

Assateague Island announces free admission days

The National Park Service announced that the public will be invited to experience all national parks, including Assateague Island National Seashore, without entrance fees, on five days in 2019.

The 2019 entrance fee free days are:

-January 21: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

-April 20: Start of National Park Week/National Junior Ranger Day

-August 25: National Park Service Anniversary

-September 28: National Public Lands Day

-November 11: Veterans Day

"National parks connect all of us with our country's amazing nature, culture and history," said Assateague Island National Seashore Superintendent Debbie Darden.

"These fee free days provide opportunities for the public to participate in service projects, enjoy ranger-led programs, or just spend time with family and friends exploring these diverse and special



places. We hope that these fee free days offer visitors an extra incentive to enjoy Assateague and other National Park Service sites in 2019."

Assateague Island National Seashore usually has an entrance fee of \$20 per car. These entrance fee free days do not waive camping or Over Sand Vehicle permit fees. Nationwide, 115 of the 418 national parks charge an entrance fee. The other 303 national park units do not have entrance fees. Last year, Assateague Island National Seashore had more than 2.3 million visitors. Those visitors spent \$99.8 million in local communities which helped to support 1,300 jobs.

The annual \$80 America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass allows unlimited entrance to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including all national parks that charge an entrance fee. There are also free or discounted passes available for senior citizens, current members of the military, families of fourth grade students, and disabled citizens.



Sworn in - On November 28, Arlene Page of Bishopville was sworn in as Worcester County's newest member of Maryland's Tax Appeal Board. The position is appointed by the Governor with a term of five years.

From left: **Arlene Page** and **Sherrie Harrington**, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court in Snow Hill. Photo by Ted Page.



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Anglers to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center. The speakers will be Anglers Club members Ken Thompson and his son Adam who traveled to Nova Scotia in October and documented their trip to fish for giant Bluefin Tuna. Updates on fishing issues and awards will also be presented for the Top Anglers of the Year. Members are asked to bring a canned good or a donation for the Diakonia Shelter. All are welcome.

NAACP to meet

The Worcester County NAACP will meet Thursday, December 20. The executive board will meet at 6 p.m.; the general meeting at 7 p.m. Nominations for 2019 - 2021 officers will be presented with elections to be held on January 17. The community is invited to attend and suggest agenda items for next year. The meeting will take place at the Snow Hill library located at 307 N. Washington St. Call 410-213-1956 for further information.

Longwood Gardens trip planned

The Art League of Ocean City is sponsoring a bus trip to Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA on Tuesday, December 18. Proceeds from the trip will benefit the programs of the Art League.

This season, Longwood Christmas pays homage to the Christmas tree with an imaginative display featuring traditional favorites and inspiring new twists.

The bus will depart the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., bayside in Ocean City at 8:30 a.m. and return at 8 p.m. The cost per person is \$70. Guests may bring their own lunch or lunch at one of the cafes at the Gardens. Tickets may be booked online at artleagueofoceancity.org or by calling 410-524-9433.

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On this day in 1917, in Omaha, NE, Father Edward J. Flanagan, a 31-year-old Irish priest, opened the doors to a home for troubled and neglected children, and six boys enter to seek a better life. Flanagan, who previously ran the Workingmen's Hotel, a haven for down-and-out workers in Omaha, understood that mistreated or orphaned children were at high risk of turning to delinquency and crime in later years.

Within months, enrollment at Boys Town had soared to more than 100 boys, and a school was established that later grew into an institution with a grade school, a high school, and a career vocational center. Before the new building was four years old, more than 1,300 neglected boys from 17 states had passed through Boys Town.

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.

Air show to feature Canadian Armed Forces Snowbirds

The 2019 OC Air Show will feature the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Snowbirds when it returns June 15-16 over the beaches and boardwalk of Ocean City.

It will mark the first time the team has performed at the OC Air Show.

Also known as the 431 Air Demonstration Squadron, the team is comprised of active duty members of the Canadian Armed Forces. Serving as Canadian ambassadors, the Snowbirds demonstrate the skill, profes-

sionalism and teamwork inherent in the women and men of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) and the Canadian Armed Forces.

The CAF Snowbirds fly the Canadair CT-114 Tutor, a Canadian-built jet that was used by the Canadian Forces as a basic pilot-training aircraft from 1963 to 2000. The Tutor weighs approximately 7,170 pounds and is powered by a J-85 engine producing 2,700 pounds of thrust.



The team consists of approximately 80 Canadian Forces personnel, 24 of whom comprise the show team that travels during the show season.

The Snowbirds' demanding schedule is met through the dedicated teamwork of not only the 11 military pilots and technicians, but also the entire home team. The CAF Snowbirds leave their home base in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and travel to Comox, British Colum-

bia in April each year for about two weeks to practice over different terrain. Starting in May until mid-October, the team travels across North America performing at various air shows. On average, the team will fly approximately 60 air shows at 40 different locations during a single season across North America.

"We're excited the Snowbirds will be at the OC Air Show for the first time ever," said Bryan Lilley, President of the OC Air Show. "Show attendees can definitely expect a great performance."

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will headline the 2019 OC Air Show.



Remembrance - Several women from the Republican Women of Worcester County attended the American Cancer Society luncheon held last week in Ocean City. They were there to honor the memory of longtime member Barbara Benz, who lost her battle with cancer this year.

GM reports to board

Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Bailey gave the following report to the community's Board of Directors at its December 1 meeting.

Fire Pits

Can one have a fire pit? Yes. Can one have an existing fire pit? Yes. Can one have a fire pit built on one's property? Yes. Can one have a portable fire pit? Yes. So, what is all the fuss about?

The governing document, the Declaration, Paragraph 8(s) states: "No outside burning of wood, leaves, trash, garbage or household refuse shall be permitted." Therefore, fire pits can be approved, but not for the open burning of wood, etc. "Open burning" is defined as the ignition and subsequent burning of any combustible material (garbage, leaves, grass, twigs, litter, paper, vegetative matter involved with land clearing, or any sort of debris) in the open or in a receptacle other than a furnace, incinerator, or other equipment connected to a stack or chimney.

With all that said, the ARC, a committee of your fellow members, is looking to create language within the guidelines that 1) allows for existing fire pits and how they can be grandfathered, and what guidelines they should be governed by, if any; and 2) provides the process for new fire pits to be created; and 3) what rules need to be considered for construction, placement, and use of a fire pit.

