

Ocean Pines Police Dept. releases annual report

A 2018 year-end report recently released by the Ocean Pines Police Department reveals that despite an increase in calls for service and traffic stops, the number of crimes, arrests and traffic accidents in the community decreased.

Although some information, such as the uniform crime report, is preliminary pending review and validation by the FBI, the report reveals a larger trend within the community of an overall decrease in criminal activity at a time when the department is being called upon even more to provide services.

The report (which can be found online at ocean-pines.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/OPPD-2018-Annual-Report.pdf) also indicates a significant decrease in larceny and theft, down from 123 incidents in 2017 to 72 in 2018. The past year saw no criminal homicides and just one motor vehicle theft, numbers unchanged from 2017.

However, the report does reveal a higher number of burglaries in 2018, nearly all of which were solved by arrest. In some cases, the department was able to recover stolen property.

"2018 was an extremely busy year for the Ocean Pines Police Department," said Chief Dave Massey. "I am happy to report a serious crime decrease, despite the fact that we handled over 13,500 service calls."

Service calls are generated by citizens and police personnel in the field and include both criminal and non-criminal incidents. The report shows that there was a 10 percent increase in calls from 2017 to 2018 – from 12,277 calls in 2017 to 13,589 in 2018 – which represents the largest number of calls for service workload on record.

"Service calls can be a variety of incidents, such as criminal complaints, checking on the welfare of our residents, mental health checks, residential property checks and even assisting our local residents when they accidentally lock their vehicles," Massey said.

Traffic control is another significant portion of department activity, according to the report, as Ocean Pines police officers are charged with regulating speeds on nearly 80 miles of roadways in the community.

The total number of traffic stops, including written warnings and traffic citations, increased 13.8

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Happy Birthday! - Quilters by the Sea of Ocean Pines founding member **Light Henderson** celebrated her 93rd birthday on February 6.

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Community Calendar **FEBRUARY**



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Ocean Pines Poker Club

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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

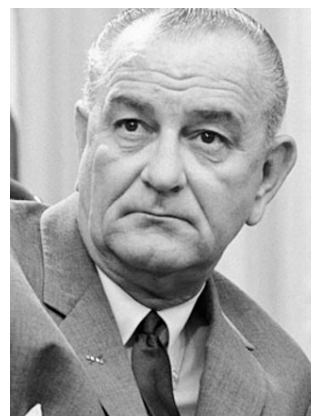
Knights of Columbus Bingo

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 as an emergency measure in response to the 1968 communist Tet Offensive, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara approves the deployment of 10,500 troops to cope with threats of a second offensive. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, who had argued against dispatching any reinforcements at the time because it would seriously deplete the strategic reserve, immediately sent McNamara a memorandum asking that 46,300 reservists and former servicemen be activated. Not wanting to test public opinion on what would no doubt be a controversial move, Johnson consigned the issue of the reservists to "study." Ultimately, he decided against a large-scale activation of the reserve forces.

Heiser to speak at meeting

Worcester County NAACP will host newly elected Worcester County States Attorney Kris Heiser. She will discuss current issues and her goals for the county. The meeting will take place at the Snow Hill library located at 307 N. Washington St. in Snow Hill on Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m. An Executive Board meeting will take place at 6 p.m. For more information call phone 410- 213-1956.

RWWC to meet

The Republican Women of Worcester County will hold their February luncheon meeting on Thursday, February 28 at Hemingway's Restaurant located at 1701 Atlantic Ave, in the Holiday Inn and Suites in Ocean City. The guest speaker will be Meredith Wimbrow, political director of the Maryland GOP. She will talk about the direction and upcoming activities of the Maryland GOP. Charlotte Cathell, Americanism chairperson, will talk on Americanism. The cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 11 a.m. To make your reservation and/or for more information, please contact Ann Lutz at annlutz60@gmail.com or at 410-208-9767.

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.

Boat Show returns

The annual Seaside Boat Show, sponsored by the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club, now in its 36th year, returns to the Roland E. Powell Convention Center February 15 through 17.

As in previous years, the show is expected to attract thousands of boating and water enthusiasts to

the area over the Presidents Day weekend.

The show will feature over 350 boats, 150 exhibitors and 50 boat dealers who are expected to again offer numerous special show prices. "They will display their newest and most popular models and water related items," said Optimist Publicity Chair Charles Smith, Jr. "The large number of boats sold each year at the shows makes it one of the most popular shows on the East Coast."

On display will be an array of sport cruisers, sport fishing, performance and "super boats." Exhibitors will include marine electronics, trailers, canvas tops, motors, jewelry, art and fishing gear. Financing and insurance brokers will also be on site.

According to Smith one of the main reasons for the success of the show is the door prizes donated by North Bay Marina owners Scott and Mary McCurdy. Each person who purchases a show admission has a

chance to win a pontoon boat and motor.

Show times are Friday, February 15 between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and, Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$1 for children. A weekend pass is available to \$15.

Proceeds raised by the Optimists during the show will support the various youth programs supported by the organization.



Valentines

More than 800 Valentine cards were collected by the Republican Women of Worcester County through its Caring for America program chaired by Vera Beck. The annual "Valentines for Veterans" program sends the cards to several veterans' facilities in Maryland including Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, VA Baltimore, VA Luch Raven, VA Perry Point and Dover Air Force Base. In addition, veterans at Gull Creek and the Berlin Nursing Home will also receive cards.

Above is **Linda Dearing** of Copy Central who collected, packaged and sent the cards.

School start legislation ignites governor's ire

Governor Larry Hogan last week announced proposals, including new legislation, to ensure that the will of Maryland citizens is upheld in any legislative action impacting the start date of the school year, amid legislative efforts to undermine the governor's executive order requiring Maryland public schools to begin classes after Labor Day.

"After years of public outcry, with the strong support of most Marylanders, we took the action that nearly everyone wanted us to take and finally returned our public schools to the traditional post-Labor Day start date," said Governor Hogan. "We have taken a lot of actions over the past four years, but I can't think of another that has so much widespread, enthusiastic support from citizens – including teachers, parents, and students – across our state."

In 2013, following years of public pressure to return to a traditional school calendar, the Maryland General Assembly voted by an overwhelming 170-7 margin to pass legislation creating a state commission to study moving the school start date to after Labor Day, which was signed into law by for-

mer Governor Martin O'Malley. Public polling has consistently indicated that approximately 70 percent of Marylanders support this initiative, with under 20 percent in opposition.

The task force, appointed by the former governor, included legislators, the state superintendent of schools, representatives of local school systems, local teachers, representatives of the teachers' union, parents, students, and members of Maryland's small business community. Following a year of research, hearings, and evaluating expert testimony, the commission voted in favor of starting school after Labor Day by a 12-3 majority.

