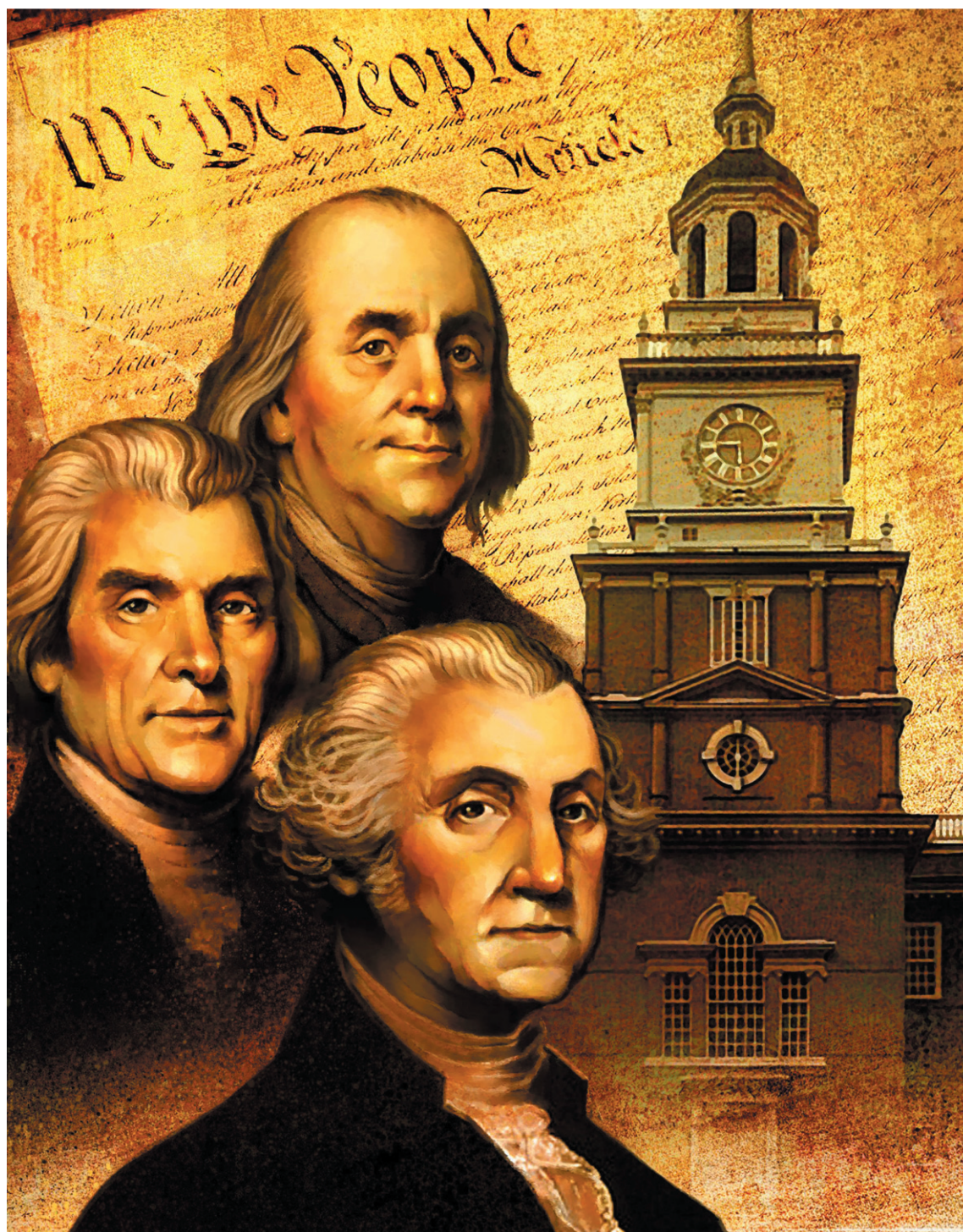


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Pines celebrates the Fourth

The Ocean Pines Association invites area residents to celebrate July 4th at the community's popular holiday events.

The day will kick off with the 4th Annual OPA Freedom 5K Run beginning at 8 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines.



A portion of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at

Ocean Pines. The cost is \$25 with pre-registration or \$35 the day of the event. Registrations will be accepted online at OceanPines.org, by calling the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052 or in person at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 235 Ocean Parkway.

The fun will continue at Veterans

Memorial Park at the annual 4th of July Celebration & Day of Fun, held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This all-American celebration will include a DJ, face painting, water slides, carnival games, refreshments and more. Waterslide wristbands for unlimited rides will be sold for \$6; tickets may be sold for additional games and rides.

The holiday will be capped off with a fireworks display at Showell Park on Racetrack Road. The display will begin shortly after dark. Recommended viewing locations are Showell Elementary School, the Community Church at Ocean Pines, Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School and The Pavilions. The Community Church at Ocean Pines will be selling refreshments and offering activities for kids prior to the fireworks.

These events are open to the public. In the event of inclement weather, they will be held on July 5.

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MSSA awards scholarship

At a recent meeting of the Atlantic Coast Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sport-fishing Association in Ocean City an MSSA Foundation Scholarship was awarded to one of two local recipients. Receiving the scholarship presented by Tom Nawrocki scholarship chairman was Samantha Pope a recent graduate of Mardela High School.