Under Paragraph 5(A) of the Dec-

laration, permanent structures on lots are required to have a permit from the Association. If the fire pit is portable, then it does not. However, there are some guidelines that all fire pits need to follow, and the ARC is in the process of spelling those out. Some examples that may be forthcoming are: the fire pit needs to have a screen or ember arrestor; don't burn anything that will create fly-ash. In any capacity of use, a fire pit cannot create a public nuisance – the burning cannot impact one's neighbor negatively. However, the bottom line to all this is we can't legislate being neighborly. If you have a fire pit, use it properly and be aware of your neighbor's presence and possible concerns. Same is true if you don't have a fire pit, but your neighbor does. We all have a right to the quiet enjoyment of our property. However, that obviously doesn't mean we each get to have it all, with disregard for our neighbor's same right. If you have a fire pit, and your neighbor's kids are already outside playing and the wind is blowing toward their property, maybe it's not the best time to start a fire. If you don't have a fire pit, and your neighbor has started a fire for their grandchildren to make smores, then it's okay for them to do that, and perhaps, if that activity is going to bother you, it's probably not the best time for you to be in your backyard. Either way, just be aware of your surroundings – protect your-

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Though Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, there is no mention of December 25 in the Bible. (Most historians believe he was actually born in the spring.) It



didn't become the official holiday until the third century.

Some argue that the date was picked because it coincided with the

pagan festival of Saturnalia, which honored the agricultural god Saturn by celebrating and gift-giving.

You probably knew that the idea of Santa Claus came from St. Nicholas. According to legend, the fourth-century Christian bishop gave away his abundant inheritance to help the needy and rescued women from servitude. As his story spread, his name became Sinter Klaas in Dutch, which later morphed into Santa Claus.

-Good Housekeeping

New executive members join AGH trustees

At its annual Corporation meeting, Atlantic General Hospital's Board of Trustees appointed a new board chairman, Greg Shockley, who is the former treasurer of the board. At the meeting, they also appointed Will Esham as the vice chairman, Doug Cook as the treasurer, and Charlotte Cathell as the secretary.

Greg Shockley, owner of Shenanigan's Irish Pub in Ocean City, Md., was the 2012 recipient of the Paul Hazard Award, named after one of the original Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association (OCHMRA) members. Shockley is a founding member of the Boardwalk Development Association,



Greg Shockley

helping to implement \$5 million in boardwalk improvements, and serves on the Maryland Tourism Development Board. He has also served as president of the Ocean City Development Corporation and the OCHMRA. He has served other roles on the Atlantic General Hospital Board of Trustees, and has just recently begun his term as board chair in November 2018.

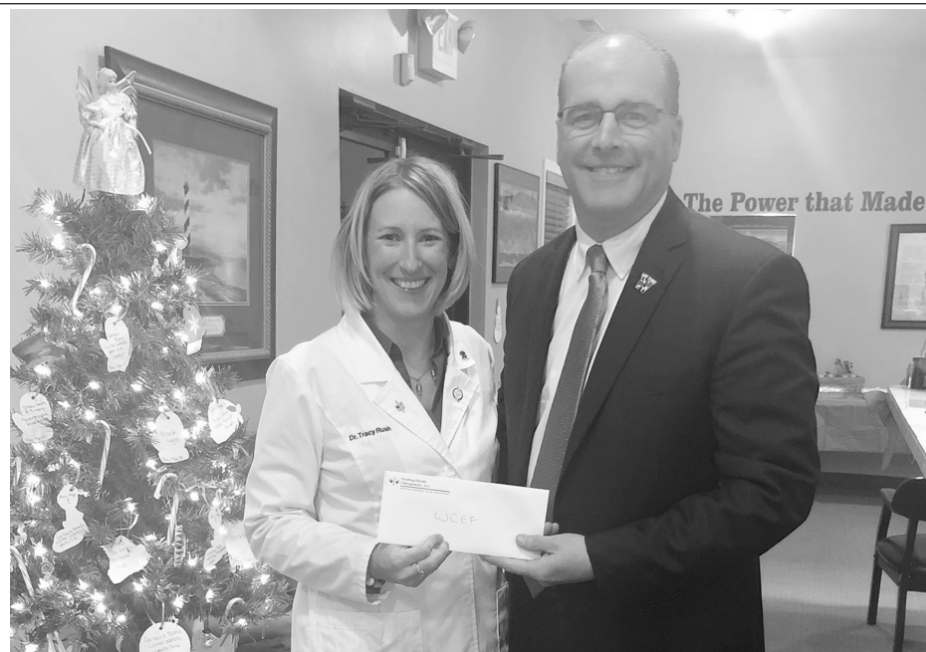
"We acknowledge Greg's dedication and willingness to work hard for Atlantic General," commented Michael Franklin, FACHE, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital. "We are thrilled to welcome Greg as the board chair, after just serving as the board treasurer. We are likewise especially grateful for the year that Hugh Cropper served as our board chair, and the impact that he has made on our hospital."

Hugh T. Cropper, IV., the outgoing board chair, served in this position from November 2017 to October 2018. Cropper practices as an attorney, and he is a partner in the law firm of Booth, Booth, Cropper & Marriner, PC. Cropper is the chairman of both the



Hugh Cropper IV

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Donation

As a way to give back to the community, Drs. Chris and Tracy Rush of Healing Hands Chiropractic did not charge for appointments on October 31, but instead asked their patients to make donations to the Worcester County Education Foundation. Pictured above with the \$1,796 donation check are Dr. Tracy Rush and Lou Taylor, Superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools.

For more information on the Worcester County Education Foundation, please visit our website at www.wced.foundation or call Hope Palmer at 410-632-5038.

Drug monitoring program delivers information to providers

As part of Governor Larry Hogan's fight against the heroin and opioid epidemic in Maryland, effective July 1, health care prescribers and pharmacists are required to check the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) in certain prescribing or dispensing situations, such as before beginning a new course of treatment with opioids or benzodiazepines. The Hogan Administration championed legislation expanding the PDMP with this requirement, as well as requiring mandatory registration for all providers that have a license to prescribe or dispense controlled dangerous substances.

Since July 1, dispensing information on drugs that contain controlled dangerous substances (CDS) has been shared with health care providers at the point of care more than 1,000,000 times per month.

"Use of prescription information improves the ability for health care prescribers and pharmacists to manage the benefits and risks of controlled substance medications and to identify potentially harmful drug interactions," said Maryland Department of Health Secretary Robert R. Neall.

