure for the U.S. financial sector.

In exchange for the improvements outlined earlier, Mr. English sent a letter to Rep. Waxman before the vote expressing thanks for addressing cooperatives' fairness concerns and assuring him the NRECA would not stand in the way of the bill passing. NRECA did not endorse the bill and has made clear that co-ops still have concerns about the legislation and look forward to working with lawmakers in both chambers to address those concerns.

NRECA has said it will seek to hold the gains that have been made and achieve more improvements in the Senate. Cooperatives demonstrated resilience and grassroots power during negotiations in the House, and we are in a good position to effect further change as the bill moves to the Senate.

Stay tuned, as the action and efforts transfer over to the Senate, which has traditionally been the base of power for electric cooperatives across the country.

## Act now to meet our energy challenges

We face a huge energy challenge in the U.S. Pressure is on Congress to do something about climate change, but this is only one part of the energy crisis for all of us. The call to curb emission of greenhouse gases comes as demand for electricity is growing and the country faces a shortage in the amount of electricity available. More demand, less power and more regulations will mean electricity costs will escalate for everyone.

Electric cooperative members will be affected by any federal action. We need you to speak with your members of Congress about America's energy future and make them aware of the crisis we face. Go to [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop) or mail this coupon and we will forward your message. Additional information is on our website. Questions? Please call 877-892-0001, x8553.

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I would like to participate in the national conversation on energy production, research and technology, and affordability. At the appropriate times during the next year, please send, on my behalf, three electronic messages regarding these topics to my member of Congress.

NOTE: We cannot forward your request to Congress unless all of the following blanks are completed.

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Send coupon to: Choptank Electric Co-op, Attn: Bob Behlke, PO Box 430, Denton MD 21629

## Watt's the Answer?

Win a \$10 credit on your electric bill by entering Choptank's monthly trivia contest.

**Watt's the Answer for August: One U.S. President won a Pulitzer Prize for a non-fiction book he wrote in 1955 while a U.S. Senator. Who was he?**

Send the answer with your name, address, account and phone to: [annew@choptankelectric.coop](mailto:annew@choptankelectric.coop) or Watt's the Answer, Choptank Electric, P.O. Box 430, Denton MD 21629. Answers must be received by Sept. 5. The winner will be announced in the October edition. The winner of June's contest is George Gross, who knew "Google" is the world's most famous brand name - more famous than Coke!

## Aero-Wise merge (cont. from p1)

Wise Oil is headquartered in Cambridge with locations in Wye Mills and Salisbury. Its 4,000 consumers are primarily located in Dorchester, Talbot, Caroline and Queen Anne's counties. Aside from distributing heating fuels, gasoline, and diesel fuel, Wise also installs and services heating and cooling systems.

Aero Energy is headquartered in New Oxford, PA and operates out of 7 locations in south-central Pennsylvania, northern and southern Maryland, Delaware and the Eastern Shore.

Founded in 1929, Aero serves approximately 27,000 consumers with distribution of propane, heating oil, gasoline, and diesel, heating and cooling equipment installations and related maintenance services, propane cylinder refurbishment, distribution of Blue Rhino propane grill cylinders, and standby electric generators. Aero is an operating company of Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Solutions, Inc. (MACS), and is jointly owned by affiliates of Choptank Electric, Adams Electric Cooperative, Gettysburg, PA, and an Aero employee stock ownership plan.

Fred Hubbard, president and CEO of Choptank Electric said, "Since Choptank became involved in the purchase of Aero Energy in 2001, I've wanted to do more on the Eastern Shore than having one distribution point in Salisbury, since we have members in all nine counties. The right fit for an organization comes along rarely. This merger looks and feels like the right fit for MACS and Aero. Bill Wise, Tom Washburn and their team show total professionalism, and we are very pleased to have a great partner like Adams Electric Co-op."

## Learn the 30-30 rule about lightning safety

Lightning causes more storm-related deaths annually in the United States than tornadoes or hurricanes, and causes about \$5 billion in economic losses each year.

Safe Electricity offers safety tips and precautions recommended by the National Weather Service to avoid injury and damage during thunderstorms and lightning activity.

Under the 30-30 Rule, if you are outside when a storm approaches and you see lightning, count the time until you hear thunder. If you count 30 seconds or less, seek proper shelter. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder before leaving shelter.

If thunderstorms and lightning are approaching, the safest location is indoors away from doors and windows. Avoid water, electric appliances and other objects that could conduct electricity, and use only cordless or cell phones to make emergency calls.