This initiative had the vocal support of former Governor O'Malley, who stated his intention to sign an executive order, as well as legislative leaders including Senate President Mike Miller. From 2013 to 2016, a total of five bills were introduced to require starting school after Labor Day, sponsored by dozens in both parties, including 16 Democratic legislators currently in office, which failed to pass, in large part due to pressure from teachers union operatives.

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Habitat for Humanity announces new board members

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County, Inc. (HFHWC) recently held its annual meeting, inducted new Executive Board leadership and said farewell to a long-serving board member.

Matthew Manos who has served as board of directors president for the past 18 months, passed the torch of leadership to new president, Vicki Harmon. Mark Vastine, former secretary, transitioned to vice president. Chris Jett, continues in the role of treasurer.

Harmon has been on the HFHWC board of directors for several years and assumes the role of president during a critical period of growth for the organization. Having just opened Worcester County's first Habitat for Humanity ReStore, the affiliate is poised to start a new build in Bishopville with several more on the horizon. Harmon believes that the foundations for health and wellness begin in the home and is excited to contribute her knowledge to promote the health and wellbeing of the Worcester County community.

"Homeownership is a big part of the American Dream," Harmon says. "As a realtor, I help people achieve that dream every day. As president of Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County, helping deserving families reach their dream of home ownership will be the greatest success of my career."

After eight years of service on the board of directors for HFHWC, Lauren Bunting reached the end of her tenure. Bunting will be remembered as an integral part of Habitat's success, helping transition the affiliate from an all-volunteer group to a staffed organization. She is a past Fundraising

Committee chair, board of directors secretary, vice president and president who championed the opening of HFHWC's ReStore, and was very involved in the planning of successful events.

"Over the past 8 plus years, serving on the Habitat board of directors has been challenging, inspiring, humanizing, and enlightening, but it's meant so much more to me than I can



Above: Immediate Past President **Matthew Manos**, President **Vicki Harmon**, Vice President **Mark Vastine** and outgoing Board Member **Lauren Bunting**.

put into words," Bunting says. "The growth of this Habitat chapter over the past eight years under the direction of our talented Executive Director, Andrea Bowland, is something I will always be honored to have been a part of. The future development and growth of our Worcester County Habitat chapter is in very competent hands with the current board and I look forward to seeing how they move the chapter forward."

While she is transitioning off the Board, Bunting will continue to be involved with HFHWC, serving as ReStore Committee chair. Her dedication and work ethic will be missed, but she has left a lasting impression on the organization.

"Lauren truly embodies the volunteer spirit," says Habitat's Director Andrea Bowland. "She's worked tirelessly on behalf of our affiliate with more hours that are quantifiable. Her legacy on the board lives on through her many accomplishments. We all pledge to move forward with her dedication as an example. She will be missed on the Board of Directors, but we are very pleased to have her continue on supporting the organization in the role of ReStore Committee chair."



Early college commitments

With the guidance of Worcester Preparatory School's (WPS) full-time Director of College Counseling Vickie Garner, all students in the WPS Class of 2019 successfully submitted one or more college application prior to Thanksgiving. Thirteen of those fifty-three students have already committed to the college of their choice, of which one has committed to play Division I field hockey at American University.

The college counseling program at WPS is structured to help students, beginning in seventh grade, and their families prepare and navigate the college selection and application process with ease. WPS Director of College Counseling, Garner, has more than 30 years of experience as a college counselor and independent school administrator. With insight from visiting more than 500 colleges/universities worldwide, she works closely with students one-on-one to discover their talents and interests in order to identify colleges that would be a good fit. WPS boasts a 100% college acceptance rate with students earning millions in scholarship dollars.

Above are the 13 WPS seniors pictured have committed to college (Front L-R): **Hailee Arrington** (American), **Molly McCormick** (College of Charleston Honors College), **Delaney Abercrombie** (Washington & Lee), **Ally Elerding** (George Washington), **Virginia Bateman** (Sewanee), **Claire Jobson** (Salisbury), **Kendall Whaley** (Boston University). Back L-R: **Graham Hammond** (Delaware), **Will Todd** (University of Miami), **Dakin Moore** (Wake Forest), **Alex Canakis** (Delaware), **Cameron Hill** (Boston University), **Parker Brandt** (Northeastern).

Dual enrollment information night set

A free dual enrollment information session for parents of current high school sophomores and juniors will be held on Wednesday, February 20, at 6 p.m., in Guerrieri Hall at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury. High school sophomores and juniors are also invited to attend.

Presentations will be given by a former dual enrollment student and parent. Wor-Wic employees will provide information about how high school students can earn college credits while they are juniors and seniors in high school. Participants will have the opportunity to start the enrollment process and go on a campus

tour.

"Wor-Wic's dual enrollment program is an excellent opportunity for high school students to begin their college education early at a highly-reduced cost," said Bryan Newton, vice president for enrollment management and student services at Wor-Wic. "Students can start early on their college education, save thousands of dollars on college costs and begin to learn how to succeed in a college setting."

Visit www.worwic.edu to RSVP, or contact Richard C. Webster at rwebster@worwic.edu or 410-334-2896 for more information.

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Telling how old we are, milestones and hair coloring

In my ongoing quest to observe the human experience I have taken note of the fact that there are times in our lives

passing the threshold of her youth.

Women seem to have it a little more difficult than men when it comes to celebrating birthdays. They have to contend with ticking biological clocks and changes of life. For men, the only clock they're aware of is the one in the lower right-hand corner of the screen during the big game.

Men too go through a change of life, usually referred to as a mid-life crisis. You can tell when this is happening because they trade in the family minivan for a red convertible, color their hair to a shade they think it used to be and/or begin wearing a hair piece.

My wife said I had my mid-life crisis at 25. Looking back, I don't think this was the case because I did not purchase a new car and my hair was still its natural color, black if I recall correctly.

The older we get the more our phobia about revealing our age diminishes. I think this is because the older we get the more likely we are to benefit from discounts.

Many businesses offer senior citizen discounts. Whether going to the movies or dining out, seniors, defined as age 55 and older, get rewarded with lower prices, discounts and upgrades. People love to flash their AARP cards to save a couple bucks. More power to them. I just hope the discounts are still around when my turn comes.

Once people pass the age of 80 they can't wait to ask others, "How old do you think I am? Go on, take a guess." Nothing pleases an octogenarian more than being mistaken for a sexagenarian. They beam from ear to ear as if they just won the lottery. To them I guess they did.

Presently, I would be very reluctant to ask anyone to guess how old I am. My fear would be that they would make a guess that would compel me to take up the bottle, the bottle of hair coloring.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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when we don't want anyone to know how old we are. At other times we do not mind if people know our age. In fact, we love to broadcast it to anyone who will listen or to anyone who is within earshot.