The PDMP, implemented by the Maryland Department of Health's Be-

havioral Health Administration, collects and securely stores information on drugs that contain CDS and are dispensed to patients in Maryland. Drug dispensers — health care providers and pharmacists — electronically report the information that is stored in the PDMP database.

Access to prescription data is made available at no cost to health care providers and pharmacists through the Chesapeake Regional Information System (CRISP), Maryland's state-designated health information exchange. The information is delivered through the secure, web-based portal and directly within electronic health record systems. The number of prescription data accessed has more than doubled over the last six months, with almost 250,000 queries each week. This accomplishment is a result of PDMP and CRISP prioritizing innovative methods of delivering PDMP data within the electronic workflow.

In addition to partnering with CRISP, collaboration between Med-Chi-The Maryland State Medical Society, the Maryland Hospital Association, and patient advocates has helped with the success of this impor-

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A frame at a time

While visiting my grandchildren recently, my wife and I took the two kids bowling. My granddaughter, the older of the two, I had taken once before. It

“Nino, I have to go to the bathroom,” said my grandson.

A time out was called as this need was addressed.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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was the first time for my four-year old grandson he was looking forward to the new experience.

We arrived just as the lanes opened so there was no crowd. Other than league nights, are there ever any crowds at a bowling alley?

As you might imagine the kids were excited. So was I. My wife? Well, she has a realistic view of her bowling prowess which is she excels at softball. The kids liked getting their own pair of bowling shoes and once they had them firmly on their feet, the next chore was to find a ball. The kids and I inspected the various loaner balls, all brightly colored. My grandson selected a greenish colored one while my granddaughter selected pink, her favorite color.

My granddaughter helped me bring to our lane the children's ball slide. Okay, shoes on. Balls selected. Children's ball slide in place. Let the game begin!

Oh, before continuing, I want to make an observation about how bowling has evolved since the days when I played in the St. Albert the Great student league. Back in the day, when I bowled regularly at Del Ennis Lanes in Hunt-



ington Valley, PA, we kept score with a paper scoresheet and pencil. The scores were projected onto an overhead screen. We learned to keep score, how to note a spare and strike and how to add up the frames. Such a process was great application of the math Sr. Marie Marguerite taught us. Now, although the scores are displayed on the overhead monitor, everything is done electronically, the computer keeps score. It's just not the same. It's all too perfect. There are no scratch outs, or notations when the one is carried over as you're adding things. And most of all, because everything is computerized, there's no opportunity to take a do-over, no Mulligan so to speak. I guess that's

progress. Sort of like how slot machines no longer take coins, just credit cards. Back at the lane, after my grandson took care of business, the game began. Each time it was the kids' turns, gutter bumpers engaged automatically. Each

of the kids carried their balls to the slide and pushed them off, watching the balls progress slowly toward the pins. After his second frame, in which he knocked down one pin, my grandson decided to use my ball. When his turn came, he went to the ball carousel and struggled to remove my ball which was considerably heavier than the one he picked.

“Do you want some help, Buddy?” I asked.

“No, I got it,” he replied.

THUNK!!

Yes, he dropped it. But to his credit he picked it up, struggled to place it at the top of the slide and then pushed it down. The heavier ball made its way toward the pins at a quicker clip, knocking down seven pins. My grandson was pleased and continued to use my ball.

At the end of ten frames, the rankings were: me, my granddaughter, my grandson and bringing up the rear, my wife. As I wrote earlier, when it comes to bowling, she's much better at softball. She said she would have benefited from the gutter bumpers. Between you and me, I'm not sure the bumpers would have made much of a difference.

We don't see our grandchildren as

much as we'd like so when we have the opportunity to share experiences such as bowling, we treasure them. However, I wouldn't be surprised if future experiences with our grandchildren involve softball.

I'd like to take the opportunity to say thank you to a few folks who saved my bacon recently. While checking my mailbox, a bank envelope, filled with a considerable amount of money, fell from my pocket. I don't usually carry cash with me but I had cashed a check for my wife. It was her money. Later in the day I got a call from Ocean Pines resident Gloria Dietz asking if I had lost something. Not realizing at the time I had lost the envelope, it took her a couple of minutes to verify that I had indeed lost it. Her husband had found the envelope when he was getting his mail. There was no identification in the envelope but there was a Bank of Ocean City logo on it. Gloria called the Ocean Pines branch. Manager Caleb Miller worked with her to investigate to whom the money belonged. I am very grateful to Gloria and her husband and Caleb for going the extra mile to reunite me with the lost envelope.

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Elevated suicide rates during holidays is a myth

By **Ron Pilling**

This afternoon I was asked by a reporter about suicide mythology. "What

are the myths and misunderstandings about suicide that are widely accepted?" he asked.

The notion that suicides spike during holiday periods is a decades-long myth. A study by the Annenberg Public Policy Center reported that as recently as 2017, 70% of published articles perpetuate the myth. In fact, according to the Centers for Disease Control, November and December are the lowest risk months for suicide.

Sure, we all get a bit stressed over the holidays. Our calendars can be packed, we struggle with gift decisions, and the days are shorter to boot. But continuing to spread this misinformation may not be helpful for those who are battling depression. Dan Romer, of the Annenberg Center, said that "it actually doesn't help those who may be experiencing suicidal thoughts to tell them that this is the time of year that

others are taking their lives. Research has shown that this kind of information can be harmful, and recommendations for reporting on suicide specifically argue against citing trends in suicide that are unsubstantiated or false."

Christine Moulter, of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, told National Public Radio "The stress we associate with the holiday season isn't the kind of stress that leads to suicide...Instead, people are driven to end their lives because of factors like genetics, trauma, mental illness, and access to guns."

Rates of suicide increase in the spring and fall, worldwide. Even in

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N.O.E.L. community dinner returns

The N.O.E.L. (Nothing Other than Eating and Loving) Community will present their 21st annual Christmas Dinner on December 25. This year the celebration will return to St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church on 3rd Street and Baltimore Avenue. The festivities will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Christmas Day. Everyone is invited to share in this joyous occasion. All are welcome to join in the partaking of food, fellowship, and fun.

The N.O.E.L. Community will serve ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls and an assortment of desserts. A sit-down meal will be enjoyed in a festive atmosphere which includes decorations, music, and a visit from Santa. Carry outs will also be available.

