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Boat Parade is Saturday



The Ocean Pines Boat Club Parade is Saturday, July 25 starting at noon. The awards ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. at White Horse Park. Photo by Nancy Collins.

Arts, crafts festival scheduled

Skip the trip to the mall and do your shopping at the 38th Annual Pine'eer Arts & Crafts Festival on Saturday, August 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines.

The festival, hosted by the Pine'eer Craft Club in partnership with the Ocean Pines Association, will feature over 100 artisans and crafters selling handcrafted items. Parking and admission are free.

In celebration of the 47th anniversary of Ocean Pines, the event will also include a live concert by The Honeycombs from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., children's bounce house and bake sale. Food vendors will be selling refreshments and several community groups and civic organizations will be represented.

The Ocean Pines Farmers Market will also be open for extended hours from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in conjunction with the festival. Farmers Market vendors will be selling seasonal fresh produce, meats, eggs, seafood, baked goods and more. The Ocean Pines Farmers Market regularly operates every Saturday year-round from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at White Horse Park.

The Pine'eer Craft & Gift Shop in White Horse Park is also operated by the Pine'eer Craft Club. The shop features handcrafted items by club members and is open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Pine'eer Craft Club has also scheduled its Winter Wonderland Artisan and Craft Show for Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Vendor applications are available at OceanPines.org.

Gospel cabaret, dinner to be held

Germantown School Community Heritage Center is hosting an afternoon of gospel music and dinner on Sunday, July 26 at 4 pm. Tickets for the Gospel Cabaret/ Dinner are \$15 each. Please call (410) 641-0638 for reservations, as tickets are limited and not available at the door. Your support will help maintain the newly renovated historical building and provide a pleasant occasion. The event will be held at Germantown School, 10223 Trappe Road in Berlin.



Success - American Cancer Society's North Worcester County Relay For Life celebrated its success with a wrap-up party June 24 at the Sports Core pool in Ocean Pines. There were 41 teams and 312 participants involved in this year's Relay For Life event which was held on May 8 at Frontier Town. The group expects to exceed the \$165,500 goal for 2015.

Above: **Nick Bartolomeo** (center), **Connie Collins**, **David Collins** and **Tammy Simington** (right) of Atlantic Endoscopy Center Polypeers team received the award for top team fundraiser of the year from co-chairs **DJ Thompson**, **Dawn Hodge** and **Jill Elliott**.

Advanced power meters coming to Ocean Pines

By **Steve Habeger**

Choptank Electric Cooperative, which serves Ocean Pines and the surrounding areas, is upgrading electric meters for all of their Ocean Pines members very soon. Installation has already begun for Choptank members in Ocean Pines on billing cycle 8 (a quick glance at a Choptank bill will reveal your billing cycle) and additional installations will follow. Choptank expects to complete all Ocean Pines installations by mid-September.

The installation process is explained in a card that Choptank has (or will soon) mail to all properties they serve. A few days before an installation is scheduled the phone number which has been registered with Choptank will receive an automated message. The message will advise the residents of the

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The new "advanced" meters will provide several advantages to both the members and the Co-op. No longer will members have to read and report their meters or be charged a \$5 fee for having a Co-op employee come and read their meter. The new ad-

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Bakers wanted for contest

The Berlin Heritage Foundation is looking for bakers to enter the peach pie-baking contest at its seventh annual Berlin Peach Festival on Saturday, August 1, on the grounds of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 North Main Street. Prizes will be awarded by a panel of three judges, including Shawnee Berzonski (Cupcakes in Bloom), Tracy King (Atlantic Hotel) and Robin Tomaselli (Baked Dessert Café).

The first-prize winner will receive a gift certificate for a one-night stay at The Atlantic Hotel. Second place prize is a gift basket courtesy of First Shore Federal Savings & Loan, and third place prize is a peach-themed cookbook and specially embroidered apron donated by OC Monogram Co.

A maximum of 12 entries will be accepted and entrants must sign up in advance. The registration deadline is Monday, July 27. Pies

must be delivered on the day of the festival by 11:30 a.m. Contestants must bring a recipe card that includes

a list of ingredients, and they should be willing to allow the Berlin Heritage Foundation to share the winning recipe at next year's festival. Worcester County Health Department rules stipulate that pies with perishable ingredients such as custard, ice cream or whipped cream pies may not be entered. For more informa-



Berlin Heritage Foundation director **Bonnie Luna** sets pies out for judging.

