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Chicken carryout scheduled

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will be holding a Fried Chicken Carryout on Sunday, June 7. The cost is \$7/half chicken or \$11/full chicken. There will be a bake table and sodas and rolls will be available. The event takes place between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call 443-235-2926. for advanced orders.

Carozza to speak at Tea Party meeting

Maryland Delegate Mary Beth Carozza will speak at the monthly Worcester County Tea Party meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 21. Delegate Carozza will discuss the 2015 legislation session wrap-up and preparations for 2016. The meeting will take place at the Ocean Pines library. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free and is open to the public. For more information email WCTPPatriots@gmail.com, or call 443-614-7214.

Bertino to host Town Meeting

Chip Bertino, Worcester County Commissioner for the Ocean Pines district, will host a Town Meeting this Saturday, May 16, at the Ocean Pines library. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Commissioner Bertino will provide information on issues and developments occurring within the district and the county. Fred Webster, Director of Emergency Services for Worcester County, will be the guest speaker.

Tourney to benefit Humane Society

On Thursday, May 28 the Worcester County Humane Society will host their Second Annual Pars for Paws Golf Tournament at Eagles Landing, 8804 Logtown Road, Berlin proceeds to benefit the WCHS. It is a Shotgun Tournament with registration at 11 p.m. and tee off time at 12 p.m. Cost is \$100 per player and includes a single player round of golf, box lunch and awards ceremony at Harborside Bar & Grill which includes one orange crush and appetizers. For information or to register contact Sandy at (443) 235-5647 or WCHS (410) 213-0146.



Job done well - Boy Scouts of Troop 261 last weekend completed their service project of clearing brush at the Worcester County Humane Society in West Ocean City. Pictured left to right are **Jack Pielstick, Jeremy Novak, Peter Marx, Kurt Leinemann, Nick Coleman, Matt Coleman and Ben Pielstick**

New meters coming to the Pines

By **Chip Bertino**

Advanced technology electric meter will soon be coming to Ocean Pines according to Mike Wheatley, CEO and president of Choptank Electric Coop.

"We will be installing advanced meters as part of a major distribution system upgrade and technological advancement for the cooperative," Mr. Wheatley said in a recent statement.

The new meters are digital that can transmit, through a network interface card, energy consumption information to Choptank Electric on a scheduled basis. According to Choptank, "This two-way communications will allow for members to retrieve their energy usage on an hourly or daily basis, which will enable our members to monitor energy consumption more precisely and make more informed decisions to manage their usage."

Additionally, according to the company, the new meters provide other advantages. They will improve reliability by providing better system load monitoring. They will improve outage response time by helping to pinpoint power outages and confirm

power restoration. The company will save on labor, fuel and vehicle maintenance costs because meter readings will be done remotely. Customers will no longer have to read meters themselves nor will the company have to send a representative to read a meter.

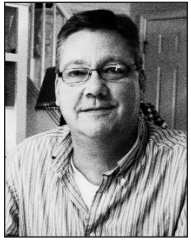
The company will begin meter conversion in the St. Michaels district which should take about four to six weeks beginning in mid-June. They will next move to Ocean Pines. They expect full deployment of the new meters to be complete by summer 2016.

Choptank is working with utility contractor Scope Services to assist with the installations. Customers will receive a postcard from the coop several weeks before the deployment. Customers do not need to be at home as long as there is clear access to the electric meter. There will be a "brief interruption in power due to the change-out," according to the company.

For more information, customers may contact the member service center at 1-877-892-0001, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

New YC manager hired

After many interviews and much deliberation the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) has hired new Yacht Club Manager, Jerry Lewis. Mr. Lewis possesses over 20 years of food and beverage management experience in restaurants as well as hotels and resorts.



Jerry Lewis

He graduated from Salisbury University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Business and Political Science. In a statement, OPA said his comprehensive experience in food and beverage management, property management, budgeting, cost control and human resources will provide a strong foundation to enable him to successfully run the operations of the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

Mr. Lewis previously served as the director of food and beverage for both the Princess Royale and Conference Center in Ocean City and Wyndham Hotels and Resorts in New Jersey. He most recently served as the manager of the Ocean City Brewing Company. OPA believes his ex-

perience with local eating establishments and resorts will make him the ideal candidate to manage the food and beverage operations in Ocean Pines.

As the new Yacht Club manager Mr. Lewis will oversee budgeting, day-to-day staff supervision, banquet and catering operations and quality control of all aspects of dining room activity. He said his focus will be to manage the club efficiently and profitably while maintaining its appeal to the diversity of Ocean Pines.

Fleming named chamber director

Ginger Fleming has been named executive director of the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce. The decision was made by the organization's board of directors last week. Ms. Fleming has served as the chamber's membership coordinator since January.



Ginger Fleming

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Celebrate Armed Forces Day!

