

Pines Players seeks actors

The Ocean Pines Players (OPP), the local amateur community theater group that has been entertaining audiences for more than 40 years, is searching for women and men looking for a break from the normal summertime routine, to perform on the Boardwalk in July and August. In a first-of-a-kind teaming, the group has joined with the Ocean City Lifesaving Museum to produce a 30-minute show providing an entertaining and rare historical look at Ocean City's past.

Performances will be every Monday at 10 a.m. in July and August on the famous Ocean City Boardwalk near the museum. Depending on the number of actors who sign OPP hopes to perform two plays, one each on alternating weeks, with separate casts.

The first under consideration is "Petticoat Regime." That production will tell the story of the feisty and remarkable women who were largely responsible for turning Ocean City from a sleepy fishing village into one of the most vibrant and busiest ocean resorts in America. At one point in the city's history, 1926, there were 32 hotels in Ocean City and 30 of them were owned by women.

The other production in planning is "Bundle Up and Bathe." It is the story of how modern society overcame its fear of the ocean (and visible skin) and learned to love the beach.

Needed for these productions are several women with acting ranges from 35 to 70, and a couple of men of any age. First-time performers are welcome and encouraged, especially since there will be hardly any lines to memorize.

As with all OPP productions, actors are not paid. They do it for the enjoyment of participating in the theater. However, for these productions, all cast members will receive free parking at the Ocean City inlet parking lot. "Join us for a short, super fun summertime break from your normal routine. What could be better," said Karen McClure, OPP president.

If interested, or for further information, call Karen McClure at 703-727-0528.

Garden club to meet

The next meeting of the Ocean Pines Garden Club will be Thursday, May 9, at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The speaker will be Kellie Romanowski, the head of landscaping for Ocean Pines. New members are welcome.

On Saturday, May 11, the Ocean Pines Garden Club will be selling floral arrangements at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market in White Horse Park. There will be a variety of beautiful arrangements available just in time for Mother's Day.



Appreciation - In conjunction with volunteer appreciation week, Worcester County Humane Society recently held an event at Waterman's in West Ocean City to show appreciation for their dedicated volunteers. About 40 volunteers attended.

Above are (l to r) **Diana and Joe Snyder** with **Mary and Dennis Martinez**.

Community Calendar

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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.

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 1926, Ford Motor Company becomes one of the first companies in America to adopt a five-day, 40-hour week for workers in its automotive factories. The policy would be extended to Ford's office workers the following August.



Henry Ford's Detroit-based automobile company had broken ground in its labor policies before. In early 1914, against a backdrop of widespread unemployment and increasing labor unrest, Ford announced it would pay its male factory workers a minimum wage of \$5 per eight-hour day, upped from a previous rate of \$2.34 for nine hours (the policy was adopted for female workers in 1916). The news shocked many in the industry - at the time, \$5 per day was nearly double what the average auto worker made - but turned out to be a stroke of brilliance, immediately boosting productivity along the assembly line and building a sense of company loyalty and pride among Ford's workers.

Bertino to host town meeting

Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host a town meeting on Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines library. He will discuss issues and developments impacting the Ocean Pines district and the county. Commissioner Bertino's guest speakers include Worcester County Chief Deputy Mark Titanski, Worcester County State's Attorney Kris Heiser and Lynne Barton, principal of Stephen Decatur Middle School.

Chief Titanski will discuss his views on law enforcement efforts within the county and his tenure since taking office last December.

Mrs. Heiser will share developments and initiatives in her office since being sworn in in January.

Ms. Barton will present her experiences and perspectives as principal of the county's largest middle school.

Commissioner Jim Bunting will join the meeting as well.

Safe boating course offered

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a one-day Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course on May 11, the class will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library. The Maryland Safe Boating Certificate is required for all boat operators born after July 1, 1972 and is awarded after successful completion of the course. The class includes piloting in local waters, tying nautical knots, foul weather tactics, legal issues and common marine maintenance. There is a \$15 fee for materials. Register or get more information by calling Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807, or Email CGAUXOC@GMAIL.COM.

New art shows premiere

The public is invited to the free First Friday opening reception at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St. on May 3 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Painters Pamela and David Lussier of Somersworth, NH share the walls of the Thaler Gallery with their show, "Water Views." David

Lussier is an award-winning contemporary impressionist and nationally-recognized plein air painter and workshop instructor. In his oil landscapes, he strives to capture the essence and sense of place. Pamela Lussier is a painterly realist, graduating from the Art Institute of Boston. She paints and teaches full time as well as managing the Todd Bonita Gallery in Maine in the summer season.

The group show hanging in the Galleria, titled "Felines vs. Canines,"

is part of May's Animals in Art month at the Arts Center, to benefit the Worcester County Humane Society. Pip the Beach Cat will make a special appearance at the First Friday opening. Other May events include the Brushes and Bubbly "Paint a Pup" paint night on May 8, a class on fused glass animals on May 10, and a pottery class on ceramic pet bowls on May 28. More information on these events is available at ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org.

Photographer John Carter of Reis-

terstown, Md. occupies Studio E during May. A native of Philadelphia, he is a member of the Central Maryland Photography Guild and has a Master's degree in Instructional System Design. Carter focuses his camera on nature, landscape, and wildlife images.

