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Pines sponsors trips

Leave the driving to the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department this summer by signing up for one or more bus trips.

NASA's Wallops Flight Facility will be the featured during trips scheduled for August 4 and August 11. Tour companion Steve Habeger, a former employee at Wallops, will provide additional information during the facility tour. The cost is \$35 per person.

Enjoy a performance of "Joseph" by Sight & Sound Theatres in Lancaster County, PA on Saturday, August 15. The day will include an 11 a.m. show

and lunch at a local Amish family-style restaurant at 2 p.m. The price is \$130 per person, which includes the show, lunch and transportation.

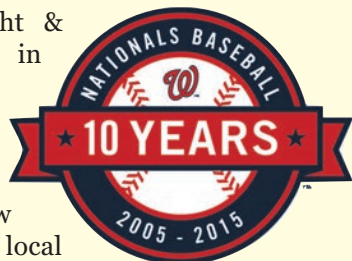
Watch the Nationals host the Marlins at Nationals Park on Sunday, August 30. The bus will arrive in Washington in time for the game at 1:30 p.m. Jason Worth bobble heads will be the featured giveaway. The cost of the trip, which includes transportation and game ticket, is \$80 per person.

The buses for all of these trips, which are open to the public, will depart from the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. Reservations are required. Refunds will not be issued for cancellations unless vacant seats can be filled.

For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052. Information regarding additional recreational programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Spring/Summer 2015 Activity Guide, is available at www.OceanPines.org.

Yard sale this weekend

The Germantown School will hold a yard sale this Saturday, July 11 between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. Space is available for \$10. You must bring your own table. Set up time is 6 a.m. Vendors are welcome. The school is located at 10223 Trappe Road in Berlin. For more information or to reserve a space call 410-641-0638.



Ribbon cutting

The Ocean Pines and Ocean City chambers of commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony June 25 for Atlantic General Medical Center's newest facility at 12308 Ocean Gateway in West Ocean City. Pictured holding the ribbon are **Dr. Laura Stokes, Dr. Munna Garg and Dr. Anita Pascucci.** Photo by Ted Page

Betty's Corner

The Hendersons enjoy the Pines' life

By **Betty Cianci**

Summer has arrived along with heat and humidity. Our community pools are filled. Swimmers can be seen enjoying the cool refreshment of the water and swimming laps under the watchful eyes of lifeguards. Other community members can be seen playing on our tennis courts or golf course with friends and neighbors. Mental relaxation is nurtured during peak summer months by Thursday night concerts at Ocean Pines Whitehorse Park. These concerts are performed by a variety of musical groups or military bands. Our community is fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in a wide assortment of activities and events that make our life more enjoyable.

Meeting neighbors in our community is an informative and fun experience. You learn that many of these individuals are endowed with abilities and talent that they share with others. Recently I had the pleasure of meeting a delightful and fun couple,

Michael and Mary Henderson. The Hendersons moved into Ocean Pines in 2004 after they both retired. When asked what prompted their move, Mary explained that they had played the piano for retired priests and through conversation the priests remarked that Ocean Pines was an excellent retirement area. They visited and they bought.

Mary was born in Fairlawn, NJ, raised in Mahwah, NJ and attended Patterson University in Wayne, NJ. After graduation, she became a certified medical assistant and was employed in a family practice office for 12 years. She also served for 18 years as a business administrator for an OB-GYN practice. When asked how she met her husband, Mary said she was working part-time as a waitress in Ramsey, NJ. Currently, Mary is active in her church, on the Nominating Committee for The Parke, participates in exercise and enjoys playing pinochle.

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Housing market remains steady

Existing home sales on the Lower Eastern Shore continue to reflect an upward trend, according to the latest figures from the Coastal Association of Realtors (CAR).

CAR's local housing statistics for June 2015 show settlements of existing homes in the tri-county area were up 14.5 percent compared to the same month last year. Of particular note is a 55.7 percent increase in single family home settlements in Wicomico County. Worcester County's single family homes saw a 4.3 percent increase in settlements and Somerset County saw a 12.5 percent increase.

Contracts, or pending sales, were also up, showing an overall 21.1 percent increase compared to the same month last year. Worcester County contracts for single family homes were up 52.6 percent, pointing toward a future increase of settlements.

"More than likely, the nice weather is attracting homebuyers to the beach area and people are finding second homes and vacation homes," said Vicki Harmon, president of the CAR Board of

Directors. "They've started the buying process by completing their contracts and are working towards settlement."

Listings for existing homes were down 1.7 percent, showing a continued and national trend of decreasing inventory numbers. However the number of days that homes are spending on the market was down considerably, 14.5 percent, which shows that homes are being sold faster.

List prices and sales prices were down 6.2 percent and 6.5 percent, respectively, indicating stable prices on the Lower Shore.

CAR's monthly local housing statistics are pulled from the association's Multiple Listing Service, which represents the activity of over 1,000 local realtors.

Gospel cabaret, diner to be held

Germantown School Community Heritage Center is hosting an afternoon of gospel music and dinner on Sunday, July 26 at 4 p.m. 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, Berlin, MD.

