

'Out of Darkness' walk is Saturday

Celebrate life and help raise awareness about suicide prevention on the Boardwalk this September with the Out of the Darkness Community Walk. On Saturday, September 22, hundreds of walkers from Maryland and across the country will gather in Ocean City to memorialize the victims of suicide, offer support to friends and family, and to raise funds for suicide awareness and mental health first aid through the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. This year, the Worcester County Health Department (WCHD) will also host the second annual "Celebration of Life" event the night before the walk, to memorialize friends and family lost to suicide.

Several local organizations, including staff from the WCHD, use the funds generated by walkers to spread suicide awareness and prevention education in Maryland and Delaware's coastal communities, where suicide rates are historically high. As in years past, walkers will gather at the band shell at Caroline Street and the Boardwalk, with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. After opening remarks by Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan, Senator Jim Mathias, and Delegate Mary Beth Carozza the procession will walk solemnly to the Inlet, turn and walk to 5th Street, then back to Caroline Street.

Pledges collected by walkers and other Walk supporters contribute to the work of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the leading national organization doing suicide research and suicide prevention outreach. A portion of the funds raised in Ocean City comes back to the local community in the form of grants for suicide prevention. Leading up to Out of the Darkness, participants are encouraged to share their stories on social media with #WhyIWalk to put a spotlight on the fight against suicide.

"The Out of the Darkness community walk brings families, friends, and community members together to bring awareness for the prevention of suicide. This is an opportunity for those impacted to honor a loved one lost to suicide and obtain resources for those struggling with loss of a loved one, as well as for those struggling with thoughts

please see walk on page 15



Back to School

Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) students traded their bathing suits for backpacks as they headed back to school last week.

Above WPS Head of Lower School **Laura Holmes** gives a big welcome hug to siblings (L-R) Pre-Kindergartener **Jace** and second grader **Kaylin Zervakos**.

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Community Calendar SEPTEMBER

Worldwide travel opportunities offered

Area residents are invited to travel the world with Ocean Pines as the Recreation and Parks Department, in partnership with Collette Vacations Travel, heads to Costa Rica, Italy and Iceland in 2019.

A special presentation for those interested in the trips to Costa Rica and Italy will be held on Thursday, September 20 at 5 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

A nine-day trip to tropical Costa Rica will embark on March 25. Travelers will visit San Jose, Guanacaste and the town of Zarcero and its topiary garden. Other highlights include visits to a coffee plantation, the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, the Cano Negro Wildlife Refuge and a hanging bridges or ziplining adventure.

The price of the trip starts at \$2,919 per person for triple occupancy and includes 13 meals and round-trip airfare from Philadelphia International Airport. An early-booking discount is available.

Discover the history, culture, art and romance of Italy May 8 to 17. The trip will begin in Rome, head on a scenic journey through Tuscany to Siena and will make stops in Florence, Venice, Murano Island and Milan. Participants will also get to indulge in a chianti winery tour and cooking class.

The ten-day trip includes 13 meals and round-trip airfare from Philadelphia International Airport. Prices start at \$3,999 per person for triple occupancy. An early-booking discount is available.

A trip featuring Iceland's magical Northern Lights will be held November 1 through 7. Over the course of seven days, travelers will experience Reykjavik, a Northern Lights cruise, Thingvellir National Park, the Skogar Folk Museum and more.

Starting at \$3,829 per person, the trip includes ten meals and round-trip airfare from Dulles International Airport. An elite airfare upgrade is available.

For more information about these trips, contact Debbie Donahue at 410-641-7052 or ddonahue@oceanpines.org.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 <small>Labour Day</small>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 <small>Patriot Day</small>	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <small>30</small>	24	25	26	27	28	29

Caregivers meeting schedule

Caregiver's Group Meetings will be held Saturday, September 22 through October 27 at 10 a.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy., (corner of Rte. 611 and Snug Harbor Rd.) in Berlin. Join us for coffee and conversation. For more information call Sandy 410-641-0647.

Craft club to meet

The next meeting of the Pine'er Craft Club will be held in the Ocean Pines Community Center on September 20. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Monday

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

Sweet Adelines

The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus meets from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Call 410-641-6876.

Monday/Tuesday

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.

Tuesday

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.

Tuesday/Thursday

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.

Wednesday

Kiwanis Club Meeting
Weekly meetings at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors open 7 a.m.

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.

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 Pinestepers 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.

Thursday

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 or Kate at 410-524-0649 for more activities. BeachSingles.org.

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.

Friday

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.

First Saturday

Creative Writing Forum

Every first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Berlin Library. Novice and established writers gather to share their fiction, non-fiction, and creative writing projects. Program includes critiques and appreciation, market leads, and writing exercises.

MCBP to release report card

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program will unveil the 2017 Bay Report Card, a snapshot assessment on the health of the coastal bays behind Ocean City and Assateague Island, on Thursday, September 20 at 2:30 p.m., at Fager's Island located 60th Street bayside, Ocean City. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

The goal of the Report Card is to provide a transparent, timely, and geographically detailed assessment of the 2017 Coastal Bay's health. Coastal bays health is defined as the progress of four water quality indicators and

two biotic indicators toward scientifically derived ecological thresholds or goals. The six indicators are combined into one coastal bays health index, presented as a report card score.

The Report Card is a scientific collaborative effort among the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science - Integration and Application Network, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the National Park Service. Funding for the publication is provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This year's report card release program will include Gold Star award

presentations to recognize the contributions of partners and their efforts to protect our coastal bays.

Hundreds of volunteers work with MCBP, including residents and visitors, to support environmental initiatives to protect, promote, and preserve our coastal bays, by volunteering to count horseshoe crabs, terrapin turtles, and birds; collect water samples, work on restoration projects, clean neighborhoods, wetlands, & dunes of trash, and assist in many other activities.

Part of the National Estuary Program, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is a non-profit partnership among the towns of Ocean City and Berlin, the National Park Service,

Worcester County, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Maryland Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture, Environment, & Planning. One of only 28 such programs nationwide, the goal of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is to protect and enhance the 175-square mile watershed, which includes Ocean City, Ocean Pines and Berlin, and Assateague Island National Seashore.

Report cards will be available after this event online at www.mdcoastalbays.org. Should you like to obtain copies for school projects and citizen groups please contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or by calling 410-213-2297 ext. 106.

Preserving the past for the future

By **June Freeman**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be able to travel back in time and discover the world as it was? An organization known as the Questers has made this possible.

The Questers is an international organization that supports the restoration and preservation of historical buildings, artifacts, existing memorials and landmarks. Their goal is to keep these things as they were and to educate others about them.

The Quester Society began with an antique syrup pitcher and a woman named Elizabeth Bardens. Back in 1944, she entered an antique store and purchased a pitcher. On her way home, she was peppered with questions about the origin and story behind the antique pitcher. She realized that, like herself, many people were fascinated with learning the past. Thus, she started a local interest group and named them the Questers.

