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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 handwashing 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.

Outdoor Easter service offered

An Easter Outdoor Sunrise Service will be performed on Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 a.m. at Assateague State Park located at 6915 Stephen Decatur Highway in Berlin. Bring lawn chairs and dress warmly. An Easter breakfast will be offered immediately after at Bethany United Methodist Church located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway in Berlin. For more information call 410-641-2186. Donations are requested. Easter Worship will be at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Casino bus trip offered

Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines/Ocean City and the Ocean Pines Boat Club is sponsoring a Harrington Casino bus trip on Thursday, April 25. The cost is \$20 per person and includes \$15 slot play and a \$7 food voucher. For more information or to reserve a seat call Tom or Barbara Southwell at 410-641-5456.

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.



Focus on safety - Stephen Decatur High School seniors **Nevaeh Steward** and **Thelma Gault** check out the driving activities with the Arrive Alive tour as part of the pre-Prom safety activities sponsored by the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).

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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

With the world anxiously watching, *Apollo 13* safely returned to Earth on this day in 1970.



On April 11, the third manned lunar landing mission was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying astronauts James A. Lovell, John L. Swigert, and Fred W. Haise. The mission was headed for a landing on the Fra Mauro highlands of the moon. However, two days into the mission, disaster struck 200,000 miles from Earth when oxygen tank No. 2 blew up in the spacecraft. The landing mission was aborted, and the astronauts and controllers on Earth scrambled to come up with emergency procedures. The crippled spacecraft continued to the moon, circled it, and began a long, cold journey back to Earth.

Walk with A Doc program returns

Atlantic General Hospital invites the community to come out to its first Walk with a Doc event at the new location in downtown Berlin on the Saturday, April 20 at 9 a.m. This walk will kick off the hospital's third year of the Walk with a Doc program.

According to the American Heart Association, walking has the lowest dropout rate of any physical activity. Walking is low impact; easier on the joints than running. It is safe, with a doctor's okay, for people with orthopedic ailments, heart conditions, and those who are more than twenty percent overweight. In addition, research has shown that you could gain two hours of life for each hour of regular exercise.

Walk with a Doc is a walking program for everyone interested in taking steps for a healthier lifestyle.

"We are thrilled to bring this program to the town of Berlin. Walking gives members of the community a healthy outlet to make strides towards their health goals. This program will also give the community the opportunity to have questions answered by healthcare providers from Atlantic General Hospital and Health System, and is a great way to maintain a healthy lifestyle," said Michelle McGowan, BSN, RN, community education clinical coordinator at Atlantic General Hospital.

The Walk with a Doc program will be held on the third Saturday of each month. In the case of inclement weather, please visit the Atlantic General Hospital Facebook page for updates and cancellations.

Participants should meet at Berlin Town Hall located at 10 William Street. For more information, please visit www.atlanticgeneral.org/walkwithadoc or contact Michelle McGowan, BSN, RN (410) 641-9268.

Safe boating courses offered

Know the rules of the water. The majority of recreational boating accidents in Ocean City and surrounding waters occur due to boaters being unfamiliar with the local waters and running aground. But every year there are serious accidents that happen because boaters are unfamiliar with basic boating rules and regulations.

These are the rules of the water of which every boater must be aware and follow. Understanding buoys, who has the right of way, sea conditions and of course boater etiquette are all important boating skills.

The most likely group of people to be involved in an accident are men over the age of 50 who have not taken a boat safety class. The second age group involved in accidents is men over the age of 40 who have not taken a boat safety class.

In 81% of recreational boating fatalities, the operator did not have a nationally approved boater education certificate. The Maryland Safe Boating Class is required for all boat operators born after July 1, 1972, and highly recommended for all boaters.

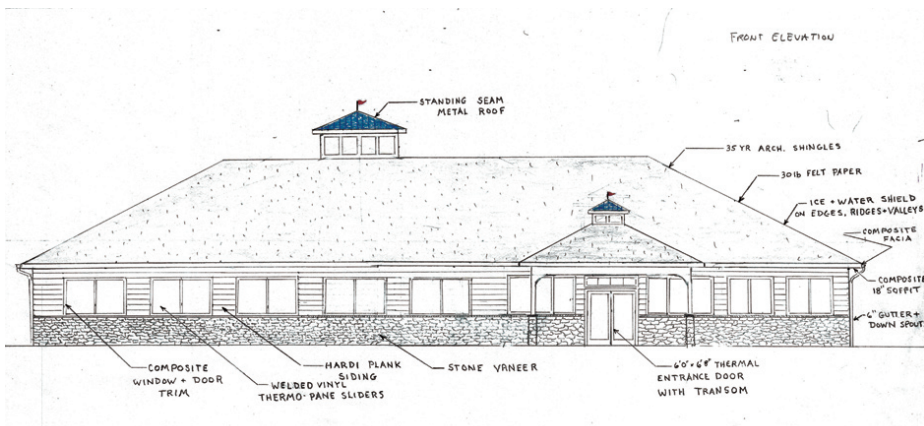
The next class is being offered April 23, 24, and 25 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library. The cost is \$15.

