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Sheriff to speak

Worcester County Sheriff Reggie Mason will be the guest speaker at the February 19 meeting of the Worcester County Tea Party. The sheriff and members of the Criminal Enforcement Team will discuss the heroin epidemic on the Eastern Shore. The meeting will take place at the Ocean Pines library beginning at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information email WCTP-Patriots@gmail.com, go to the web site www.worcestercountyteaparty.com, <https://www.facebook.com/WorcesterCountyTea-Party> or call 443-614-7214.



**Sheriff
Reggie Mason**

Cat adoption event set

Town Cats, Inc. of Ocean Pines will hold a Cat Adoption Event at Petco in West Ocean City on Saturday February 14 and 28 from 11 a.m. until 3 a.m. Cats will be available for viewing and adoption at the event. Also, information and help for spaying and neutering feral cats will be available. Contact person for adoptions: Chris at 610-716-3704.



Support group to meet

The Suicide Grievors' Support Group will meet Wednesday, February 18 at 6 p.m. at the Worcester County Health Department located at 9730 Healthway Drive in Berlin, adjacent to Atlantic General Hospital. The meeting is open to anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide. There is no judgment, just quiet listening and caring from those who have been there. For information visit www.choosetolivemaryland.org or call (410) 629-0164.

Legion to have Bingo

There will be Bingo every Thursday at the Ocean City American Legion, 24th and Philadelphia. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6:30 p.m. Food and refreshments available. The event is open to the public. For more information call 410-289-3166



Berquist represents Berlin Pop Warner Seahawks

Brett Berquist is flanked by Berlin Pop Warner Vice-President **Anne Waples** and President **Tony Morris**. Berquist was nominated for the Casey Lynch Leadership Award which recognizes one Henlopen Conference Pop Warner player for outstanding scholarship, leadership and community involvement. Berquist, who is the son of Mary and Steve Berquist of Bishopville, is a three-time Pop Warner All-American.

Anna Foultz is a scout for the ages

By **Kelsey Reichenberg**

Ocean Pines resident Anna Foultz, 89, is the oldest active Girl Scout in the area, if not the world. Foultz became a Girl Scout in her early 20s, inspired by the troops' ability to reach places they would have not otherwise reached. She attributes much of her success, skills and personality traits to the Girl Scouts.

"Through the Girl Scout training program, I learned how to volunteer and help people," Foultz said. "I became self-reliant and then taught that to the troops." Although she has been a Girl Scout for nearly 65 years, her passion for the organization has not run dry. She encourages the community to either join or support a local troop.

Throughout her life, Foultz and her family moved all over the country for her husband's career. "The first thing I would do when we moved was find the local Girl Scout troop," Foultz said, laughing at the memory. "I would go knock on their door and ask to volunteer. Over time I formed attachments with the

local troop. It was difficult to pick up and move again." In Texas, Foultz directed the Girl Scout programs in three different schools. She has also assisted troops in Virginia, Washington DC, South Carolina, New Jersey, and New York. One of the many Girl Scout activities she enjoyed was camping with the troops, which consisted of building tents, food and singing campfire songs.

The ways in which Foultz has contributed to the Girl Scouts organization vary and have been noticed by many, including United States congressmen and President Jimmy Carter. The President took notice



Anna Foultz

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Worcester Prep Pre-Kindergarten teacher Jeanie Mancini has announced that she will retire in June. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year Worcester's current Lower School computer teacher Erika Phillips will lead the pre-kindergarten program at the school. (front l-r) John Lynch, Kinzie Bunting, Gracie Holloway, Mac Miller, (back) Ellie Phillips, Erika Phillips, Jeanie Mancini, and Gabriel Sardi.

Mancini to retire from WPS

In 1989 Jeanie Mancini walked into Dr. Barry Tull's office and suggested Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) create an early childhood program. Tull, the school's headmaster, had been thinking along the same lines and agreed with the ideas Mancini presented. "I remember that day well," said Dr. Tull, "and I remember thinking that Mancini would be the perfect teacher for our youngest students. She was."

Twenty-six years later, after watching her treasured 4-year-olds go through their years at Worcester and off to college and careers, Mancini, a master teacher and mother of two WPS alumni, will retire in June. The Mancini brand of teaching—caring, encouraging, dynamic and fun—will always be part of Worcester Prep's

early childhood program. Mancini plans to use her time after retirement to enjoy her first grandchild and to work with her husband Gabby at the family restaurant, Mancini's, in Fenwick Island. "I'll miss my beautiful little ones," said Mancini, "but I'll always take pleasure in remembering their eagerness to learn and their love of life. I'll enjoy following many of them as they move forward in their schoolwork and careers."

As Worcester Prep prepares for Jeanie Mancini's retirement this year, it welcomes master teacher Erika Phillips as the new Pre-K teacher. Phillips, who is certified in Early Childhood Education, has been at Worcester for eleven years, first as a Grade 5 teacher and currently as

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Local housing data reflects industry strength

Although the latest figures from the Coastal Association of Realtors (CAR) reflects increased contracts and settlements compared to the same time last year, area home values dipped slightly in January, as is custom across the country during the coldest time of the year.

CAR's January local housing statistics which represent the activity of CAR's more than 1,000 realtor members in Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties, reflect a 17.2 percent increase in contracts, or pending sales, and a 13.7 percent increase in settlements, or completed sales. However, the figures also reflect a 12.6 percent increase in the average number of days that homes stay on the market, a 21.9 percent decrease in list prices, and a 22 percent decrease in sales prices.