Since its beginning in 1995 the MSSA has awarded more than \$225,000 to over 60 young men and women. This is the first time the Atlantic Coast Chapter has had scholarship recipients. The scholarship is awarded to those who will pursue education in the fields of study such as Marine Biology, or other curricula related to the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay, its tributaries, and coastal waters of the mid-Atlantic seaboard.

Samantha who graduated in the top 5% of her class with a 4.43 weighted GPA was also active in sports, the student government association and worked with the Special Olympics program. She will be attending Coastal Carolina University and will major in Marine Science.

Above are **Buddy Seigel, Tom Nawrocki, Ron Smith, Samantha Pope, Diane Jolley and John McFalls.**

OP library hosts artists

The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library announced the following art exhibits for the coming months. There are two exhibits, one in the main common areas of the library, and the other in the two rooms to right of the main areas of the library.

During July, watercolor artist Marcy Snyder will exhibit in the main common areas of the library. Marcy discovered her love and passion for the arts in high school. She attended Colorado Women's College and graduated with a degree in fine arts. Marcy has continued taking art classes and has studied at the Wicomico Art Institute, Wor-Wic Community College Council., and Salisbury University. She is now studying with Kate Cashman at Random Juxtaposition and is a former Board Member at Worcester Arts Council. Marcy exhibits on a regular basis as a member of The Art League of Ocean City Center for Arts and as a COOP member at the Worcester County Arts Council in Berlin, Maryland. She enjoys interpreting what she observes in nature and seeing it come to life in her work.

John McManus is the Artist Spotlight Exhibitor. His works will be shown in the two computer rooms to the right of the

common areas of the library. John McManus has been photographing the rivers, bays harbors, and wildlife of Pennsylvania and Ocean City for nearly three decades. He visits often Ocean City where he has a condo. John has been a professional photographer for more than twenty years. As a graduate of the Art Institute, he constantly strives for excellence in all the images he creates. In recent years, with the advances in digital technology, John has developed a technique which blends the richness of color photography with the soft beauty of oils and water colors. The images are like memories, rich with joy yet softer with age.

Dems collecting supplies

On July 19 between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. the Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County will collect non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products at the South Fire Station, located on Ocean Parkway. Supplies will be shared with a local food ministry. Call 410-641-8553 for additional information.



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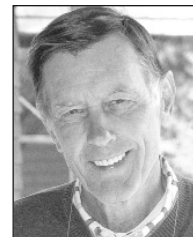
Variously known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4th has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.



Sign proposals could threaten property values

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

During its June 25 meeting, the OPA Board of Directors was on the verge of passing new sign regulations that would allow placement of real estate agency signs on properties for sale in Ocean Pines.



Joe Reynolds

It is a safe bet that few association members knew the board was about to make this change. Some board members did not even appear aware of the change in the proposed sign regulation language. Some appeared to see nothing wrong with allowing real estate agency signs. Only Directors Marty Clarke and Dave Stevens expressed any concern about the proposed sign changes and neither of them appeared to even be aware the proposed changes in a motion by Director Tom Terry would allow real estate agency signs.

The proposed change is a potential disaster in the making and one that could well adversely impact home val-

ues in our community. Many hundreds of commercial real estate signs could be sprouting all over Ocean Pines.

The Declarations of Restriction prohibit any signs, but the ARC/ECC Guidelines approved by the board have allowed colored stakes to indicate the real estate agency and the fact that a property is for sale. The Guidelines also allow a small box containing brochures with information about the property.

The current system has served Ocean Pines well for decades. There has been no demand from association members to allow commercial real estate signs. Now the board may change all that and allow real estate agency signs as well. Just who is pushing this? Real estate agents?

Fortunately, when the entire board was made aware of the allowance for real estate agency signs in the new Guidelines during association member public comments, a subsequent motion to approve the new guidelines by board member Tom Terry and seconded by board member Jack Collins, ended up withdrawn. It will, however, come before the board at some upcoming meeting.

The proposed regulations will also expand the time when yard sale signs may be plastered all over OPA roadways. If the board wants to do something that will actually improve the appearance of the community and keep property values up, perhaps it should update the Guidelines so OPA board candidate signs are no longer permitted. The board cannot prohibit normal government election signs, but it sure can prohibit the yearly blitz of

board candidate signs.

If you are concerned about OPA allowing real estate agency signs in this community and allowing yet more time for display of junky yard sale signs, please email your concerns to directors@oceanpines.org. The board should hold public hearings on such an important issue; that is what prior boards have done. There could be other unwelcome changes buried in the latest proposed sign guidelines.

AGH to close clinics

Atlantic General Hospital will close two of its Atlantic ImmediCare walk-in clinics located at the Rite Aids in Millsboro, DE and Ocean Pines. Walk-in services will remain available at the Atlantic Health Center on Healthway Drive in Berlin and at the Atlantic ImmediCare location on 10th Street in Ocean City.

This closure will occur June 30. "We have made this decision to be responsive to the needs of our community, by providing the walk-in medical services individuals need the most in locations that are most convenient for them," said James Brannon, vice president of professional services at Atlantic General Hospital.

Plans are underway to expand hours and services at the Atlantic Health Center location in the near future.

Bible school offered

Four churches in Berlin will hold Vacation Bible School this summer at Buckingham Presbyterian Church. The four churches involved are Stevenson United Methodist Church, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Solid Rock Ministries and Buckingham Presbyterian Church. The school invites all children to MOVE, ACT, CARE, FOLLOW and SHARE at G-Force: God's Love in Action Vacation Bible School. Preschoolers through teens will explore and experience serving God and others with active love. The fun begins on July 13 and ends on July 17 from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at Buckingham Presbyterian Church at 200 W. Main Street in Berlin.