All classes are taught by US Coast Guard Auxiliary trained in-

structors. For more information or to register, please contact Barry Cohen at 410 935-4807 or email: CGAUXOC@gmail.com

During 2019, the Auxiliary will hold additional classes as follows: June 4 to 6, July 9 to 11 and, September 3 to 5. These classes will run between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

One day classes will be offered on the following Saturdays: May 11 and August 3. These classes will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



New clubhouse designs released

The Ocean Pines Board of Directors has released schematic drawings of the proposed clubhouse to replace the existing building at Ocean Pines Golf Club. The proposed building will provide space for golf operations and for community use.

The schematics will be used to communicate to the design/build team the concepts to be considered in its initial design phase. They include a floor plan as well as views of the front, of the back and from above.

The schematics, similar to those provided in the request for proposals on which bids for the project were based, include elements such as a wraparound deck, stone veneers on the building's exterior, a spacious dining/meeting room and ample bar seating in the Tern Grille area.

Wine tasting event returns

Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City will hold its annual Wine Tasting and Auction on Friday, April 26 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Attendees must be 21 or older. Tickets are \$15 per person. For tickets or information call 443-896-4914 or see any Kiwanis Club member. Enjoy wine, food and a silent auction. The band "Still Rockin" will provide live entertainment. Proceeds will go to the Kiwanis Club scholarship fund that supports local students.

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.

Ocean Pines Golf Club opened in 1972, making it one of the earliest courses in the Ocean City area. Open to the public year-round, it is the only Robert Trent Jones, Sr.-designed course on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

In addition to offering memberships for families, individuals and juniors, Ocean Pines Golf Club features 18 holes of championship golf, practice facilities, instructional clinics, summer junior golf camp, private lessons and club sales, fittings and repair services.

Boardwalkin' For Pets returns

Are you ready to walk the walk and show your support for the homeless dogs and cats in our community? If so, then join the Worcester County Humane Society (WCHS) for a weekend of fundraising fun which includes the 20th Annual Boardwalkin' for Pets on Saturday, April 20.

Adults 21 and older are invited to the Pre-Boardwalkin' for Pets Dinner and Silent Auction on Friday, April 19 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Seacrets. Advance tickets will be available for purchase at the WCHS Thrift Store on Sunset Ave. in West Ocean City or by calling 443-235-5647. Tickets will be \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and the band, Side Project, will be performing. There will be some fabulous auction items to bid on ranging from \$10 to \$800.

Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m. to noon, grab your best friend and head to the Boardwalk inlet for the 20th Annual Boardwalkin' for Pets. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with the walk starting at 9 a.m. Raise money for the walk and receive prizes. This is the perfect opportunity to create a team. There is a \$25 minimum for individu-

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Students' vigilance averts school threat

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office announced last Friday that two juveniles have been charged with conspiracy to commit first degree murder and related offenses in connection with what has been deemed a credible threat to Snow Hill Middle School.

On Friday, March 22, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office was contacted by Worcester County Public Schools officials about a potential threat that was brought to school administration by several students. Members of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office immediately responded and confirmed that the threat was credible.

The Worcester County Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which is comprised of members of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, and the Berlin and Pocomoke City Police Departments, continued the investigation, which revealed the existence of a school shooting plot. As a result of CBI's investigative efforts, a juvenile was detained at approximately 4 a.m. on Saturday, March 23. A second juvenile was detained on the morning of Monday, March 25 as a result of the continued investigation.

The investigation is still ongoing and has resulted in numerous interviews, search warrants, subpoenas and seizure of multiple pieces of evidence. Evidence recovered from both suspects' residences included materials referencing the Columbine High School shooting as well as plans relating to a school shooting at Snow Hill Middle School. Evidence recovered also revealed that this plot had been several months in the making.

Worcester County Sheriff Matthew Crisafulli stated, "The Worcester County Bureau of Investigation and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office are confident that any threat to Snow Hill Middle School has been contained. Our continuing investigation has not revealed any indication that any weapon or destructive device was actually brought onto school property. The Worcester County Sheriff's Office,

The Worcester County Bureau of Investigation, The Worcester County States Attorney's Office and the Worcester County Public Schools are confident that due to combined efforts, there is currently no active threat to Snow Hill Middle School or any other school within Worcester County."

Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Lou Taylor echoed Crisafulli's sentiments, and he shared that trauma counseling services are available for students and staff affected by this incident.

"In terms of this event, our safety practices and protocols were effective," said Taylor at today's press conference. "The importance we place on fostering relationships with our students has paid dividends in terms of school safety. While we acknowledge that there is always more work to be done, I am proud to say that the system works. See something, hear something, say something. It works. Our standing before you today is evidence of that."

Officials praised the students who bravely came forward to report this matter to school officials.

"A tremendous tragedy was prevented by the actions of the students who had the fortitude and courage to step forward and relay their concerns and fears," Crisafulli said. Taylor continued, "We are here first and foremost today to honor the bravery of several young people, who prevented what otherwise could have been a tragic event for Snow Hill Middle School and our entire school system."

Lastly, the Sheriff asked for the public's partnership in safeguarding the privacy of those involved in the case.

"While public safety is our goal first and foremost, we would also ask for privacy for the families and the children involved," Crisafulli said. "The challenges that they face in coping with these events are significant, and we acknowledge that moving forward in a healthy fashion will be considerably easier without the spotlight of media attention."



Essay winners - The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Burke Council, recently sponsored their annual Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for eighth-grade students at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School (MBS). The topic for the essay is, "How does my family show our Catholic faith in action?"