Phone use is the leading cause of indoor lightning injuries in the U.S. A direct strike is not necessary for lightning voltage to enter your home through phone lines, electrical wires, cables and plumbing.

Additional lightning facts and safety tips can be found at [www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov).

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**Youth Tour participants representing Choptank Electric met U.S. Congressman Frank Kratovil (D-1st) during their visit to Washington, D.C. From left: Anne Whaples, Choptank chaperon; Logan Moore, Centreville; Andrea Ward, Denton; Rep. Kratovil; Kristen Hodges, Greensboro; Kristin Seymour, Denton; Melissa Bosley, Trappe; and Kevin Wright, Choptank chaperon.**

## Teens have a "Capital" experience

Five Eastern Shore high school students were among over 1,500 juniors and seniors from 44 states who participated in the annual Rural Electric Youth Tour held in June in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). The students from this area were sponsored by Choptank Electric Cooperative.

The area students who participated were Melissa Bosley, a student at Chesapeake Christian School, Easton, Logan Moore, a student at Queen Anne's County High, and Kristen Hodges, Kristin Seymour and Andrea Ward, students at North Carolina High in Denton. They were chaperoned by Anne Whaples, manager of cooperative communications, and Kevin Wright, regional customer service manager, at Choptank.

While at Youth Tour, Logan Moore was chosen to represent the State of Maryland on the Youth Leadership Council. She returned to Washington in July to study public speaking and the cooperative movement. She will also attend the NRECA annual meeting in 2010 in Atlanta, GA as well as the Choptank Electric annual meeting.

A member of the Class of 2010 at Queen Anne's County High, Logan is active in the Future Farmers of America and the Cloverleaf 4-H Club. She was crowned the Eastern Shore Dairy Princess and named Maryland Alternate State Princess. She participates in state dairy judging, shows dairy cattle and competes in 4-H public speaking. Logan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Moore.

Youth Tour provides high school students opportunities to learn first-hand what it is like to be involved in politics, community service and today's pressing issues. Highlights included meeting with Rep. Frank Kratovil (D-MD) in the U.S. House of Representatives and an aide to Sen. Benjamin Cardkin to discuss the process of government and issues of the day.

As part of the group of 41 students from Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, the Choptank Youth Tour participants toured the Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon and the Newseum. They also enjoyed a Potomac River cruise, an evening at the Kennedy Center, a dinner/dance to meet other students from throughout the U.S., and convened with all other state groups for National Youth Day.

Youth Tour has been a joint effort of local co-ops, statewide associations, such as the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives, and the NRECA for over 40 years.

## Update on operations

- Rock Creek Construction rebuilding lines in the Sudlersville and Salisbury areas.
- Sassafras Substation in Kent County will be under construction through summer and fall 2009.
- New 69/15kV substation transformer in Bloomfield Substation, St. Michaels, energized June 30. Members were transferred onto the new transformer July 1. The new transformer will provide adequate capacity for many years. The old transformer will be transferred to Barclay Substation this fall.
- Upgrades at Hillsboro substation (Caroline) are planned in summer 2009.
- Replacement of fuses with breaker at Sinepuxent tap (Ocean Pines) planned for spring 2010.

**DANCE:** Pine Steppers, workshop Wed., 7 p.m., Ocean Pines Comm. Ctr. 410-208-6331/208-6777; Pepper Steppers, 2nd Sat., 8 p.m., 1st UM Church Hall, Chestertown, 410-810-0926/778-4578; Dorchester Swingers, Maple Elem., Egypt Rd., Cambridge, 8-10, 1st Fri. 410-822-7535. Line dance, Fri., Order of Eagles, 107 Alexander Ave., Salisbury, beginners 6 p.m., 410-749-1981

**BINGO:** Willards VFC, Thurs., 7 p.m., Lions Bldg., 410-835-8678; Pittsville VFC, Fri., 7 p.m. 410-835-2323; Fedsbg. VFW, Thurs., 7:20 p.m. 410-754-5020; Hurlock Legion, Fri., 7:30 p.m., 410-943-8205; Denton Legion, Tues., 6 p.m., 410-479-2708; Redmen, Fruitland, Mon., 6:30 p.m. 410-742-6859; Willards Lions, Tues., 7 p.m. 410-835-2328; Denton VFC, Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Holy Saviour Church, 17th St./Ocean Hwy., Ocean City, Fri., 7-10. 410-524-7004; Ocean City Elks 2645, Wed., open 5:30, surprise & early bird, 6:30, regular, 7 p.m. 410-250-2645