Children certainly love for us to know how old they are.

They are very exact when they inform us of their ages. "I'm seven and three quarter years old." "I'm twelve and a half." I have never heard anyone say, "I'm forty-two... and three-eighths."

There are some milestone birthdays we get very excited about celebrating. Birthday number 16 is a big one because we can drive. At 18 we can register to vote and at 21 we can legally purchase and consume alcohol. My guess is most people are more excited about being allowed to drink legally than exercising their rights as a citizen of a democracy. Of course, that's just a guess.

Once we get beyond our twenty-first birthday we begin to be a little more guarded about telling our age. Only when it is absolutely necessary do we divulge the number of birthdays we have celebrated.

Women seem more reluctant than men to reveal their age. I don't know why this is. I remember several years ago when a co-worker became very upset that we were celebrating her birthday in the office. She did not even want to participate. We learned later that she was celebrating a milestone birthday, number 30. She felt she was



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-President Donald Trump



The destiny of our Nation will be determined in the coming years.

A message from the Republican Women of Worcester County

Baseball memorabilia auction, sale scheduled

Judy Johnson, a well-known baseball star from Snow Hill, will be honored later this year with a memorial monument at the Snow Hill library. An all-star player for the Negro Leagues in the 1920s and 1930s, he was named to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1979. As a fundraiser for the construction of the monument the Worcester County Historical Society is planning a baseball memorabilia auction and sale on Friday, March 1, at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin.

Included will be a large number of autographed photos, baseballs and other items signed by major league baseball stars such as Cal Ripken Jr., Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, Nolan Ryan, Mike

Schmidt, Bob Feller, Warren Spahn and many others. Also photographs signed by Judy Johnson will be included in both a live auction and a



Judy Johnson

silent auction.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. The hours are 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. People interested in purchasing tickets in advance can send their checks made payable to the Worcester County Historical Society to Bob Fisher, treasurer, 230 S. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD 21863, by February 23. Please include your name, telephone number, and email address.

For questions or additional information people can contact Newt Weaver, president, at 443-614-2386 or by email vette-99@verizon.net.

Italian dinner to honor Galileo

Between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 17, St. Paul's by-the-Sea will host an authentic Italian dinner to benefit The Fellowship Commons. 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".

Smoky Chicken

This chicken dish has a smoky flavor from the combination of dried beef and bacon.

It is also a good recipe for a crowd as the recipe is easy to double. Serve with mashed potatoes or baked sweet potatoes and biscuits. A nice salad will compliment this meal.

Line casserole with 1 package of dried chip beef. Add 6 boneless chicken breasts which have each been wrapped in 2 slices of bacon. Mix 1 can of golden mushroom soup with one small container of sour cream. Spread on top of breasts. Bake at 275 degrees 2-1/2 to 3 hours uncovered.

Preservation and recreation plan open for comment

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment on the draft 2019-2023 Land Preservation and Recreation Plan, which identifies essential and contem-

porary issues impacting outdoor recreation and natural resource protection in the state.

The Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan represents a vision and strategy that has been developed by the department, with state, federal, and local organizations, to provide public outdoor recreation opportunities in Maryland. It incorporates public input that was gathered through surveys and public stakeholder meetings held throughout Maryland in 2018, as well as a thorough analysis of national, state and local issues impacting recreation and

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It's easy to underestimate the level of know-how required to be an automotive mechanic, and just how essential the job is. There are an estimated 30,000 parts on the average car, and data from the International



Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers indicates around 74,705,000 cars were produced in 2018. Auto mechanics are in high demand. Although many

high schools offer adequate training to prepare individuals for a job in automotive mechanics, most mechanics are now expected to have completed an associate degree or certificate program in automotive training to keep up with ever-evolving vehicle technology. Students can enroll in a vocational education program, receive a certificate and then go on to employee training. Upon completion of that training, students can become master mechanics. Training and schooling typically takes two years. Salary.com reports that the average automotive mechanic salary in the United States was \$38,551 as of December 2018.

I Love to Cook!

by Bev Wisch



Stuffed Pork Chops

Six large loin pork chops with pockets (with sharp knife slice a pocket in each). Make salt and pepper dressing or use prepared dressing. Add one cup of chopped apples to dressing mixture. Stuff each pocket and use toothpicks to hold in place. Add water to bottom of pan to prevent sticking. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 to 1-1/2 hours until pork is tender. Make gravy from drippings. Baked apples make a nice addition to the serving platter.

Salt and Pepper Dressing

Toast about 8 slices of bread on a cookie sheet in the oven. Break up in a bowl and add 1 chopped onion, 2 stalks chopped celery, parsley, salt and pepper to taste. Moisten with chicken broth or warm water and 2 T. melted butter. (Don't forget the apples.)

Keep warm and happy cooking
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Bread sale

On January 23, Worcester Prep teachers, Tracey Berry and Kelley Burton, hosted the annual Bread Sale with their second graders as part of a hands-on learning lesson combining English, science, social studies, mathematics and philanthropy. The month-long project is modeled like a small business, with the students baking the bread and then selling it in their classroom cafe for .25 cents to other students and faculty. The project involves researching ingredients, creating posters, oral reports, and rotating jobs - from baker to cashier - to learn all the facets of running a business. Proceeds from the Bread Sale are then donated to Atlantic General Hospital.

Above: Second grader, **Elle Wilsey**, shows off a variety of tasty bread toppings.



Long joins Wor-Wic

Wor-Wic Community College recently welcomed **Julie C. Long** of Ocean City as an assistant professor of nursing. She has more than 25 years of experience in critical and emergency care nursing, most recently as a registered nurse at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Long has also taught nursing students in the clinical setting. She holds an associate degree in nursing from Harford Community College in Bel Air and bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from Salisbury University.

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Jeep club supports shelter

On Saturday, February 16, the Ocean City Jeep Club will make its third annual supply run for Worcester County Humane Society (WCHS). Club participants will meet at the Teal Marsh Shopping Center at 11 and shortly after noon the long line of Jeeps will start their drive down Stephen Decatur Highway/611 to Worcester County Humane Society with a huge amount of much needed supplies for the no kill shelter.

The club brings supplies such as paper towels, laundry detergent, dish soap, bleach, dog and cat toys just to name a few. Wanting to make sure they are bringing supplies the shelter really needs they make sure to coordinate with shelter manager, Jessica Summers.

Ocean City Jeep Club was established in 2015 and is the largest Jeep Club on the Lower Eastern Shore. Ocean City Jeep Club hosts several events monthly including meet and greets and beach bonfires. They also schedule two off road trips a year. Their mainstay is supporting the community by charitable donations. Ocean City Jeep Club's fundraising efforts in-

clude various events like the Worcester County Humane Society Annual Run, the Toys for Tots Annual Run and the Annual Gift Basket Raffle to benefit a different organization each year. They also rally around any national disasters and partner with other local organizations to help with charitable efforts.

