

Blood supplies low, donors sought

Winter storms, frigid temperatures and seasonal illnesses are making it harder for the Blood Bank of Delmarva to maintain their critical blood supply for hospitals throughout the Delmarva Peninsula.

Cancelled blood drives and reduced donor turnout throughout January have resulted in substantially fewer blood donations than what is needed to meet the needs of patients in the 19 hospitals served by Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD).

"Patients rely on blood donors year-round, and it is especially difficult to maintain a stable blood supply during the winter months," said Karesa Fleary, director of donor recruitment of the Blood Bank of Delmarva. "Blood reserves have now reached critical lows and we are calling on everyone who can to donate blood and save a life."

The blood supply typically drops during the winter months, but this year's decline is worse than expected. Donations are below what is needed to maintain an ideal seven-day supply of blood. Currently, Blood Bank of Delmarva has just a three to four-day supply with types O- and B- at critically low levels.

Donated blood is perishable and hospitals must have access to a continuous supply to ensure that all patients can receive the life-saving blood they need when it counts. Platelets, a component of blood that's especially important for cancer patients, are in particularly high demand because they have a five-day shelf life.

Blood Bank of Delmarva is urging the community to find time to donate blood or platelets to help patients in need. It only takes one hour to donate, and a single donation can save up to three lives. Those in need include: cancer patients, accident, burn, or trauma victims, newborn babies and their mothers, transplant recipients, surgery patients, chronically transfused patients suffering from sickle cell disease or thalassemia, and many more.

BBD is urging donors to walk in to any of their centers or call 1-888-8-BLOOD-8 to make an appointment. Donors can also make an appointment online at <https://donate.bbd.org>.



Challenge - Ocean City Elementary School (OCES) recently kicked off their annual 2019 Kids Heart Challenge. This year's Jump Event will raise money for the American Heart Association to research new methods to help heart and stroke patients and provide support for those suffering with heart disease. It is also a wonderful opportunity to teach children the good sportsmanship quality of helping others.

OCES students have a goal of \$26,000. The Fitness Jumps will be held on February 7 for grades one through four and the Warrior Course (Kids Heart Challenge) will be held February 11 for Kindergarten and Pre-K students.

If you would like to donate to their cause, you may do so at heart.org/kidsheartchallenge Team Ocean City Elementary.

Pictured are PE Teachers, Tracey Drocella and Mark Engle, American Heart Association Coordinator, Sheri Olsen and third graders Payton Caprarola, Ivin Purnell, Aiden Backof and Madelynn Pennington getting ready for the challenge.

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Ocean Pines Poker Club

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

Delmarva Chorus

The Delmarva Chorus meets every Monday evening at 7PM at the Ocean Pines Community Center in Ocean Pines, Md. Women of all ages are invited to sing with us. Please contact CAROL at 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 Pinesteppers have introduction to square dancing at the OP Community Center at 7 p.m. Call Bruce Barrett at 410-208-6777.

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin

Wednesday Night Bayside Beginnings Al-Anon family meetings are held at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

Second Wednesday

The Polish American Club of Delmarva meets at the Columbus Hall, behind St Luke's Church, 100th St & Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. Come join us if you are of Polish or Slavic descent. No meetings.

June, July, August. Call Helen Sobkowiak 410-723-2639 or Maryann Lula 410-250-2548 for more information.

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.



On this day in 1952, after a long illness, King George VI of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dies in his sleep at the royal estate at Sandringham. Princess Elizabeth, the oldest of the king's two daughters and next in line to succeed him, was in Kenya at the time of her father's death; she was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, at age 27.

Queen Elizabeth, born on April 21, 1926, and known to her family as Lilibet, was groomed as a girl to succeed her father. She married a distant cousin, Philip Mountbatten, on November 20, 1947, at London's Westminster Abbey. The first of Elizabeth's four children, Prince Charles, was born in 1948.

Baseball memorial fundraiser planned

William Julius "Judy" Johnson, native Worcester County Negro League baseball player and 1975 National Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, will be honored with a memorial in Snow Hill. A Baseball Memorabilia Auction and Sale is planned for Friday, March 1 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Atlantic Hotel in Berlin. The event is sponsored by the Worcester County Historical Society and will feature numerous autographed photos and baseballs from both Major League and Negro League players including Mickey Mantle, Joe DiMaggio, Judy Johnson and James "Cool Papa" Bell.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. Call 443-614-2386 for information or mail check to Worcester County Historical Society 230 S. Washington St. Snow Hill, MD 21863.

Proceeds from the auction will go to the memorial building fund.

Dems to hold special meeting

The Democratic Central Committee of Worcester County invites the public to its February 9 meeting at 10 a.m. on the second floor of the Berlin Town Hall. The board meeting will begin at 9 a.m. The special guest is Maya Rockey Moore-Cummings, newly elected chair of the Maryland Democratic Party. She will discuss topics of importance to the Eastern Shore. For more information, call 410-213-1956.

Land Trust to honor Buddy Jenkins

The Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT) will host the inaugural Stephen N. Parker Conservation Legacy Award at the Atlantic Hotel, in Berlin, on February 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This award ceremony luncheon is an opportunity to recognize an individual and/or organiza-

tion that has displayed an enduring and distinct dedication to conserving the vital lands of the Lower Eastern Shore.

This award is to be given in honor of renowned conservationist, Stephen N. Parker, to recognize a landowner or conservation practitioner for their contributions to private land conservation on the Lower Eastern Shore. Stephen N. Parker served on the Board of Directors of LSLT and the Maryland Coastal Bays Program and is remembered for his work as direc-

tor of the Virginia Coast Reserve with The Nature Conservancy as well as being a long-time board member of the Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore. Parker's background in business and nonprofits served to bring together economic development and conservation – further preserving the health and productivity of large ecosystems while meeting the needs of human communities.

The nominee receiving the 2019 Stephen N. Parker Conservation Legacy award is Charles "Buddy"

Jenkins. Jenkins is known to have one of the most significant tracts of land in Northern Worcester County, totaling over 2,000 acres of forest, prime agriculture and coastal wetlands, and which serves as an ecological anchor for the coastal bays. Through deed restrictions the Jenkins Family Trust has preserved the property from future development.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Josh Hastings at 443-234-5587 or jhastings@lowershorelandtrust.org.



Collecting - The sixth grade students at Berlin Intermediate School have been collecting needed supplies for the Worcester County Humane Society. This is a part of their service learning project for the year. Pictured above are **Julia Knerr, James Uebel, Adam Baker, Emmalyn Fetters, Lindsey Beurnier and Ava Bauer.**

A World War II hero remembers

By **June Freeman**

“There were good times and bad times,” said ninety-nine-year-old World War II veteran John Andrews.

Andrews reflected on some of these times after becoming the newest American Legion member of Syneuxent Post 166 on January 25. A humble and quiet man, Andrews is generally not known as “a joiner.” His daughter Barbara Pardee remarked, “Dad was in his glory when he was presented with his new Legion membership card, along with a hat and sweat-shirt.”

