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Wounded vet's special proposal

■ Kozma Jewelers plays big part in big day; Bush family celebrates event

By **Dolores E. Pike**

When wounded warrior Retired Army Spec. Tyler Jeffries (26) proposed to Lauren Lily (24) it was a very special occasion indeed and one in which local business D. A. Kozma Jewelers played a major part. They made the engagement ring, which is 14 karat white gold with a round, one carat diamond in the center and small diamonds along the side. "It was exciting for us and very unexpected and we were glad to make this important piece of jewelry," said Adrienne Kozma.



Tyler Jeffries
proposes to
Lauren Lily

During his recovery from the loss of both legs in 2012 in Afghanistan Tyler had become close with the volunteers at Water Reed Hospital. One of them was Dava Guerin. Tyler talked to her on many occasions about his girl Lauren and how he eventually planned to propose.

Ten severely wounded vets and the moms who cared for them in rehab were scheduled to be honored by President George H. W. and Barbara Bush at their summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine. Though Tyler's girlfriend was not a part of the group she was going with him but would not be at the ceremony at the Bush compound. Plans went back and forth. Finally an August date was set when President George W. and Laura Bush would also be in residence. Tyler decided the Maine setting would be a good time to propose, maybe at a seaside restaura-

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rant. But he didn't have a ring...but Dava knew a jeweler.

Dava has a summer home in Berlin and has been a frequent visitor to the Kozma store in West Ocean City. When she asked Adrienne if she could help this young man out, Adrienne replied, "I'd be honored to do it." Then she added, "After he gave me an idea of what he wanted, we talked several times over the phone and e-mailed back and forth to design the ring. At the most we had a week to complete it. We made, we sent it, he got it."

At the photo op for the vets when President Bush senior was told by Dava of the upcoming proposal plans he said, "Well, where is she? Let's get her here." Lauren did not have security clearance but the Secret Service said if she could get there in five minutes they'd take care of it. She arrived while still having no idea of an impending marriage proposal. Because of his prosthetic legs Tyler was helped to his knee by his buddies. He offered her the ring as he knelt before his girl in front of the Bush home which faces the ocean, a lovely setting under any circumstances. Before he had a chance to say a word, Lauren said yes and numerous cell phones began clicking the unforgettable video.

After President Bush senior Tweeted it, the story went viral as all the news media picked it up and ran with it. "I literally saw it on 'Inside Edition on TV'," said Susan Bertino, who works at Kozma, indicating that was the first she or Kozma knew it was even a major news story of the day.

As a result of her experiences in volunteering at Walter Reed Hospital Dava Guerin along with Kevin Ferris wrote a book called, "Unbreakable Bonds: The Mighty Moms and Wounded Warriors of Walter Reed." "We all became very close and someone suggested we do a book about it," said Dava. There are ten stories of severely wounded U.S. soldiers and Marines who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and the mothers who aided them on the road to recovery. President George H. W. Bush wrote the forward to the book.



Top left: **Lauren** accepts **Tyler's** proposal.

Bottom left: **Tyler** and **Lily** with President **George W. Bush** and Tyler's daughter.

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2012 Business of the Year

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The National Zoo's giant panda Mei Xiang gave birth Saturday, August 22nd to twin cubs. Although

their size makes them still very vulnerable, they seem to be in good health.

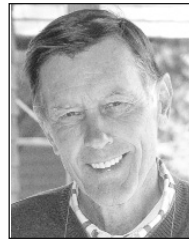
Baby pandas are born pink and measure about 15cm - that's about the size of a pencil! They are also born blind and only open their eyes six to eight weeks after birth. Female pandas give birth to one or two cubs every two years. Cubs stay with their mothers for 18 months before venturing off on their own!

The first giant pandas to come to the United States in 1972 were Ling-Ling and Hsing-Hsing following President Nixon's trip to China. After their deaths in 1992 and 1999 the zoo acquired Mie Xiang and Tian Tian.

A good man is hard to find

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

With all the continued acrimony between some members on the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors, erupting as recently as Monday's Organization Meeting with director Tom Terry shouting at board president Dave Stevens, it is refreshing to see a newly elected board member



Joe Reynolds

step forward and actually display the kind of judgment and trust voters expect of their elected representatives.

That new board member is Tom Herrick.

When the board election results were announced last Saturday, the first thought the apparent victorious side of Tom Terry and Pat Renaud had was to contact OPA attorney Joe Moore and ask if they could call a private "Special Meeting" with a topic of "Reorganization of Ocean Pines." Not all board members would be invited to this private meeting. Moore apparently gave some off-the-cuff advice approval, perhaps without a close review of what the bylaws said on the issue.