Since that time, the Questers have evolved and there are over 630 chapters across the United States and Canada. Maryland alone has eighteen chapters. The people of this organization are dedicated to saving places and things that are important; they provide a portal to the past. The very generous International Questers Organization donated over \$95,000 this year for preservation and restoration and sponsored a fellowship and a scholarship to students who are studying in the field of preservation.

The Berlin area has two Quester chapters, Assateague and Arcadia. The Assateague chapter is celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year. Barbara Coughlan, president of Maryland State Questers and also president of the local Assateague Questers, stated that the one trait all Questers share in common is curiosity.

Coughlan always has fun and enjoys the comradery with her Assateague group. She commented, "The eighteen members all have a willing-

ness to get involved and contribute time and effort to save what is good." With varying backgrounds and ages, the chapter is very active and according to Coughlan, "there are no slackers." Continuing their preservation and restoration projects including the Julia Purnell Museum and St. Martin's Episcopal Church, raising funds, visiting historical sights, storytelling, and learning are all a part of the chapter's work.

The Eastern Shore of Maryland is rich with history. There are countless historical sites located within an hour's drive from Ocean Pines. Discovering the past through people, places and

things offers a great opportunity. For beginners interested in exploring local history, the following are some of the better-known historical sites. The Purnell Museum located in Snow Hill exhibits an impressive 500 years of local history. Founded in 1756 and located in Selbyville, St. Martin's Church is considered one of the most

significant religious sites on the Eastern Shore and an architectural gem. Located just outside Cambridge, the Old Trinity Church and Cemetery rests on the beautiful and peaceful shoreline of Church Creek. The Harriet Tubman Museum in Cambridge provides a powerful historical perspective of 19th century slavery, the Underground Railroad, the Civil War, and the Post-Civil War period.

Barbara Coughlan revealed the attraction of being a Quester when she stated, "Doing something like this allows me get out there and learn in the company of those with like interests. It has changed my life in that sense. The opportunity to find out about the treasures of the Eastern Shore and be involved in their preservation is very rewarding."

Editor's Note: For more information go to www.questers1944.org. For information or questions about local Assateague Questers call 410-926-9305.



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The United States and Canada have two of the lowest minimum age driving requirements in the world. Minimum driving age requirements vary by the state and province in the United States and Canada, respectively.



However, in many areas of the United States, drivers can begin driving with a learner's permit around the age of 14 (drivers with learner's permits often must be accompanied by fully licensed drivers), while the minimum driving age in most Canadian provinces is 16 (it is 14 in Alberta). Throughout much of Africa, including in countries such as Egypt, Kenya and Morocco, the minimum driving age is 18. The Central American countries of Costa Rica, Honduras and Nicaragua also make young people wait until the age of 18 before they can get behind the wheel. Much of South America is the same, with only Argentina (17) and Chile (17 with parental approval) allowing young people to drive before they turn 18. Many countries in Asia, including China (18), India (18 for cars, 16 for gearless bikes under 50 cc) and Japan (18 for cars and motorcycles over 401 cc), also have higher minimum age driving requirements than the United States and Canada.

Thank you. Next.

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

During the OPA Board meeting on September 8, 2018, OPA Treasurer John Viola made an in-depth financial report, laying out the association's fiscal health through the fiscal year month of August.



No board member asked a single question.

Viola, to his credit and as is his custom, offered to take questions from anyone in the room.

OPA President Doug Parks immediately nixed that idea, and not another board member, including the newly elected members, who all ran on a platform of transparency, opened their mouths.

This also goes hand in hand with Doug Parks' draconian policy of forbidding board members to respond to public comments.

During the meeting, Parks stated that board members "can't have discussion" with association members during public comments.

Of course, that is not correct. Board members can vote to suspend the rules if they choose and allow board members to respond to association members. Board members also have the option of rising and making public comments, as some have done in the past when their fellow board members attempted to stifle responses to association members.

There does not need to be long, drawn-out discussion. Common courtesy demands at least some response to simple questions or complaints.

One association member told the board that she represented the Ocean Pines Boat Club. She was concerned that on two separate occasions the boat club had contacted the board and/or OPA and never received a response.

"Thank you. Next," is not an appropriate response to an association member, especially when outside-meeting communications from association members are ignored.



Boatload of Captains - first row (L to R): Ken Thompson, Adam Thompson, Dave Peaper and Frank Watkins. Second row: John Mcfalls, Jack Tellman, Mike O'Malley and Fred Stiehl. Third row: Ricky Kerrigan and John Henglein. Fourth row: Budd Heim and Claude Lewis.

Children benefit from day on the water

By **Jack Barnes**

At times our local anglers do more than just casting for fish, and instead cast a helping hand for those children needing a little diversion of fun and excitement in what is often a difficult journey in treating their life-threatening illness.

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club and the Atlantic Coast Sportfishing Association cooperate to bring a boating and fishing experience to families who have a child making this journey. These families come to Ocean City as part of the Believe-in-Tomorrow Foundation that provides a weekly respite opportunity at five different locations in Ocean City and Fenwick Island.

Susan Blaney, program coordinator, sent a special thank you to the captains and mates that volunteer to take families onto our coastal waters to enjoy several hours of sightseeing, fishing, crabbing, wading and other activities that present themselves. These trips occur during the summer months and sometimes into September. This year 46 families were hosted with twenty different captains and mates. Susan said the dedication of these men and women who were able to accommodate each and every family this year was incredible. In addition,

many of these captains and mates have volunteered their time during the 15 years this program has been offered. Sometimes the best medicine to treat a severe illness is a "good dose" of the spirit and goodwill of humanity. For the anglers involved the rewards are better than a good day of fishing.

Rummage sale is Saturday

Ocean City Presbyterian Church will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, September 22. The event will take place at 1301 Philadelphia Ave. in Ocean City between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Suicide prevention training offered

Wor-Wic Community College will host an alertness training for suicide prevention called "safeTALK: Anyone Can Save a Life," on Friday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, in Room 103A of Fulton-Owen Hall on the college campus in Salisbury. Three continuing education credits will be available for social workers and counselors who attend. Register before September 14 by calling 410-334-2900.

Awash in E-mail

Okay, it's time to be honest with ourselves and those around us. No hiding. Let's go everybody front and center.

E-mail was not necessarily invented so that people we know could inundate us with every stupid, often

you would have someone responding to something in the original memo that had already been decided by the rest of the group. It was mass confusion. And the interesting thing was that there were some people who really thrived in this environment. The

fact that they were not seen leaving their offices for days at a time didn't seem to bother anyone as long as they were responding to e-mail signaling that they were still alive.

It really became interesting at monthly manage-

ment meetings. After everyone took their seats at the table there would be a pause with people staring blankly at one another. Before long someone

would open their laptop computer and the domino effect would kick in with everyone opening their laptops. Then the meeting would begin. There was no talking, just the tapping of computer keys as messages flew back and forth electronically.