Mia Diehl won first place, Julia Carlson won second place and Sandra Pawlowska won third place. Each winning student received a cash prize and certificate.

Above are (L to R) Robert Oliver, Sandra Pawlowska, Julia Carlson, Mia Diehl and Rich Glorioso.

Free trees offered by DNR

Through the Backyard Buffers program, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is offering free tree seedlings to landowners in Somerset and Worcester counties who have a creek, drainage ditch, stream or other waterway on or near their property.

Trees and shrubs planted along waterways help improve water quality by absorbing excess nutrients, lowering peak water temperatures, reducing sediment and stabilizing stream banks.

Each bag contains approximately 25 native bare-root tree and shrub seedlings, including bald cypress, river birch, serviceberry, spicebush and winterberry.

Maryland Forest Service staff will provide information on tree maintenance and planting techniques, in addition to suggestions of other suitable native species at the time of pickup.

Quantities are limited so reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The order deadline is April 26.

Worcester County landowners should call 410-641-4314 to order. Pickup will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 27 at Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street in Berlin.

Gardening clinic offered

Beginning in May and running through September, the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service will offer, "Ask a Master Gardener" Plant Clinic, at the Ocean Pines library. The free clinic will be held every Tuesday afternoon between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Master Gardeners will be available to help you with your gardening questions. Please put your damaged plant samples in a plastic bag and label the bag with your name and phone number. If your questions cannot be answered at the time submitted, it will be researched and someone will get back to you at a later date.



The Bucket List

Like many people I have a Bucket List of things I'd like to do before moving on into the Great Beyond. The list changes from time to time. Some items that were of major importance

the serene vista of the ocean, bays and land were awesome. Once the chute deployed, we glided to the landing area. It was an experience I won't forget and one that I will not repeat. Check that one off the list.



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

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to me at one time in my life have fallen off the list. Other entries have been added.

Not long after I started driving, legally, I had a dream of one day owning a Lincoln Town Car, black on black. To me the vehicle was the epitome of class and elegance. This was back when Town Cars were squared off and hadn't yet bowed to curved design. I'm not exactly sure when that idea fell off the list. It could have been when our first child was born. I now drive a pick-up truck and have no interest in driving anything else. So much for the Town Car.

Another item on my list was to parachute out of an airplane. Yes, I know, why would anyone want to jump out of a perfectly good airplane? Nonetheless, it was something I wanted to do. As someone who has a fear of heights or "high anxiety" I guess I felt such an experience would be a bold step in overcoming my fear. The opportunity to prove something to myself came several years ago.

A friend and I signed up to jump. After signing and attesting to all sorts of disclosures and releases, we found ourselves in the back of a small plane at the Ocean City Airport. As we climbed to optimum jump height, 11,500 feet, the Eastern Shore below looked like a postage stamp. When the plane door opened and I was sitting on the threshold just before the jump, many thoughts ran through my mind, many of which are not suitable for publication. Out the door I tumbled attached to an instructor, plummeting to the Earth. Once I opened my eyes,

Learning to ride a motorcycle was also an entry on my list. When the kids were small, there was no time to move forward with this desire. But when they got older, time became more my own and so I signed up for the instructional course at Chesapeake College. It was the beginning of January and as you might expect, very cold.

When I was an early teenager I had a moped that I rode to and from work. It was an affordable and fun means of transportation. Riding a motorcycle couldn't be that much different. Could it?

Yes, it could. The four-day course included two classroom sessions and two practical sessions on the riding track. Prior to enrolling, I had purchased a preowned Yamaha 1100. It was significantly larger and bulkier than the Honda 250s used in training. Attending the first class, there were about 18 people. By the first day on the track, the number had dwindled to 12. And on the last day, the day of testing, only six of us graduated. I had earned my motorcycle license. I felt like I did when at age 16 I got my driver's license except this time my mother didn't take me out for ice cream.

As I've aged, some may say matured, the prospect of experiencing something grand and out of the ordinary, isn't front and foremost as it once was. Sure, there are still things I'd like to do such as cruise the inter-coastal waterway, travel the famed Lincoln Highway and bowl a game on the Harry S. Truman Bowling Alley at the White House. But more and more, time spent with my kids and grandkids, and having fun with friends during dinners out or movie nights, are the experiences I look forward to most.

I mean really? How many times do I need to jump out of an airplane?



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Trendic resigns

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

OPA Board of Directors member Slobodan Trendic resigned his position on April 10, 2019, effective immediately.



Trendic is the second board member to resign within recent months. Director Ted Moroney also resigned recently.

Why did Trendic resign? Here are his own words to the board as to why he resigned:

“At the April 6th meeting I introduced a motion that would require the Board to initiate a referendum to obtain homeowners’ approval for the replacement of the golf clubhouse and the cart barn facilities. Your unwillingness to second my motion for discussion and your rejection of my proposed referendum leads me to make this difficult decision.”

Trendic cannot be blamed for resigning, after enduring multiple, undeserved, meanspirited attempts to

remove him from the board.

Some board members have been trying to throw Trendic off the board for many months. The Saturday meeting and motion, mentioned by Trendic in his resignation letter, is simply the proverbial straw that broke the camel’s back.

OPA president Doug Parks simply could not stop going after fellow Director Slobodan Trendic.