The adventure includes music, interactive Bible fun, super science projects, cool crafts, hands-on mission work, delicious snacks, great games and more. To be part of the excitement at G-Force Adventure Park, call Buckingham Presbyterian Church at 410-641-0234 and leave a message. Pre-registration is encouraged.

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I am proud to be a citizen of the United States of America, the greatest nation on earth. Compared to the nations of Europe our history is short but no less colorful and dramatic. When you consider the confluence of events and characters that came together at the same time to forge this nation it makes one pause.

Men and circumstances of the 18th century gelled in such a way that a nation, like no other in the history of man, was born.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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Through the determination of unafraid and selfless personalities, this nation was founded: George Washington, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, Samuel Adams, Thomas Paine and the list goes on and on. The collective contributions of these men are greater than their singular offerings. It is only fitting that our nation pays tribute to the enduring legacy of these men and the results of their labors.

While thinking about the Fourth of July, I began imagining what the process of writing a document that would birth a new nation might be if it fell to those of us living in the 21st century.

Fade to imaginary scene in a gymnasium filled with men and women milling around.

"Ladies and gentleman, can we please settle down and get started. We've been meeting for two months and have not gotten much done," said the Chairman as he leaned forward on the table set up at the front of the gym. "Please take your seats."

The men and women began taking their seats. The metal folding chairs clanked on the gymnasium floor. A hush finally came over the crowd.

"Thank you. Okay, we have some very important business to take care of to move this process along. Can I see a show of hands of how many want the lunch special with potato salad on the side?"

About 30 hands shot up. "Madam Secretary, are you getting all this? We'll put the rest of you down for cole slaw."

"The next thing on the agenda is scheduling days we will be in session. A motion was made yesterday that we be in session Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon, with adjournment 4:30 each afternoon. Those in favor?"

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

"Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman."

"The Chair recognizes the gentle lady in the second row."

"I'd like to register a complaint that it is too hot in here. I'm roasting. Can someone check the air conditioning? I can't be expected to work under these circumstances."

"Duly noted."

"Now let's please review quickly what we agreed upon yesterday. When we adjourned, it was decided that we were in favor of Life, Liberty, the pursuit of Feeling Good and Positive Auras. We also agreed that these rights are endowed by the Creator."

"Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that Positive Auras be changed to Living the Good Life Free of Responsibility. My caucus did some research and found

the wording tests well with our focus group"

"Mr. Chairman, if that wording is going to be altered, I would like to recommend that we strike the words 'by the Creator' and replace them with 'endowed by a multi-denominational deity or deities of your choosing.' This way we don't offend anyone and are not accused of promoting the idea of any one specific superior being or beings."

"We can have only one motion on the floor at a time. Do I hear a second on amending the 'Positive Aura' to 'Living the Good Life Free of Responsibility?'"

The motion is seconded and voted on.

"The motion passes. Moving on to the second motion. Uh, hold on a second my cell phone is ringing."

"Hello. Oh, hello Greta. Yes, we're working on it right now. No, I'm not sure whether I'll be able to be a guest on your show tonight. I see. You have already booked George the Third. I'll have to get back to you."

"Everyone! That was Greta Van Susteren. She wanted to know whether we might have anything resolved so I could debate King George tonight on her show."

"Don't talk with Greta. Chat it up with Howard Stern. He has better demographics," said someone in the back.

"Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion we adjourn. Dr. Phil is doing a very special reunion show analyzing the surviving cast members of the 'Love Boat.'"

"Ladies and gentlemen, we have not gotten very far. We have a lot of work to do before this Declaration of Feeling Good is completed and ratified."

The Chairman was unable to keep the group in session. The crowd made its way to the exits, some talking on cell phones, others discussing the best place to make reservations for dinner.

The Chairman slumped down in his chair, lowering his face in his hands. He could not help but think it would be easier to remain loyal to the Crown.

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Resident artist to visit

Assateague Island Alliance (AIA), the friends group of Assateague Island National Seashore announced the first Resident Artist program October 26 through November 8. Based in Arizona, Karen McLain's extensive body of work captures the wild horses of the west on canvas. McLain will bring her expertise painting en plein air to a coastal landscape for two weeks painting the wild horses from life at Assateague Island National Seashore. Visitors may encounter Karen painting in the field during this and are encouraged to mingle with our resident artist.

"Painting wild horses from life is the foundation for the work I do in the studio. I want to express the power, beauty and bonds that I see manifest in wild horses. The freedom, risk and challenge that are inherent in living wild in nature are reflected in my process of working from life. They are not solely paintings of horses, but reflected communication of their experience and our journey," said McLain of her work.

Artists will also have the opportunity to participate in an en plein air workshop, Painting Wild Horses from Life, led by

McLain. Artists have long painted outdoors, working in natural light to see and to be inspired by nature while immersed in its element. This workshop will cover techniques for painting the horse quickly and fluidly from life, challenges of painting a moving subject in changing light, and coping with the problems inherent in painting outdoors. Students will be guided through the process of observing, painting and learning from wild horses to enrich studio work with emphasis on accurate anatomy. For more information on this rewarding experience please visit AssateagueIslandAlliance.org or call 443-614-3547.