By its very nature E-mail is very immediate and has little tolerance for second thoughts, especially when a message is sent in a moment of distraction or worse, anger. During the days when people actually had to put pen to paper to write a note there were built-in safeguards to help avoid embarrassment and moderate angry impulses.

First you had to find a piece of paper. Then you had to go through five or six pens before actually finding one that worked. After you wrote the letter you had to find an envelope and then a stamp. This still wasn't the end of it. You had to walk the letter to the mailbox. And if you wrote the note in the middle of the night, more than likely you waited until the next morning before mailing it. As you can see there were many opportunities to think twice about what you were writing and even more importantly, how it would be received.

Not so now. Once you hit the "send" button it's all over. Or maybe more accurately, it's just begun.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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times not-funny, E-mails that do nothing more than clog In boxes. Please do not get me wrong. E-mail has become a necessary tool in business and for

that matter in staying in touch with family especially those who live far away. But come on is it really necessary for people to send to not just one person but everyone in their address book a "thought for the day" that requires downloading a document with graph-

ics that include a smiling chimpanzee eating a banana while sitting on a toilet in the middle of a farmer's field. Is it? Really?

E-mail usage has gotten way out of hand. At one time I worked for a company that seemingly could not function unless its top managers were reading and writing e-mail to one another, even when the person they were sending a message to was just down the hall.

These E-mail messages would take on a life of their own. Say a person sent a message to one or two people and copied four or five more. Inevitably not only would the two people to whom the message was sent respond but so would the four or five people who were copied. And it just wasn't their response that was included but the original message and the previous responses to the original Email. Within a very short period of time this exchange would snowball into a 17-page behemoth.

Often times depending on when a person read their E-mail messages,



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**Father's parting
advice sustains POW**

The story of Joe Sangermano

***Publisher's Note:** Friday is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. In 2006 I had the privilege to interview Joe Sangermano for the book, "Our Time, Our Service," published by the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation. Joe was captured and became a Prisoner of War during World War II. Joe's story is reprinted here.*

By **Chip Bertino**

How Joe Sangermano, the son of Italian immigrants living in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, went from a tranquil existence in his hometown to becoming a prisoner of war is a story punctuated with fear, determination, hope and

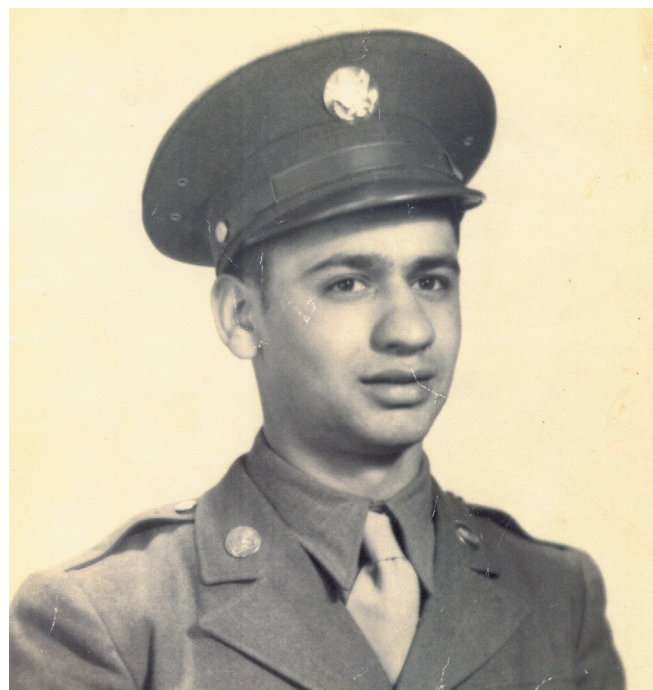
German forces were rolling across Europe.

As the war progressed, it was clear that Joe and his generation would be called to service. Joe's uncle was a supervisor at the American Bridge Company steel mill in Ambridge and urged his nephew to go to welding school. His uncle promised him a job helping to build ships for the Navy. Upon completion of his training and passing the necessary tests, Joe was given a six month deferment that would be renewed regularly for as long as his services were needed at the mill.

Joe was ill-suited for the job of building ships, "I was working on a boat in the cold freezing water and it

was extremely windy at the shipyard. It was too much for me working 16 hours a day with no fun. I had to work, work, work while all my friends were leaving for the services."

Having had enough, Joe decided that when his next deferment came due he would not sign it. He wanted to go into the service. Although his father and uncle understood his decision, his mother was another matter. When a recruiter showed up at the Sangermano house looking for Joe, Joe's mother, in very



Joe Sangermano

downright perseverance against debilitating odds.

By his own admission, Joe was quite a character who enjoyed life and good times. His penchant for mischief started at an early age when he and his brothers would tease their mother unmercifully to make her laugh. They once tied her apron strings to the back of her chair while she was sitting at the kitchen table.

Joe was in high school when the United States entered World War II. He worked in a grocery store stocking shelves and delivering groceries for \$3 a week. Joe had little understanding of what it meant when he heard that

broken English said, "My Joe no home!" Joe was upstairs sleeping. This scene repeated itself several subsequent mornings until Joe finally answered the door. Joe reported the next morning and enlisted in the Army.

Joe was ordered to report for duty on January 3, 1943. Joe's entire family saw him off at the train station. His father even boarded the train, giving his son last minute instructions on how to take care of himself. His father told him to write often and, "if you have the choice of becoming a prisoner of war and getting killed, choose to be

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a prisoner because you will have a chance to survive and return home someday.”

Joe soberly admits that his father's last piece of advice stayed with him all during the war and for the rest of his life. Joe's father had been a prisoner of war for four months during the First World War. Neither father nor son realized that they would share a common experience.

Joe arrived for training at Fort Knox, the headquarters for the Armored Forces. He spent 13 weeks being trained as a driver of a medium Sherman Tank. However, all was not training and drill. Joe found time to play craps and poker three and four times a week. Joe cannot recall how he got the money to play the games, but he certainly enjoyed himself and did quite well.

Joe was a restless sort. He disliked the training, especially during bad weather. One assignment required Joe to complete a 25-mile hike with full pack that weighed about 35 to 40 pounds. Hoping to lighten his load, Joe filled his knapsack with paper instead of the emergency pack. Every-

thing was going along fine until the second lieutenant told the troops to open their packs. “I never saw so much anger on anyone's face,” Joe recalls. As punishment, Joe was given another man's pack to carry the rest of the way and two weeks of KP with lots of potatoes to peel.

Joe prepared to be shipped overseas. When an expected 72-hour pass was not granted, Joe and some friends went A.W.O.L., returning home to see their families one last time before leaving. Joe remembers his mother making “homemade pasta and the best of everything she had.”

Joe and his friends returned to Fort Knox just as his company's trucks were about to leave. They headed to Norfolk where they boarded ships bound for Casablanca in North Africa. The seven-day voyage was fraught with German aerial bombings and seasickness. Some of the ships in the transport were sunk.