During the April 6, 2019 meeting of the OPA Board of Directors, Parks made a motion right out of the box to remove one of Trendic’s motions from the meeting agenda.

Trendic, quite properly, objected strenuously, saying that if such motions were allowed then the board could prevent any individual director from ever making a motion. Parks kept insisting on pushing his motion.

A vote was taken. Parks voted for the motion. Trendic voted against the motion. The other four voting board members abstained.... to their own shame. While the motion to remove Trendic’s motion failed, later in the meeting, Trendic did make his motion. It failed for lack of a second.

Parks was out of line. Parks apparently could not give up what appeared to be a never-ending obsessive battle with Trendic. In the end, the other board members refused to even vote to discuss an important issue. Shame on them all.

Why would board members not even second Trendic’s motion for discussion purposes? It is a common courtesy.

Trendic has continually been at odds with his fellow board members because he brings up issues that make them uncomfortable. For example, Trendic was demanding a forensic audit while other board members were apparently trying to shove theft of OPA monies under the rug.

While some board members may not have approved of how Trendic approached his position as a director, Trendic was elected by the association

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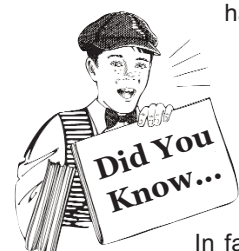


Planting - Ocean Pines Garden Club President **Linda Baker** adds a shovel of soil to a newly planted Willow Tree in Pintail Park in memory of a loved one during the memorial ceremony.

According to March of Dimes, parents of newborns should resist the temptation to

have their children sleep in their beds with them. Known as “co-sleeping,” this practice can put a baby at risk of sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS.

In fact, March of Dimes notes that bed-sharing is the most common cause of death in babies younger than three months. Parents concerned about their children sleeping in another room overnight can still have children with them in their bedrooms, though the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that babies sleep in a bassinet or crib rather than share a bed with their parents. To further reduce a child’s risk of SIDS, parents should place their babies to sleep on their backs on flat, firm surfaces, such as a crib mattress covered with a tightly fitted sheet.



Free prostate screening event offered

An estimated one in nine American men will develop prostate cancer in his lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society. While research has shown that some prostate cancers grow slowly and may never cause problems, the disease is the second leading cause of cancer death in men.

Prostate cancer doesn’t have symptoms at first, so early detection through screening gives affected men and their health care providers the information they need to make the best decision regarding their health. That’s why the physicians at Atlantic General Hospital’s John H. ‘Jack’ Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center are holding a free screening event in April for men at-

*please see **screening** on page 15*



Diane Denk

Denk named Crafter of the Month

The Pine'er Craft Club named Diane Denk Crafter of the Month for April. She was recognized for her crocheting.

"My love for crocheting started long ago when I began working full time," Denk said. "After lunch the experienced crocheters would teach beginners how to crochet, it grew from there. Through the years I've made many things for boys, since I have a son and now two grandsons. It is so rewarding to make little girl outfits in pinks and purples and sell them in the shop."

She went on to say, "Throughout my 46 years in Corporate America as an Executive Administrator, I always looked forward to coming home and crocheting to relax after a long stressful day."

At her church in Pennsylvania, she

taught crocheting. Her group made prayer shawls, pray squares, baby hats, and more for the sick, grieving, homeless and others. Denk remembers this experience as "very satisfying and rewarding."

She believes, "The Pine'er Craft Shop is the perfect way for me to continue to crochet and put my craft in the shop. A homemade item, which is made with love is a treasure to behold."

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Bay Day event returns to the Pines

Maryland Coastal Bays Program and the Ocean Pines Association continue a collaborative conservation campaign to improve the health of waterways that shoulder the residential shores of Ocean Pines.

“Area residents take pride in their coastal community, which is why the



Association has positioned the St. Martin River as a top priority in Ocean Pines,” said Denise Sawyer, marketing and public relations director for the Ocean Pines Association. “The hard-working folks with Maryland Coastal Bays Program are passionate about teaching watershed residents in Ocean Pines to make a positive impact on the Coastal Bays.”

Maryland Coastal Bays Program and the Association are hosting a second Annual Ocean Pines Bay Day, a free public event, on Sunday, May 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at White Horse Park.

The family event aims to capture the interest of all age groups through hands-on environmental activities, free boat tours and kayaking, live music by The String Beanz, a bay-friendly garden demonstration and live animal exhibits.

“We are thrilled to collaborate with Ocean Pines for a second year on this event,” said Liz Wist, education coordinator at Maryland Coastal Bays Program. “When Coastal Bays and the Association first sat down to discuss event goals, we all agreed that we want there to be a little something for everybody. People should feel welcome to stay all day, learning from environmental organizations and

participating in the various hands-on activities.”

New this year is an interactive workshop pavilion, a recycling corner and live interactive artwork. The workshop pavilion will include on-site construction of bird, bat and bee homes; seed bomb creation and an interactive bottle cap art piece.

“I am particularly excited about the workshop pavilion. Our hope is that everyone that comes through can leave with an item that can help make their backyards more bay-friendly,” said Wist.

Conservation partners from Assateague State Park, Pocomoke River State Park and Chincoteague Bay Field Station are just a few of the 30+ exhibitors that will be in attendance. They will offer event participants the opportunity to meet animals like birds, fish and snakes.

The National Aquarium will have a 56-foot inflatable sei whale on display, giving visitors access to walk through the life-size replica.