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Local educator to participate in national program

Nancy Stearns, an educator at Berlin Intermediate School, has been selected from a pool of more than 300 applicants to participate in the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institute for the week of July 27-31.

Each year, the Library of Congress provides the opportunity for a carefully chosen group of K-12 educators to attend one of its five teacher institutes in Washington, D.C.

During the five-day program, participants work with library education specialists and subject-matter experts to learn effective practices for using primary sources in the classroom, while exploring some of the millions of digitized historical artifacts and documents available on the library's website.

Educators attending the teacher institutes participate in and develop primary-source-based teaching strategies that they can take back to their school districts, apply in the

classroom and share with colleagues. Teaching with primary sources is a powerful way to help students ask engaged, probing questions, develop critical-thinking skills, and construct knowledge. All educators may freely access classroom materials, teaching tools and strategies for teaching with primary sources from the library's site for teachers at www.loc.gov/teachers.

Applicants to the Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institutes reflect the diversity of the world of K-12 education. Participants in a teacher institute session typically include school library media specialists and school administrators, in addition to classroom teachers. Those selected come from many different states, representing large metropolitan school districts and smaller, rural school districts. The expertise provided by the Library of Congress during the institutes can benefit every level of K-12 education.



Representatives of First Shore Federal present a contribution of \$15,000 to members of the Worcester County Education Foundation. L to R: Vice Chairman, **Tom Hershey**, Superintendent of Worcester County Schools **Dr. Jerry Wilson**, Assistant Superintendent **Lou Taylor**, First Shore Federal President and CEO **Marty Neat** and WCEF Chairman **Todd Ferrante**.

Local bank donates to education

First Shore Federal recently became the latest Champions of Education in Worcester County. President and CEO, Marty Neat, said that contributing to the newly formed Worcester County Education Foundation (WCEF) is a win-win for everyone because well educated students are the future and life blood of any community.

"Education should come first. If we provide these kids with a great local education, they gain the confidence and ambition to further their education and return to us with the ability to contribute and eventually fill our rolls in the community. First Shore Federal is proud to support the WCEF's goal to provide a World Class Education to every student in the county and encourages all local businesses to step up as well," said Mr. Neat.

Last fall members of the private and business community came together to form the Worcester County Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that taps into community resources, creating a source of perpetual funding to help fill budgetary gaps that prevent teachers, students and schools from acquiring the necessary tools to teach and learn in today's fast paced digital environment. The goal is to provide every student with equal access to a World Class education and to support our teachers with grants and the tools necessary to prepare our students for jobs that haven't even been invented yet. In order to prepare our students for tomorrow, we need to provide these educational tools today."

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It's important for Pines members to vote

Ocean Pines residents are fortunate to have seven candidates step forward with a desire to be elected to two vacant positions on the Board of Directors. Having served on the



Elections Committee and most recently on the Search Committee, I know the importance of your vote. Each and every vote will be counted on August 7th with the election results being announced at the Annual Meeting on August 8th. Your Vote is your Voice. Voting is a right, privilege and responsibility of each and every homeowner.

One of my two votes be given to Cheryl Jacobs. I have had the opportunity of knowing Cheryl since 2011 when she was appointed by the County Commissioners as the "Public Safety" representative of the Worcester County Commission for Women. She is a highly motivated professional who balances personal life with full-time work as a lawyer

and a professor. She gives back to the community by utilizing her talents and skill set as a volunteer leader. While commuting to Baltimore, when no one else would, she took on major roles as the President of the Friends of the Women's Commission, twice chaired the Women's History Month Luncheon to raise monies for the summer reading program, and chaired the Oral History Project to recognize Worcester County women of distinction.

Cheryl has extensive experience in public and private sectors as a lawyer, prosecutor, professor, volunteer and leader. For the O-P-A,

you can be assured that Open communications, Protecting our investment, and Acting on our behalf are her personal goals. In September, Cheryl will be retiring from her full-time job as Special Counsel for the Baltimore City Office of Child Support Enforcement. Ocean Pines will benefit when Cheryl Jacobs is elected. She is qualified, knowledgeable and trustworthy. Cheryl gets things done! Your right to vote is vitally important. If you don't vote, you lose your right to complain. Spread the word!