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Michael was born in Patterson, NJ, raised in Waldwick and Allendale, NJ and attended Trenton State College, now called the College of New Jersey. He was a physical education teacher, taught drivers ed. and coached basketball for 25 years. In our area, Michael enjoys the game of pickleball with friends. (Pickleball is a sport for up to four players using solid wooden paddles to hit a perforated polymer ball over a net.)

Mary and Michael both are enjoying their retirement in OP since they have found their niche. When asked to sum up their feelings about our community, they replied, "This is the life, especially at the beach."



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Offshore wind project advances

In June 2015, an offshore wind turbine project that will bring new jobs and increased economic opportunities to Worcester County moved one step closer to becoming a reality.

Last summer, U.S. Wind acquired federal leases to develop approximately 125 offshore wind turbines on a 79,000-acre site located approximately 15 miles off the Ocean City coast.

The project is now in the development phase. U.S. Wind officials commissioned two survey vessels, the 110-foot Shearwater and the 300-foot Ocean Discovery, to take core samples of the Atlantic Ocean bottom to determine the engineering of the turbine foundation design and to aid in the federal and state permitting stages.

"The development of offshore wind energy will bring new contracting opportunities and new jobs to our ever-growing marketplace," Worcester County Economic Development (WCED) Director Bill Badger said. "Businesses throughout the county

will reap the benefits of this project. In fact, area businesses are already beginning to feel the impact. For example, U.S. Wind is purchasing fuel to power their vessels from Worcester County vendors."

In 2013, the Maryland General Assembly passed the MD Offshore Wind Energy Act, which includes offering offshore renewable energy credit to encourage the development of wind turbines off the Maryland coast. This \$2.5 billion offshore wind project is expected to be under construction by 2020 and eventually generate 25 to 50 operations, maintenance, and service jobs locally. The wind turbines could produce up to 500 megawatts of energy. That's enough energy to power 350,000 homes.

WCED helped develop the Lower Eastern Shore Cluster Committee, a group of area government leaders and entrepreneurs dedicated to identifying businesses that could directly benefit

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Fireflies are often seen lighting up the night sky on warm evenings. They are particularly abundant during the summer months. One reason that fireflies glow is to attract mates. Males will flash, and females will respond to mates they find interesting. Fireflies also may glow to avoid predators. The luciferase enzyme in firefly cells causes a chemical reaction that stimulates light, a phenomenon called bioluminescence. Fireflies are filled with lucibufagins, a poor-tasting chemical that turns off predators from attacking the blinking bug. Some fireflies cannot light up at all and use pheromones to attract mates. Fireflies can be fun to catch and release and also beneficial to have around. In the larval stage, fireflies will eat destructive insects. Adult fireflies may feed on nectar and could help to pollinate plants. Despite their name, fireflies aren't really flies. They actually are a type of beetle. Fireflies are difficult to spot during the day because they're often resting on leaves or plants. It's only at night when their brilliant light show comes alive.



Greek festival starts Friday

The 26th Annual Greek Festival, when everyone is considered "Greek," will be held July 10, 11, 12 and 13 at Ocean City's Roland Powell Convention Center on 41th Street and Coastal Highway. Whether reliving Greek vacation memories or dreaming of a Greek adventure, this premier cultural event draws thousands of locals and visitors, to enjoy the flavors, sights and sounds of Greece right here in Ocean City.

This year's festival promises Greek delicacies for everyone's palette. Traditional Greek entrees include Pastitsio, Lemon Chicken, Moussaka, Lamb Shank, Spanakopita and/or Tiropita (spinach and/or cheese pie), Dolmathes (stuffed grape leaves) and much more.

Members of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church Ladies Philoptochos booth is where all the pastries, including Baklava can be found. All menu items are served daily beginning at noon and are available for eat-in or carry-out for a beach picnic.

Come early and enjoy a leisurely lunch and then shop at the many unique vendor booths for jewelry, art,



music, clothing, imports, and more.

After 5 p.m. nightly, rock the house, Greek style, to the sounds of the live Greek Band, "Golden Flame." While dining enjoy the music and be dazzled by the live Greek folk dance floor show performance by the Deme-trakia Dancers.

Take a chance on the 'Best Odds in Town' raffle gives you a 1:100 chance to win \$5,000. The drawing is July 13 at 8 p.m. You need not be present to win.

The festival hours are Friday and Saturday: noon to 11 p.m., Sunday and Monday: noon to 9 p.m.

Parking is free.

All proceeds go to support the Ministries of St. George Greek Orthodox Church serving local Orthodox Christians from Eastern Shore Virginia, Maryland and Delaware, as well as, re-

sort visitors nationally and internationally.

For more visit www.stgeorgebythesea.org, or call 410-524-0990 or email stgeorgeoc@gmail.com.

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from offshore wind and bringing them together into the Business Network for Maryland Offshore Wind (BizMDOSW), which is located at www.bizmdosw.org. Entrepreneurs interested in learning more about how their businesses could benefit from the wind energy project are invited to contact WCED at (410) 632-3112.