Renaud and Terry then proceeded to try and have that private special meeting.

The meeting never took place, thanks almost entirely to the integrity and honesty of Tom Herrick.

Here is what Herrick wrote regarding the attempt by Terry and Renaud to hold a private meeting and involve him. It should be required reading for board members. It is a lesson in leadership and integrity.

"I will only speak for myself. After the annual meeting, there was talk

about an organizational meeting to be held within two weeks to elect officers of the board.

"A flurry of e-mails ensued trying to set up dates for all to attend. I was originally unaware that the e-mails going back and forth had to do with separate meeting agendas, as one was titled 'Special Meeting' and one was titled 'Organizational Meeting.' When I realized that the 'Special Meeting' did not include all 7 directors, I immediately became uncomfortable, now realizing the entire board would not be present.

"My goal, as stated during my campaign, and in plea to our community, is to have all seven (7) of our board members work together as a team for the benefit of our entire community. Holding a 'Special Meeting' without all seven directors attending, does not contribute to this goal, but only invites the inference of collusion and the continuation of these so-called coalitions on the board. I believe my message, stated against the extreme partisanship of some of our board members, resonated with the majority of our membership voters, and led to me being elected.

"I refused to attend the scheduled 'special board meeting' as it did not include all seven board members and made that very clear to all the other board members. Although it is purported that Joe Moore believed it would have been a legal meeting, it went further than that to me, as I do not believe it was morally right to do so."

How refreshing to read the words of an honest man, as well as a man not afraid to share such thoughts with the association members who elected him.

Lest anyone question whether or not Tom Terry and Pat Renaud did in-

deed try to hold this private "special board meeting," Pat Renaud confirmed this in an email.

Renaud wrote, "It is true that both Tom Terry and I tried to organize such a meeting only after clearing the legality of such a meeting with our legal counsel, Joe Moore right after the Annual Meeting of August 7th. It is true that an invitation was sent to both of the newly elected Board members who were not sworn in yet, which made the meeting legal since there would be only two members of the Board present."

What this boils down to is an argument over when do winners of the OPA board election actually become board members. During Monday's Organization Meeting OPA attorney Joe Moore made a half-hearted and uncomfortable attempt to defend his advice to Terry and Renaud, saying those elected did not become board members until the Organization meeting. Moore subsequently agreed to actually review the question. Moore also said Renaud's reference to the new board members not being board members until taking what is an optional oath of office was not correct. New board member Cheryl Jacobs even said she was told she was just a "quasi director" until the Organization Meeting. She did not say who told her.

Terry defended his and Renaud's actions, suggesting the same sort of private meeting happened last year, as though that would somehow make it right this year.

No one at the Organization Meeting suggested opening up the bylaws and actually reading them. The bylaws are clear and subsequent to the Organization Meeting, longtime chairman and six-year member of the Bylaws & Resolutions Committee Jim Trummel clarified this to the board and Joe Moore as part of a lengthier examination of the bylaws and Maryland law. He wrote, "Individuals elected to the board become sitting members of the board upon adjournment of the annual meeting at which the results have been presented to the membership. This is consistent with Maryland corporate law, Ocean Pines Association Bylaws, and Ocean Pines Association election procedures."

In the end it makes no difference about any debateable fine points of the law. In the end, Tom Herrick's inner sense of right and wrong prevailed, and for that we should all be grateful.

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A walk through a park

Through the years it has been only on very rare occasions that my wife and I have gotten away to spend some down time someplace other than home. Children, the business, time and/or economics have kept us home. It's not a complaint, just an observation.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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When recently we planned to travel to Hampton, Virginia to attend a funeral, we decided to spend an extra day on the road to stay in Williamsburg and go to Busch Gardens, a favored destination from when our children were young. In fact my wife worked in the costume department there when she was a teenager. Yes, it was a long time ago. (Note: That last comment is going to get me in trouble. I've readied my pillow for sleeping on the couch tonight.)

When the children were little we spent most of our time in the park waiting in line for a particular ride or eating ice cream. It's a somewhat wistful experience looking at photos taken during our visits then: the kids were younger and my hair was still very dark. There are a series of photos of my wife and me riding in a LeMans car as one of the children is driving. Now the kids drive real cars and the LeMans ride has been replaced with The Griffon, a gigantic roller coaster.

On this most recent visit my wife and I arrived at the park just before it opened. Our plan was to walk through the park, enjoy the entertainment and eat, not necessarily in that order. Going on rides wasn't on our agenda. I'm not a roller coaster person, never have been. Water rides such as flumes and slides are fine but not roller coasters. And not the Teacups either for that matter. There was one ride we did take: the railroad to get us from one part of the park to another.