—Check the US Department of Defense's Armed Forces Day page to find local celebrations. For those in the Washington, D.C. region, consider attending the longest-running Armed Forces Parade in the U.S. If there is an open house at a local military base, consider attending. It will give an opportunity to talk to the men and women on duty. —Attend a parade. Find out in advance where it is and get there early enough to find a good spot from which to view it. Take your camera if you want to capture some memories from the occasion.

—Start a new tradition by sending a care package to overseas military personnel. Consider other ways that you might be able to let those serving know that you appreciate their efforts, such as making and sending thank you cards, or sending thank you emails.

—Fly the flag on Armed Forces Day. There are many guidelines for displaying the American flag properly, with respect to the flag itself, as well as to any other flags that may be displayed along with it. Learn how to follow the United States Flag Code.



Donna McCracken (Scholarship Chair), **Teri Adelhardt**, **Gabrielle Evans**, **Danielle Gelinis** and **Pat Addy** (President). Photo by Diane McGraw



Mary Stevens (MSO), **Katie Goetzinger** (Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department), **Madonna Brennan** (Women Supporting Women), **Claire Otterbein** (Worcester GOLD), **Lou Etta McClafflin** (McGuffey Literacy Program) and **Marie Gilmore** (Worcester County Veterans Memorial) receiving donations from Women's Club President **Pat Addy** (left) and Treasurer **Jeanie Christie** (right). Photo by Diane McGraw

Womens' Club gives back to the community

At its general membership meeting on May 7, the Women's Club of Ocean Pines presented \$3,300 in college scholarships and \$2,000 to community organizations that provide services to Ocean Pines residents.

Scholarships were awarded to Teri Adelhardt, Gabrielle Evans and Danielle Gelinis from Stephen Decatur High School in recognition of their academic achievements, extra-curricular involvement and dedication to their community.

Donations were presented to Ocean Pines EMS, Ocean Pines Police Department, Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department, Coastal Hospice, McGuffey Literacy Program, Mid-Atlantic Symphony Student Outreach, Women Supporting Women, Worcester County Veterans Memorial and Worcester GOLD.

The purpose of the Women's

Club is to promote civic and social activities, including educational and community outreach opportunities, for its members to the benefit of the

Ocean Pines community. The monies were raised during the membership year through fundraisers.

Veterans Memorial to celebrate anniversary

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a special cocktail party on Saturday, May 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. The anniversary party will be held under the big tent on the grounds of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, nestled by the edge of the Ocean Pines South Gate Pond and walking trail off Cathell Road and Ocean Parkway.

The catered event will feature heavy appetizers, beverages and a cash bar. Live entertainment will be provided by Frank Nanna and the "WWIIunes" with a special appearance by featured artist, Todd Crosby.

To make a reservation contact Barbara Robert at 410-208-3249 or Mary Adair at 410-208-0376.

The cost is \$25 per person. Mail your check payable to "WCVMF" to Barbara Robert, 1301 McHenry Court, Ocean Pines, MD 21811. Proceeds from the event will be used for the WCVMF's educational program for all 5th graders in Worcester County. Sponsorships and member-

ships are also available.

The Memorial honors men and women who have served in all branches of our military as well as the dead and wounded the missing and our Gold-Star Mothers. Sharyn O'Hare, Ocean Pines Board Member, Board Member Emeritus of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation and Event Co-Chair, commented, "This is a very special place, a place of tears, a place of peace, a place of unity, and place of pride for our community. There have been thousands of footsteps that have walked these bricks and pavers through the years. Hundreds of Veterans have been honored at this memorial. Thousands of school children have toured and received an introduction to this "hallowed ground" which represents the best each of us carries within ourselves."

The annual Memorial Day Celebration, held on Monday, May 25, at 11 a.m., is a free event where everyone is welcome to attend. Visit www.OPVETS.com for additional information.

Craft club to meet

The Pine'er Craft Club will meet Thursday, May 21 at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Following the meeting there will be a road trip to Layton's Chance Vineyard in Vienna, MD. For more information, call Sharon at 410-208-3032.

Wayward forays

"I can't find it."
"It's in the cabinet on the second shelf."



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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"No it's not!"
"Do I have to do everything myself? Here! I told you it was there."
"Oh!"

That's the way a typical conversation goes at my house when I can't find something and my wife feels she has to come to the rescue. Long ago I would never admit I couldn't find something. Instead I would do one of two things. Either I would keep my mouth shut and keep looking or I would just stop looking and never mention again that I was looking for something in the first place.

There are times when I can be looking for 15 minutes in the utensil drawer for a particular cutting knife, unable to find it. My wife will breeze by, ask what I'm hunting for, and with hardly looking and without breaking her gait

will reach into the drawer and retrieve the exact knife for which I'd been searching. It was right there in front of me the entire time. If it had been a snake it would have bitten me. Much worse than having to contend with the venom of the snake, I have to endure my wife's smirk for the rest of the afternoon.

