

## Pines offers Easter activities

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks, and Aquatics departments invite Ocean Pines residents and guests to celebrate Easter at its upcoming special events that are scheduled for April 13 through 20.

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.** Bring the entire family for a morning of fun, food, photos and festivities at the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event on Saturday, April 13 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The menu will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, pastries, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. The cost of the special breakfast is \$5 for children ages 4 -11, \$7 for adults and free for those 5 and under.

**Egg-stravaganza Dive and Pool Party.** Dozens of young divers and snorkelers ages 11 and under will get a chance to fish out brightly colored eggs from the indoor heated pool located at 11144 Cathell Road on Friday, April 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Swimmers at the annual Easter Egg-stravaganza Dive and Pool Party will be divided into different age groups to ensure everyone has a chance to collect eggs.

The cost of the special event is \$6 per swimmer and \$3 for non-swimmers. Children under age 6 must have an adult in the water with them. Life jackets are available at no charge.

**Easter/Spring Celebration.** "Then gear up for the most-talked-about Easter celebration on The Shore," said Denise Sawyer, marketing and public relations director for the Ocean Pines Association. "On April 20, families will be able to scout the field for lots of colorful eggs at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines."

The Easter/Spring Celebration will include egg hunts, carnival games, moon bounces, face painting, pony rides, arts and crafts, an Easter bonnet parade and much more.

Easter egg hunts will be held during the event for children up to age 10 as follows: 11:30 a.m. for ages one to three, noon for ages four to six, and 1 p.m. for ages seven to 10. The Easter bonnet parade and contest, which is open to children and adults, will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines and Ocean City will be selling hot dogs, snacks, and drinks. Photo opportunities with the Easter bunny will also be available at the event.

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## NHS members pass the torch

Eighty-three of Stephen Decatur High School's (SDHS) top students were inducted into the National Honor Society during its special candlelit ceremony on the evening of April 3. To gain admittance, students must satisfy the four principles of the organization: character, scholarship, leadership, and service. United States Air Force Captain James Simons, SDHS class of 2009, was the guest speaker for the evening.

Above: United States Air Force Captain **James "Jimmy" Simons**, Stephen Decatur High School class of 2009 with his mother **Beverly Flaig Simons**, SDHS class of 1982.



## EASTER in Ocean Pines, Maryland

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** April 13 \* 8:00 am-11:00 am, Community Center  
**Decorate Your Own Easter Bonnet** April 14 \* 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, Community Center  
**Easter Egg-Stravaganza Dive & Pool Party** April 19 \* 11:00 am, Sports Core Pool  
**Easter/Spring Celebration & Easter Egg Hunt** April 20 \* 11:00 am, White Horse Park  
**Easter Brunch** April 21 \* 10:00 am - 2:00pm, Ocean Pines Yacht Club



# Community Calendar

## APRIL

### Monday

#### 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.

## A Time To Remember

On this day in 1963, the USS *Thresher*, an atomic submarine, sank in the Atlantic Ocean, killing the entire crew of 129 sailors and civilians. The sub unexpectedly plunged to the sea floor, breaking apart as it sank, 300 miles off the coast of New England.



A subsequent investigation revealed that a leak in a silver-brazed joint in the engine room had caused a short circuit in critical electrical systems. The problems quickly spread, making the equipment needed to bring the *Thresher* to the surface inoperable.

Launched on July 9, 1960, from Portsmouth Naval Yard in New Hampshire, it was built with new technology that enabled it to run more quietly and dive deeper than any that had come before.

## Arbor Day ceremony returns

The Ocean Pines Garden Club will host its annual Arbor Day Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony on Thursday, April 11, at 10:30 a.m. in Pintail Park in Ocean Pines. The ceremony is open to all. A tree will be planted in memory of loved ones who passed away during 2018.

A luncheon at The Ocean Pines Yacht Club will follow the ceremony at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$22 per person. Menu choices are: (1) Grilled Salmon Greek Salad, (2) Chicken Quesadilla & Cup of Tortilla Soup, or (3) Brisket French Dip. The cost includes dessert of cookies & brownies, iced tea, water, coffee, tax, and gratuity.

Mail your check for \$22 to OPGC, c/o Ann Shockley, 273 Windjammer Road, Ocean Pines, MD 21811. Please indicate your menu choice on your check. For more information, call or email Ann at 410-641-5295 or rexrann@gmail.com.

## RWWC to meet

The Republican Women of Worcester County announce their April Luncheon Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at Mad Fish Bar & Grill Restaurant, located at 12817 Harbor Rd, West Ocean City. The luncheon theme will be "Welcome Home Legislators" and the guest speakers will be Maryland State Senator Mary Beth Carozza, Maryland Delegate Wayne Hartman and Maryland Delegate Charles Otto who will give an overview of the 2019 Maryland General Assembly session.

In addition, Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will speak on local issues. 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. Reservation cut off date is April 19.

## Advance directive program offered

Are you ready to give your family the gift of an advance directive? MAC, Inc., can help.

"It really is a gift! It puts your healthcare decisions in your words," said MAC's Donna Blackwell, who is coordinating National Healthcare Decisions Day activities on the Lower Shore.

An advance healthcare directive is a written document that specifies what end-of-life medical care you do and do

not want. In the case of a person who becomes impaired and is unable to make healthcare decisions for themselves, the document provides critical information to hospitals, physicians, and family members about their wishes for end-of-life medical care.

An advance directive "puts you in charge of your healthcare decisions. Your family will know exactly what your healthcare wishes are," Blackwell said. "Losing someone you love is difficult enough without having to make emotional decisions about end-of-life medical care."

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As part of National Healthcare Decisions Day April 16, MAC, in partnership with Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care, is hosting free programs to highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision-making. Free information and assistance in preparing advance healthcare directive forms will be available.

The free programs will be held at the following sites on Tuesday, April 16:

-MAC, Inc., Salisbury, 10 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

-Berlin Nursing Home, 10 a.m. to

noon

-Genesis Salisbury Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 10 a.m. to noon

-The Gables, Princess Anne, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

While the programs are free, appointments are required. For an appointment call 410-742-0505. For more information about National Healthcare Decisions Day, visit [www.nhdd.org](http://www.nhdd.org).

For more information on the free programs, or on MAC, Inc., and its many services, call 410-742-0505.



**Donations** - Ocean City Elementary School (OCES) recently held its annual Worcester County Humane Society Care for Pets Drive. This year OCES students, faculty and staff raised \$477 in addition to numerous donations of cat food, dog food, toys, bedding, cleaning supplies and much more.

Pictured with some of the items donated by students, faculty and staff are third graders **Giabella Abruzzo, Trevor Lehman, Melany Delgado, Henry Kemp, Wyatt Scrimgeour and Delaynie Kerrigan.**

## County saves big on bond sale

Worcester County Government (WCG) recently obtained a 2.35% effective interest rate from Fidelity Capital Markets for the Consolidated Public Improvement Bond 2019 Series to build a new Showell Elementary School and a new athletic field and track at Stephen Decatur High School, to complete construction of Cell 5 at the Central Landfill, and to complete various water and wastewater improvements in the Ocean Pines and Riddle Farm Service Areas.

"As a result of our finance team's adherence to a tried and proven conservative fiscal policy and through their continued hard work, we were able to realize substantial savings," Chief Administrative Officer Harold Higgins said.

This is an outstanding interest rate that is well below budget estimates and will result in savings of more than \$5.98 million over the life of issue, with approximately \$370,000 to be saved in FY2020 alone.

The winning bid by Fidelity Capital Markets also included a premium of \$6.6 million that will be used to reduce the total amount borrowed. As a result, WCG will receive proceeds of \$46 million for the needed planned capital projects, while only being required to pay back \$39.8 million.