We enjoyed four shows per-

formed at different venues located throughout the park. The most striking thing about the shows was the performers, they were so young and as if that wasn't hard enough to accept, they were so very talented: singing, dancing and playing instruments. At one point

during the Celtic Fyre show when the male and female leads were tap dancing, my wife leaned over and whispered, "You wish you were up there don't you?" All I could think was how my mother was to blame

that I wasn't. She wouldn't pony up the money for me to take tap lessons when I wanted them as a kid. Of course to be fair, I do have elephant feet, something of which I'm sure she was aware.

As we walked the park I enjoyed from time to time just watching people. There were the young couples in love strolling along, arms around each other's waists. There were the parents near exasperation doing their best to corral the little ones. There were people carrying multiple water bottles and back packs. Lugging all that gear around had to impact their enjoyment. Our days of carrying child accouterments are over. My wife and I were responsible for carrying nothing at all. We were able to move around unburdened.

When it came to eating we followed traditions as well worn as a path in the woods. The first thing we got was a huge funnel cake that we shared. We ate lunch where we've always eaten lunch each time we visit the park, Das Festhaus, where we ordered what we always order, the German sausage sampler that comes with German potato salad and two types of Sauer Kraut. We finished the day with a waffle ice cream cone.

Finally, though reluctantly, it was time to leave. We strolled one last time through France, Scotland and Ireland, passed the Emporium and Globe Theatre to the exit.

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Spurrier joins Berkshire Hathaway

Carole Spurrier has recently joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty as a Sales Professional. The announcement was made by Sharon Curtiss, Branch Manager Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty in Ocean Pines.



Carole Spurrier

Carole will concentrate on residential real estate sales as a member of The O'Hare Team. She was previously an Executive Sales VP with Lucent Technologies with responsibilities for sales to the large telecommunications companies in North America. She has over 30 years experience in sales. Car-

ole also owned and operated the Marina Deck Restaurant in Ocean Pines. Carole has been actively involved in the community in many volunteer organizations including, CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocate for children in need and she leads the National Alliance on Mental Illness activities on the lower shore.

"Carole shares Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty's commitment to quality and customer service," said Sharon Curtiss, Branch Manager, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices 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."

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Pictured are (l-r) Kiwanis Programs and Speakers Chair **J. Graham Caldwell**, Lt. Governor-Elect of the Kiwanis Capital District - Division 5 **Jack Hassman**, **Kelly Brinkley** and Kiwanis Club President **Carolyn Dryzga**.

Kiwanis hears volunteer news

Kelly Brinkley, volunteer services manager for the Worcester County Department of Human Resources was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City meeting on August 19. She spoke about volunteerism and the initiative of Maryland Governor Larry Hogan to support "Day To Serve."

According to Governor Hogan, "Day to Serve is a unique month-long community service initiative that transcends political, cultural and religious differences by uniting citizens, faith groups, businesses and grassroots organizations from every corner of the state to come together and improve our neighborhoods and communities."

Ms. Brinkley explained that 2015 marks the fourth year that Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia volunteers participate in Day to Serve which starts on September 11 and continues for one month until Octo-

ber 10. She stated that Worcester County is the only government entity in Maryland to come forth to participate in program. On September 11 the Worcester County Commissioners will issue a proclamation about "Day To Serve."

Ms. Brinkley and Kiwanis Club President Carolyn Dryzga have designated Worcester County's Cedar Chapel Special School in Snow Hill as one of the projects for "Day To Serve," whereby the community can volunteer to do some needed maintenance on the outside of the school to "make the outside as beautiful as the inside." The school serves special education students from ages 3 to 21, many of whom are wheelchair bound.

Kelly Brinkley can be reached at 410-632-5656 or by E-mail at kbrinkley@co.worcester.md.us and Carolyn Dryzga can be reached at on her cell phone at 215-519-3670 or by E-mail at kiwanisofoceangepines@gmail.com to get more information and to volunteer.

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Electric bills show increased costs

A number of Ocean Pines residents have had the new advanced electric meter installed by Choptank Electric Co-operative. Several residents report being surprised when the envelope is opened for the first month's bill.