"It's not uncommon that real estate sales are not at their best during the cold month of January. Also, a lot of people are strapped for cash after the holiday season," said Joel Maher, vice president of the CAR board of directors and a real estate agent with Coldwell

Banker Residential of Salisbury. "But as the weather gets warmer and tax returns start coming in, we'll definitely see a boost in foot traffic and settlements."

According to the National Association of Realtors home sales generally invariably decline in September after school begins, then hold steady in October, dip again in November, and stabilize again in December. Because of the dark, cold weather spanning the country, January is not pretty for home sales, with an average plunge of 27 percent. Sunlight then flickers in February with a small rise and much stronger activity then arises in March and April, and throughout the summer months.

The local statistics reflect a strong inventory of homes available for sale, with a very slight – 0.6 percent – increase in listings. Prospective buyers are encouraged to take advantage of the still historically low mortgage interest rates and see these homes during a time of year which tests their durability.

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2012 Business of the Year

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Continuing a tradition established after the Civil War were the Buffalo soldiers who started out as members of the all-black 10th Cavalry Regiment sent west to keep peace between native Americans, white soldiers, and settlers. In a segregated armed forces, the 10th Cavalry's "Buffalo soldiers" served later with Teddy Roosevelt when he and his "Rough Riders" stormed San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War in 1898, and even afterwards, during World Wars I and II as well as Korea. One of the last of a group of enlistees to serve as a Buffalo soldier was Worcester County native, Edward Johnson, who was born in Snow Hill on December 2, 1918. He enlisted in the 10th Cavalry Unit in 1939 just prior to turning 21. Trooper Edward Johnson served in the United States Armed Forces for over 31 years, retiring as a Sergeant Major in 1971. - http://www.visitworcester.org/printables/Worcester_African-American_Heritage.pdf



Be sure to get all the facts about trusts

Editor:

A couple of weeks ago, I read the article "Funding a Revocable Living Trust". While I agree with most of the article, part of the last sentence is simply misleading and incorrect – "...you can enjoy the satisfaction of gifting your loved one simpler, cheaperoutside of probate". In 2000 a brochure called "Living Trusts: **GET THE FACTS!**" was prepared jointly by the Estates and Trusts Section Council of the MD State Bar Association and the MD Register of Wills Association because of misinformation being disseminated regarding Living Trusts. This brochure answers most questions



Charlotte Cathell

anyone may have regarding said trusts. Briefly, normally the probate process is a fairly easy and inexpensive process. When any asset is jointly held – there is no reason to probate those assets. The only reason to probate an asset is if something is held in someone's name *alone*. The probate fee depends on the value of the asset(s) that was held in the decedent's name *alone* – for example, if a house, car and bank account were in the decedent's name alone and valued between \$250,000 and \$500,000, the probate fee would be \$500. If one were to have a Living Trust prepared for those same assets, that person would have to pay for the creation of the Trust in addition to the preparation and filing of a deed and the transfer of the car title (probably the only bank charges would be for

new checks).

While a Living Trust can be helpful in certain situations such as a person in poor health who wants someone else to manage his/her assets, second or subsequent marriages or the grantor owns property in more than one state in addition to other reasons, I would respectfully suggest that anyone who may be considering having a Living Trust prepared go to the website www.registers.maryland.gov and click on publications for this brochure or call my office – 410-632-1529 - to have a copy mailed to you to assure that you are making an "informed" decision.

Charlotte K. Cathell
Register of Wills

Research should trump ignorance

Editor:

In late 1979 our daughter, Heidi, then 17, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease, a blood cancer. Her outlook was good, and she was treated with chemotherapy at Memorial Sloan Kettering in NYC for several months. She was hopeful that she'd be able to begin college in September 1980. But that summer, she was exposed to the chicken pox virus, varicella zoster, for which there was no vaccine at that time. Because of her cancer treatments, her immune system was compromised and she died in November of 1980, not of the cancer, but of the chicken pox.

Several years later, after much scientific research, a vaccine was developed to prevent chicken pox. Children with compromised and healthy immune systems are now protected from death from this common childhood disease.

It is incomprehensible to me how the results of hard and proven science are today looked upon by some as myth, or optional choices. It would be the end of civilization as we know it if the childhood scourges of my young life were unloosed today among our children—polio, measles, whooping cough, diphtheria, chickenpox and more—because scientific research had been placed on the sacrificial altar of opinion, feelings and ignorance.

Barbara Doyle Schmid
Ocean Pines

Perspective

Stevens shatters his board majority

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright; The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light, And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout; But there is no joy in Mudville — mighty Casey has struck out.



Joe Reynolds

It was inevitable. OPA Board of Directors members Dave Stevens and Marty Clarke had virtually no chance of working as a team. OPA's so-called "new board majority" has struck out.

The reality is, there never was a viable new board majority after the OPA election last August. Yes, there were the trappings, the bravado, the election of new officers, the symbolic moving of the General Manager to the end of the board table at meetings; the near elimination of the GM's long PowerPoint presentations. In the end, however, it was all meaningless, an observation made painfully clear at the

board meeting last Saturday.

A political majority is only as effective as the cohesiveness of its members. This current supposed majority of Dave Stevens, Marty Clarke, Pat Renaud and Jack Collins, like Humpty Dumpty, has fallen and will never be put back together again.

Political majorities don't have to agree on every issue, but without agreement on major issues they cannot survive. In Ocean Pines there is no more major issue currently than whether or not to eliminate \$130 reserve funding in the assessment for the so-called Five Year Plan initiated about six years ago.

