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BOD election results to be announced

Votes will be counted and ballot totals will be announced August 10 at 9 a.m. to learn which of the seven Ocean Pines Board of Director candidates will fill four vacant seats. The tabulating will take place in Marlin Room in the Community Center.

Election results will be validated at the Annual Meeting of the Membership the following morning at 10 a.m. at the Assateague Room in the Community Center. All property owners are urged to attend the Annual Meeting. Members are encouraged to arrive early and should be ready to provide a photo ID such as a driver's license.

"In every OPA election, a few ballots arrive too late to count," said Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger. "Your vote is important and we want to help make it count."

Once Ocean Pines property owners have received and filled out their ballots, they may choose to deliver it physically or by mail. Physical delivery may be done by dropping your ballot off in the police department at the Administration Building, located at 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, no later than 5 p.m. on August 8.

"If you plan to drop off your ballot, it is very easy because the ballot drop box is easy to spot at the Ocean Pines Police Department," said Habeger. Labeled "Official Ballot Box," the black ballot box is situated adjacent to the door of the police department.

"Please note that the Ocean Pines Association mail box is located in the Berlin Post Office, not the Ocean Pines Post Office," said Habeger. "Depositing mail in a drop box or slot in the Ocean Pines Post Office by the posted pick-up time does not guarantee the ballot will get to the Berlin Post Office the next day. It probably will but it is not a certainty."

Habeger said voters who plan to mail their ballots should consider postal service processing time. "Don't wait until the last minute to mail your ballot."

The Elections Committee encourages members to get to know the candidates before casting a ballot by visiting

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Recognized - The Ocean Pines Pine'eer Craft Club announced recently that the Crafter of the Month for August is **Kim Perrone** (above).

Kim has received a Bachelors degree in Art Education from Indiana University of PA. and a Masters of Science in Instructional Technology from Western CT State University.

Kim says she fell in love with clay in college and has been perfecting her craft ever since. She says she still has so much more to learn. "I am not a production potter and enjoy enhancing my wheel thrown forms with springs adding 3D decorative elements to the clay such as shell designs, sea creatures and organic form and altering shapes."

Currently she is working on "shell bowls" that have hand cut scalloped edges with shells. Her work is meant to be used and is food safe. Sometimes Kim uses four to five different glazes on one piece.

You can see this artisan and other artisans in the Pine'eer Artisan and Gift Shop located at White Horse Park every Wednesday 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and every Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.to 3 p.m.





AARP to meet

AARP will meet September 10 at 10 a.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center. This month's guest speaker will be Amy and Gary Feger of Care Patrol who will discuss safer senior living. For more information call Larry Walton at 443-831-1791.

Craft club to meet

The Pine'eer Craft Club will meet August 16 at 10 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Guest are welcome to attend.

Wor-Wic offers Saturday registration hours

Wor-Wic Community College is offering an additional day to register for credit classes that begin September 5.

Admission, registration and financial aid services will be available on Saturday, August 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Regular hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information or a credit class schedule, visit www.worwic.edu or call 410-334-2895.

LSLT program scheduled

The upcoming Brown Bag Lunch Program to be held between noon and 1 p.m. on August 8 and hosted by the Lower Shore Land Trust highlights Future Harvest, Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture, an organization working to build a sustainable foodshed from farm and fishery to table. Niamh Shortt, Delmarva program manager, will provide information about this sustainable agriculture nonprofit started by farmers concerned with protecting the Chesapeake Bay. Learn more about this organization's Beginner Farmer Training program, field school events, conference and networking events, and food system reform on Delmarva. RSVP 443-234-5587 or email info@lowershorelandtrust.org.

Junior golf tourney returns

Boys and girls ages five to 13 are invited to Ocean Pines Golf Club for an afternoon of fun competition at the course's annual junior golf tournament on Tuesday, August 14 beginning at 1 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Players will be grouped according to age and/or ability. Male and female divisions will also be created if sufficient registrations are received. All skill levels are welcome.

"This event offers kids a chance to experience a tournament atmosphere without a lot of pressure. We encourage them to have fun and to display good sportsmanship," said Ocean Pines PGA Director of Golf John Malinowski.

Ages five to eight will play three holes, ages nine to 11 will play six holes and ages 12 to 13 will play nine holes. Tournament participants will be required to walk, although push carts are allowed. Parents may follow along on the course; a golf cart fee will apply for those parents wishing to ride.

The cost to participate is \$15 per person, which includes greens fees, snacks and prizes.

Registration may be completed online at OceanPinesGolf.org or in person at Ocean Pines Golf Club, located at 100 Clubhouse Drive in

Monday

Ocean Pines Poker Club Poker players wanted in Ocean Pines area for Monday evenings. Call 410-208-1928.

Sweet Adelines

The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus meets from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Call 410-641-6876.

Monday/Tuesday

Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge Open bridge games Monday at 12 p.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m. at OP Community Center. Call Mary Stover 410-726-1795.

Tuesday

Families Anonymous

From 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at room 37 in the the Community Church at Ocean Pines on Rte. 589. For more information call Carol at 410-208-4515.

Tuesday/Thursday

Poker Players wanted for Gentalmen's Poker in North Gate area Ocean Pines.Game played every Tuesday & Thursday evening 5:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.on Pinehurst Rd.Ocean Pines. Call 410-208-0063 for more information.

Wednesday

Kiwanis Club Meeting

Weekly meetings at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors open 7 a.m.

Elks Bingo

Ocean City Elks in Ocean City (behind Fenwick Inn) open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 and bingo at 7 p.m. Call 410-250-2645.

Rotary Club

Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held at 5:45 p.m. at the Captains Table in Ocean City. Contact Stan.Kahn@carouselhotel.com.

Square Dancing The Pinesteppers

The Pinesteppers have introduction to square dancing at the OP Community Center at 7 p.m. Call Bruce Barrett at 410-208-6777.

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin

Wednesday Night Bayside Beginnings Al-Anon family meetings are held at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Story Time

Stories, music and crafts at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3-5 at Ocean Pines library. Call 410-208-4014.

Beach Singles

Beach Singles 45 for Happy Hour at Harpoon Hanna's at 4 p.m. Call Arlene at 302-436-9577 or Kate at 410-524-0649 for more activities. BeachSingles.org.

Legion Bingo

American Legion in Ocean City opens doors at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7. For information call 410-289-3166.

Gamblers Anonymous

Group meets at 8 p.m. at the Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City. Call 888-424-3577 for help.

