

New board members elected

It's Steve Tuttle, Frank Daly, Ted Moroney and Esther Diller. Those were the top vote getters in the Ocean Pines Board of Directors election. The Ocean Pines Elections Committee announced the vote totals Friday. A total of 3,105 ballots were counted according to the committee.

Seven eligible candidates were vying for four open positions on the Board of Directors.

Tuttle and Daly will hold three-year terms; Moroney and Diller will hold one year terms.

In order of ballot placement, the counts were as follows: Steve Tuttle, 2,322; Frank Daly, 2,048; Gregory Turner, 771; Paula Gray, 1,526; Esther Diller, 1,549; Ted Moroney, 1,809; and, Arie Klapholz, 833.

Election results were validated during Saturday's annual meeting.

WCHS to host black cat day

In honor of Black Cat Appreciation Day on August 17, Worcester County Humane Society is holding a Black Cat adoption special during the entire month of August.

Adopt a black cat or kitten during the month of August and you pay whatever adoption fee you would like.

Many people consider black cats to be unlucky, or related to superstitions. That is why they are the hardest color cats to get adopted.

The shelter urges those interested in adopting to come

meet some of the gorgeous and super sweet black cats available for adoption. Currently, the shelter is housing and caring for over 150 cats and kittens. Of those, over 40 are black cats.

The shelter is open every day except Mondays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. To view available pets go to the shelter's website www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram for updates on events and available pets.



Presentation - Representatives of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) spoke at a recent Kiwanis meeting.

Above MCBP Executive Director **Frank Piorko**, Maryland Coastal Bays Education Coordinator **Liz Vander Clute** and Kiwanis Club President **Ralph Chinn**.

Raised on the Eastern Shore, she shares our "Shore" values

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Community Calendar

AUGUST

WCHS Thrift Store to hold grand opening

Worcester County Humane Society (WCHS) is pleased to announce they will hold a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, August 21 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for their new WCHS Thrift Store located at 12703 Sunset Ave. in West Ocean City. The Ocean City Chamber of Commerce will facilitate the 4:30 p.m. ribbon cutting.

The public is invited to come celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting. Aside from shopping, event goers will be able to meet some of the store volunteers and shelter board members. There will also be light refreshments.

The WCHS Thrift Store is completely run by volunteers and all proceeds directly benefit the animals at the no kill shelter. Volunteers are always needed and those interested should call 410-213-9400. Store hours are Wednesday thru Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Worcester County Humane Society is a private, non-profit, no kill animal shelter that houses more than 150 cats and 25 dogs until their forever homes can be found. The shelter is open every day except Mondays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. To view available pets go to the shelter's website www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram for updates on events and available pets.

AARP to meet

AARP will meet September 10 at 10 a.m. in the Asateague 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.



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Dem Club to meet

The Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County will meet Monday, September 17 in the Ocean Pines Community Center. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Erica Joseph, president of the Community Investment Foundation and a Commissioner on the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism will be the guest speaker. Visitors are welcome. For more information call 410-973-1021.

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 Gentlemen'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 Pinestepers 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.

Anniversary boat parade scheduled

The 50th Anniversary of the Ocean Pines Association will take to the water at a celebratory boat parade on Saturday, August 25 beginning at 2 p.m.

"I am looking forward, again, to spending time with the many fellow residents that love to have a good time in a parade," said 50th Anniversary Committee member and event chair Carol Ludwig, who also organized the 50th Anniversary Parade on June 2.

"We had a great one on land, now let's do the land and water together. Along with our residents, those are

two more of our greatest assets," she said.

Hosted by the Ocean City Power Squadron, the parade will start at the judges' viewing area at the community's Swim and Racquet Club, located at 10 Seabreeze Road. Boats will continue along the St. Martin River into the Windjammer then Moonshell Drive, Teal Circle, Clubhouse Drive and Harbor Village canals.

Three Judges' Choice awards will be presented. Winners will each receive a personalized plaque and a \$100 Visa gift card.

In an effort to encourage waterfront property owners to join in the fun, a "Landlubber's Yard" decorating contest will also be held. Residents

along the parade route are encouraged to decorate their properties and register to be judged by passing boaters.

One Judges' Choice award will be presented in the decorating contest. The winner will receive a personalized plaque and a \$100 Visa gift card. A minimum of five entries are needed to validate the contest.

There is no fee to enter the boat parade or yard decorating contest but pre-registration is required. Registration forms are available at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway, or by email request to Ludwig692@outlook.com.

Registrations must be mailed to Carol Ludwig at 5 Sandpiper Lane,

Ocean Pines, MD, 21811 or via email to Ludwig692@outlook.com by August 15.

Parade and decorating contest award winners will be notified on Sunday, August 26 and announced to the public on Monday.

Flea market scheduled

An outdoor flea market will be held Saturday, September 1, between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will be more than 35 vendors. Breakfast, lunch and baked items will be offered. Bethany United Methodist Church is located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy, Berlin (Rte. 611 and Snug Harbor Rd.) For information and table rental, contact Bethany Church at 410-641-2186.



Book enthusiasm - Books by the Bay, an Ocean Pines book club, had its meeting on Thursday, August 9. The guest discussion leader was Sister Kathleen Freeley, retired president of Notre Dame College in Baltimore. At 89 years of age, Sister Kathleen will be teaching a class in September in their Renaissance program. Her energy and enthusiasm made for a delightful afternoon.

Police demonstrate dangers of leaving children in hot cars

Sweltering summer heat and dangerous humidity levels are what many people are dealing with across the Delmarva Peninsula. Officers with the Ocean Pines Police Department believe as temperatures climb so does the need to remind Ocean Pines residents that leaving their children and pets unattended in a hot car (for even a short amount of time) can be deadly.

That was the message last Tuesday evening during an Ocean Pines National Night Out demonstration in the blazing hot parking lot at White Horse Park on August 7.