Diane McGraw
Ocean Pines

OPA board should not manage the community

Editor:

Have you seen some of the curious campaign signs of one of this year's candidates for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors? One asks if we've "Had Enough?". I know I have had enough. Enough of this year's dysfunctional and disruptive board majority. I sense that one or two of the candidates want to strengthen this majority. They must not be elected.

OPA By-laws require our boards to create policy. To our detriment, this board's majority interprets policy to mean managing Ocean Pines. Wrong.

We have an experienced, competent and very hard-working employee force to handle the management tasks. They do quite well, despite being totally ignored

and by-passed by the board majority. As an unpleasant result, this year's board is actually running Ocean Pines. Poorly. Disharmony and disrespect for the board minority have stymied progress on such important issues as short and long term planning and effecting a long-delayed contract with Sandpiper. Last year, some of the candidates we elected ran on the disreputable and misinformed "platform" of joining the majority, and to fire staff – an ignoble platform. Let's not elect more of the same incompetency.

In the four years I served on the OPA Board, I worked with a few directors whose egos and poor communications skills also tried to micro-manage our staff, because they lacked the ability to actually research community issues, and therefore were unable to persuade other directors to accept their misinformed and unworkable positions and motions. If we are to make living in Ocean Pines even more pleasant, I urge you to vote for directors who can work together with the current minority in mutual respect and teamwork. I've truly "had enough" of those unable to do that.

Women play much better with others in the sandbox, and normally are much more involved in many community service organizations. I will vote for two of them.

Thomas Sandusky
Ocean Pines

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Returning to an empty house

Warning: This column was written by someone trying to adjust to a new reality without his grandchildren near.

better. I met a few people and enjoyed talking with them but at about the fourth song, I left.

Next I went to the Yacht Club for no other reason than it was someplace other than home to be. Again I ran into some folks I knew and talked briefly. But the thought of sitting at the bar or eating alone wasn't of interest. I left.

I decided to call DeNovo's and order a pizza. When I arrived, I met more folks I knew and chatted with them briefly as I waited for my pizza to be done. Then I went home. The house was still quiet, only the dogs were there to greet me. It was something at least.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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Last Thursday afternoon I arrived home to quiet. The house was empty. And I was more than a little sad.

I had just come back from taking my daughter and her two children to the Philadelphia airport. They were headed to Texas to settle into their new home, getting it ready for when my son-in-law returns from overseas. My wife accompanied them.

The drop-off was hurried at the terminal. I didn't have a chance to give my grandchildren and daughter a proper send off because I had to quickly move the car out of the lane. I watched from the rear view mirror as they headed inside. Driving home was a bit emotional because I don't know when I'll see them again.

When I opened the front door the stillness of the house was deafening. The blonde hair, blue eyed greeter who had welcomed me home the past seven months was not there. Nor was her little sidekick, her brother. Yet, traces of them were everywhere; from the scraps of paper with my granddaughter's artwork on the counter to the rocking horse in the living room.

When I took the dogs outside there was the little blue bicycle with training wheels in the yard that just the evening before had been ridden hard by a giggling three year old urging me to watch her.

With my wife gone as well, it was tough experiencing this alone with no one to talk with. I decided to get out of the house.

I went to White Horse Park to listen to the concert. I stayed for a while. And although the performers were good, it just wasn't making me feel any



I sat in front of the television eating pizza until about 10:30 when I went to bed to read.

The next morning, I received a text video from my wife. It was a video of my granddaughter looking into the camera saying, "Good morning Nino. I love you."

Well I have to tell you, that little seven second snippet was just what the doctor ordered. In full disclosure watching it several times made me tear up.

I'm very happy that my daughter has moved into her new house. And that the kids are looking forward to their father coming home. That's how it works: children move on to create lives for themselves while parents adjust to being more on the sidelines.

Yet, for a brief time it was very nice having everyone nearby.