Friday

Knights of Columbus Bingo

Bingo will be held behind St. Luke's Church, 100th St. in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments available. Call 410-524-7994.

First Saturday Creative Writing Forum

Every first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Berlin Library. Novice and established writers gather to share their fiction, non-fiction, and creative writing projects. Program includes critiques and appreciation, market leads, and writing exercises.

Ocean Pines. The deadline for registration is Friday, Aug. 10.

For more information, contact John Malinowski, PGA director of golf at Ocean Pines Golf Club, at 410-641-7717.

Free concert offered

The Berlin Heritage Foundation announces the third performance in the 2018 Concert on the Lawn series. Sponsored by the Town of Berlin, "The Geckos" will perform on Sunday, August 12 at 6 p.m. at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum located at 208 North Main Street in Berlin. Bring a chair and a picnic to enjoy this free concert on the lawn. Concerts in the series are always held at 6 p.m. on the second Sunday of the months of June through September. The 2018 Concert on the Lawn series is sponsored by Harrison Orchards and Patricia & Paul Dufendach.

The Taylor House Museum is open from Memorial Day weekend through the end of October on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Group tours are available anytime by appointment.

For more information contact the Taylor Museum at 410-641-1019 or visit our website at www.taylorhouse-museum.org.

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Anglers to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, August 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library. The speaker will be Bill Hamilton from Tidewater Physical Therapy. He will discuss Medicare changes related to physical therapy and address some common ailments experienced by fisherman including tendinitis of the thumb, wrist and elbow. All are welcome.



Recognition - Worcester Prep junior Molly McCormick won second place, out of hundreds of entries, in the B'nai B'rith International Diverse Minds Writing Challenge for High School students in Delmarva. Seventeen-year-old McCormick wrote and illustrated a children's book she titled "Tide Pools." The contest challenged high school students to submit children's books about diversity to promote acceptance and appreciation for differences in race, culture, gender and religion. McCormick received a \$2,000 college scholarship to the school of her choice at an awards banquet in Newark, DE in June.

Above: Molly McCormick is pictured at the awards banquet between her father Brett McCormick and mother/WPS Math teacher Shari McCormick.

New Berlin library to officially open

Calling all area residents and bibliophiles everywhere. You are cordially invited to join the Worcester County Commissioners and the Library Board of Trustees, as they cut the ribbon and dedicate the new home of the Berlin branch of the Worcester County Library. The celebration will take place Tuesday, August 7, at the Berlin Branch, which is located at 13 Harrison Avenue, just off Main Street in Berlin.

There will be plenty of special events that are sure to delight those of all ages, following the dedication. A fun community art project, history of the Berlin library slideshow, and kid friendly photo booth are being planned. Staff will host tours of the new 12,000-square-foot library, highlighting the two-story structure's expanded children and teen reading areas, spacious community meeting room, art gallery, and local history room. Interspersed throughout these areas are plenty of cozy seating areas, and a section for public computers and

laptop use.

The structure's façade complements the historic architecture of the Town of Berlin. Outdoor spaces include a covered children's patio on the first floor and an open-air deck, located off the meeting room on the second level invite library patrons to take advantage of the natural setting. The new location also includes an expanded community garden, in keeping with the beloved fixture that graced the former branch library.

The building has many energy efficient features including geothermal loop system, LED lighting, triple pane windows, and foam insulation to improve performance and reduce energy costs.

Funding for the new facility was provided courtesy of the Worcester County Commissioners, Worcester County Library Foundation, and the County Library Capital Grant Program, Maryland State Department of Education, and Division of Library Development and Services.

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Giving the gift of an experience is a rising trend, particularly among millennials. Harris research has determined that millennials (defined as people born between 1980 and 1996) highly value experiences, and they are increasingly spending time and



money on them. Types of experiences include athletic pursuits, cultural visits, concerts, social events, and

various travel. The re-

search goes on to say that more than three out of four millennials choose to spend money on a desirable experience instead of buying a product. And it is not just millennials. Overall, consumer spending has shifted in the last 10 to 15 years. HSBC bank chief economist Kevin Logan has said consumer spending on recreation, travel and eating out has been trending upward for more than a decade, while purchases of clothing and shoes as a share of discretionary spending has dropped. These trends can help drive purchases during holiday gift-giving. Gifts that are more experience-oriented may be more appreciated by their recipients.

Illegal immigrants incur ultimate solution

Commentary by Dan Collins

Whole families of longtime South Gate pond Canadian geese became the target of US government action that resulted in deportation to the Promised Land. Although many were hatched in the USA, their immigration status was challenged on the grounds that their primary contribution to making America great again was defecation.

Apparently too many socially concerned do-gooders ignored the signage that warned against feeding the immigrants. Free food caused an imbalance in the balance of nature and these immigrants flocked and squatted and crapped in overwhelming numbers as evidenced by slicks of goose do-do on the walking paths that were the remnants of an occasional misstep by a taxpayer.

The official press release gave the reason for the action as, "...the presence of resident Canadian geese contributes to unacceptable levels of feces in the waters and recreation areas of the community..."

Many options were considered to give the non-green card de facto residents amnesty despite the fact that they entered the country on a winter vacation visa and promised to go home the following summer. A wall was considered but quickly rejected when someone realized that geese can fly. Sanctuary was considered but also rejected because their contribution was pure s t. Thus the options were narrowed.

On 29 June, US government authorities conducted a sweeping dawn blitzkrieg operation to capture about 250 Canadian geese. In a humanitarian concession, families were not separated. Offsprings were transported with their parents to an undisclosed location where they were transformed into delicious morsels for the Maryland Food Bank.

Other South Gate pond residents, the Mallard ducks and swans were not available for comment. Although one, using the pseudonym "Mr. Duck" did offer, "Quack, quack" while he looked the other way. And one US government employee who refused to comment because he was not authorized to do so was heard saying under his breath, "... just following orders..."

However, the story has taken a sortie into the surreal. The respite from goose do-do may be shorter than the terminators thought. Like Eisenhower in England, a massive flock of Canadian geese are mustering on the lawns of Ocean Downs Casino just two miles from the scene of the June massacre.

Library book sale is successful

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped with the 19th Annual Friends of the Ocean Pines Library Book Sale this past weekend and Monday.