During the hot car demonstration, Pfc. Jennifer DeGiovanni with the Ocean Pines Police Department rolled up each window, turned off the vehicle and watched as the inside air soared to 123 degrees Fahrenheit in less than 10 minutes.

“It is an excellent tool to visually educate the public,” said Pfc. DeGiovanni. “Awareness and behavior modification among caregivers are key to preventing the majority of these tragic deaths. The outdoor stand-up temperature display is an excellent tool to create awareness of how a vehicle can

quickly heat up in the sun to where the inside temperatures would kill a child.”

According to the National Safety Council, 42 children died in 2017 after being left alone in hot cars.



Pfc. DeGiovanni said it is unimaginable for most to fathom ever leaving unattended kids in hot vehicles but unfortunately all too often it happens. “Fathers, mothers and caretakers who have left the child or children in a car don’t mean to, but get distracted by their busy lives and just simply forget.”

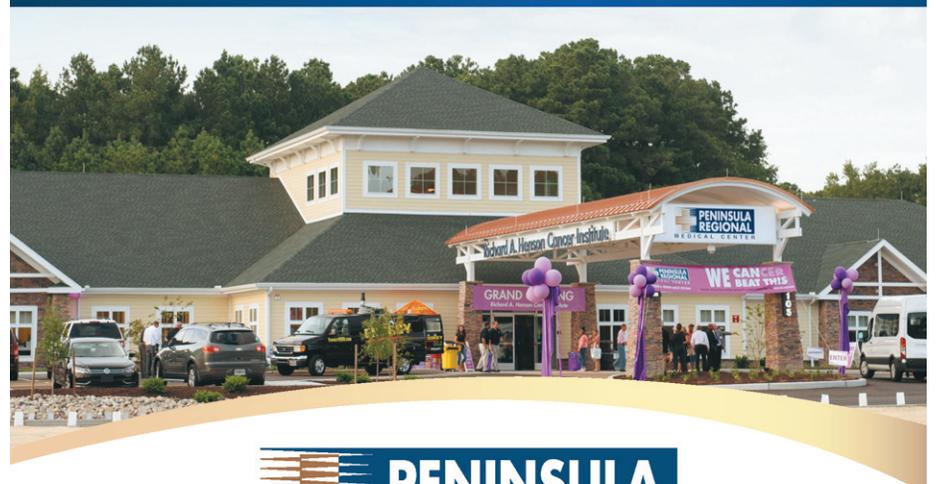
Ocean Pines Police suggest parents and caregivers “look before you lock.” They also suggest putting something in the back seat next to the child or pet

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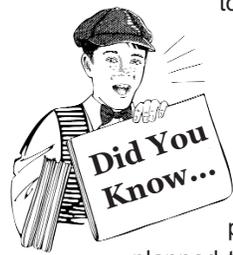
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According to a survey of more than 2,000 adults in the United States conducted in September 2017 by the International Council of Shopping Centers, holiday shoppers still prefer



to shop at physical retailers for their gifting needs. The survey found that nearly all shoppers (96 percent)

planned to make a purchase from a retailer who has both a physical and online presence. Furthermore, 91 percent of holiday shoppers said they were planning to buy some of the items they researched online at physical locations. Even though online sales are booming, this data reinforces the fact that holiday shoppers still rely on brick-and-mortar stores. Retailers who understand how to seamlessly offer both online resources as well as a strong physical retail presence may enjoy an especially profitable holiday season.

Annual meeting holds no surprises

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

The 2018 OPA Annual Meeting of Members went off without a hitch.

With a quorum present at the annual meeting the Board of Directors election results were verified/ratified/whatever. There were no requests for a recount. Steve Tuttle, Frank Daly, Ted Moroney, and Esther Diller are now officially board members. Returning members are Doug Parks, Colette Horn, and Slobodan Trendic.

A major topic of member input was



related to the use of the Swim & Racquet Club as a staging area for bulkhead work. In an advisory-only motion for the board, the vote to not use that area appeared unanimous.

OPA Treasurer John Viola provided the best presentation of OPA finances in many years.

OPA GM John Bailey reiterated his intent to seek legal advice as to who is responsible for keeping drainage ditches clean in Ocean Pines. He also reiterated his previous comments that any policy making lot owners responsible would have to consider the physical ability of individual lot owners, whether they were full-time residents and even their income level. Quite

amazing for any policy consideration. No, let's call the idea what it is — stupid.

Perhaps the most interesting advisory motion (defeated) was one made by association member Alan Brodsky. He proposed adding \$1,200 a year to the assessment to fund the free use of OPA amenities by area children.

Wor-Wic's spring dean's list announced

A total of 400 Wor-Wic Community College students have been recognized for superior performance by being named to the dean's list for the recently-completed spring semester.

Area students who maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while taking six or more credit hours during the spring semester include:

Berlin: Alison Alvarado, Alexander Apodaca, Jessica Bennett, Lindsay Brittingham, Liana Caudill, Angela Chronister, Matthew Cooper, Daniel Dell'orso, Thuc Uyen Do-Balster, Kaitlyn Drennan, Nicholas Fleming, Taylor Frederick, Sandra Garcia Moreno, Mary Garwood, Nicholas Gerthoffer, Danee Glass, Michael Hamblin, Samantha Hill, Chelsea Hurlburd, Kristan Hunchuck, Robert Kramer II, Michael Kreiner, Kevin Lloyd, Jill Loppnow, Josiah Magee, Tifanee Mask, Isabel Nava-Guzman, Marisa Newcomb, Amanda Parsons, Trek Schuler, Tayler Smith, Tessa Snyder, Emily Strickland, Jillian Swistak, Daniel Tyn-dall, Dennis Watson and Ashley Zlotorzynski

Bishopville: Brett Berquist, Rachel Erickson, Damian Lockhart, Jacob Orash and Mary Zimmer

Eden: Brian Lee

Newark: Nicholas Barbely and Andrew Mason

Ocean City: Kurdt Achee, Stoyan Barilski, Joseph Bunke, Maggie Bunting, Jake Clapsadle, Hannah Duckworth, Luis Fermin-Cordero, Thomas Fowler, Brooke Glubka, Abigail Gorman, DiAnna Grasso, Diana Grechukhina, Casie Hayes, Ryan Jasinski, Jeremy Jordan, Nicholas Leonard, David Machado, Gina Pappas, Steven Plimack, Anastasiya Sakhonchyk, Kaitlyn Sroka, Ryan Swindell, Ishra Thapa and George

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Pulmonologist joins AGH

Atlantic General Hospital recently announced that Anthony Perella, MD has returned to full-time practice on the Eastern Shore. Perella is a board-certified pulmonologist with more than 18 years of experience in inpatient critical care as well as treatment of acute and chronic lung conditions in the office setting.