Worcester County, Maryland's only seaside community, is a dynamic, pro-business marketplace that abounds with new opportunities. WCED strives to improve the quality of life for county citizens by increasing employment opportunities, expanding the tax base, protecting our environmental assets and creating full-time, family supporting jobs. WCED accomplishes these initiatives by building and sustaining strategic business alliances and relationships that promote the advantages of doing business in our area. The office assists with business start-up, relocation, financing and expansion.

To learn more about business development opportunities in Worcester County, contact WCED at 410-632-3112 or visit www.chooseworcester.org. WCED is also on Face Book and Twitter with the hash tags #BizAtTheBeach and #WorCoBiz.

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A ten month old mind

What goes on in the mind of a ten month old little boy is a mystery to me. I'd like to write otherwise but I have no clue why my grandson regularly pulls the pots and pans from the cabinet and

because I could be at the mercy of one of these folks when it comes time to decide who will take me into one of their homes during my advanced years. I had ample time to consider my wife's comments that evening as I slept on the family room sofa. Earlier that day she had read what I wrote about her extraordinary ability to kill houseplants without really trying. But I digress.

Now, where was I?

Oh, yes, I was discussing my grandson. He endears himself to each of his grandfathers each time he sees one of us. When I walk into a room and he's being held by someone else, he turns to me, smiles and extends his arm, reaching for me. Inevitably I go to him and take him in my arms. I was feeling pretty special because of this habit until my daughter told me he does the same thing with his other grandfather. I'm not jealous. But it will be interesting when the grandfathers are together

spreads them around the kitchen. I am at a loss to explain why the pots only seem to capture his attention for just a few minutes before he's off in another direction and another room to investigate what he can get into next.

Since my grandson started crawling about a month and half ago he's become a little dickens. He has a rather unusual crawl. It's more like a crab crawl. He has a way of simultaneously moving forward and sideways at the same time. It doesn't seem to bother him in the least and does provide him with options to quickly change course which he does many times.

He is one of the most smiling children I've encountered. His entire face lights up when he smiles, revealing two front teeth which are partly separated making him even more adorable, at least to his grandfather, and his grandmother, and for that matter anyone he's around. At this point I should disclose that when it comes to my grandson, I am most biased. I'm sure you'll understand when I write that he is the cutest, most adorable, most beautiful, most charming little boy of all time. Before I go any further and so as not to upset my granddaughter who may read this column years from now, I should write as well that she too is the cutest, most adorable, most beautiful, most charming little girl of all time (with the exception of her mother).

A little segue is appropriate at this point. I've learned during more than 15 years of writing this column that it's important not to alienate too many members of my family at one time with something I've written. Years ago my wife suggested (more like chided me) that I should be careful about what I write and about whom I write

and walk into the room to see for which one our grandson reaches. No pressure. No pressure at all.

My grandson has lived in our home most of his life. As a result we've watched him change from the little baby he was to the near toddler he's become. Shortly he and his sister and their mother will return to their home in Texas. I won't have the daily interaction with him that I have now. And I'll miss that very much because he's made a tremendous impression on me. I just hope that with all that goes on in his ten-month old mind that I've made an impression on him. I hope that very, very much.



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By **Chip Bertino**

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County saves on bond issue

The Worcester County financial team recently obtained a 1.9% average interest rate from PNC Capital Markets to refinance \$27.3 million in existing debt. This is an outstanding interest rate and will result in interest savings of more than \$1.1 million over the life of issue, with approximately \$600,000 to be saved in FY2016 alone.

"As a result of our finance team's monitoring of the capital market and through their continued hard work, we were able to realize substantial savings," Chief Administrative Officer Harold Higgins said.

The interest rate from PNC is for the Consolidated Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, 2015 Series B to refinance existing debt for the

following projects: Worcester Career & Technology Center construction project, Pocomoke High School addition and renovation project, and Ocean Pines Fire Protection System project.

The county also obtained a 2.7% interest rate from M&T Securities, Inc. for the Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds, 2015 Series A totaling \$12,015,000 to finance all or a portion of the costs associated with the following needed capital projects: 800 MHZ Emergency Services Radio System upgrades; Berlin Rubblefill cap and closure project; Central Landfill Site Cell #5 construction project; and Mystic Harbour water system interconnection project.

"The market has rewarded Worcester County for its sound financial management," said Sam Ketterman of Davenport & Company, LLC, the county's financial advisor. "This has been a pretty good day for Worcester County."

The county's financial team continues to apply sound, conservative financial policies to maintain its fiscal health and a stable bond rating, which enables the county to borrow money at a low interest rate, thus saving residents and taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.



Pictured (L-R) are Speakers & Programs Chair **J. Graham Caldwell**, **Anna O'Neill** and Kiwanis Club President **Carolyn Dryzga**.

Diakonia addresses Kiwanis Club

The name "Diakonia" is of Greek origin meaning In Service to Others. For more than 40 years Worcester County has been fortunate to have the organization known as Diakonia on Old Bridge Road in West Ocean City. On Wednesday July 1, Anna O'Neill, assistant director of Diakonia, was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis weekly meeting.