Last year there were 35 Jeep participants in the supply run. OC Jeep Club founder and president, Mike Locke, says this year there will be even more participants.

"Last year seeing all the Jeeps lined up and driving down 611 all in support for the shelter brought tears to my eyes", said Tina Walas, WCHS board member and volunteer. "I was also super impressed at how organized it is. The group gets a police escort so all participants can arrive at the shelter together."

When asked how the group chose Worcester County Humane Society as one of the club's favorite charities, Locke says "it was really a no brainer. My wife Patty and I are huge animal

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Media judges

In late January, the Republican Women of Worcester County (RWWC) participated in the annual Media Expo at Worcester Career and Technology Center in Newark. Judging student entries from schools across the county were RWWC Literary Committee volunteers, pictured left to right, **Barbara Johnson**, **Vanessa Alban**, **Elena McComas**, **Liz Mumford** (Literary Chairperson) and **Marge Matturro**. And joining the volunteers was Miss **Ruth Alban**, a student at Showell Elementary School.

Festival to bring moviemakers from around the world

The third annual Ocean City Film Festival will screen more than 100 films across five venues in the resort on March 8 through 10. The festival will bring together film lovers and filmmakers from across the globe to Ocean City for this weekend-long special event. The Art League of Ocean City and the Town of Ocean City are sponsors of the festival.

Over the three days, the festival will screen films spanning 12 genres, from feature-length to short horror to social commentary, at the Princess Royale Hotel, Carousel Hotel, Clarion Resort, Francis Scott Key Resort, and


Fox Gold Coast Theater. Local filmmakers, as well as filmmakers from across the country and around the world, submitted films that were specifically judged for the festival. In addition, three films were produced by the Art League and will have their public debut at the festival.

The festival will kick off with an opening reception on Friday, March 8 at the Princess Royale where film lovers can mingle with filmmakers. The festival will conclude with a party at Seacrets' Morley Hall on Sunday, March 10 where festival organizers will announce the award winners. A panel of Eastern Shore media and arts professionals will judge the films and present awards that include the Pink Flamingo, the film judges deem most representative of Maryland life.

Film industry professionals will lead workshops at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on creating and producing films, and Maryland Film Office Director Jack Gerbes and Balti-

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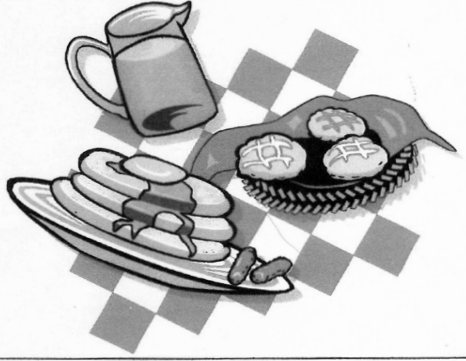
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It's here! It's here!

For watermen with cabin fervor, our midwinter diversion is upon us. The 36th annual Ocean City Seaside Boat Show will once again fill the Ocean City's Roland E. Powell convention Center, 15-17 February. Sponsored by the OC/Berlin Optimist Club, the exhibition will feature over "350 boats, electronics, dock builders, boat lifts, crafts, canvas, archery display, fishing rods, fishing tackle, paddle boards, artists, and food vendors" - as usual.

Usual. The vendors will, for the most part, be in their usual locations. They will hawk their products and services in their usual manner. And they will be tired and bored late Sunday afternoon when they break down their displays and head home - as usual.

But for us housebound boaters who have been watching the ice come and go on the Ocean Pines canals, it's mecca and nirvana and Woodstock all rolled into one midwinter extravaganza. Dreams of maritime grandeur are conceived and illusions of a perfect sail on a perfect summer afternoon in the Isle of Wight Bay are fantasied.

Like many, I go to see the shiny new boats and clever gadgets. I like to reminisce when my pontoon boat was a clean as the ones on display and to rationalize upgrading my electronics. And, of course, I harbor every recreational boater's dream of a bigger boat.

The show is a golden opportunity to talk to people of similar interests. My problem is how do I allocate my limited time to share ideas and swap war stories with other cabin fever casualties?

First, there is business. My boat lift needs repair so this year I have to find someone who will fix it.

Second. I have friends here and there that I like to catch up with. Then there are my traditional stops to see the kittens at the Delmarva Cat Connection at the top of the grand stairway and to say "hi" to the vendor that sold me a couple boats over the years. I also visit my colleagues in

the USCG Auxiliary booth who are giving away free tide charts and pitching attendance at the Maryland safe boating class.

After that, I am on my own to eat hot dogs and wander. I always like to walk by the row of outboard motors mounted side by side from 3 to 300 horsepower just waiting for a stern to call home. I also like to admire the personal watercraft and listen to the salespeople describe their jet skis with a Harley-Davison mentality.

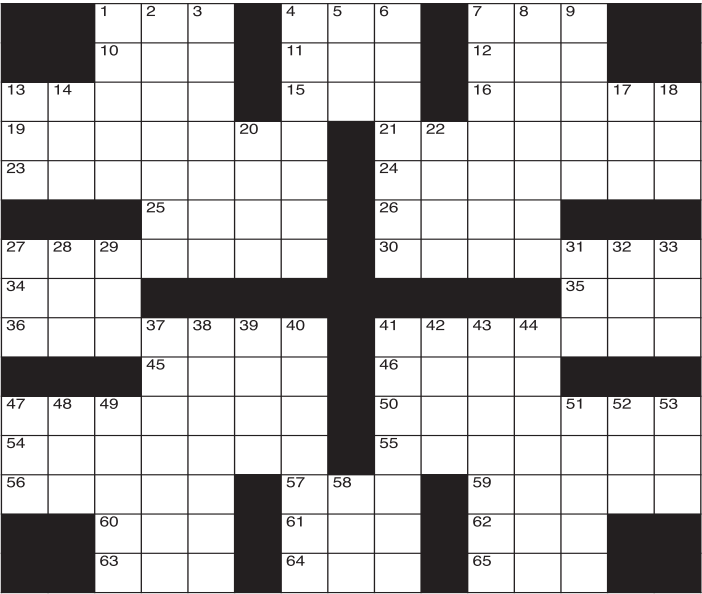
Another fun moment for me is to eavesdrop on fishermen convincing themselves that a new fishing pole is all that stands between them and a million dollar prize at the White Marlin Open Tourney.