Pink Ribbon group to meet

On Tuesday, July 14 the local Pink Ribbon Committee for the planning of the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer that will be held on October 18 will hold a planning meeting at the Ocean City library between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Volunteers are always needed. Call 302-521-4414 for more information.



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Grand opening

The Ocean Pines and Ocean City chambers of commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Your Doc's in newest facility at 12385 Ocean Gateway in West Ocean City. The ceremony was held June 22. Your Doc's In also has medical facilities in Pocomoke, Easton, and Salisbury. Pictured holding the ribbon from left are Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Executive Director **Ginger Fleming**, Worcester County Commissioner **Bud Church**, Your Doc's in CEO **Geoff Failla**, Dr. **Gerri Goertzen**, Clinical Manager **Brendan Campbell**, Human Resources Director **Traci Murphy**, and Ocean City Chamber member **Laurie Issacs**. Ocean City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director **Melanie Pursel** is at far right. Photo by Ted Page.

Morse joins Berkshire Hathaway

Janet Morse has recently joined Berkshire Hathaway Home Services PenFed Realty as a Sales Professional. The announcement was made by Sharon Curtiss, Branch Manager Berkshire Hathaway Home Services PenFed Realty in Ocean Pines.

Janet will concentrate on residential real estate sales as a member of The O'Hare Team. She was previously a realtor in upstate New York prior to relocating to Ocean Pines in 1997 and was involved in relocation of major corporations and was Realtor Associate of the Year and Realtor of the Year. Janet has been actively involved in the community in many volunteer organizations including, Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary Board past president, helped open the Atlantic General Hospital Thrift Shop, chaired five concerts of the internationally known "The Fabulous Three Tenors and a Diva", co-chaired the tenth anniversary celebration of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial, Ocean Pines Election Committee, Republican Women of Worcester County Chaplain, Maryland Association of Hospital Auxiliaries Chair of Thrift Shops, past vice president of Women's Club of Ocean Pines and began their annual auction, past president of Women's 9-hole Golf League of Ocean Pines, Stonecroft Bible Study guide for 25 years, past president of The Point at Ocean Pines Homeowner's Association.

"Janet shares Berkshire Hathaway Home Services PenFed Realty's commitment to quality and customer service," said Sharon Curtiss, branch manager of

Berkshire Hathaway Home Services PenFed Realty Ocean Pines. She is exactly the type of sales professional we are seeking, as we continue to grow the company, and increase our presence in the local community."

Youth basketball camp returns

Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) is offering youth an opportunity to participate in Basketball Camp again this summer. This week-long camp is open to youth entering grades first through eighth.

Camp will take place at the Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC) in Snow Hill beginning Monday, July 6, and will run from 9 a.m. to Noon for only \$75.

Participants will receive individual and small group instruction designed

to expose each child to basketball fundamentals. Participants will play modified games throughout the week that will allow them to apply their skills to game like situations.

For more information on Basketball Camp, contact Myro Small at 410-632-2144, ext. 112 or msmall@co.worcester.md.us. Visit our website at www.WorcesterRecandParks.org for a registration form. Don't forget to join our mailing list and like us on Facebook.

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Combine blessing scheduled

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For the seventeenth year, a Parade of Combines, led by antique tractors and by Rev. Oren Perdue's horse-drawn combine moves slowly south on Route 12, across the drawbridge over the Pocomoke River, before turning west onto Green Street. Parade directors lead each combine to its stopping place as they fill Green Street. A growing hum of engines culminates with a

throttle thrust and then silence. Master of Ceremonies, Steve Hales, leads a program welcoming visitors and residents to this Celebration of Farming. After the presentation of colors by Snow Hill High School's Junior Marine Corps ROTC and the singing of the National Anthem by Rachel Allman come recognitions, the keynote speaker Joe Bartenfelder, Maryland Department of Agriculture Secretary, and the Blessing by Pastor Ken Elligson. The afternoon's musical lineup features Free Indeed Praise & Worship Team, Ted Elliott, and The Matt Watson Band. Activities include food vendors, crafts, a petting barnyard, children's activities, hay rides, pony rides, Lollipop the Clown, a pie eating contest and Scales and Tales. The Wheels that Heal Car Club's show is set up in Sturgis Park along The Pocomoke River from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Pontoon boat cruises on the Pocomoke River are available.

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The Lower Shore law enforcement officers who graduated in the 74th entrance-level class are shown in the front row, from left, **Erica L. Brightbill, Kevin M. Carroll, Caitlin G. Gillum and Andrea L. Lewis** of the Salisbury Police Department. In the back, from left, are **Kasey L. Oppel, Louis K. Quarshie, Herney Tovar and Gregory M. Wetzel** of the Salisbury Police Department, and **Dylan R. Miller** of the Ocean Pines Police Department.

Law enforcement class graduates

Fourteen law enforcement officers from Wicomico, Worcester, Talbot, Caroline and Queen Anne's counties graduated in the 74th entrance-level class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy (ESCJA) operated by Wor-Wic Community College.

Graduation exercises, which were held in Guerrieri Hall at the college campus, featured a commencement address by Sheriff Joe Gamble of the Talbot County Sheriff's Office.

John C. Moses, director of criminal justice at Wor-Wic, and Donald L. Rollyson Jr., assistant director of the ESCJA, presided at the ceremony. Awards of certification and excellence were presented by various agency representatives along with Albert Liebno, deputy director of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commis-

sions in Woodstock, Md. Kevin M. Carroll of the Salisbury Police Department was the class speaker. Closing remarks were made by Liebno.