Anna explained that Diakonia provides both emergency and transitional housing for the homeless. It is not the typical homeless shelter most people know about. Diakonia's 40 beds are part of five family housing units that also give refuge to individuals. It is staffed 24/7 by two case workers. The goal is to help homeless people get back on their feet as quickly as possible by assisting them to find housing and jobs that keep them from again becoming homeless.

Veterans, and sometimes their families, have also been guests at Diakonia. There is also a food pantry that distributed more than 100,000 pounds of groceries, to 8,900 people in 2014. Diakonia also has a Thrift Store where an all volunteer staff sells donated products to further fund Diakonia. This is in addition to federal grants and donations from the community individuals, businesses and organizations, of which Kiwanis is one. Anna explained that the 130 volunteers in 2014 totaled 12,000 hours of service which is equal to employing 10 full time employees. Volunteers are essential and most appreciated.

Anna explained how people can help by volunteering, donating goods and merchandise and funds, attending events like the upcoming July 22 golf tournament fundraiser and shopping at the Thrift Store. For more information, contact Anna at anna@diakoniaoc.org or at 410-213-0923.

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Rotary yard sale set

The Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club will hold a yard sale on Saturday, July 18 starting at 8 a.m. Spaces are available for \$20. The event will occur in front of the Tractor Supply Store on route 50 in Berlin. To reserve a space or donate items call 410-430-5433.

Markets Change. Are You Prepared?

When you stop and look back at what's happened in the markets, it's easy to realize how quickly things can change. That's why we should schedule some time to discuss how the market can impact your financial goals. We can also conduct a portfolio review to help you decide if your should make changes to your investments and whether you're on track to reach your goals.

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Anglers to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, July 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ocean Pines library. Carol Cain, technical coordinator for the Maryland Coastal Bays, will be the speaker and discuss Water Quality Monitoring. Where and how do they determine water quality in the local bays and just how do they use that information. All are welcome to attend.

Chorus to perform

The Delmarva Chorus will hold its Coffee, Tea and Harmony under the Big Top on Saturday, July 18 at 7 p.m. The event will take place at the Ocean Pines Community Center. There will be free homemade

desserts and beverages. A donation of \$10 is requested. For information and tickets call 410-208-0043.

Dance to be held

An Ocean City Dance is being held at the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Community Center, 200 125th St. Ocean City, Maryland. Open to singles as well as couples. Swing, ballroom, Latin, salsa, disco and country dancing to the music of DJ Aggie Beletsky. Bachata dance lesson by Aggie will be offered between 6:30 and 7:15 p.m. with open dancing from 7:15 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 per person includes lesson. For information call 443-474-0015 or got to www.DancingAtTheBeach.com.

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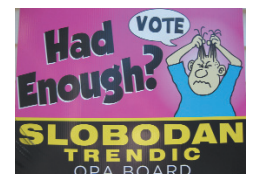
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Retirement saving can start at any time

Some people do not have the ability to begin saving for retirement early on. Others may have brushed retirement savings aside for so long that they are now worried that it is too late to begin socking away money for retirement.

While it is best to start saving for retirement as early as possible, the good news is that it is never too late to start planning for retirement. If your 40th birthday has long passed and you are finally thinking ahead to retirement, consider these catch-up strategies.

-Research tax-advantageous retirement savings plans. A financial planner can point you in the right direction, or consult with your employer about employee programs. Deposit money into a 401(k) or 403(b) plan or another retirement vehicle. Jump on any opportunities when your employer matches invested funds. Investigate an IRA and find out if there are any government incentives. Depending on your age, you may be able to deposit more money into such accounts than other investors.

-Cut back on expenses. Cutting back on unnecessary expenses is a

great way to save more money for retirement. Figure out where you can save some money you can then allocate to retirement savings. Maybe you can reduce insurance coverage on an older car or raise your deductible? Downsize cable packages or skip that costly cup of coffee on the way to work. Perhaps it is time to look for a smaller, less expensive home or a compact car instead of an SUV. Any money saved now will benefit you when the time comes time to bid farewell to the workforce.

-Delay your retirement. Many people who retire find themselves bored and looking for ways to fill their time, and as a result more and more people are delaying their retirement, which also gives them more time to save for that day when they do call it quits. If you want to work less, discuss and negotiate a phased retirement with your bosses that allows you to stick with your employer but gradually work fewer hours until you retire completely. You may be able to work part-time for several years and retire when you are most comfortable.

-Consider more aggressive funds.

Even if you are 50 you still have a few decades before retirement, which leaves lots of time to grow your retirement savings. But you may want to consider more aggressive funds that can help you catch up more quickly than less aggressive investments. Just know that aggressive funds may also leave you susceptible to substantial losses.

- Do not amass debt. If you are saving for retirement but only paying minimum balances on your credit cards, then you are not really saving. Pay down credit card debt before you begin to set aside money for retirement.

Delaying retirement planning may mean you have to work a little harder to build up a solid reserve. But by fol-

lowing some financial tips and persevering, you can still enjoy retirement with security.