Some attendees will receive a tote bag that was hand-painted by students from Cedar Chapel, Berlin Intermediate, Showell Elementary, Stephen Decatur Middle, Pocomoke Middle and Elementary, Snow Hill Middle and Little Dreamers Wellness Center.

“We are excited to be continuing the momentum that we began last year by offering even more for watershed residents to explore in the 2019 Bay Day,” said Frank Piorko, executive director of Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

Ocean Pines Bay Day will continue to serve as a catalyst to a year-long campaign to raise awareness and educate residents about environmentally friendly practices that could enhance the quality of local waterways.

“During the past year since the inaugural Bay Day event, we have had a lot of interaction with the Ocean Pines Association and area residents on improving the watershed habitat and water quality of the St. Martin River. We hope the positive trend continues,” said Piorko.



State Econ challenge - In the Stephen Decatur High School business department, it was ladies first with the foursome of **Sydney Boger, Morelia Camacho-Arriola, Julianna Fohner, and Madi Lawrence** earning third in the state in the Maryland Econ Challenge sponsored by the Maryland Council on Economic Education. The group was also one of the highest ranking all female teams in state history.

Above: With the students are Stephen Decatur High School Principal **Tom Sites** and Business/Economics teacher **Kurt Marx**.

Waterline flushing schedules announced

The Water and Wastewater Division of Public Works will begin its semi-annual program for flushing waterlines in these areas: Mystic Harbour, Landings, Assateague Point, and West Ocean City, Newark, Nantucket Point, and Edgewater Acres.

The purpose of this program is to remove any accumulated sediment

Health fair scheduled

Atlantic General Hospital, the Town of Ocean City, and AARP Ocean City Chapter #1917, are co-sponsoring a free health fair for the community. The event will be on May 7 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City.

The health fair is free and open to the public. The health fair will include: free health screenings -including carotid, respiratory, bone density, hearing, blood pressure, skin cancer, Brown Bag Review of meds by AGHRx RediScripts pharmacists, lab draws for cholesterol panel and glucose (a 12- hour fast is required) and a special appearance by Pets on Wheels of Delmarva.

The Blood Bank of Delmarva will hold a blood drive throughout the event as well. To make an appointment with the Blood Bank call, 888-8BLOOD (888-825-6638) or schedule online to donate blood at www.delmarvablood.org.

from the lines and to ensure the hydrants are operational. Below are the proposed dates for the flushing of the waterlines, and please be advised that these dates are subject to change.

-April 15 – 26: Mystic Harbour, Landings, Assateague Point, and West Ocean City

-April 22 – 26: Newark, Nantucket Point, and Edgewater Acres

Please be aware that, even on dates the water lines in your section are not being flushed, it is still possible to experience discolored water. If area residents notice that their water becomes cloudy during these times, please allow the water to run for a few minutes until it becomes clear.

For more information, call the Water and Wastewater Division at (410) 641-5251.

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‘Remember’ project - Kathy Huyett's PreK-4 class at Ocean City Elementary School recently drew underwater pictures for their 2019 "Art to Remember" project. Art to Remember is a school fundraising program where students create colorful masterpieces and then their families can order different keepsakes customized with their child's artwork.

Rummage sale scheduled

Ocean City Presbyterian Church will host a rummage sale between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 27. The church is located at 1301 Philadelphia Ave. in Ocean City.



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Captain Ron's Fish Tales

By Ron Fisher

Take a kid fishing

Fishing Report: Water temp. Has averaged in the 40s with quite a bit of rain and wind. Black Drum are being caught in the surf with some short stripers at the Rte. 90 Bridge. Some decent tog fishing has been reported offshore when the weather cooperated. There is a report of some keeper flounder being caught in Delaware.

Take a Kid Fishing: Each month I close my column with remember to take a kid fishing. This is a great experience for kids of all ages. It teaches them conservation, patience, the outdoors and most important provides memories with photos. How to start is easy. Go to any of the local tackle shops and they will be happy to provide you with recommendations for equipment, bait, and some ideas on where to fish. I would recommend that you take them to the South pond in Ocean Pines where there is plenty of room to fish. You can teach them casting, and use simple bait such as worms with a bobber applied to the line so they can see the bite. Remember however, if you are age 16 or over and might help them cast or retrieve a fish you must have a Maryland fishing license. I would also recommend that you not take them on an offshore charter where they might get seasick for their first experience as they may not want to go fishing again! Good luck and hope you catch some fish. Don't forget the camera.

Helpful Hint: A friend of mine decided to spool his two spinning reels with braided line before going salmon fishing in New York. After his first few casts he was unable to reel in his line so he put on his second reel and the same thing happened. He didn't follow instruction and put a monofilament backing on his reel first. As a result, the braided line when wet simply slipped on the reel not allowing him to reel the line in. How frustrating it must have been driving all that way and having this experience when in the stream. Remember to follow directions.