For more information about the N.O.E.L. Community or the Christmas Day Celebration, please contact the office at St. Paul's by-the-Sea at 410-289-3453. If you would like make a donation to the N.O.E.L. Community, please send donations to The N.O.E.L. Community c/o St. Paul's by the Sea at 302 N. Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842.



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'Be an Angel' campaign kicks off

Coastal Hospice urges its Lower Shore neighbors to be angels this year and include Coastal Hospice in their holiday giving through the "Be an Angel" campaign.

The annual drive provides the support hospice needs to offer care to patients who have no resources for care or who have needs that extend beyond their insurance coverage. Last year, Coastal Hospice cared for more than 1,300 patients and families on the Lower Eastern Shore.

Donations may be made in tribute

to a loved one, whose named is printed on an angel ornament and hung on one of the Coastal Hospice angel trees displayed throughout the Lower Shore. The angel trees are located in the Somerset County libraries in Crisfield and Princess Anne; the Wicomico County Library in Salisbury; the Hurlock Train Station; the Worcester County libraries in Ocean Pines, Snow Hill and Pocomoke City; the Dorchester County Library in Cambridge; and at WMDT News.

Gifts to the Angel campaign have immediate effect. For example, a \$20 donation pays for one week of medical equipment for a patient. A \$92 donation provides two weeks of medical supplies for a patient at Coastal Hospice at the Lake.

Donations can be made online at CoastalHospice.org, or for more information, call 410-742-8732.



From left: Outstanding Rural Health Program Award recipients **Sharon Lipford, Dr. Cydney Teal, and Bari Klein**; **Karan Bealla**, recipient of the Outstanding Rural Health Practitioner Award; **Senator Thomas 'Mac' Middleton**; and **Shelley Argabrite**, recipient of the Outstanding Rural Health Achievement Award.

AGH pharmacist recognized

Karan Bealla, Pharm. D. is the recipient of the Maryland Rural Health Practitioner Award for 2018. The award is bestowed annually by the Maryland Rural Health Association, in conjunction with the Rural Maryland Council and the State Office of Rural Health, in recognition of individuals who make outstanding development and health efforts in rural communities.

Bealla has been a full-time staff pharmacist at Atlantic General Hospital's AGHRx RediScripts retail pharmacy since 2014 through Amerisource Bergen's Pharmacy Healthcare Solutions. In August 2016, she initiated the pharmacy's Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Clinic to provide additional education and medication management assistance to patients with complex medication needs.

Her work with the MTM Clinic earned her the nomination for the MRHA award. The clinic provides patients four visits throughout the year, and they are held where it is most con-

venient for a patient, including the patient's home. In addition to providing education and support, Bealla works with the patient and his or her physicians to solve any medication-related problems the patient is experiencing and arranges for bundled packaging of medications, organized by the times they should be taken, to make it easier to remember to take doses at the right time.

In 2017, Bealla began providing MTM services through the hospital's remote patient monitoring system, which allows her to visit with patient's via telemedicine technology. Over the last year the program has tripled in size and now serves more than 150 patients at any given time.

"I want to recognize the entire RediScripts Pharmacy team for their help and support during the launch of this program," Bealla said. "I am extremely proud of how far the MTM Clinic has come, and I'm excited to see where it will go in the future."

Commissioners sworn in

On Tuesday, December 4, the 2018-2022 Board of Worcester County Commissioners took the oath of office. The new board includes incumbents Diana Purnell, representing the Central District – District Two; James C. "Bud" Church, representing the Sinepuxent District – District Three; Theodore J. Elder, representing the Western District – District Four; Anthony W. "Chip" Bertino, Jr., representing the Ocean Pines District – District Five; Madison J. Bunting, Jr. representing the Northern District – District Six; and Joseph M. Mitrecic representing the Ocean City District –

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Creations - Students in Julie Vorsteg's Kindergarten class at Ocean City Elementary School display gingerbread men they mixed, rolled, and used cookie cutters to create. They will be strung with ribbon to be hung at their homes as potpourri.

For years Rockwell was Christmas

Certain holiday images have been ingrained in the minds of the public. Coca-Cola's smiling bearded Santa Claus, in his now universally recognized red coat, helped create a model from which all other Santas evolved. And an early 20th century artist and illustrator helped to establish the feelings of the Christmas season for millions with portraits featured on the covers of "The Saturday Evening Post."

Norman Rockwell was born in New York City in 1894 and dreamt of becoming an artist when he was young. Rockwell received his first commission at age 17 and illustrated for "Boy's Life," the monthly magazine of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1916, Rockwell was hired by "The Saturday Evening Post."

When Rockwell began working for the "Post," his humorous and deadpan depictions of American life tugged at the heartstrings of the public, even if they were not so adored by art critics.

Rockwell spent 47 years working for this iconic magazine. Rockwell pro-

duced paintings for the "Post" and other publications that depicted key

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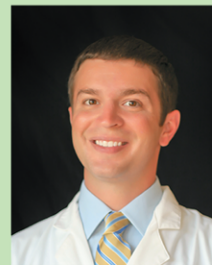


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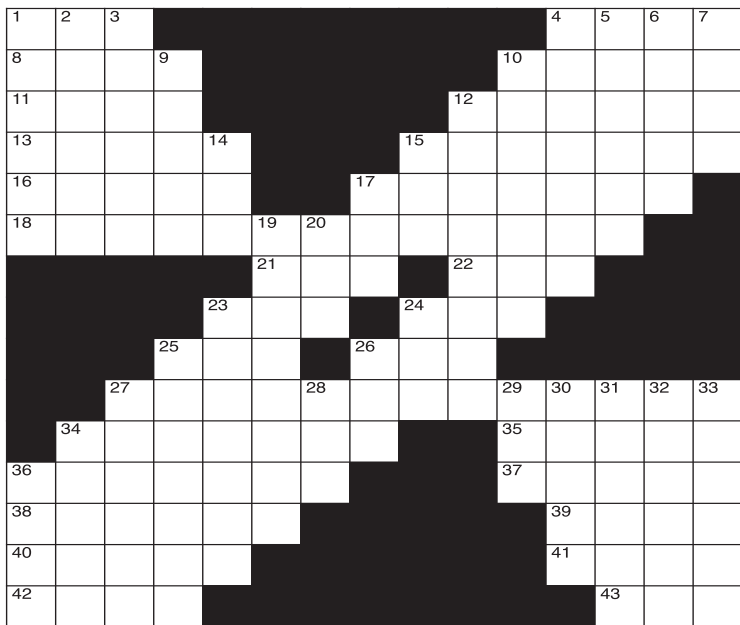
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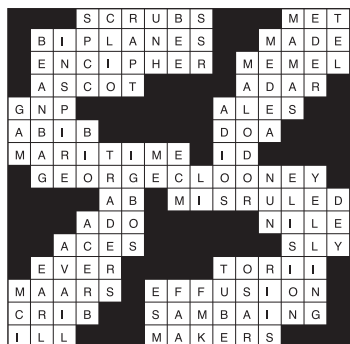