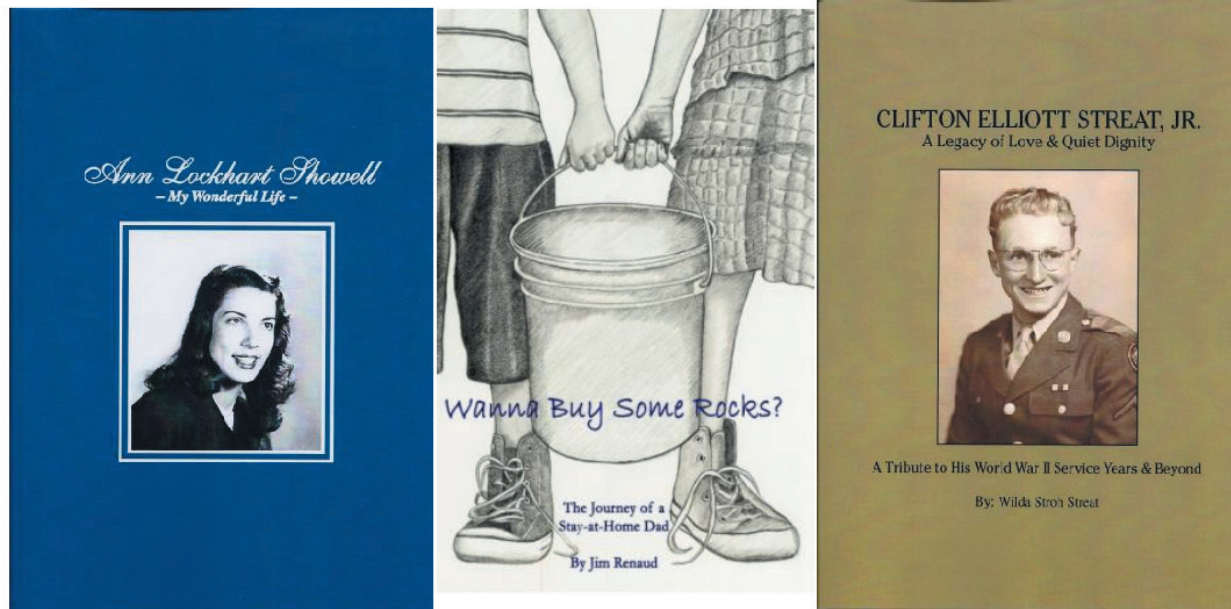
First of all, members of the Choptank Co-op should be aware that the Maryland Public Service Commission recently granted Choptank a 6% increase in the rates they can charge for electricity. Therefore, every electric bill will show a 6% increase immediately.

Several residents report that after their meters were replaced they got what appeared to be a much larger charge on their next bill. Careful review of the bill revealed that the bill was for much more than the normal 30 or 31 day billing cycle. Andrea Barnes, for example, reports she received a bill covering 52 days. When the bill was examined in light of covering 1.75 months, the bill became more closely aligned with expectations.

Choptank electric Co-operative Vice-president of Member Affairs, Mr. Bob Behlke, says that it is possible that the first bill will be for a longer period than normal, hence the charge will be larger than normal. Within a billing cycle or two the billing period should resume a steady cycle.

-Steve Habeger

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For local golfers this tournament has become an annual tradition, with last year's event raising \$106,000 to expand health care services and programs for the community through Atlantic General Hospital.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Player entry fee includes lunch and dinner as well as beverages on the course. Lunch this year will be provided by Bad Monkey OC Bar & Grill. Dough Roller Restaurants and Shenanigan's Irish Pub & Grill will provide dinner at the post-tournament banquet.

Harborside Bar and Grill will provide an Orange Crush Bar for players to enjoy throughout the day.

Registration can be submitted via the AGH website and must be received by September 17. Space is limited and earliest entries are accommodated first.

Non-golfers can still join the fun with dinner, awards, and live auction that will begin at 5 p.m. This year's live auction includes golf packages at Bay Creek Golf Resort in Cape Charles, Va.; Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort in Cambridge, Md.; and Ocean City Golf Club in Berlin, Md. Special events include Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, 50/50 Putting Contest, 50/50 Raffle, and a Grand Prize Drawing. Tournament prizes include golf packages at several fabulous local courses.

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AARP to meet

Next meeting for AARP with be September 14 at the Community Center in Ocean Pines. Social time will be at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10 a.m. This month's speaker will be Nancy Stewart from Coastal Hospice. Bring a friend or neighbor to our meeting attendance has been down. Bring a can of food for Diakonia to help stock the pantry.