Back in the day when I golfed, I would sometimes have a difficult time finding my ball, even on those rare and splendid occasions when I hit it into the fairway. It became even more challenging if there were leaves or goose feathers on the grass. I'd spend considerable time searching and walking in circles trying to find my Nike or Wilson or whatever it was I was playing. More than once I'd mistake a paper wrapper or a

mushroom for my ball. Eventually my golf partner would find the ball, usually within a club length from where I was standing debating whether I would have a decent shot if I played the mushroom.

Once when I was attempting to fix the door to our laundry room I removed a couple of screws of which one fell to the floor. I saw it drop and thought I had seen where it had landed. *Thought* is the operative word in that last sentence. I spent what seemed like a half hour trying to find that darned thing, crawling around on the floor, sweeping my hands over the rug looking like a sea turtle attempting to return to sea. Eventually I gave up and went to the garage and found a new screw. Later in the day as I was unlacing my sneakers I found the fugitive screw stuck between the laces and the tongue of my

"I Found It!"

left sneaker. Unbelievable! Hopefully turtles are more successful finding the sea.

Why is it that there are certain things I can find with not much assistance or effort at all? I have no problem finding a couple extra pounds on the scale. I have no problem finding every red light when I'm in a hurry to get somewhere. And I have no difficulty whatsoever finding no cash in my wallet when I'm hungry for lunch. Those things I find in ample supply and readily available. One might expect that after all these years my wife would throw up her hands and just find everything herself. I do believe she devilishly enjoys my forays into waywardness. At least, that's something that is not lost on me.

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Dick Smith ...

Bringing music to the soul

Music brings joy to the soul. Martin Luther once said, "My heart which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when

was born and raised in Parkville, a suburb of Baltimore. He attended both elementary and high school in that community. After high school

Betty's Corner

— By Betty Cianci —



graduation, Dick received a sports scholarship to the University of Maryland (UMD) since he had been a Maryland State track champion

sick and weary." Many of us share that same feeling when we attend church and hear the soothing, mellow tones of an organ playing a familiar and beloved hymn. The beautiful sounds emitted from that magnificent musical instrument provide us with much needed spiritual refreshment plus it is most conducive to prayer. In today's article, I want to introduce you to Dick Smith, the organist at Community Church at Ocean Pines for the past two years and a member of our community. Dick previously served for 29 years at Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin. This talented and dedicated musician has brought spiritual refreshment and a prayerful mind-set to hundreds of church-goers in our area as they listen to beloved hymns. Dick mentioned that his church musical career began at the age of 13 years while he was acting as a substitute organist at his home church in Parkville, MD.

and graduated in 1964 with a degree in biological sciences. Shortly after Dick's graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served for 20 years in military intelligence retiring



Dick and Maude Smith

In asking about Dick's background and upbringing, he mentioned that he

in 1985. During his military career, Dick played the organ and piano at

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County Connection ...

Prevent child abuse, keep the conversation going

During April, the Commissioners partnered with the CRICKET Center in Berlin to start a dialogue about the role each of us in the community play in preventing child sexual abuse. This conversation is one of such significance to the health and future of our children that we hope to keep it going, as together we work to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

Child sexual abuse is a public health problem. The CRICKET Center opened its doors to the community in 2009 to help prevent abuse through education, communication and advocacy. Since opening, they have provided services to more than 625 children. From July 2013 to June 2014, the CRICKET Center investigated 98 cases of child sexual abuse, provided 460 hours of trauma based therapy, identified 37 sexual offenders, and arrested 13 individuals for producing and distributing child pornography. During this period of time, sex offenders have been sentenced to a total of 149 years.

"We provide a specially trained forensic interviewer (each interview is recorded to avoid re-traumatizing children by requiring multiple interviews), medical exam by specially trained SAFE (sexual assault forensic examiner) Nurse, Family Advocate, trauma based therapy all in a safe and child friendly environment," CRICKET Center Program Manager Wendy Myers said.

Maryland mandates that each county investigate child abuse by way of a child advocacy center, which is both cost effective and less traumatic for children. However, this is a non-funded mandate. Therefore, the CRICKET Center depends on grant funding and community support to help offset program costs.

"We never charge a fee and never bill insurance for any services we provide to victims and families," Myers said, "including mental health services, medical exams, and family advocacy."

Two fundraisers in spring 2015 will help fund the work of the CRICKET

Center. The Cricket Center is partnering with Pig & A Jig BBQ Festival May 29 – 30 in Snow Hill. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Cricket Center and Worcester County Schools. The 2nd Annual Walk for Kids to Help the Fight Against Child Abuse took place April 26 and raised nearly \$7,000.

"We exceeded our goal...thanks to the generosity of Hooters, OC," Myers said. "These funds will be used for direct services for victims of child abuse here in Worcester County."

Ninety percent of child sexual abuse victims are violated by someone the child or family knows and trusts.

You can help prevent childhood sexual abuse beginning today. Actions as simple as limiting situations in which children may be alone with an adult or much older child drastically reduces the ability of abusers to harm children.