Clarke made elimination of this part of the assessment a cornerstone of goals for the new majority. Last Saturday, OPA president Dave Stevens parted ways with Clarke and announced his support for continued collection of the \$130 in the assessment. Mindful Clarke would not be a happy camper, Stevens tried a ruse even a three-year-old would see through. He proposed continued collection of the money but changing the name of the reserve fund it goes into.

Board member and former OPA

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It's a younger man's game

Be prepared. You are warned that what you're about to read is based on firsthand experience, a lot of love and even more exhaustion. Parenting is a younger person's game. There I wrote



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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it. I'm not proud to admit that at my age I have a hard time keeping a pace with an almost three year old and a five month old. But the facts are what the facts are: I just don't have the stamina any more to chase after a three-foot sprinter who needs a bath. Tending to a screaming five month old, cute-as-a-button little boy who's fussing over I don't know what nearly brings me to my knees, and I don't mean to pray. I mean because I feel dizzy. Of course, it probably wouldn't hurt to pray while I'm down there. I could use all the help I can get.

My wife and I recently watched our grandchildren while my daughter was out of town for several days. Certainly we're happy to do it. In fact we insisted we would do it when our daughter was wavering about leaving. "Go," we said. "It's not a problem at all," we said. We meant it then and were happy we could be there for our daughter and grandchildren. But, truth be told, we're not as young as we once were. Not only that but it's been a long time since our schedules revolved around nap times, snacks and dealing with a child stalling going to be bed. We're very much out of practice and it showed. It made me feel like the Tin Man in need of not just oiling but a complete overhaul.

Before we were married my wife and I often talked about whether we wanted children (yes), when we wanted children (we'll wait five years we agreed) and how we would parent (always showing a united front). Well, we accomplished two of those three objectives. However, within a year and half of exchanging vows, our daughter was born. The five year plan went right out the window along with restful nights and dinners out. We didn't mind because we realized that when our children were grown we'd still be young. And although I believe that's true, my recent experience only underscored

that it was better for us to have our children when we did instead of waiting to have children at this stage in our lives. I don't think I'd survive.

Having been temporarily engaged in the "parenting" role brought sharp focus to how my life has changed since the time when the unexpected potty breaks of a small child punctuated my routine. I'm just getting accustomed to my own unexpected breaks; accounting for someone else's in my schedule presented conflicts in uncertain territory. On those close occasions it sometimes got down to opting for the lesser embarrassment.

Being once again on the front line of diaper changing, bottle preparation and cleaning up toys strewn around the room many memories of what my wife endured when our children were young has come to the fore. This time around though I'm not traveling for work and have no legitimate excuses for not doing my fair share. Yet, it hasn't stopped me from trying; articulating the old excuses to weasel out of getting up for the early morning feeding or changing a diaper. I've even conjured up the dulcet voice I mastered long ago that was equal parts sincerity, sympathy and earnestness. I would have thought it would be like riding a bike; however, my wife hasn't been at all susceptible to my sweet tones like she was back in the day. With age, she's become much wiser and I've become less scarce. Lucky me.

About four days into our experience, we handed the kids off to their other grandparents. This had been arranged by our daughter before she left. We packed up toys, a diaper bag, a dog and a Pack and Play into the back of the car and made the delivery. A little while later my wife and I were relaxing on the sofa, enjoying the peace and quiet that we had up until recently taken for granted. It wasn't long before we looked at one another and began talking about the kids and laughing at their exploits. We hadn't been separated from them more than an hour and we were already missing them.

I guess no matter how old I get and no matter how trying it can be sometimes to have little ones underfoot, there's something amiss when they're not around.

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Betty's Corner ...

James and Ellen Morvick

by **Betty Cianci**

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Jim was born in Dayton, Ohio, raised in Schenectady, NY, and received an associate's degree from Stockton College in California. Jim worked a total of 40 years for United

Airlines in Washington, DC holding a position as supervisor and coordinator for flight attendants. While working for United Airlines, Jim met his wife Ellen. The Morvicks have been married for 48 years and are proud parents and grandparents of two daughters and three grandsons. Their oldest daughter, Jennifer, resides in Dallas, TX with her husband and two sons and Catherine resides in Parker, CO with her husband and one son.



Club installs new officers

During its December Holiday Luncheon the Pine'eer Craft Club installed officers for 2015. Pictured are **Luz Castillo** (shop treasurer), **Barbara Stilwell** (assistant shop treasurer), **Grace McCormac** (asst. treasurer), **Jane Wolnik** (treasurer), **Jacki Kollar** (shop manager), **Lois Schultz**, (2nd vice president), **Janet Rosentsteel** (1st vice president), **Sharon Puser** (president), **Linda Brindley** (recording secretary), and **Louise Lassiter** (corresponding secretary).

The club will hold its next meeting on Thursday, February 19 at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Refreshments begin at 9:45 a.m. followed by a business meeting at 10 a.m. Following the meeting the group will work on beaded bracelets. Each month a different craft or activity is planned. Guests are welcome.

The Pine'eer Craft Club also operates the Pine'eer Gift Shop located on the roadway between the Ocean Pines Community Center and White Horse Park. The shop will re-open in March with fabulous handmade/hand-crafted items which make wonderful gifts or delightful additions to your home decor. Check out the shop on Saturdays and Sundays from 10-4 beginning on March 14.



Jim and Ellen Morvick

Jim currently gives many volunteer working hours of service to his church and various local organizations. One of his assignments is working as a volunteer at Atlantic General Hospital (AGH) in the emergency room, the Endoscopy Center and the Surgical Unit. Jim, a parishioner at St. John Neumann RC Church in Berlin also serves as an Eucharistic Minister to the sick and homebound; a lector at mass; a member of the Bereavement Commit-

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Sam's Club helps OPVFD

Sam's Club will continue to partner with the Ocean Pines Association through 2015 to bring a special membership offer to benefit area residents and the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department.