But the real fun is climbing on-board new boats that I can't afford - not the boat, nor the gas, nor the slip rentals, nor the insurance - but it's still fun. The ergonomics of creature comforts and innovative boat appendages get better every year. I love the Bluetooth device for wireless safety lanyards and the seat cushion that performs like a transformer toy. It mutates into a crab trap and/or a martini shaker. I would not be surprised to see a radar that had a Netflix option this year.

If the urge to buy a new boat is starting to get the best of you and the port side of your brain is fighting back, I have a suggestion. Go up to the second floor away from the talk of vee hull versus flat bottom versus pontoon and 2 stroke versus 4 stoke motors. Then buy yourself some sunglasses or Girl Scout cookies or a nautical birdhouse and escape with your credit line still intact but be careful not to slow down to admire the overflow demo boats that are on display in the parking lot.

It may be the 'usual' boat show but it's anything but boring to me. I wonder if that pirate that gives away free saltwater taffies will be there again this year - as usual?

Dan Collins can be reached for comment at dancollins.ocean-pines@gmail.com



CLUES ACROSS

1. Chop or cut

4. Political action committee

7. Male parent

10. Doctors' group

11. Ottoman military commander

12. A metal-bearing natural material

13. Lively ballroom dance

15. Male Gypsy

16. Once-popular card game

19. Occurred just once

21. ___ Streisand, singer

23. Shiny yellow minerals

24. Get hitched again

25. See (Latin)

26. Lies between the Caspian and Persian Gulf

27. Scourges

30. Sentence

34. Supervises flying
35. Bar bill

36. Alfalfa

41. Type of dishwasher soap

45. Witnesses

46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

47. Newspapers need them

50. Discuss again

54. Small group with shared interests

55. Support

56. Wool

57. Take hold of

59. Likely the first Meso-American civilization

60. Woman (French)

61. Automobile

62. Popular Georgia rockers

63. Soviet Socialist Republic

64. A major division of geological time

65. Make an effort

CLUES DOWN

1. Czech monetary unit

2. Able to arouse feeling

3. Elk

4. Muscular weaknesses

5. Earlier

6. Lightweight fabric

7. One who greets

8. Soldiers sometimes wear one

9. Officially prohibit

13. US political party

14. Used of a number or amount not specified

17. Make a mistake

18. Biopic starring Jamie Foxx

20. Ancient Media inhabitant

22. About aviation

27. Popular American sports league

28. Cologne

29. Partner to cheese
31. When you'll get there

32. Not pleased

33. One point east (clockwise) of due north

37. Respects

38. Shake up

39. Ethiopian river

40. Intrinsic nature of something

41. Principal parts of the brain

42. Brews

43. Where ships dock

44. One who wassails

47. Shock treatment

48. Popular average

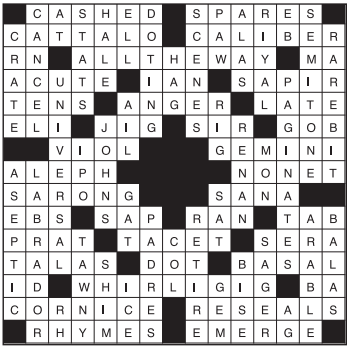
49. Things

51. A type of "bear"

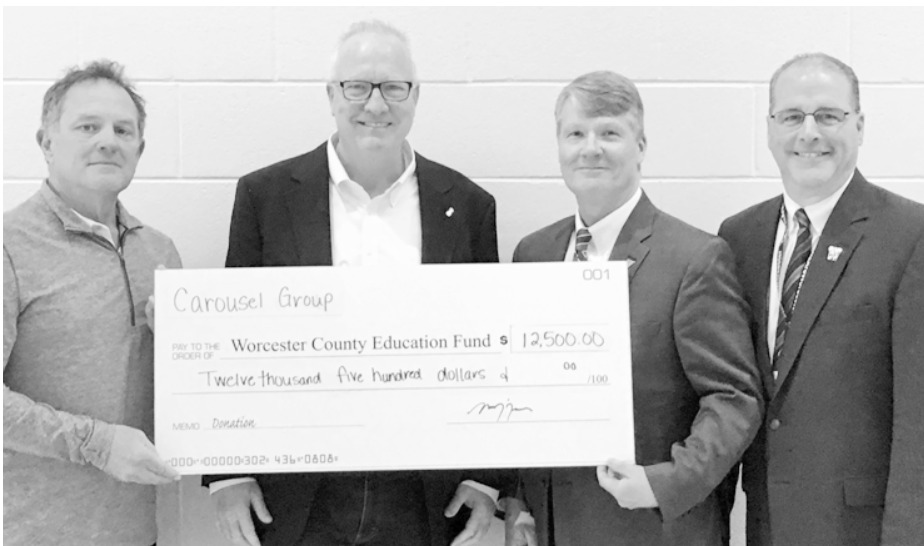
52. Utilize

53. European Economic Community

58. Swiss river



Answers for February 6



Donation

Michael James of the Carousel Group recently presented a check for \$12,500 to the Worcester County Education Foundation (WCEF). The WCEF was established in August of 2013 as a 501(c)3 non-profit to establish a proactive partnership between the community and the public school system by linking community resources with the educational needs of its students to prepare them to succeed. 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.

Above are **Greg Shockley**, vice chair of WCEF, **Michael James**, Carousel Group, **Ray Thompson**, chair of WCEF and Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent **Lou Taylor**.

Girl Scouts announce events

Carrabba's Italian Grill of West Ocean City will sponsor a fundraiser for the Chesapeake Bay Council of Girl Scouts on Saturday, February 23, between noon and 3 p.m. Menu selections include spaghetti and meatballs, chicken marsala, or tilapia, and include soup or salad, soft drinks, and mini cannoli.

Door prizes include two weekend getaways at Marriott Hotels, Assateague and Salisbury locations. The cost is \$15 per person, cash, or check payable to Star Charities.

Additionally, the Chesapeake Bay Council of Girl Scouts will march in the Ocean City St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16. All Girl Scouts participating will receive a gift certificate

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lovers as well as many of the OC Jeep Club members. We know the shelter is always in need of supplies, so this is a fun way for us to help the animals."

Ocean City Jeep Club is open to all Jeep enthusiasts no matter what make or model you may own. For more information, send them a message on their Facebook page.

Worcester County Humane Society is a private, nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter located at 12330 Eagles Nest Road off 611. The shelter is open Tuesday thru Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on Mondays.

from McDonalds. The parade starts at noon.

For more information, contact Anna Foults at 410-641-7667.

Diabetes education classes offered

People with diabetes can start their new year off right by taking control and learning how to live a healthy, fulfilling life while managing their condition. Peninsula Regional Medical Center is sponsoring Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon diabetes self-management education class sessions start to discuss healthy eating, activity, monitoring, medications, healthy coping, risk reduction and other self-management skills to help assist with diabetes control.