Andrews enlisted in the army in 1938. “The draft was on and I had met some real nice people in the army so I decided to re-enlist for a year,” he said. “It was a real good thing because that year war was declared, and whether I wanted to or not, I had no choice.”

For the next twenty-five years, Andrews would go on to serve overseas in Germany, France, North Africa, and Puerto Rico. He was also stationed in Massachusetts, California and Virginia.

World War II mortality statistics

vary with estimates ranging from 70 million to 85 million total deaths. It is estimated that over 407,000 American



John Andrews

military people died during this war.

Andrews described his time in Germany. “It was a scary time. There’s nothing you want to remember about war. The Germans had the world’s strongest air force. They had tanks with 88-millimeter guns and the best we could do was put up a pea shooter. If you were a tanker, you had better keep moving ‘cause the Germans didn’t have a good ability to track you so

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Preservation program protects county's rural character

The Worcester County Commissioners announced that the Maryland Department of Planning and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) recently recertified Worcester County's agricultural land preservation program for two years.

Worcester County Environmental Programs, in partnership with state agencies and private partners, administers the agricultural land preservation program locally. Agricultural easements, acquired in large part through the MALPF program, play a key role in the county's efforts to protect rural lands in perpetuity from being developed, assuring that agricultural and natural resource uses and activities, including crop production, timber harvest and hunting, may continue.

"This program ensures that Worcester County's rural areas remain rural, and for the agricultural entities remain viable and economically productive," stated County Commission President Diana Purnell.

Key program goals include preserving and protecting the county's rural character, specifically agricultural lands. During the last five years the County's preserved-to-developed ratio was nearly 7 to 1. Preservation activities during this period included the successful purchases of development rights, collaboration with local land trusts, promotion of traditional and non-traditional agricultural activities and business, and managing land use in the County's Priority Preservation Areas.

Because Worcester County is a certified county, the state allows us to retain 75% of the Agricultural Transfer Tax revenue generated in the county to support the agricultural land preservation program. Any funds that are not spent or encumbered for land preservation purposes revert back to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund to be used in other counties. Retained funds can be used for preservation activities, including but not limited to purchasing land preservation easements and helping cover the administrative expenses for the county's land preservation activities.

Certification allows counties to

create a preservation program that best meets local goals and needs. In combination with easement purchases, counties use other preservation tools such as agricultural zoning, transfer of development rights, right-to-farm policies, and the establishment of agriculture as the best use of designated land. Other important aspects of local programs include defined areas for preservation and established acreage goals. In addition to the MALPF program, certified counties have also preserved land through private land trusts, Maryland Environmental Trust (MET), and the Rural Legacy Program among other organizations and programs.

"Created by the Maryland General Assembly in 1990, the certification program allows Maryland counties to retain a greater percentage of locally generated agricultural land transfer tax in exchange for creating effective local land preservation programs and continually evaluating and improving them," Environmental Programs Director Bob Mitchell said. "Over 8,000 acres in Worcester County are permanently protected from development with a voluntary MALPF easement."

For more information about local land preservation programs, please contact Environmental Programs Planner Katherine Munson at 410-996-5220 or by email at kmunson@co.worcester.md.us.

Book discussion scheduled

In celebration of African-American history month, the public is invited to a discussion of Harriet Jacobs' book, "Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl," on Saturday, February 9, at 11 a.m., in Room 200 of the Hazel Center at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury.

The book is an autobiographical account chronicling Jacobs' life as a slave in North Carolina, her escape from her master and her reunion with her children, in the 1800s.

This event, sponsored by Wor-Wic's cultural diversity committee, is limited to 25 participants.

For a copy of the book or more information, call 410-334-2850.



Performance - The daughters in the recent performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center were **Caroline Gardner, Carinne Krasner, Alana Troxwell, Trista Harner and Jose Gonzalez.** Photo by Anna Foulz.

PRMC to offer free CPR training

Peninsula Regional Medical Center will host two free Friends & Family CPR classes on Monday, February 11 and Monday, February 25, from 10 a.m. to noon as part of its American Heart Month festivities. Participants only need one session to complete the course.

The Family & Friends CPR course is an American Heart Association class that teaches the lifesaving skills of adult hands-only CPR, adult CPR with

breaths, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR, and mild and severe airway block for adults, children, and infants. Family & Friends CPR is for people who want to learn CPR, but do *not* need a CPR course completion card to meet a job requirement. This course is ideal for new parents, grandparents, babysitters, and others interested in learning how to save a life.

The class will be held in the Avery W. Hall Educational Center Auditorium, on the PRMC campus at the corner of Waverly Drive and Vine Street. Registration is required and space is limited - call 410-543-7028 to sign up.

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, February 15, 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 Feb. 11 by calling 410-334-2900.

Craft club to meet

The Pine'er Craft Club will meet February 21 at the Ocean Pines Community center. Refreshments will be served at 9:45 a.m. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The Courier welcomes letters for publication. Preference is given to letters addressing community and county topics and have not appeared in another publication.



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Paper versus hot air

Our world is filled with accessories that for the most part make our lives easier and more comfortable.

Computers, microwaves and cell phones certainly fall into this category.



It's All About. . .
By **Chip Bertino**

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However, in our pursuit for high tech conveniences, low-tech necessities sometimes get overlooked.

A case in point is something as simple as paper towels in public restrooms.

Have you ever gone into a public restroom to wash your hands only to find no paper towels in sight? You know what I mean. You wash your hands, rinse them off and when you go to dry them there are no paper towels, just a blow dryer attached to the wall.

You know what comes next. You hit the button and stand there for what seems like an eternity wringing your hands trying to dry them. The velocity of the forced air coming from the machine is about as effective as a 98 year-old man blowing out the candles on his birthday cake except he's probably finished before his next birthday.

There are many reasons why public restrooms do not have paper towels: cost, conservation and facility cleanliness are just some that come to mind. I'm all for cutting expenses, saving trees and keeping public restrooms clean. Blow dryers do accomplish all of the above. The only thing they do not accomplish is hand drying.

My frustration with these machines exists on several levels.

First they do not blow warm air, they blow cool air. They remind me of the heating system in the old Volkswagen 411 we had growing up. No matter how long the engine ran in that car, the best you could hope for was tepid air emanating through the heating vents.

Second, the blow dryers automatically turn off before my hands are dry. It's not unusual to have to go through three or four drying cycles just to get my hands semi-dry. I realize that does

not seem like a lot but if there were paper towels available, I already be out the door with dry hands in just a few seconds.

The instructions on these dryers are interesting but not complete. If they have not been scratched over with indecent commentary, the instructions are simple and straightforward: Push button and rub hands under blower. What they don't tell you is that you should

cancel your 1:30 appointment because you are going to be standing there for some time.

Often I end up wiping my hands on my pants just to speed the process. Actions such as these won't get me a citation from Mrs. Baldwin's Etiquette



Course but it will get me out of the bathroom before day turns to night.