Equally important, learn the possible signs of abuse. If you suspect abuse, CRICKET Center representatives urge you to take these steps. Listen to the child. Try to be calm, and don't let the child see how upset you may be. Lastly, even if you are not absolutely



sure there has been abuse, call for help right away. Contact the CRICKET Center at (410) 641-0097.

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by Dolores E. Pike



'The Boys in the Boat' by Daniel James Brown

It is easy to believe that most of us know next to nothing about the sport of sculling, a team sport which speaks generally to the Ivy League universities in the northeastern part of our country. For my part my only recollection is seeing the rowers guiding their boats effortlessly in the waning twilight along the Schuylkill River, just

beyond boat house row at the University of Pennsylvania. Any such remembrance for readers will be forever enhanced with the reading of "The Boys in the Boat" a non-fiction book written by Daniel James Brown.

So let's head out to the West Coast and the University of Washington where this story unfolds in the fall of 1933 as Coach Al Ulbrickson observes his freshmen scullers emerging from the shell house about to start their rigorous training. Knowing a bit about training regimens involved in other sports the author goes to great lengths to let us in on the demands expected of these boys, both physically and emotionally. But then again they are not the sons of privilege and have had to work hard in their young lives to be able to attend the university in an America that remains mired in the Depression. Early on friendships and

commitments were formed and remained to the end such that the Olympic gold winners met every ten years until their ranks were depleted and the surviving members no longer physically able.

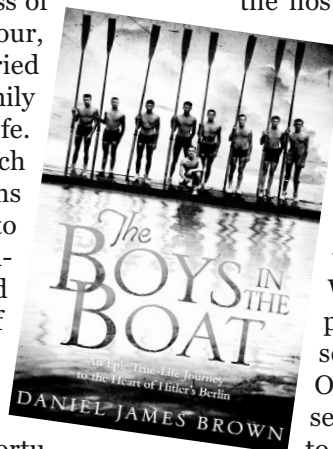
Mr. Brown understands the intricacies of weaving several stories together in one book and handles this task admirably. One thread focuses on a young freshman rower, Joe Rantz, who suffered as hard a life as one can endure. With the loss of his mother at age four, Joe's father remarried and began a new family with his young wife. She disliked Joe such that by his mid-teens he was abandoned to live alone in the farmhouse his father had built while the rest of the family left without him to start a new life. Author Brown had the opportunity to meet and interview Joe at the end of his life, thus gaining firsthand information of those heady times. Joe had met Joyce Sindars in high school and she remained his only girlfriend until they married after their graduation from college.

Then there is the story of the eight-oar crew and their coxswain. As they strive in the beginning for wins on the waters of the west coast, Coach Ulbrickson continues regrouping them to form that perfect mix. "...to see each of them develop the rare balance of ego and humility that great oarsmen somehow always manage to have." Maybe they could even go on to the 1936 Olympics! Ultimately they do go to Poughkeepsie, NY for the Olympic trials where they take first place, earning the right to represent their country at the games in Berlin.

Mr. Brown transports readers to the other side of the world where he deals with yet another thread of his book...Nazi Germany prior to the 1936 Olympics. He exposes the vileness of men sanctioned to suppress; where all rights belonging to a free people are disappearing. In expectation of the coming world-wide games, Hitler's thugs were decorating Berlin with flags and shams of life masking the reality that sat in chilling darkness over the host city. "The Nazi leadership was now convinced that the upcoming Olympic Games, in August, would provide the perfect opportunity for a masquerade."

All of the moving parts wend their way, blending as the boys from the University Washington sail for Berlin, part of the many U.S. representatives heading for the Olympics. The team suffers a series of setbacks on their way to stand for gold on the winners' platform, beginning with the need to pay their own transportation costs. As for the race day itself, they were positioned in the worst rowing lane and did not hear the starter nor see the flag drop signaling the start of the race. But despite all this plus the illness of one of their crew with a persistent fever – they won gold for their country.

From the depths of the depression, through the tyranny of Nazism Mr. Brown has put together an unforgettable and inspirational story. He has done his homework. He has done his research. We his readers reap the rewards. And with the wealth of information he received through Joe Rantz and his daughter, readers were treated to meet "The Boys in the Boat." They were "not just Olympic oarsmen but good men, one and all."



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Vanishing Ocean City – Bunk Mann presented two of his books, *Vanishing Ocean City*, to Worcester Preparatory School. Joining him at the presentation were: (front, l-r) Mann's grandchildren **Gavin Mann**, Kindergarten and **Ryan Mann**, Grade 2, (back) **Dr. Barry Tull**, Headmaster, and **Celeste Bunting**, Head of Lower School.

Safe Boating week kicks off Saturday

On May 16 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., members of the United States Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary and Maryland Natural Resources Police will kick off National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) at the West Ocean City Boat Ramp at the foot of the commercial channel. Mayor Richard Meehan will present a Proclamation.