The evening class session will meet at the Medical Center on five consecutive Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. beginning February 20. The afternoon class session will meet at the Medical Center on five consecutive Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. beginning February 21. All classes are taught by certified diabetes educators.

Registration is required. The cost of the five-week program may be reimbursed by insurance or Medicare. For more information or to register, please call Peninsula Regional Nutrition and Diabetes Education at 410-543-7061.

Farmers, artisans market recognized

More than a thousand Worcester County residents have named the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market a "Neighborhood Favorite for 2018," according to a recent Nextdoor online survey.

A total of 1,554 Nextdoor members voted for their favorite businesses in more than 30 different categories. Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market won in several neighborhoods, including Glen Riddle, Bish- opville, Ocean City, Berlin and Ocean Pines.

Nextdoor is the private social network for neighborhoods across the country. According to its website, members turn to their neighbors on Nextdoor to find and discover highly-referred local businesses in and around their neighborhood.

"Neighborhood Favorites is an annual awards program that helps celebrate and recognize the best businesses in local communities across the country by amplifying what every business owner cherishes – word of mouth," said Denise Sawyer, marketing and public relations director for the Ocean Pines Association.

The market's goal is to promote local, sustainable agriculture; increase economic opportunities for small and medium businesses; provide equitable access to wholesome food; and build a vibrant gathering place for Ocean Pines residents and visitors.

"It gives me great pride that the community loves our market and have endorsed it as a great public gathering place," said David Bean,

market manager for the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market. "Our market is successful because of its loyal customers who shop here weekly and recommend the year-round market to their friends, family and neighbors."



Normally held outside in White Horse Park at 239 Ocean Parkway from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., the market will be held indoors at the firehouse – located adjacent to the park – through March 9 from 9 a.m. – noon. Select merchants will be outside in the White Horse Park pavilion throughout the winter market.

The Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market features fresh produce, cooking demonstrations, live music and vendors selling a variety of hand-crafted, bakery and gourmet food items.

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	Low	8:43 PM	
F 15	High	3:16 AM	6:51 AM
	Low	9:43 AM	5:38 PM
	High	3:36 PM	
	Low	9:45 PM	
Sa 16	High	4:16 AM	6:50 AM
	Low	10:45 AM	5:39 PM
	High	4:35 PM	
	Low	10:45 PM	
Su 17	High	5:14 AM	6:48 AM
	Low	11:43 AM	5:40 PM
	High	5:32 PM	
	Low	11:44 PM	
M 18	High	6:09 AM	6:47 AM
	Low	12:36 PM	5:42 PM
	High	6:27 PM	
Tu 19	Low	12:39 AM	6:46 AM
	High	7:02 AM	5:43 PM
	Low	1:25 PM	
	High	7:20 PM	
W 20	Low	1:32 AM	6:45 AM
	High	7:53 AM	5:44 PM
	Low	2:13 PM	
	High	8:13 PM	

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Worcester County in solid financial standing

For the tenth consecutive year, Worcester County Government was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for FY17. The CAFR, which the Worcester County finance team and TGM staff spent countless hours preparing, represents the County's fiscal report card, stat sheet, and fiscal state of the County, all in one document.

In a recent review of the Independent Auditor's Report, Chris Hall of TGM Group, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, stated that the CAFR was issued an unmodified opinion (previously referred to as a "clean opinion"), which represents the highest assurance TGM can give.

The CAFR is issued to more than 100 entities that the County does business with, as well as international bond rating firms, Moody's, Fitch, and Standard & Poors, which use this data to assign the County's credit rating, and the financial analysts and institutions that currently hold or bid on the County's bond offerings. Most importantly the CAFR is available to the public on the County website at www.co.worcester.md.us.

"This certification is the highest form of recognition awarded to local governments in the areas of accounting and financial reporting and assures the users of the County's financial statements that the County is complying with the most recent accounting and finance pronouncements in a format that

is widely acceptable," Finance Officer Phil Thompson said.

Special recognition for this award is due to key members of the County's finance team, which includes Thompson, Chief Administrative Officer Harold Higgins, Budget Officer Kathy Whited, Assistant Finance Officer Jennifer Swanton, Enterprise Fund Controller Jessica Wilson, and Senior Budget Accountant Kim Reynolds for the dedication and knowledge they provide and for their dedication to excellence in financial reporting.

The CAFR, which adheres to the guidelines recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association, provides full accountability to Worcester County citizens and others with an interest in government finances. The CAFR outlines County finances and reflects a long-established history of prudent fiscal management practices.

For more information about the CAFR, contact Finance Officer Phil Thompson or Assistant Finance Officer Jennifer Swanton at (410) 632-0686.

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.

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.



Treating matting more easily

Long-haired dogs can be beautiful to behold, but their lustrous locks require more grooming than short-fur breeds. If tangles are left to their own devices, a condition called matting can occur. Matting is not only a hassle for pet owners, but also uncomfortable for dogs. Understanding matting can help pet owners stay on top of the problem so dogs stay healthy and look their best.

Unlike other dogs that shed hair that falls out and congregates around the house like fuzzy tumbleweeds, some long-haired breeds shed hair into their undercoats, which can contribute to mats. Poodles, bichon frises and cocker spaniels are prone to matting. Other breeds, such as Yorkshire terriers and malteses, have single soft coats that tend to tangle quite easily and are susceptible to matting as well.

Mats tend to form underneath the fur and quite close to the skin, and in areas of friction, such as under the collar, behind the ears or on the lower legs. Light daily brushing may not reach the matting. Long-haired breeds often need detailed grooming so mats can be uncovered and addressed early on before they contribute to greater problems.

Grooming experts and even vets warn that matting is not just a cosmetic problem. Over time, severe matting can tug endlessly at the skin and deny fresh air and stimulation to areas of the dog's body. This can lead to rashes or sores.

Furthermore, mats can harbor bacteria, feces, parasites, and dirt, creating an unsanitary situation for the dog, says Melissa Verplank, president

of the Paragon School of Pet Grooming.

Treating matted dog hair requires a few strategies.

Prevention is the best solution, so dampening the fur with a detangling spray and using a slick brush that will



detangle fur every day will help. Separate sections of fur and gently lift and brush away tangles.

If mats are already present, retailers offer de-matting tools and mat-splitting devices that will gently slice and separate the mat without tugging too much on the pet's fur and skin.

Shampoo the dog with a conditioning product to wash away any dirt and debris accumulation in the fur.

If matting is extensive, or if it is proving troublesome to handle the task alone, a professional groomer may be needed. If he or she determines that the mats are just too dense to comb out, it may be necessary to use hair clippers to trim away the mats. Groomers have the expertise to delicately cut away mats and avoid nicking the skin.