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A great lunch
- 4. German composer
- 8. Expresses pleasure
- 10. Unit of energy
- 11. Genus of beetles
- 12. Type of respect
- 13. City in Netherlands
- 15. Showing lack of skill
- 16. Irish surname
- 17. Exaggerated or affected sentiment
- 18. Diversion
- 21. Journalist Tarbell
- 22. Wrath
- 23. Current unit
- 24. Sixers' Simmons
- 25. Makes honey
- 26. Tributary of the Rhine
- 27. Once home to a notorious wall
- 34. Gets back
- 35. She was beheaded in France
- 36. Cheer
- 37. Tropical Asian palm
- 38. Darker
- 39. Figures
- 40. Old World trees
- 41. Protects a broken bone
- 42. Dried-up
- 43. An enclosure for swine

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Blab
- 2. ___ Bacall, actress
- 3. Declaration of an intention to inflict harm
- 4. The most direct route
- 5. Affirm to be true or correct
- 6. Rift
- 7. Oil company
- 9. Alphabetic character
- 10. Large marsh bird
- 12. Hollywood event
- 14. Scottish port
- 15. French river
- 17. Something frustrating (abbr.)
- 19. More in time
- 20. Payroll company
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. A way to steal
- 25. Blacken with dirt
- 26. Autonomic nervous system
- 27. A lab tech's tool
- 28. A place to stay
- 29. UK school
- 30. Moroccan
- 31. Where rockers work
- 32. Most friendly
- 33. In a state of turbulence
- 34. "Bridget Jones" actress
- 36. Hebrew liquid units



Answers for December 5



Stocking Stuffers

So, what do you get a mariner who has everything but a 100-foot yacht for Christmas (other than a 100-foot yacht)? Well, you start by challenging the premise that he/she has 'everything.' That's as plausible as a young lady lamenting that she has too many diamonds.

There is a limitless list of gadgets that can delight the recreational boater on Christmas Day. There are novelty burgees and cup holders and monogrammed windbreakers and nautical corkscrews to name a few. But I'd like to suggest some more practical gear. I'd like to suggest stocking stuffers for the 'Ditch Bag.'

A good friend of mine has a ditch bag that is a cornucopia for the practical paranoid. After more than fifty years of accumulating sailing remedies, here are some of the things that he carries and why.

The first item on Santa's stocking stuffer list is the ditch bag itself. Not everybody carries a ditch bag per se but most folks have the most common gear eclectically scattered about the boat. The concept of a ditch bag is that all the emergency stuff is in one place. It's usually a canvass bag with handles that can be easily stowed on board and taken off the boat for storage in a cool dry place or grabbed in a hurry if you need to address a problem or abandon ship.

Let's start with the emergency gear. First Aid kit, whistle, flares, signaling mirror, flash light (with fresh batteries), light sticks, heavy duty knife, backup handheld marine VHF radio are rather easy to understand.

A personal locator beacon (PLB) may be a little bit pricy for a stocking stuffer but is absolutely appreciated by a loved one who finds him/herself off shore, in a lot of water with no one in-sight. Although PLBs cost a couple hundred dollars the ability to push a button that informs the Coast Guard that you are declaring an emergency and gives them your GPS coordinates is both comforting and lifesaving.

All PLB alert signals are considered

distress signals and require the USCG to initiate a Search and Rescue mission. Since PLBs communicate over a satellite system they can be heard all over the world unlike the marine VHF radio that is a line of site device and can only be heard to about 20 miles off shore on a good day.

One less obvious item is self-fusing silicone tape. Functionally, it is sort of like duct tape because it has many



uses. The difference is that self-fusing tape does not use sticky adhesives that are a mess to remove. In theory, silicone tape creates a bond simply by being stretched as it is wrapped back on itself. When you wrap it around a leaky pipe or hose or bare wire, it forms a strong, waterproof, and electrically insulating patch that gets stronger the tighter you pull it and yet can be removed by a simple slit from a knife or scissors. Great stuff for a marine environment.

Next there are some maintenance essentials that should be included. A multi-tool, a 6-in-1 screwdriver, a voltage gage that fits into the cigarette socket, a backup GPS device, spare binoculars, a hand pointing compass and a waterproof set of local charts and tide tables.

And finally, there is some stuff that you really would be inconvenienced or embarrassed if you didn't have on-board. For example, spare boat keys; or consider a wallet with the boat registration, fishing licenses, phone numbers for towing assistance and the Coast Guard, and money – either a credit card or cash which Yoga Berra

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said was just as good as money. If you're my age, a spare set of glasses are as vital as spare batteries. You should also carry a charger that works off of the cigarette socket for your cell phones and GPS rechargeable devices.

Some clean white hand towels, sunblock and deckhand gloves pretty much round out a ditch bag but like the young lady that's collecting diamonds, there is always room in the bag for more.

One final observation: Everything in the ditch bag that is not made of marine grade material

should be stored in waterproof, zip lock bags. Things rust, mildew, and corrode in salty air surprisingly fast. You don't want to reach into your bag in need of a ball point pen and note pad and come up with soggy glob of pulp and a pen that looks like it's been on the *Titanic* since 1912.

So if you missed out on a great Black Friday sale on a 100 foot yacht, it's not too late for Santa to stuff your mariner's stocking with thoughtful and practical gifts for Christmas.

Happy Holidays.
Dan can be reached for comment at dancollins.oceanpines@gmail.com

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Board of Directors for Bank of Ocean City and the Board of Directors for the Lower Shore Land Trust. He was formerly a member of the Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association, and he is a member of the Judicial Nominating Committee for the First Circuit. Cropper was a member of the Board of Trustees of Atlantic General Hospital since 2007. He was secretary and treasurer of the Board of Trustees before becoming the chair.