National Safe Boating Week serves as a reminder to the recreation boating community to always boat responsibly and always wear your life jacket.

Also in attendance will be Maryland Delegate Mary Beth Carozza, Maryland State Senator Jim Mathias, and a representative from US Congressman Andy Harris' office. The dignitaries will arrive from Coast Guard Station Ocean City to the West Ocean City Boat Ramp aboard a 47' Motor Life Boat (MLB).

The 47' MLB is one the pri-

mary Search and Rescue (SAR) vessels stationed in Ocean City. After the brief comments by the dignitaries, the 47' MLB will be available for public tours.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will also be performing free courtesy Vessel Safety Inspections and providing safe boating tips at the ramp every Saturday and Sun-



Members of the United States Coast Guard return with a disabled 24-foot pleasure boat that was stranded 50 miles off the coast of Ocean City MD. The Coast Guard received a radio message from the disabled boat and through the Rescue 21 radio system established a Line of Position (LOP) to help locate and return the vessel safely to port. USCG AUX photo by Jerry G Wilkins

day morning throughout the recreational boating season.

The theme of this year NSBW is "Take the Pledge"

Health Watch ...

Cataract surgery common and effective

As men and women age their risk for cataracts increases. Starting at age 50, cataract risk rises, and that risk only grows more significant as men and women get older. The National Eye Institute predicts that, by the year 2050, 50.2 million Americans will experience cataracts.

The lens of the eye is normally clear, but as a person ages, the lenses can begin to cloud and lead to impaired vision. Cataracts can cause blurry vision and increase the glare from lights, affecting how a person can manage daily activities. Cataracts also may make it more difficult for eye doctors to examine the back of the eye during routine visits to detect conditions such as age-related macular degeneration or diabetic retinopathy.

Eye experts routinely recommend cataract surgery when cataracts interfere with daily activities, such as driving, watching television or even reading medication bottles. Surgery is a safe and common way to treat cataracts.

The American Optometric Association says cataract surgery involves the removal of the natural lens of the eye, which is replaced with an artificial lens. This clear, plastic intraocular lens, or IOL, requires no special maintenance and is designed to properly focus. In many cases, the eye doctor will make a small incision in the side of the cornea, where he or she inserts a tiny probe. This device will use ultra-

sound waves to soften and break up the lens into small pieces, which are removed by suction in a process



Clouding of the lenses of the eyes, called cataracts, may require surgery.

known as phacoemulsification. The cataract lens is removed, but the thin, outer layers of the lens, called the lens capsule, are not touched. Afterward, the IOL is placed in the lens capsule.

If the cataracts have advanced and phacoemulsification is not an option, the eye doctor will have to find another way to remove the lens.

The IOLs used may be monofocal, please see **cataract** on page 11

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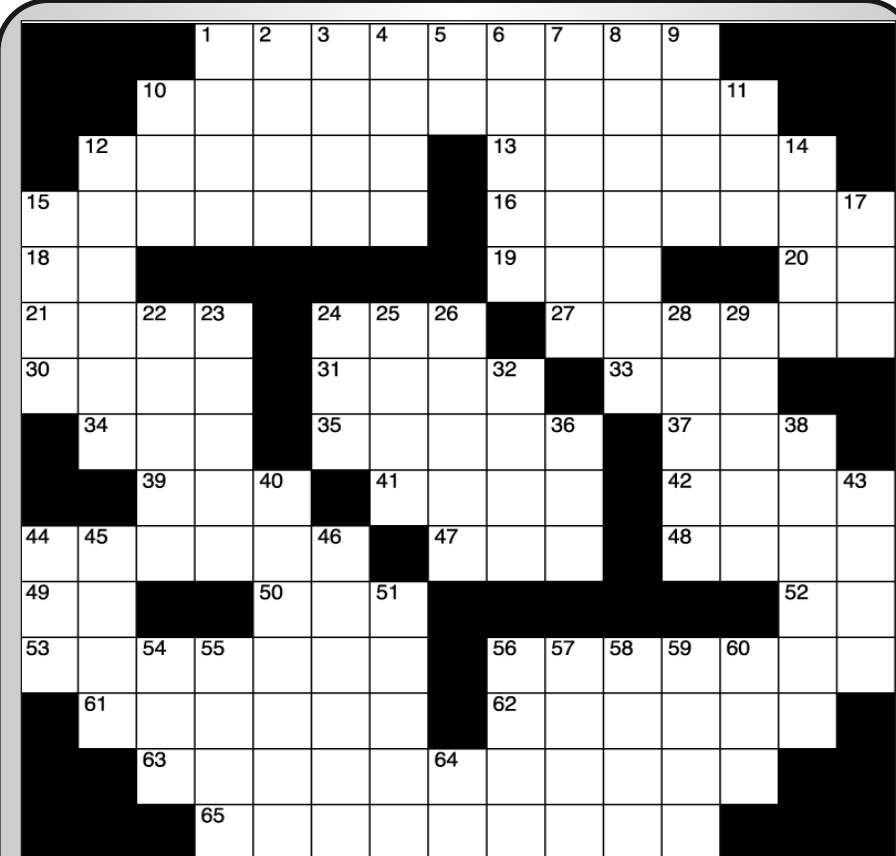
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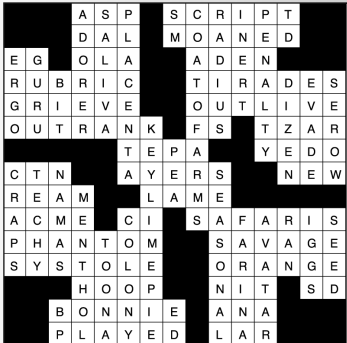
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Answers for May 6