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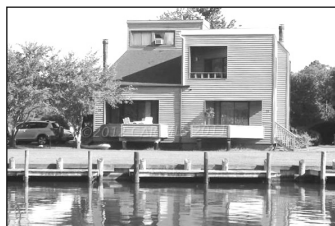
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New fuel legislation would help boaters

New bipartisan legislation recently introduced would help ensure recreational boaters do not put unsafe fuel in their boats, according to Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS). Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), with 30 co-sponsors introduced the Renewable Fuel Standard Reform Act of 2015. BoatUS is urging all boaters to contact their US Representative to support the bill. "The new bill would recognize the failure of the current Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) and its out of date ethanol-mandate, and make the necessary changes so there is a safe fuel for all gasoline powered engines," said BoatUS Government Affairs Program Manager Nicole Palya Wood.

According to Wood, BoatUS supports the bill because, "The RFS Reform Act acknowledges the reality of America's declining fuel consumption, allows for the investment in other more compatible biofuels, and erases the twisted math that forces more ethanol onto a marketplace that neither demands it, nor can physically absorb it at safe levels."

Currently, there are no marine engines in the U.S. warranted to run on any gasoline blend greater than 10% ethanol (E10). According to AAA, only about 12 million out of the more than 240 million light-duty vehicles on the roads today are approved to use E15 gasoline, based on a survey conducted by AAA of auto manufacturers. Any damage from the use of higher ethanol fuels (E15 or greater) in cars and trucks will void many manufacturers' warranties.

When the RFS was written in 2005, it assumed that Americans' gasoline use would continue to rise and mandated escalating amounts of biofuels to be blended with our fuel. However, since 2005, gasoline usage has actually dropped steadily. The unintended effect is now the law that forces more ethanol into the nation's gasoline supply, and to maintain adherence with the RFS rules, in 2010 the EPA permitted fuel containing up to 15% ethanol (E15) into the marketplace, a fuel many gasoline engines

cannot use.

It is illegal to use E15 in boat engines, snowmobiles, motorcycles, small engines such as lawnmowers and leaf blowers as well as any vehicle made before 2001. However, this fuel can now be found at over 100 gas stations in 16 states at the same pumps as E10 and ethanol-free gasoline.

The potential for misfueling is significant. In the U.S., nine out of every ten boaters own a trailerable boat that is most often filled up at a roadside gas station. Additionally, these higher blend ethanol fuels are often the cheapest fuels at the pump.

The new bill would cap the ethanol requirements at E10 (10 percent ethanol), would effectively prohibit the use of corn-based ethanol in the RFS, require more advanced biofuels and take into account actual, real-world production of biofuels when setting requirements.

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president Tom Terry, now in the minority group, tried to control his excitement, even saying he needed time to consider the Stevens proposal. But the writing was on the wall and Terry saw it immediately. Sharyn O'Hare and GM

Bob Thompson did not appear to be as observant as Terry about what had just happened. It was a political bombshell; in some ways it was the end of something that never really existed.

Like Terry, Marty Clarke knew exactly what had happened, and he was not happy. He turned to the audience and said, "I'm announcing to the media

that I will not run for re-election to the board." Shortly thereafter he packed up his papers, put on his coat and left the building.

Stevens continued on as though nothing had happened. By the end of the board meeting, the board had failed to eliminate virtually any fat from the GM's proposed 2015-2016 budget; Tom Terry was still blaming the fire department for the GM's proposed assessment increase; and the board had voted to add some expenditures that could more than double the assessment increase originally proposed by the GM.

All this transpired in over five boring hours, with the interesting stuff happening at the very end when nearly all association members attending had either fallen asleep or left the building. Some were put off by what seemed like incomprehensible mumbling by board members due to either an inadequate sound system or board members who do not know how to use the \$7,000 microphones scattered about the table with little more usefulness than flower pots.

In the end, Stevens destroyed his majority for little or no purpose. He

parted ways with Clarke on Clarke's most important issue, only to then say he did not want to see an assessment increase this year. To prevent an increase, Stevens then incredibly suggested reducing the disputed \$130 Five Year Plan assessment amount. So the net result would be no increase in the assessment as opposed to Clarke's proposed plan of reducing the assessment by about \$50.

Is it possible Stevens and Clarke will kiss and make up? If so, on what premise, and how will Collins and Renaud fit into the equation?

Back on August 10, 2014, right after the election and excitement over the "new board majority," I wrote the following:

"The relationship between Clarke and Stevens may not end up being as smooth as some might think. This new majority's major commonality is a desire to exert greater control over the GM. Beyond that all bets are off."

Interestingly, all sides seem to agree that OPA's reserve funds will stand at a relatively high amount of about \$4 million at the end of fiscal 2015-2016, even if the \$130 is not collected.

All in all, it proves once again — You Can't Make This Stuff Up.



Dave Stevens



Marty Clarke



Tom Terry



Proud family — Eric Cropper was recently sworn in as a member of the Worcester County Board of Education and celebrated the occasion with his family. Pictured above is the Cropper family: **Bess, Eric, Eric, Jr., Grace and Sara.** Mr. Cropper was elected to his first term in November.

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DeNovo's to celebrate anniversary

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday February 12 at 5 p.m. to commemorate the 10th anniversary of DeNovo's Trattoria. Located just inside the South Gate of Ocean Pines, DeNovo's Trattoria is in the Manklin Creek Station Shopping Center.