Myrna McGrath of Salisbury is featured in the Spotlight Gallery. McGrath is a maker of limited-edition maps that portray landmarks and natural features — lighthouses, fish,

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Presentation - Maureen Kennedy (right) with Ranger Meghan Rhodes of the Scales & Tales program at Assateague State Park and one of their owls. Ranger Rhodes recently conducted an informative presentation at My Backyard located in Ocean Pines.

Junior golf camp registration open

Young players looking to hone their skills can register online now for Ocean Pines Golf Club's popular junior golf camp. Four sessions of the camp, which is open to the public, will be offered throughout the summer.

The four-day camps, designed for boys and girls ages five to 14, will be held June 24 through 27, July 8-11, July 22-25 and August 5-8 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PGA Director of Golf John Malinowski and staff will provide instruction in swing basics, chipping and putting, rules and etiquette, the use of irons and woods and more. Beginner

and experienced junior players are encouraged to attend.

"Our junior golf program has grown tremendously in Ocean Pines," Malinowski said. "I expect all four sessions of camp to sell out as they have in previous years."

The cost is \$130 per golfer per session, which includes lunch and snacks each day and a goody bag at the end of camp. Equip-

ment will be provided, or participants may bring their own.

Spaces are limited, and sessions will sell out quickly. Online registration may be completed at OceanPinesGolf.org. For more information, please contact Ocean Pines Golf Club at 410-641-6057.



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Community 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.

The opening ceremonies will begin at 7:55 a.m. with a presentation of the colors by the American Legion Post #166 followed by a ribbon cutting at the ballroom doors by the Ocean City, Atlantic General Hospital and AARP officials.

New vineyard, winery offers much to enjoy

By **June Freeman**

If you are looking for a place to spend your afternoon or evening, the Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery is a unique and amazing option. Located just four miles outside Ocean Pines, Windmill Creek is the newest winery and vineyard on the Eastern Shore.

This striking twelve-and-a-half-acre property is family owned and operated by Jeannie, Barry, and Brittany Mariner. Rows of grapevines and fields of rainbow-colored wildflowers grace this eighteenth century farm. Overlooking the farm is the historic Mariner House, a fully restored 1858 farmhouse which was once owned by Lemuel Showell who was one of the founders of Ocean City, Maryland.

There is a lot to enjoy at Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery. The Mariner House is stunning, comfortable, and serene. The downstairs has

two antique themed bars for wine tasting and sitting rooms with sofas and chairs; collections of antiques and local history decorate the rooms. The upstairs has two well-appointed rooms that are perfect for private wine tast-



ings or gatherings, along with an interior space for children to have fun. Jeannie Mariner commented, "We knew there would be families with children and we wanted a place where parents could relax and drink their wine, and the children to have a place to play."

The beautifully maintained grounds surrounding the Mariner House offer a chance to kick-back and enjoy basking in the sunshine and warm weather. Sipping wine and relaxing outdoors on the chairs, at a picnic table, around the firepit, or on a swing make for a perfect day. Jeannie said, "Everyone is always welcome to bring their own food. Sometimes people lay out their blankets, pack a picnic lunch, and savor their wine." Brittany added, "It's great seeing people really loving our wine and enjoying themselves."

The family is proud of their quality wines. Windmill Creek Winery, with the help of expert winemaker John Levenburg, has bottled five different

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And now it's 35 years later

On this day thirty-five years ago, my grandfather passed away. He was a month shy of his seventy-first birthday.

That thirty-five years have passed since that day in 1984 is a re-



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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ality hard to comprehend. Time slowed during that period when family and friends were called and arrangements were made. Despite being surrounded by people my time was spent lost in selfish thoughts. Isn't that an odd thing? Despite interaction with family and friends, I was riding an emotional bucking Broncho that was unforgiving. Laughter. Tears. Anger. Nothing. And all over again and again and again some more.

At one point I was in my room watching a rerun of "Hawaii Five-O" on a small black and white television. It was a distraction. But then Steve McGarrett corners a criminal in of all places, a cemetery. I lost it.

There's a lot to do when a loved one dies. Arrangements. I accompanied my mother and grandmother when they went to the funeral home. At one point we were in what I remember to be a showroom deciding what casket to purchase. Looking back, the scene was comical. Did we want wood or metal? How thick did we want the lining? We actually had a conversation about the fluffiness of the pillow. Crazy! But at the time, it seemed to be an important question, not withstanding my grandfather wouldn't know the difference.

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. It was necessary to purchase a cemetery plot, my first experience with buying real estate. Location? Location? Location? We drove around the cemetery with the manager scoping out prospects. To various sections we drove getting out every so often so the manager could impart the features of each site. It was an education to hear what should be considered when selecting a final

resting place and boy oh boy that manager had his spiel down pat. How much his sales pitch made a difference I don't know. In the end my grandmother selected a corner plot near a tree, not far from other family relations currently in residence and behind a headstone that belonged to an "O'Neill." That was that.

Wackerman Funeral Home. When we arrived for the viewing, I first walked around the block before going in. The place was jammed with family and friends as I made my way to the front to pay my respects. Tough.

Unfamiliar with wakes, the sound of laughter emanating from those in attendance bothered me. There was quite a bit of laughter. What was wrong with these people? Where was the respect? Crying and wailing? A little gnashing of teeth would have been appreciated. Disrespect at its peak. Boy was I wrong. They were showing the greatest respect for which any man could hope. They honored his memory by recalling happier times, swapping "Tony stories." I was too immature to understand.