"This is truly a win-win situation for the taxpayers and ratepayers who get the benefit of an up-front debt reduction

combined with an exceptional interest rate over the 15-year term," Finance Officer Phil Thompson said.

The bond sale followed rating agency meetings with Fitch Ratings, Standard and Poor's, and Moody's Investor Services earlier this year.

"The agencies carefully examined WCG's current financial standing, paying close attention to the tax base, recent economic trend data, financial reports, as well as our fixed costs (including debt) and financial policies," Thompson said.

The meetings resulted in all three agencies assigning a stable outlook to WCG and affirming the current rating of AA for Fitch, AA+ for Standard and Poor's, and Aa2 for Moody's Investor Services.

"These ratings clearly indicate that WCG continues to make prudent financial decisions, and the markets have rewarded WCG for its sound financial management," Thompson said. "The relationship and cooperation between our leadership, the staff, and our community is something to be very proud of."

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

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# Delmarva Birding Weekend returns

The 2019 Delmarva Birding Weekend invites hundreds of nature enthusiasts to the shore April 25 to 28 to enjoy the full complement of mid-Atlantic birds as the region welcomes warblers, tanagers, and other spring migrants and prepares to say goodbye to its loons, falcons, and waterfowl as they head northward. Registration for

with decades-long experience, the walking tours, boat trips, and canoe and kayak paddles will accommodate visitors from the curious nature lover to fowl fanatics. Every year, bird-watchers from surrounding states flock to the event.

“This is one of our biggest nature-oriented weekends,” said Lisa Challenger, Tourism Director for Worcester County. “People go crazy over the number of eagles and herons, but they will see a lot more than that birding with our guides around Assateague Island and our cypress swamps near Snow Hill. Delmarva Birding Weekend trips are so good that the governor issued a tourism award for them last year.”

“The April weekend is spectacular,” said Southern Delaware Tourism Director Scott Thomas. “Imagine hiking a trail at Trap Pond to be met with one of the most beautiful yellows you’ve ever seen in the form of a prothonotary warbler. Or spend a Friday afternoon at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge followed by happy hour in Rehoboth. That’s what the weekend is all about.”

Social events for new and experienced birders are scheduled throughout the weekend. These “Tally Rallies” are held at local breweries, bars, and restaurants, and allow participants to add to the species checklist and swap nature stories with new friends.

Participants recount the event in terms of experiences rather than simply observing birds, a majestic Bald Eagle soaring over the marsh, a tri-colored heron in breeding plumage catching fish, or the eerie hoot and shadow of a barred owl at dusk. An outdoor experience is the true draw.

The Delmarva Peninsula is one of the country’s premier birding areas, thanks to an extensive variety of habitat protected by our coastal parks, refuges and wildlife management areas. More than 400 bird species have been recorded in the region and previous Weekend tallies have topped 200 species.



the popular event is now open at [www.delmarvabirding.com](http://www.delmarvabirding.com).

Nature lovers can register for just one field trip, or multiple field trips each day of the four-day event. On Thursday, you can get an early start to the weekend with shorebirds along the Delaware Bayshore at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge and the Mispillion Harbor or check out the hottest sites near Assateague and Ocean City.

On Friday, you can start your morning at Redden State Forest and enjoy a songbird and shorebird spectacle at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge or a new private property in northern Worcester County in the afternoon. The day could finish with a paddle along the beautiful Ayres Creek.

Exploring the bald cypress swamps by kayak around Snow Hill on Saturday morning promises colorful warbler species, and a shorebird-laden boat trip behind Assateague and Ocean City in the afternoon will add to the avian extravaganza. Loons in breeding plumage are a big draw on this trip. Most trips regularly sell out, so interested nature lovers are encouraged to register soon.

Guided by local fun-loving birders

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**Partners reception** - On April 4, the Art League of Ocean City hosted a reception at the Ocean City Center for the Arts to honor their corporate partners and donors. Above **Nancy Bradford** and **Caleb Miller** of the Bank of Ocean City were thanked for their support of the Art League of Ocean City.

## Italian buffet fundraiser set

The local Ocean Pines Chapter AK of P.E.O. will hold an Italian Buffet Fundraiser on Wednesday, May 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. All proceeds will benefit educational projects for women. The menu will feature an antipasto and cheese board, Caesar salad, custom pasta bowls, grilled chicken, sausage with peppers and onions, meatballs, fresh vegetables, bowtie and angel hair pasta, alfredo with marinara and pesto sauce, garlic bread, tiramisu and beverages. The cost is \$40 per person. This event will include a silent auction, gift baskets, mystery wines and gift card boxes. If you would like to attend, please respond by May 4. Checks should be made out to PEO, Chapter AK and mailed to Marian Bickerstaff at 29 Wood Duck Drive, Ocean Pines, MD 21811. For questions, call Marian at 410-201-2508.

## Fire auxiliary to host dinner

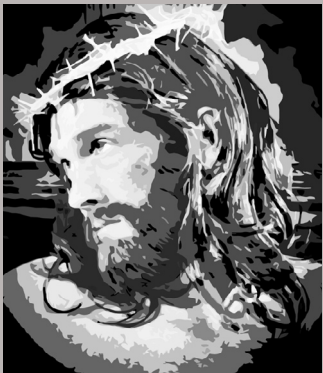
The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold an all you can eat Chicken and Dumpling Dinner on Saturday, April 13 at the main station. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under age 11. The menu includes chicken, hand rolled dumplings, coleslaw, green beans and sweet potatoes. Water, tea and coffee will also be served. Soda, bottled water and desserts will be sold separately. Eat in or carry out. For more information call 443-880-6966.

## Holy Week services offered

Bethany United Methodist Church is holding special worship services during Holy Week. Holy Thursday Worship will be held April 18 at noon and 7 p.m. The service includes hand-washing symbolizing cleansing, Holy Communion and stripping the sanctuary.

Centers of the Cross will be held on Good Friday, April 19 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Centers include intercessory prayers and personal reflections. Come when you wish and stay as long as you wish. All are welcome.

The church is located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway in Berlin. For more information call 410-641-2186.



# Encapsulated in an Emoji

This week I ramble, trying to coalesce the realities of technology in our lives

The sound of silence is soothing, yet jarring, especially when we're accus-



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tomed to the distractions, or maybe more aptly stated, the marvels of modern-day life. Smart phones, television, social media, texting and so much else attracts, nay, demands, our attention seemingly 24/7. We don't realize how pervasive its hold on us is. Younger people haven't lived in a world where personal technology hasn't been.

Social media is an alien language to me. Tweeting? Snapchatting? I've done neither. Yet, I admit to having my phone at the ready to research something that has caught my attention. For instance, the other evening I was watching a John Wayne movie, "Big Jake" and I wanted to know more about the movie and the actors. Reflexively, I started tapping into my phone and within milliseconds had an array of information at my fingertips. Back in the Old Days (you know the Dark Ages of the 1980s or 90s), putting my hands on such information would have meant a trip to the library, which in truth I would not have undertaken. Truth of the matter is, without my electronic companion, my interest in knowing more about "Big Jake," would have faded before the closing credits rolled and I would have never known that this feature movie was the last directed by George Sherman.

Text messaging provides a tremendous advantage in quick communication. In fact, as I was drafting this column, I was involved in a text message discussion among a group of friends (eight people) regarding a movie night being planned at someone's home. Texting facilitates quick communication and circumvents the going back and forth and back again circus associated with actually using a telephone.

While having lunch recently with my mother-in-law, we started talking about the times in which children today are growing up. The thrust of the discussion had to do with the many distractions

that exist in daily life and the belief that kids are more susceptible if not eager to spend time on electronic devices that going outside to play.