Opening their doors in 2005, owners Robert and Kelli Beck have introduced DeNovo's Trattoria as a casual dining restaurant and bar with an Italian flare. A popular gathering place for Ocean Pines area residents and visitors, they offer an eat-in dining room, bar, take-out and catering services.

Over the past 10 years they have proved to be a local's favorite and an important part of the Ocean Pines community. They have contributed and helped to support many of the area non-profit organizations including the Worcester County Veterans Memorial, Diakonia, Kiwanis and many more. The restaurant is a ten year member of the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce.

WINE about it

by Jean Marx

If you haven't been to the West-O Bottle Shop at 12611 Ocean Gateway in a couple years, you are in for a real treat. Owners David and Sara Hambury expanded their store in 2013 from 2,000 to 7,000 square feet. It is a beautiful setting that invites you to explore their vast array of liquor, beer and wines and to sample a wine or two at their on-site bar. Sara and David set out 16 years ago to become the friendliest liquor store around and they have done so by getting to know their customers and treating them like family.

The store used to be called the Green Room, but Sara saw an opportunity in the making when she observed locals referring to the area as simply "West O." Sara and David quickly trademarked West O and changed their store's name to the West-O Bottle Shop to capture the essence of the lively community. Sara and David give back to the community by holding many private fundraisers



that feature wine tastings. Examples of fundraising organizations they support are the Lower Shore Land Trust, Maryland Coastal Bays and Atlantic General Hospital, just to name a few. They offer a variety of wines in their tastings and provide education about each of them that includes attributes such as the wines' region, taste and age.

In addition to private fundraisers, anyone can enjoy wine tastings at the West-O Bottle Shop every Friday and Saturday year-round. The hours are typically from 4 to 7 p.m. on Fridays and from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Sara and David will regale you on the art of tasting wine. Sara describes that there are five major steps to tasting wine — See, Swirl, Smell, Sip and Savor. The first two steps are to view the wine's color and clarity and to open up the wine by swirling it in the glass. A good way to smell the wine is to initially cover your wine glass and then place your face over the glass to

inhale its fragrance. As you sip the wine, you can also breathe in air that further oxygenates it and allows the wine to hit all the taste regions of your mouth. And, of course, the best part is to savor it.

Another wonderful facet to the shop is that Sara and Dave hand-select each of the wines they sell. They do so by attending numerous wine distributor events, visiting embassies of various countries and traveling to meet with sommeliers and the winemakers themselves. Sara's personal wine favorites include any of Charles Smith's wines from Washington State and the Viognier white wine made by White Knight. As she says, "I just love these wines, because they smell like flowers and they have enough weight to hold up to food." White Knight is a winery that is now owned by the fourth generation of the Sebastiani family.

In their wine selections, Sara and David like to look for sustainable vineyards as well as those that are family-owned. At one of the visits Sara made to a family-owned vineyard, she watched one of the winemakers hand-pruning the vines. When she asked why he wasn't using all of the grapes, Sara said his reason made perfect sense. He told her that only the grapes that were left behind would be allowed to mature and be used in the wine. She adds, "In this way the

grapes that are used become much more delicious. The energy of the vine can only support so many grapes, so the fewer grapes that are used can make a better quality wine." Excellent quality wines can be found in abundance at the West-O Bottle Shop.

As native Eastern Shore residents, Sara and David are thrilled to live and work in the community they've coined as West O. They are also the proud parents of children ages 3 and 6. They look forward to showing their children the business and how it is indeed possible to truly love what you do for a living. As you step into the store, you will see that it isn't just top quality wines that await you. You are also sure to enjoy the Hamburys' wine knowledge and experience, the affordable prices and above all, their welcoming smiles.

Dennis writes into history

When Stephen Decatur High School junior Owen Dennis saw a writing contest posted on Naviance, a web-based college and career planning tool at his school, he did not hesitate to participate.



Owen Dennis

His participation paid off when he took home the honor of state winner in the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) Irish History Essay Contest along with a \$500 check made out directly to him.

Dennis will now go on to compete at the national level where he stands to win another \$1000.

Dennis, who proudly admits that he enjoys both writing and history, says that he learned a lot while completing his essay. In honor of the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, LAOH, an organization that pro-

motes Irish and Irish American History, required the theme of "The Role of Irish People in the American Civil War" in less than 1500 words.

In addition to a high school resume of straight As, Dennis plays high school baseball, plays in the band for his church, and participated in the Appalachia Service Project.

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1. Glasgow inhabitant

5. Dangerous tidal bore

10. Prevents harm to creatures

14. Upper class

15. Caused an open infection

16. Styptic

17. Am. Natl. Standards Inst.

18. Muse of lyric poetry and mime

19. He fiddled

20. Afrikaans

22. Don't know when yet

23. Mottled cat

24. 1803 USA purchase

27. Engine additive

30. Reciprocal of a sine

31. ___ King Cole, musician

32. Time in the central U.S.

35. Insect pupa sheaths

37. Prefix denoting "in a"

38. Okinawa port city

39. Capital of Páide-Calais

40. Small amount

41. Fictional elephant

42. Grave

43. 12th month (abbr.)