I could just walk out with wet hands. I hate doing this because I feel everyone is staring at me.

"Look, that guy just left the men's room with wet hands. Let's get out of here."

There is one thing worse than not having paper towels available. It's encountering a blow dryer that does not work.

The last time I experienced a faulty blow dryer I wound up waving my hands frantically in the air and then wiping them on my pants. When I was finished, I walked out of the bathroom. I then realized what the people around me had noticed seconds before. Apparently, I had more water on my hands than I thought so when I dried them on my pants, well, I looked as if I had a problem unrelated to a faulty dryer.

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Governor Larry Hogan's State of the State Address

My fellow Marylanders:
I am humbled to once again stand before this general assembly after four years of bipartisan cooperation and historic progress to report on the state of our great state.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for extending the courtesy of allowing me to give this address in the House chamber.

President Miller, I can attest to how tough the battle is that you are facing, but I also know your strength and your never-give-up spirit.

I want you to know that we are all praying that you come out of this stronger than ever. God bless you.

I want to express my appreciation to all the members of the House and the Senate from both sides of the aisle who joined together with us these past four years to change Maryland for the better.

At my inauguration in 2015, I said that "the politics that have divided our



nation need not divide our state."

I pledged to avoid the extremes of either political party and to instead seek that middle ground where we could all stand together.

I believe it is because we kept that promise that I am standing here again today at the start of yet another term.

We have spent the past four years working together to tackle our common problems by accepting our shared responsibility to solve them, and we have shown the rest of America that a divided government does not have to be a divisive government.

President Kennedy once said: "Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer but the right answer."

As a young man, I was proud to work for President Ronald Reagan who said: "There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit."

I pledged four years ago to "create an environment of trust and cooperation where the best ideas rise to the top based on their merit, regardless of

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Foultz thanks supporters

Editor:

I cannot let another day go by without thanking the wonderful people who have helped make our Star Charities All Volunteer programs a success in 2018. From our hearts, we send appreciation to our local newspapers, radio stations, TV stations and businesses. We also thank Still Rockin' Band, Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, Ocean Downs Race-track and Casino, Cheers in Berlin, and Ocean Pines Association Board of Di-

rectors and staff whose support helped make our charitable donations even more effective. A big hug and thanks to everyone who attended or donated to our fundraisers for Girls Scouts, Seniors, Veterans and Alzheimer's research. We say "A Big Thank You To All." We could not have done it without you.

May God Bless You!

Anna Foultz
Ocean Pines

Youth hunt day is Saturday

Young hunters have one more chance this season to hone their skills with the help of an experienced adult during a Youth Waterfowl Hunt Day February 9, reports the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Youths up to 16 years of age may hunt coots, ducks, geese and mergansers on private and public land, when aided by an unarmed adult at least 21 years of age. All junior hunters, and their adult



Youth hunters, including those possessing an apprentice license, must purchase a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp. Youth under the age of 16 do not need to purchase a federal duck stamp.

The bag limits for the Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day is the same as the regular seasons except:

- Two black ducks may be taken;
- Two Canada geese may be

taken when hunting within the Atlantic Population Canada Goose Hunting Zone; and, -Five Canada geese may be taken when hunting within the Atlantic Flyway Resident Population Canada Goose Hunting Zone.

Licenses, stamps and permits may be purchased online, by phone at 855-855-3906, at a service center or at any one of more than 250 retailers statewide.

mentors must possess a Maryland hunting license or be license-exempt.

"As the waterfowl seasons wind down, this youth waterfowl hunting day provides an opportunity to focus on developing our young hunters," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. "Although winter weather can be tough and appropriate safety precautions must be taken, there are few things that warm a hunter up like a frosty Maryland sunrise and the sound of wings overhead."

Social media has had a profound impact on various industries, and the restaurant business is no exception. According to the 2018 Dining Trends Survey from Zagat,

53 percent of the nearly 13,000 diners surveyed indicated they browse food photos on social media. Perhaps more interesting to restaurant owners is that 75 percent of those who admitted to browsing food photos on social media indicated they have chosen restaurants based on such photos. Customers who take photos of the foods they order and then share those photos via social media are essentially providing restaurants with free advertising. In fact, Zagat notes that many new restaurants feature interior designs that include photo-friendly lighting, reflecting that restaurant owners recognize the benefits of their customers stopping to snap a photo before diving into their meals.



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Indoor soccer offered

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is kicking off its popular indoor soccer program this winter at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Happy Cleats Soccer will allow children ages two to three the chance to burn off some energy in a non-competitive environment. Socialization, simple soccer fundamentals and fun will be the focus. The six-class program will be offered weekly on

Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for children ages two and from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. for children ages three beginning February 20. The cost is \$40 for Ocean Pines residents and \$50 for nonresidents.

This program is open to the public and registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052. Information regarding additional recreational programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines activity guide, is available at www.Ocean-Pines.org.

Dems to meet

The February meeting of the Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County will be held February 18 at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation. The guest speaker will begin at 10 a.m. Kathy Phillips, Assateague Coastkeeper and executive director of the Assateague Coastal Trust will present legislative priorities for 2019, including the Community Healthy Air Act and the Maryland Green Amendment. Phillips will also cover additional hot topics for the coastal bay watershed.

Garden club to meet

The next meeting of the Ocean Pines Garden Club (OPGC) will be on Thursday, February 14, at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The guest speaker will be Catherine from Roots Landscaping. She will give a presentation on air plants and a demonstration on how to create an air plant terrarium. The OPGC meets the second Thursday of each month and welcomes visitors and new members.



Tooth Fairy visit - Ocean City Elementary first grade students recently had a visit from the tooth fairy. She came to talk with the students about how to care for their teeth and some healthy eating habits to keep teeth healthy. Pictured are students from Lauren Truitt's class, from left to right, **Yonathan Jasinski-Elbaz, Olivia Reddick and Anna McCormack.**

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Turkey results announced

Hunters reported taking 73 wild turkeys during Maryland's 2019 winter turkey season, which was open January 17 to 19 statewide.

According to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, turkeys were harvested in 22 of the 23 counties, with Frederick, Garrett and Washington counties reporting the highest numbers. In Worcester County, two birds were bagged.

Adult males, or gobblers, comprised 56 percent of the harvest, with the remainder being females, or hens, and juveniles, known as either a jake or a jenny. Eighty-five percent were taken with a shotgun, but some hunters harvested their bird with a crossbow or vertical bow.

This harvest was slightly lower than the 87 birds taken last year. The winter turkey season was established in 2015 to provide hunters an additional hunting opportunity that would not conflict with other hunting seasons.

Turkey populations, at one time, were limited in Maryland. In the 1980s and 1990s, an extensive department program to trap and relocate wild flocks successfully established populations in every county.



Advocates - Worcester County Democratic Central Committee At Large members Laurie Brittingham and Judy Davis attended the 2019 Montgomery County Women's Legislative Briefing held in Rockville, MD.