Television, smart phones, tablets, Xboxes, Instagram, Snapchat and an array of other platforms and apps are so ubiquitous that they influence our daily lives and we don't give it a second thought. For some, lives are ruled by this technology. Being the first to respond immediately (if not sooner)

to a text message or Facebook post or an online chatroom has supplanted critical and reasoned thinking. People, children in particular, seemingly spend less time processing information than responding to it. We're an information inundation society where Emojis fuel validation and "Likes" underpin self-esteem. Headlines pass for substantive reporting; commentary passes for intellectual elevation.

This concern is not new. How often have we heard the elders of previous generations lament the state of present day? At the time man emerged from caves, there was likely an older cave-man/woman complaining that kids "today" were too preoccupied with making fire.

Yet, I can't help think that interest in learning and understanding basic social skills, the enriched soil in which our personal development thrives, is wilting. The art of conversation or letter writing (with pen and paper, not thumbs on a screen) is becoming a quant memory of a time long ago, something read about only in history books. Oh, wait, books?

General, sweeping assessments can be foolish I know but personal observations have raised concerns.

Sitting at a restaurant not long ago, I looked at the diners seated around us. A majority of the people, regardless of age, had their heads down looking at their cell phones. At one table, a family of three younger children and the parents, all were concentrating on their phones. I guess it's conceivable that what was on their phones was more interesting than sitting around the table talking with one another about their days.

As I write these final words, the music of singing birds can be heard outside my window. How nice to hear. It's a lot more soothing than ... Oh, gotta go, my phone just alerted me to an incoming message.



## EASTER BRUNCH BUFFET

Sunday, April 21 • 11:00am – 4:00pm  
\$37.<sup>95</sup> per adult; Children 12 & under \$18.<sup>00</sup>; under 3 free

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## Tenebrae service planned

St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church in Ocean Pines will hold a Tenebrae service on Sunday, April 14 beginning at 5 p.m. This service provides an opportunity for the Christian community to meditate and reflect on the darkness of our Lord Jesus Christ's Passion. Traditionally, a Tenebrae service takes place in a darkened church lit only by candlelight. Each meditation revolves around Christ's suffering from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion. The Tenebrae service at St. John Neumann will present periods of meditation and music to commemorate these events. After each period a candle will be extinguished. The church is left in near total darkness. Those attending will depart in contemplative silence.

This somber yet beautiful service recalls the emotions of sorrow, agony, humiliation and pain that Jesus experienced on the road to Calvary. The service, entitled

"Lamentations of the Lamb," will be officiated by Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci, pastor of the church. The St. John Neumann adult choir, along with instrumental accompaniment and readers of Sacred Scripture, will lead the one-hour experience.

There is no fee to attend but a free will offering will be accepted at the door. The church is located at 11211 Beauchamp Road off of Route 589 and the parking is plentiful.

## Fire company to host fundraisers

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will host the following fundraisers.

The Chicken and Dumplings dinner will be held Saturday, April 13 between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 11 and under. In addition to the chicken and dumplings, on the menu will be coleslaw, green beans and sweet potatoes. Water, tea & coffee included. Bottled water, soda, and baked goods will be sold separately.

The Crab Cake Platter will be held Sunday, May 19 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The cost is \$12.00. Platters must be pre-ordered. Only 100 platters will be available.

Included is one crab cake on a roll, coleslaw, baked beans, water or soda.

Both events will be hosted at the Bishopville Volunteer Fire Station on Main Street in Bishopville. Call or text Tina at 443-880-6966 for information.

## Dems to meet

The next meeting of the Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County will be Monday, April 15 at the Ocean Pines Community Center in Ocean Pines. Coffee and conversation begins at 9:30; the meeting begins at 10 a.m. Food donations for local food banks are encouraged.



**Meeting -** The Republican Women of Worcester County (RWWC) met recently for their general meeting. (L-R) Membership Chair **Jean Delcher**, associate member **Pat Winkelman**, RWWC President **Beth Rodier** and new members **Deborah Daddezia** and **Susan Hardy**. Photo by Anna Foulz

## Radio Airwaves to perform classic shows

Radio Airwaves, the local amateur performance group known for recreating productions of well-known old-time radio shows, is returning to the broadcast stage with performances planned for April 11 to entertain residents of Gull Creek.

Two shows are in rehearsal.

The first is a George Burns and Gracie Allen standard titled "Income Tax Problems," with a cast of six performers who will take the audience back to March 8, 1950, when the radio comedy was first broadcast. Appropriate for this time of year, the radio play is a humorous look at trying to prepare income tax returns before computers, and when a tax-deductible stamp was three cents.

It was in this show that the indomitable Gracie explained why one permanent wave cost \$110. "Gracie, who gave you that wave," exasperated

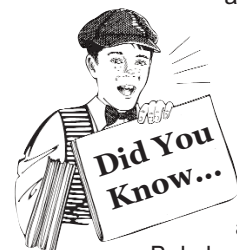
George asks. "Muriel Roberts, the hairdresser. And when I waved back, I drove right into a telephone pole," Gracie responds.

The second play, "My Favorite Husband," was aired April 30, 1950, with a cast of five, starring Lucille Ball and George Denning as Liz and George Cooper, a married couple "who live together and like it." In this episode, Liz's plot to trick George into helping her with the spring-cleaning backfires in hilarious ways.

Radio Airwaves has been performing in Ocean City/Berlin since 2004. It is an amateur group that looks to preserve the rich heritage of old-time radio. For more information about the performance, or to learn about joining the group or booking Radio Airwaves, contact Karen McClure at 703-727-0528.



A versatile product many people have in their pantries has a rich history that dates back to ancient times. According to the Vinegar Institute, the ancient Babylonians, around 5,000 B.C.,



used vinegar as a preservative and a condiment. The Babylonians are credited with being the first to flavor vinegar with herbs and spices. But the

Babylonians were not the only ancient peoples to recognize the value of vinegar. The ancient Greek physician Hippocrates, who is often referred to as the "Father of Medicine," touted the medicinal qualities of vinegar, while the famed general Hannibal of Ancient Carthage is said to have used vinegar to facilitate his army's movement through the Alps. Vinegar is no less versatile today than it was in ancient times, as people routinely use it when cooking and as a cleaning agent throughout their homes.

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**History luncheon** - Follow the Dream women's history month luncheon was held recently at Tyree AME Church in Berlin. The event was hosted by the Worcester County NAACP.

Picture left to right are: **Jim Mathias**, UMES government relations director, **Erica Murphy**, WMDT 47 Good Morning Delmarva news anchor, **Rev. Betty Smith**, Tyree AME Church Pastor, **Ivory Smith**, Worcester County NAACP president, **Victoria Jackson-Stanley**, Cambridge mayor, **Karen Holland**, Worcester County Schools 2018 teacher of the year, **Dr Annette Wallace**, Worcester County Public Schools assistant superintendent, **Kristin Heiser**, Worcester County States Attorney, **Laurie Brittingham**, NAACP first vice president and **Lou Taylor**, Worcester County Schools superintendent.

## Art grants available

The Worcester County Arts Council Grants Review Committee is seeking applicants for local art projects to be held in Worcester County between July 1 and December 31. Proposed project must be sponsored or presented by a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization and be open to the public. Grant amount requested must be matched one-for-one by organization funds.

Applications must be received no later than 2 p.m. on April 15 at the Arts Council's office located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin.

Application forms and guidelines are available on the Arts Council's website: [www.worcestercount-yartscouncil.org](http://www.worcestercount-yartscouncil.org)

The Worcester County Arts Council's Community Arts Development Grants program is designed to assist local community-based groups produce and present arts activities in Worcester County and is funded and supported by the Maryland State Arts Council. Last fiscal year the Worcester County Arts Council awarded grants in a total amount of \$35,000 to various local non-profit organizations.