Anthony Perella, MD

Perella joined the medical staff of Atlantic General Hospital in 2006 to provide intensivist care and outpatient pulmonary care, serving the Pocomoke community on a part-time basis for the past nine years. In June, he joined Atlantic General Primary and Specialty Care in West Fenwick, Del., and will provide care in both locations going forward.

Perella earned his medical degree at

Universidad Autonoma De Guadalajara. He completed a pulmonary and critical care fellowship and his residency in internal medicine at Cooper University Hospital through the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Camden, N.J. Perella is a member of the American College of Chest Physicians, the Society of Critical Medicine, and the American College of Physicians.

He is board certified in internal medicine, critical care and pulmonology. He is currently accepting new patients in his office at Atlantic General Primary and Specialty Care in West Fenwick, Del., providing treatment for unexplained shortness of breath or cough, difficult-to-control asthma, COPD, sleep disorders, and interstitial lung diseases as well as screening for lung cancer. Perella also sees patients one day a week at Atlantic General Health System's Pocomoke office. Appointments can be made by calling 302-564-0004.

NAACP to meet

The next meeting of the Worcester County NAACP Executive Board will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 16 at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center. For more information call 443-944-6701.

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.

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.

What's that I see?

My wife and I received wonderful news recently. The news wasn't all together unexpected. But still it came as a surprise when we heard it.

On a Tuesday evening not long ago, our oldest son called to ask if it was okay to stop by. Such a call was odd

and motor but still, couldn't this information have been relayed by phone or text? But what the heck, he and I are hyper interested in our boats so this was big news.

I casually looked over to his girlfriend and noticed something different. What's that I see? Is that what I think it is? Yes, yes, I think it is! She was sporting a beautiful engagement ring. I have to admit, and don't make fun of me, but when I saw the ring I started hootin' and hollerin'. Both my son and his freshly minted fiancé were all smiles as were my wife and I.

My son retrieved a bottle of champagne from his truck and we toasted the news!

He and his fiancé have been dating for nearly three years. It's hard to remember a time when they weren't together so we knew it was "when" not "if" they would make it official. But still, seeing the ring was great. It's a beautiful ring that he worked with the jeweler to design.

We sat in the living room talking about the future. It's always enjoyable to look forward with young people, especially when the young people are your son and his fiancé and there's a strong possibility the future holds the prospect of more grandchildren. And while we're on that subject, with these two as parents there's no chance of "uggo" grandchildren. My soon-to-be daughter-in-law is a beautiful girl, inside and out.

Although the engagement is official, no date has yet been set as far as I'm aware. Whenever it is, I just hope to be invited. I write this because my son has placed me on probation. If I bug them about setting a date, they may not tell me when it is.

As we were talking, memories of my son as a young child sitting in the same room playing with his toys and being a nuisance to his sister and brother came to mind. There were

memories of him wearing his robe, carrying his favorite stuffed toy, demanding that he be allowed to stay up later. There were memories of him coming home carrying trophies from his many rifle competitions. There were memories of him timidly coming through the front door telling his mother that he had had an accident with her car. Those were all in the past. Now he was sitting in our living room, grown, mature, responsible and happy with his bride-to-be at his side.

What I'm about to write is not something I've kept a secret from my son. He could be a real pain in the you

know where at times when he was growing up. He knew what buttons to push to send his mother and me into orbit. Now, he's an exceptional individual who's made it on his own and is about to begin a new journey with his lady by his side. His mother and father are very proud.

We drained our glasses and the newly engaged couple left. I closed the door and turned off the porch light. I looked at my wife and we agreed it had been a good night, a very good night.

But wait. Wait a minute! What about the news of the boat and engine? Was he making all that up?



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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because he usually just appears. In fact, he usually shows up, takes what he needs from the shed and leaves without our being the wiser.

Yet, on this evening he called first. His mother told him that we were entertaining friends for dinner. "Call me when they leave," he told her. So, when they left about 9 p.m., my wife let him know. Shortly thereafter our living room was illuminated red by the taillights of his truck as he was backed into our driveway.

A short digression. I'm usually making my way to bed by 9 p.m. I'm not a late-night guy unless I've planned ahead by taking an afternoon nap or what I call a "power nap" which can last anywhere from 20 minutes to two and half hours depending on how much power I need restored.

Anyway, back to my story. He and his girlfriend came up the walk and into the house. What's going on, I thought. Other than they were visiting at 9 p.m. and he had called ahead, nothing seemed out of the ordinary.

We started talking. Our son was telling us news about his boat that was with the mechanic. He said that although he had been told the work being done to the engine would take a couple weeks, he had already gotten it back and everything worked fine. This was certainly interesting and good news knowing the history of his boat



My future daughter-in-law sporting her new ring

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PRMC breaks ground for new endoscopy center

Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) is expanding to bring more of its award-winning healthcare services to the beach with the groundbreaking today for its new endoscopy center at the Delmarva Health Pavilion Ocean Pines. The building is scheduled to open in 2019.