Moms Demand Action Maryland Chapter was present to inform participants about the Maryland law, proposed by Sen. Joanne Benson (D-Prince George's), that would prohibit a person from "possessing, selling, offering to sell, transferring, purchasing, or receiving" a 3D printed gun, Known also as "ghost" guns.

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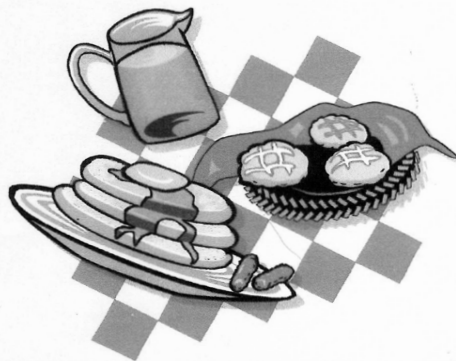
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Cancer support services move to MAC

Peninsula Regional Medical Center treats many people with cancer at the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute every year, and supports their emotional and social well-being through its Cancer Support Services office. Previously located on Riverside Drive, PRMC's Cancer Support Services have found a new home at MAC Inc.

"This was a natural transition, because MAC and our Cancer Support Services have been partnering for the past three years to provide a comprehensive cancer survivor program," said Lisa Barnes, a social worker and coordinator of PRMC's Cancer Support Services.

"In fact, for several years, quite a few of our programs have been located at MAC Inc. – now they will all be together in one location."

Peninsula Regional provides cancer patients and survivors with counseling, support groups, yoga and a monthly lunch social. MAC offers access to a gym, tai chi class, workshops, a community raised bed garden and weekly vegetable distribution in the winter.

"Now that Cancer Support Services is all under one roof, there are many benefits," said Robin Ritchie, Cancer Survivorship Coordinator for MAC Inc. "Patients and survivors in the community will not have to travel between sites. Those who may have never visited MAC will become familiar with the gym, tai chi class and garden and perhaps take better advantage of these additional free resources. Likewise, those that may have only attended events at MAC may become in-

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Astronomy & Spaceflight

By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.



Exploring dark energy

February brings the evening show to a more convenient hour, as stargazers may see wintertime seasonal favorites as early as 7 p.m. Folks who brave the chilly air will be well rewarded as the February skies are among the best of the year.

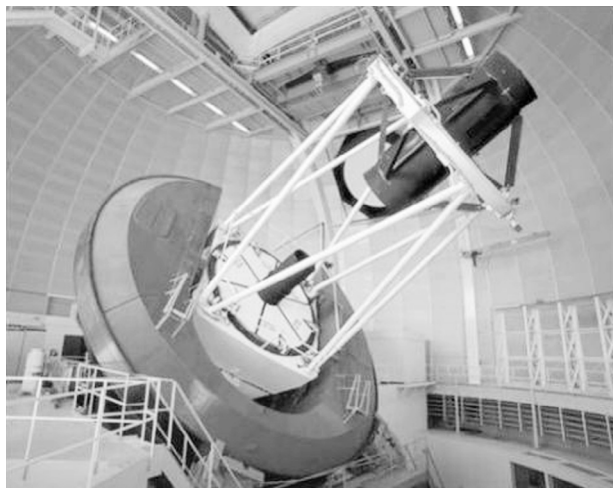
This month features news from the world of astronomical research. The Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument, or “DESI,” at the Arizona Kitt Peak Observatory is a sophisticated new technology designed to map out the locations of 35 million galaxies and quasars.

DESI’s three-dimensional mapping will cover a 14,000 square-degree area, about one-third of the entire sky, far exceeding the scope of previous astronomical surveys. Final installations and testing are now proceeding, with operations to begin in December 2019. Collection of data is scheduled to continue for the next five years.

The DESI galaxy survey is specifically designed to examine the enigma of the accelerating universe. Information from DESI will reveal the time development of the galactic patterns from the past to the more recent epoch. The ultimate objective of DESI is to increase understanding of the nature of dark energy: how does this mysterious substance evolve over time, and how does it affect the clustering of galaxies?

The 155-inch Mayall telescope at Kitt Peak was selected for the new DESI installation mainly due to this telescope’s heavy-duty weight-bearing foundation. Three major components of DESI are: the “corrector” with its six optical lenses, the detector panels with 5,000 optical fiber sensors, and ten spectrographs. Each of the 5,000

optical sensors is robotically controlled to maintain continual aim toward its light source. The robotic sensors will send their data to the spectrographs.



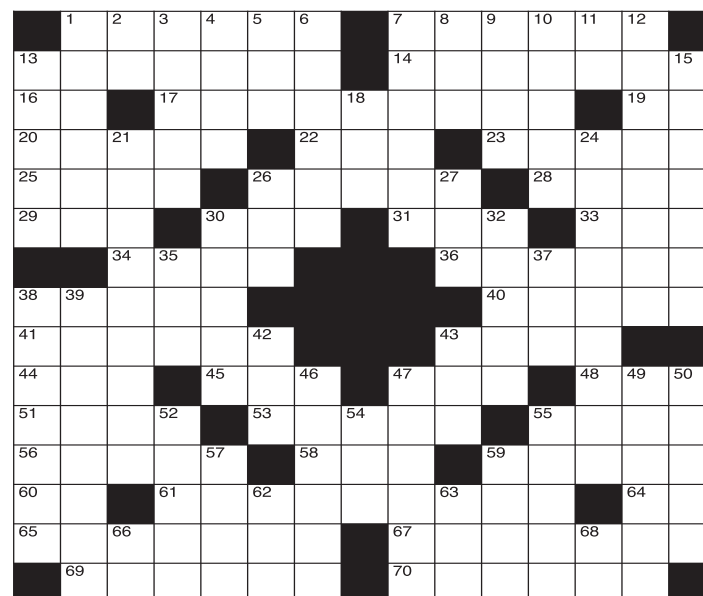
The “DESI” Experiment Mounted On Kitt Peak’s Mayall Telescope

The many components of DESI combine to make the entire apparatus quite heavy. Astronomers had to act as civil engineers, building a cage-like support structure. When DESI was installed, a 50-ton crane was first used to remove the upper reflector of the telescope, and then to install DESI’s detector panels and the corrector assembly of lenses.

During the design phase, astronomers first tested the performance of a scaled down version, containing just ten robotically controlled sensors, rather than the 5,000 planned for the final experiment. The robotic guidance was successful on stars as faint as absolute magnitude 17. Testing in 2019 will include installing a set of cameras and other instruments to evaluate performance of the corrector lenses.