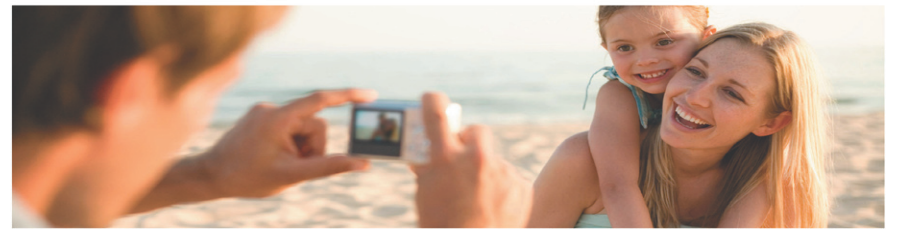
The funeral and burial were a blur. We wound up at a catering hall afterwards. From there everyone went their separate ways. It was time to get on with life. But life had changed. The new normal was uncomfortable. The adjustment was long and painful. The "firsts" were excruciating: his birthday, my birthday, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and just plain old everyday moments. They could be the worst.

Time passed. Emotions once again found balance. Holidays became opportunities to recall memories and retell stories. And everyday moments that once brought a tear brought a smile.

And now it's 35 years later. On that sad day it was inconceivable to imagine that so much life was yet to be lived, that so much life could be lived. But it has. And, it's been good.



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Golf warfare

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

Seems there is now open warfare among members of the Ocean Pines Association over the Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club. On one side is former Director Slobodan Trendic and those who support his idea of having a referendum to approve spending over \$2 million on a new clubhouse and cart barn. On the other side are the Golf Advisory Committee and those who support spending the \$2 million based on a single bid.

Trendic's Monday meeting at the Ocean Pines Library, the topic of a recent *OceanPinesForum.com* commentary, drew a surprisingly large crowd of about 100 people.

At the conclusion of the meeting, an Ocean Pines golfer was reported to "get in Trendic's face" in a nasty manner.

On Tuesday, the OPA Golf Advisory Committee struck back. Accord-

Women who experience weight gain that appears during midlife may be quick to credit such gain on the cessation of menses, also known as menopause. How-

ever, other factors also can contribute to weight gain during this period in a woman's life. Aging inflicts various changes in the body, and insulin resistance can be one of them. The medical information site

Healthline indicates that insulin resistance results in cells that stop responding to insulin like they are supposed to. As a result of this resistance, the pancreas may produce even more insulin to bring blood sugar levels down within range. Excessive levels of insulin are then in the blood. The more insulin present, the more the body may hold on to fats. This can contribute to weight gain and compromise weight loss efforts. Women also should know that being overweight or obese increases their risk of developing insulin resistance.



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ing to an article in the *Bayside Gazette*, Committee member Olga Novy said of the Trendic meeting, "All of this misinformation is getting out there and, after looking at numbers ... it's sad how these people are being led down this path." The reality is Trendic provided numbers from OPA audited financial statements, and other data available on the OPA website.

The paper also quotes OPA [interim] General Manager John Viola as saying, "What they're not telling you is five or seven years ago, someone sprayed agent orange over the greens. It takes a long time to recover all that play, but people are coming back. The numbers are showing better, but nobody's saying that."

The statement is surprising. Agent orange? Must have been a joke of some kind. Coming back? Hardly a statement that an OPA general manager should make at this point. The most recent audited financial report indicates association members paid \$468,670 to subsidize the golf operations and depreciation, including Terns Grill. On operations alone, the cost to association members was around \$31,000 — indeed one of the best years in recent history. As for the numbers getting better, the operating loss for the nearly ended current fiscal year is likely to increase to over \$100,000.

Olga Novy also complained about how Trendic portrayed the number of golfers, expressing displeasure with statements that there are only 100 golfing members while not mentioning that 1700 rounds were played by association members last year. In doing so, she too overlooks all the facts.

OPA Director Frank Daly, liaison to the golf committee, wrote on *OceanPinesForum.com*, "I have records going back to 2013. Since 2013, membership at the course has declined. I don't have the exact number, but it has declined. Golf rounds played by members from 2013 to last year have decreased from 14,069 to 9244. During

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Presentation - On April 25, at the monthly luncheon meeting of the Republican Women of Worcester County (RWWC) that was held at the Mad Fish Restaurant in West Ocean City, a check was presented to Cynthia Malament toward "Flags for Heros." Malament serves on the board of Worcester County Veterans Memorial Fund. Pictured on the left is **Cynthia Malament** with **Vera Beck**, RWWC Caring for America chairperson on the right.



Solutions - Tina Adams' first grade class at Ocean City Elementary used base ten blocks to solve Easter egg math facts. Left to right are **Owen Evans**, **Ryder Bahlman** and **Eva Greenlaw**.

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Guests - The guest speakers at the April 25, luncheon meeting of the Republican Women of Worcester County were Delegate **Charles Otto**, Senator **Mary Beth Carozza** and Worcester County Commissioner **Chip Bertino**. They gave presentations on happenings on the state and local level.

Diabetes ed classes offered

The Atlantic General Diabetes Center at Atlantic General Hospital will offer diabetes self-management education classes in May 2019.