Joe's mischievous nature continued to display itself even in a theater of war. After he and his comrades overhauled some tanks, they took one into a nearby town with the siren blaring. Joe describes the scene as townspeople took cover: “People were running in all directions. Not known

to us was that the siren meant air raid to them. Since there was no one to stop us, we took two five-gallon cans and filled them with wine. On our way back to camp we were stopped and escorted by the MPs who took us to the company commander.” Joe and his friends were ordered to start digging latrines for the whole company. Joe left his name on each one that was dug. “Sometimes, we would get a couple of Arab kids to dig for us giving them chocolate bars and candy.” Joe soon found himself in the stockade again when he and his friends had a drinking party during a so-called off-camp trip.

Joe was transferred to the 152nd Tank Battalion, 1st Armored Division and moved from Casablanca to Algeria. Shortly thereafter, Joe caught malaria that required him to stay at a rest area. While he was recuperating, his battalion was shipped to the front. When he returned to camp, he learned that the members of the Tank Battalion had either been killed or captured. He never heard about the 152nd again.

He was sent to a transfer center in Salerno, and then to Naples where he eventually joined up with the 191st Tank Battalion. While in Naples, he again found himself on the wrong side

of the law when he and some friends had too much to drink. Joe had a difficult time understanding why he could not hold his wine until he learned that the Italians were mixing benzene with the wine.

After months in Naples, Joe's battalion was ordered to Anzio to join the attack on Rome. The tanks were prepared for the invasion. While waiting for action, Joe and a group of friends stayed below deck with the tanks and started shooting dice. Within three hours, Joe had won nearly \$1,500.

At first, just after the invasion, there was little German resistance. Within a week, the German defenses strengthened. Joe remembers the German planes doing damage to the seaport where they landed. “We were under heavy fire by air and on the ground. They had tanks superior to ours with firepower better than ours.”

Eventually the U.S. Army Air Corps took control of the air and things settled into almost a stalemate. It was during this time that Joe asked if he could take a truck and go for some supplies. Joe's ulterior motive was to visit his grandfather, who lived a day or so from Naples, and to send his

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gambling winnings home. Joe was able to take a truck, and he headed for the seaport to board an LST. During the trip, the German Air Force launched an attack. Joe jumped out of his truck and crawled into a sewer pipe filled with rats. "There were big rats in front of me, but as scared as I was about the bombs, the rats gave me company."

Spotting a church on a hillside, Joe decided to take cover in the church, expecting that the Germans would not bomb it. Once inside, he opened a cellar door and was surprised to find 13 children and two adults looking up at him and screaming. Joe screamed that he was an American to settle them down. Very quickly, Joe learned that the children's parents had been taken away to work in factories. The children were cold and hungry.

Joe put the children and the adults in the truck to take them to Naples in order to turn them over to the International Red Cross. The group stayed hidden under a tarp until they passed security at the seaport and were on the ship. Once on the ship, Joe secured food and milk for the kids. He offered

the adults \$500 from his gambling winnings to take care of the children. They refused but did ask for Joe's home address. After the war, Joe learned that the woman had corresponded with his father during the war.

As promised, Joe delivered his human cargo to the International Red Cross, and then headed off to visit his grandfather in Cosenza in southern Italy. While en route, he was stopped by a British MP because the truck he was driving had a white cross on the windshield indicating that it was a combat vehicle. He was ordered to return to his unit.

Upon returning to Anzio, he was ordered to the front line and to dig in. A short time later Joe recounts, "The big push started on all fronts – British, Russian, and French, to make the invasion of France. The Russians headed for Berlin and we were to head north towards Rome." Casualties were heavy on both sides, but Joe and his crew did make it to Rome. Shortly thereafter, they were ordered to retreat. Joe and his tank crew did not make it back.

Their tank was hit. The tank commander, the gunner and the assistant gunner were killed. Only Joe and the

assistant driver survived. They escaped from the tank through the bottom hatch and tried to crawl back to their lines despite heavy German firing. "The Germans were mopping up the area to be sure no live Americans were left behind. We kept about 25 yards apart so that at least one might get through."

As he looked up to see where he was going, he saw two big black boots in front of him. Two Germans were clearing the heavy brush with their bayonets and one of them swung back his bayonet and hit him in his leg. The German soldier pulled Joe up and started hollering at him. He then took Joe's watch, belt and other personal belongings. The Germans left Joe quickly as the Americans launched a counter-attack. Soon an American medic was attending to Joe's injury. Just as quickly, the Germans again made a push, and Joe was captured.

Joe was taken to a cave where he was interrogated by a German and an Italian soldier. Joe was not able to tell them much. It became very clear to Joe during this period that war was not a game and that what he was going through was very real. Joe was taken by a German sergeant to a staging area, forced to carry the German's backpack for several miles despite the injury to his leg. They stopped at an old building that was, according to Joe, "full of Germans and some Americans."

The Americans were Air Force officers who were being interrogated. Joe and the airmen were force marched with hundreds of other American POWs through the streets of Rome. They ended up at the Roman Coliseum where they were loaded on trucks and sent north to an Italian prison. During the trip, Joe and the others attempted to escape several times but to no avail.

Once at the jail, the group spent 13 days in a small confined area. Eventually a representative of the International Red Cross met with them giving them soap, toothpaste and some Italian lire to use in case they were able to escape. The prisoners were not provided medical assistance. While incarcerated, Joe wrote "Sangey was here" on the wall of his cell.

After nearly a fortnight, the prisoners were taken to a railroad station, loaded on trains and taken to Germany. It was a difficult journey that got worse with each passing day. The stench was unbearable. After several days, the train arrived at Stalag VIIA, located north of Moosburg. It had been built to house 10,000 POWs but was handling more than ten times that number. Prisoners entering the camp were examined, registered on filing cards, given a registration counter and passed on to be deloused.

While his stay at Stalag VIIA was short, it was awful. "We were treated like criminals. The guards did not follow the POW Geneva Convention International Law. They said they were the law and we were the prisoners."

Joe was soon sent to a labor camp where his first job was repairing the roads which had been destroyed by Allied bombers. After several weeks, he was shipped by rail to Munich where he worked on the railroad. During this period, Joe's injured leg continued to get worse. However, the Germans gave him no medical treatment.

He was then sent to Frankford where he worked on the railroad morning and night. German troops and dogs guarded the men closely. Joe was still wearing the uniform he had been captured in and "by this time they smelled like rotten garbage."

"It is hard to explain being a POW

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Fresh start - Students from Jen Spicer's third grade class at Ocean City Elementary and their parents shared the excitement of starting Writer's Workshop for the year by decorating their writer's notebooks during the first week of school.

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liability for the next five years.

Before sending your donation, notify Stacey Weisner at 410-957-9933 or stacey@DelmarvaDiscoveryCenter.org of your intent to participate.

The Discovery Center is located at 2 Market Street, Pocomoke City, MD, and is open year round; Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 pm.

Free Breast Cancer Conference scheduled

Peninsula Regional Medical Center's Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute will hold its 14th annual Breast Cancer Conference, "Where Did You Get Your Genes?" on Wednesday, October 3 at The Wicomico Youth & Civic Center in Salisbury.