Free medical checks offered

The Guerrieri Heart & Vascular Institute at Peninsula Regional Medical Center will be sponsoring its free Coastal Cardiovascular Checks on Tuesday, July 14 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The heart and vascular health screenings will be performed by Peninsula Regional medical professionals inside the Wagner Wellness Van, which will be parked at the

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Second Friday Art Stroll takes place July 10 and August 14. Enjoy a great night out in downtown Berlin on the second Friday of the month when the main street transforms into an outdoor art festival. Browse local art

into the night with dancing under the stars.

Artists Paint OC Plein Air Event runs August 6-9. Artists will take to the boardwalk, streets, harbors and marshes to paint "en plein air," the technique of painting outdoors in nature. The weekend event includes plein air painting, a wet paint sale, quick draw competition and an opening reception.

Catch the Worcester County Fair, which runs August 7-9. Events kick off Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Byrd Park in the heart of Snow Hill. Fair activities will include live entertainment, craft activities, livestock exhibits and competitions, horse shows and food vendors.

Nothing beats the night skies over the ocean, especially when those skies are filled with lights. The Ocean City Beach Lights Spectacular takes place Sunday nights through Labor Day and features lasers, lights, music, video and fireworks at three separate show times: 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. along the south end of the beach and boardwalk at North Division Street.

The Summer Concert Series take place in Sunset Park in Ocean City on select Sundays. Performers will include local and national artists, like Rick Kennedy, the Tommy Edward tribute band to Rod Stewart, and The Beatles tribute band British Invasion Experience. OC Cruiser cars will be on display at each of the events. Shows begin at 3 p.m.

Learn more about the activities taking place at the beach and beyond this summer at www.visitworcester.org, or visit Worcester County Tourism on YouTube and Pinterest, as well as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at the handles @beachandbeyond.

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area art festivals, fairs and music events are free. That's right. Absolutely free. Celebrate summer at these free Maryland beach events in Worcester County.

The Greek Festival takes place July 10-13 in Ocean City. St. George Greek Orthodox Church celebrates its cultural heritage by inviting the public to sample Greek food and buy art. Visitors enjoy live Greek folk dance performances and can enter contests to win prizes up to \$5,000. Free admission is available from noon to 4 p.m.

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Food Lion in Ocean Pines. Screening sessions are open to men and women over the age of 18 and are available on a first-come basis.

The screening will include blood pressure, grip strength, body mass index and body fat measurements. No pre-registration is required. For more information on the free Coastal Cardiovascular Check, please call at the Guerrieri Heart & Vascular Institute's Cardiovascular/Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Preventive Cardiology Department at 410-543-7026.

vendors' collections, enjoy great music, stroll through the shops and galleries from 5 - 8 p.m.

The 17th annual Blessing of the Combines takes place August 1 beginning at 11 a.m. on Green Street in Snow Hill with live music and activities, followed by the Parade of Combines. The summer tradition has lots of children's activities, including a petting barnyard, hay rides, a tractor pull and games. The event continues late



Spelling Bee

Each year Worcester Preparatory School students in Grade 3 compete in a Spelling Bee. This year's best spellers are (l-r): **Madilyn Nechay**, third; **Isabella Sapna**, second; and **Emma Crivella**. All the students in Allison Bescak's and Yette Delaney's classes participated in the Spelling Bee.



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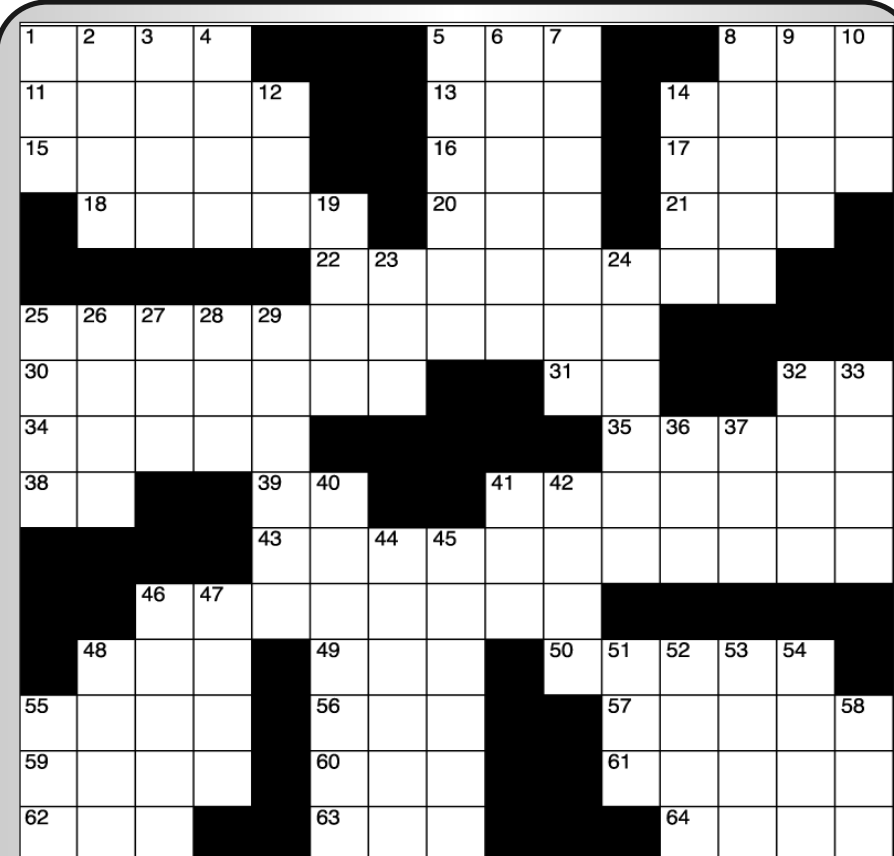
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18. Cyprinid fishes
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21. Stitched garment border
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34. Mongolian capital Ulan ____
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39. Spanish be
41. Jauntier
43. Cormoran
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46. Wasted material
48. Bleat sound
49. Excess body weight
50. Oral polio vaccine
55. Rigs
56. Drawstring
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6. Greek god of light
7. Atomic #83
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9. Baby buggy
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12. Hansom
14. Tennis champion Arthur
19. Flank
23. Sleep
24. Richly patterned weave
25. Hoagies
26. Moonfish
27. University of Santo Tomas
28. Duo indicates
29. Regarding this point
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46. Cavalry-sword
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51. ÖPuppy BowlÖ network listing
52. Hillside
53. Metrical foot
54. Dog in Peter Pan
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Answers for June 24