Lilly Oncology on Canvas exhibition offered

Lilly Oncology on Canvas, an art exhibition honoring the physical and emotional journeys people face when confronted by a cancer diagnosis, will be on display at Peninsula Regional Medical Center's Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute during the month of July. This free public exhibit, which is touring communities nationwide, will showcase more than 50 select pieces of art submitted to Oncology on Canvas competition last year. Community members wishing to view the artwork are encouraged to stop by the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. any weekday in July.

Launched in 2004, Oncology on Canvas is a biennial art competition that invites people from the U.S. and Puerto Rico diagnosed with any type of

cancer, as well as their families, friends, caregivers and healthcare providers, to express, through art and narrative, the life-affirming changes that give the cancer journey meaning. To date, more than 4,100 individuals touched by cancer have submitted artwork and narratives to Oncology on Canvas.

The themes explored in the entries ranged from hope, to fear, to the loss of individualism, to the support of family and friends, to the memory of those lost, to the perseverance of those who survive. The traveling exhibition of art from the 2014 competition has been touring hospitals, cancer centers, patient advocacy group meetings and other venues nationwide. The Salis-

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Ocean Pines Anglers Club
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Registration is from 8:30-9:30 a.m.
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Funding support provided by The Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club,
 & the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association.

For more information, call Walt Boge at (410) 208-2855.

South Gate Pond Near Sports Core Pool

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Performers donate to Coastal Hospice

The local non-profit group, Versakats, Inc. recently concluded their original performance of "Viva Less Vegas" at the Carousel Hotel In Ocean City. The 25 volunteer cast members (shown in picture) performed their original musical comedy two nights to sold out audiences. As a result, they were pleased to present a check for \$2,000 to the Coastal Hospice at The Ocean building fund. They have already begun putting together their next dinner show for sometime in January and plan to donate proceeds from that show to hospice as well. For more information on Versakats, inc. contact Pat Schrawder at 410 726-1234 or Mary Kirtley at 410 250-4689.



Boat wakes could harm endangered birds

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program is asking all boat owners to please keep their vessels at a no wake



speed between the red triangle number 2 channel marker to the "6 knot" marker near the Route 50 bridge. This request is to protect the only location of nesting Black Skimmer's in the state of Maryland which are in jeopardy of being destroyed by boat wakes.

A small, unnamed island unofficially referred to as the OC Spoils by many, is home to the only known nest-

ing area for the endangered Black Skimmer. This island is also home to a few common tern nests, a bird that is also being monitored due to diminishing habitats and unfortunately the colony using this island is the only viable colony in the coastal bays. The reduction of boat wakes will benefit both species that are of significant conservation interest.

Because of the island's location just west of the Ocean City navigation channel with relatively deep water and no sand shoals between it and the navigation channel (8th street bayside), nest and chick loss to wakes from large boats traveling above 6 knots has been a historic and continuing mortality factor for birds nesting on this island. Some of the bird nests are relatively low on the beach where the combination of high tide level, especially tides around the new and full moons and large boat wakes result in nest and

chick loss. This was an issue back when the site was used as a colony prior to 1995 and is now again an issue with the islands reoccupation by nesting Common Terns and Black Skimmers.

Nesting Common Terns and Black Skimmers from the mid-1980s through the mid-1990s heavily used the island. The populations of these two species were much higher in Maryland (~2,500 and ~250 breeding

pairs respectively). During the period from 1995 through 2012 the island received little to no use by terns and skimmers because more suitable habitat existed elsewhere in the coastal bays area. Recent habitat loss and change resulted in Common Terns returning to nest on the island in 2012 and they have nested there each summer since. This year a small colony of

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bury stop will be the exhibit's only Eastern Shore appearance and one of just two in Maryland.

Lilly Oncology on Canvas is presented by Lilly Oncology, dedicated to delivering innovative solutions that improve the care of people living with cancer, in partnership with the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, a nonprofit cancer organization that advocates for quality cancer care for all people touched by cancer and provides tools that empower people to advocate for themselves. For more information, visit the NCCS website at www.canceradvocacy.org.

For further information about Lilly Oncology on Canvas, including official rules, entry forms and a gallery of previous entries, visit www.LillyOncologyOnCanvas.com, call 1-866-991-LOOC (5662) or email artdirector@mylooc.com.

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WINEabout it

by Jean Marx

A sampling of New Hampshire wines

Summer vacation spells rest and relaxation, and I could envision nothing better than vacationing with my family in New Harbor, Maine while enjoying cocktail hours sipping wine. Getting there takes time but the effort is well worth it. We flew into the airport in Manchester, New Hampshire, which provided the opportunity to drive the remaining three hours along Route 1 that follows the meandering coastline. Before leaving New Hampshire, we purchased wine from one of their many wine and liquor outlets. The outlet was a great harbinger for arriving at our long-awaited destination.