The mysteries of dark energy have fascinated both physicists and astronomers since its discovery in 1998 by research teams led by Saul Perlmutter and Brian Schmidt. One hypothesis regarding the dark energy is the idea of “vacuum energy.” This is

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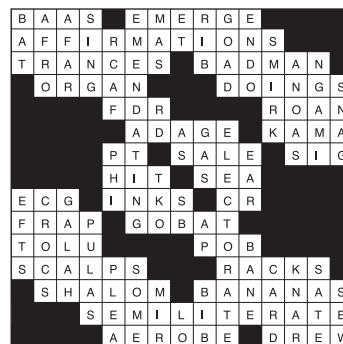


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Got paid
- 7. Sets free
- 13. Domestic hybrid cattle
- 14. Quality of one’s character
- 16. Doctor’s helper
- 17. Not holding back
- 19. Type of degree
- 20. Short but severe
- 22. 007’s creator
- 23. Linguistics icon
- 25. Large integers
- 26. Upset
- 28. Former
- 29. Peyton’s younger brother
- 30. An Irish dance
- 31. Title of respect
- 33. Small lump
- 34. Baroque musical instrument
- 36. The third sign of the zodiac
- 38. The 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 40. A group of nine
- 41. Garment
- 43. Capital of Yemen
- 44. One point south of due east
- 45. Drain
- 47. Moved quickly
- 48. Bar bill
- 51. An idiot
- 53. Indicates silence
- 55. Protein-rich liquids
- 56. Samoan monetary units
- 58. “__ your i’s, cross your t’s”
- 59. Forms the bottom
- 60. Potato state
- 61. Toy that spins around
- 64. Barium
- 65. Type of molding
- 67. Closes again
- 69. Sounds the same
- 70. Come into view

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Nix
- 2. Indicates position
- 3. Quantitative facts
- 4. Strong and healthy
- 5. Former measure of length
- 6. Dads tend to be this
- 7. Parts of a movie
- 8. An animal’s foot
- 9. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 10. Saudi Arabian money
- 11. One billion gigabytes
- 12. Smallest musical interval
- 13. A rugged box (usually made of wood)
- 15. Cheese dish
- 18. An ugly, evil-looking old woman
- 21. Widely used
- 24. Makes into pages
- 26. Afflict in mind or body
- 27. Set up
- 30. Toilets
- 32. “Life of Jesus” theologian
- 35. A big deal on Wall St.
- 37. Western Thai people
- 38. Free from contamination
- 39. Type of dog
- 42. Revolver
- 43. High schoolers’ exam
- 46. San Diego ballplayers
- 47. Hit the sack
- 49. Suitable for crops
- 50. Red mineral
- 52. Yellowish-brown
- 54. Lowest point between two peaks
- 55. Late TNT broadcaster
- 57. Thin strip to align parts
- 59. Swiss wind
- 62. A way to chill
- 63. Jewel
- 66. Rhodium
- 68. The top lawyer in the land



Answers for January 30

Best places to get married

With couples spending an average of over \$33,000 on their wedding and the industry growing to \$81 billion in revenue, the personal-finance website WalletHub recently released its report on 2019's Best Places to Get Married as well as accompanying videos.

To help couples find the most wedding-friendly destinations, WalletHub compared more than 180 of the biggest U.S. cities across 27 key indicators of cost-effectiveness, convenience and enjoyment. The data set ranges from average wedding cost to venues and event spaces per capita to weather.

The top ten best places to get married in the U.S. are:

- Orlando, FL
- Las Vegas, NV
- Los Angeles, CA
- Atlanta, GA
- Miami, FL
- San Francisco, CA
- Chicago, IL
- San Diego, CA
- New York, NY
- Austin, TX

Best vs. Worst

-El Paso, Texas, has the lowest average wedding cost, \$13,220, which is

3.2 times lower than in Bridgeport, Connecticut, the city with the highest at \$42,711.

-Washington has the most event planners per capita, 99, which is 24.8 times more than in Baton Rouge,



Louisiana, the city with the fewest at 4. -Yonkers, New York has the most photographers per capita, 202, which is 40.4 times more than in Laredo, Texas, the city with the fewest at 5.

-San Francisco has the most musicians per capita, 17, which is 81 times more than in Kansas City, Missouri, the city with the fewest at 0.21.

To view the full report and your city's rank, please visit: <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-places-to-get-married/18721/>

Some tidbits about Lincoln

Each February, Americans celebrate the birthdays of two of the more influential presidents in United States history. Presidents Day is observed on or near the birthdate of America's first president, George Washington. However, Presidents Day also celebrates the life of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States who was born on February 12.

As millions of people prepare to celebrate the life of Abraham Lincoln, celebrants can consider the following interesting tidbits about this incredibly influential man, courtesy of Factslides, *Constitution Daily* and the History Channel.

Lincoln practiced law, but he did not have a formal law degree. He only

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Tides for Ocean City (Fishing Pier)				
Day		High /Low	Tide Time	Sunrise /Sunset
Th	7	Low	2:43 AM	7:00 AM
	7	High	9:05 AM	5:29 PM
	7	Low	3:19 PM	
	7	High	9:19 PM	
F	8	Low	3:23 AM	6:59 AM
	8	High	9:42 AM	5:30 PM
	8	Low	3:56 PM	
	8	High	9:58 PM	
Sa	9	Low	4:05 AM	6:58 AM
	9	High	10:19 AM	5:32 PM
	9	Low	4:34 PM	
	9	High	10:39 PM	
Su	10	Low	4:51 AM	6:57 AM
	10	High	10:58 AM	5:33 PM
	10	Low	5:15 PM	
	10	High	11:23 PM	
M	11	Low	5:41 AM	6:56 AM
	11	High	11:42 AM	5:34 PM
	11	Low	6:00 PM	
Tu	12	High	12:13 AM	6:54 AM
	12	Low	6:36 AM	5:35 PM
	12	High	12:32 PM	
	12	Low	6:50 PM	
W	13	High	1:10 AM	6:53 AM
	13	Low	7:36 AM	5:36 PM
	13	High	1:30 PM	
	13	Low	7:44 PM	



Helping - Girl Scout Cadettes from Troop 649 have been working on their Silver Award with the Worcester County Humane Society (WCHS). The shelter was in great need of "Adopt Me" vests for the shelter dogs when they go out to events. The girls put their ideas together and through research on the internet, they found a pattern and got to work on the vests. The girls learned how to use a computer program that tells the Circuit machine to cut out the letters, and they ironed them on to the fabric. They worked several weekends in a row to get the project done and presented the vests to Jessica Summers at the shelter on January 26.

From Left to Right: **Sophie Noon, Kaitlyn Johnson and Hailey Smith** with WCHS shelter manager **Jessica Summers** and shelter dog **Ursa**.

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the physical concept that even empty space has evidenced some form of energy which could be responsible for the acceleration of the universe. Another idea is "quintessence," or the notion of some new particles filling space. The term quintessence comes from the ancient name for a hypothetical fifth element, some kind of dynamical field previously unknown to physics.