For further information or assistance, please call Anna Mullis, Execu-

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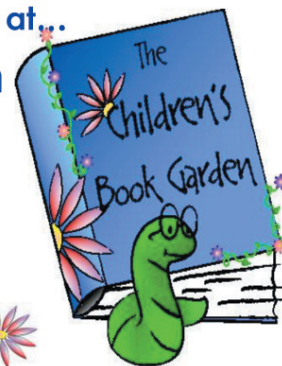


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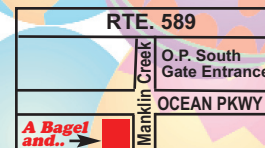
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# Watching a rocket launch at Wallops

By **Steve Habeger**

Watching a large rocket lift off and fly up into the sky is an indescribably beautiful and exciting event. The noise and vibration of the engines adds to the value of being close to the launch site, but it is well worth the effort. My



Dad used to say, "If you didn't feel the rocket launch, you weren't at the rocket launch." The noise at close range is palpable...and amazing.

Many friends and neighbors have asked how they can best watch a rocket launch and this article provides some advice for hopeful rocket watchers:

The major launch program currently underway from Wallops is Cargo Resupply to Station (CRS) missions to the International Space Station (ISS). Due to the orbital mechanics (which must be meticulously choreographed for the capsule to dock with the ISS as it whizzes overhead at 17,100 mph) the "launch window" for an Antares rocket launch is but five minutes long. That means that if a launch is delayed, for whatever reason, over five minutes the launch must not be attempted. The next launch window will occur approximately 24 hours less 20 minutes later. Additionally, there are only a limited number of launch opportunities for docking with the ISS over a two-week period.

One must be prepared for the launch to be postponed. Rocket anomalies, weather changes (including upper atmospheric winds), as well as sea and air intruders in restricted space are just a few of the myriad of things that can interrupt a launch. Many experienced rocketry observers

have expressed pleasant surprise at the schedule success of most recent Wallops launches. Since "the incident" in 2014, the last four rockets have launched with exceptional precision.

"Regression to the mean" is a powerful force in probability studies and that force suggests expectations should be tempered for future launches. Of course, all observers hope for the best on each launch but Murphy's Law has a well-earned reputation. This potential interruption to a schedule is an excellent teaching moment for everyone to learn how complex liquid-fueled rockets are. Each of the two Aerojet Rocketdyne RD 181 engines represents the state of the art in rocket propulsion engineering.

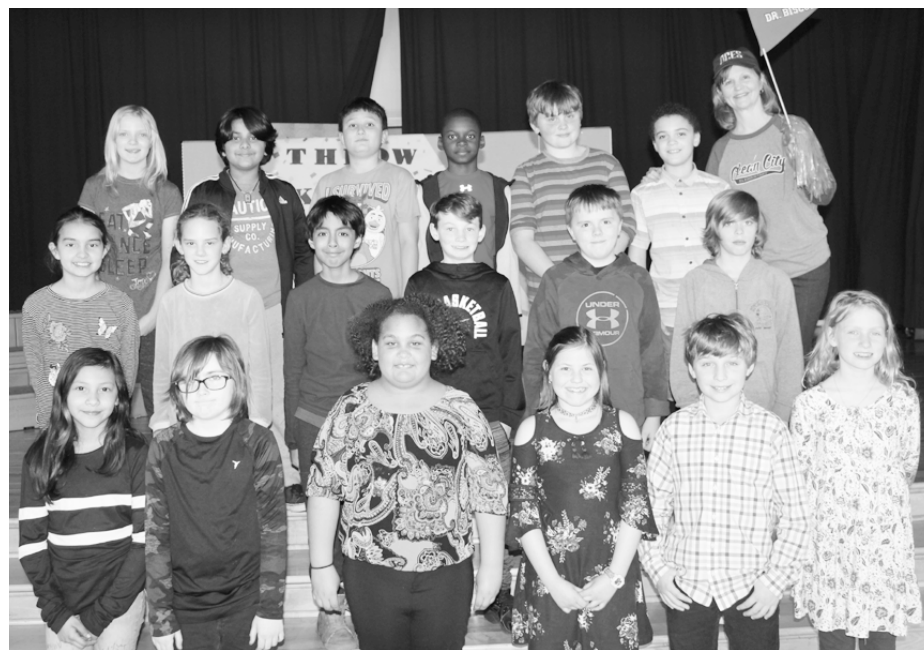
The engines are widely recognized as one of, if not the most, efficient rocket engines of our time. A quick internet search will readily find sites to explain the way these amazing machines work.

In a more pragmatic vein, be prepared to walk a long way with no shade and while being visited by ravenous flies and mosquitoes all the while maintaining vigilance for those darned ticks; all the viewing areas are open fields. At the last Antares launch, the VIP tent with the Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, many elected and appointed officials of Maryland and Virginia and other dignitaries was a tent erected in the middle of an open grassy area.

Bring your own water, snacks, portable radio, binoculars (if desired), cameras and chairs. The US Marine Corps has a saying which would apply here, "If you don't bring it, you ain't got it." While there are bleacher-type stands near the Visitors Center, those stands were full hours before the scheduled launch. At present, there are no vendors in the proximity selling water, bug spray, sunscreen or batteries.

Transit to and from viewing areas requires advance planning. A major reason the State of Virginia appropriated over \$100 million for the launch

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**Rally** - Students in Dr. Melanie Biscoe's fourth grade class at Ocean City Elementary celebrated a baseball-themed pep rally to prepare for MCAP testing which begins on April 8.

## Art League sponsors bus trip

The Art League of Ocean City is sponsoring a bus trip to the Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford, PA. on Monday, April 22. The public is invited.

The bus will depart the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 94<sup>th</sup> St. bayside, at 8:30 a.m. and stop in Lewes, DE. for a second pickup at 9:15 a.m. at the Lowe's parking lot on Route 1. On the return home, the bus will make a one-

hour stop in Newark, DE., and guests can choose shopping at Jerry's Artarama or eating dinner. The bus will arrive back at the Arts Center at approximately 8 p.m.

The cost of the trip is \$70 per person and includes the bus, admission to the museum, plus water and snacks. Lunch is available at the museum, or visitors may bring their own.

The Brandywine River Museum is housed in a converted 19<sup>th</sup>-century mill overlooking the banks of the Brandywine River and features galleries dedicated to the works of N. C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, and Jamie Wyeth. Those on the bus trip will also view current exhibits by Phyllis Mills Wyeth, the late wife of Jamie Wyeth, and American Beauty: Highlights from the Richard M. Scaife Bequest.

More information is available at [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org) or by calling 410-524-9433.

## Anglers to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library. The speaker will be retired NASA flight engineer and aircraft maintenance operations manager Dave Barrett who retired from the US Air Force with 22 years of service as flight engineer serving in South Korea and Vietnam. Upon his retirement he joined Wallops Island NASA as aircraft maintenance manager and flight engineer. Dave retired from NASA with 22 years of service and 10,000 hours of flight engineer time. In addition, Budd Heim will provide an update on spring flounder fishing. All are welcome.

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## Help is on the way

As April 15 approaches one may ask how our tax money is spent. One very small budget item is for our safety and security on the water. That is the primary mission of the US Coast Guard (USCG). Last month I discussed the use of MAYDAY to summon help while boating. As promised, this month I am going to give you some background on how the Coast Guard responds to a call for assistance.