44. Knights' garment

45. One point S of due E

46. Lender Sallie

47. Express pleasure

48. Grassland, meadow

49. Vikings state

52. Deck for divination

55. Mountain

56. Cavalry sword

60. Largest known toad species

61. Once more

63. Cavity

64. Paper this tin plate

65. Slang for backward

66. James ___, American steam engineer

67. Sea eagles

68. Wooded

69. Expression of annoyance

DOWN

1. Spawn of an oyster

2. Town near Venice

3. Bone (pl.)

4. Pair of harness shafts

5. Midway between E and SE

6. Of a main artery

7. Catches

8. Maintained possession

9. Old Tokyo

10. Yemen capital

11. Commoner

12. Street border

13. Old Xiamen

21. Soul and calypso songs

23. Explosive

25. Put into service

26. Swiss river

27. Territorial division

28. Pulse

29. Hair curling treatments

32. Small group of intriguers

33. Portion

34. Slightly late

36. Taxi

37. Political action committee

38. Grab

40. Between 13 & 19

41. Tai currency

43. Newsman

Rather

44. Great school in Mass.

46. Technology school

47. Have a great ambition

49. Groans

50. Fill with high spirits

51. Expressed pleasure

52. Modern London gallery

53. Agelling agent in foods

54. Dilapidation

57. Swine

58. Footwear museum city

59. Respite

61. Creative activity

62. Slight head motion

Answers for Feb 4

That's how my garden grows...

By Betty McDermott



Hello Fellow Gardeners,

I hope you are as relieved as I am that January is over and gone with all its gloomy, cold and rainy weather. Let's hope that February will bring us more sunshine and milder temperatures.

Yes, there are gardening chores that should be done in February, weather permitting. However, if the month remains frigid cold, bleak and rainy, these chores can be put off until early March. Let's get into these outside gardening chores.

Now is the time to cut back to six or eight inches from the base your ornamental grasses. Remember to plan this activity on a non-windy day or you will have a mess of errant grasses to clean up in your yard as well as your neighbor's yard.

If you have lilac bushes and clematis vines, it is time to spread one cup of hydrated lime around the base of each plant; work the lime well into the soil and then water well. Do not prune your lilac bushes as this should have been done in the spring when your lilac bushes finished blooming. However, it is time to cut back your clematis vines to about four or five inches from the base. Yes, they will grow very long again and bloom.

This is the time of year to cut back and prune your crape myrtle bushes or trees. If your crape myrtle has grown to an unwanted size or height, don't be afraid to cut it way back; these are very hardy bushes and it is almost impossible to kill them. I hired a tree service company to come in and cut mine way back last year and I worried that they had cut it back too far. But, to my amazement and relief, it came back stronger and more beautiful than ever with prolific blossoms.

If you are a rose grower, late February and early March is the time to prune your rose bushes. As the weather warms up, look for tiny new buds or a swelling forming on the branches. Prune at a 45 degree angle one quarter inch above an outward facing bud or leaflet. Prune any

branch that crosses another branch. Do not prune knock-out roses all the way to the ground; just prune to reduce size and shape. If there is evidence of winter damaged canes, cut them back to healthy green wood. Remove any suckers you see growing from below the bud union. After pruning roses, work up the soil around the base, add some compost, and a rose fertilizer, mix well and then water.

A quick tip for all you fresh basil lovers. I recently discovered that our local Wal-Mart has beautiful and healthy looking fresh (live) basil plants for only \$2.98. Basil is considered a "power plant." Basil is full of disease fighting anti-oxidants and essential oils but is most powerful when it is fresh. Researchers recently found that a third or more of basil's polyphenols may be lost when the herb is dried. Dried basil in recipes is still a healthy choice if the fresh version is unavailable. However, if you can buy it at a reasonable price -go for it!

Before closing , I want to share with you avid gardeners a marvelous free catalog which can serve as an educational tool. This catalog is divided into categories with all the necessary information on growing and with beautiful, colorful illustrations. This catalog is called "Wayside Gardens." The sections are as follows; 1. Bulbs, 2.Sun Perennials, 3.Ornamentals, 4.Grasses, 5.Ground Covers, 6.Ferns, 7.Shade perennials, 8.Delectible Edibles, 9.Vines and Climbers, 10.Roses, 11. Sun loving shrubs, 12.Trees. You can call and order a copy by calling 1-800-845-1124, or go to Wayside Gardens .com. You will not be disappointed; it is a great reference for the novice as well as the knowledgeable gardener. Just sit back and enjoy the illustrations and get inspired.

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-Elsa Bakalar

Courier Bookshelf

by Dolores E. Pike



‘The Drop’

by Dennis Lehane

*John at the bar is a friend of mine
But there’s someplace that he’d
rather be
‘... if I could get out of this place.’
-“Piano Man” lyrics by Billy Joel*

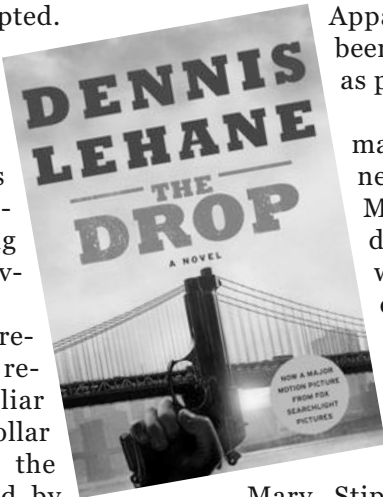
The name Dennis Lehane may not ring familiar to some readers but if they can recall movies such as “Mystic River,” “Gone Baby Gone” or “Shutter Island” well, he is the man behind the books from which the screen plays were adapted. He originally hails from Boston where of late he continued to reside with his family and to this day uses the city and its environs for as the setting of his well-scripted novels.

Mr. Lehane’s most recent book “The Drop” returns readers to familiar turf, that of the blue collar neighborhood where the people are recognized by their parish affiliation and the priest they confess their sins to. These are people who begin and end their lives in a radius of a few blocks, sprawling from one generation into the next. As a perfect ex-

ample he introduces readers to Bob, a loner, middle-aged bartender living a quiet bachelor life in his deceased parents’ home. Nothing ever happens to Bob and Bob never makes waves instead soothing over impending trouble.