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If you are interested in adopting a cat or kitten come on out to the "Cat Days of Summer" event. Cats

from the shelter are also at Petco and OC Pet Spa both in West Ocean City and visitors are welcome at the shelter during regular business hours. Adoptions are based on application approval. Adoption fees for cats are \$75. Adoption fees include spay/neuter, immunizations, microchip and fecal exam. The shelter also has a senior to senior program where any person over the age of 65 adopting a cat over the age of eight will have their adoption fee waived.

The Worcester County Humane Society is a private, non-profit, no kill animal shelter located on Eagle's Nest Road just off Stephen Decatur Highway. The shelter currently houses over 100 cats and over 20 dogs. Many of these cats are affectionate, adoptable cats who have been there for several years. They are patiently waiting for their forever families to find them.

For more information on available pets or questions about adoption visit the shelter website www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org or call 410-213-0146. Follow the shelter on Facebook for event updates.



Chamber director speaks at Kiwanis

Ginger Fleming, executive director of the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce spoke at the July 15 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club. She spoke about her career including working at local car dealers and restaurants before taking her current job in May.

Ginger discussed two upcoming chamber big events including the annual Flounder Fishing Tournament and the Annual Classic Car Show and Parade.

Mrs. Fleming is a Pennsylvania native mother of two and has been married for 10 years.

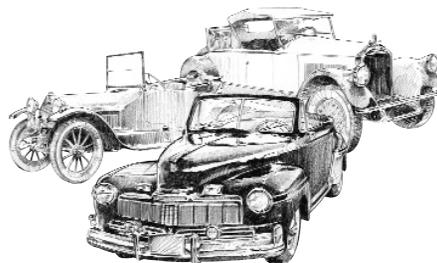
Pictured are Kiwanis Club Speakers and Programs Chair J. Graham Caldwell, Ginger Fleming and Kiwanis Club President Carolyn Dryzga.

Car show, parade coming to Pines

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host the second Annual Car Show & Parade on Sunday, August 16. The parade will start at White Horse Park at 10 a.m. and proceed down Ocean Parkway to the Car Show at Veterans Memorial Park located on the corner of Cathell and Race Track Roads. There will be several food and business vendors and a radio remote with Glassman from The Wave. Back this year will be the free children's bicycle parade around the south gate pond with

prizes for the participants. There is no registration fee for the bicycle parade however we are asking for donations of school supplies to be given to Worcester County G.O.L.D. an organization that provides supplies for area school children.

For more information on registering for the car show, the bicycle parade or becoming a vendor please call the chamber office at 410-641-5306 or stop in the office at 11031 Cathell Road in



Berlin.

The Car Show will begin approximately 11 a.m. and trophies will be awarded at 1 p.m.

There will be trophies awarded in these categories; Classic, Antique, Hot Rod, Modern, Customs and People's Choice.

Pre-registration is available on line for just \$12 or \$15 the day of the show. Registration will be at White Horse Park an hour before the parade (9 a.m.) and at Veterans Memorial Park after the parade. All cars must be registered by noon to participate in the car show.

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Summertime offers bridge to higher learning

While other teenagers spent the month of July on the beach, twenty-five dedicated Stephen Decatur High School students spent 17 days learning about engineering and science and acquiring a host of other skills in media and technology, language arts, and mathe-



the author's experiences battling lions during the 1907 construction of a railroad bridge in Kenya. Some of the photographs taken by the students, along with their news writing, will be featured in the SDHS yearbook spread for the Summer Academy.

"Johns Hopkins University offered a similar program this summer and I believe that ours was every bit as challeng-

Stephen Decatur High School Summer STEM Academy participants John Liberto and Olivia Barton prepare to test the strength of their bridge with weights. The strongest bridge was able to sustain over 30 pounds.

ing for the students," said Mary Berquist, the Summer Academy coordinator. "It is our goal to combine fun with a truly enriching experience so that students do not suffer a lapse in learning during the summer months. I think we accomplished that."

matics at the SDHS Summer Academy.

With a cross-curricular approach to learning, students studied the history and the construction of various types of bridges and applied those skills as they constructed their own model bridges for a competitive culminating activity.

During the program, participants journeyed to Pocomoke where they had the opportunity to study the effects of the environment on bridge construction and the safety and support systems that are being implemented during the renovation project of the Pocomoke Bridge.