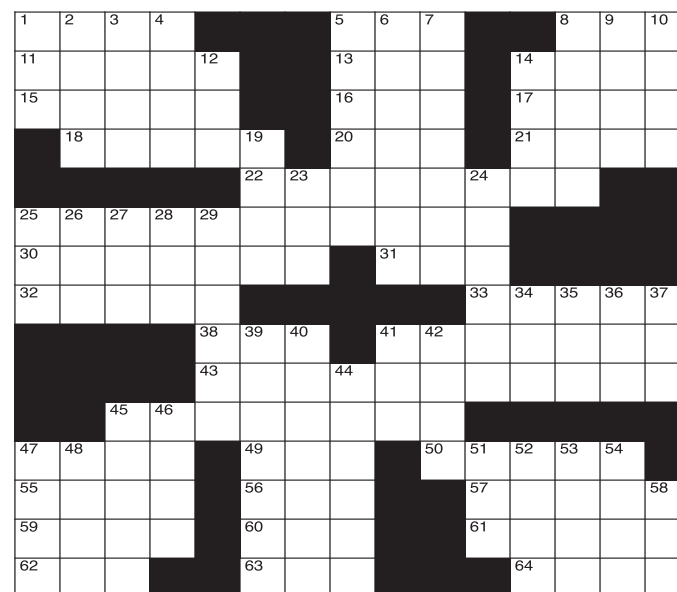
Did you know?

That salmon after journeying across the ocean, can find the river where they were born. In the Yukon River in Alaska and in Canada, certain tagged Chinook salmon covered nearly 2,000 miles in 60 days. Salmon have also adapted to live in a variety of aquatic environments, including rivers, lakes, estuaries, coral reefs, and the open sea.

Unlike most other fish, the ocean sunfish does not have a tail. A female sunfish can lay 300 million eggs each year. Each egg is smaller than the period at the end of a sentence.

Next month let's go Flounder fishing.

Remember to take a kid fishing,
Capt. Ron



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A way to wound
- 5. Hormone secreted by the pituitary gland (abbr.)
- 8. Shows the world
- 11. Decided
- 13. Indigenous person of NE Thailand
- 14. Dough made from corn flour
- 15. Honors
- 16. Political commentator Coulter
- 17. Expresses pleasure
- 18. Heavy clubs
- 20. Defunct phone company
- 21. Algonquian language
- 22. Salts
- 25. Act of the bank
- 30. Danced
- 31. Drummer Weinberg
- 32. Small goose
- 33. Helps evade
- 38. Certified public accountant
- 41. Periods of time
- 43. Kids' book character
- 45. Type of beer
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. A way to attack
- 50. Talk radio personality Margery
- 55. Whale ship captain
- 56. Request
- 57. Large underground railstation in Paris
- 59. BBQ dish
- 60. No (Scottish)
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Tool used to harvest agave
- 63. Explosive
- 64. A reward (archaic)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- 2. Polite interruption sound
- 3. Extremely small amount
- 4. Very short period of time (abbr.)
- 5. Fires have them
- 6. Sacred place
- 7. Island capital
- 8. Volcanic craters
- 9. Arthur __, Wimbledon champion
- 10. Bullfighting maneuver
- 12. Midway between east and southeast
- 14. A ceremonial staff
- 19. Cheap prices
- 23. North Atlantic fish
- 24. Oil company
- 25. A federally chartered savings bank
- 26. Paddle
- 27. Where UK soldiers train
- 28. One point north of due east
- 29. Attention-getting
- 34. Ballplayer's tool
- 35. Sun up in New York
- 36. Where golfers begin
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Represented as walking (animal)
- 40. Craftsman
- 41. Unit of force (abbr.)
- 42. Dueling sword
- 44. Houston hoopster
- 45. Stone building at Mecca
- 46. __ and flows
- 47. "Beastmaster" actor Singer
- 48. American state
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. U.S. island territory
- 53. German physicist
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Get free of

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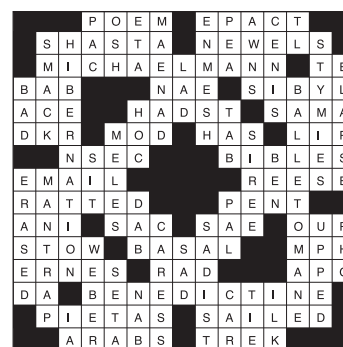
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Answers for April 10



Winner - Brynlee Waters, a second grader in Kristie Fogle's class at Ocean City Elementary School, was recognized at Salisbury University for her creative short story entitled, "The Land of the Pizza." Brynlee was not only recognized as a first-place local winner, but she was also nominated as a state finalist and recently attended a reception in Hunt Valley, Maryland in celebration of this honor.

MSO visits Showell students

On Tuesday, April 2, professional musicians from the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra (MSO) visited Showell Elementary School for the second time this year, this time to introduce their instruments to all students in Grade 2 and Grade 3. Music teacher, Bethany Pugner had invited the MSO musicians in order to expose the children in her classes to the wonders and versatility of instruments like the flute and the trumpet.

Professional musicians, Sara Nichols (flute) and Luis Engelke (trumpet) spoke to the Showell youngsters about their instruments, their history, their parts, their versatility. The children tapped their legs in unison to create a tempo for Ms. Nichol's jazz piece. They were amazed to see Mr. Engelke play a tune using a length of tube attached to a funnel.

But the best part of the class took

place when each of the students received a trumpet and a flute headpiece in their hands and blew, working to create a recognizable sound from both instruments. Nichols and Engelke praised their efforts and their patience, saying that even for excellent musicians, the starting, getting those first notes, is sometimes difficult and takes practice.