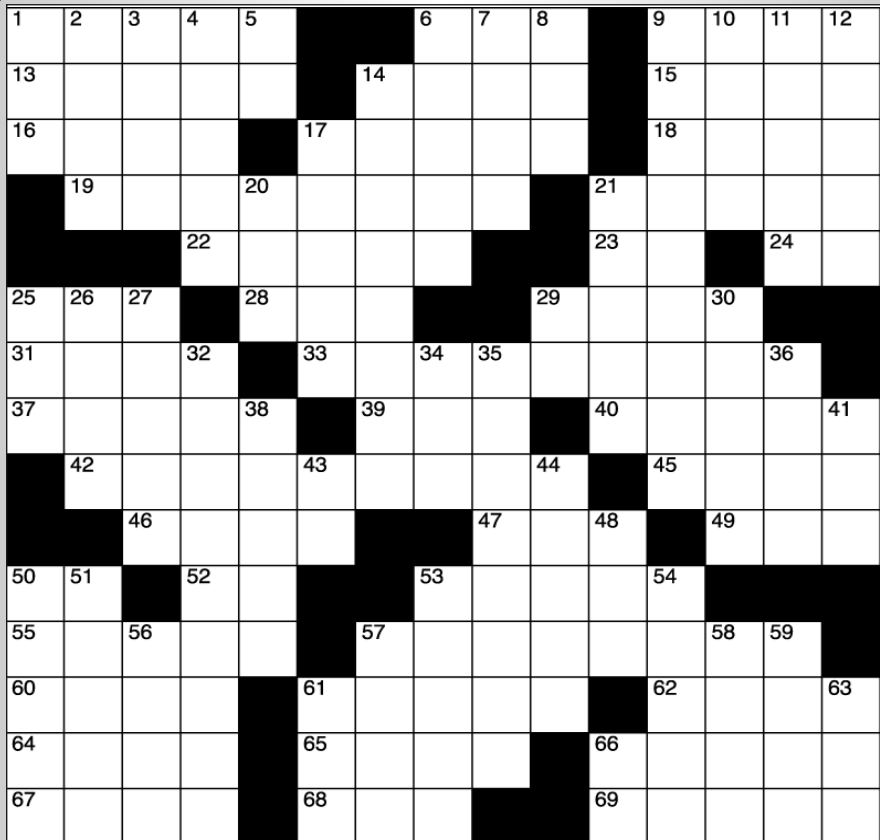
Our first two wines were from the Flag Hill winery in the town of Lee located a bit northwest of Portsmouth. Flag Hill is known not only for its array of 15 wines plus liqueurs and other spirits but also for hosting weddings and special events. The Red Raspberry and the Wild Blueberry Fruit wines sounded so fresh and wonderful that we felt compelled to choose both. By their names, the wines sounded like they would be heavy on sweetness but to our pleasant surprise they were not. The Red Raspberry wine was actually quite tart, tasting similar to cranberry. We enjoyed it on one of our rare hot days in Maine in late June, and it proved to be quite refreshing. If you prefer a bit more sweetness, you could add a flavored seltzer to it to convert it into a tasty wine cooler. The Wild Blueberry wine was a bit sweeter on its own; it was delicious to just lazily sip while watching the ocean waves hit the rocks below the house.

Our third New Hampshire wine was from the La Belle Winery in Amherst. The vineyard was started in the spring of 2001 by Amy La Belle after vacationing with her family in Nova Scotia and witnessing the preparation of blueberry wine. She produced her first batch of wine that summer and additional batches of apple, peach and cranberry wines that

fall. The wine we tried was the semi-dry Seyval Blanc and it was delicious. It tasted like the Pinot Grigio varietal with a delightful crispness and citrus flavor. We thoroughly enjoyed it with our appetizers of cheese and crackers and crab dip spread on fresh bread.

Our last New Hampshire wine tasting actually took place once we had returned to Maryland. After you pass through security, the Manchester airport offers the very convenient option of making one more pass through a wine and liquor outlet. Since we had time to kill before our return flight home, this provided a fun and welcome diversion to just sitting at the gate. And wouldn't you know it, I had just enough room in my carry-on bag to wedge in a bottle. I rationalized the purchase as an opportunity to slightly extend our week's vacation. This wine was the Cayuga White from the Jewell Towne Vineyard in the city of South Hampton. The vineyard was founded in 1982 by Dr. Peter Oldak, an Emergency Department physician at the time. Over time, he and his wife Brenda, a clinical nursing specialist, planted over 60 varieties of grapes to find out which would flourish the best in the New Hampshire climate. The vineyard is situated on the southern side of the Powwow River near the border with Massachusetts. Today Jewell Towne Vineyard boasts 25 wines in its impressive repertoire as well as 150 awards in both national and international competitions. Of the New Hampshire wines we tried, La Belle's Seyval Blanc and Jewell Towne's Cayuga White were our top picks.

In my next column I will provide an overview of the Maine wines we tried during our fun-filled vacation. Perhaps you will be inspired to not only try wines from these two beautiful states but also to venture to see some of the vineyards in person. The landscapes will enthrall you, and the wines can be the icing on the cake.