Obituary

John Joseph Sparzak

March 2, 1933 – August 15, 2015

The pearly gates were thrust open on 1:15pm on Saturday, August 15, 2015, as St. Peter greeted John Joseph Sparzak with a firm handshake and a hug. In the background a jazz band could be heard playing 'Oh When the Saints Come Marching In', as John always wanted when this day came. We recognize how difficult the past 4 months have been for John, and ever the man of great strength, he remained strong until he was called to heaven to be reunited with his sister, Cynthia, and his mother and father. What we can imagine is that today there is a patio in heaven with a table covered in newspaper and a bushel of crabs laid out for him to enjoy with his sister and brother-in-law, Johnny. It's all right, Dad, you can share a Natty Boh with your sister!

If there is one word to describe John, it is 'strength'. His strength of character and Catholic faith was one to be emulated. His strong belief in family made him a husband of all ages to his wife of 49 years, Diane Marie Sparzak. As a father, both of his sons John and Mark will tell you that if we can be half of the father to our children as he was to us, then we will have done just fine. His quiet assurances as a father, along with his quiet consternation at times, made him the most respected and admired man that John and Mark have ever known.

The greatest memories for us are those when he coached John and Mark in soccer and traveled up and down the Mid Atlantic region behind the wheel of the wood paneled Oldsmobile, taking the boys to college (Penn State and Loy-

ola College). Through the years John was an unconditional supporter of his family, whether it was working with Mom to start Marjo CrossStitch, supporting John at Penn State, or traveling to NYC to watch Mark play basketball for Loyola. Having grown up in Locust Point, John had strong ties to friends and family in this neighborhood. He and Diane moved to Bel Air where a family was started, having John in 1968 and Mark in 1971. Throughout life, being near the shore was always an important part of our lives together, from Nags Head, to Ocean City, to finally residing in Ocean Pines.

There was no greater joy for John than spending time with his five grandchildren; Alexander, Gabrielle, Ivan, Crawford, and Donovan. They put a smile on his face, whether they were on his lap or chatting by phone. John always had much to smile about, but the grandkids widened that smile and made him so happy every single time.

The legacy of John Joseph Sparzak is born out through his loving wife Diane, his sons John and Mark, daughters in law Karen and Sigrid, and his five grandchildren. A memorial service to celebrate his life is being planned to occur in Bel Air, Maryland at St. Margaret's Catholic Church. The date of this service is to be determined, but stay tuned and we are hopeful that you can join us in celebration and in singing 'Oh When the Saints Come Marching In'.

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Divas of Drawbridge Road

A pot luck luncheon and meet and greet was held on Thursday, August 21 at the home of Jackie Choate for the ladies who live on Drawbridge Rd. in Bay Colony, Ocean Pines. Jackie, the hostess, is in the center, back row wearing the print blouse.

AARP seeks tax-aide volunteers

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, is seeking volunteers to help taxpayers seeking assistance in preparing and filing their 2015 tax returns. Volunteers do not need to be an AARP member or retiree to participate.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers receive free tax training, AARP supplied laptops, and are reimbursed on a limited basis for qualified program-related expenses. They help taxpayers at sites around the state, learning new skills while giving back to countless communities.

Tax-Aides have said, "Over the years, we have assisted thousands of people in preparing and filing their tax returns, and could not do it without all of our loyal volunteers who make an indelible mark on the communities they help."

Last year, Tax-Aide volunteers helped over 1,000 taxpayers across the Lower Shore. They join the more than 35,000 Tax-Aide volunteers across the country, helping millions of taxpayers each year. Volunteers for the 2014 season are needed for the Salisbury and Worcester County offices in Ocean City, Ocean Pines, and the Snow Hill – Pocomoke areas.

For more information on how you can join the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide team, visit our web site at

www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8 or call John Bloecher, District Coordinator at 410-213-1608.