Dogs prone to matting are those with longer hair that sheds readily. Pet owners can discuss grooming treatments and brushing regimens to keep mats from becoming a headache for all involved.

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Technology/Science grant

Cato Inc. representative Kathleen Abercrombie and her daughter, Worcester Prep School (WPS) senior Delaney Abercrombie, present Upper School technology/science teacher, Colleen McGuire, with a \$500 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program grant. Exxon-Mobil believes in investing in educational programs for the next generation to pursue studies and careers in fields involving math and science.

Above: WPS senior Delaney Abercrombie, technology/science teacher **Colleen McGuire**, Cato Inc. representative **Kathleen Abercrombie**.

Trauma services receives grant

The Trauma Services program at Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) has received \$3,000 in grants to provide "Stop the Bleed" education classes and kits for every public and private school in Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset Counties.

Clinical members of the PRMC Emergency/Trauma team will teach all classes. Sixty-three schools will be included in the first phase, which began January 7 with a training session at Pocomoke Elementary School in Worcester County. At least 10 faculty, students and administration members at each school will be invited to participate in the program. Its goal is to provide the education and training that will save lives, as uncontrolled bleeding is the leading cause of pre-

ventable death from traumatic injuries like automobile accidents, gunshot or stabbing wounds.

"Stop the Bleed classes prepare participants on how to render immediate, lifesaving aid to the injured while awaiting arrival of emergency personnel," said PRMC's Kari Cheezum, MSN, RN, CEN, TCRN, Trauma Services Program Manager. "The course teaches direct pressure, wound packing and tourniquet application to control life threatening hemorrhage."

Each kit contains a combat application tourniquet, two pairs of gloves, gauze, trauma dressing, a permanent marker, trauma shears, a survival blanket and instructions on how to

please see **grant** on page 16

PRMC collaborates on new initiative

Being sick in the United States comes with an expense, and for certain healthcare consumers, it can be really costly.

For a person who does not have health insurance and is required to cover medical imaging bills alone, an MRI can run anywhere from \$400 to \$7,000 depending on the location and the case. CT Scans from \$270 to \$5,000. X-rays from \$100 to \$1,000.

As a nation, we are already well over four trillion dollars for the total cost of healthcare per year. That's \$4,000,000,000,000 or better than 20% of the country's gross domestic product. Something has to give.

At Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC), a team of professionals from Medical Imaging and the Emergency/Trauma Center has been collaborating for just over a year on a new initiative. It is concentrating on patient safety, access to care and reducing costs by determining what imaging tests for certain patients in the Emergency/Trauma Center may not be essential to their final diagnosis and/or treatment plan. Dr. David Nizza, the Medical Director of Medical Imaging and Dr. Clark Willis, the Immediate Past Medical Director of ED/Trauma, are the physician champions leading the charge.

"We are excited about the amount of CT radiation reduction and potential cost savings that we have been able to achieve for our community already with Medical Imaging and the Emergency Department working together toward a common goal of improved Emergency Department imaging care and more appropriate patient testing," said Dr. Nizza.

So far, physicians and providers have safely decreased CT testing in evaluating

patients for possible blood clots in the lungs, and recurrent kidney stone evaluations in select individuals. In addition to the primary cost benefit to both self-payers and insurance carriers, there's also an obvious improvement in patient care with a reduction of patient exposure to potentially unnecessary radiation.

"That's really our primary goal," added Dr. Willis. "We're always looking for ways to better the delivery of emergency care to our community by safely lowering CT testing in certain emergent clinical situations. This improved patient selection of testing reduces the amount of radiation exposure to our community as well as the cost of the care we provide."

The team is also drawing on the expertise of the Healthvisions Collaborative between the Peninsula Regional Health System and Bayhealth of Delaware. The two hospital groups have been working together for a couple of years, sharing best practice opportunities and collaborating to save costs across both systems. A team at Bayhealth is also working a similar initiative and sharing their successes.

Drs. Nizza and Willis say the PRMC initiative has no end date, and the team is currently working on reducing Head CTs for certain neurologic evaluations.

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Hearing aids have a long, rich history

Today's hearing aids are remarkable devices that help people who are hard of hearing in myriad ways. These devices are part of a rich history of hearing assistance items that dates back several centuries.

According to Beltone, a developer of high-quality hearing solutions that has been in business since 1940, hearing aids can be traced all the way back to 1588, when the author Giovanni Battista first mentioned hearing assistance devices in the book, "Natural Magick." The devices Battista described were wooden and were carved into the shapes of ears belonging to animals with superior hearing. Whether they worked or not, these rudimentary devices serve as ancestors to the devices people use today.

Many people might recognize the hearing aids used in the 1600s and 1700s. Often referred to as "ear trum-

pets," these devices were wide at one end to gather sound and narrow at the other end so amplified sound could be directed into the ear. Perhaps the most notable user of ear trumpets was the great composer Ludwig van Beethoven, whose hearing began to deteriorate by the time he reached his late 20s. By the time of his death in 1827, Beethoven was almost completely deaf. According to the House Providence Hearing Health Centers, the first person to commercially produce ear trumpets was London-based Frederick C. Rein, who began producing the devices in 1800. In 1819, Rein was commissioned to design a special acoustic chair for John VI, the King of Portugal.

By the early 1900s, electricity would change hearing aids forever. Instead of ear trumpets, which shrunk in size over the course of the 1800s, peo-

ple who were hard of hearing in the early 1900s could now use devices that employed carbon microphones and batteries to electronically amplify sound. These devices, which were worn around the neck, might have been an improvement over ear trumpets, but they were large boxes that contained visible wires. In addition, their batteries typically lasted just a few hours. Miniaturized batteries made these devices considerably less cumbersome.

Hearing aids changed again in the 1950s, when the invention of the transistor, a switch with both on and off settings, increased the functionality of hearing aids. Beltone even notes that transistors, perhaps most widely asso-

ciated with radios, were used in hearing aids before they were used in radios.

Ultimately, transistors were made of silicon, which allowed manufacturers to shrink them even further, allowing users to wear them behind the ear, in the ear shell and then even within the ear canal.

Digital technology changed hearing aids once again in the late 20th century, making it possible to amplify, reduce, filter, and direct sound as needed. This customization made it possible for users to alter their hearing aids depending on where they were at a given time.

Modern hearing aids are often so small that they go unnoticed. But these devices are part of a rich history dating back several centuries.



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more Film Office Director Debbie Dorsey will conduct a panel talk on filmmaking in Maryland.

Tickets are \$79 for an all-access three-day pass that includes unlimited films, the opening “meet the filmmakers” reception with hors d’oeuvres, all workshops, and the award ceremony; \$20 for a one-day film pass; \$49 for a three-day film pass. Tickets to the parties can be purchased separately for \$25, and to the workshops for \$10.