The approximately 12,000-square-foot building will house PRMC's new endoscopy center. Jerrold S. Canakis, MD will be providing clinical care in the new space and additional clinical



services to be determined. Dr. Canakis, a gastroenterologist, has been in private practice in Berlin for 15 years and recently joined the PRMC family.

"I am very excited about the transition," he said. "Peninsula Regional Medical Center is such a wonderful asset to our community and the quality of physicians is exceptional."

The endoscopy center is one of two new buildings coming soon to the Ocean Pines Health Pavilion campus totaling 80,000 square feet of new clinical space. Services in those two locations may include—in addition to the endoscopy center—a surgery center, urgent care, imaging, and offices for specialty physicians, all of whom are board-certified and practice at PRMC.

In 2015, PRMC opened Building 1 of the Delmarva Health Pavilion Ocean Pines. There, the community

has access to family physicians, adult fitness services, a community pharmacy, a lab and the Junior Board Pines Café.

Last year, it celebrated the opening of its Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute Ocean Pines in Building 2, drawing from five decades of experience at its Salisbury campus. The Institute is the leading cancer care provider on Delmarva, diagnosing and treating more than 1,400 patients per year, and has been continuously accredited since 1970, recognizing its commitment to excellence in the delivery of comprehensive, patient-centered care.

"Our health pavilion in Ocean Pines isn't just a collection of medical offices; we are offering hospital-level care without the overnight stay," said Chris Hall, Chief Business Officer and Vice President of Strategy and Business Development for PRMC. "We are selecting services that are needed in the beach community, and we're building off the experience and quality outcomes that PRMC is known for."

The intent of the Delmarva Health Pavilion Ocean Pines is to make award-winning healthcare more accessible to beach-area residents. Peninsula Regional Medical Center has been named among the Top 5 percent of all U.S. hospitals by Healthgrades and received a five-star rating—the highest available—from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for clinical excellence and quality outcomes.



Donation - Louis H. 'Lou' Taylor and his family donated \$10,000 towards the Atlantic General Campaign for the Future this July.

Their involvement with Atlantic General Hospital began long before the generous donation that they recently made. Their family ties begin with Louis Hickman, Lou's grandfather, who was a county commissioner and a large supporter personally and financially of the hospital.

It is the goal of the Taylor family to continue that level of support as the hospital expands and grows its healthcare services for the local community. Lou Taylor was the chairman of the Board of Trustees at Atlantic General Hospital for three years.

"Atlantic General Hospital is a very important thread in the fabric of our community," stated Lou Taylor. "The addition of the Jack Burbage Cancer Center not only strengthens the hospital, but it strengthens the entire community. We are extremely proud of the work of the board and staff at Atlantic General Hospital and it is our wish that our family's donation helps propel the community forward through the work of the new cancer center."

From left: **Hugh Cropper IV**, chair of the Board of Trustees at AGH; **Michael Franklin**, president and CEO of AGH; **Howard "Buzz" Taylor**; **Rita Taylor**; **Louis H. Taylor**; **Brooks Taylor Sr.**; **Tammy Taylor Gish**; **Michelle Fager**, AGH Campaign for the Future co-chair; and **Jack Burbage**, AGH Campaign for the Future co-chair.



Scholarships awarded

The Marlin Club Crew of OC, a local non-profit, just completed its 2018 Annual Jewelry Show to a record-breaking crowd. The show is their primary scholarship fundraising event. Funds raised by the "Crew" last year enabled them to award over \$14,000 in scholarships this year.

Pictured below are the recipients: (left to right) **Suzanne Clagett** (scholarship committee), **Hailey Beck**, **Jenna Shumate**, **Parker Wheeler**, **Tyler Johnson** and **Trent Chetelat**.

New this year was the inclusion of support for a student pursuing certification in a trades career. For more information, contact Crew President Cathy Donovan at 410-726-6117.



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Crossword puzzles: a history of challenge

Even though a type of word puzzle was found inscribed on the wall of an ancient Egyptian tomb, the first known crossword puzzles are credited to journalist Arthur Wynne, who designed his “word-cross” in 1913. Wynne’s puzzle appeared in a Sunday newspaper called *New York World*.

Since its inception, the crossword puzzle has become one of the world’s most recognizable puzzles, attracting enthusiasts from all over the world, and now appearing in virtually all newspapers.

Crossword puzzles are word games in which the answers correspond to numbered clues. The words are put into a grid of horizontal and vertical squares to form completed, intersecting words. When all of the words are supplied correctly, the puzzle is complete. In North America and Great Britain, crossword grids traditionally have 180-degree rotational symmetry. The diagram, or placement of black squares within the grid, must be symmetric diagonally. This means that the pattern of the puzzle

will appear the same if the puzzle is turned upside down.

American crossword puzzles conform to a set of established rules made popular by publisher Simon & Schuster, the original crossword puzzle publisher. The standard puzzle grid size is 15x15. However, 17x17, 19x19 and 21x21 also are used. Smaller 13x13 also are accepted. Many crossword puzzles do not use two-letter words,



and three-letter words are kept to a minimum. In addition, every letter square must be part of both an Across and a Down word. Crossword rules are different in other parts of the world. For example, in Japan, the corner squares of a crossword puzzle must be white.

Despite once publishing a statement describing crosswords as a “sinful waste in the utterly futile finding of words the letters of which will fit into a prearranged pattern” in 1924, *The New York Times* routinely produces what

many consider to be the world’s most challenging crossword puzzles. Stanley Newman is credited with completing a *New York Times* crossword faster than anyone in history. In 1996, Newman completed a crossword in two minutes, 14 seconds.

Crossword puzzles appear in newspapers, magazines and kids’ activity books and are even used in school lessons to supplement vocabulary lessons. Doing these puzzles also may be good for one’s health. According to a University of California at Berkeley study, crossword puzzles may help in the fight against Alzheimer’s disease. Researchers found that the more often someone engaged in mentally stimulating activities such as crosswords, the less buildup of beta-amyloid plaques in the brain, which are hallmarks of the disease. Doing crossword puzzles also may offer a distraction that helps people reduce stress.