That's how my garden grows...

By Betty McDermott



Hello my fellow gardeners,

May is here at last and now the real fun and activity begins for all you serious gardeners. If you are a vegetable gardener, you are probably still enjoying your cold weather crops of spring onions, shallots, radishes, spinach, lettuce, peas and many cruciferous veggies. Just think of all the money you saved to speak nothing of how fresh and tasty they are.

Now that the chance of frost is over, (guideline is after Mother's Day or May 10 this year) it is time to plant those more tender plants of tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, squash, eggplant, cantaloupe, watermelon and your flower annuals. So let's get to work and get those plants in the ground in that rich warm soil you have prepared. Below are some handy hints concerning spring planting which may be of some help to you.

*Try to choose a non-windy, cloudy overcast day, or a time late in the day to do your planting of live plants. It will give your cultivars a better chance to adjust to their new environment.

*Now is the time to use those eggshells you have been saving all winter as you plant your tomato, pepper and cucumber plants. Dig a deep hole, place a full tablespoon of Epsom salts and four or five crushed up eggshells in the hole, then add your plant. Remember that tomato plants need to be planted deeply to give them a good strong base to withstand the winds we have here and to allow for their roots to spread out.

*Don't forget to water your transplants well after planting.

*Oh! You didn't save your eggshells all winter? Shame on you! There is still some hope for you, however. This is a tip an old gardener friend gave me that I have never tried, and I am passing it on to you. If no eggshells are available, just add a couple of Tums in the hole and it may do the trick. Both the eggshells and Tums add calcium to the soil which plants need as they grow. Try it and let me know how it works.

The first of May I filled my hummingbird feeders with nectar (four cups of water to one cup of sugar,

boiled for about two minutes and cooled) and guess what? My favorite hummingbird returned. My camellia japonica bushes are in full bloom and they helped attract the hummers. If you are interested in some plants that attract hummingbirds, the following list may be helpful as you shop at those special nurseries.

*Butterfly Weed – A perennial that likes full sun to part shade and also attracts butterflies. It bears orange summer flowers followed by seed pods.

*Trumpet Honeysuckle – A perennial vine with trumpet shaped orange-red blossoms. It blooms in the spring to late summer and has blue-green leaves with red berries in the fall that attract birds.

*Day Lily (Hemerocalis Chicago Apache) - A perennial that likes full sun to part shade and has scarlet-red blooms in the summer.

*Starflower (Pentas lanceolato Butterfly white) - A tender perennial with white star shaped blooms. It blooms from summer to frost time.

* Summersweet (Clethra – ruby spice) - This is a small to medium shrub with fragrant pink blooms from summer to early fall. The foliage is glossy green and turns yellow in the fall.

*Coral Bells (Heuchera –Purple Petticoats) - A perennial having tan or cream flowers in late spring. It likes part shade. It has frilly dark purple foliage that is very attractive.

*Nasturtium (Vesuvius) - This annual bears orange blossoms from late spring to frost and has medium green foliage. It likes full sun to part shade.

*Pineleaf Penstemon –A perennial bearing orange red tubular blooms which last from late spring to summer. It likes full sun to part shade. You will need to deadhead the faded flowers if you don't want lots of seedlings.

*Red Hot Poker –A perennial with blooms of orange spikes in early spring to mid-summer. It likes full sun to part shade.

*Bee Balm (Monarda – Jacob Cline) – A perennial with bright red flowers that blooms in the summer. It

please see **gardening** on page 11



Students Relay for Life - Ocean City Elementary held its first annual student Relay for Life Event. Students in grades Pre-K to 4 painted their gymnasium purple with an enormous paper chain containing the names of loved ones who have battled cancer. Faculty, staff and students also dressed in purple and enjoyed a whole school walk at the end of the day. \$1105 was raised to benefit the American Cancer Society.

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likes full sun to part shade.

Many of the plants listed above are also considered native plants to this area, which means they are hardy and do well in this area without a lot of care and maintenance. So, go to it and now you have no excuses for not knowing what to buy and plant for attracting hummingbirds and butterflies.

Good luck and happy planting.