The series of four, two-hour sessions will address blood glucose monitoring, foot care, nutrition, exercise, and other self-management skills to help individuals better manage their diabetes. A family member is invited to attend. The program is recognized by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) for quality education, and program staff includes a registered nurse (who has diabetes) and a registered dietitian, both of whom are certified diabetes

educators.

Advance registration and a referral from your primary care provider (which the program can obtain) are required.

Diabetes Self-Management is a Medicare benefit and the cost of the classes is covered by most insurances.

The classes will be held on the following Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: May 8, 15, 22 and 29 at the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center located at 9707 Healthway Drive in Berlin.

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Kiwanis speakers announced

The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines – Ocean City has announced its speakers' list for the month of May.

On May 1 Maureen Kennedy, from My Backyard will discuss the hummingbirds that come to Ocean Pines every year and she will share her thoughts about the do's and don'ts of good birding.

On May 8 Wendy Myers, executive director of the Cricket Center will give members an update on what the center has been doing to reduce trauma to

child victims by bringing local agencies together.

On May 29 Belinda Gulyas, principal of Cedar Chapel Special School (CCSS), will talk about the school's efforts to educate moderately to severely disabled students between the ages of three and 21 so that can be included in the general education curriculum, be gainfully employed and be self-sufficient at home and within their community.

The organization meets Wednesdays between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The public is welcome the attend.

Boge honored

In memory of Ocean Pines Anglers Club Administrator Walt Boge, who passed away in February, the club has renamed its annual fishing tournament the "Walt Boge Fishing Tournament." The tournament recognizes the top anglers in various fish categories throughout the year. Boge was a dedicated board member, administrator and tireless worker for both the club and its charitable activities which include Believe in Tomorrow, Teach A Kid to Fish and the Kids Fishing Contest.



Walt Boge

Craft club to meet

The Pine'er Craft Club will meet May 18 at 9:45 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. The project for the month is marble vases. The meeting is open to the public. The cost is \$6. Please call Carol Quinto at 410-208-4317 to reserve your project.



Planting the seed - Shelby Ennis' kindergarten class at Ocean City Elementary has been studying the life cycle of a plant and the parts of a plant. Each student planted their own marigold seed and has been caring for their plant the last two weeks. Students are monitoring how their plant has changed in a plant journal. Pictured from left to right: Lila Ball, Salah Sbih, and Angelo Jones.

Minor named volunteer of the month

Franklin Minor has been named Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County's ReStore Volunteer of the Month for April.

Franklin, 31, of Snow Hill helps with pickups as well as assists customers. Franklin said he has loved helping others since he was a child, and that volunteering at the ReStore is not only rewarding but also fun.

"It's like a family here. We all work together and have fun while we're doing it. I love seeing people smile when they find something really cool at the ReStore. I sleep good every night and go to the ReStore with a smile on my face knowing that I'm helping my community. We all need a hand from



Franklin Minor

time to time. Don't be afraid to pitch in because one day you may find yourself on the other side," said Franklin.

The ReStore is a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Proceeds are used to help build strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter in Worcester County. The Habitat ReStore is located at 9026 Worcester Highway in Berlin, and is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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NASA visit

A group of NASA engineers and interns from the sounding rocket operations at Northrop Grumman visited grades 3-8 at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School (MBS) on Tuesday, April 16. They held an assembly to educate the students then students built and launched water rockets in our sports' fields.

MBS is thankful to participate in this program with NASA. As a STREAM school, MBS emphasizes science, technology, religion, engineering, arts and mathematics in the curriculum. Grade level and core subject teachers work alongside enrichment teachers to weave common threads within lesson plans. The direct connection to engineering in this project shows students the affects in real-life scenarios.

Above: MBS third-grader, **Meera Pascucci**, launches her rocket with the help of the NASA engineer, **Meredith Danowski**.



Happy Mother's Day to all you Moms. It is a day to pamper Moms. Hey Dads, I bet you could make this cake for Mom with the help of your kids. It's so easy and the whole family can enjoy. This cake is a favorite in our family and will be in yours too.

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one a time beating after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

*please see **cooking** page 15*

Sour Cream Coffee Cake

2/3 cup chopped pecans
2 T. brown sugar
1-1/2 t. ground cinnamon

Batter:

1 cup butter softened
2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1/2 t. vanilla
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 t. baking powder
1/4 t. baking soda
1/4 t. salt
1 cup (8 oz.) sour cream
confectioners' sugar

In a small bowl, combine the pecans, brown sugar and cinnamon. Set aside.

Fire company to host fundraisers

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will host its Crab Cake Platter on 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.

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



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Astronomy & Spaceflight

By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.



Preparations for manned lunar flights

NASA's plans for lunar explorations have been prominently featured in recent news stories. As part of the administration's new emphasis on space exploration, the target for a manned moon landing has been advanced from 2028 to 2024. The vice president recently made remarks announcing that goal, saying: "Urgency must be our watchword. The United States must remain first in space in this century, as in the last."

The first NASA mission, known as Exploration Mission-1 (EM-1), is scheduled to be launched in June 2020. This will be an unmanned test flight to propel the Orion Crew Capsule and the European-built service module



Orion Crew Capsule and Service Module with Solar Panels

into orbit about the moon. The pair will then return back to Earth where they will be recovered after splash-down.