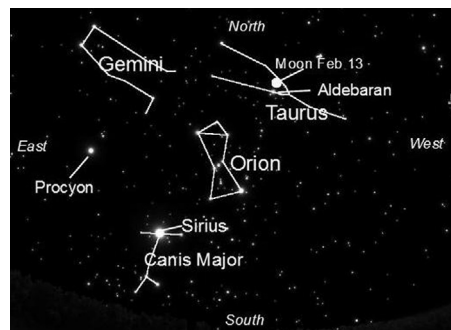
Data from DESI will show the effects of the dark energy, as it makes the galaxy clusters accelerate apart from one another with greater and greater speed with the passing ages. For each galaxy, the angular position in the sky can be combined with the remoteness to determine its position in space. With the study of the remote galaxies, astronomers will directly witness how dark energy has choreographed galactic movements.

More than 450 physicists and astronomers are collaborating in the DESI effort. In addition to US funding, support has been received from the European Research Council, the Science and Technologies Facilities Council of the UK, the National Council of Science and Technology of Mexico, and other international organizations.

Stargazers venturing outdoors, can see the full wintertime display after about 7 p.m. Constellations include Orion the Hunter, Taurus the Bull, and Gemini the Twins. Sirius is located to the east of Orion, and slightly south. Orion the Hunter is the most famous and perhaps most enjoyable of all constellations. Stargazers can see the distinctive man-shaped figure complete with two stars at the "shoulders," two at the "knees" as well as three stars making up the "belt." At the upper left shoulder of Orion, the star "Betelgeuse" appears, with its slightly red hue.

February 5 was the anniversary of the Apollo 14 moon landing in 1971, by astronauts Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell. On February 13 Aldebaran appears about one degree south of the moon.

Wishing good luck and clear skies to all stargazers.



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which side of the aisle they come from.”

It is that kind of commonsense pragmatism that has guided our path forward.

We didn't demand Republican solutions or Democratic solutions.

We sought out bipartisan, commonsense solutions that worked for the people of Maryland.

We found a way to disagree without being disagreeable. We stood side-by-side, our different views clearly acknowledged but not obstructing our path forward.

We did our very best to put the people's priorities ahead of the current national obsessions with partisanship while striving to change Maryland for the better.

As a result of those efforts, I am pleased to report that the state of our state has never been stronger and that the people of Maryland are more encouraged about the direction of our state than they have ever been.

We pledged to put more people to work, to grow the private sector, and to turn our economy around - and we have done exactly what we said we would do.

The very first budget that I submitted eliminated nearly all of the \$5.1 billion structural deficit we inherited, and, in the latest budget I just submitted to you, we have managed to put \$1.3 billion into savings for our future needs.

Here in Annapolis, we have worked together to pass balanced budgets every single year.

Heck, they haven't passed a budget in Washington since 1996!

We cut taxes, tolls, and fees by \$1.2 billion, and we put all of that money back into the pockets of struggling Maryland families, retirees, and small businesses and back into our growing economy.

We cleared away the tangle of regulatory undergrowth and paved the way for historic economic growth and record job creation.

More businesses are open and more people are working than ever before in the history of our state, and we have had one of the best economic turnarounds in America.

That success has enabled us to once again provide historic, record funding for education and to fully fund every one of Maryland's other priorities.

It has also made it possible for us to provide additional tax relief to Marylanders who desperately need it the most.

We are introducing eight different legislative proposals that will provide more than a half billion dollars in additional tax relief over the next five years.

Tax cuts to help retirees who I meet all across the state who say: "I love Maryland, and I don't want to leave my kids and grandkids, but I can't afford to stay here on a fixed income."

Tax incentives to help provide paid parental leave for those working parents struggling to live paycheck to paycheck.

Tax cuts for the college graduates who worked hard to earn their degree, only to face the harsh reality of crippling student loan debt.

And tax breaks for mom-and-pop shops and small business owners who are the backbone of our economy and who are struggling to keep employees on the payroll and keep their doors open.

These hard-pressed Marylanders deserve a break for a change.

Now that we have created such an incredible economic turnaround in Maryland, we can afford this responsible, targeted tax relief.

Let's do the right thing and give some of this money back to the people who have worked so hard to help make it happen.

We're also proposing tax incentives to revitalize some of our forgotten communities and to make our state's 149 opportunity zones the most competitive ones in the nation.

And tax incentives to encourage the creation of thousands of jobs where we need them the most and for job training and workforce development to give people the skills they need.

Let's come together to pass the "More Opportunities for Marylanders Act."

The previous governor said in a State of the State address that Maryland had crumbling roads and bridges and some of the worst traffic congestion in the nation.

Well, we decided to finally do something about that. So we are moving forward on nearly all of the highest priority transportation projects in every single jurisdiction all across our state - an unprecedented and historic investment in our transportation infrastructure in both transit and roads.

We began construction of the Purple Line, the largest public-private transit project in the nation.

We came together with you and our neighbors in the region to finally provide a dedicated source of funding to save the Metro system.

After decades of ignoring the problem of traffic congestion, we are making tremendous progress, but much more is still left to be done.

So we proposed the largest P3 traffic relief project in the world because Marylanders are sick and tired of spending countless hours of their lives sitting in bumper-to-bumper traffic.

Together, we have the opportunity to finally solve that problem for them.

We pushed for landmark legislation that cemented our position as a national and international leader in combating greenhouse gas emissions.

We expanded the Climate Change Commission and implemented clean air standards that are stronger than 48 other states and nearly twice as strong as the Paris Accord recommendations.

This year, let's work together to enact the "Clean Cars Act" and to support clean and renewable energy solutions and green energy jobs.

But let's ensure that these solutions are affordable and reliable and that they create those jobs right here in Maryland.

When it comes to the Chesapeake Bay, we put an end to the practice of raiding billions of dollars from Bay Trust funds.

We fully funded all Bay restoration efforts four years in a row and invested \$5 billion, the most ever in history.

As chairman of the six-state regional commission, the Chesapeake Executive Council, I stood up and led the fight to protect and restore federal funding for the Chesapeake Bay.

And after years of the problem being ignored, we are pushing for action to address the problems of the sediment, debris, and pollution coming down the Susquehanna River over the Conowingo Dam and into the Bay. Maryland has made historic progress in Bay restoration, but we cannot - and should not - have to do it alone. I intend to keep pushing our upstream neighbors in Pennsylvania and New York to do their fair share to protect this national treasure.

For the fifth year in row, my budget provides historic, record-high funding for our schools.

We have invested \$32 billion in K-12 education.

Every single school system in Maryland will again see increased investment by the state.

The legislature's funding formulas call for Baltimore City to receive \$11 million less this year in K-12 education funding. And those formulas also call for decreases in funding for other school systems with declining enrollments.

Our budget ignores those recommendations and fully restores all of this important funding.

More than half of our entire capital budget goes toward education.

And the casino lockbox, which we jointly supported, will provide an additional \$4.4 billion more for our schools, the majority of which will go directly into the classrooms for critical things like teacher salaries, pre-K expansion, extended academic programming for at-risk students, and innovative career technology education programs.

In Maryland, we are proud to have some of the best and most highly funded schools in America.

Let's continue making progress with upgrades and repairs to our aging schools by passing the "Building Opportunity Fund" to help us also put record funding into school construction.

And with the billions of dollars in historic state investment in our local school systems, Marylanders are demanding more accountability.