“Where flowers bloom so does hope.”
Lady Bird Johnson

music
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military bases in Thailand and Germany. His greatest moments in Germany were accompanying opera singers for Handel’s Messiah and granted the privilege of playing a Schnitger organ in Cappel, Germany, which was also played by Bach. After retirement, Dick obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and a Master of Arts Degree in Music from Salisbury University.

When Dick attended UMD, he met Maude, who later became his wife. The two have been married for 49 years. They are proud parents of a daughter residing in Ocean Pines with her husband, nine-year-old granddaughter and eight-year old grandson. Their son resides in the neighboring town of Pittsville with his wife and six-year-old grandson.

Inquiring about the time-frame when they became residents of OP, Dick recounted that when he was on leave after Vietnam in 1971, his in-laws had given them a vacation trip to Ocean City. While visiting the area, they saw many lots for sale in the new development of Ocean Pines. They decided to buy a lot and eventually built their home in 1977. Since his retirement from the Army, Dick taught music in Worcester County at both middle and high school levels until 2009.

Dick’s delightful and fun personality is shown when he talks about his current employment. He is the “king of popcorn” at “Dolle’s Candyland” on the boardwalk. You can hear in his voice the enjoyment he receives from popping and selling this specialty to happy Ocean City vacationers and the locals. Dick has mastered the art of living life to the fullest by enjoying every day and sharing his musical talent with his church community.



History weaving - Showell Elementary students, **Chaz O’Hara** and **Bruce Bowen**, study the job of weavers from the 1800s. This interesting activity was a fun part of their field trip to Furnace Town.

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fixed-focus, accommodating, and multifocal lenses, and which type of lens is best for a patient’s needs will be determined by the eye doctor.

Cataract surgery may only take 15 minutes, though patients will likely spend more time at the surgical facility to allow for prep time and post-operative evaluation. Recovery will involve the use of medicated eye drops several times daily, and a protective eye shield should be used while sleeping.

As the eye recovers, a special pair of post-operative sunglasses are required to protect the eyes from bright light. Eye doctors also advise patients to avoid strenuous activity, including exercise, for at least the first week of recovery. Water splashed in the eyes can cause infection, so swimming should be avoided and caution should be taken when bathing or showering.

All About Vision says it can take several weeks for the eye to heal sufficiently. If both eyes require surgery, doctors will often wait one to three weeks before performing surgery on the second eye.

Learn more about cataract surgery by speaking with your eye doctor or visiting www.aoa.org.

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., May 14	4:40 a.m. 5:13 p.m.	10:56 a.m. 11:35 p.m.	5:50 a.m.	8:03 p.m.
Fri., May 15	5:36 a.m. 6:08 p.m.	11:50 a.m.	5:49 a.m.	8:04 p.m.
Sat., May 16	6:30 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	12:34 a.m. 12:42 p.m.	5:48 a.m.	8:05 p.m.
Sun., May 17	7:22 a.m. 7:50 p.m.	1:28 a.m. 1:31 p.m.	5:48 a.m.	8:06 p.m.
Mon., May 18	8:12 a.m. 8:39 p.m.	2:19 a.m. 2:19 p.m.	5:47 a.m.	8:07 p.m.
Tues., May 19	9:02 a.m. 9:27 p.m.	3:08 a.m. 3:06 p.m.	5:46 a.m.	8:08 p.m.
Wed., May 20	9:50 a.m. 10:14 p.m.	3:56 a.m. 3:53 p.m.	5:45 a.m.	8:09 p.m.

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Things to do before bringing a new cat home

Cats and dogs are the two most popular types of pets in the country, and while dogs have been dubbed "man's best friend," cat owners are quite vocal when expressing their love for their feline friends.

Those looking for a cat may not have to look far. The ASPCA says approximately 7.6 million companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide every year, and roughly 3.4 million of those are cats. An area shelter is an ideal place to find a new pet for those thinking of getting their first cat or adding to the pets already in the household. Cats can be purchased from pet stores, but they also may be available via friends or family members who have recently welcomed a new litter.



Before bringing your cat home, it is best to make sure you and members of your household are prepared to welcome a furry feline friend into your home.

Is everyone ready for the responsibility? Pets are a big responsibility, and all members of the household should be ready and willing to pitch in and care for pets. Divide duties based on age and physical ability. If a member of the family does not support the decision to get a cat, this might not be the right time to do so.

Find the right match in a pet. Temperament can play a role in how well a cat fits in with your family. A cat that is fearful and skittish may not be the best match for a family with young, active children. Special-needs cats may be better for adult-only homes or for people who can devote the extra time needed to properly care for the animal.

Designate a cat-friendly spot in your home. A new cat may need some time before he or she acclimates to a new environment. To facilitate this process, designate a room or area in the house for your cat. This should be a low-traffic spot. Keep a litter box and food and water bowls nearby.