The current state-of-the-art Coast Guard hailing system is called Rescue 21. It consists of hundreds of radio towers that listen to marine channel 16 and plot every transmission. Once a MAYDAY call is heard, the system calculates an approximate location to within +/- 2 degrees within a couple seconds using direction finding capabilities from multiple towers to figure

out where you are. That means that you can yell MAYDAY, MAYDAY into your radio for a few seconds while Jaws is eating your boat and help is forthcoming.

Another, more comprehensive means of summoning assistance is the relatively new technology known as

*With direction finding capabilities and recording and playback features, the Rescue 21 watch person can determine the location of a MAYDAY broadcast within seconds.*

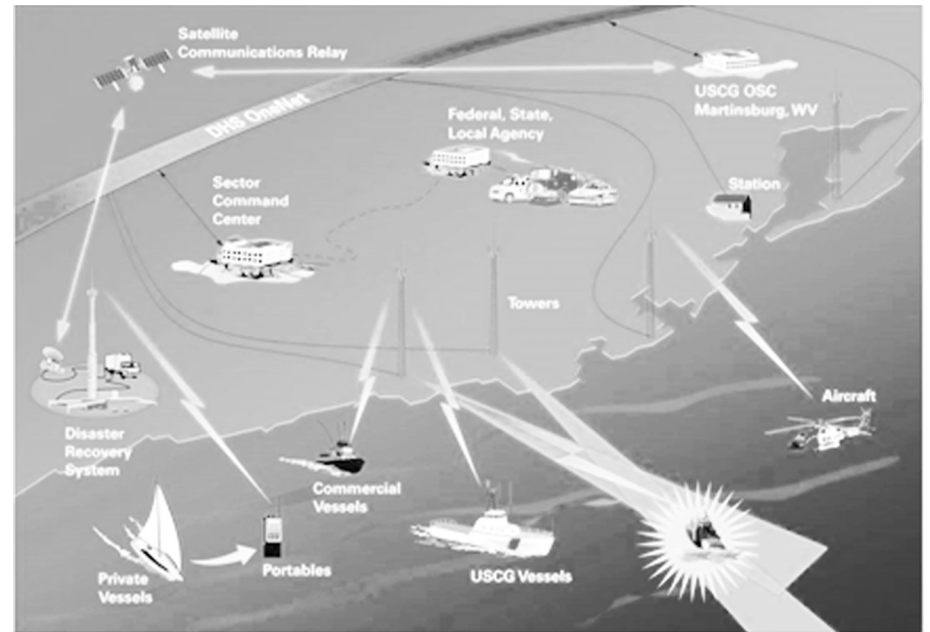
Digital Selective Calling (DSC). Introduced in 1999, DSC circuitry within the marine radio transmits an emergency broadcast to the Rescue 21 antennas at the push of a dedicated red button. The digital message is sent on

marine channel 70 and includes the identification of your boat, its exact location using GPS data, and the nature of the distress using a selection from a menu of problems such as sinking, on fire, medical emergency, etc. The distress message will continue to be broadcast until it is acknowledged.

Once the emergency DSC signal is processed, Rescue 21 will automatically switch your radio to channel 16 where the Coast Guard will establish

direct verbal communication with you. If you have only done the minimum installation which is to have registered your boat in the national data base for free and loaded the Marine Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number into your radio, the system will still process your emergency transmission and the USCG will still hail you on your radio at which time you will be asked to pro-

*please see mayday page 11*



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# Ruby-throated hummingbird

Ruby-throated hummingbirds are iridescent green with white bellies. Their common name refers to the brilliant reddish-orange coloring on the throat of mature males during the breeding season. Females, in contrast, have a grayish throat with white underparts and green coloring on the upper body. Juveniles and non-breeding birds look similar to females. However, adult females have white outer corners on their tails while adult, non-breeding males do not.

In the summer, ruby-throated hummingbirds can be found throughout the eastern half of the United States and within parts of southern Canada. In the winter, ruby-throated hummingbirds generally travel to Mexico and Central America.

Ruby-throated hummingbirds can be found in open woodlands, forest edges, meadows, grasslands, and in suburban parks, gardens, and backyards.

The birds are primarily nectar feeders, though they also will dine upon flying insects and caterpillars, particularly while nesting.

They are naturally attracted to red and orange tubular-shaped flowers such as beebalm, cardinal flower, jewelweed, trumpet creeper, trumpet honeysuckle, and red buckeye. In addition, they will visit nectar feeders.

One part of white sugar can be mixed with four parts of water to make nectar. Boiling the sugar water and/or adding red dye are not necessary to attract hummingbirds. However, feeders should be kept clean and free of mold to prevent the spread of illness and

disease. In addition, roaming felines can be very problematic for hummingbirds, and birds at a feeder are easy targets. Therefore, cats should be kept indoors and away from feeders. Because hummingbirds also rely on insects for part of their diet, pesticide use should be limited in and around backyards to ensure the safety of visiting hummingbirds.

The birds migrate to Central America during the winter and then return to the eastern half of the United States in the spring. Some birds will continue as far north as Canada to

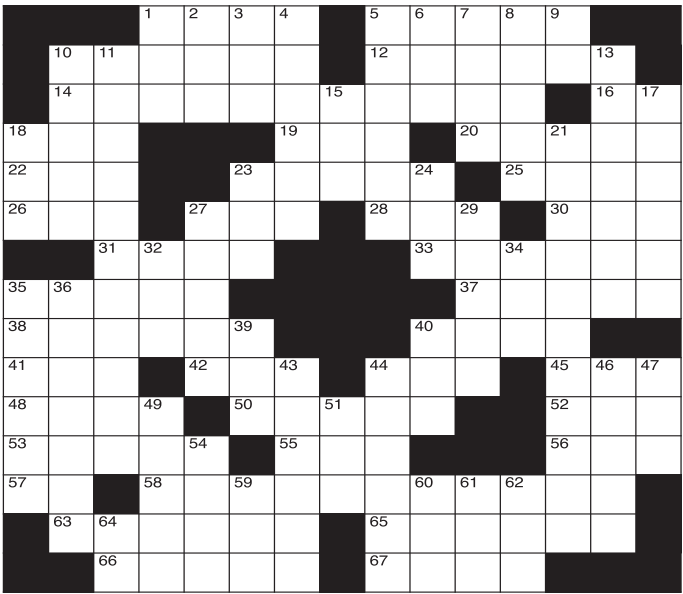
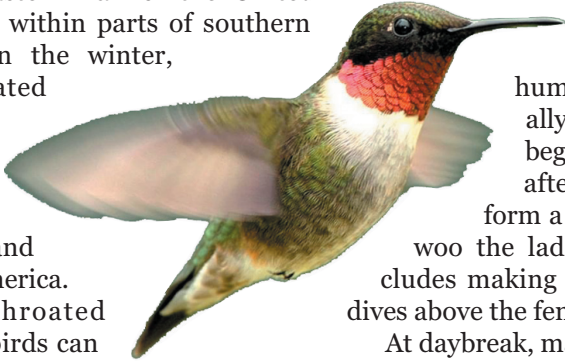
breed. In Maryland, ruby-throated hummingbirds generally return in April and begin breeding shortly after. Males will perform a courtship dance to woo the ladies. His dance includes making looping, U-shaped dives above the female.

At daybreak, males will sing a constant series of monotonous chips. Individuals will also commonly exchange an even chee-dit call, especially when chasing one another. Hummingbird wings will also make a quiet, humming noise as they zoom by.

They are expert flyers and can easily adjust their position mid-air and can even fly backwards with precision. Male ruby-throated hummingbirds will aggressively defend food resources which often leads to chases and occasional jabs with the beak.

A ruby-throated hummingbird can beat its wings up to 53 times a second. They have tiny feet which prevent them from walking or hopping on surfaces. Instead, they will shuffle to move on a perch.