This isn't about politics; this is about our kids and their futures - making sure that every single child in Maryland has the same opportunity to get a world-class education regardless of what neighborhood they happen to grow up in.

This is about giving every Maryland child hope for a better future and giving them the opportunities that they deserve.

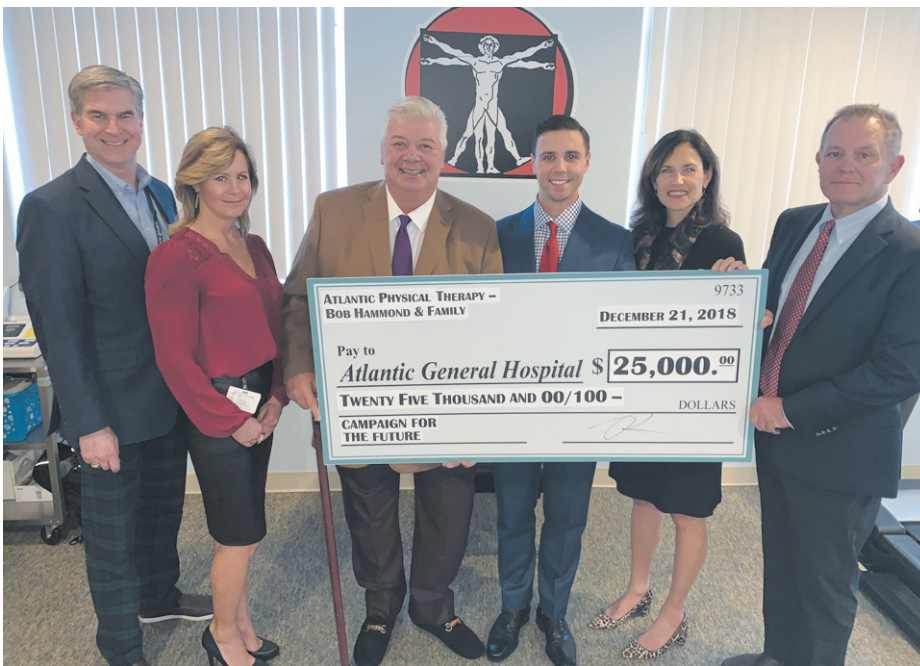
It's time to enact the "Accountability in Education Act."

In November, a panel of federal judges unanimously ruled that the boundary lines of Maryland's 6th congressional district are unconstitutional and ordered that new electoral lines for the 6th district be drawn by next month.

Free and fair elections are the very foundation of American democracy and the most basic promise that those in power can pledge to the citizens we represent.

This unanimous ruling was a vic-

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Donation - Robert Hammond, owner of Atlantic Physical Therapy, and his family donated a \$25,000 towards the Atlantic General Campaign for the Future.

Atlantic Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine has been serving the community since 1998. Robert Hammond and his son, Bobby now operate eight physical therapy clinics throughout Delmarva, with locations in Ocean Pines, Berlin, West Ocean City and Salisbury, Md. and West Fenwick, Millsboro, Ocean View and Laurel, Del., and one occupational therapy clinic in Ocean Pines.

Bobby Hammond was raised on the Eastern Shore, attended Worcester County public schools, graduated with a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Salisbury University in 2010, and went on to obtain his doctorate in physical therapy in 2013 from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

"We're the best at what we do, and we know that AGH is the best at what they do," stated Robert Hammond.

From left: **Michael Franklin**, president and CEO of AGH; **Toni Keiser**, vice president of public relations at AGH; **Robert Hammond**, owner of Atlantic Physical Therapy; **Bobby Hammond**, PT, DPT; **Michelle Fager**, AGH Campaign for the Future co-chair; **Greg Shockley**, chair of the Board of Trustees at AGH.

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had about 18 months of schooling in the field of law.

The president disliked being called Abe. He preferred being called by his last name instead.

Lincoln was an accomplished wrestler as a young man. His wrestling proclivity helped secure him a place in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Lincoln was born in Hodgenville, Kentucky, becoming the first elected president to be born outside of the original 13 states.

In addition to being a wrestler, a patent-holder and a president, Lincoln also was a licensed bartender. Before his presidency, he owned a business called the Berry and Lincoln General Store and Tavern in New Salem, Ill.

Lincoln was an animal lover and was not known to actively hunt or fish. He had a dog named Fido and a cat

named Tabby.

Paving the way for future beard-lovers, Lincoln was the first president with a beard. An 11-year-old girl named Grace Bedell convinced Lincoln to grow his whiskers in exchange for her brothers' votes.



John Wilkes Booth, Lincoln's assassin, was a famous actor who had a fan in Lincoln himself. The president actually was photographed with Booth during his second inauguration. Interestingly enough, a few months before Booth assassinated Lincoln, the president's oldest son was saved from injury by John

Wilkes Booth's brother on a train platform in New Jersey.

Abraham Lincoln was supposed to attend Ford's Theater with Ulysses S. Grant, but Grant cancelled at the last second.

The life of Abraham Lincoln is justifiably celebrated every year. But that life is perhaps even more interesting than many celebrants may know.

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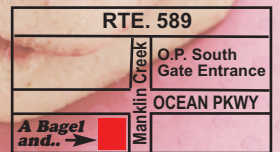
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tory for those who value fairness and balance in our political system.

For the past three years, our administration has pushed for comprehensive, nonpartisan redistricting reform that would remove partisan politics from the redistricting process.

This is supported by an overwhelming majority of all Marylanders.

Please do not hide this legislation in a drawer again this year.

Listen to the will of the people of Maryland and finally bring this bill to the floor of both chambers for an up or down vote.

We enacted the most sweeping criminal justice reform in a generation.

Together we have worked to break the cycle of incarceration and reduce our prison population more than every other state in America.

But stopping these repeat violent

offenders will take a different approach.

We were all heartbroken by the story of Taylor Hayes the 7-year-old second grader who lost her life after being shot in the backseat of a car in Baltimore City.

Then, just a few months later, we were stunned by the jarring image of a child's doll lying in the street surrounded by crime scene tape and horrified to learn that Taylor's 5-year-old sister, Amy, was the one shot in that incident, caught in gang crossfire.

People who live in Baltimore don't feel safe in their own neighborhoods, and citizens all across the State are outraged by the daily reports of this rampant gang violence.

We launched an aggressive, coordinated surge to back up the beleaguered City police force.

We sent 500 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers into the City and made 1,900 arrests.

A few weeks ago, we announced a

new comprehensive violent crime plan, which includes the opening of a Violent Crime Joint Operations Center and a new strike force consisting of more than 200 additional law enforcement personnel from 16 federal and state law enforcement agencies as well as local partners from the City and surrounding jurisdictions. And, other proposals, including assisting the City in recruiting and putting more officers into the community.

But all of these efforts won't be enough if we can't keep these repeat violent offenders off the streets.