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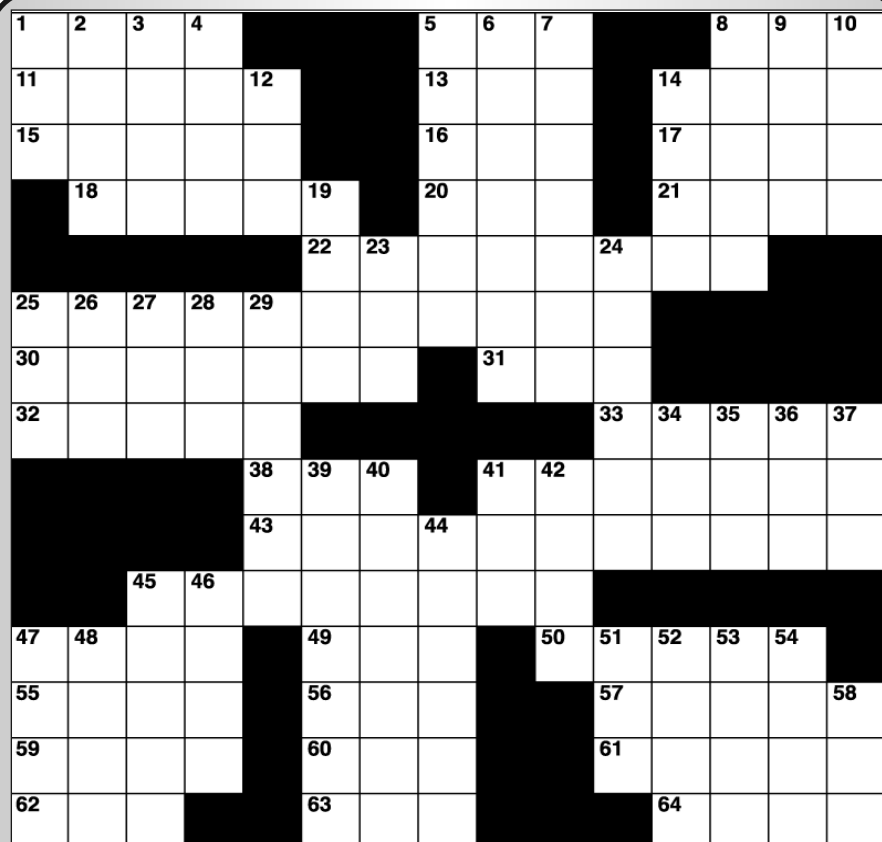
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 - 17. Canadian flyers
 - 18. A plant fiber used for making rope
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 - 31. Ref
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 - 33. Beard lichen genus
 - 38. Tennis player organization
 - 41. More saline
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 - 45. A ship's
 - 9. 45th state
 - 10. Matakam
 - 12. Macaws
 - 14. Scottish hillside
 - 19. Load for shipment
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 - 24. Linking verb
 - 25. Br. University punting river
 - 26. Marsh elder
 - 27. Horse noise
 - 28. Contract research organization (abbr.)
 - 29. Excessively ornamented
 - 34. Engine additive
 - 35. Small bite
 - 36. Snake-like fish
 - 37. They ___
 - 39. Performance arena
 - 40. Enact before an audience
 - 41. Special interest group
 - 42. Grows old
 - 44. Conductor's implements
 - 45. A heavy cavalry sword
 - 46. Tropical ship's wood
 - 47. A domed or vaulted recess
 - 48. Lascivious look
 - 51. Mentally quick and resourceful
 - 52. La ___ Tar Pits, Hollywood
 - 53. Unstressed
 - 54. Celery cabbage
 - 58. Wrong prefix
- DOWN**
- 1. Speedometer rate
 - 2. Turkish/Iranian river
 - 3. Japanese socks
 - 4. Drawstrings
 - 5. Formal separation over doctrine
 - 6. Tableland
 - 7. Word with opposite meaning
 - 8. Cabs



Answers for August 19

That's how my garden grows...



By Betty McDermott

Hello Fellow Gardeners,

We are well into the Dog Days of August and our summer days are numbered. But this has been a great year for gardening – both for flowers and vegetables. My annuals and perennials produced beautiful foliage and flowers and my five different tomato plants were prolific producers. So, no complaints here; hope all of you can say the same.

I must update you on my hummingbird friends. It has been a most unusual summer for my little friends and they worried me a lot. They first came to my feeders in May for only a few days and then they disappeared and I did not see them again for six weeks. I continued to clean the feeders and add fresh nectar, but all through June and early July they did not come around. Like an old mother hen, I worried and wondered what had become of my tiny friends.

Finally, the third week in July, they returned in full force. Yes my feeders were full with fresh nectar and three flying acrobats returned to put on their air show. Oh I was so relieved. They have always loved my crocosmia bush with its bright reddish-orange funnel type blossoms and maybe they returned for that sweet nectar in the blossoms. Needless to say, I loved watching their swift, flying acrobatic maneuvers. They are still here, although my bush has finished blooming, my feeders are kept full. I will miss them when they fly away to warmer climates. Please keep those feeders filled as they will need to fill up on that sweet nectar for their long journey.

In case you have forgotten the recipe for the homemade nectar, it is as follows: Heat four cups of water and one full cup of white granulated sugar to the boiling point. Stir and simmer for only one or two minutes, making sure the sugar is all dissolved. Cool the nectar and then fill your clean feeders. Any remaining nectar can be stored in the refrigerator. Now just sit back and be entertained by these tiny acrobats.