*-Maryland Department of Natural Resources*

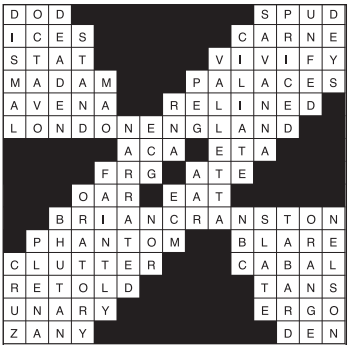


**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Often romantic composition  
5. Lunar term  
10. California mountain  
12. Spiral staircase pillars  
14. "Heat" director  
16. Tellurium  
18. Gateway (Arabic)  
19. No (Scottish)  
20. Greek prophetess  
22. A team's best pitcher  
23. Bard's way of saying "have"  
25. Indigenous group of the Philippines  
26. Danish krone  
27. Type of squad  
28. Possesses  
30. Part of the face  
31. Very small amount of time (abbr.)  
33. Churches have lots of them  
35. Modern day "letter"
37. Della \_\_, singer  
38. Informed upon  
40. Type of house  
41. Folk singer DiFranco  
42. A baglike structure in a plant or animal  
44. Car mechanics group  
45. Belonging to us  
48. Pack neatly  
50. Forming the bottom layer  
52. How fast you're going  
53. Sea eagles  
55. Cool!  
56. Military mailbox  
57. Type of lawyer  
58. Type of monk  
63. Respect due to an ancestor  
65. Took to the sea  
66. Members of a Semitic people  
67. A way to march

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Political action committee  
2. \_\_kosh, near Lake Winnebago  
3. When you hope to get there  
4. Woman who followed Bacchus  
5. Cause to become entangled  
6. Green veggie  
7. Stiff bristles  
8. Pass in Alps  
9. Atomic #81  
10. A sharp blow  
11. Bears engage in it  
13. Prevents progress  
15. Young boy  
17. A way to go on  
18. Not good  
21. A ballet enthusiast  
23. Ad \_\_  
24. Bar bill  
27. A genus of badgers  
29. "No \_\_!"  
32. Get off your feet
34. Franklin was one  
35. Removed  
36. Used to catch poachers  
39. Hit lightly  
40. Crony  
43. Stroke  
44. One who obtains pleasure by inflicting pain on others  
46. \_\_ the ante  
47. Greek letter  
49. "Wings" actor Steven  
51. Unhappy  
54. Hair-like structure  
59. Pick up  
60. Type of transportation  
61. Worn with a suit  
62. Something similar to another already referred to  
64. Farm state



Answers for April 3



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**Recognition** - *The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City has a wonderful tradition to recognize members who accomplish something special. Lynne McAllorum who is the Membership Chair for the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City was named Kiwanian of the Month for March. She was recognized for her work in recruiting six new members so far this year.*

*Above are (L-R) **Lynne McAllorum** and Kiwanis Club President **Dick Claggett**.*

## Glamour Day offers pampering, beauty services

Worcester County Recreation and Parks (WCRP) is hosting its inaugural event, Glamour Day at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Participants will spend time getting pampered, as hair stylists, makeup artists, and manicurists from Delaware Learning Institute of Cosmetology provide beauty services.

This event is open to students in grades pre-K through sixth. Families should register online at [www.worces-](http://www.worces-)

[terrecandparks.org](http://terrecandparks.org) to reserve desired appointment times. Participants will have their photos taken, and props will be included. Photos will be emailed to the address provided during registration.

A parent or guardian is required to stay with each child. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

For more information, contact Trudy Porch or Kelly Buchanan at 410-632-2144. To view other upcoming events, visit WCRP at [www.worcester-terrecandparks.org](http://www.worcester-terrecandparks.org).

## ReStore to hold recruitment night

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County will hold a ReStore Volunteer Recruitment night on April 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the ReStore in Berlin. Attendees will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 ReStore shopping spree.

The ReStore is an independently owned reuse store operated by Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County. The store accepts donations and sells home improvement items, furniture, and other household items to the public at a fraction of the retail price. The funds are then put to work in the community.

Proceeds are used to help build strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter for deserving families. ReStores strive to keep operating costs as low as possible to maximize the amount of money that goes directly to benefit the community, and volunteers are one of the ways to achieve this.

“By giving their time, ReStore volunteers support projects that benefit families in Worcester County,” says ReStore Manager Justin Cannon. “Volunteers also have a lot of fun and get to use their skills, talents and energy toward making the ReStore a great shopping experi-

ence.”

The Habitat ReStore offers a multitude of volunteer opportunities geared toward individual interests and skills. Typical volunteer ReStore duties include creating decorative displays, customer service, cashiering, stocking shelves, furniture upcycling, pricing and inventory, merchandising, donation pick-ups, greeting customers, and customer service.

The ReStore is located at 9026 Worcester Highway in Berlin. The store is open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and various volunteer shifts are available. For more information about volunteering at the ReStore, go to [www.habitatworcester.org/ReStore](http://www.habitatworcester.org/ReStore) or email [volunteer@habitatworcester.org](mailto:volunteer@habitatworcester.org).

### mayday

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vide the details of your location and the nature of your emergency.

However, if you had connected your radio to your plotter or your radio has an internal GPS circuit, your exact location will also be included in the distress message. As far as spending precious time looking up the nature of the emergency on a menu, forget it. I am not going to play with a menu that I’ve never used in the middle of a crisis. I’ll tell the Coast Guard what’s wrong when they call me.

Marine radios operate in the very high frequency range which means that they are limited to line of sight transmissions and have a limited range of about 20 nautical miles because of the curvature of the earth.

The next question is what safety systems are available beyond 20 miles? The answer is EPIRB and PLB. The Emergency Position Indicator Radio Beacon (EPIRB) and the Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) are devices that transmit a distress signal via satellites.

The EPIRB and the PLB use identical technologies. The differences are size. The larger EPIRB is typically mounted on the top of a vessel in a gimbaled slot so that it will float off of a sinking vessel. Once in the water it will activate and transmit for about two days. The PLB is much smaller and is carried by individuals. Once the individual finds him/herself in the water, the device can be activated either automatically or manually.

Their messages include both the sender’s identification and the GPS coordinates of the beacon. However, unlike the DSC, the CG cannot respond

directly to the boat or person using a line of sight marine VHF radio. Two-way communications over the horizon require either a satellite or shortwave radio. Therefore, these messages are fed into the Coast Guard Search & Rescue (S&R) apparatus without verbal verification and are always considered a MAYDAY status.

The Coast Guard has many means to respond to a distress call. The first is to broadcast the situation to all mariners in the area in the hope that someone is close by and can provide quick assistance.

If no adequate Good Samaritan solution is apparent, then the USCG can activate its resources such as vessels or aircraft. Here at Station Ocean City, we have two (2) 47-foot Motor Life boats (MLB) to support offshore rescues and two 24-foot Shallow Water boats to handle the bays. Our air support normally comes from either Air Station Atlantic City, NJ, or Air Station Elizabeth City, NC, and our cutter support for really far out at sea Search & Rescue (S&R) missions comes from Cape May, NJ.

Although on water S&R is the responsibility of the Coast Guard, it is not an exclusive gig. Besides the call for Good Samaritan assistance, the USCG calls on other organizations such as the Maryland State troopers who provide scuba divers for the OC Air Show, the Maryland Department of National Resources police that patrol the bays and the USCG Auxiliary that have facilities trained and available to conduct search patterns. Thank goodness for April 15.