Crossword puzzles have a storied history. They are completed recreationally and in competitions, and cruciverbalists look forward to new puzzles in their newspapers every week.

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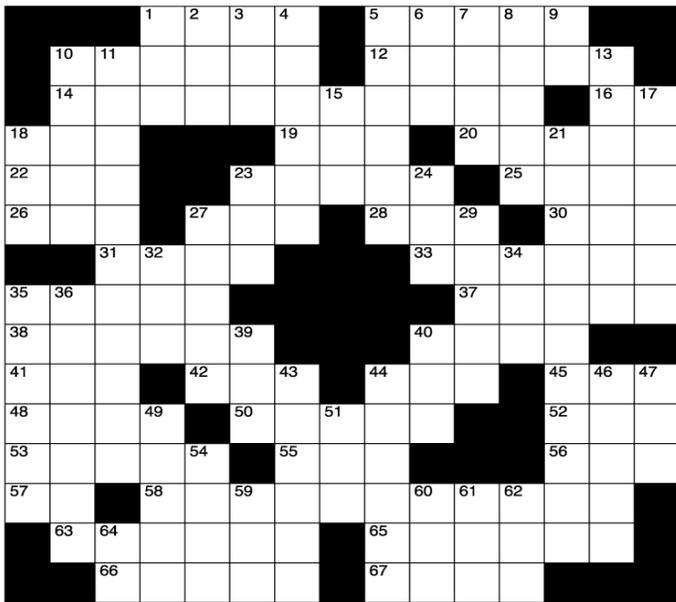
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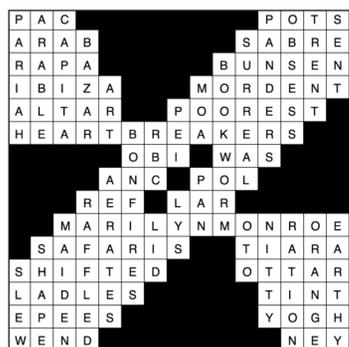


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Imitated
- 5. Explosion
- 10. One who writes
- 12. Large nests
- 14. Philly specialty
- 16. A form of "to be"
- 18. Automobile
- 19. A way to stand
- 20. Waterlogged land
- 22. A way to provide
- 23. We all need it
- 25. Stalk of a moss capsule
- 26. Promotional materials
- 27. Bashful
- 28. Ten
- 30. He captured Valencia
- 31. Quickly
- 33. Violent seizure of property
- 35. Fugazi bassist
- 37. Baseball great Davey
- 38. Large bird cage
- 40. British noble
- 41. They protect Americans (abbr.)
- 42. Economic institution
- 44. Pat lightly
- 45. Not even
- 48. Cools
- 50. Seat belt advocate
- 52. A dishonorable man
- 53. Smooths over
- 55. Moved quickly
- 56. Part of a play
- 57. South Dakota
- 58. Worsen
- 63. Madam Butterfly and La Boheme
- 65. Removes
- 66. Dull, brown fabrics
- 67. Comedian Rogen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. 100 sq. meters
- 2. Dessert
- 3. One point south of due east
- 4. Profoundly
- 5. Swatted
- 6. Confederate general
- 7. Soviet composer
- 8. Japanese deer (pl.)
- 9. Tellurium
- 10. Burn with a hot liquid
- 11. Pupas
- 13. Famed chapel
- 15. Car mechanics group
- 17. Blocks from the sun
- 18. Numbers cruncher
- 21. Responds in kind
- 23. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 24. Each
- 27. Fitzgerald's wife Zelda
- 29. Tribe of Judah rep
- 32. Patti Hearst's captors
- 34. "The Raven" author
- 35. Bars give them their own nights
- 36. Essential for guacamole
- 39. Currency
- 40. Golfers hope to make it
- 43. Touch gently
- 44. Does not allow
- 46. Cyprinids
- 47. Insecticide
- 49. Passover feast and ceremony
- 51. Patriotic women
- 54. Protein-rich liquids
- 59. Type of soda
- 60. Necessary to extract metal
- 61. Inform upon
- 62. A type of residue
- 64. Palladium



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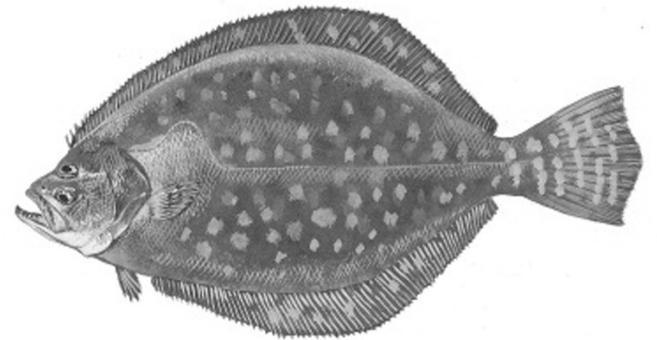


Captain Ron's
Fish Tales

By Ron Fisher

Let's think about fall flounder fishing

Fall is rapidly approaching and flounder will begin to seek the deeper water before starting their migration. So far, this past week fishing has been hit or miss with some big flounder being caught in the East Channel and West Channel. A couple of 23" fish have been caught with several individuals reporting their limit. The key has been water clarity, location, bait and finally presentation.



Fishing report: Flounder fishing has been hit or miss but when it's good it's really good. Most action is in the East and West Channel on live bunker. I've had a few reports that shrimp is also a hot bait. Offshore the head boats are really doing well with the flounder catch at the wrecks.

Water clarity: If at all possible find clean water as flounder are ambush fish and need to see the bait. It has been difficult the past few weeks as we have had considerable rain and boat activity causing the bay to cloud. Move around and you can usually find some clear water depending on the tide and weather conditions.