Eyes on the Skies
The mystery of dark matter
By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.

July is the first full month of summer and with it comes the constellations Scorpius the Scorpion and Cygnus the Swan (the Northern Cross). Despite the heat of the day, evenings are often mild and it might be a good bet to enjoy the stars.

The column this month will focus on dark matter and continues the big bang series. Dark matter is one of the greatest mysteries in science. Astronomers can comprehend the stars, planets and nebulae as comprised of the same stuff as found on Earth - - hydrogen, helium, carbon and other familiar elements. By contrast, they are quite in the dark regarding the nature of dark matter.

Although hidden or dark celestial bodies are elusive, indirect methods may reveal them. The first black hole, Cygnus X-1, was discovered in the 1970s by its gravitational influence, as astronomers noted the orbital motion of its visible partner, a brilliant blue giant star. Hundreds of black holes and exoplanets have been discovered using this method.

In astrophysics, the term dynamics refers to motion and energetics. The motions of stars and galaxies played a key role in the discovery of dark matter.

Astronomer Fritz Zwicky was the first to make observations and to form the hypothesis of dark matter. While studying the Coma galaxy cluster, Zwicky was measuring the galaxy dynamics and total mass of the cluster. When he calculated the entire mass of the Coma cluster his result was far too small to explain the cluster's gravitational influence. Without more mass, the cluster's gravity could not be holding itself together. In his 1933 report Zwicky called that missing unseen mass - dark matter, Dunkle Materie in German. However, no further observations of Zwicky's elusive dark matter were made until four decades later.

Astronomer Vera Rubin had al-

ways been interested in the motions of stars and galaxies. Rubin was the first woman to use the Palomar telescope, a 200 inch reflector, the world's largest from 1948 to 1976. In the 1970s she began her dynamics measurements of Andromeda, the nearest large galaxy to the Milky Way, using a



powerful new spectrograph, developed by a colleague, Kent Ford. Rubin and Ford expected to find that stars near the galaxy's edges were orbiting more slowly than those closer to its center. Astronomy buffs may know that within the solar system speeds of the planets drop off towards the outskirts of the solar system. For example, the eighth planet, Neptune, moves at about half the speed of Saturn, which is the sixth from the sun.

To their surprise Rubin and Ford found that the outermost stars were moving at the same speeds as those closer to the center. Similar results began to appear as the team continued to measure speeds of other spiral galaxies. Clearly, some kind of hidden dark matter was present, adding its gravitational influence to the galaxy. Thus the hypothesis of dark matter was confirmed. Since 1978 Rubin's team has continued their work and has analyzed more than 200 galaxies.

Astronomers examining the Cosmic Background Radiation (CBR) have been able to calculate the ratio of dark matter to visible matter. Based on the characteristics of the CBR, they've calculated that dark matter is about six

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Key moments in American Revolutionary history

Americans celebrate their independence from British rule every July Fourth. Celebrations typically include fireworks, parades and parties. While the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 was a seminal moment in both American and world history, the following are some notable events that took place in the years preceding 1776 and helped to shape the country now known as the United States of America.

1765: The Passage of the Stamp Act marked the first major form of taxation on British colonists living in what is now America. The act imposed taxes on printed materials to help offset the costs of British troops in the colonies and replenish British debts. Colonists were upset they had no say in how taxes were levied or how the money would be spent.

1767: After repealing the Stamp Act, Britain imposed the Townshend

Acts, a series of taxes on various British goods, including tea. Again, colonists were outraged, spurring a boycott on British goods.

1770: The Boston Massacre involved a crowd of colonists and a collection of British soldiers. The soldiers opened fire on the crowd, killing five and wounding six others. This incident helped increase anti-British sentiments in the colonies.

1773: A few years after the Boston Massacre, colonists boarded British ships in the Boston harbor and threw the tea into the sea as protest against the Tea Act. Known as The Boston Tea Party, this event proved a catalyst for revolution.