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### Tides for Ocean City (Fishing Pier)

Day		High /Low	Tide Time	Sunrise Sunset
Th	11	High	12:20 AM	6:30 AM
	11	Low	6:56 AM	7:33 PM
	11	High	12:46 PM	
	11	Low	6:57 PM	
F	12	High	1:18 AM	6:29 AM
	12	Low	7:56 AM	7:34 PM
	12	High	1:47 PM	
	12	Low	7:59 PM	
Sa	13	High	2:24 AM	6:28 AM
	13	Low	8:59 AM	7:34 PM
	13	High	2:55 PM	
	13	Low	9:05 PM	
Su	14	High	3:31 AM	6:26 AM
	14	Low	10:01 AM	7:35 PM
	14	High	4:01 PM	
	14	Low	10:11 PM	
M	15	High	4:35 AM	6:25 AM
	15	Low	11:00 AM	7:36 PM
	15	High	5:03 PM	
	15	Low	11:16 PM	
Tu	16	High	5:34 AM	6:23 AM
	16	Low	11:55 AM	7:37 PM
	16	High	5:59 PM	
W	17	Low	12:17 AM	6:22 AM
	17	High	6:28 AM	7:38 PM
	17	Low	12:46 PM	
	17	High	6:52 PM	

## Foundation welcomes new members

The Wor-Wic Community College Foundation recently welcomed Mike Marshall and Jason Parker of Berlin, Stephen Pappas of Ocean City and Phyllis Vinyard of Salisbury as new members of the board of directors.



**Mike Marshall**



**Jason Parker**

Marshall is president and CEO of Marshall Hotels & Resorts in Salisbury. He is a member of the American Hotel & Lodging Association, the Cornell Hotel Society and Glen Riddle Golf Club in Berlin, and a former member of the Greater Salisbury Committee and Green Hill Country Club. Marshall earned his bachelor's degree from Washington and Lee University in Lexington Va., and completed the advanced management program in hospitality management through Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Berlin. They have three grown children.

Parker is a vice president at the Bank of Ocean City. He serves as secretary/treasurer of the board of directors of the L. Franklin and Gertrude H. Purnell Foundation and as an elder at the Buckingham Presbyterian Church in Berlin. He is a member of the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, an associate member of the Berlin Lions Club and Delmarva Condominium Manager's Association, and a former member of the Downtown Association of Ocean City, Young Professionals of the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce and the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce.

Parker volunteers with Berlin Little League as a coach and with Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore. He received his associate degree in business management from Wor-Wic and his bachelor's degree in finance from Wilmington University. Parker is also a graduate of Maryland Banking School. He and his wife, Kristin, have two children, Claire, 6, and Wyatt, 4.



**Steve Pappas**



**Phyllis Vinyard**

Pappas is the owner and manager of The Original Greene Turtle in Ocean City and a lacrosse coach at Worcester Preparatory School. He volunteers with the Worcester County Humane Society and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. He received his bachelor's degree from Washington College in Chestertown.

He and his wife, Danielle, live in Ocean City.

Vinyard received her bachelor's degree at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. She serves on the board of directors of the Peninsula Regional Medical Center Foundation and is a former board member of the Sussex Shores Water Co. Vinyard is a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church Altar Guild in Salisbury and a former member of the Wicomico Garden Club. Vinyard created an endowed scholarship at Wor-Wic in memory of her husband, Henry Lee Vinyard Jr., a Salisbury attorney and community leader for more than 35 years.



**Expo** - Every year Worcester County Public Schools holds a Media Expo, formerly called Tech Fest. This is an opportunity for students to show off their skills using technology.

Above are Berlin Intermediate School students **Matthew Urbanski, Parker Brittingham, Renata Lovitt, Brooke Berquist, Addisyn Fluckey, Chloe Kohut and Charlotte Haskell** who competed in the photography category.

## Surviving cancer workshop offered

Learn how to address the challenges of cancer. The Cancer: Thriving and Surviving workshop will help participants thrive by teaching them skills to address the challenges of cancer.

The next six-week workshop begins April 11, and will meet Thursdays, through May 16, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at MAC. This free program is for

cancer survivors and caregivers.

Topics include healthy eating, dealing with difficult emotions, regaining fitness, making decisions, changes to your body, and working with health-care providers.

To register or for more information about this program and other free programs for cancer survivors, call Robin Ritchie at 410-742-0505 ext. 170.

## Crab cake dinner offered

A Maryland Crab Cake Dinner will be held at Stevenson United Methodist Church between 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on April 12. The cost is \$12 for a platter that include the crab cake sandwich, green beans, baked potato and Cole slaw or \$8 for just the sandwich. Carry-outs are available. There will also be a bake sale table. The church is located at 123 North Main Street in Berlin.

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(From left) Dr. Diane Ceruzzi, Wound Care Center medical director; Brenda Marino, RN; Mary Mullins, RN, clinical program manager; Trish Penney, front office assistant; Bonnie Bass, front office coordinator; Andrea Kroger, RN; JoAnna Schanno, RN; Chante Walker, MOA; Babette Pennay, CRNP.

## AGH receives national award

The Wound Care Center at Atlantic General Hospital has been named a Center of Excellence for 2018 – the tenth consecutive year to have done so. Healogics, the nation's largest provider of advanced wound care services, bestows the Robert A. Warriner III, M.D., Center of Excellence Award to those wound care centers that achieve or exceeds clinical and operational benchmarks including:

- 92 percent patient satisfaction rate
- 91 healing rate, in 30 median days or less to heal

Out of 413 eligible Centers, 342 earned the award this year. Atlantic General's Wound Care Center is the only center in the U.S. to receive the award 10 times.

The Wound Care Center at Atlantic General Hospital is a member of the Healogics network of nearly 700 Wound Care Centers, with access to benchmarking data and proven experience treating approximately 2.5 million chronic wounds.

The Wound Care Center offers highly specialized wound care to patients suffering from diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections and other chronic wounds that have not healed in a reasonable amount of time. Advanced treatments included negative pressure wound therapy, bio-engineered skin substitutes, biological and biosynthetic dressings and growth factor therapies.

"The wound care center staff is very committed to their patients. They are

dedicated, they work collaboratively and truly treat patients like family. I'm so proud of this team and the level of clinical excellence they have consistently achieved," said Mary Mullins, Clinical Program Manager of the Wound Care Center.

"This award demonstrates Atlantic General Wound Care Center's continued and consistent commitment to our patients and hospital partners, and a focus on creating an exceptional patient experience," said David Bassin, Healogics chief executive officer. "Maintaining our highest standard of care year after year requires a dedicated focus, stamina and strength."

### Carozza to speak at Dem meeting

Senator Mary Beth Carozza will be the guest speaker at The Worcester County Democratic Club during its April 25 meeting at the Ocean Pines Community Center's Asateague Room. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Senator Carozza will talk about the results of the 2019 Maryland General Assembly which closed on April 8. Senator Carozza represents District 38 of the Eastern Shore and this is her first General Assembly session. The public is welcomed.

For more information please contact Tom Wieland, vice president of the Worcester County Democratic Club at 443-523-4491.

## Poet's talk, reading scheduled

In celebration of national poetry month, poet Carmen Gillespie will give a talk on Friday, April 12, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by a poetry reading from her book titled "The Ghosts of Monticello," at 7:30 p.m., in Room 302 of the Hazel Center at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury.

Gillespie is a professor of English and director and founder of the Griot Institute for Africana Studies at Bucknell University. She has also published a poetry chapbook, "Lining the Rails," and two poetry collections, "The Blue Black Wet of Wood" and "Jonestown: A Vexation," which won the 2010 Naomi Long Madgett Poetry Award.

This event is part of a year-long speaking series with a theme of "Echoes from the Margins: A Year of Amplifying Silenced Voices" and is in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Echoes & Visions," the college's award-winning creative arts magazine, and the creation of a new endowment for the arts.