Stock up on your supplies. Cats will need various pet supplies to be comfortable and healthy. For the time being, use the same products the cat had at the shelter or pet store, which can create a sense of familiarity that makes cats more comfortable in their new homes. Over time you can transition slowly to new supplies, including:

- litter box and litter material
- food
- food and water bowls
- scratching posts
- interactive toys and solo toys
- brushes and other grooming supplies
- sturdy cat carriers

Find the right veterinarian. Select a veterinarian whom you trust and makes you feel comfortable. Have your cat examined by the vet and discuss any questions or concerns you may have. A vet may be able to install microchip in your cat for identification purposes as well.

Safe-proof your home. Cats can be curious, and many will want to investigate rooms throughout your house. To protect curious cats, keep cleaning products and other chemicals locked away and secure electric wires with cord containment devices. Know which houseplants are toxic and, if you do not discard them, make sure they cannot be reached by cats.

Cats make wonderful pets. Bringing a new cat home often requires taking certain steps to ensure your furry friend is comfortable in his or her new home.

Community Calendar

When submitting items for the calendar please include the event name, date, where held, time and a little about the event. Items being considered for the calendar need to be in by noon on Friday. E-mail to thecourier@delmarvacourier.com

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

Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin is open Wed. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sale Fridays. Call 410-641-1137.

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Church Thrift Shop

The Shepherd's Nook at Community Church at Ocean Pines is

open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 410-641-5433.

Diakonia Thrift Shop

'Used to be Mine' offers clothing, furniture, household items and more. Proceeds benefit Diakonia shelter and pantry. Located at Rte. 611 and Sunset Ave. Open 10 - 4. Call 410-213-0243.

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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WINE about it

by Jean Marx

Elusive wines in Scandinavia

In my last wine column I promised an article on Scandinavian wines because I was visiting my daughter Kelly in Sweden. We started out in search of wines from Sweden; however, we quickly expanded to searching for wine from any Scandinavian country because wines from the region were proving mighty tough to find.

In research I had done for my prior article, I knew Scandinavian wines were in their infancy mostly due to the extreme northern climate not being conducive to growing grapes. What I had not anticipated were the strange looks I received whenever I asked a store owner for their Scandinavian wine section. I got the same reaction in restaurants; they had a wide selection of wines from all over the world but none from their own geography. When we spotted our first Systembolaget liquor store that is run by the Swedish government as a monopoly enterprise, I thought at last I was in business. My hopes were dashed when the saleswoman I spoke to responded that I could place an order for a Swedish wine that would arrive to me in 7-10 days. She suggested some alternatives such as buying a non-alcoholic Swedish wine made from apples, trying Swedish vodka, or choosing from an assortment of fruity hard ciders.

I settled on the ciders since there was a nice variety on display and you could buy singles which was a great feature since we could load them in our backpacks and continue with our sightseeing. As I list and provide a brief critique on the four ciders we purchased, I'll point out another facet of Swedish hard ciders — they are made from a variety of fruits, not just apple like we're used to in America. In assessing these four ciders as a group, they were quite fruity in taste and reminded me of wine coolers.

The first cider was Williams Pärncider Halvtorr by Kiviks Musteri, a pale yellow cider made from pears. The pear flavor came through but with a taste that was semi-sweet and refreshing. It turned out to be my favorite. Next up was Premium Brand

Klassiker Peach cider. With a light pink color, it was extremely sweet and peachy and would likely be a huge hit at the Berlin Peach Festival.

We bought the third cider due to its authentic-sounding name: Rekorderlig Skogsbar. Skogsbar in Swedish simply means "wild berry" and this cider was made from strawberries, raspberries and blueberries. It was an even darker shade of pink with a heavy fruit taste and fragrance. It was touted as being not-too-sweet on the palate but we found it to be just the opposite. Our fourth and final selection was Kopparberg's Naked Apple Äkta Torr. Äkta means true or genuine and Torr means dry, so this cider was the closest we could get to a hard apple cider in America. The cider was a blend of both apples and pears, however, which was good but with a little sweeter taste than the tart

flavor I was anticipating.

As we toured Stockholm later in the week, we caught a lucky break. It was late afternoon after a chilly day of strolling the streets of the old town called Gamla Stan when my daughter noticed a sign in front of the Restaurang Kaffegillet advertising Swedish Hot Wine. We jumped at the chance to enjoy a toasty happy hour and rest our weary feet. The restaurant owner educated us on the common ingredients to the concoction. The base is usually an inexpensive red wine from Italy or Spain that is steeped over several hours with other ingredients such as ground cinnamon, cinnamon sticks, cloves, sugar and a liquor such as brandy or vodka. The glasses were tied with napkins in the shape of bows which heightened the enjoyment of this delicious hot

beverage on a memorable day.

Sweden and Denmark are beautiful to explore as you take in the sights, marvel at the amazing number of lakes and waterways all around, and try the food and beverages for which each are renowned. As time goes on, I imagine that the allure of winemaking will begin to take off. It just hasn't quite happened yet.



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