Walking home from work in the early morning hours just after Christmas he comes upon a curbside trash can emitting whimpering sounds. From under some accumulated refuse Bob pulls out a pit bull puppy scared, quivering and showing signs of recent abuse. Apparently the dog had been deposited in the can as presumed dead.

Taking down Christmas decorations the next day at Cousin Marv’s bar where he does most of the scut work too, Bob is uncharacteristically bubbly and chatty about the puppy find he has taken to his heart and home. He is boring boss Marv Stipler who years ago graduated from petty criminal doings to front a bar for the Chechen mafia. Later that same evening the watering hole is held up by two thugs sporting ski masks. Were they so drugged-up not to know the



place is owned by and used as a “drop” for the mob? But then again, “There was so much dirty money flowing in and out of the neighborhood on any given day – far more than any legitimate income – that a smart man just had to be patient.”

The entire story takes place between the end of Christmas and Superbowl Sunday and Bob’s back-burner life undergoes a dramatic change. Not only does he become the owner of a dog but meets a woman who also needs tender loving care (TLC). But unfortunately for all concerned the dog’s abusive owner, a vicious ex-con, surfaces and threatens to take all that he claims as his property.

Told in a blend of sparse prose, clipped dialogue and lingo found on the seamy streets, it is a tale of lonely and scarred people, petty criminals and the Chechen mob. The book outlines the seething rivalries, the vicious paybacks, the double dealings of the ex-cons, thugs and ne’er-do-wells who continue to repeat the same damaging patterns of a lost life. Mr. Lehane knows how to set his scenes well with a single paragraph. Witness a bleak New England winter: a cigarette rolls down a mound of grey snow, sputtering out in an icy puddle. Witness the gentrification of a neighborhood: the handful of parishioners attending mass for the last time then staring back at the beautiful church, soon to be demolished in the name of condominiums.

But through this all if any reasons can be found to live life in the dregs of Bean Town Mr. Lehane deals his prescriptions in the love and companionship of a man for a woman; the attachment between a

man and someone who desperately needs someone. Add to this the undying affection of a dog to a caring master and the author permits hope to seep into the deepest voids.

This is a quick (barely 200 pages) read that moves right along and is recommended for an unpromising glimpse into lives that we fool ourselves into believing do not exist.

tee; a fourth grade catechist (Sunday School Teacher); and a member of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

Ellen was born and raised in Washington, DC and graduated from Anacostia High School. She worked at Pan American Airways in New York City and Washington, DC both in reservations and at the ticket counter. She also had worked in that capacity for United Airlines in Washington, DC and in San Francisco, CA,

Shortly after Ellen’s marriage to Jim, she became a stay-at-home mom. At that point in her life, Ellen began a new career as a contractor performing background checks of individuals for employment with the U.S. government. After their move to our area, Ellen volunteered at AGH and the Ocean Pines library branch for a number of years. Currently, she works part-time at a boutique in West Ocean City.

In summing up the feelings of herself and Jim, Ellen commented, “We enjoy life here, especially with all our friends and neighbors in The Parke.”

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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., February 12	12:55 a.m. 1:13 p.m.	7:18 a.m. 7:29 p.m.	6:54 a.m.	5:35p.m.
Fri., February 13	1:56 a.m. 2:14 p.m.	8:18 a.m. 8:26 p.m.	6:53 a.m.	5:36 p.m.
Sat., February 14	2:57 a.m. 3:16 p.m.	9:20 a.m. 9:26 p.m.	6:52 a.m.	5:37 p.m.
Sun., February 15	3:56 a.m. 4:15 p.m.	10:20 a.m. 10:26 p.m.	6:51 a.m.	5:38 p.m.
Mon., February 16	4:52 a.m. 5:10 p.m.	11:17 a.m. 11:23 p.m.	6:50 a.m.	5:39 p.m.
Tues., February 17	5:46 a.m. 6:04 p.m.	12:10 p.m.	6:49 a.m.	5:40 p.m.
Wed., February 18	6:38 a.m. 6:57 p.m.	12:18 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	6:47 a.m.	5:42 p.m.

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Lower School Computer teacher. “She is a caring and enthusiastic teacher,” commented Dr. Tull, “who will work hard to instill a love of learning in her students. Anyone who has watched Erika interact with students and parents—who has watched her teach—knows that she is the perfect person to continue the work Jeanie started for our school so many years ago.”

At Worcester Prep, students are encouraged to explore their passions and interests, which inspires a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. The Pre-Kindergarten program cultivates this love of learning and discovery, and the carefully designed environment encourages young students to explore, discover and grow. Erika Phillips is excited about taking on this program where children are eager to come to school every day and are excited about learning. “She is,” commented Celeste Bunting Head of Lower School, “like Jeanie Mancini, a treasure.”

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Research

Kindergarten students in Mrs. Christine Lieb's class at Ocean City Elementary are busy researching information for their reports on groundhogs. Pictured are **Kaleb Stewart, Kaden Ortt, and Ciara Johnson.**

foultz
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of Foulz's hard work and dedication in 1980 when he presented her with an award for her Girl Scouts in Action Program that she directed for four years. The program had the number-one cookie sales in the world, thanks to Foulz's creative idea. She gathered troops from Maryland, Virginia, and Washington D.C. to sell cookies together in the Springfield Mall in Virginia. Each troop had a director who would select a few scouts to perform at the mall. "People would hear the troops' songs while shopping and they would stop to buy cookies. It worked very well," Foulz explained. Foulz has also found joy in assisting scouts who are unable to afford the organization's dues. Because of all that she has accomplished with the Girl Scouts, she received an unusual award, a lifelong membership to the National Girl Scouts. "I was shocked when I received the news. I will be a scout for as long as I live," she claims.