This event is made possible by a grant from Maryland Humanities, through support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any

views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in the programs do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities or Maryland Humanities.

For more information, contact Adam Tavel at atavel@worwic.edu or 410-334-2866.

### New hours start at county rec center

The new spring and summer hours of operation at the Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC) in Snow Hill are as follows:

Monday – Thursday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday – closed

The walking track may be accessed free of charge, and the fitness room may be utilized through membership or a drop-in fee.

For more information, contact the WCRC at 410-632-2144 or visit [www.worcesterrecandparks.org](http://www.worcesterrecandparks.org) to view the full calendar.

## Kiwanis Annual Italian Dinner Fundraiser

at DeNovo's Trattoria



Sunday, May 5, 2019

5:00 and 6:00 p.m. seatings

Reservations recommended

Walk-ins welcome - space permitting - Carry-outs

Adults: \$12 - Children 12 and under: \$5.00

For tickets and information, please call

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**Competition** - Members of Ocean Pines Platform Tennis held their 2019 spring tournament on Saturday, March 30.

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**Spirit** - Ocean City Elementary School celebrated Disney Spirit Day on March 20. Pictured showing their best Minnie Mouse spirit are third graders **Thea Macrides, Cecilia Diehlmann, Giabella Abruzzo, Morgan Clarke, Katherine Conway, Payton Caprarola, Grace Queen and Chloe Holland.**

#### **birding** from page 4

If boasting that many species is not enough, participants should feel even better knowing that they've helped Delmarva's birds by promoting birding and habitat conservation. Birders, both novice and experienced, make an important statement about the economic value of birds and their habitats through the money they spend in local hotels, restaurants, and shops. Participants are encouraged to remind local businesses that they are here to enjoy Delmarva's natural areas and the birds that inhabit them. This is more important now than ever.

"It's our vast shallow bays and large tracts of protected marshes and bald cypress forests that make the Delmarva Peninsula one of the finest birding regions in the nation," said guide

and organizer Jim Rapp. "During the Weekend, our guests will hike on private farmland and woodland that are normally off-limits to birders, and our waterborne trips go where the birds are."

Co-organizer Dave Wilson added that most trips are not physically taxing and that the event provides a rare opportunity to tally 100 species in a day in places that are normally inaccessible to the public.

Registration information, field trip descriptions and other resources for Delmarva Birding are available at [www.delmarvabirding.com](http://www.delmarvabirding.com). To become a sponsor or for additional information, contact Jim Rapp (443-614-0261) or Dave Wilson (443-523-2201) at Conservation Community Consulting at [conservationcc@gmail.com](mailto:conservationcc@gmail.com).

#### **easter** from page 1

"Adults are encouraged to hop and shop at our popular Farmers and Artisans Market on April 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.," said Sawyer.

The Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market, which operates every Saturday at White Horse Park, will be open for Easter festivities in conjunction with the celebration. Vendors will be selling a variety of seasonal produce, baked goods, floral arrangements, eggs, seafood, meat, pet treats, bath products and more.

"Folks who are looking for Passover crowd-pleasers will find an array of fresh flavors rooted in the market on April 20," said Sawyer.

Volunteers and candy donations are needed for the Easter/Spring Celebration. Please contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052 if you are interested in helping, or if you have questions about the event.

## Chamber car show returns

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce announced it will host its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show on Sunday, May 26. The show will be held at Veterans Memorial Park located on the corner of Cathell and Racetrack Roads. There will be several food and business vendors as well as music and a live radio remote.

For more information on registering for the car show or becoming a vendor please call the Ocean Pines Chamber at 410-641-5306 or stop in the office at 11031 Cathell Road in Berlin.

The show will begin at approximately 11 a.m. Trophies will be awarded at 1 p.m.

There will be trophies awarded in these categories: Classic, Antique, Hot Rod, Modern, Customs, Jeep and People's Choice.

Pre-registration is available on line for just \$12 or \$15 the day of the show. Registration will be at Veterans Memorial Park beginning at 10 a.m. All cars must be registered by noon to participate in the car show.

#### **wallops** from page 8

facilities at Wallops was the promise of "space tourism," the expectation that tourists would come to the lower Eastern Shore solely to see a large rocket fly. All the evidence says that hope has been fulfilled. Unfortunately, the infrastructure of northern Accomack County has not been upgraded to accommodate a horde of visitors. A limited network of two-lane roads provides the sole access in and out of the area near the launch site. A visitor should be prepared to sit in bumper-to-bumper traffic on the way in and out from the launch area.

For a recent Antares launch, the Wallops Visitor's Center was declared full (jammed, in fact) by 10:30 a.m. before a planned 12:30 p.m. launch. The Virginia State Police have greatly improved traffic control in the area since the earliest launches, but control just means a more orderly wait in slow-rolling traffic. Transiting from the VIP area to the Wallops Visitors Center took over an hour. Make sure your car has a full tank of fuel; gas stations are few and far between.

As the time to launch gets closer, an observer will want to monitor the countdown. If you can get to the NASA Visitors Center (on Rte. 175

Register on line at: [www.OceanPinesChamber.org](http://www.OceanPinesChamber.org).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Ocean Pines Chamber office: Phone: 410-641-5306 or E-Mail: [info@OceanPinesChamber.org](mailto:info@OceanPinesChamber.org).

## Craft club to meet

The Pine'er Craft Club will meet April 18, in the Ocean Pines Community Center. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. the project for April is Cheese Ball Carrots which will be sold at White Horse Park on Saturday, April 20. All are welcomed to come.

## Central committee to meet

The Democratic Central Committee Worcester County's monthly meeting is Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The meeting will occur at the Snow Hill library located at 307 N. Washington Street. Call 410-213-1956 for information.

near the NASA base), loudspeakers will broadcast the countdown. If you are not able to get to the Visitors Center, NASA will broadcast on 760 AM. This AM station can only be heard within 5 miles (or so) of the Visitors Center. WCTG FM (96.5 on Chincoteague) will also broadcast the countdown as will many NASA web sites. WCTG can be heard in the Ocean Pines area. An observer using WCTG or a web site must be aware of a time delay (at least 8 seconds but the timing can be erratic) in the broadcast so look for the glow and rocket to start at T minus 8 seconds or so. Keep a sharp eye, the Antares burns a fuel of highly refined kerosene and an oxidizer of liquid oxygen. This combination leaves no smoke trail (like the Space Shuttle and many other rockets) which would make the rocket easy to spot and track. On a bright day the Antares can be very difficult to spot from a distance, like Ocean Pines.

As this is written the next CRS launch is planned no earlier than 4:46 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17. The Antares rocket will be difficult to spot in the bright sky; hopefully there won't be many clouds to obscure the rocket flight. Watch the news media for updates if the launch time shifts; it would not be unusual for the plan to shift over time.



*Lisa Lederach*



*...gone too soon*



Lisa Lederach was a dear employee, co-worker and friend to all at DeNovo's. Lisa recently passed away suddenly leaving behind her beloved nine year-old twins. We at DeNovo's were lucky to have her as a dedicated member of our team. We will miss her dearly and will be holding a fundraiser at DeNovo's on Friday April 12, 2019, where 20% of the proceeds from 4 p.m. to closing will be donated to her children. In addition, there will be a silent auction where a variety of themed baskets will be displayed and 100% of the proceeds from auction will go to her children.

Tickets will be on sale for the entire day.

We are asking local businesses to consider donating gift certificates, merchandise, coupons, experiences, or any items relevant to your business that can be incorporated into these baskets for auction.

We would like to thank you for your contribution to Lisa's Fundraiser!