"I have definitely learned a lot about engineering and I was able to use that learning as I constructed my own bridge," said sophomore Kaya Purnell.

While the focus of the Summer Academy has been STEM-based (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), students also narrated their experiences with photography and read the John Henry Patterson non-fiction piece, "The Man-eaters of Tsavo," which chronicles

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By **Jean Marx**

Window Genie knows how to make an entrance. The bright purple trucks with lightning bolts serve multiple purposes – they definitely catch your eye, provide instant advertising of their services, and demonstrate to the neighborhood that this is a company proud to stand behind its work. Owner Mike Mannion describes that his business is designed for average homeowners who either don't have the time or interest to do home maintenance services themselves.



Window Genie's services include window cleaning, window tinting, house washing, general pressure washing, deck restoration, cleaning and sealing concrete, and gutter cleaning. The window work is done on both interior and exterior windows, but the majority of the other services are done outside the home. Due to the breadth of the exterior home services, Mike likes to say, "Instead of calling three different guys, you only need to call one." The service area Window Genie covers is extensive. The company is based in Salisbury and serves as far west as Easton, as far south as Accomack, and as far north as Rehoboth – and everywhere in between.

Mike started his Window Genie franchise three years ago in search of a better work-life balance. After a successful 30 year run in the restaurant industry, Mike was ready to leave the long hours that included weekends and holidays as well as the accompanying stress behind. He knew he wanted to run his own business, so he wrote down specific parameters he was looking for in a business enterprise. A key criterion was to purchase a franchise with a successful company that would allow for his own creativity and work ethic as well as designing his own schedule. He brought with him two guys he worked with in the restaurant industry, Mike and Jeff. Mike describes his team as fully committed to always learning, always teaching each other, and core concepts of respect, caring, and excellence in all that they

do.

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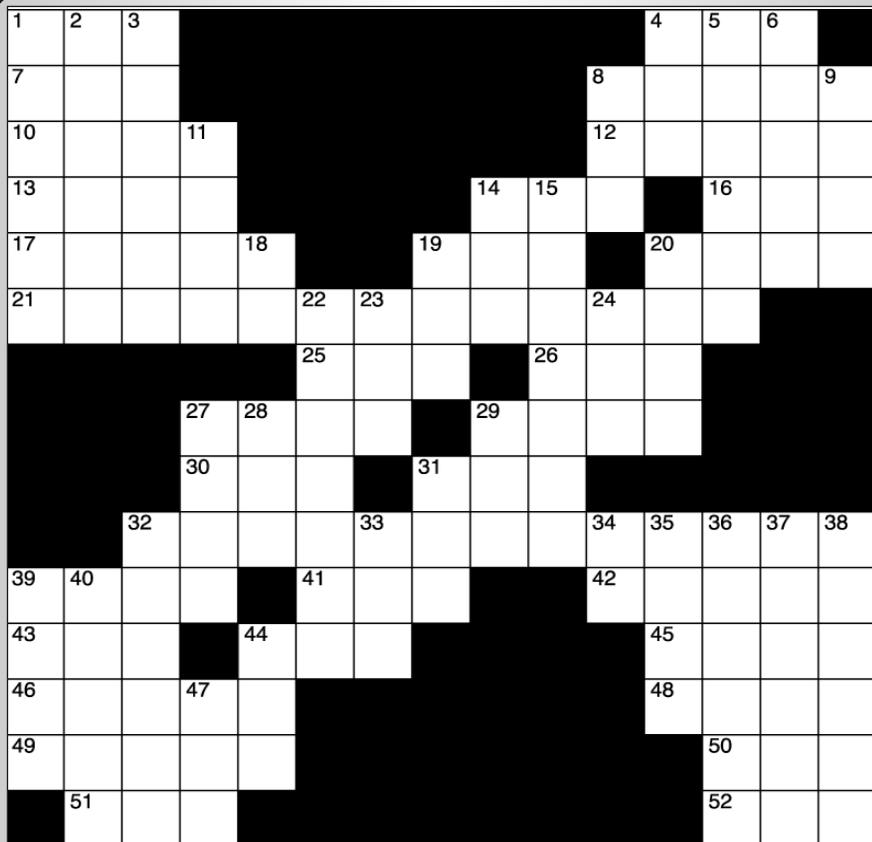
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 - 19. Former OSS
 - 20. Oven for ceramics
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Answers for July 15

Outdoor workout offered

Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) invites the public to get outside and get active with them as they take their fitness classes outdoors this summer.