The categories of helpers and volunteers (80+) include: set-up crew on Thursday, membership sign-up on Friday, rovers, checker and cashiers on



Friday, Saturday and Monday, our food service volunteer, the special collections volunteer, and all the breakdown crew who gathered 100 boxes of leftover books that went to local charities on the Eastern Shore. We also thank the volunteers who helped people to their cars with their purchases. And finally, to the staff of the Ocean Pines Library, who tolerate the dis-

ruption on the last weekend of July each year, thank you!

On the 19th year of the sale, records were again broken bringing in over \$11,000!

This sale would not be possible without the generous donation of books from the Ocean Pines community, and the ongoing sorting of those donations by the "Backroom Gang".

This is not the end of the book sale. Recently published books in good condition are sold year-around in the back of the library near the turtle tank. Please stop by and check those shelves.

Our sale dates in 2019 are July 26, 27 and 29, and all proceeds go to the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library

Jim Meckley Eileen Leonhart In goose gibberish, you can hear the acerbic rhetoric, "Remember the Alamo! Remember the Maine! Remember Pearl Harbor! Remember Wounded Knee! And remember South Gate Pond!" Make no mistake about their intentions: They are planning to retake the pond and they are armed with full intestines.

Homeland Pineys are getting organized for the assault. The issue is what to do. The OP board voted unanimously (0-0 with 7 abstentions) to table the million dollar wall in favor of a zillion dollar retractable roof. Others who funded the ongoing forensic audit of the board are looking at other defenses.

Some new ideas include declaring the pond an OP pool and charging the geese \$5 per visit to use it or \$150 for a season pass, declaring détente and issue all dog walkers and joggers booties, importing more native American fowl to overpopulate the lake with our kind, sending the federales to Ocean Downs Casino for a preemptive strike or simply draining the pond.

Still others want to memorialize the events of 29 June by asking the Mc-Donald's that overlooks the pond to introduce a McGoose sandwich.

If you have read this article this far, I'm sure you'll agree that fake news can be fun as long as you don't take it seriously.

Free 'Stop the Bleed' training offered

Accidents can happen at any time, and no matter how rapid the arrival of professional emergency responders, bystanders will always be first on the scene. A person who is bleeding can die from blood loss within five minutes; it is important to step in quickly.

"Stop the Bleed" is a nationwide campaign to empower individuals to act quickly and save lives. Peninsula Regional Medical Center will hold a free "Stop the Bleed" class on August 14 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. It will cover pressure points, applying dressing and proper use of tourniquets. It is open to the public and no medical knowledge is required.

Hunters, campers, parents, Scout leaders, coaches and people who live in rural areas or work in an industry where people can get injured can especially benefit. Please register online at www.peninsula.org/stopbleed.

Kids who use all the hot water

Authors note: This column first appeared in 2002. Since then my children have moved out and I have grandchildren. I also have as much hot water as I need. Looking back, those times when my kids used up all the hot water weren't so bad after all.

When we become parents there are



so many things we learn to do without. Going out to dinner several times a week is given up so money can be saved to pay for baby food and clothes.

We put up with the old car another year so we can afford the cost of braces for the buck-toothed child who calls us Mom or Dad.

We don't buy as many useless gadgets throughout the year so that there will be more than enough Christmas presents under the tree for our little prides and joys.

Rarely do we parents complain about this. It's what we do. We ask very little in return really except maybe a bedroom that is kept neat and clean, dishes that are put in the dishwasher and perhaps, if we should dare to dream boldly, the hope that our children will remember our birthdays without being reminded.

For all this we hope. The longer I am a parent the more I am learning that the sacrifices we must make appear never ending. This became very clear to me recently when I went to take a shower and discovered rather quickly, but not soon enough, that my children had used all the hot water while taking their showers. Before I could scream in discomfort my hair was spiked in icicles and my fingers were blue.

There was a time when my kids had to be threatened within an inch of their lives to take a shower, and use soap. Now they're taking showers at least once a day if not more. I'm a great proponent of hygiene but must I be deprived of hot water like I am ever increasingly being deprived access to the television remote control or the pleasure of answering the phone when it rings?

It goes with the territory that parents often times have to sacrifice for the good of their children. At some point a line has to be drawn. And that line has to be somewhere this side of having enough hot water to take a shower.

Growing up it was not unusual for us to take cold showers. This was not by choice. To save money my mother would often turn off the hot water

heater. Nearly just as often we would forget to remind her to turn it back on before we went to bed so we would have hot water for our morning showers.

Very few words appropriate for publication in a family newspaper can be accurately substituted for the

actual words that were uttered the moment we realized the hot water heater had not been turned on.

Often times it was so cold that the water froze as it was draining.

With time I learned it was possible to soap up, wash my hair and rinse in under 30 seconds. Ah, the good old days!

As a result of my childhood experience with cold showers, I am an unabashed hot water hog. I like long, hot showers. The hotter the better.

Now it seems I will have to give up this last luxury for the benefit of my children who have never known the anguish of cold water pelting them in the early morning.

I've given up vacations in the Caribbean, caviar and fine wines. I've learned to subsist without benefit of eating out at the best restaurants on a regular basis. I've never complained about the fact that their haircuts cost more than mine and not once have I ever complained that they've eaten the last slice of cake before I've had a piece. That's just the kind of guy I am.

However, this not having enough hot water situation could be the final straw. It may now be time to reevaluate the sacrifices made for the sake of the children. Maybe we've been so nice to them they just expect they should have hot water for their showers and baths. We've made life too easy for them.

Upon reflection, it may be best to do nothing. After all there will come a time when they will be grown and move out and the house will be quiet and I'll have all the hot water I want, when I want.

That seems rather boring. I think I'll move in with them so I can use their hot water.

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Artists Paint OC returns

Anyone strolling the Boardwalk or venturing into the area's scenic spots from August 8 through 12 may see a paint-spattered figure huddled in front of a flat white rectangle, working furiously, paintbrush flying. The figure may be wearing a big sun hat, have a messy plate of colors in front of them on an easel, and be concentrating on a particular spot off in the distance.

That figure is a plein air artist competing in this year's annual "Artists Paint OC," an annual competition among artists who paint outdoors. Fifty artists, popular regional artists as well as painters from around the country, will paint from Wednesday through Saturday at picturesque spots around the resort. The Art League's Facebook page will track some locations.

The event culminates with the Wet Paint Party & Sale on Saturday, August 11 when the artists bring their freshlypainted work indoors to be hung on the walls of the Ocean City Center for the Arts. Kirk McBride, acclaimed local plein air artist, will judge the work and award more than \$2,000 in cash prizes, including themed awards sponsored by Worcester County Tourism, Royal Plus Electric (best use of light), HMRA (best show of hospitality), and TowboatUS (best maritime painting).