The first version of the Orion Crew Capsule was designed in 2004, when the U.S. announced goals to return astronauts to the moon and ultimately to Mars. In 2011, the engineering for Orion became more extensive, including the idea of adding an accompanying service module. Design and development of the Orion Capsule has been performed by Lockheed Martin.

The service module is being built by the German company, Airbus Defence and Space, with funding from the European Space Agency. The module includes an array of solar wings to generate power, a cooling system, water and air tanks to sustain the astronauts on their journey. In addition, it features its own rocket power for guidance and acceleration maneuvers.

After Exploration Mission-1 is accomplished, a second mission EM-2 is planned, tentatively for 2023. EM-2 will carry astronauts along for the

journey, orbiting the moon and returning to Earth.

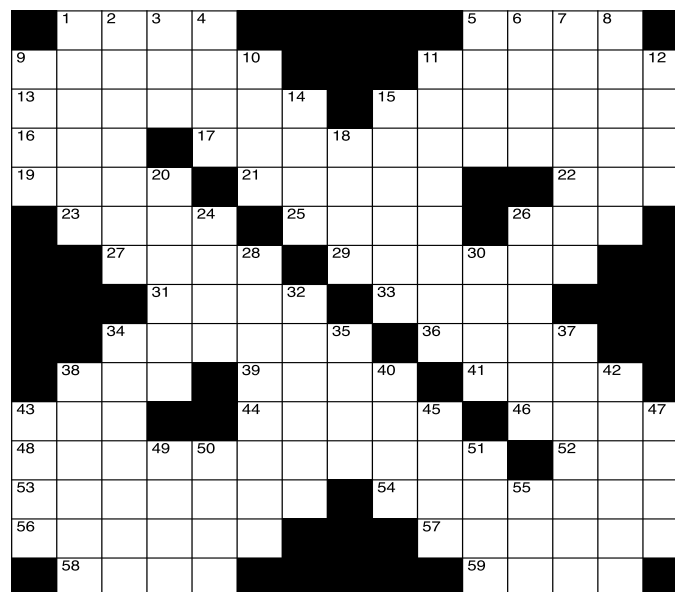
For many years, NASA has planned to use its new Space Launch System (SLS), a massive rocket designed to propel ambitious programs, such as potential future outposts on the moon and Mars. However, slow progress of

the SLS has prompted the agency to consider using commercial rockets, for the launch of EM-1. At a congressional hearing in March, NASA administrator Jim Bridenstine announced the commercial rockets proposal. At the same time, Bridenstine expressed his faith in the SLS rocket, praising its power and ability to support the 2023 EM-2 mission.

Yet the commercial rockets option faces some challenges. None of today's commercial rockets have the capacity to propel Orion and its Service Module all the way to the moon. Therefore, a second launch would be required, carrying a booster rocket which would dock with the two in Earth orbit, to then offer the additional power needed for flight to the moon. However, this process is not simple, and as Bridenstine expressed it, "We do not have, right now, an ability to dock the Orion crew capsule with anything in orbit, so between now and June 2020, we would have to make that a reality."

Among the commercial suppliers,

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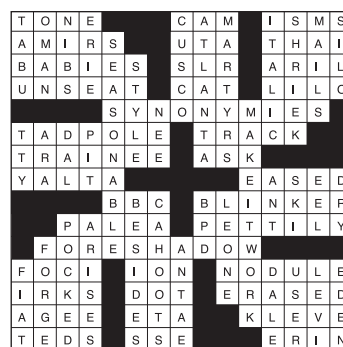


CLUES ACROSS

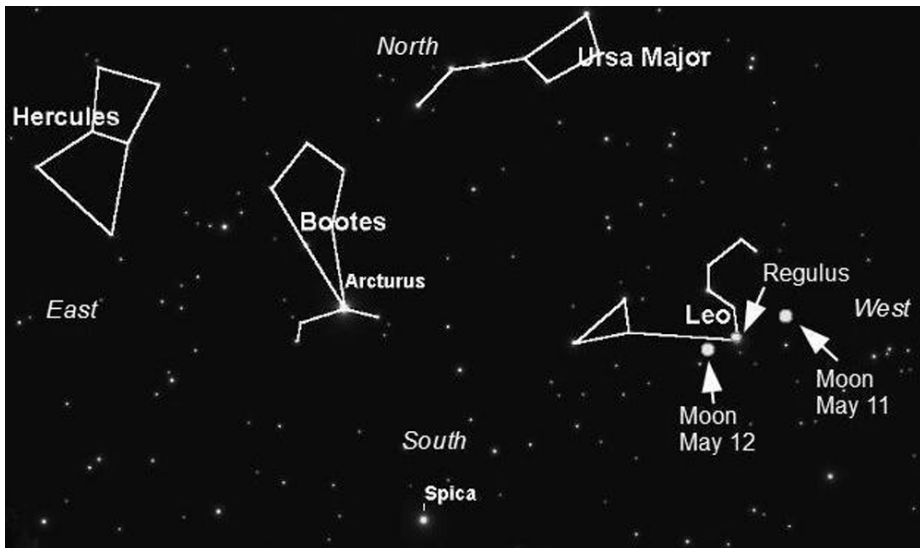
- 1. Type of fruit
- 5. Unit of time
- 9. Oil company
- 11. Benson's "partner"
- 13. Fictional mob boss Tony
- 15. Visual record
- 16. Small constellation
- 17. Popular family TV series
- 19. Tough outer layer
- 21. Cut
- 22. Vietnamese offensive
- 23. Horizontal mine passage
- 25. Greek war god
- 26. Have already done
- 27. Six (Spanish)
- 29. Remarks for the audience
- 31. Relaxing spots
- 33. Prevent from seeing
- 34. Disguised
- 36. Comedian Rogen
- 38. Afflict in mind or body
- 39. Sour
- 41. People native to N. Mexico
- 43. No seats available
- 44. Ned __, composer
- 46. A fit of irritation
- 48. Ability to move objects mentally
- 52. Luke's mentor __-Wan
- 53. Herbal medicine ingredient
- 54. Oscar-winning director Bigelow
- 56. Likes
- 57. In a sound way
- 58. Part of a staircase
- 59. Exemptions from play