Monday evenings from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in August, WCRP will host fitness classes at two Worcester County parks located in West Ocean City.

Herring Creek Nature Park, located on Nature Park Drive, will offer a Circuit Training class on August 10 and Yoga on August 24.

Homer Gudelsky Park, located on Old Bridge Road and the bay, will offer PiYo on August 17 and a Core & More

Class on August 31. Let's get outside and stay moving this summer!

Classes are open to those ages 18 and older. All equipment needed to participate will be provided by WCRP, but feel free to bring your own yoga mat. The fee for these classes is \$5 per person, per night. Pre-registration is recommended. Payment will be due at class time each week.

For more information on this exciting new fitness program, contact Lea Cataggio at 410-632-2144, ext. 109 or lcataggio@co.worcester.md.us. Visit our website at www.WorcesterRecandParks.org for a registration form.

Boys lacrosse camp offered

Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks (WCRP) will offer a Boys Lacrosse Camp this summer. Boys entering grades fifth through ninth are invited to spend a week learning and playing the Creator's Game. Camp will be held at the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex in Berlin beginning Monday, July 27, and will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Instructing camp will be Coach Kevin Gates, who has over 25 years of coaching experience at both the college and high

school levels.

Participants will learn the fundamental skills of lacrosse and be able to apply this knowledge in game situations throughout this fun-filled camp. Campers will need their own lacrosse stick, helmet, gloves, arm pads, shoulder pads, protective cup, cleats & water bottles. Goalies will need their own chest and throat protectors.

The fee for this camp is \$120 per

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your home, condominium, or business, and as Mike describes, the benefits are enormous. People are already familiar with the benefits of tinting in their vehicles. Similarly, 3M's window tinting reduces glare and fading, cuts the heat footprint, and saves you money on your air-conditioning. Additionally, the film is designed to last forever. These benefits can help you recoup your investment and more as time goes on.

In terms of challenges Mike has faced in running Window Genie, he points out that marketing has been one of his biggest. In Mike's prior experience in the restaurant industry, the marketing work was all done for him. Knowing where and how to advertise has been a steep learning curve while still remaining price-competitive. Fortunately, those bold purple trucks provide their own effective form of advertising. Additionally, the efforts Mike and his team have undergone to build their reputation for providing superior quality work at low prices have paid off in excellent customer service ratings, referrals, and repeat business. In offering some words of advice to people interested in going into business for themselves, Mike gets right to the point: "It's harder than you think. The No. 1 thing I've read about successful people is that they work hard. Being self-employed, getting a business off the ground, and branding a company is hard work."

Mike adds that the payoff for all the hard work is worth it. He loves being able to reclaim some of the free time he had once missed out on. In his free time Mike loves the beach, the bay, and fishing. His particular passion is the Ocean City Reef Foundation and its efforts to restore our fisheries and habitats and cleaning our waters. Mike sums it up fittingly – "Working hard, enjoying what you do, and living in this area with the beautiful waterways all around is what it's all about."

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vanced meters will automatically upload meter readings every few hours. These readings will be sent to a local collection point using an encrypted 30-second data transmission. The data transmission will be made using radio frequency in the range of 900 megahertz. The collection point will aggregate meter readings in an area and forward the information to the Co-op central processors.

Information on the new meters and additional information can be found on the Choptank Electric web site here: <http://choptankelectric.com/node/175>

Choptank Electric Co-op will begin to see an immediate cost avoidance of reading meters. Over time, fewer and fewer members have been reading and reporting their electric meters. The cost to

have staff, vehicles etc. to read meters over a large area has grown significantly and that cost will be reduced when advanced meters are installed system-wide.