Saturday night's party and sale from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. is free and open to the public and an opportunity to meet the artists and collect original artwork of local scenes at affordable

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> The exhibition and sale of the plein air artwork continues at the Arts Center on Sunday, August 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

> Sunday morning's Quick Draw Contest wraps up the event. Artists will gather in downtown Ocean City and paint against the clock from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. At 11 a.m. they return to the boardwalk at South Division Street where their work will be judged and winners announced. The public may purchase the art off-the-easel until 1 p.m. The Ocean City Development Corp. sponsors the Quick Draw Contest and awards \$500 in cash prizes.

> "En plein air" is a French expression that means "in the open air," used to describe the art of painting outdoors. Plein air events take place wherever the scenery is inspirational, artists congregate to paint it, and spectators gather to see the artists create a painting as they watch. Baltimore Magazine has listed "Artists Paint OC" in their "50 Reasons Why We Love Our Beach."

> The plein air artwork will be on exhibit at the Ocean City Center for the Arts through the end of August. More information about the event is available online at www.artleagueofoceancity.org or by calling the Ocean City Center for the Arts at 410-524-9433.

PRMC receives excellence award

Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) announced that it has received the Healthgrades 2018 Labor & Delivery Excellence Award. Additionally, PRMC was also named a 5-Star recipient from Healthgrades in both C-Section and Vaginal Deliveries.

The Clinical Excellence Award places PRMC in the Top 10% of all United States hospitals evaluated for the care provided to mothers during labor and delivery. The 5-star ratings indicate that Peninsula Regional's clinical outcomes are statistically significantly better than expected for vaginal and Csection deliveries.

"This is a great honor for an outstanding, caring and compassionate Women's and Children's team here at Peninsula Regional," said Steve Leonard, MBA, FACHE, President/CEO of PRMC. "As a family-centered Medical Center, we welcome around 2,000 babies into our community each year. We are proud that this award reflects the high-quality, safe, nurturing environment we work to provide for new mothers. Our obstetrical team works with families on a full spectrum of birthing options – from low-intervention births assisted by midwives with a physician's support, to providing complex care for high-risk pregnancies. PRMC also has a team of dedicated neonatol-

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A Good Time - Ocean Pines residents who attended the "Coffee and Tea" performance held in the Ocean Pines Community Center on Saturday, July 14: (L-R) Jeanette Latzo, Director Carol Ludwig, Char Van Vick, Barbara Peletier, (seated) Al Kastner and Aaron Burstein. Photo by Anna Foultz.

Worcester to receive heroin grant

The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) announced last week awards to 16 jurisdictions totaling nearly \$900,000 from Maryland's Heroin Coordinator Program, which plays a critical role in multi-jurisdictional criminal investigations by analyzing data that links overdose victims to drug trafficking organizations operating within the state and across state lines. Worcester County will receive \$50,615.

The awards will help support jurisdictions in hiring a qualified law enforcement professional to serve as a Heroin Coordinator. The coordinators will use

the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) system to monitor and track drug investigations, drug seizures, drug arrests, heroin and opioid overdoses, and other drug-related investigative activities.

"To improve our efforts to address the heroin and opioid crisis, we must have a seamless communications system which allows for collaboration and information sharing across multiple law enforcement agencies," said V. Glenn Fueston, Jr., GOCCP Executive Director. "Funding for this position is key."

Awards were made to the following entities:

-Allegany/Cumberland Police Department: \$56,066

-Anne Arundel County Police De-

partment: \$70,800

-Baltimore Police Department: \$68,700

-Baltimore County Police Department: \$42,608

-Calvert County Sheriff's Office: \$46,975

-Cecil County Sheriff's Office: \$51,504

-Charles County Sheriff's Office: \$50,000

-Dorchester County Sheriff's Office: \$48,700

-Frederick City Police Department: \$26,102

-Harford County Sheriff's Office: \$78,646

-Howard County Police Department: \$74,257

-Montgomery County Police Department: \$60,000

-Talbot County Sheriff's Office: \$44,000

-Wicomico County Sheriff's Office: \$40,662

-Worcester County Board of County Commissioners: \$50,615

-University of Baltimore - \$87,542

Since the Heroin Coordinator grant program began, more than \$1.6 million has been awarded through the program. Many notable achievements have been made possible through this grant, including a recent investigation leading to a Baltimore heroin dealer

Redesigned DV plate now available

The Maryland Department of Vet- George Durgin, Capt., U.S. Public erans Affairs (MDVA), in collaboration Health Service and Maryland resident, with the Maryland Department of saw a variety of veteran plates with pa-



Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA), announced recently the release of its redesigned Disabled Veterans license plate. The new plate adds color and prominently features red, white, and blue stripes with stars to symbolize service to country. It continues to feature the letters "DV," to designate the driver as a disabled veteran, however "Disabled Veteran" is now spelled out in red along the bottom of the plate.

The idea for a new plate came after

triotic designs at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Capt. Durgin contacted the MDVA's Outreach Program and suggested a new plate design. He provided photos of other state's plates which served as a baseline for the MDOT MVA's design

of a new Maryland military plate for disabled veterans. The plate is now available at the MDOT MVA for eligible veterans.

"Our administration is committed to ensuring our military, veterans, and their families are recognized for their service," said Governor Larry Hogan. "The newly designed Disabled Veteran Plate is one more way we can show our gratitude and honor the men and women who have sacrificed so much

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Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City is a community service non-profit organization. It does many fundraising events for which three signs are posted to inform the public: one wooden one at St. Martins Lane & Beauchamp Road, another wooden one on Rt. 589 across from the North Gate and a third plastic A-frame sandwich board on the grass median at the South Gate on Manklin Creek Road. It's been at least 6 years that the A-frame has been used and undisturbed at that location. But, in 2018 the original A-frame was stolen/borrowed/removed on Saturday night April 7 - Sunday April 8 before the April 8th Italian Dinner. Therefore, Kiwanis purchased a new A-frame exactly like the missing one. It was advertising the July 14 Pancake Breakfast, but it's believed that sometime during the night of Saturday July 8 - Sunday July 9, the new one also went missing. Someone is at fault! It's too heavy to carry far. It likely went into a vehicle. If anyone knows what happened or saw anything, **please call Kiwanian Dave** Landis at 410-641-7330. Kiwanis is trying to raise money to support local youth, not to buy \$100-plus signs. It's a shame! HELP! Police and Ocean Pines Public Works have been contacted regarding knowledge of its whereabouts.