Although Girl Scouts has kept her busy over the years, Foulz has still managed to find time to be involved in the community in other ways. She is

the founder and director of the volunteer group Star Charities that recently held the Beef and Beer Benefit for the wounded soldiers of Maryland. The event raised \$4,500. She also raises money for Alzheimer's disease prevention and conducts an annual drive to collect items for soldiers overseas, called Gift for Our Soldiers. Foulz's achievements have led her to several awards and recognitions, including 'Distinguished Citizen of the Year' by the Ocean City Lodge of the Sons of Italy in December, 2014, Worcester County Most Beautiful Person Award in 2004, and an induction into the Maryland State Senior Citizens' Hall of Fame in 2005. Her involvement within the community keeps her busy, and she loves to help others in any way possible.

Foulz continues to support the Girl Scouts by working on publicity and fundraisers for the local troop. She encourages the Ocean Pines community to attend the Worcester County Girl Scout troop's fundraiser at Carrabba's restaurant on Saturday, February 21 from noon to 3 p.m. Tickets can be bought in advance from Beverly Meadows, 443-235-1019, or Anna Foulz, 410-641-7667, or they can be bought at the door for \$12.

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

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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** 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.choosetolive-maryland.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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Road project — After completing a Transportation Unit, kindergarten students at Ocean City Elementary School created ramps out of classroom objects and tested them using their favorite car. Pictured are **James Bergey** and **Brody Latona**, students from Mrs. Robyn Diesel's class.

County Connection



Vibrant communities stem from diversity

Vibrant communities stem from a diverse citizenry in which the contributions of all are recognized and valued. This February is Black History Month and this month we want to spotlight the accomplishments being made by African Americans right now, today. Below are a few of the many who not only contribute to the quality of life in Worcester County, but will also be recognized for their work by the generations to come.

James L. Purnell, Jr., is a former president of the Worcester County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and former County Commissioner. He was elected in 1995 to represent the Central District — District Two, becoming the first African American to serve as a County Commissioner. Purnell served the interests of all county residents as well as a strong minority advocate. He also played a pivotal role in returning ownership of the Germantown School Community Heritage Center to the community and in securing the local and state matching funds needed to restore the historic, one-room African American schoolhouse to its original condition. He served five consecutive terms in office and retired from public service in 2014.

In November 2014, Diana Purnell became the first female African American to be elected as a County Commissioner. She currently represents District 2. Commissioner Purnell is a successful entrepreneur and has served on numerous county boards and commissions, including the Ethics Board, Local Development Council for the Ocean Downs Casino, Tourism Board and Commission for Women. Her passion for improving the lives of area youth is evident in her years of service as the executive director of BRAVE (Berlin Reclaim Attitude and Value Enhancement). She also serves the community as a lifelong member

of St. John's United Methodist Church and as a board member for the Germantown School Community Heritage Center.

For the past half century, artist Patrick Henry has been chronicling the history of Worcester County, from its rural farmlands to its marshes, to its people and evolving culture, through his paintings. Henry has been giving back to the community throughout his adult life through his church and as a charter member of the Worcester County Arts Council. For several years, he inspired new generations of artists by teaching art at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Snow Hill Middle School and as a long-term substitute.

He is currently working on a series of paintings entitled "Moments: In Color, Geometry, Texture and Light" to premiere at the Ocean City Center for the Arts at 94th Street in late July 2015. Learn more about Henry and his work on Facebook www.facebook.com/patrick.henry.503092.

Educator Tyrone Mills has invested his life in equipping young people with the tools they need to succeed. While he has played a number of educational roles, he is most widely recognized for his 12 years as principal of Pocomoke High School where he increased academic rigor, increased the number of advanced placement courses to more than a dozen, played an active role in the PHS addition and renovation project, and helped spur sports programs to enjoy a ten-year run as state championships in the areas of field hockey, soccer and basketball. He currently serves as the coordinator of athletics for the Worcester County Board of Education.

Visit us on the web at <http://www.visitworcester.org> to learn more about the African American people, places and events that helped shape life locally.

County sets trip to flower show

Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) invites you to travel with them to visit the world's longest-

running and largest indoor flower show. WCRP has scheduled a Motorcoach tour to the 186th PHS Philadelphia Flower Show for Tuesday, March 3. Tickets are \$75 and include transportation and admission to the show.

Experience the magic of the movies and horticulture as the flower show celebrates the silver screen with "Lights, Camera, BLOOM!" This year the flower show has partnered with Disney Studios. See thousands of plant and floral designs getting their inspiration from some of Disney's greatest animated and live-action films, including Aladdin, Lion King and Frozen.

For more information about the Motorcoach tour, contact Lea Cataggio at 410-632-2144, ext. 109 or lcattag@co.worcester.md.us.

Dems to meet Thursday

The Democratic Club of Worcester County will meet on Thursday, February 12. The featured guest speaker will be Erin Swanson, RN, who will speak on "Care Transitions" from hospital to home. Erin will describe such services as medicine plans and household assistance, much of which is covered by patients' insurance. The meeting will take place in the Ocean Pines Community Center Assateague Room and begin at 6:30 p.m.

A.U.C.E. Breakfast

Sunday, February 15

8 am - noon

New menu items added

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