1774: After the Intolerable Acts aimed to punish colonists for The Boston Tea party, delegates from 12 of the original 13 colonies met illegally to form the First Continental Congress. They convened to discuss plans for

dealing with various British offenses. Congress also developed political statements against the British and urged people to boycott British goods. The first president of this congress was Payton Randolph. John Hancock was appointed president the following year after the monarchy ignored the first Congress' petition.

1775: The British governor of Massachusetts sent several hundred British troops to seize military supplies from the colonists at Concord. When the colonists discovered the plan, they sent their own militia to intercept the forces at Lexington. The British would win at Lexington but were defeated at Concord. Throughout 1775, many other clashes between colonists and British troops took place, eventually culminating in an event that would forever change American history.

1776: On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, which formally proclaimed American colonies independent from Britain. However, Britain was not willing to bend to colonists' wishes.

1776-1783: Several battles took place during this time period, including Moore's Creek Bridge, Sullivan's Island and Fort Washington. France was brought into the war in 1777. A successful sea-and-land campaign of American and French armies led to the surrender of British troops at York-

town.

1783: Nearly two decades after colonists began voicing their displeasure with British laws, the American Revolution formally ended on September 3, 1783 with the Treaty of Paris. The British Empire accepted defeat and recognized the independence of the United States of America.



Dickerson nominated for award

Ross Dickerson, a rising senior at Worcester Preparatory School, was honored with a nomination for the Ensign C. Markland Kelly, Jr. Memorial Award. This award is given to the best lacrosse player in the state of Maryland. Ross and his parents, Annemarie and Jim Dickerson, attended the Kelly Awards Banquet at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, where Ross was honored.



Ross Dickerson

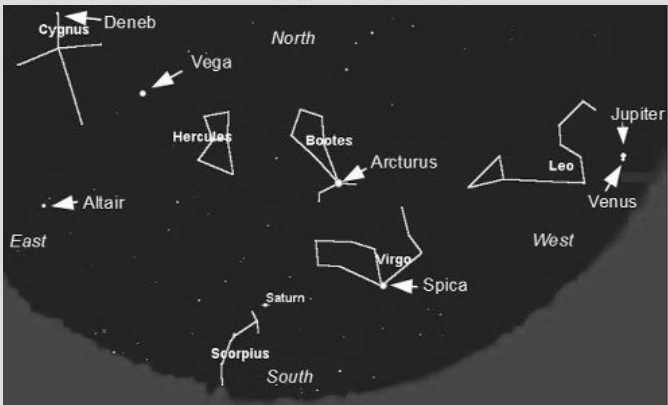
A standout athlete and ace face-off/mid-fielder on the Varsity Mallards Boys' Lacrosse Team, Dickerson was named ESIAC (Eastern Shore Independent Athletic Conference) Player of the Year, ESIAC First Team, and MILL (Maryland Independent Lacrosse League) First Team. He won 78% of his face-offs throughout the season.

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times more abundant than luminous matter.

This month stargazing again starts in the early evening with the planet Venus appearing in the western sky just at sunset at about 8:30 p.m. A little patience will show the planet Jupiter appearing as Venus' partner, after about 9 p.m. On the night of July 1, the pair will be extremely close, less than one degree apart, and will then separate as the week goes on. The full stellar vista comes into view at about 9:30 p.m. as the constellation Scorpius the Scorpion hovers just above the southern horizon. Immediately to the west of Scorpius the planet Saturn may be seen.

Gazing very high overhead, the constellation Bootes the Herdsman can be spotted. Bootes features the bright star Arcturus. To the south of Bootes and Arcturus, one may locate the bright star Spica in Virgo the Virgin. The stars Deneb, Vega and Altair make up the summer triangle. At magnitude zero, Vega is the brightest of the three, while Deneb and Altair are both magnitude one. Readers may recall that in the magnitude system, the higher the number, the dimmer the star. Arcturus and Betelgeuse are further examples of bright stars of magnitude zero.



Tide and Sun Chart

* tide is for Ocean City Fishing Pier. Add two hours for Isle of Wight tide

DATE	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thur., July 2	8:17 a.m. 8:44 p.m.	2:23 a.m. 2:21 p.m.	5:41 a.m.	8:28 p.m.
Fri., July 3	9:06 a.m. 9:32 p.m.	3:10 a.m. 3:09 p.m.	5:41 a.m.	8:28 p.m.
Sat., July 4	9:56 a.m. 10:21 p.m.	3:57 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	5:42 a.m.	8:27 p.m.
Sun., July 5	10:47 a.m. 11:10 p.m.	4:46 a.m. 4:54 p.m.	5:42 a.m.	8:27 p.m.
Mon., July 6	11:39 a.m.	5:36 a.m. 5:51 p.m.	5:43 a.m.	8:27 p.m.
Tues., July 7	12:01 a.m. 12:35 p.m.	6:29 a.m. 6:52 p.m.	5:44 a.m.	8:27 p.m.
Wed., July 8	12:55 a.m. 1:34 p.m.	7:22 a.m. 7:55 p.m.	5:44 a.m.	8:26 p.m.

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or higher within the competition. The Math Olympiad trophy is awarded to students who answered the most questions correct in their class. Pictured here are students who participated in the contest.