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Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra celebrates new season

The only professional symphony orchestra on Maryland's Eastern Shore, the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra (MSO), is celebrating a new season, offering concerts from

a few other vocalists will ring in the new year in a highly energetic concert. Guest conductor Andrews Sill. will conduct Schubert's moving "Symphony No. 4," and the first per-



Ocean City, MD to Wye Mills, MD and returning this year to Lewes, DE. A number of star performers will be featured throughout the vear. Violinist Stefan Jackiw will be featured in September's opening concerts in Wve Mills, Washington, DC, and Ocean City. He will be playing the timeless Beethoven "Violin Concerto," followed by Dvorak's lush "Symphony No. 7," and complemented along with a piece by one of France's foremost living composers Regis Campo, who will come to present his masterwork.

Highlights throughout the year include the November concerts in Easton, Ocean View and Ocean Pines, featuring Mozart's "Sinfonia Concertante" with the duo Kurt Nikkanen, Concertmaster of New York City Ballet on violin, and Jonathan Carney, Concertmaster of the Baltimore Symphony on viola. The holiday concerts in Easton, Lewes and Ocean City will feature the Karpov sisters, combining Opera, Jazz and Pop in a special way. On New Year's Eve in Easton, Mezzo-Soprano Jessica Renfro and

epic "Symphony No. 9." Performances will be held in Wye Mills and Ocean City.

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According to Maestro Julien Benichou, "This year's season includes an amazing lineup of both musical selections and artists. Our 20th season was such a blast for all of us, and we are so excited to share and grow with our patrons as we enter our 21st season. Beginning and ending with Beethoven, this is a season for lovers of great masterworks, that will also feature star performers."

The Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council, the Talbot County Arts Council, the Worcester County Arts Council, Sussex County, Delaware and the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Inc.

Season subscriptions and individual tickets for the 2018 - 2019 season of the MSO are available online at midatlanticsymphony.org or by telephone (888) 846-8600. For further information, visit midatlanticsymphony.org.



Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative

Concerned about your cost of medications? Kiwanis Club members were informed about what the Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative is doing to help. It is a coalition for Health Care for All. The focus right now is about the affordability of prescription drugs which has steadily been increasing since 2013 by an average of 10%. Inflation has only increased 1.2 % during the same period.

For more information contact Catherine at catherine@healthcareforall.com or submit creation of the commission online the document to support the at healthcareforall.com/RxResolution.

Pictured is Catherine Kirk Robins accepting the traditional Kiwanis Pen from Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines- Ocean City President Ralph Chinn.

Back-to-school ice breakers to ease first day fears

Parents and educators can sometimes underestimate children's anxieties over the dawn of a new school year. Many students feel nervous when wondering if their teachers will be nice or if they will make new friends. These worries may be compounded by the return to routine and the end of an enjoyable period of rest and relaxation.

In 2015, CNN polled campers at a summer day camp outside New York City. The campers were elementary school students who were asked about what they were most nervous about for the return to school. Homework, tests, competition, greater expectations, grades, and making new friends topped the list of fears.

To help students transition to the classroom with fewer worries, teachers and parents may want to initiate ice

breakers and other stress-reducing interactions. Here are some ideas.

Buddy up. Many schools will give out classroom assignments a few days before the first day of school. Parents can investigate who is in their child's homeroom and initiate contact with the parents of one or more of those students. Collectively, parents can make a buddy plan for students to arrive to school together and enter the classroom as a team. Coordinate clothing colors or have students wear another unifying symbol. This may allay fears and make the first day of school more fun.

School selfie. Students can craft "school selfies" on a piece of paper using a smartphone image template. This selfie illustration will give the

Potential hazards in and out of the water

In warm weather, many people seek cooling relief in ponds, rivers, oceans, pools, and other sources of water. Swimming is a popular warmweather activity, but it can quickly plant-like species that are found all over the planet. Algae inhabit different bodies of water and can be important food sources for marine life. The CDC notes that, in certain circumstances,



turn deadly if swimmers are not careful in the water.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns that, between the years of 2005 and 2014, an average of 10 deaths per day in the United States were attributed to unintentional drownings unrelated to boating. About one in five people who die from drowning are children age 14 and younger. The World Health Organizations says drowning is the third-leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide.

Drowning is a concern when in the water, but it is not the only potential hazard.

Harmful algae blooms. Algae are

algae may overpower water sources. Not all algae are harmful, but some blooms will produce toxins that can be dangerous to people and animals. Such algae may lower levels of oxygen in the water, killing plants and animals. Individuals are urged to avoid areas with harmful algae

an overgrowth of

blooms and restrict fishing for food consumption during times of blooms.

Shorebreak. The National Ocean Services says a shorebreak is an ocean condition in which waves break directly on the shore. The power of these waves can cause injuries to the body, potentially hurting the spines of people who dive headfirst into the break. Others may be knocked over by waves and suffer injuries as a result. Swimmers should observe waves and ask a lifeguard about conditions before going into the water.

Jellyfish. Sharks elicit fear among many ocean swimmers, but smaller animals can be dangerous as well. Most jellyfish can sting, but not all



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have venom that hurts humans, says the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Around 70 species of jellies can harm or occasionally kill people. Ocean swimmers should take note of jellyfish postings at the beach and examine the sand as well. Wet tentacles can still sting, even on washed-up jellyfish.

Unsupervised activity. It is essential that swimmers exercise caution around any body of water. Because water can be unpredictable, it is always best to swim with a friend and stick to areas protected by lifeguards. The Red Cross suggests preventing unsupervised access to water structures and maintain constant supervision whenever kids are around the water, even if lifeguards are present. Adults should avoid distractions and alcohol when supervising kids.

Summer is a season to enjoy the water. Awareness, preparation and supervision can keep water-lovers safe.