CLUES DOWN

- 1. How will it play in __?
- 2. Grows
- 3. Swiss river
- 4. Canadian flyers
- 5. Affirmative! (slang)
- 6. Root of taro plant
- 7. Large, long-legged rodents
- 8. Recycled
- 9. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
- 10. Sometimes it's on you
- 11. Contrary beliefs
- 12. Remain as is
- 14. Spicy stew __ podrida
- 15. Play time
- 18. Italian monetary unit
- 20. Type of fuel
- 24. Portable conical tent
- 26. Yazoo and Mississippi are two
- 28. What people earn
- 30. Insect repellent
- 32. After first
- 34. Plays the viola
- 35. Not good
- 37. Esteemed guest
- 38. Where rockers ply their trade
- 40. Office furniture
- 42. Ancient Greek oracles
- 43. Quantitative fact
- 45. Missing soldiers
- 47. Minute
- 49. This (Spanish)
- 50. Maintain possession of
- 51. Knife
- 55. What to say on New Year's Day (abbr.)



Answers for April 24



while the Delta 4 Heavy costs about \$350 million.

For the future, Space X is developing and testing a new and powerful Big Falcon Rocket (BRF), whose load capacity is intended to exceed NASA's SLS rocket system. This BFR would ultimately be used in Space X's long-term plans for travel to Mars.

As the stars become fully visible around 9 p.m., Leo the Lion will be flying high overhead. Look for the familiar "kite shape" figure of Bootes (boh OH teez) the Herdsman as it returns again to the May skies. Toward the northern skies the Big Dipper (Ursa Major) can be seen. Stargazers may "follow the arc to Arcturus" meaning to trace the stars of the Big Dipper's handle to find this bright star. From there, one may "drive a spike through Spica" meaning that gazing southward of Arcturus leads to spotting this bright springtime star.

For those outside after about 10 p.m., Hercules the Hero will be in view over the eastern horizon.

The moon appears to do a brief "dance" with Leo the Lion, on the evenings of May 11 and 12. At the front edge of the Lion's figure is

"Regulus," the brightest star of the constellation. The moon will appear to the west of Regulus and then to the east, on those successive nights.

Wishing good luck and clear skies to all stargazers.

space
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Space-X with its Falcon Heavy rocket appears very competitive. Another source, United Launch Al-

liance, has its Delta 4 Heavy, but with lower lift capacity than the Falcon Heavy. In addition, the economic advantage favors Space X, which sold its rocket for \$130 million in 2018 to the U.S. Air Force,

Kiwanis Italian dinner returns

Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City will host its 2019 Italian Dinner Fundraiser at DeNovo's Trattoria in Ocean Pines on Sunday, May 5. There will be two seatings: 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. For reservations contact Ralph Chinn at 410-208-6719. Walk-ins will be welcomed, space permitting. Carryout also available. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12.

Tides for Ocean City (Fishing Pier)

Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Sunrise Sunset
Th	2	Low 12:28 AM	6:02 AM 7:52 PM
	2	High 6:33 AM	
	2	Low 12:42 PM	
	2	High 6:52 PM	
F	3	Low 1:12 AM	6:01 AM 7:53 PM
	3	High 7:14 AM	
	3	Low 1:20 PM	
	3	High 7:33 PM	
Sa	4	Low 1:54 AM	6:00 AM 7:54 PM
	4	High 7:55 AM	
	4	Low 1:58 PM	
	4	High 8:14 PM	
Su	5	Low 2:36 AM	5:59 AM 7:55 PM
	5	High 8:36 AM	
	5	Low 2:37 PM	
	5	High 8:56 PM	
M	6	Low 3:19 AM	5:58 AM 7:56 PM
	6	High 9:19 AM	
	6	Low 3:18 PM	
	6	High 9:39 PM	
Tu	7	Low 4:05 AM	5:57 AM 7:57 PM
	7	High 10:03 AM	
	7	Low 4:01 PM	
	7	High 10:25 PM	
W	8	Low 4:54 AM	5:56 AM 7:58 PM
	8	High 10:49 AM	
	8	Low 4:49 PM	
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AGH auxiliary hosts awards dinner

The Auxiliary of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System recently held its annual awards dinner to recognize volunteers. AGH volunteers support the hospital by donating their time and expertise in every aspect of the hospital and health system as well as in the community, providing more than 28,000 hours of service to the hospital annually.

AGH volunteers donate more than just their time. They also raise funds for the Foundation through lobby sales and operation of the thrift store. During their awards dinner the Auxiliary presented president and CEO Michael Franklin with a check in the amount of \$50,000 toward their \$300,000 pledge to the hospital's Campaign for the Future.