William E. Esham, III, has been named vice chairman of the Board of Trustees. Esham is an attorney with Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy & Almand, P.A. He graduated from Washington & Lee University in 1987. He was admitted to the bar in 1991 after obtaining his law degree from University of Baltimore. He served as law clerk to the Honorable William R. Buchanan, Sr., and in Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Maryland, and is a member of the Worcester County and Maryland State Bar Associations. In addition to serving on the Board of Trustees at Atlantic General, Esham is a member of the Board of Trustees of Worcester Preparatory School, the Board of Directors of Ocean City Golf Club, attorney for the Ocean City Planning and Zoning Commission and past president of St. Martin's Church Foundation.



William Esham

Doug Cook is the chief lending officer and executive vice president at Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company. Over the years, Cook has been involved in Atlantic General Hospital by serving on the Finance Committee and also on the board for Atlantic ImmediCare. Cook also serves as a trustee member for the Life Crisis Center. "The betterment of our community is important to me. AGH is the most vital asset to our area," Cook stated. Cook holds a masters of business administration degree from Salisbury University and a bachelor of sciences degree in finance from Regis University. He served in the United States Army as well. Cook and his wife Lisa have two children, Garrett and Austin.



Doug Cook

The Honorable Charlotte Kerbin Cathell recently stepped down as the Register of Wills for Worcester County, having been first sworn into office December 1998. A lifelong resident of Worcester County, Cathell is married to Judge Dale R. Cathell. She is also on the AGH Foundation Board of Directors. Cathell was a founder and president of Worcester County G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a former long-time member and vice-president of the Worcester County Commission for Women and is on the Board of Directors of Taylor Bank. Cathell has resided in Ocean Pines for over forty years and is the first countywide-elected official from Ocean Pines. She was recently named the Citizen of the Year by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce.



Charlotte Cathell

Advantages to working with a financial planner

Investing requires some measure of risk. Risk understandably makes people nervous, especially in regard to their finances.

Investing is an important component of securing your financial future, and the risk involved with investing should never prevent you from putting your money to work. Many people, including both novice and experienced investors, overcome their fears about investing and risk by working with certified financial planners, who can do a lot more than make suggestions.

Financial planners can make sense of complex products. Financial jargon can be hard to understand for those who do not work in finance. Financial planners simplify the complex array of products available to their clients, helping them understand each of their options as well as which of those options is best for them.

Financial planners can expand your investment options. Financial planners sometimes have access to products that are not directly available to everyone. Some financial product providers work exclusively through intermediaries (i.e., planners), so working with a financial

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tant program.

Fighting the heroin and opioid epidemic in Maryland has been a top priority of the Hogan-Rutherford administration. The Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with the Opioid Operational Command Center, and other state agencies, continues to collaborate with federal, state, and local partners to fight to reduce the number of overdoses and resulting fatalities in a multitude of ways, among them the PDMP.

Before It's Too Late is the state's effort to bring awareness to this epidemic—and to mobilize resources for effective prevention, treatment, and recovery. Marylanders grappling with a substance use disorder can find help at BeforeItsTooLateMD.org or by calling 211 and pressing 1. Additional support is available through MDCrisisConnect.org, which has information on both text and chat features.

planner can give investors more options in regard to how to invest their money.

Financial planners do the legwork. Even seasoned investors with a firm grasp of financial products and services may not have the time to stay up on all the latest investment options. Financial planners do so for a living. A good planner will inform his or clients of the latest products available and then help clients decide if such products are right for them. That is a lot of work that busy professionals often do not have the time to do on their own.

Financial planners are certified. Investors should only work with certified financial planners. Certification standards vary by country, but certified planners have been vetted by third party organizations and have met rigorous professional standards. In addition, to maintain their certification, certified planners are required to provide their clients with straightforward advice and put clients' needs ahead of their own. Those that do not could be held financially accountable for providing misinformation or bad advice to clients.

Investing is complicated, and many investors find working with certified financial planners is an effective way to secure their financial futures.

| Tides for Ocean City (Fishing Pier) | | | | |
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| Day | | High /Low | Tide Time | Sunrise /Sunset |
| Th | 13 | Low | 5:04 AM | 7:09 AM |
| | 13 | High | 11:25 AM | 4:41 PM |
| | 13 | Low | 5:56 PM | |
| | 13 | High | 11:50 PM | |
| F | 14 | Low | 5:56 AM | 7:09 AM |
| | 14 | High | 12:12 PM | 4:41 PM |
| | 14 | Low | 6:42 PM | |
| Sa | 15 | High | 12:44 AM | 7:10 AM |
| | 15 | Low | 6:50 AM | 4:41 PM |
| | 15 | High | 1:03 PM | |
| | 15 | Low | 7:29 PM | |
| Su | 16 | High | 1:39 AM | 7:11 AM |
| | 16 | Low | 7:46 AM | 4:41 PM |
| | 16 | High | 1:57 PM | |
| | 16 | Low | 8:16 PM | |
| M | 17 | High | 2:35 AM | 7:11 AM |
| | 17 | Low | 8:43 AM | 4:42 PM |
| | 17 | High | 2:50 PM | |
| | 17 | Low | 9:04 PM | |
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| | 19 | High | 4:33 PM | |
| | 19 | Low | 10:42 PM | |

Protect your home (and more) from winter's freeze

Freezing temperatures may be good for ice skating or building snowmen, but sub-freezing temperatures can be dangerous for the average person and his or her home.



Cold weather often leaves people scurrying to do whatever is necessary to safeguard themselves from the big chill. But it is important homeowners also protect their homes in cold weather.

Plumbing. Plumbing and pipes may be vulnerable to cold weather. Frozen pipes may burst and cause substantial damage to a home, potentially causing flooding and structural damage.

Homeowners should disconnect and drain garden hoses before winter arrives. Water to outdoor hose bibs should be turned off, though the valves on these outdoor faucets should be left open to drain. Also, outdoor faucets can be covered with insulating foam covers.

The Red Cross says pipes that freeze most frequently include pipes in unheated areas, such as basements, attics, garages, and crawl spaces. Close vents to

the outside in areas like attics and basements to limit the amount of cold air that gets indoors. Think about insulating unheated areas, as well as using pipe sleeves, heat tape or wraps on exposed pipes.

By opening kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors, homeowners can allow warm air from a home to reach pipes under the sink. During extreme freezes, keep cold water dripping from a sink to prevent pipes from freezing.