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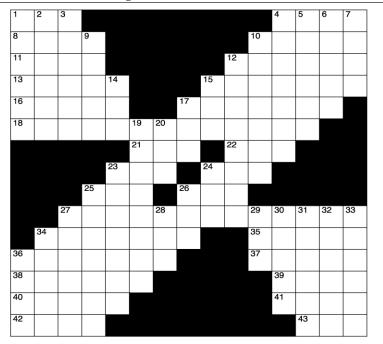






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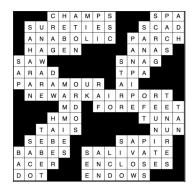


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Political action committee
- 4. Where sauces cook
- 8. Type of horse
- 10. Heavy sword (Brit.)
- 11. __ Nui, Easter Island
- 12. A type of burner
- 13. Spanish island
- 15. Rapid alteration of a musical note
- 16. Where priests work
- 17. Most impoverished
- 18. Tom Petty's band
- 21. Luke's mentor -Wan
- 22. No longer is
- 23. Mandela's party

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One who is rejected
- 2. Suitable for crops
- 3. Per __, each
- 4. Indulges
- 5. Preoccupy
- 6. NIN frontman Reznor
- 7. Posted
- 9. Infamous Ukraine village
- 10. Bizarre
- 12. One who loves to read
- 14. The products of human creativity
- 15. Extinct flightless bird of
- New Zealand 17. Famed Chinese American architect



- 24. Legislator (abbr.)
- 25. A type of "zebra"
- 26. The common gibbon
- 27. American icon
- 34. Hunting expeditions 35. What a princess wears
- 36. Switched gears
- 37. Protege to Freya (Norse myth.)
- 38. Serves
- 39. Darken
- 40. Fencing swords
- 41. Middle English letter
- 42. Go slowly
- 43. A type of flute
- 19. These can be used to burn trash
- 20. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. Peter's last name
- 25. Offered as a prize
- 26. French river
- 27. Young woman
- 28. A pot has one
- 29. Of the ears
- 30. Full of parasites
- 31. Dole out incrementally
- 32. Citrus fruit
- 33. Hearty 34. External form
- 36. Turn violently

Answers for August 1



Understanding heartworm

Conscientious pet owners understand they must be on the lookout for a host of issues that can affect the health and well-being of their pets. One such issue is heartworm.

What is heartworm? The American Heartworm Society notes that heart-

worm is a disease caused by foot-long worms that live in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels of affected pets. Known as heartworms, these worms can cause severe lung disease, heart failure and organ damage. Some instances of heartworm may even prove fatal.

Who gets heartworm? Heartworm disease af-

fects dogs, cats and ferrets. Heartworms also live in wolves, covotes, foxes, and sea lions. And while such instances are rare, heartworms have even been found in humans.

How is heartworm transmitted among pets? Mosquitoes transmit many diseases, and they even play a role in the transmission of heartworm. The AHS notes that adult female heartworms living in infected dogs, foxes, coyotes, or wolves produce microfilaria, which are microscopic baby worms that circulate in the animals' bloodstreams. When mosquitoes feed on the blood of these infected animals, they pick up microfilaria. Within 10 to 14 days, these microfilaria mature and develop into infective stage larvae. When mosquitoes then bite another animal, these larvae are deposited onto the surface of the skin of those animals, ultimately entering their new hosts through the wound created by the mosquito's bite. The larvae then spend the next six months maturing into adult heartworms.

How long do heartworms live? Upon reaching maturity, heartworms can live for five to seven years in dogs and for two to three years in cats. According to Peteducation.com, heartworm in ferrets can be rapidly progressive and fatal.

What are the symptoms of heartworm? Heartworm symptoms can vary depending on the type of animal that is infected. Dogs infected with heartworm may exhibit few or no symptoms in the early stages of the disease, only gradually exhibiting

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fected with large numbers of heartworms may develop sudden blockages in their heart, which can lead to cardiovascular collapse, threatening the dog's life.

Cats may exhibit subtle or dramatic symptoms of heartworm. Coughing, asthma-like attacks, periodic vomiting, loss of appetite, and weight loss are some of the more subtle symptoms of heartworm in cats. But some cats may struggle to walk, experience fainting spells or have seizures as a result of heartworm.

The AHS notes that the first sign of heartworm in cats is sometimes sudden collapse or sudden death.

Ferrets with heartworms may seem tired all the time and exhibit shortness of breath even after just a few minutes of activity. Ferrets may also experience fluid buildup in their abdomens due to heart failure and blocked blood vessels.

Can pet owners protect their pets from heartworm? The AHA recommends that pet owners get their pets tested for heartworm every 12 months. In addition, the AHS advises pet owners to give their pet heartworm preventive 12 months a year.

More information about heartworm is available at www.heartwormsociety.org.

After a long 'national nightmare' Nixon resigned

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By Tom Range, Sr.

On August 9, 1974, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger received a message on White House stationery reading, "I hereby resign the Office of President of the United States." It was signed by Richard M. Nixon. This was the first, and only, instance in the nation's history, when a president resigned his office.

The night before, in a stunning prime-time address to the nation, the 37th president announced his resignation from office, effective noon on the following day. Facing certain impeachment by the House of Representatives. Nixon explained to the American people that he could not effectively carry out the responsibilities of the office while simultaneously defending himself against charges that he had directed the cover-up in the Watergate scandal. He made no admission of guilt of, or apology for, the charges being brought against him.

Nixon's troubles had all begun a little more than two years earlier, in June 1972, when several men were arrested in a botched attempt to burgle and bug the Democratic National Committee headquarters, at that time housed in the Watergate office and apartment complex in Washington. DC. While detaining the burglars, the local police discovered that two men in a nearby hotel room, G. Gordon Liddy and E. Howard Hunt, were directing the entire operation. Within days the

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world knew that Liddy, a former FBI "dirty tricks," included using the CIA agent, was a former White House to conduct domestic surveillance

counsel and current staff member at the Committee to Re-Elect the President, and that Hunt, a former CIA operative, had served as a White House consultant.

Over the next two years, investigations by House and Senate Congressional committees, a federal grand jury, and two successive independent prosecutors, Archibald Cox and Leon Japrobed worski,

deeper into the workings of

the Nixon White House and discovered a thick web of criminal conspiracy, abuse of power and scarcely believable high jinks, some of which would have seemed laughable had it not been orchestrated in the West Wing. The range of illegal White House tactics, collectively known as

against domestic political oppo-

nents, instructing the IRS to harass journalists and left-wing political activists, to ordering hundreds of pizzas and charging them to Senator Edmund Muskie's



fledgling Democratic presidential campaign, created a larger pattern that suggested a presidency that had gone awry.

At every turn, the public kept discovering. President Nixon had either directed or been kept abreast of his staff's extracurricular activities. Worse, he had lied repeatedly about his involvement in covering up the Watergate break-in. From the very start, it ultimately emerged, he had worked closely with Bob Haldeman, his chief of staff, John Erlichman, his domestic policy coordinator, and John Dean, his White House counsel, to

arrange payoffs for the burglars and to suborn perjury from key staff government and campaign members.