You are all probably wondering about my summer blooming perennial called crocosmia. It is a fiery-colored perennial bush with lush green foliage that produces one to two inch funnel-shaped flowers that are brilliant in color of bright

orange or red. It blossoms in mid to late July and the “hummers” love the flowers. Crocosmia grows from corms similar to gladiolus. They grow two to three feet tall with leaves or shoots extending one to three feet long.

It was first bred by the French hybridizer, Lemoine in 1880. Most cultivars are of English origin. There are three varieties: Citronella has one inch orange-yellow flowers; “Emily McKenzie” has two and one half inch deep orange flowers each with a crimson throat; Solfatare has one and one half inch golden yellow flowers. They grow well in our zone seven and I leave the corms in the ground over winter but close to my house foundation. They get the morning sun and have been beautiful every July for over 18 years; every year they come back and they do not need dead-heading. The flowers are followed by attractive seed capsules that look good with sword-shaped foliage. It is one of my favorites and one loved by the hummingbirds.

I suppose all of you serious vegetable gardeners are reaping the harvest of all your hard work and well you should. Yes, gardening is a lot of tending, watering, weeding, spraying and fertilizing but well worth the effort. I planted about five different tomato plants in huge buckets and they have produced more tomatoes than I could use. I have many friends who love my extras. When the days are very hot I find that I have to water them every day as the soil tends to dry out quicker in my containers. My favorite tomato is a red, Brandywine Heirloom, a large tomato – great for BLTs, followed by Big Boys. The cherry tomato plant which is called Sweet Million (given to me by a local greenhouse owner) is the most prolific producer of delicious cherry tomatoes I have ever experienced. It has produced over 100 tomatoes so far, and more are coming.

Well, enjoy the rest of your summer, stay cool, and Happy Gardening.

“Your job as a gardener is to try to keep things running smoothly for the plants and animals that live in or visit your yard, whatever the weather decides to do.”

- Ruth Shaw Ernst

Just Good Business ...

Down-Home Appeal of Attorney Patricia Cleary

By **Jean Marx**

Attorney Patricia "Patty" Cleary started her law practice across the bridge 17 years ago with a down-to-earth, compassionate attitude that she now brings to our area. Patty is a general practitioner and concentrates mostly on wills, estates and trusts, and real estate, as well as advising small businesses. However, her business philosophy is broader; it is to build lifelong relationships with her clients so that they can call her any time for any legal issue, which is evident by the clients who still seek her guidance from when her practice was in suburban Maryland. As a licensed real estate broker, Patty also negotiates sales and purchases of her clients' homes.

Patty understands tough times through her blue collar upbringing and her own personal experiences. Patty grew up in Landover Hills, Maryland, and after graduating high school, she explains that at first she had no interest in going on to college. Instead, she was enjoying her work as a legal secretary in a national non-profit company. Patty's outlook on life suddenly changed at age 22 when she lost her father. After deciding that she needed a



Patty during the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament earlier this month.

clearer direction for her life, she enrolled in college at night while continuing to work full-time. It took her eight years to earn her undergraduate degree. In that time she was promoted at the company to become a full-time paralegal while she juggled going to college three nights a week and waiting tables three other nights a week in order to pay for her tuition. As Patty describes, "Working hard to pay my way through college defines who I am and where I come from."

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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., August 27	5:46 a.m. 6:19 p.m.	11:56 a.m.	6:25 a.m.	7:38 p.m.
Fri., August 28	6:39 a.m. 7:10 p.m.	12:43 a.m. 12:51 p.m.	6:26 a.m.	7:37 p.m.
Sat., August 29	7:31 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	1:32 a.m. 1:44 p.m.	6:27 a.m.	7:35 p.m.
Sun., August 30	8:23 a.m. 8:50 p.m.	2:20 a.m. 2:37 p.m.	6:28 a.m.	7:34 p.m.
Mon., August 31	9:14 a.m. 9:40 p.m.	3:07 a.m. 3:29 p.m.	6:29 a.m.	7:32 p.m.
Tues., September 1	10:06 a.m. 10:30 p.m.	3:55 a.m. 4:23 p.m.	6:30 a.m.	7:31 p.m.
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After earning her undergraduate degree, Patty set her sights on law school. Her first hurdle was passing the LSAT, the Law School Admission Test. Additional challenges were paying for law school as a full-time student where she says she was fortunate to earn some merit-based scholarships, earning her law degree with honors, and overcoming her innate shyness. Graduating from law school is one of Patty's proudest accomplishments, but she points out that her law school education did not equip her with the knowledge of how to run a practice or even how to interact with people. Fortunately, her undergraduate degree is in business management. In Patty's extensive tenure in the industry she has learned, "There is a mental health component to practicing law because you're dealing with clients who can be at the lowest point in their lives and they look to you for guidance."