ACROSS

- 1. Islamic prayer leaders
- 6. Waterproof raincoat
- 9. Millisecond
- 13. Popular pie nut
- 14. A field of mowed grass
- 15. RCO organic group
- 16. Pomace brandy
- 17. The innermost parts
- 18. Gull suborder
- 19. Became more intense
- 21. Sound absorption unit
- 22. Rattling breaths
- 23. Indicates doctor
- 24. For instance
- 25. A doctrine or system
- 28. Foot (Latin)
- 29. Dirt shoulder
- 31. Horn sound
- 33. Mumbai film industry
- 37. Disturbance
- 39. Zedong or Tse-tung
- 40. Cijin River city
- 42. Kate's sister Pippa
- 45. Twitches
- 46. Formal close

(music)

- 47. A baglike structure
- 49. Lease
- 50. Typographical space
- 52. Pa's partner
- 53. King mackerels
- 55. Ceremonial staffs
- 57. About money
- 60. Spoiled child
- 61. Infants
- 62. Semitic fertility god
- 64. ___ Frank's diary
- 65. Reimbursed
- 66. English pennies
- 67. 365 days
- 68. G. Gershwin's brother
- 69. Stopping device

DOWN

- 1. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 2. Medieval honey drink
- 3. Land area unit
- 4. One who carries #55 across
- 5. Tin
- 6. Adult female horses
- 7. Overwhelmed with wonder

- 8. Brain and spinal cord (abbr.)
- 9. Inept
- 10. One who replaces a striker
- 11. Any habitation at a high altitude
- 12. Hold fast to
- 14. Sad from being alone
- 17. Slang for famous person
- 20. Soft infant food
- 21. Small mergansers
- 25. Big Blue
- 26. Appear to be
- 27. Greek verse intended to be sung
- 29. Next to
- 30. Flying Pegasus corp.
- 32. Records walking steps
- 34. Broad back muscle

- 35. Teased apart
- 36. Cut into small cubes
- 38. Icelandic poems
- 41. American time
- 43. City of Angels
- 44. Nostrils
- 48. Narrow canvas bed
- 50. Force into a bay
- 51. Sept. 1914 battle
- 53. Sergeant fish
- 54. Cavalry-sword
- 56. Town of Jesus' 1st miracle
- 57. Picasso's mistress Dora
- 58. Frog genus
- 59. Talk tiresomely
- 61. Characters in one inch of tape
- 63. Side sheltered from the wind
- 66. Lead



Answers for July 1

Courier Bookshelf

by Dolores E. Pike



The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin

Books bring joy and knowledge into people's lives and no one is more aware of this than the bookseller portrayed in Gabrielle Zevin's fictional novel, "The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry."

AJ sets the bar deliberately high for his reading clientele as he determines what he will sell at his store, Island Books on Alice Island off the Massachusetts coast. Though he deals with a lot of tourists he is particularly critical of the reading habits of the people who live there year round. Guiding people into proper reading habits he believes to be his moral duty. When the new book rep Amelia Loman travels there by bus and then ferry to present her publisher's spring list to AJ she feels the brunt of his likes and dislikes. Not yet 40, he is even fiercer now since the death of his wife in a car accident and drinks more than he should.

If ever there was a man who should not have been in a public service business it was A. J. Fikry. Then two seemingly unrelated happenings change his life, the second and best endearing him to the locals. First his priceless edition of "Tamerlane" by Edgar Allen Poe (only 50 copies ever printed) is stolen from his apartment above the store. He reports it to Police Chief Lambiase; there are no clues and the thief is not found.

In the aftermath of the theft AJ sees no point in locking the store when going for his evening run. Upon his return he finds a two year old baby girl sitting on the floor in the sparse Children's Section, leaving through a picture book. The accompanying note says she has been left to AJ's care by a mother who can no longer provide for her. (Probably a tourist visiting the island...but why? The police chief ponders, especially when the mother is found as a suicide.) For a second time AJ reports to him, receiving counsel on what to do next and it's the start of a friendship between them; Lambiase who has never read a book and AJ who was at one time a PhD candidate in English literature.

Though he is woefully unprepared for fatherhood he first fosters Maya and then, over the social worker's objections, manages to adopt her. The local women believe it their duty to stop in the bookstore periodically and provide more advice than he gets daily on Google. As they coo over the baby AJ insists they "...disinfect before handling the infant." (They also buy books and magazines, which helps the

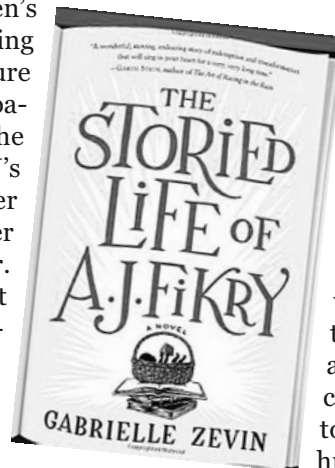
store's sagging bottom line.)

The book might strain credibility in general at times. But Ms. Zevin executes such a wonderful tale of enchantment, full of humor lurking just beyond the next paragraph, that I beg you to tag along with her...I found it gratifyingly worth it. I guessed on the turn of some events but on others it was instead, wow...I didn't see that one coming down the pike.