**MUSIC:** Peninsulaires, Tues. 7:30 p.m., Salisbury University, Fulton Hall Rm. 130, 410-251-0780; Ocean Bay Sweet Adelines, Mon., 7 p.m., 410-749-1194; Delmarva Sweet Adelines, Mon., 7 p.m., Ocean Pines Comm. Ctr. 410-641-6876; QA Barbershop, Wed., 6:30 p.m., Ches. College, Wye Mills. 410-827-7993; Bay Country Chorus, Mon., 7 p.m., Miller Hall, behind Trinity Cathedral, Easton. 410-770-8262; Worcester Chorale, Wed., 7 p.m., Comm. Church, Rt. 589, Ocean Pines. 410-208-1999; E. Shore Bluegrass Assn., show/jam, 2nd Sun., 1 p.m., Marydel Fire Co. 302-674-3149 or 492-1048

**VETS:** Vietnam Vets of Amer., 1st Thurs., 7 p.m., Easton VFW. 410-943-1374; 3rd Thurs., VFW 194, Salisbury. 410-651-0904; Disabled American Vets Chap. 34, 4th Thurs., 1 p.m., Meuse VFW Post 194, Salisbury. 410-749-4518

Chesapeake Christian Riders CMA 453, 1st Thurs, Bob Evans Restaurant, Easton, 6 p.m. 410-943-8325

Mid-Shore A.B.A.T.E., 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m., Easton VFW. [www.mid-shoreabate.com](http://www.mid-shoreabate.com)

**CANCER SUPPORT:** Women Supporting Women, 3rd Wed., 7 p.m., 213 Atlantic Bus. Ctr., Berlin, 410-641-2849; 1st Thur., 7-8:30 p.m., 106 W. Circle Ave., #101, Salisbury. 410-548-7880; Shore Reg. Cancer Ctr., Easton, pre-register, 1-888-806-0756, patients & survivors, Thurs., 5 p.m., Daytimers, 1st & 3rd Wed., 10:30 p.m., family and caregivers, 1st & 3rd Wed., 5:30-7;

Brain Tumor Awareness, 3rd Tues, Comm. Foundation Eastern Shore, Salisbury, 6:30. 410-443-1342; Women Supporting Women Lymphedema group, 2nd Tues., 11-noon, Avery Hall Ed. Ctr., PRMC. 410-548-7880

Medical coverage for pregnant women & children to age 19. Kent, 410-778-7035, QA, 410-758-0720, Tal., 410-819-5690

**SELF-HELP:** Denton AA, 105 Gay St., Thurs., 8 p.m.; Co-Dependents, Sun., 6:30 p.m., Christ UMC, Salisbury. 410-376-0164; Dual Recovery, Wor. Library, Pocomoke, Mon., 7 p.m.; Overeaters, Sat., 10 a.m., Christ UM Church, Salisbury. 410-376-0164; Thur., 5 p.m., Buckingham Presby., 20 S. Main, Berlin. 410-629-0679; Mon. 5:15 p.m., Health Ed., Memorial Hosp., Easton; Fri. noon, St. Mark's UMC, Easton. 410-820-0006; TOPS, Tues., 6 p.m., Worcester Health Dept.; Thurs., 7 p.m., Christ UMC, Salisbury, 410-546-4197/543-9039; Church of God, Easton, 6 p.m. 410-822-2630/673-2248

**SINGLES CLUBS:** Widows & Widowers' Social Club, 3rd Tues., 2:15 p.m., The Woodlands at Ocean Pines. 410-208-0430; Beach Singles 45+, last Tues, 6 p.m. 410-208-3974; Delmarva Singles 50+, 1st Wed., 6 p.m. 410-742-8310; Activity Singles Klub, Easton, 2nd Wed., 410-822-7468

Nat'l Assn. Active & Retired Fed. Employees, Chap. 1261, Salisbury area, 3rd Thurs., 410-896-2671; Chap. 2274, Wor. Co., 4th Thurs., Jordan's Rooftop, OC, 11:30 a.m., 410-641-5570

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE:** Riverside Homes, Salisbury, Mon., 7 p.m., 410-835-8343; Tred Avon, Wed., 11:30 a.m., Hyde Park Community Clubhouse, Cordova Rd., Easton. 410-226-5126

Ocean Pines Camera Club, 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., library. 410-208-2555

U. of Md. Cooperative Extension Service Master Gardeners Plant Clinic, Ocean Pines Library, Tues., 1-4. 410-641-5570

Friends of Ocean Pines Library, 2nd Mon., 10 a.m., 410-208-2760

Writers Bloc, 3rd Sat., Rm. 3, Wic. Co. Library, Salisbury, 1 p.m.