In addition to recognizing volunteers, Kitty Reeves, Auxiliary president, presented an award to a Stephen Decatur high school student, Dana Kim, for her outstanding service to the hospital. Kim volunteers at the registration/information department and plans to continue volunteering throughout the summer. Kim has volunteered with Atlantic General Hospi-

tal for four years, and has completed a record amount of over 500 hours as an Auxiliary teen volunteer.

Volunteers who have contributed 100 hours, 200 hours and 300 hours



Jackie Choate, Auxiliary recording secretary; **Michael Franklin**, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital; **Kitty Reeves**, Auxiliary president; **Nick Salafia**, Auxiliary treasurer, and **Todd Ferrante**, chair of the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation, accept the check toward the hospital's Campaign for the Future.

of service or more to the hospital and health system and all committee chairs were also recognized.

Volunteers also serve on hospital teams and committees, providing crucial insight and community support to Atlantic General Hospital. The Auxiliary Coordinators were recognized for their organization and hard work training the new volunteers as they come in, and keeping their different groups running smoothly.

Father Daughter Banquet returns

The Worcester County Health Department will host the 8th Annual Father-Daughter Banquet at 6 p.m. on May 16, at the Worcester Technical High School. Since 2011, Worcester County Health Department has hosted the annual Father-Daughter Banquet with the goal of highlighting the relationship between young women and their fathers, or other role models. Fathers and father figures have a powerful impact on many aspects of their daughters' lives in areas such as academic achievement, avoiding teen pregnancy, and being self-confident and self-reliant. To celebrate that, Worcester Health invites all 8th grade girls transitioning to high school next year, and their father or mentors, to attend the banquet.

The event includes dinner, dancing, and an opportunity to recognize the powerful bond that exists between fathers and daughters. The banquet has a rich tradition of bringing families together in Worcester and helping both fathers and daughters gain insight into each other's lives. Former participants have described the night as "rewarding" and "special." This event is free but space is limited please RSVP by May 9. For more information or to register, please call the Twila Fykes at 410-632-1100 ext. 1103.



Active shooter training

The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City received CRASE training at their weekly meeting from Corporal Rob Price of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday April 24. Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events is designed and built on the "Avoid, Deny, Defend," strategy developed by Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERT) in 2004.

Average police response time to an incident is three minutes. The training teaches people to help themselves in the meantime while the attack is happening.

Pictured (L-R) **Corporal Rob Price** and Kiwanis Club President **Dick Clagett**.

Summer arts camp registration opens

The Worcester County Arts Council is accepting registrations for the annual Summer Arts Camp for children to be held June 17 through June 20, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Berlin Intermediate School.

This camp is designed for students entering third through eighth grades in fall 2019. Registration fee is \$110. Bus transportation from Pocomoke and Snow Hill for an additional \$15 for the week will be offered.

Registration form, including selection of various visual and performing art workshops offered this year, is

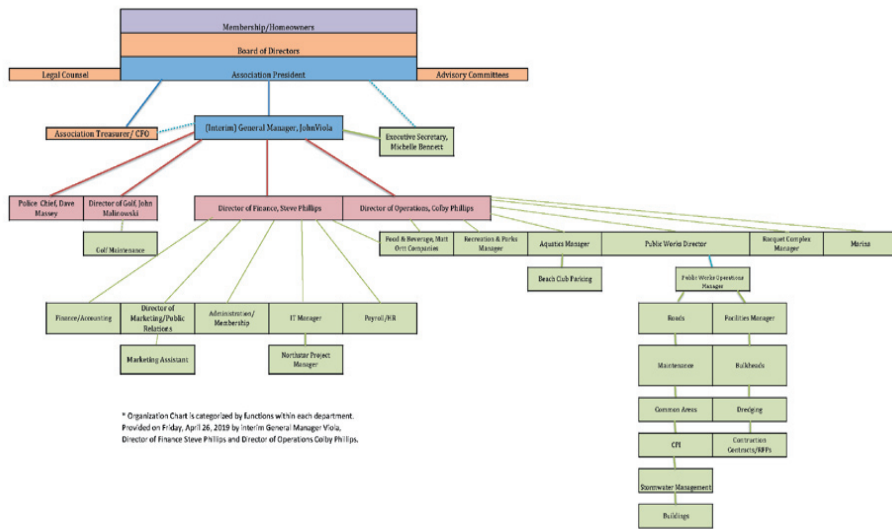
available on the Arts Council's website www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org and the Arts Council's office, located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin. Deadline for registration is June 7.

Financial support provided by Berlin/Ocean City Optimist Club and patrons will allow for offering limited financial assistance. For details how to apply, please call our office at 410-641-0809.

For volunteering opportunities at the Arts Camp please contact Anna Mullis at 410-641-0809 or curator@worcestercountyartscouncil.org

Plant sale and auction scheduled

The Worcester County Garden Club 2019 Auction and Plant Sale to raise funds for Worcester County Garden Club's annual scholarship and local programs will occur May 11 rain or shine. The plant sale will take place 10 a.m. to noon. The auction begins at 11 a.m. in the pavilion at Sturgis Park in Snow Hill. There will be annuals, perennials, shrubs, gift baskets, and more. Bring a chair and a friend. For more information call 443-235-9313.