After a Senate investigating committee learned in the summer of 1973 of the existence of secret Oval Office audiotapes that would presumably shed light on the President's involvement in the execution and cover-up of the Watergate burglary, a struggle ensued between, on one side, Nixon and his staff who claimed executive privi-

lege and refused to hand over the tapes, and on the other, the Senate, a

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Habitat to open new ReStore

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County will join its supporters and many eager shoppers on Thursday, August 30 to celebrate the grand opening of the first Habitat ReStore in Worcester County. The new ReStore is located at 9026 Worcester Highway in Berlin. A multi-chamber ribbon cutting ceremony will take place from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Doors open to the public immediately following the ribbon cutting, providing customers with the first opportunity to browse and shop the new Restore.

Habitat ReStores are home improvement stores and resale centers that sell donated new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials and appliances to the public at a fraction of the retail price. The Worcester County ReStore is ideal for homeowners, renters, students, do-ityourselfers, contractors, interior designers, landlords and treasure hunters.

Grand opening weekend, the Restore will operate on a modified schedule from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday -Saturday. Regular store hours will be Thursday through Saturday from 10

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester unty will join its supporters and uny eager shoppers on Thursday, gust 30 to celebrate the grand opena.m. to 6 p.m. and all proceeds support Habitat's mission to bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

> "We are thrilled to be able to join over 900 Habitat affiliates in the U.S. alone who have opened successful Re-Stores in their communities," said Andrea Bowland, Executive Director. "The items sold are donations from the community, and the proceeds raised go right back into the community to build and repair homes for lower income families, helping to effectively eliminate poverty housing. It really is a model that creates a win-win for Worcester County.

> Donations are welcome. Call 410-208-4440 or email donations@habitatworcester.org to schedule a drop off or pick up of items. Visit www.habitatworcester.org/restore/ for more information on donations procedure and what items can be accepted.

> Volunteers are needed for grand opening weekend and to work in the ReStore on a regular basis. Many different positions are available. Email: inquire@habitatworcester.org or visit

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Getting ready - The committee of the Republican Women of Worcester County met on July 31 to prepare for their Tenth Annual Patriot Day Fashion Show Luncheon. The fashion show will be held at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City on Thursday, September 27. For reservations and more information, please call President Beth Rodier at 410-352-5222 or 443-668-8864.

Above are (standing) **Mary Adair**, Gloria Moyer and Jean Delcher. Seated: Sandy Zitzer, Vanessa Alban, Ann Lutz and Beth Rodier.

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federal grand jury, and the Office of the Special Prosecutor. On October 20, 1973 (henceforward to be known as the Saturday Night Massacre), with the noose tightening around his neck, Nixon fired Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox and accepted the resignations of Attorney General Elliot Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William Ruckelshaus, both of whom had refused to carry out the firing of Cox.

After four more months of wrangling over access to the tapes, in February 1974 the House of Representatives authorized its judiciary committee to initiate impeachment proceedings. When the judiciary committee voted in midsummer to recommend impeachment, and when Republican Senators Barry Goldwater and Hugh Scott visited the White House in early August to inform Nixon that he could not avoid being convicted by the Senate, the die was cast. Nixon would have to go.

His vice-president and successor as president, Gerald Ford, later pardoned Nixon of prosecution for all crimes that he might have committed while in office.

If Nixon evaded judgment for his policy failings, he never quite erased the scar that Watergate left. More than three decades later, any political scandal worth an inch of newsprint earns the suffix "-gate" and any abuse of power is immediately measured against the crimes of Watergate. What began in June 1972 as a "second-rate burglary," in the words of one presidential aide, would forever change one's understanding of the presidency and widen the gap between the people and its elected government.

Editor's note: This article by the late Tom Range, Sr. was originally published August 16, 2006.

Art League event returns

The sound of steel drums echoing off the water, the splash of tropical color and vitality, and the sight of a vivid bayfront sunset will greet guests at this year's "pARTy of the Year," with the island theme of "Art-a-Ritaville."

The annual event is a benefit for the nonprofit Art League of Ocean City, which operates the Ocean City Center for the Arts, and allows the Arts Center to remain free to the public and open daily year-round. Funds raised also provide critical funding for the operations for the Arts Center and its youth and community outreach programs.

The event will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the bayfront home of Palmer and Sandy Gillis on Gillis Island in Ocean City. Tickets are \$125 and available by calling the Art League at 410-524-9433 or online at artleagueofoceancity.org/partyoftheyear.

Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, island-themed food stations, open bar, and specialty cocktails. On the Edge will perform with live music and dancing, and interactive art surprises will be scattered throughout the party, including art being created on the spot. A \$100-per-chance raffle enters guests to win one of four island vacations, including a grand prize trip to the Bahamas.

"This truly is the 'pARTy of the Year' in Ocean City," Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League, said. "When a group of artists with their creative imaginations throw a party, you never know what is going to happen, but you can be sure it will be a lot of fun. Guests can have a great time and know they are supporting a great cause."

Duck race tickets available

On Friday, August 24 the Kiwanis Annual Duck Race will take place at 6 p.m. in Frontier Town. For a \$5 donation sponsor a duck and possibly win 50% of sales up to \$3,000. Winners do not have to be present. Call 410-973-1233 or purchase at the Thursday evening Ocean Pines "Concerts in the Park" from the Kiwanis "Dawg Team" that sells hotdogs and other menu items and refreshments. Proceeds benefit Kiwanis Children's programs.



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Lower Shore Land Trust earns national recognition

Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT) announced it has achieved national recognition, joining a network of over 400 accredited land trusts across the nation that have demonstrated their commitment to professional excellence and to maintaining the public's trust in their work.

"Accreditation demonstrates LSLT's commitment to permanent land conservation in Maryland's Eastern Shore," said Hugh Cropper, chairman of the Board of Directors. "We are a stronger organization for having gone through the rigorous accreditation process. Our strength means special places – such as Naylor Mill Park – will be protected forever, making Salisbury, Maryland an even greater place for us and our children."

LSLT provided extensive docu-

mentation and was subject to a comprehensive third-party evaluation prior to achieving this distinction. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission awarded accreditation, signifying its confidence that LSLT's lands will be protected forever. Accredited land trusts steward almost 20 million acres of land, the size of "Denali, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Glacier, Everglades and Yosemite National Parks combined".