Service HVAC systems. It is important to ensure that heating systems are working properly prior to the cold-weather season. It may only

take hours for the interior of a home to reach dangerously low temperatures without adequate heat. Homeowners should schedule annual checkups of furnaces and hot water heaters. Inspect the heat exchanger for cracks, install a clean air filter and make sure all thermostats are working properly.

Have fuel ready. Homeowners who heat their homes with oil, wood or coal should make sure they have plenty of fuel on hand in advance of winter. Shortages can occur, and it may take some time for new fuel to arrive in the midst of a cold snap.

As a precaution, homeowners can rely on portable space heaters to fill in the heating gaps during freezing temperatures. Exercise extreme caution with these devices, turning them off when leaving the room and remembering to

avoid overloading outlets.

Protect outside. Drain birdbaths, clean out downspouts and remove water from other items where water can freeze and cause damage. Inspect roofing prior to the snowy season, but stay off roofs during freezing weather.

Remove snow shovels and other winter gear from storage and make sure the items are easily accessible during snowstorms.

Winter's bite can be severe. Homeowners can protect themselves and their properties when the freeze sets in.

WCHS Decempurr adoption special

Worcester County Humane Society is offering a special adoption fee for cats during the month of December. During the entire month, any cat two-years or older will have an adoption fee of just \$25. Adoption fee includes spay/neuter, microchip and up to date on shots. Currently, the shelter has over 100 cats who are two years or older. Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram for available pets.

Also, an ongoing program the shelter has is the senior to senior program where any cat eight years or older who is adopted by someone 65 or older will

have their adoption fee waived.

In addition, the shelter is always in need of fosters for senior cats and dogs, for those who are having a hard time adapting to shelter life and those who need ongoing attention medically. With fostering, all medical expenses are covered by the shelter. Being a permanent foster for one of these pets is also an option.

Worcester County Humane Society is located at 12330 Eagles Nest Road, Berlin and open Tuesday thru Sunday 11am to 5pm. Contact the shelter at 410-213-0146 for more information.

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frozen Finland, where there will only be 6 hours of daylight on Christmas, suicides are low in winter and spike in May.

This is not a reason to cease reaching out to those close to you who struggle with psychological pain and suicidal thoughts. As always, be understanding and sympathetic. But don't tell them that it's OK to have suicidal thoughts because lots of other people are thinking the same on New Year's Eve. That simply is untrue. The holidays are stressful enough as it is. This is #FakeNews that must be dispelled.

Ron Pilling is secretary/treasurer of the The Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program.

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District Seven; and newly-elected member Joshua C. Nordstrom, representing the Southern District – District One.

The new board's first official act was to re-elect Commissioner Purnell as president and to elect Commissioner Mitrecic as vice president through December 2019.

Commissioners Mitrecic and Purnell have served since being elected to office in 2014. As president, Commissioner Purnell will chair board meetings. Though she will neither make nor second motions, she retains her ability to vote on each of the issues reviewed by the board. As vice president, Commissioner Mitrecic shall assume the duties of the president in Commissioner Purnell's absence. “



Commissioners taking the oath of office. Photo by Joe Reynolds



Gone to the dogs

Congratulations to the following Worcester Prep art students, Grades on through 12, who placed in the "2018 Eastern Shore Classic Dog Show Art Contest" which connects student and canine through artistic expression. Students in Lower School Art teacher Rebecca Tittermary's and Middle/Upper School Art teacher George Zaiser's classes placed in all but two categories, captured five first place ribbons, and four top honors including: Reserve Best in Show Award, Pathos Award, and two Peoples' Choice Awards. Winners were selected based on their interpretation of "Dogs, Man's Best friend" by a panel of judges which included local artists, art educators, and AKC judges.

At left is **Hailey Bushnell**, Peoples' Choice Award winner.

Holiday grief support groups open to all

Coastal Hospice provides grief support and education to families, friends, caregivers and others following the death of a loved one. These meetings are free and open to the public. Individuals need not be affiliated with Coastal Hospice to participate in these gatherings.

Grief support groups in Worcester County are held every Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library.

During these meetings, partici-

pants work to help each other. The meetings provide a safe place to express feelings and talk about grief with others who have experienced similar losses.

"All of these thoughts and feelings are normal. The grieving process has no timetable," said Nicole Long, Worcester County bereavement counselor.

For more information, please contact Long at 443-614-6142.



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Aquatics wraps up successful, water safety program

More than 300 Worcester County Public School fourth-graders were able to dip their toes into water safety this fall at the indoor, heated Sports Core Pool in Ocean Pines with the help of a continued partnership with Ocean Pines Aquatics, Ocean City Beach Patrol, Ocean Pines Fire Department and Worcester County School District.

"The Aquatics Department takes great pride in making sure that area children have the skills to save themselves in situations regarding water safety," said Colby Phillips, director of Aquatics and Recreation in Ocean Pines.

Students, ages nine to 10, from Ocean City Elementary, Berlin Intermediate and Buckingham Elementary schools participated in a seven-week water safety program that wrapped up on Thursday, December 6.

Of the 322 school students who have completed the program, 102 were

in the beginner's group and were taught the basics of learning how to swim, float and properly enter the water.

"There were twin brothers from Buckingham Elementary School who were afraid of the water the first day and by the end we couldn't get them out," said Phillips. "Many of the students had never even put their heads under the water."

Data from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control shows that every day, about ten people die from unintentional drowning. Of these, two are children aged 14 or younger.

"The importance of this program for the youth of our seaside community cannot be stressed enough," said Ocean Pines Aquatics Program Supervisor Julie Winterling.

This safety program, which is



funded by the school district, demonstrates the importance of the Ocean Pines Aquatics Department to Worcester County.

"It truly took a community to put this on and give the children the best all-around safety program we could," said Phillips. "I would like to thank my Aquatics team for putting on such a great program, in addition, the Ocean

City Beach Patrol, Ocean Pines paramedics and students who volunteered from Stephen Decatur High School in helping make this program such a success."

Phillips went on to thank Worcester County commissioners and the Worcester County Board of Education (BOE) for supporting the program.

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images in American history, including Charles Lindbergh's crossing of the Atlantic, the Moon Landing and World War II. However, some of Rockwell's most beloved work pertains to his holiday scenes.