Location: This time of year I prefer the deeper water of the East Channel, Thorofare and finally the inlet. However, I don't overlook the shallows if the weather has been warm and will at least try around the West Channel, Harbor Island or Bird Island.

Bait: From mid August on I prefer live spot in the 3"-4" size, live finger mullet, but also don't overlook frozen shiners if you don't want the hassle of caring for live bait and Berkley Gulp 4" Swimming Mullet in white, pink and chartreuse. I usually catch spot with hook and line and use a cast net for finger mullet. To catch Spot on hook and line I prefer using an ultra light spinning rod with 4lb. test line to which I attach a SABIKI RIG Model #

MSB-3G-8 IRIDESCENT/GREEN GLO size #8. I prefer the three-hook

model as you have fewer tangles. To each hook I attach either a piece of cut night crawler, bloodworm, or bloodworm fishbite and a small split shot just enough to get you to the bottom and wait for the bite. Jig it occasionally and you should be able to pick up 10 spot in less than an hour but again this depends on water clarity and if we have had recent heavy rain that could change the salinity of the water in the canals and impact the bite. If you live in the Pines some good locations for spot and finger mullet are Pintail Park along the bulkhead. Both are easy to keep alive. Spot or mullet I'll catch the night before and keep them alive in a bait bucket secured to the dock, live bait well on a boat or a Styrofoam bucket with a bubbler overnight. Other good bait is strip bait. If you happen to catch one a fillet strip cut off a sea robin or lizard fish is prime food for flounder. If my reports are accurate try some shrimp as well.

Presentation: When fishing live bait, I prefer to use a long leader of 30lb. test mono material approximately 48 inches in length. This is a double rig that I make with a straight shank #2 hook on top, sinker clip down 22 inches and a kale #1 hook at the bottom. I will hook the live spot or mullet on the bottom hook through the upper lip and out the hard cartilage

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Knots & Knots

'Sandbars, bloody sandbars'

By **Dan Collins**

Land ho! That was always a reassuring and thankful hail in the days of wooden ships and canvas sails. With compasses and crude charts, the explorers circled the globe in search of land and when they found it, they named it. For example, when Henry Hudson caught sight of a parcel of land at the mouth of the Hudson River, he pointed at it and queried,

"Stat an island?" I know, I know, bad joke but it was a lot funnier when my high school English teacher told it.

Yes, 'Land ho' was a rewarding cry but with today's NOAA charts, Google maps and GPS navigation the cry can emote panic rather than solace. It comes when your nav instruments say you are one place and the land sighting gives you that deep down gut feeling that you should have studied the

GPS manual better. We'll leave the care and feeding of a GPS thingy and the history of Staten Island to a mid-winter column when ice and torn tarpaulins monopolize our off-season conversations.

Today I want to discuss what you should do when the 'Land ho' cry is a sarcastic euphuism for 'Ah, shucks, we're aground.'

This is not an uncommon happening in the shallow waters and shifting sand bars of the back bays between Fenwick and Chincoteague. My guess is that 80% of the bays are less than 6 feet deep and probably 50% are less than 3 feet. I tell my timid boating guests that we can sink the boat anywhere in the bay and stand on it until we're rescued.

So, what do you do when it's your turn to run aground?

Even before you castoff, you should plan for the inevitability. Make sure that your anchor is available, have a pole onboard that can be used to shove off the bottom, have a means of getting back onto the boat should you decide

to get off and push.

Move slowly in water where you are not familiar with the bottom. Those pesky sandbars sneak toward the surface as low tide approaches. Stay alert to recognize the signs that

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in the nasal area. They live longer and I feel are more effective hooked in this fashion. On the top hook a Gulp dressed with a strip of squid with a split tail which gives the squid strip more action. For weight use either a 2 or 3 oz sinker depending on how fast the tide is moving.

The pink Gulp is usually best in the spring when the grass shrimp are very active, white anytime and the chartreuse is usually best in the fall or when there is slightly cloudy water.

Did you know? It takes approximately seven years for the average American lobster to reach one pound. Also, the American lobster has a longer life span than cats and dogs, living over 20 years.

Remember to take a kid fishing,
Capt. Ron

Tides for Ocean City (Fishing Pier)

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	15	High	11:22 AM	
	15	Low	5:40 PM	
	15	High	11:44 PM	
Th	16	Low	6:05 AM	6:16 AM 7:53 PM
	16	High	12:15 PM	
	16	Low	6:38 PM	
F	17	High	12:34 AM	6:17 AM 7:52 PM
	17	Low	6:56 AM	
	17	High	1:09 PM	
	17	Low	7:38 PM	
Sa	18	High	1:28 AM	6:18 AM 7:50 PM
	18	Low	7:48 AM	
	18	High	2:08 PM	
	18	Low	8:40 PM	
Su	19	High	2:26 AM	6:19 AM 7:49 PM
	19	Low	8:40 AM	
	19	High	3:10 PM	
	19	Low	9:43 PM	
M	20	High	3:27 AM	6:19 AM 7:48 PM
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	20	High	4:10 PM	
	20	Low	10:44 PM	
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SCA to celebrate anniversary

Seaside Christian Academy (SCA) offers Christian education programs for grades PreK3 through eighth grade and is located in West Ocean City behind Baja Amusements and the White Marlin Mall. SCA will celebrate its 20th anniversary ribbon cutting on Friday, Sep-

tember 7 at 4 p.m. The community is cordially invited to bring the whole family to partake in the fun with moon bounces, snow cones, popcorn and cotton candy.

One of the Founding Fathers of our nation, Dr. Benjamin Rush, presciently stated "In contemplating the political institutions of the United States, I lament that if we remove the Bible from schools, we will waste so much time and money punishing crime and it takes so little pains to prevent them..."

Seaside Christian Academy exists to educate children spiritually, academically, socially, and physically, equipping them for every good work in Christ Jesus (Luke 2:52).