A recent land conservation project permanently protects 400 acres of prime agriculture and forest lands along Quantico Creek, a productive and scenic property. two consecutive grant awards from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority for the development of LSLT's Conservation and Heritage Center, a resource for communities, families and landowners across the Shore. "It is exciting to recognize LSLT

with this national mark of distinction," said Tammara Van Ryn, executive director of the Commission. "Donors and partners can trust the more than 400 accredited land trusts across the country are united behind strong standards and have demonstrated sound finances, ethical conduct, responsible governance, and lasting stewardship."

LSLT is one of 1,363 land trusts across the United States according to the Land Trust Alliance's most recent National Land Trust Census. A complete list of accredited land trusts and more information about the process and benefits can be found at www.landtrustaccreditation.org.

Since 1990, LSLT has worked with landowners, local communities

and individuals to identify and conserve properties with the highest conservation value for habitat, water quality benefits, wildlife habitat, scenic landscapes and drinking water protection. LSLT has protected over 21,000 acres of land on 119 properties. LSLT recently convened the Land and Water Planning Conference at Salisbury University which brought together experts in planning, conservation, GIS, environmental science, water quality, climate and agriculture to explore impacts to rural lands from placement of large scape solar arrays and salt water intrusion. LSLT works throughout the Lower Shore implementing a variety of community projects including rain gardens and pollinator gardens and has recently initiated a pollinator certification program.



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http://habitatworcester.org/restore/volunteer.html

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County, Inc. is a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, and is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by build-

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for Maryland and our nation."

"The collaboration between the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration, and Capt. Durgin, is an outstanding example of how one person can make a difference in the way we serve our veteran community," said Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary George Owings. "I look forward to seeing the newly issued Disabled Veteran Plates and to creatively finding new ways to honor Maryland's veterans."

"The newly designed Disabled Veterans plate is just another exam-

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pleading guilty to drug conspiracy charges that linked 27 overdose victims (9 fatal), the recovery of \$405,156 in drug proceeds, and approximately one kilogram of heroin. This year alone, Heroin Coordinators added more than 5,000 drug-related cases to HIDTA for review.

"Governor Hogan has directed our office to use every resource possible to keep Maryland streets safe," said Fueston. "A big part of that job is tracking crime and drug activity, and we are committed to doing just that."

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ing homes, communities and hope. Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. For more information, to donate or to volunteer, please visit

www.habitatworcester.org

Habitat for Humanity ReStores are nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell building materials, appliances, new and gently used furniture, and home accessories at a fraction of retail price. Last year alone, Habitat Re-Stores raised \$123 million for homebuilding while keeping usable materials out of landfills. With more

than 1,000 stores in five countries, proceeds generated by Habitat Re-Stores are used to help build or improve homes in the communities they serve. To shop, donate or volunteer at the Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County ReStore, visit http://www.habitatworcester.org/r estore/.

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ple of MDOT MVA's commitment to honoring the veterans who courageously served our country. We appreciate Capt. Durgin's recommendation as we continue to look for additional ways to honor our veterans and deliver premier service to all Maryland residents,⁷ said MDOT MVA Administrator Christine Nizer.

Veterans who are determined to be 100 percent disabled, permanent and total, by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs are eligible to apply for the plate at no cost to the veteran. For more information, visit the MDOT MVA's webi S t at http://www.mva.maryland.gov/v ehicles/licenseplates/disabled-license-plate.htm

The MDVA is a State Government Executive Department with a service mission to assist veterans, active duty service members, their families and dependents, in securing benefits earned through military service. Under the Department of Veterans Affairs are five major programs: The Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Program; Charlotte Hall Veterans Home; the Veterans Service and Benefits Program, Outreach and Advocacy Program, and the Maryland Veterans Trust.

For more information, visit the MDVA's website at http://veterans.maryland.gov/.

class key facts about each student and present an interesting, creative and enjoyable way for students to get to know one another.

Student word search. Word searches are entertaining and educational tools that can be put to use in the classroom. Parents or teachers can create word searches featuring the first names of all the students in the class. Children often enjoy searching for their own names, and then they can help others, opening up lines of communication.

Word searches also can be customized for any subject. Therefore, if student names are not desired, the theme can be classroom items or school terms.

Personal introductions. Students may worry about teachers mispronouncing their names or using a full name instead of a nickname. Rather than a traditional roll call, teachers can encourage students to introduce themselves to classmates, using their preferential name and including a brief synopsis of their interests and what makes them unique.

Teachers also can initiate other ice-breakers by giving students a sheet with various questions, which students then have to complete by asking around among the other students. For example, "Who has a pet fish?" or "Find someone who has blue eyes."

The first day of school can be difficult for some children. Fun activities and some extra effort from parents and teachers can make the return to the classroom less stressful.

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ogist and neonatal nurses that provide intensive care for babies who may require respiratory support and closer observation in our Special Care Nursery."

To help consumers evaluate and compare hospital performance in labor and delivery, Healthgrades analyzed patient outcome data for virtually every hospital in the 15 states and the District of Columbia that provide all-payer state data for years 2014 through 2016. Healthgrades found that the variation in hospital performance makes a significant difference in terms of clinical outcomes:

-From 2014 to 2016, if all hospitals included in the analysis performed similarly to those that received the Healthgrades Labor and Delivery Excellence Award, complications could have potentially been avoided for 101,543 patients.

-From 2014 through 2016, patients treated in hospitals receiving the Labor and Delivery Excellence Award, Like PRMC, had, on average, a 36.8 percent lower risk of experiencing a complication while in the hospital than if they were treated in hospitals that did not receive the Labor and Delivery Excellence Award.

'Consumers value high-quality outcomes when selecting hospitals, especially with delivery of a child," said Brad Bowman, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Healthgrades. "Parents have many options when looking for the right providers, and the Healthgrades 2018 Labor and Delivery Excellence Award gives them important insight to find the top hospitals in their areas."

PRMC is also the recipient of the Healthgrades 2018 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence. The distinction recognizes PRMC as one of the top five percent of nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide for its clinical performance as measured by Healthgrades, the leading online resource for comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals.

http://www.oceanpines.org/meet-the-2018-ocean-pines-board-of-directorscandidates/. Seven eligible candidates are vying for four open positions on the Board of

Directors: Steve Tuttle, Frank Daly, Gregory Turner, Paula Gray, Esther Diller, Ted Moroney and Arie Klapholz

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In accordance with the OPA by-laws, no member may vote if the member has failed to pay the annual charge, including any assessed interest levied by the Association.