Through persistence, long hours, and dedication Patty proved herself as a successful attorney in Bowie, MD and she earned a good living. In 2014, she lost her beloved oldest brother and then lost her mother this past June. Patty decided to relocate here for a better work/life balance and there was no better place than to do this than in the Ocean Pines area where she has owned a home for a decade.

Patty is pleased to immerse herself in the community that has been very open and welcoming to her. With the help of the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, Patty was the Captain's sponsor of the Ocean Pines Flounder Tournament this month. Patty also uses her corporate talents to provide pro bono legal services to the board of the Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center. If you'd like to have a confidential consultation with her, she is just a phone call away. She loves sitting around the

kitchen table to talk about your estate planning needs or to help you find ways to effectively run your business. Patty says successful business owners wear two hats. "One is being an expert in your field. The other is learning the art of running a business. And if you ignore the second hat, you're going to need to call me because at some point you'll need my help."

When you call Patty Cleary, you won't just be getting an attorney. You will be getting a lifetime business partner and very possibly a new friend. Patty can be reached at 240-304-6058, at patty-clearylaw@gmail.com, or by visiting her website at www.patty-clearylaw.com.

County offers free emergency training

Worcester County residents are invited to participate in the free, eight-session Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) in Pocomoke this fall.

Classes will take place at the Community Center at the Pocomoke Volunteer Fire Company on Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m. from October 8 - November 19.

CERT trains community members to assist in the event of a catastrophic disaster while awaiting Emergency Service personnel.

Training includes CPR/AED, First Aid and fire suppression and prepares participants to recognize both natural and manmade hazards.

Those who successfully complete the training will receive CPR and First Aid certification through the American Red Cross along with CERT certification.

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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

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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

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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

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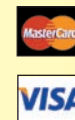


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For Art's Sake

Dali combines dream with reality

By **Stasia Heubeck**

One of the most fascinating artists of our time is the Surrealist, Salvador Dali. His unique paintings, combining dream with reality (the hallmark of Surrealism), are housed in museums and institutes around the world. Dali described his art as "hand-painted dream photographs."

Born in 1904 in Figueres, in Catalonia, Spain, Salvador Dali was influenced by his atheist father and devout Catholic mother who encouraged his artistic abilities. He attended the San Fernando Academy of Art in Madrid but was expelled for declaring his teachers unfit to judge his art, setting the stage for his eccentric and bizarre lifestyle. Dali met Andre Breton, a leading figure in the Surrealist movement, which embraced not only the visual arts but also music, literature and film. In 1925, he had his first solo exhibition. The Surrealists eventually dropped him from their group for his refusal to support their political views and his embarrassing behavior.

Recognized by his flamboyant mustache with its slender tips curled up-

ward to the level of his eyebrows, Dali loved to shock people at art openings and parties by his outlandish outfits, including brassieres and wetsuits. He is quoted as saying, "Each morning when I awake, I experience again a supreme pleasure – that of being Salvador Dali."

In 1929, Dali met Elena Diakonova, known as Gala, who managed the business side of his career and who eventually became his wife. Because of the upheaval in Europe in the 1940s during WWII, Dali and Gala moved to the United States. New York welcomed him as the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) mounted a retrospective of his work. He also ventured into the film industry, working with Alfred Hitchcock on the movie "Spellbound" and with the Walt Disney Studios.

As Dali's interests expanded, his paintings began to reflect science, space and religious themes. Although he mastered the techniques of Realism and the Old Masters, he embraced Cubism, admiring Picasso and Joan Miro. During this time, his classical period, he exhibited around the world and was given one of Spain's highest honors, the

Grand Cross of the Order of Isabella the Catholic. He began work on his museum in Figueres, the Teatro-Museo Dali, which opened in 1974. Dali continued to paint throughout the 1980s and died in 1989 at the age of 84.

The museum in Figueres is a red building studded with models of bread loaves. The roof is adorned with giant eggs and goddess-like figures holding baguettes. It houses the largest collection of major works by Dali, including many entertaining installations such as The Mae West Room. In the center of this space is a voluptuous red sofa in the shape of lips. On the rear wall are two

paintings of cityscapes that represent the eyes. At the other end of the room is a viewing stand under an arch covered with blond hair. As one looks out at the room from this platform, the face of Mae West comes into view.

Salvador Dali continues to be admired in this century. In September 2015, Princeton University will publish the 150th anniversary edition of Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" with illustrations by Dali. His most famous painting, "The Persistence of Memory" with its melting clocks in a barren desert, can be seen at the MOMA in New York City.

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