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**Girl Scouts participate in STEM program**



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Snapology invited Girl Scouts of all ages to participate in a STEM program to do LEGO Engineering and LEGO Robotics builds. The program was held Jan. 21 at Monocacy Valley Church with more than 25 Frederick area Girl Scouts in attendance.

**NARFE members hear about Downtown Frederick Partnership**



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Kara Norman, executive director of Downtown Frederick Partnership, spoke to the Frederick Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Association at the January meeting. She explained how the DFP works to implement the national Main Street Program for the benefit of Frederick businesses, residents and visitors. She also talked about plans for the future of downtown Frederick, answered questions about various projects and buildings, and helped attendees get a better understanding of how the Partnership is working to strengthen the vitality of downtown Frederick. Shown with Norman, left, is Elinor Abrell, co-president of Chapter 409. For more information about NARFE Chapter 409, or to join, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/narfe409>.

**Buckingham's Choice residents present donation to Federated Charities**



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The residents at Buckingham's Choice recently presented a donation of \$1,685 to the Federated Charities Corp. of Frederick. The fundraising effort was organized by the Religious Life Committee at Buckingham's Choice. Pictured, left to right: Ellen Ross, executive director of The Federated Charities Corp. of Frederick; Mary Geil, chair of the Religious Life Committee at Buckingham's Choice, and Michael Conord, executive director at Buckingham's Choice.

**Jefferson Ruritan Club supports Patty Pollatos Fund with donation**



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At each club meeting, the Jefferson Ruritan Club's program chair, Artie House, entertains all with a joke or two. The club decided to publish "Artie's Little Joke Book" with a compilation of many of his jokes/stories told over the past few years. Proceeds received from the sales of the book were earmarked for the Patty Pollatos Fund on behalf of Kathryn Snider, a local resident who is facing challenges of brain cancer. At the January club meeting, Snider, center, received a check for \$750 from club president, Bill Six, left, and Artie House, right. The Jefferson Ruritan Club currently has 98 members that serve the community of Jefferson. The club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Jefferson Ruritan Center. Anyone interested in joining this organization can check out the website [jeffersonmd.net](http://jeffersonmd.net) or contact Larry Cassell at 240-344-2217 or [pappapcass@comcast.net](mailto:pappapcass@comcast.net).

**Dance Unlimited students win awards at NYCDA**



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Frederick-based Dance Unlimited's three competition teams, Mini-Company, Juniors and the pre-professional Dance Unlimited Repertory Co., attended the NYCDA Regional Dance Workshop in Baltimore. NYCDA is a leader in providing professional-level training and performance opportunities at their regional and national workshops. Dance students participated in the weekend-long workshop, which culminated with scholarship auditions. Repertory Company members, Danielle Tuomey, right, senior level, and Andrew Seaton, left, junior level, were awarded scholarships to participate in NYCDA's National Workshop to be held in New York City in July. Junior Company member Shane Patil, center, was recognized with a Future Star Award.

**ONGOING**

**"Blue"** — 10 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through Feb. 12, Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. The story of Inky and Pale, two friends who live in a world where the only color is blue. Continues through Feb. 12. For ages 1 to 5. 301-280-1696 or [www.imaginationstage.org](http://www.imaginationstage.org).  
**"A Tale of Two Trojls"** — 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through March 5, Maryland Renaissance Theatre, 21 W. Basilica

Drive, Frederick. Lunch followed by show at 12:30 p.m. \$17 person. 301-662-6600 or [www.wayoffbroadway.com](http://www.wayoffbroadway.com).  
**Winter Reading Adventures** — 11 to 11:45 a.m. Saturdays through March 11, Gettysburg National Military Park, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, Pa. For ages 5 to 10. Schedule of books to read can be found at [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett). Free. 717-334-1124.

course runs for 4 consecutive Tuesdays. Classes for those ages 3-5 are 6-6:30 p.m. Classes for those aged 6+ are held from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Batons are loaned free to all participants for class time. Must pre-register. 240-405-2604 or [donito@aol.com](mailto:donito@aol.com).  
**Disney on Ice Presents "Dream Big"** — 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. opens Wednesday and continues through Feb. 12, Royal Farms Arena, 201 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore. Be transported to a world where imaginations

1:30 p.m. Saturday, Mount Airy Library, 705 Ridge Ave., Mount Airy. For ages 4 to 5. Headed to kindergarten next fall? Special storytime celebrates this monumental milestone with stories, songs and a bus ride! Parents will receive information on registration and how to ready children for school success. Only kids need to register. 410-386-4470 or [www.library.cart.org](http://www.library.cart.org).  
**bookPETS** — 2 p.m. Feb. 12, Mount Airy Library, 705 Ridge Ave., Mount Airy.