Enrollment is currently open. For more information, please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SCAOceanCity/>

Wor-Wic offers express registration

Wor-Wic Community College is offering "Smart Start Express Registration" for students to be able to complete the fall credit or non-credit registration process in one campus visit on Wednesday, August 22, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the college campus on the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

Participants will be able to apply for financial aid, take the placement test, talk to an advisor, register for classes, make payment arrangements, visit the bookstore and learn about child care opportunities.

To RSVP, visit the college's website at www.worwic.edu or call the college at 410-334-2800.

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you are running aground and be prepared to immediately stop the engine.

Once you are clearly stuck, it's time to begin the recovery. Your first priority is the safety of all on board. Take a head count, check for injuries and ask, no tell, everyone to put on a life jacket. You are about to preform unconventional, unpracticed tasks. That's when accidents happen. You want to make sure that anyone who falls overboard with a possible bump on the head will float, even in a mere foot of water.

Next check the boat to make sure there are no holes below the waterline. If there are, I strongly suggest you plug them before refloating the boat unless you think you can bail faster than the leak. If you can't, it's time to call the Coast Guard.

There are several techniques for ungrounding a vessel. One amateur approach is to try backing straight off the sandbar. I tried this once. I got off the bar but my engine ate too much sand and a maintenance bill followed. Not good.

Then again, you can just sit there for six hours and hope to refloat naturally. This is the preferred course of action for the sedate optimist who has infinite patience AND ran aground at ebb tide. For the victims of Murphy's Law who run aground at high tide, tempus fugit. The receding water is making the problem worse by the minute. It's time for action.

A recommended method is to turn off the engine immediately upon stopping and raising it. Then shift as much weight as possible to the stern (presuming that you hit bow first) and one person go forward and push the boat off with a boat hook or paddle or, better, a mop that has a large flat surface.

If that doesn't work, try getting out and pushing from ashore. With the passengers still in the stern and the person on the bow now standing on land, the bow is lighter and the pusher has better leverage.

A third technique is called kedging. This requires one to carry the anchor out to deep water and drop it in. If your boat draws 2 feet, you really only have to walk out until the water is waist high, about 3 feet. It is also best that you stand on the anchor to make sure it is set before returning to the boat. Once back on board, join the others in the stern and pull the anchor rode. If this isn't enough, maybe an additional person ashore pushing the bow will refloat the boat.

Freeing larger boats is more problematic. I once had to kedge my eight-ton sail boat. It was a backbreaking effort but sail boats have winches and yachts have windlasses to give you a mechanical advantage.

Finally, when all else fails, ask a Good Samaritan to drag you off. If he can't, call TowBoatUS or Sea Tow and have your credit card ready.

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Student cyber security precautions can avoid problems

Thanks to advancements in technology, students and educators are increasingly turning to birth, tablets and computers when working on daily assignments and classroom activities. Students rely on the internet for research and keeping in touch with teachers and other stu-

encrypted, meaning they can be accessed by anyone. Many cyber criminals gain access to information through these channels. Schools should have encrypted systems in place.

Limit what you share on the internet. Students are urged to be aware of what they share online. According to Data Management, a computing service, information posted to social media is permanent, and deleted items are not necessarily gone. Exercise caution on social media. Do not post unless it is something you would be comfortable sharing in public. Watch out for phishing scams.



dents, and work is even assigned and completed via digital platforms.

Despite the upside of technology, cyber-crime is a potential pitfall of all that time spent online. The internet provides instant access, and that can put students at risk.

According to Verizon's 2016 Data Breach Investigations Report, the education sector ranked sixth in the United States for the total number of reported "security incidents." Schools are data-rich, meaning they give hackers access to information like identification numbers, birthdates, email addresses, financial data, medical records, and more.

Students must understand cyber security risks when working and sharing data online. The following are some tips students can follow.

Protect passwords. Students are urged to keep their passwords to themselves. This prevents others from using accounts maliciously or even in seemingly harmless ways that can put you in trouble, such as searching for inappropriate content in school. Choose complicated passwords that cannot be easily guessed, and opt for two-step authentication whenever offered.

Use secured WiFi networks. Free or open WiFi connections are not

Phishing usually occurs through

fraudulent email messages that mimic the look of reputable solicitations. Scammers rely on these tactics to tempt people to click on links or download attachments that can put malware on a device and steal personal data. Exercise caution with all links and downloads.

Schedule routine backups. Data can be lost if a device crashes, so routinely back up personal devices and home computers. Backups can be stored on external hard drives or with cloud services.

Exercise caution when file-sharing. UC Santa Cruz's information technology services says viruses and malware can be transmitted by file-sharing software, and files offered by others may not be what they say they are. Only use school-approved filesharing options.

Cyber security is something students should prioritize this school year. The right security measures can protect students, their classmates and their schools.

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Cruising tips and tricks

Cruising can be an ideal vacation for people of any age, but particularly for seniors. Cruises combine all-inclusive meal packages with accommodations, breathtaking ports of call and pre-arranged activities, so vacationers do not have to lift a finger for days on end. Cruising also can be a social activity, meaning singletons can meet up with other like-minded people and enjoy the cruising experience together.



Cruise Lines International Association, a global organization advocating for the cruising community, found that 25.8 million passengers expected to take a cruise in 2017, and various cruise companies invested more than \$6.8 billion in new ocean vessels.

Whether a person is new to cruis-

ing or is a seasoned ocean or river traveler, there are always techniques to try to score great deals or enjoy the experience even further. Consider these tips and tricks, courtesy of Royal Caribbean, The Cruise Critic, the Travel Channel, and other vacationing experts.