5th Grade students pictured: **Callum Neely, Ashten Snelsire, Matt Engel, Logan Haffner**



7th Grade student pictured: **Mikayla Denault, Abigail Neely, Karsten St. Amant, Gabriella Pardo, Caela Berrie.**



8th Grade student pictured: **Hayden Snelsire**



6th Grade students pictured: Top Row- **Taylor Barrett, Jessica Delisi, Thomas Kangas, Paul Vitaliti, Morgan Carlson.** Middle Row- **Nicole DiAmico, Lauren Kemp, Lily Jones, Juliana Fohner.** Bottom Row- **Ariana Holland-Seda, Emily Selba**

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Mondays

Ocean Pines Poker Club

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

Open every Monday through October: **Historic St. Martin's Church Museum.** 1-4 pm. 11413 Worcester Highway, Showell, MD. For more information, call 410-251-2849

Sweet Adelines

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

Mon. & Tues.

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

Mon., Wed. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

OC Baptist Church's Thrift Shop by Seaside Christian Academy behind White Marlin Mall open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon. & Wed., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat. Call 410-251-6971.

Tuesdays

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.

Take off Pounds Sensibly Meeting. Berlin group No. 331, Worcester County Health Center 9730 Healthway Dr., Berlin, 5:30-7:00 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly on Tuesdays. Info: jean-duck47@gmail.com

Tuesdays and Thursdays

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.

Wednesdays

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

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.

Delmarva Hand Dancing

Dancing at The Fenwick Inn in Ocean City from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Contact 302-934-7951 or info@delmarvahanddancing.com

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 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.

Wed., Thurs. & Fri.

Church Thrift Shop

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Thursdays

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, Kate at 410-524-0649 or Dianne at 302-541-4642.

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.

Fridays

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.

Sundays

Sunday Night Serenity **Al-Anon Family Group** 7:30 p.m. at The Woodlands/Independent Living Apt. Bldg. 1135 Ocean Parkway-Ocean Pines, Md. 21811

Third Sunday

Sharing Sunday

Bring non-perishable groceries and paper goods to the Ocean Pines southside fire hall 1 -3 p.m. to benefit local food banks.

Third Monday

Democratic Women

The Democratic Women meet 9:30 a.m. for coffee followed by a meeting at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Guests and new members are welcome.

Third Tuesday

Widows & Widowers Social Club.

Group meets in Ocean Pines at 1 p.m. for luncheon meeting. Call 410-208-1398.

Third Wednesday

Survivors of Suicide Meeting

Starts at 6 p.m. at the Worcester County Health Department. 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Quiet listening, caring people, no judgment. For more information, call 410-629-0164 or visit www.choosetoliveinmaryland.org.

Fourth Wednesday

Marine Corps League

First State Detachment Marine Corps League raises funds for a variety of charities and meets at 7 p.m. in VFW Post 8296, 66th St. Ocean City. Open to all fellow Marines and FMF Corpsmen. Visit www.firststatemarines.org.

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I Love to Cook!

by Bev Wisch



It is such a pleasure to have family members that are excellent cooks. Recently my daughter, Wendy came for the weekend and cooked a delicious salmon dinner. It was so good I informed her that my readers must try this recipe. She agreed and following is the recipe for baked salmon.

Baked Salmon

3 lbs. fresh salmon (serves 6 people)
2 cups soy sauce
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 T. Sesame seeds
1 t. ginger
3 drops of hot sauce or a few hot pepper flakes
1/4 t. dry mustard

Place salmon in baking dish that has been lightly sprayed with Pam. Mix rest of ingredients and cover over the salmon. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes.

Squash:

A good summer side dish

The markets have plenty of fresh squash available. Try a spaghetti squash. It is easy to prepare in the microwave. For each medium size squash use a sharp knife make a few slashes in the top. Then cook on high for 10 minutes. Cut open and with a fork remove the inside and top with butter, garlic and parmesan cheese

(Looks like spaghetti). You can also use spaghetti sauce on top.)

The markets are also abundant in cherry tomatoes. Bruschetta is a good use for all those little gems and makes for a nice appetizer.

Bruschetta

French bread cut into 1 inch slices
1/2 cup olive oil (divided)
1 T. balsamic vinegar
Chopped tomatoes
Chopped green onions
Chopped fresh cilantro
Salt and pepper
Shredded part skim mozzarella cheese (for topping)

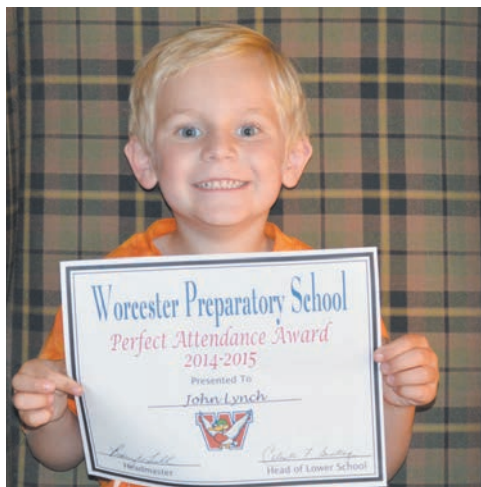
Place bread on an ungreased baking sheet. Brush with 1/4 cup oil. Bake at 325 for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Meanwhile mix rest of ingredients with remaining oil. Spoon about 1 T. of mixture on each slice of bread. Sprinkle with cheese. Pop back in oven just until cheese melts – about a minute or so. Serve immediately.

My cherry tomato plant is so full of tomatoes already and I'm trying to use them in different recipes. Last week I made tomato basil soup. Email me if you would like the recipe. I've published it before so many of you have it.

Happy Fourth of July and enjoy all the fruits of summer.

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