Pugner orchestrated a wonderful new experience for her students. She and the musicians hope that this day will spark a new interest in music among these youngsters, and enrich their lives for a long time to come!

The Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra conducts the "Introduce an Instrument" program, one of several education and outreach programs, as a vital part of its mission to support music programs in the schools.

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 the popular event is now open at 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.

"It's our vast shallow bays and large tracts of protected marshes and bald cypress forests that make the Del-

marva 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. 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.

Returning legislators to give updates

The Republican Women of Worcester County will host their April luncheon meeting on Thursday, April 25 at Mad Fish Bar & Grill Restaurant, located at 12817 Harbor Rd. in West Ocean City. The luncheon theme will be "Welcome Home Legislators" with guest speakers Maryland State Senator Mary Beth Carozza, Maryland Delegate Wayne Hartman and Maryland Delegate Charles Otto.

They will give us 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.; the meeting begins at 11 a.m. To make your reservation and/or for more information, contact Ann Lutz at annlutz60@gmail.com or at 410-208-9767. The reservation cut-off date is April 19.

Visual arts competition underway

The United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore is once again hosting the Lower Shore Addiction Awareness Visual Arts Competition. The competition is open to students in grades six through 12 in Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, and Dorchester Counties. Each student may enter one work in any medium, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, graphic design and film/video. Works must have opioid or other drug or alcohol addiction as the subject matter. Monetary prizes will be awarded to winners in each of the four counties at the middle and high school levels. Entries are due by 5 p.m. on April 25 and should be delivered to the United Way at 803 N. Salisbury Blvd., Suite 2100, Salisbury. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry and re-

lease form which can be found, along with the full list of rules, at www.unitedway4us.org/art. The competition is made possible in partnership with the Wicomico County State's Attorney, the Wicomico County Sheriff's Department and the Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset and Dorchester health departments. For more information call 410-742-5143 or email claire@unitedway4us.org.

Tides for Ocean City (Fishing Pier)

Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Sunrise Sunset
Th 18	Low	1:13 AM	6:20 AM
	High	7:19 AM	7:39 PM
	Low	1:33 PM	
	High	7:42 PM	
F 19	Low	2:05 AM	6:19 AM
	High	8:08 AM	7:40 PM
	Low	2:18 PM	
	High	8:30 PM	
Sa 20	Low	2:55 AM	6:18 AM
	High	8:56 AM	7:41 PM
	Low	3:02 PM	
	High	9:18 PM	
Su 21	Low	3:44 AM	6:16 AM
	High	9:43 AM	7:42 PM
	Low	3:47 PM	
	High	10:05 PM	
M 22	Low	4:33 AM	6:15 AM
	High	10:29 AM	7:43 PM
	Low	4:32 PM	
	High	10:51 PM	
Tu 23	Low	5:23 AM	6:14 AM
	High	11:15 AM	7:44 PM
	Low	5:19 PM	
	High	11:38 PM	
W 24	Low	6:15 AM	6:12 AM
	High	12:03 PM	7:45 PM
	Low	6:10 PM	

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Easter is more than chocolate and bunnies

Bunnies and baskets, chocolates and candies. It is that time of year when parents scramble to ensure their children wake up to a trove of treats, and families decide on who is serving the lamb dinner this year.

These are some of the familiar Easter traditions, but much more is in-

involved with the holiday than egg hunts and brightly adorned bonnets. For the religious, it can be important to delve into the true meanings behind Easter and let those discoveries help shape celebrations.

Easter, above all, is a religious commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the culmination of the holy period known as Lent, and it the most significant date on the Christian liturgical calendar.

Jesus Christ was the Son of God, who fulfilled the prophecies that he would give his own life for his people so they could enjoy eternal life after their own mortal bodies perished. Easter, from Jesus' very own words, marked a new covenant for the faithful.

According to scripture, Jesus was enjoying the Passover dinner when he sat down with his disciples. Understanding that this would be his last earthly meal and that someone close to him would betray him, he took bread and gave thanks to God for it. He broke the bread and said it was his body that should be given up so sins would be forgiven. He did a similar

gesture with wine, indicating that it was his blood that should be shed as a sacrifice for all. Christ instructed the disciples to do the same ritual in the future in memory of him.

Jesus was subsequently betrayed and turned over to the authorities. He was sentenced to crucifixion and perished on the cross. His body was cleansed and placed in a tomb sealed by a stone. His followers were unaware of the miracle that would ensue in the days to come. On Easter Sunday, the tomb was discovered open and empty. Jesus had risen from the dead, providing irrefutable proof that he was the Son of God. In turn, Jesus fulfilled all he was born to do and preached.

Easter did not always symbolize Christ's resurrection when it was first celebrated. It was once a pagan ritual of renewal and birth. However, when early missionaries began spreading



Christianity's message, the holiday, falling around the time of Christ's actual resurrection, was adopted to commemorate the religious miracle. Today it stands as a testament to ultimate sacrifice and the promise of eternal life for all who believe in him.

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What is the Last Supper?

Many important events took place during what is now known as Holy Week, which commemorates the final days of the earthly life of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe is the son of God.

The Last Supper was one of most

important events to take place during the final week of Christ's life. Contradictions within the Gospels make it hard to say with absolute certainty when the Last Supper took place, but according to Catholic Online, Evangelists and critics generally agree that the

Last Supper was held on a Thursday that was very likely the evening of preparation for Jewish celebration of Passover.