Research the ships, and not just the cruise lines. Cruise lines each offer their own amenities and are known for certain features. One cruise line may be a better match for young singles, while others may cater to families. In addition, certain ships may have their own special features such as water slides, athletic events, casinos, and more. Choose a ship that meets

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Sworn in - County Central Committee members were sworn in at the MD Democratic Party meeting held on Saturday, Aug. 4 at IBEW Local 26 in Lanham, MD. Pictured left to right: **Laurie Brittingham**, Democrat Central Committee Worcester County (DCCWC) auxiliary member, **Kathleen Matthews**, state party chairman, and **Judy Davis**, DCCWC At-Large member.

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How burrowing wildlife can damage your lawn and garden

Soft, spongy lawns may be indicative of various problems underfoot that occur relatively sight unseen. Barring a septic system backup or considerable flooding, insects or animals may be to blame.

In many areas, burrowing wildlife can wreak havoc on landscapes. Identifying which critter is causing the damage helps homeowners develop the most effective solutions to issues involving wildlife.

Moles. Moles will spend much of their lives underground, rarely coming up to the surface. They spend their days digging long tunnels from their dens in search of grubs, earthworms and tuber plants all year long. Moles can be gray, black, brown, or gold and will be between six and eight inches in length. Their wide front feet are designed for excavating, and moles have very small eyes and angular snouts.

Many times moles are to blame for zig-zagging lines across a yard. Channels are typically dug between five to eight inches below the surface of the soil, according to the home and garden resource site Hunker. The tunnels are only about 1.5 inches in diameter and one may see small molehills of exca-

vated soil in areas around the yard. Mole tunnels can be followed through the yard thanks to the appearance of elevated ridges on the surface of the soil.

Voles. Even though their name is similar, voles look nothing like moles. They are also known by the name meadow mice and look more like mice

than they do moles or gophers. Voles are small as well and primarily feed on foliage and plant roots. It can take a trained eye to differentiate between holes created by moles and voles, but foliage eaten around an entry or exit hole suggests the presence of voles. Unlike moles,

voles do not create soil masses on the surfaces of landscapes, which can make recognizing infestations more difficult.

Groundhogs, gophers, prairie dogs. Groundhogs, gophers and prairie dogs also are burrowing rodents. These rodents are larger than moles and voles. Groundhogs, also known as woodchucks, are the largest of the group, followed by prairie dogs and gophers.

Prairie dogs tend to be more social than groundhogs and gophers and may be seen congregating together. Gophers tend to stay below ground and will pull food into their burrows, says the Florida-based A Wildlife Whisperer. Groundhogs often stretch their subterranean tunnels to dens, which they may like to set up under backyard sheds or other protected areas. Groundhogs' size and desire to forage and eat their fill above-ground often make them easy to spot.

Once the animal doing the burrowing has been identified, homeowners can begin removing food sources and altering conditions to make their yards less critter-friendly. In the instance of moles, using a grub-killer can diminish their numbers. Wire mesh fences buried underground can deter digging into garden beds. Homeowners who are vigilant about disrupting burrows and tunnels may encourage rodents to relocate.

If burrowing wildlife prove problematic, homeowners can work with professional exterminators to assess the situation.



New members - Star Charities recently welcomed new members Jenn Grabowski and Molly McNaney. (L-R) **Sandy McAbee**, Secretary **Sue Walters**, Vice President **Barbara Peletier**, **Jenn Grabowski**, **Paulette Mari** and Corresponding Secretary **Janet Ackerman**. Photo by Anna Fultz.

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your needs.

Arrive the night before. There is no need to rush to the port to board the ship. Extend the vacation a little further by arriving a night or two before and checking into a nearby hotel. Some hotels may offer free parking or shuttle service to the ship.

Choose a close port. Select a port within driving distance to avoid airline costs and the extra hassles of coordinating luggage and travel to the port.

Book dining ahead of time. Cruise ships often have a main dining room and then specialty restaurants. If you want a particular meal, make reservations before leaving port. Certain restaurants may offer discounts or perks, such as a free bottle of wine or premiere seating.

Understand what is included. Cruise ships have many foods and drinks that are included in the packaged price. Certain branded items, such as specialty coffees or ice creams,

may be available at an additional charge, as are premium drinks. But chances are you can find a free, similar version elsewhere on the ship.

Explore special discounts. When shopping for a cruise, see if there are discounts available for seniors, teachers, people in the military, or those who belong to certain clubs. Cruises often love to incentivize, so it pays to ask about discount pricing.

Make a list of activities. It can be easy to get overwhelmed by all of the offerings on a cruise ship, so much so that there is some stress over trying to fit it all in. Recognize that you cannot see or hear it all, and prioritize what is important to you. Make sure you have plenty of time to relax.

Book at the right time. Cruises may be more available after Labor Day when kids go back to school and the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas when others are too busy to travel.

Cruising can be an ideal vacation for travelers who are savvy enough to do their research.

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that you would need: a cell phone, purse, lunch bag, work bag or employee ID.

"My Number one tip is to never leave a child in the car," said Pfc. DeGiovanni.

More than 450 people were drawn to Ocean Pines' inaugural National Night Out event. Participants enjoyed free food, entertainment and safety demonstrations by local, county, and state police agencies.

National Night Out, a national community-driven initiative, involves more than 38 million people in 16,000 communities from all states, according to National Association of Town Watch, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing communities through an established network of law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch groups, civic groups, state and regional crime prevention associations and volunteers across the nation.

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Pocomoke City: Peyton Becker, Katie Bodley, Amy Chen, Jason Dennis, Jensen Dennis, Zachary Hurley, Mitchell Krystofiak, Cali Litton, Kacy Lynch, Laura Malendoski, Kristy Mason, Austin McGee, Laura Melton, Lydia Parsons, Antony Perez, Joanne Scott and Charles Ward
Snow Hill: Kayla Baumgartner, Rachel Carmean, Areyhon Collick, Annette Gibbons-Tarr, Hunter Johnson, Erica Jones, Calvin McCardell and Haleigh Tingle.

Stockton: Skylar Nock, Lydia Smythers and Julia Wynne

Whaleyville: Khadijah Bull and Jacquelyn Failla.

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