Registration for the event and vendor exhibits will start at 4:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m. Presentations will run from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Topics covered include genetic testing and counseling, how genetic tests can influence treatment plans, and genetic testing from a family perspective. The conference will end with a Q & A panel discussion with the audience.

There is no cost to attend this conference, but space is limited. Dinner will be provided. To register, please visit peninsula.org/breast-conference.

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District 5

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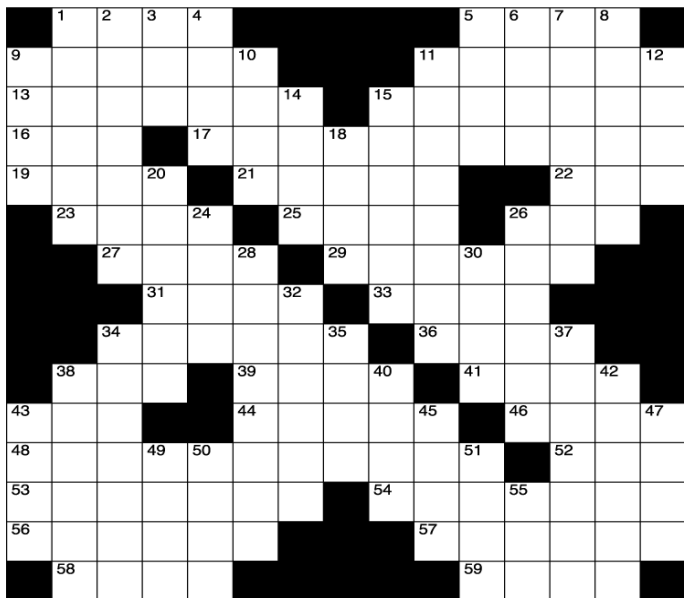
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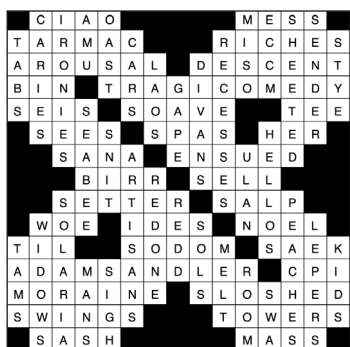


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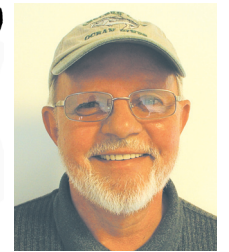
- 1. A greeting
- 5. A type of hall
- 9. Planes need one
- 11. Wealth
- 13. The act of exciting
- 15. A movement downward
- 16. Type of storage
- 17. A funny and sad play
- 19. After cinco
- 21. Dry white Italian wine
- 22. Where golfers begin
- 23. Witnesses
- 25. Relaxing places
- 26. Of she
- 27. Discontinued compact car
- 29. Resulted
- 31. Large Irish castle
- 33. Offer for a price
- 34. One type is Irish
- 36. Free-swimming invertebrate
- 38. A type of tale
- 39. The middle of the month
- 41. Christmas
- 43. '___ death do us part
- 44. Goes with Gomorrah
- 46. Ethnic group of Thailand
- 48. "Grown Ups" funnyman
- 52. A type of index
- 53. A mass of rocks
- 54. Splashed
- 56. Kids' playground necessities
- 57. Sears and London are two
- 58. Strip of cloth
- 59. Church

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Progressive decay of a bone or tooth
- 2. Deliberately contrary events
- 3. Unit of mass
- 4. Kiln
- 5. Soybean paste
- 6. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 7. Made the bed
- 8. One who mails
- 9. Bar bills
- 10. Automotive vehicles
- 11. Breaks
- 12. Swelling of the eyelid
- 14. Asian country
- 15. Couches
- 18. Stare with mouth wide open
- 20. Member of U.S. Navy
- 24. A sulk
- 26. Greetings
- 28. Craftsmen
- 30. Mongolian city ___ Bator
- 32. Did again
- 34. Sunrooms
- 35. Start over
- 37. Georgians love them
- 38. Women
- 40. "Snake Tales" cartoonist
- 42. Pariahs
- 43. Caps
- 45. Gradually become less solid
- 47. Goats
- 49. French city Le ___
- 50. Exhale
- 51. Homes have at least one
- 55. Type of power cable



Answers for September 12



Captain Ron's
Fish Tales

By Ron Fisher

Fall striper fishing

Fishing Report: Given the recent weather there is not much going on. Wind, rain, impending hurricane have all hurt the local fishing. Although when weather permits some nice flounder are being caught in the East Channel and around the Rte. 50 bridge on live bunker or spot. Let's hope for some improvement so we can go fishing.

Fall Rock or Striper fishing: This is the time of year to begin looking forward to when the water cools that rock fishing improves with the fall migration. They are not a difficult fish to catch but you need to know what equipment is used, when and where to fish, baits and how to fish for rock. Rock can be caught from a boat, bridge, surf or bulkhead. For the purpose of this column I am going to focus on fishing from a boat

Equipment: A medium action spinning or conventional rod & reel are required but one that has enough backbone to set the hook. I personally prefer a conventional rod and reel because I find it easier to use particularly when bottom fishing. For rock I will use 15 or 17 lb. monofilament line with a three-way swivel tied to the end to which I attach approximately 30 inches of 40lb. test Fluorocarbon or Monofilament leader material and a 2.5 or 3 oz weight depending on the tidal flow. At the business end of the leader attach either a circle hook or octopus hook in the range of #4/0 to #6/0. At times I will also use a fish finder rig. If fishing plugs or other artificial baits simply attach a swivel at the business end of the line to attach the lures.

Where and when to fish: Rock fishing by boat is best in deeper water such as the East Channel, Harbor Island, the inlet along the North and South Jetty. Off shore in locations such as Gull Shoal or just off the Coast

Guard Station but remember to stay within the 3-mile limit. I prefer to fish the incoming tide and the first two hours of the outgoing tide early in the morning or at night are the best times.

Baits and how to fish: When fishing from a boat and fish are in the area two deadly baits are live spot and live eels fished close to the bottom on the rig I described earlier. Spot should be hooked through the upper lip and out the hard tissue next to the nostril. Eels should be hooked through the eyes or lips then simply drop your rig to the bottom and drift with the tide. Be certain you have enough weight to hold bottom. Other options are to cast



plugs, lures, or bucktail jigs with a worm attached along the bulkhead in the East Channel or along the Jetty's in the Inlet. Some popular lures are soft body worms & shad, Got-cha plugs, Rattletrap, Zoom flukes and Mirror lures are also popular. Also, don't overlook trying Peelers and Bloodworms.

Fishing with eels: Although eels are excellent bait for rock fishing they are difficult to handle and will frequently twist up you line if not handled properly. I keep my eels on ice which reduces their activity and will retrieve them from the bucket with a paper towel or glove. A helpful hint once hooked, keep their tail in the water and they will not twist your line.