According to Choptank Vice President of Member Affairs, Bob Behlke, one big advantage for members and the Co-op will become evident in case of a large power outage. Restoration of service after a major outage involves the employment any and all repair crews available. Currently, the restoration crews are dismissed when it appears power has been restored to nearly all of the affected properties. However, Ocean Pines has many weekend, seasonal and occasional residents. There have been instances where power was restored to an area but individual homes within the area remained without power. When the resident arrived at their home, they (and the Co-op) were surprised to learn their residence did not have power. This can have severe consequences for the homeowner and can cause the Co-op to incur additional expense to recall the repair crews. The advanced meter should reduce the occurrence of such situations.

An opt-out option is available; information on that option is also located on the web site cited above. Some residents in Ocean Pines have said that they are opposed to the installation of advanced meters and intend to opt-out of the program.

Some Choptank members seem to confuse the installation of the advanced meter with a load control system. A load control system can

moderate heating, cooling or, in some cases, heating hot water in a residence when demand for electricity is peaking. The advanced meters being installed have nothing to do with the Choptank load control program. Residents interested in the load control program should contact Choptank to get information about that specific program. Choptank can be reached at <http://choptankelectric.com/content/load-control> or 1-877-892-0001.

Mr. Burrell Kilmer, a managing director in Navigant Consulting's Energy and Utilities practice was consulted for this article. Mr. Kilmer owns property in Ocean Pines but he has no connection with

management of Choptank Electric Cooperative. Mr. Kilmer has broad knowledge of advanced meters and, in fact, has had one for some time on a property he owns which is served by Baltimore Gas & Electric. Mr. Kilmer takes a more confident view of the installation of advanced meters. While problems existed in some early installations many years ago, Mr. Kilmer holds that the advanced meters are a step forward for the industry. Analog meters (those with the spinning wheels and dial gages) are obsolete technology and will need to be replaced someday. Using modern items to replace obsolete items is a very routine process in our world.

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camper. In addition, participants must register for a US Lacrosse Membership in order to participate in this camp. The fee is \$25 for under age 15 and \$35 for ages 15-18. You can register for this at www.uslacrosse.org. Participants must provide proof of US Lacrosse Membership to Worcester County Recreation & Parks prior to camp. Participation will not be allowed without verification of this membership. No exceptions.

For more information call Kelly Rados at 410-632-2144 x102 or krados@co.worcester.md.us. Visit our website at www.WorcesterRecandParks.org for a registration form. Don't forget to join our mailing list and to like us on Facebook.

Tide and Sun Chart

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

DATE	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thur., July 23	12:52 a.m. 1:27 p.m.	7:13 a.m. 7:44 p.m.	5:55 a.m.	8:18 p.m.
Fri., July 24	1:41 a.m. 2:20 p.m.	7:58 a.m. 8:38 p.m.	5:56 a.m.	8:18 p.m.
Sat., July 25	2:34 a.m. 3:16 p.m.	8:47 a.m. 9:34 p.m.	5:57 a.m.	8:17 p.m.
Sun., July 26	3:30 a.m. 4:11 p.m.	9:38 a.m. 10:31 p.m.	5:57 a.m.	8:16 p.m.
Mon., July 27	4:26 a.m. 5:04 p.m.	10:32 a.m. 11:27 p.m.	5:58 a.m.	8:15 p.m.
Tues., July 28	5:20 a.m. 5:54 p.m.	11:26 a.m.	5:59 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
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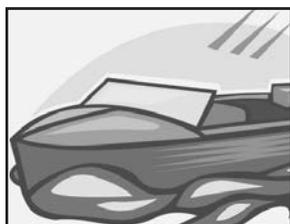
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For Art's Sake...

Walt's Schumacher's is behind the lens

By **Stasia Heubeck**

Walt Schumacher has been a photographer for at least 40 years. He loves photographing landscapes, fishing boats and the wildlife of our area, capturing them with his Canon SLR camera.

One of the founders of the Ocean Pines Camera Club, and now its current president, Walt learned about photography at a young age when he worked with his father in his darkroom. They both were members of the Baltimore Camera Club to which the famous Aubrey A. Bodine belonged. Bodine was well-known for his photos that were published in the *Baltimore Sun*.