Ms. Zevin presents AJ with the most enduring task in the world...to point a child toward the world of books and secure a lifetime love of reading. Later Maya comments "your whole life is determined by what store you are left in." Adding she was glad she was left in a book store and not a sandwich shop. As such she is well acquainted with the literary world in depth. As is most assuredly Ms. Zevin who wants to make sure that we too receive a varied sprinkling of authors and books much as a chef would add spice and herbs to the entree. I was constantly hunting additional background, roaming Google for books and writers she revered but I had not read. Ms. Zevin gives a tantalizing start to each chapter as she cites reference to a different author's work each time, telescoping a relevant observation, fitting for the chapter at hand.

For those who are page count challenged, this book is destined for you – it's only 260 pages; maybe even consumable in one sitting. And for those

who are looking for a beach book now that summer has begun to sizzle...this might be it. But for all who want to read something different, entertaining and humorous but deceptively light on its feet while making a run at the heart...nuff said.



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DATE	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thur., July 9	1:53 a.m. 2:37 p.m.	8:17 a.m. 8:59 p.m.	5:45 a.m.	8:26 p.m.
Fri., July 10	2:55 a.m. 3:41 p.m.	9:13 a.m. 10:05 p.m.	5:45 a.m.	8:26 p.m.
Sat., July 11	3:57 a.m. 4:42 p.m.	10:10 a.m. 11:10 p.m.	5:46 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
Sun., July 12	4:57 a.m. 5:37 p.m.	11:06 a.m.	5:47 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
Mon., July 13	5:52 a.m. 6:28 p.m.	12:10 a.m. 12:01 p.m.	5:47 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
Tues., July 14	6:43 a.m. 7:16 p.m.	1:03 a.m. 12:52 p.m.	5:48 a.m.	8:24 p.m.
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Hansen honored

Commander Sarge Garlitz of Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion announced that Ed Hansen, a retired Marine, has been awarded the 2014 American Legion Member of the Year Award. He was the Service Officer of the post and maintained an excellent program for the veterans. He worked hand in hand with the local VA offices to fulfill the needs of veterans

Comrade Hansen wore many hats during the year. He was very active on the Executive Committee Board, advisor to Squadron #166 Sons of the American Legion, co-director of Chapter #166 American Legion Riders, a member of the House Committee, a major leader for Bike Week, involved in all fundraisers, volunteered in the kitchen during bingo and was involved in hall rentals with catering requirements. Ed was also on the committee for the Wounded Warrior Gala held last November ensuring its success.

birds

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Black Skimmers have returned to nest on the island as well.

Common Tern and Black Skimmer populations have declined dramatically in Maryland since 1985. Black Skimmers are currently listed as Endangered in Maryland. Common Terns are currently proposed for a change in status to Endangered as soon as the necessary regulatory process is completed.

Both Black Skimmers and Common Terns prefer to nest on relatively open sand beaches, particularly Black Simmers. In the coastal bays of

Worcester County there were only two breeding colonies located during surveys in mid-June and they contained a total of 10 breeding pairs. A revisit to both colony sites on 25 June found that the larger colony had totally abandoned its breeding attempt and the only remaining active colony consisted of 4 pairs located on this small island near the navigation channel.

The Maryland Coastal Bays is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit dedicated to protecting the bays behind Ocean City and Assateague. For more information on how you can help protect our bays please visit our website at mdcoastalbays.org or call Sandi Smith at 410-213-2297 ext 106.

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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.

Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

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

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

Diakonia Thrift Shop

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

Thursdays

Story Time

Stories, music and crafts at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3-5 at Ocean Pines library. Call 410-208-4014.

Beach Singles

Beach Singles 45 for Happy Hour at Harpoon Hanna's at 4 p.m. Call Arlene at 302-436-9577, Kate at 410-524-0649 or Dianne at 302-541-4642.

Legion Bingo

American Legion in Ocean City opens doors at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7. For information call 410-289-3166.

Gamblers Anonymous

Group meets at 8 p.m. at the Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City. Call 888-424-3577 for help.

Fridays

Knights of Columbus Bingo

Bingo will be held behind St. Luke's Church, 100th St. in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments available. Call 410-524-7994.

Sundays

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

Third Sunday

Sharing Sunday

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

Third Monday

Democratic Women

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

Third Tuesday

Widows & Widowers Social Club.

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

Third Wednesday

Survivors of Suicide Meeting

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

Fourth Wednesday

Marine Corps League

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

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Top left: **Molly Wooten**
Bottom left: **Rina Thayer and Kasey Jones**
Above: **Trent Carpenter**

Students' works exhibited

The Ocean City Center for Arts hosted the Arts Alive reception on Saturday, June 27. On exhibit were the artworks of this year's annual arts scholarship winners including Kasey Jones, Molly Wooten and Trent Carpenter.

The Art League of Ocean City has been awarding scholarships since 1991 to local students seeking a college degree in visual arts. The scholarships are funded by contributions from the Art League as well as from the Katherine Ellen Brown Fund administered by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

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