Did you know? Oysters have been around for approximately 15 million years? Or that they can change their gender? In fact, often more than once.

Your next raw oyster may still be alive as you eat it. The next time someone shucks you a fresh oyster, it's likely breathing. Give it a poke with a fork to see if it moves.

Until next time remember to take a kid fishing,
Capt. Ron

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with nobody to assist you in any way. We were humiliated, just as bad as being slaves, with very little food, less freedom to talk. Some of the younger Germans would spit on us and throw rocks at us. They laughed at the way we walked.”

After a couple of weeks working on the railroad, the Germans gathered about 30 POWs from different nations including Joe. The group was marched to the railroad station. Joe remembers that the group was worried, unsure what was about to happen to them. They had been given old, dirty and tattered uniforms to wear. The letters “KG” were painted on the back of them, identifying them as prisoners of war. The group was herded onto a cattle car and sent to a different labor camp a couple of days away.

The new camp was a government-owned farm where Germans worked to produce food and fuel for the German army. The morning after their arrival, Joe and the other prisoners were told that they would be working in the field picking sugar beets, potatoes and wheat. In the winter they were to cut ice out of the nearby water holes.

During roll call that morning, Joe and the others realized that one of the POWs who had been with them the day before was missing. His name was David Levine, an American Jew. Despite pleas from the other POWs, David refused to change his name to avoid execution. Joe remembers David saying, “I am a Jew and I stay a Jew.” Joe somberly recalls that, “David wasn’t with us anymore.” When queried, one of the German guards said that he had been sent to another camp.

Work on the farm was exhausting. The POWs worked from sunrise to sunset. Joe noticed there were political prisoners working on the farm as well as Polish, French, Belgians and Czechs men and women. Despite the awful surroundings, Joe remembers a situation that made him realize that there was still good in the hearts of these people, forced into despicable

conditions. One day a young Polish girl gave birth in a wheat field. The others in the camp, even the German girls, took turns hiding the baby from the guards.

If daily quotas were not met, the prisoners were forced to work into the night. What little food there was for the prisoners consisted of a cup of potato soup and loaf of bread for 13 men to share.

Conditions during the winter were brutal, cold and damp. Joe was forced to cut ice with a makeshift saw without gloves. He wrapped his hands with old rags. At one point, some French POWs were able to get Joe and the others wooden shoes and some rags to wrap around their feet.



Joe Sangermano during a Memorial Day ceremony in Ocean Pines.

The holiday spirit was lost on Joe and the other prisoners as Christmas 1944 approached. Just before Christmas the guards and some German civilians went on a hunting trip for jack rabbits. They used the POWs as decoys. The prisoners were lined up near the end of the forest and told to walk through to the other side, making all kinds of noise with tin cans to scare the rabbits. The Germans would shoot the rabbits. “We were scared as hell, thinking they would miss the rabbit and shoot us.”

Christmas day was brutal for Joe. He was caught trying to steal some food. Beaten and humiliated, the experience left him scarred for life. The days wore on and Joe sank into a

deeper depression. His feet were black and blue and always seemed to be wet.

In late February or March 1945, Joe cannot remember for sure, the Russian army began to advance. The POWs were marched west. It was rumored that the U.S. government had warned the Germans that they did not want any American POWs to fall into the hands of the Russians. The prisoners marched for about three weeks, day and night. In April, they reached Stalag IIB and met up with other GIs. The camp was overcrowded. There was no food, and water would come on only one hour a day. Through the grapevine, Joe and the others heard that the Russians were about two or three days away. At night, the sounds of Russian bombs could be heard.

At dawn one morning, the prisoners awoke to see Russian soldiers killing the German guards. Joe was afraid to leave his camp fearing that he too would be killed. Joe describes the scene: “They opened the gates to the POW camp....There were political prisoners, French, Polish, Czechs, and Lithuanians, men and women, you name it, they were held as prisoners. The women had their own side of the camp. We never saw a woman until we were liberated. I had never seen anything like this in my lifetime and hope never to see it again. We were full of lice, dirt was caked on certain parts of our bodies; long beards, dirty clothes, just a bunch of nobodies. I see now how a homeless person looks and feels.”

Joe’s imprisonment of 366 days was finally over.

After about a week that included medical evaluations, the Russians released Joe and many of the others. Joe started his long journey back home. Joe finally arrived in Fort Dix, New Jersey. He soon went to Philadelphia to see his girl, Helen. From there,

he and Helen went to Ambridge to be reunited with Joe’s family.

The road to recovery and adjustment to civilian life was difficult for Joe. His injured leg continues to be a problem. Joe and Helen married and have two children, Maria and Joe, Jr. After more than 40 years in the business world, Joe and Helen moved to Ocean City to enjoy retirement. They recently celebrated their 59th anniversary. Joe continues to stay active. He is commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Maryland-East Chapter. He is also a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Sons of Italy.

Epilogue: Joe passed away March 19, 2017. He was 94. His wife Helen died December 17, 2016.

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	Low	11:39 AM	
	High	6:01 PM	
Sa 22	Low	12:24 AM	6:48 AM 6:57 PM
	High	6:16 AM	
	Low	12:25 PM	
	High	6:41 PM	
Su 23	Low	1:01 AM	6:49 AM 6:56 PM
	High	6:58 AM	
	Low	1:07 PM	
	High	7:21 PM	
M 24	Low	1:37 AM	6:50 AM 6:54 PM
	High	7:38 AM	
	Low	1:48 PM	
	High	8:00 PM	
Tu 25	Low	2:12 AM	6:51 AM 6:53 PM
	High	8:18 AM	
	Low	2:29 PM	
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Tying the knot? Huh?

Should a person hear that a couple “tied the knot,” it is immediately known that they got married. But just when and where does the term “tying the knot” come from?

The phrase “tying the knot” is steeped in tradition, though the origins of the phrase remain open for

Free poetry reading offered

The public is invited to attend a free poet’s talk on Friday, September 21, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by a reading at 7:30 p.m., in Room 302 of the Hazel Center at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury.

Meg Day will be the featured guest. She is the 2015-2016 recipient of the Amy Lowell Poetry Travelling Scholarship, a 2013 recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowship and the author of “Last Psalm at Sea Level.”

Contact Renee Dayton at rdayton@worwic.edu or 410-334-2852 for more information.

debate. One origin story states that tying the knot can be traced back to the Roman empire, when brides wore girdles that were tied in knots, and the groom had to eventually untie those knots to consummate the marriage. Tying the knot also may be traced to the custom of handfasting. The marriage contract was established between a bride and a groom by joining their hands together and tying them. Although accounts vary as to whether the hands were tied only during the ceremony or later, this is believed to be an ancient Renaissance or Celtic tradition.