The Last Supper is depicted in the Gospels as the final meal Jesus shared with his 12 apostles before he was crucified. Christians believe that, during the meal, Jesus predicted that his disciple Peter would deny knowing him three times before the following morning, while also predicting that another disciple present at the meal would ultimately betray him.

Many Christians also believe the

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Camp Jordan features a different theme for each week and consists of instructional, indoor and outdoor activities. Parents can register their children for all 10 weeks or choose which weeks work best for them.

The children have an opportunity to learn about air travel, animals, art, pirates and robotics. Activities include computer games, cooking, swimming and a treasure hunt. Age-appropriate field trips and water activities are also offered.

Weekly programs run Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30

p.m.

For more information, visit www.worwic.edu or call the child development center at 410-334-2962.

County offices for holiday

Worcester County Government offices, including all five branch libraries and Recreation and Parks, will be closed Friday, April 19, in observance of Good Friday. Normal business hours will resume Monday, April 22.

The Central Landfill and Homeowner Convenience Centers (HOCCs) will be closed Friday, April 19, and open during standard hours of operation Saturday, April 20.

The Shore Spirits Retail Liquor Store (RLS) in Pocomoke will be open Friday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

last supper

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Last Supper marked the institution of what is now the sacrament of the Eucharist. The Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke include accounts of the sharing of the bread and wine, though each account differs slightly. While the Gospel of John, which differs in various ways from those of Mark, Matthew and Luke, does not describe the bread and wine ritual, the Bread of Life Discourse (John 6:22-59) has been interpreted as Eucharistic.

The Last Supper is a significant event in the life of Jesus Christ and one that merits special consideration during Holy Week.

screening

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creased risk for prostate cancer. Radiation oncologist Manoj Jain and urologist James Cherry will be on-hand to provide education and conduct digital rectal exams; blood draws will be available to test PSA, or prostate-specific antigen levels. PSA is a substance produced by the prostate gland. Increased amounts of PSA may

indicate prostate cancer or other prostate disease.

Men over 50 years of age, those with a family history of the disease, and African American men are at increased risk of developing prostate cancer.

The free prostate cancer screening event will occur April 24 between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Jack Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center located in Berlin.

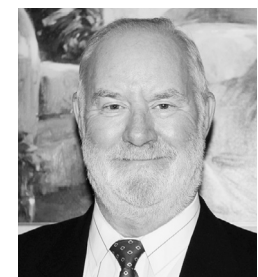
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members of the Ocean Pines Association. Trendic's treatment by his fellow board members, especially Doug Parks, was disgraceful.

Trendic is gone. Gone also is an alternative opinion that did not always agree with the board majority. The losers are Ocean Pines Association members.

A dissenting voice is frequently the most important voice. The board remains rudderless.



Appointed - During its April 6 meeting, the Ocean Pines Board of Directors named **Jeff Knepper** to fill the director seat vacated by Ted Moroney last month. Knepper will serve until the community votes for new board members in August's election.



Calculated success - The universal language of math was celebrated during the Stephen Decatur High School Mu Alpha Theta induction ceremony on April 9 where 32 students were inducted into the honor society.

Above: Mu Alpha Theta honor society officers prepare to host the annual induction ceremony Left to right: **Danielle Munn, Kailey Andrews, Ian Albert, Kevin Beck, Logan Townsend and Ivy Stearn.**

pets

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als and for teams a \$25 per team per member minimum. To make it easier for individuals and teams to reach out for donations via email and social media, participants can sign up at <https://www.crowdrise.com/20thAnnualBoardwalkforPets>. Pledge/registration sheets can also be printed from the same website. Prizes will be awarded to the highest pledge earners, top individual and team. Enter contests and win prizes for largest dog, smallest dog, best dressed dog and best dog trick. There will be refreshments provided by Harrison's Harbor Watch Restaurant and Layton's Family Restaurant 16th Street.

For the out of town walkers, dog friendly hotels are available.

Contact Days Inn, La Quinta Inn & Suites, Comfort Inn & Suites, Clarion, and Fenwick Inn.

Don't have a dog to walk? "Adopt" a shelter dog for the event. Arrangements must be made in advance by calling the shelter at 410-213-0146. Please note there are a limited number of dogs that will be available from the shelter for the walk.

Don't forget about feline friends. Bring a photo of your cat to the walk with your contact information written

on the back. A special prize basket will be awarded to the "cutest cat." Photos will not be returned and become property of W.C.H.S.

"Boardwalkin' for Pets is our biggest fundraiser of the year," says Boardwalkin' for Pets Chair, Heather Bahrami. "It's such a feel-good, family friendly event that brings animal lovers from near and far together to raise funds for the many cats and dogs who find their way to our no kill shelter."

This event is rain or shine. Should you choose not to walk due to inclement weather, please mail your pledge sheet and donations to Worcester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 48, Berlin, Md 21811. Checks should be made payable to Worcester County Humane Society.

The Worcester County Humane Society, located on 12330 Eagles Nest Road in Berlin, is a private, nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter and operates mainly on donations. Boardwalkin' for Pets is the shelter's largest fundraiser held every year. All money raised is used to care for the many dogs and cats that call the shelter home. In addition to providing everyday care, the animals also receive veterinary care which can be quite expensive. The animals receive loving care until they are adopted into suitable homes.



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