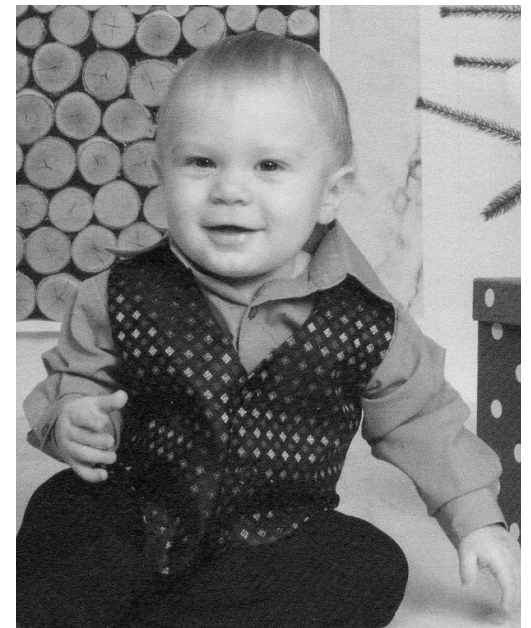
Rockwell used real people as his models, and every detail in his reproduction paintings of photographs was fastidiously planned, say biographers. Over time, Rockwell's paintings helped define an idealized vision of American life and Christmas celebrations. Even now people seek to emulate the merriment and magic exemplified in Rockwell's imagery, from tired toy store clerks to a boy dis-

covering Santa kissing his mom to the great holiday dinner. Rockwell produced 29 Christmas covers as well as greeting cards and other holiday scenes.

The holiday season would not be the same without the work of artist Norman Rockwell. His influential images helped reflect a glorified version of American life and have helped to make the holiday season even more special for millions of people.



Great-Grandmother Anna Foulz received this Christmas card picture of her second great grandson Merrick Kelly who turned one year old on October 24.



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selves, your property, your neighbor's property, and protect the natural environment.

By safely operating a fire pit (burning the right things to prevent fly ash, using a screen, and making sure the smoke isn't creating a problem for your neighbor), everybody can enjoy one's own property.

Mowing of drainage ditches

So, is the Association responsible for mowing from the road-edge to the bottom of the roadside ditches in front of private property? The legal opinion is no. The statement issued on this matter said just that, and nothing more. The statement did not address whether the Association was going to no longer mow these areas. Any attempt to read that into the statement issued was simply conjectured opinion on the part of some well-meaning, inquisitive individuals.

The practicality of how to handle the mowing of the ditches is something quite different; so, let me try to begin to address that issue. While the legal opinion is that the Association does not have to mow from the road-edge to the bottom of the ditches, that, in my opinion, is not the approach we should take. So, even though legally we aren't required to, practically speaking, it is my opinion that the Association should continue to mow the road-side ditches, from edge of pavement to the bottom of the ditch.

Why? Well, let's get practical with a demonstration.

Options: A. The PW (Public Works) crew has the mower loaded onto a trailer. The crew drives the

truck/trailer to the entrance of a neighborhood. We unload the mower and mow the entrance area. Then we load the mower back on to the trailer, drive the truck and trailer with the mower on it to the next area that the association is legally responsible for maintaining, unload the mower and mow. Then we load the mower back on the trailer and drive to the next spot that we are responsible for mowing.

Repeat OR B. The crew drives the truck/trailer to the entrance area of a neighborhood. We unload the mower and mow the entrance area. Then we ride the mower down the road to an area that the association is legally responsible for and mow – not cutting any other property along the way. Finish the area we are legally responsible for, and then ride the mower down the road to the next section we are legally responsible for – not cutting any other property along the way.

Repeat OR C. The crew drives the truck/trailer to the neighborhood entrance. We unload the mower and mow the entrance area. We continue mowing the road side ditches throughout the entire neighborhood. Then we load the mower back on the trailer and go to the next neighborhood. Which one make the most sense? Which one makes the best use of time, labor, machine hours, and gas?

The answer is C. Unless there is some unknown logic that I am unaware of, this is likely to be the way we handle the landscape maintenance of the road side ditches. The Association keeps mowing them.

Country Club Renovation Plans

The Pre-Bid Meeting was this past Monday morning. We had five contractors present; DBF (A&E) has been in contact with 13 contractors interested in the project.

Current Calendar:

November 16: Issue RFP

December 14: Deadline for bids
December Review of proposals
January Board considers next steps

Association Insurance

An RFP was issued on November 2 for Insurance Broker Services. The deadline for receipt of proposals has been extended to December 12 to provide us with even more broker options for consideration. For reviewing and evaluating the responses, and for direct interviews of a few so selected proposers, the following individuals have agreed to participate on the Insurance Broker RFP Review Team: Sharyn O'Hare (real estate agent and past Board member), and Larry Perrone (B&F rep and background in the insurance industry); Steve Phillips (Director of Finance) and I will also review the proposals. We would also like to add two more members to this review team; so, if you are interested and have a background in insurance – and one that is obviously not a conflict of interest, please contact the office. The Review Team will evaluate the broker proposals during December and a recommendation for Insurance Broker Services will be forwarded to the Board in January. Estimated Calendar of Insurance Activity: November 2 – Issue RFP for Insurance Brokerage Services December 12 – Deadline for Responses to RFP December 17 & forward – Presentations by insurance

brokerage firms to Review Team January 2019 – Board selection of insurance brokerage firm January – Broker reviews existing policies and gathers information to submit to carriers February – Broker begins to shop policies April – Broker provides review of & recommendation on renewal/changes May 1, 2019 – New coverage year begins

Wildlife Management

Maryland Geese Control was on-site for seven weeks, having begun their work on October 9. Seven weeks of service took us to Thanksgiving. At \$625 per week, we spent \$4,375 on this service. This leaves us a balance of about \$5,500, which is enough money to pursue other mitigation efforts in the spring, including continued use of Maryland Geese Control, for the purposes of not just the border collie, but also included in their contract price is adding of eggs and removal of nests.

Road Striping

Road striping is underway for the entire length of Ocean Parkway and Cathell Road. The contractor will continue to work until the project is complete and the work meets our expectations. I say that because I am very much aware of the problems so far with the line painting. As a resident myself, I travel the roads too, and know firsthand the concerns with a large portion of the work to date. We have been in contact with the president of the company that is doing the project (SCS) and they are working to correct the issue. I can also share with you that this contract is paid in portions, 50% up front and 50% upon completion; so, we do have leverage to help ensure a good, final product.



19th Annual Ocean Pines Community

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

8:00 PM - December 24th
Ocean Pines Community Center

Sunday Morning Service at
Showell Elementary School at 9 a.m.



Come as you are...
casual dress welcomed.