Others speculate that the phrase traces its origins to Hindu weddings in which brides and grooms tied a necklace of flowers as part of wedding tradition. Yet another theory suggests that the phrase can be traced back to the knotted string that supported beds prior to the use of metal springs. Therefore, in order to make a marriage bed, couples first needed to tie the knot. Knots also represent a difficult-to-break bond, which is why they have long been as-

sociated with marriage. In one unity tradition, couples may braid or knot together three strands, with one representing the bride, one symbolizing the groom and the third representing God as they join together in faith. Similarly, the phrase “getting hitched” is associated with knot-tying as well. The saying implies that two people are being tied together just like a horse is tied, or hitched, to a wagon.

Bertino to hold Town Meeting

Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host a town meeting on Saturday, September 29 at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines library. He will discuss issues and developments impacting the Ocean Pines district and the county. Commissioner Bertino’s guests include Worcester County School Superintendent Lou Taylor and representatives from Worcester County Commission on Aging (WoCOA).



Lou Taylor

Superintendent Taylor will give an update on the construction of the new Showell Elementary School and the results of the most recent student testing.

Representatives from WoCOA will talk about the new Maryland Community For Life Program, a state pilot project in Ocean Pines designed to enhance the quality of life for seniors living in the community.

Commissioner Jim Bunting will join the meeting as well.

Glass blowing fundraiser set

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold a fundraiser at Jeffrey Auxer Design studio in Berlin where participants can blow their own ornament. There are three weekend dates: November 28 and 29, December 5 and 6, and December 12 and 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$30 per ornament and you get to pick the colors and form the shape. Preregistration is required. Call 443-880-4944. Space is limited.

Pines flea market is Saturday

Ocean Pines will once again become a haven for bargain hunters as the community’s semi-annual Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market returns on Saturday, September 22 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Admission is free for shoppers, who will find vendors selling used clothing, children’s items, household items, collectibles and more.

Those interested in participating in the flea market as vendors may reserve indoor or outdoor spaces. An indoor space is \$15 for Ocean Pines residents and \$20 for non-residents and includes an 8-ft. table and a chair.

Outdoor spaces, located in the parking lot in front of the Ocean Pines

Administration Building, are \$10 for all vendors. Outdoor vendors will need to provide their own tables and chairs.

Free event parking is available at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway.

Shoppers may also stop by the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market for fresh produce, baked goods, artisan-crafted items and more. The market is held Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. year-round and Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. April through September in White Horse Park, located next to the community center.

For more information about this event or to inquire about participating as a vendor, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

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Tickets available for Blues event

Reservations are available for “Blues on the Bay” at Macky’s Bayside Bar & Grill in Ocean City, the annual September party that celebrates the fall season in the resort and also raises money for an important cause, The Macky and Pam Stansell House of Coastal Hospice at the Ocean.

Blues on the Bay will be held at Macky’s on 54th St. bayside in Ocean City on Wednesday, September 19 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Singer and saxophonist Everett Spells will provide the musical entertainment, and reservations include an open bar, heavy hors d’oeuvres, and a front-row view of the sunset over the bay.

This year’s event will also feature a visual presentation about the Stansell House, which is scheduled to open for patients in early 2019.

Last year, Blues on the Bay raised more than \$33,000 for the capital campaign to build the Stansell House, a new

hospice residence and outreach center coming to Ocean Pines.

Macky’s owner, Walter “Macky” Stansell, has been passionately committed to Coastal Hospice for more than a decade and dedicated substantial resources to support the organization’s mission and vision. Stansell co-chairs the capital campaign committee to build the hospice home. The residence was named Macky and Pam Stansell House in honor of the generous contributions the couple has made towards the project.

The new residence will provide rooms for 12 hospice patients who lack an able caregiver at home and can no longer manage independently. Each room will be outfitted to support medical care, yet furnished to feel like home. Reservations are \$75 per person and may be made at CoastalHospice.org/Blues or by calling 410-742-8732.

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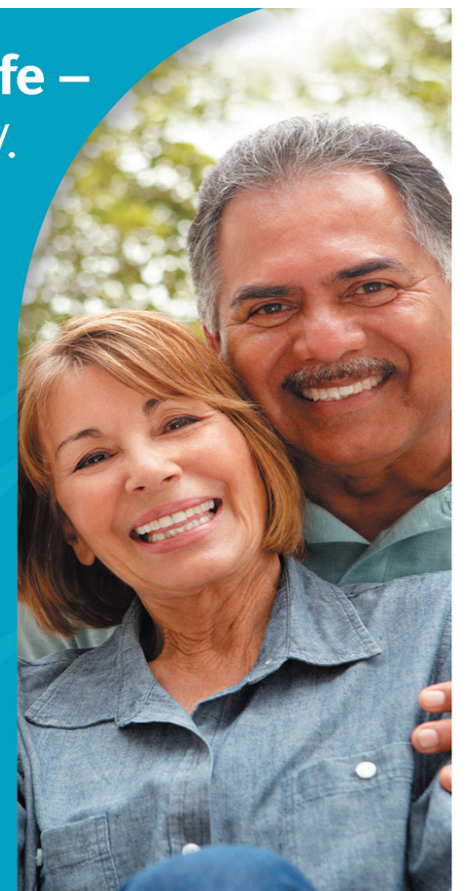
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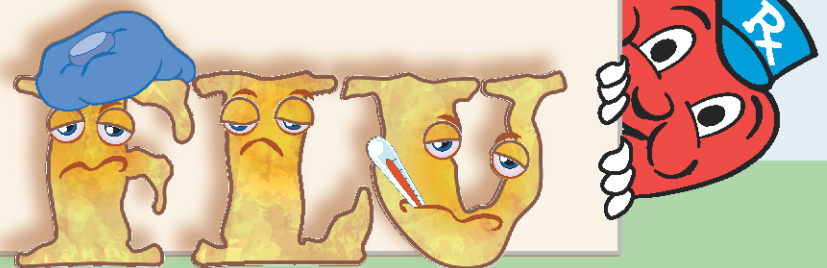
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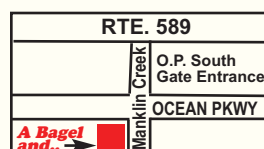
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Review of 'The Cutthroat'

By **Jean Marx**

This book is the ninth in the Isaac Bell detective series and is co-written by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott. At 86 years old, Clive Cussler has more than fifty books in his repertoire, spanning such series as Dirk Pitt, NUMA Files, Oregon Files, Fargo, and Isaac Bell. Justin Scott is no slouch, either, with such novels as "The Ship-killer" and "Normandie Triangle," and the Ben Abbott detective series. I've read numerous Dirk Pitt novels over the years with my favorite being "Raising the Titanic." Both the Dirk Pitt and NUMA Files novels encompass Cussler's fascination for underwater exploring.