Tickets are available at ocmd-filmfestival.com, by visiting the Arts Center on 94th St., or by calling 410-524-9433. Tickets will also be available at the film locations the day of the screenings on a cash-only basis. Several local hotels are offering discounted room packages for

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natural resource conservation.

The plan receives federal funding from the National Park Service’s Land and Water Conservation Fund and must be reviewed and updated every five years.

Public input is welcome on any part of the plan through the online comment form or by mail to: Maryland State Land Preservation and Recreation Plan Coordinator, 580 Taylor Ave., E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401. The public comment period will end at noon on March 8.

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percent in 2018, although the number of traffic accidents fell eight percent. The report indicates that alcohol-related accidents as well as the higher alcohol content of arrests is a good indicator that the increased traffic enforcement is necessary.

The department has also concentrated on following up on criminal investigations, per the report. Incidents in 2018 included home improvement scams, a suicide attempt, damage to Ocean Pines Golf Club, drug overdoses and civil complaints, among others.

The costs of these efforts are borne in part by grants, although the police department is a part of and funded by the Ocean Pines Association. The report highlights that nearly \$500,000 in grant money was received by the department in 2018, funding everything from operational costs to specialized equipment such as infrared cameras and a ballistic shield.

Although the Ocean Pines Police Department’s workload has continued to grow, the community has the distinction of being rated one of the safest communities in Maryland, per capita, by SafeWise for 2018.

“We take great pride in offering our residents a higher level of police service,” Massey said. “Our police officers are truly community police officers who know their community and the crime patterns that exist within our community.”

the weekend, posted on the festival’s website.

Hundreds of films were submitted to the festival, and Festival Director William Strang-Moya contributed to hand-picking the final selection.

“We have local films, films from all over the world, and films that can’t be seen anywhere else but in Ocean City at the festival,” Strang-Moya said. “We will also be screening a film that will be shown at Sundance this year. The festival and our selection of films are truly getting bigger and brighter every year.”

The films that will be shown have not been rated, and viewer discretion is advised.

The inaugural festival was held in June 2017 and was the first of its kind in Ocean City. The 2018 festival moved to the off-season to better accommodate traveling filmmakers and filmgoers and to stimulate the local economy in a shoulder-season month.

The Film Festival is currently holding a contest that asks individuals to subscribe to festival updates by entering their email at ocmdfilmfestival.com/contact. On February 1, one winner will be randomly chosen to receive a stay at the Hilton Suites Oceanfront on 32nd Street from March 8 to 10, plus two all-access passes to the festival.

More information, tickets, and links to hotel packages are available at ocmdfilmfestival.com.

**Adopt a Polar Bear**

Erica Phillips’ and Jennifer Hoen’s Worcester Prep Pre-Kindergarten class invited the Lower School students to pay \$1 to wear pajamas to school on January 25 for a fundraiser to adopt a polar bear. The class came up with the idea to adopt a polar bear while studying bears and hibernation and reading the book, “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt.” They implemented their plan, raised enough money to adopt a bear, and celebrated by “going on a bear hunt” and eating bear-shaped pancakes for breakfast.

Above Pre-Kindergartener **Nirlep Dhorajiya** hugs the polar bear plush he found on the bear hunt.

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In September 2016, Governor Hogan signed an executive order to finally enact the recommendation of the legislative task force and the will of Marylanders and require school calendars to start classes after Labor Day beginning in the 2017-18 school year. The executive order includes waiver provisions allowing school districts to apply for exemptions under certain circumstances, and the governor signed legislation in the 2018 legislative session to allow for additional flexibility for inclement weather days. The executive order maintains the required number of instructional days for students at 180 days and gives local school systems the full ability to set their own academic calendar.

However, legislation currently being debated in the Maryland Senate (Senate Bill 128) would turn back the clock on this commonsense action, allowing unelected bureaucrats in local school systems to determine the start and end dates of the school year and potentially thwart the will of citizens and taxpayers.

Governor Hogan announced that the administration will submit legislation to codify the executive order requiring school to start after Labor Day in statute. If a local school system opts to move their start date earlier, the bill will require a jurisdiction-wide ballot referendum that must be approved by the voters, offering genuine local control to the citizens over this important issue.

The governor also announced that if the legislature does not work in a bipartisan manner to pass the administration’s compromise bill and instead moves forward with SB 128, he will lead an effort to petition the bill to a referendum, which would place the matter on the statewide ballot for the citizens of Maryland to decide.

“Marylanders will have the deciding vote on this one way or another, and there is absolutely no question about where they stand on this issue,” said the governor.

Coastal Hospice receives honors for veterans program

Nancy Stewart, access department manager of Coastal Hospice, was recently recognized as a “Hospice Champion” by the Hospice Veteran-Partnership of Maryland for her dedication to the We Honor Veterans Program.

We Honor Veterans Program is a hospice service that increases access and improves the quality of care for veterans in the community. Together, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization developed the program to empower hospices to meet the unique needs of veterans and their families. Coastal Hospice was recently designated as a Level 4, the highest level of partnership.

“I am extremely honored and proud to receive this recognition on behalf of Coastal Hospice,” Stewart said. “We are so fortunate on the Lower Shore to have such a generous community who understands the importance and special needs of veterans at the end of life. I am able to grow this important program through the dedication of our volunteers.”

Because of Stewart’s commitment to the program, approximately 17-18 percent of Coastal Hospice patients enjoy We Honor Veterans ceremonies. That’s approximately 80 percent of all veterans served by Coastal Hospice.

“Nancy almost single-handedly drove the implementation of the We Honor Veterans Program at Coastal Hospice,” said Coastal Hospice President Alane Capen.



Back left to right: Coastal Hospice management team members **Renee Smith**, **Stacey Cottingham**, **Bob Miller**, and **Mark Massey**. Front left to right: Coastal Hospice President **Alane Capen**, Department of Veterans Affairs’ We Honor Veterans Community Hospice Coordinator **Cindy Dresser**, and award recipient **Nancy Stewart** of Coastal Hospice.

This is the first year the Maryland coalition has held a Hospice Champion Awards ceremony. The recognition celebrates individuals from hospices who inspire compas-

sion, caring and leadership within the organization.

Hospice-Veteran Partnerships are coalitions of the Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, commu-

nity hospices, state hospice organizations and others working together to ensure that excellent care at the end of life is available for our nation’s veterans and their families.

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control bleeding. “The ultimate goal,” added Cheezum, “is to make sure that every child in school will be safe.”

PRMC’s team hopes to secure additional support to expand the program and donation of kits to schools in Dorchester, Caroline, Talbot, Kent, Queen Anne’s and Cecil Counties following the Lower Shore classes.

The initial Stop the Bleed funds were made possible through the Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma and Maryland TraumaNet.

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