Sons of Confederate Vets Maj. Gen. Arnold Elzey Camp 1940, friends, 1st Wed., 7 p.m., Wic. Library, Salisbury. 410-641-9305

Pine'er Craft & Gift Shop, Ocean Pines Comm. Ctr., 239 Ocean Pkwy., every Sat. & Sun., 10-4.

Federalsburg VFC, breakfast 4th Sun., 7-10. \$6, kids \$3; >3 free.

Preston Vol. Fire Co., AUCE breakfast, 1st Sun., 7-10, \$6.

Delmarva Detachment/Marine Corps League, 2nd Wed., 7, American Legion, Post 64, Salisbury. 410-341-4616

United Fitness Class, free, Mon., Wed., Fri., chair exercise, 9:30-10, Mt. Hermon UM Church. 410-548-9436

Free beginner's knitting class, 3rd Tues., 1-2, Women Supporting Women, 106 W. Circle Ave., Suite 101, Salisbury.

Sudlersville Train Station Museum, 1st Sat., May to October, 10-2. 410-438-3501

Heartland Quilt Guild, 1st Thurs., 7 p.m., Choptank Electric district office, Denton. 410-820-5192

Military families, Delmarva Blue Star Mothers, 2nd Sat., 2 p.m., locations TBA. 410-438-2911 or 410-376-0354

Ruthsburg Community Ctr. for rent. Equipped with commercial kitchen, audio system. Call 410-758-0405 for rental availability.

Centreville Farmer's Market has moved back to Lawyer's Row permanently, every Wed. and Sat., 9-1 through Oct. 31. For info, visit [www.cmdfarmersmarket.com](http://www.cmdfarmersmarket.com) or call 410-364-5689.

Delmarva Needle Art Show & Competition, Julia A. Purnell Museum, Snow Hill, Sept. 1-Oct. 31, Tues.-Sat., 10-4, Sun., 1-4. 410-632-0515

Invitational Benefit Karate Tournament, Sept. 12, 9 a.m., Talbot YMCA, Easton. Shotokan Karate Associated Clubs, benefits HonorFight.org. \$1 admission. 410-822-0566

Native Fall Plant Sale, Sept. 12, 9-1, Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely. 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

Southern Gospel Concert, Cambridge-South Dorchester HS Auditorium, Sept. 12, 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m. Tickets \$15 in advance (\$17 at door), call: 410-221-5104, 410-228-8510 or 410-228-5026.

Delmarva Bike Week, Sept. 17-20, Ocean City area, Sept. 17-19, 9-7, Sept. 20, 9-4. [www.delmarvabikewek.com](http://www.delmarvabikewek.com)

Talbot County Relay for Life, Sept. 18, Community Center, Easton. 410-310-5747 or [chessielex@yahoo.com](mailto:chessielex@yahoo.com)

Union UMC, Ole Union Day and Car-Bike-Tractor Show, 1203 Pine St., Delmar, Sept. 19, 9-4. Registration for car show \$10. Dinners sold. 410-430-2307.

Books, Plus discussion, "Mercy," by Toni Morrison. Caroline Public Library, Denton, Sept. 21, 7-9 p.m., 410-479-1343.

Sunfest, Inlet Lot, Ocean City, Sept. 24-27, entertainment, artisans, food, children's activities. [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

Berlin Fiddlers Convention, Main St., Sept. 25, 6-9, Sept. 26, 10-5, Sept. 27, 10-3. Free concert, music competition, Bluegrass Gospel Jam, crafters and food. 410-641-4775

Magic in the Meadow, Sept. 26, 6-9 p.m. Food, auctions, entertainment, stargazing with Delmarva Stargazers. Benefits Adkins Arboretum conservation programs. \$95/person. 410-634-2847

First Baptist Church, New Church VA, 100th anniversary celebration, Sept. 27, service 10 a.m., dinner 1 p.m., hymn sing 2:30 p.m. features God's Country Crossroads. 410-857-1531

**SEND EVENTS:** Shore Good to Know, Choptank Electric, P.O. Box 430, Denton, MD 21629; or [annet@choptankelectric.coop](mailto:annet@choptankelectric.coop) two months prior to event if possible. Please include phone number.