In Isaac Bell, Cussler and Scott have created another unique detective hero who champions justice in the early 20th century. Bell works for the Van Dorn Detective Agency that has

field offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Cincinnati, and New York. In this book, Bell is still a newlywed, having married well-known filmmaker, Marion Morgan Bell. Both Bells will be called upon to solve the string of heinous crimes in this fast-paced novel that actually draws on historical accounts from the Jack the Ripper crimes that terrified the London streets beginning in 1888. Real life ac-

counts differ as to how many murders were committed by Jack the Ripper; the consensus is that five murders from August-November 1888 could definitely be attributed to him with an-

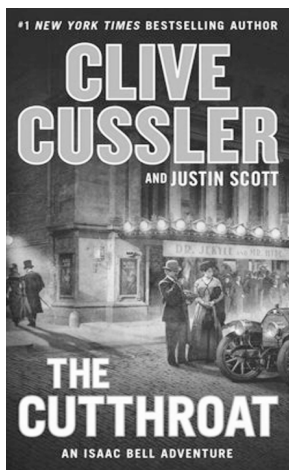
other six unsolved murders continuing into 1891. What was notable about the five murders in 1888 was that there was some mutilation done to the women's bodies post-mortem.

"The Cutthroat" opens in the year 1911 when Anna Pape's father, distinguished William Lathrop Pape, seeks out Isaac Bell to help him find his 18-year-old daughter who had run off to New York City to become an actress. At first, Bell is not interested in a simple missing-person search since the Van Dorn detective agency normally handled the pursuit of murderers, kidnappers, bank robbers, jewel thieves, and gangsters. Nonetheless, Mr. Pape touches a chord in Isaac Bell when the tears in his eyes clearly convey his worry that waiting nearly a month to report Anna missing could have dire consequences for her. The book then flashes over to Anna who

excitedly reveals to her roommate Lucy Balant that she has been selected by an elderly gentleman to coach her to read for the new "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" cross-country tour that was about to start. Since the kindly gentleman reminded her of her father and had introduced himself as a theater producer, Anna couldn't believe her stroke of luck.

As Mr. Bell begins calling on his connections to locate Anna, he soon discovers her, to his dismay. He finds Anna in a run-down hotel room with bruises around her neck and a deep knife slice to her throat. He also finds ten crescent-shaped slices on her arms and legs that appeared to make a pattern. As murders of young women begin to mount over the next several months, Bell is instantly alerted to a link between them when he learns that similar crescent shapes have been found on these women's bodies as well. The women are young, attrac-

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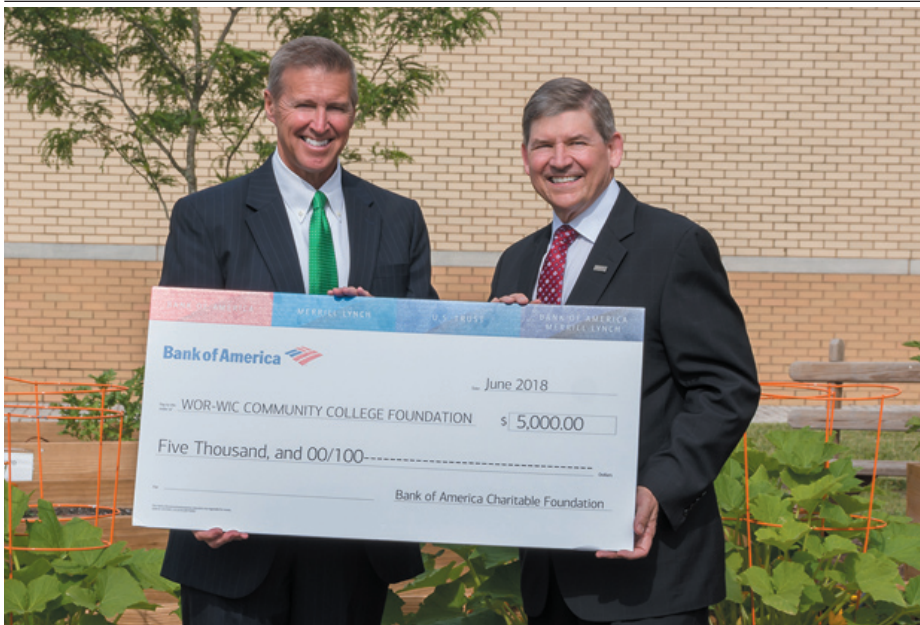
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Donation - John Kilian, left, senior vice president of Merrill Lynch/Bank of America, presents **Dr. Ray Hoy**, president of Wor-Wic Community College, with a check for \$5,000 to assist with operating costs for the college's Food for Students initiative, which includes a food pantry and community garden that began in the fall 2017. Since its inception, the food pantry has distributed more than 6,000 pounds of food to the campus community, serving more than 1,000 people. The college intends to create a \$150,000 endowment to continue the program in perpetuity.

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...tive, and seemingly naïve as there are never signs of a struggle. Seeing that there is now a serial killer on the loose, Bell calls the other Van Dorn offices to see if there are unsolved murders in their jurisdictions as well. The cables he receives in return show that unsolved murders of young women actually date back to 1908, with the women having similar mutilations. When Bell makes inquiries as to why the murders didn't go back earlier than 1908, he learns that this was the year that many movie makers arrived on the East Coast. This leads Bell and his fellow agents to begin suspecting that their perpetrator was in the show business industry. The string of murders also begins to bear a striking resemblance to the Jack the Ripper murders; as a result, Bell dashes to London to dig up more details of the unsolved murders there.

In a race against the clock, Bell and his team piece together that the current murders are following the route of the "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" theater tour. They begin following the route themselves, conjuring up identities to appear that they are either actors, stage hands, newspapermen, etc. to try to find the killer before he strikes again. It's a very clever book with plenty of twists and turns to keep you guessing until the very last chapter.

Perhaps you'll be more astute than I and figure out the killer sooner than the last chapter, but in any event, I highly recommend this book. It will be hard to put down once you start it.

Fundraising dinner scheduled

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its annual Chicken & Dumpling Dinner at the main fire station on Sunday, October 14. The cost is \$12 for adults; \$6 for children under age 11. The event will occur at 10709 Bishopville Rd. in Bishopville between noon and 5 p.m. Carry out and bake table available. Call 443-880-6966 to preorder your carryout.

Crab, chicken feast offered

The Church of the Holy Spirit is having a crab/chicken feast on September 30 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the church. Food will be served until 4:30 p.m.

The feast includes crabs, fried chicken, corn on the cob, hush puppies, iced tea, lemonade and coffee. Do bring your own mallets. Desserts will be available for \$1. Tickets are \$35 for people over 12, and \$15 for those 12 and younger. Tickets, available at the church, are limited.

The church is located at 100th St. and Coastal Highway in Ocean City; call the church office at 410-723-1973 or Monica at 443-235-8942 for further information.

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themselves," said Jessica Sexauer, director of the Local Behavioral Health Authority and Local Management Board for Worcester County and Co-Chair of the Walk. "Each year we have families return to honor their loved ones, and each year we have also have new families join the walks. The support seen at the walks is so moving. Our desire is to reduce suicide by spreading awareness in our community. The suicide prevention walk is one of several efforts to help with reducing our suicide rates."

For information on the Celebration of Life event hosted the night before the walk, contact Monica Martin at 410-629-0164 ext.147.

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