Sixty percent of those convicted of gun crimes in Baltimore City do not serve any serious jail time and are simply released to commit violent felonies again and again.

That is completely unacceptable.

Help us bring transparency and accountability to our justice system by enacting the "Judicial Transparency Act," which will require the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sen-

tencing Policy to track and publish information on the sentencing by judges to those convicted of violent crimes.

Last year, inexplicably, we were unable to get legislation passed to impose tougher mandatory sentences for those who repeatedly commit violent crimes with guns.

We're talking about taking our communities back and saving lives.

Enough is enough.

The time has come for all of us to take a stand together and finally, once and for all, pass the "Repeat Firearms Offenders Act."

Much of this violence is the result of the opioid crisis raging across our nation.

I was the first governor in America to declare a state of emergency, and we committed \$800 million toward fighting the heroin, opioid, and substance abuse epidemic from all directions with a multi-pronged approach fo-

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easy. Bullets were flying everywhere. It was a bad time”

Then there were the strange times for Andrews. He remembered a time when he stopped at a bar in Paris to have a drink. “A gentleman invited me to join him and we had a nice long talk. He was drawing a portrait of a woman, or maybe a man. The artist explained to me that often the patrons didn’t want to pay him because they insisted that the portrait did not look like them.” Andrews described the man as “a nice man, a comedian who told a lot of awful stories.” As it turned out, Andrews discovered he was talking to the famous artist Picasso. Andrews smiled as he remarked, “At that time, I didn’t know Picasso from Felix the Cat.”

Andrews bore witness to heartbreaking times. He was ordered to go to Normandy, France. There were thousands of American soldiers being killed, most of whom lost their lives in the Normandy and Brittany campaign of 1944. Andrews was instrumental in establishing a cemetery for fallen soldiers, St. James Cemetery. Five American engineers were also sent to France in order to help plan and design a resting place for the Americans.

Andrews remembers, “We knocked down barriers, filled in holes, and built a road. We couldn’t leave them. When someone got killed, we went out, brought them back, and gave them a burial. We took their dog tags, made a cross and put their names on the cross.” Today, St. James Cemetery in France still has the remains of 4,410 American soldiers.

Barbara Pardee is devoted to her father and expressed how proud she is of him and of all the men and women who bravely served in the past and who serve now in the present. She stated, “My father told me about men sitting in foxholes while bullets whizzed by and how they had to watch their buddies die. I don’t know if people realize just how much his generation did. People need to find out about the sacrifices they made. Many of these men were just seventeen-years-old and they never came home.”

Major John Andrews, a war hero and a good and honorable man, smiled as he declared, “When tomorrow comes, I might not wake up. But I sure would like to have a few more years.”



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cused on prevention, education, treatment, interdiction, and enforcement.

While we have bent the curve downward on prescription opioid and heroin overdose deaths, an even more deadly drug, fentanyl, is infecting and poisoning America.

Too many of us know the devastation caused by heroin and opioid addiction.

Under the surface, this crisis is destroying lives and tearing apart families and communities.

This is a fight worth fighting, but it will take all of us - federal, state, county, municipal, and community leaders - working together with an all-hands-on-deck approach in order to save thousands of lives.

When it comes to the issue of healthcare, Washington has continued to fail, but Maryland has continued to lead.

We launched what has been called “one of the most aggressive efforts in the country” to protect the insurance exchange from collapsing.

We pioneered a Total Cost of Care Medicare Model Contract, the only one of its kind in the nation.

Together, we enacted landmark legislation to stabilize the individual marketplace and to create an innovative reinsurance program in our state.

Thank you for rising to the challenge and working together with us to stop the 50 percent increases in insurance rates to instead achieve lower rates for the first time in a decade and to protect the coverage of hundreds of thousands of Marylanders.

Ladies and gentlemen, the prob-

lems we have faced and will continue to face are not easily remedied, but we have already faced and overcome more daunting challenges before as individuals, as a state, and as a nation.

My experiences over the last four years have blessed me with optimism, not burdened me with dread.

And I know from personal experience that hope - not fear - is the most powerful emotion and the author of humanity’s greatest achievements.

While partisanship, dysfunction, and gridlock have become commonplace just down the road in Washington, here in Annapolis, we have chosen a different path.

We have been standing up for that exhausted majority who are just sick and tired of all the angry and divisive politics.

What they really want is for their elected officials in both parties to put an end to this culture of intolerance, intimidation, and inaction and just get to work and get things done.

Four years ago when I first addressed you, I said that “no problem faces us that hard work, honesty, and courage cannot solve if we work together.”

That remains as true today as it was then.

So let’s keep putting the people’s priorities before partisan interests.

Let’s continue to deliver real results for the people who sent us here.

Let’s keep changing Maryland for the better and continue setting an example for Washington so that America can once again set an example for the world.

Thank you.

And may God continue to bless the great State of Maryland.

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terested in the restorative yoga class, and monthly social event or support groups.”

Barnes and Ritchie say they look forward to the closer integration of their programs, which will be easier for patients and families to navigate when they are located together. The hope is to encourage even more people to take part in these programs that can make a big difference to people with cancer.

“Many people, after completing cancer treatment, can benefit from ac-

tivities and information that can help them recover physically, emotionally and socially,” Ritchie said. “People can become isolated after cancer becomes part of their life, and having a place and people that understand can make a big difference in helping people thrive as cancer survivors.”

MAC Inc. is located at 909 Progress Drive in Salisbury. To learn more about cancer support services, visit www.peninsula.org/support, or call 410-543-7209. PRMC’s Cancer Support Services are also offered at the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute Ocean Pines.

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Performing - Director of the Ocean Pines Children's Theater Director Paulette DeRosa Matrona and Musical Director Sharon Sorrentino were the guest speakers at the January 23 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City. Before they spoke, there was a special surprise when cast member Trista Harner sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The purpose of the Children's Theater is to introduce children to the performing arts so they can learn about performing while building self-esteem, confidence and friendships.

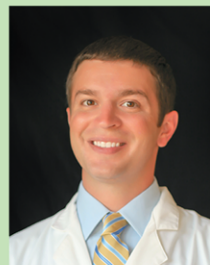
Above are (L-R) Sharon Sorrentino, Paulette DeRosa Matrona and Kiwanis Club President Dick Clagett.

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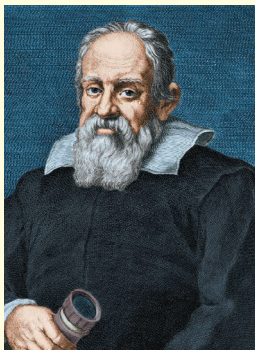
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Italian dinner to honor Galileo

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The authentic Italian meal will be prepared by Vi Candeloro along with her family and friends.



The event will celebrate the birthday of a Galileo Galilei who is known as the "father of observational astronomy," the "father of modern physics," the "father of the scientific method" and the "father of modern science".

Advance tickets are recommended. For more information call the church office at 410-289-3453 or by email at office@stpaulsbythesea.org or call 410-641-8171.

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