Although there are a few purists out there, most photographers have embraced the digital age with its versatile cameras and printing methods. The Ocean Pines Camera Club meets on the second Monday of each month at the Ocean Pines library, followed by a photo shoot on the following weekend. Once a month, Walt leads a hands-on workshop covering topics like Macro (close-ups). The club enjoys participating in contests sponsored by local organizations and has assisted in judging student photography images for the Worcester County school system. Walt has won many awards, including prizes from the Art League of Ocean City and the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art. He placed third in

2013 and in 2014 at the Ward Museum's Art in Nature Photo Festival. He highly recommends visiting the festival which will be held this year on August 7 to 9 in Salisbury.

Born and raised in Baltimore, Walt served in the U.S. Navy during the Cuban missile crisis. He even-



Walt Schumacher

tually had a career with Bendix Corporation in the aerospace division. He married his wife, Mary Lou and together they raised three daughters. After living in Finksburg in Carroll County, Walt and Mary Lou moved to Ocean Pines. Mary Lou is an oil painter who often uses Walt's photos as inspiration for her work. The couple's family now includes 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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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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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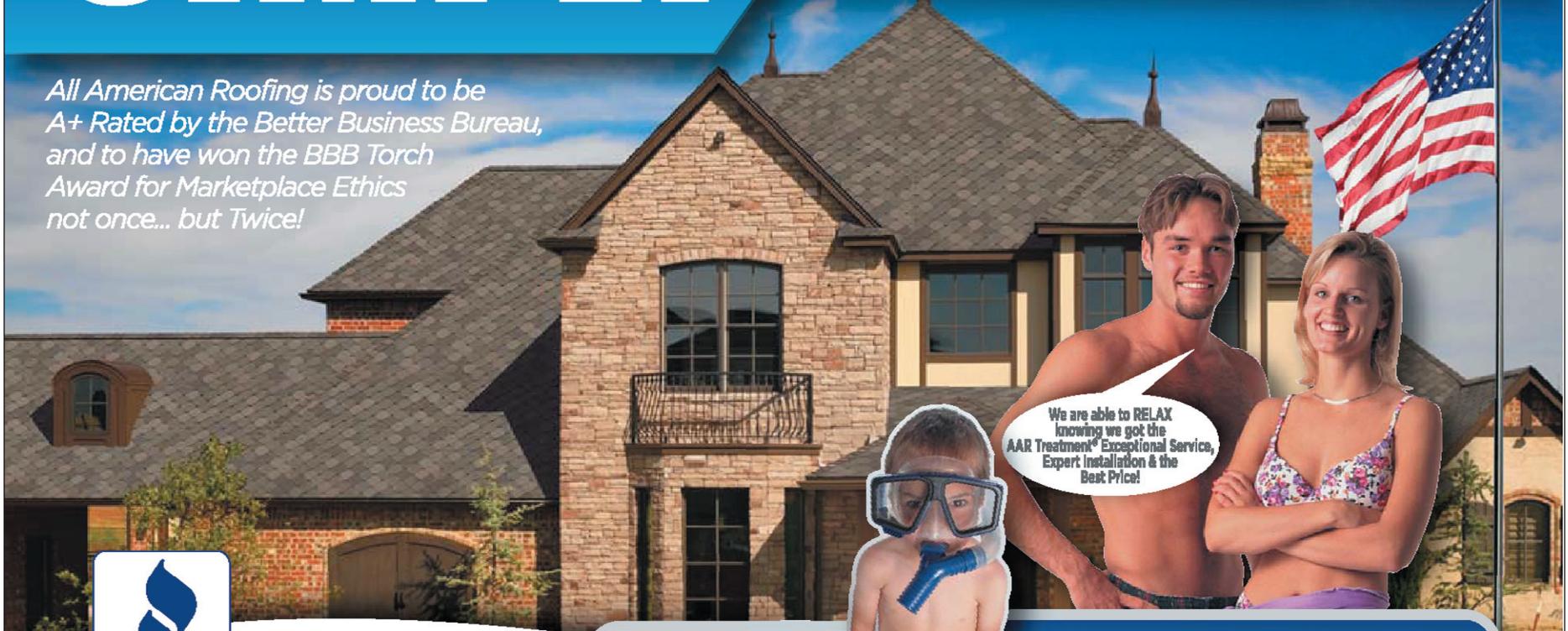
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