* Organization Chart is categorized by functions within each department. Provided on Friday, April 26, 2019 by Interim General Manager Viola, Director of Finance Steve Phillips and Director of Operations Colby Phillips.

Ocean Pines most recent organizational chart

Transition team disbanded

Ocean Pines Association (OPA) President Doug Parks released the following statement on the "Transition Management Team" to the Membership on Friday, April 26:

With John Viola in the role of interim General Manager for the past several weeks, he and his team have done an extremely effective job in managing the operations of OPA. Given the current conditions and

based on John's recommendation that the Transition Management Team is no longer required, the Transition Management Team will be officially disbanded as of Friday, April 26. We congratulate John and the OPA staff for their efforts during this time and look forward to their continued success in the daily management of the Association.

Youth summer wellness camp offered

The Worcester County Health Department will host a free, week-long health and wellness camp for youth age 12 to 17 this summer. From June 17 to 21, campers will learn about the importance of health, fitness, setting personal goals and much more. The summer camp is part of Worcester Health's Promoting Health Among Teens program and will feature guest speakers, snacks and lunch, learning activities and field trips to locations around Worcester including the Jolly Roger amusement park in Ocean City.

"Our new summer wellness camp is an opportunity for teens to learn about taking care of their personal health, physical and mental," said Mimi Dean, Director of Prevention Services for Worcester Health, "while also having a fun time, going on field trips, and enjoying summer on the shore."

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Welcome home - After the Maryland State General assembly ended on April 9, more than 70 members of the Republican Women of Worcester County joined in wel-

coming home Maryland State Senator Mary Beth Carozza. Senator Carozza gave the group a review and highlights of the 2019 legislative session.

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Prom Court

Worcester Prep announced the 2019 Prom Court at the Junior/Senior Prom held at the Kylan Barn in Delmar, MD on April 13.

Above are: Senior Class Prince **Cameron Hill** and Senior Class Princess **Kendall Whaley**; Prom King **Cooper Richins** and Prom Queen **Remy Trader**; Junior Class Prince **Gavin Carmody** and Junior Class Princess **Jordan Campbell**.

commentary

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the same time period, rounds played have increased from 13,176 to 19,061. By far most rounds today are played by nonmembers and the vast majority of those rounds are played by nonresidents."

Clearly, OPA golf member play has declined by over 30% since 2013, and the vast majority of increased rounds are now played by outsiders, assuming Daly's numbers are correct. In other words, outsiders are more interested in playing golf in Ocean Pines than the people who own property in Ocean Pines. Association members are increasingly subsidizing a golf course with millions of dollars for outsiders to

shows

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ships, and towns, for example — of the Chesapeake Bay and the eastern coastline.

Marisa Longo of Ocean City is May's artisan in residence. She creates mixed media metal trees, pendants, and figures with the wire wrapping technique, often inset with pearls.

All shows will be on display at the Arts Center until June 1. More information is available at www.artleagueofoceancity.org or by calling 410-524-9433.

play, while association members appear to be playing more at other local courses. Trendic says the cost to association members over the last 10 years may be over \$8 million.

GM Viola is also quoted in the *Gazette* article as saying, "It's amazing how the golfers get vilified and they're the ones who played it." Viola is correct. Regardless of the numbers, those actually paying to be golf members should receive no criticism at a personal level. Without them, the losses would be substantially more. Those frustrated with the millions of dollars sunk into the golf course should not be criticizing the golfers who pay to play. Those golfers should be applauded.

On the other side of this golf war, Trendic does not deserve to be personally attacked because he and his supporters believe the Board of Directors should ask association members in a referendum if they approve spending millions on a cart barn and new clubhouse, based on a single bid and not even informing association members of the board's intent to vote to spend those millions.

The two sides seem at loggerheads, and our association suffers. The blame lies with neither side in this war. The blame, to a large extent, lies with a Board of Directors that does not respect the overall 8,452 lot owners of the association.

cooking

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Add to creamed mixture alternately with sour cream.

Pour half the batter into a greased and floured 10 inch fluted tube pan; sprinkle with half the pecan mixture. Gently top with remaining batter and pecan mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes in the pan before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.



A little Mothers' Day funny thought for you:

When my two children were toddlers, they decided to make breakfast for me on Mothers' Day. Well, the night before we had friends over and served whiskey sours and the left overs were put in the fridge in our orange juice container. The kids got up and poured what they thought was juice in a glass, made peanut butter toast and brought it to me in bed. Thank goodness they didn't drink any sours! We had a good laugh over that one. It was a delicious breakfast of course!

Enjoy
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winery

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vintage white and red wines for this season. Brittany has two personal favorites. Their Gruner Veltliner, an Austrian variety, is like a sauvignon blanc or pinot grigio. She described it as "easy drinking and very light. It's like wine you want to sip on your front porch after a long, hot day's work." Just bottled three weeks ago, her other favorite and newest wine, is their rose. "It's like springtime with a raspberry flavor," explained Brittany.

Jeannie Mariner described the three-year restoration process. "It began when my husband's father suddenly passed away. We had a house, we had family, and we didn't have any use for it at that time." The farm had been in Barry Mariner's family for six generations so he said, "We'll figure it out but I am never going to sell it."

Their daughter Brittany shared her parents' love of the farm and recognized the importance of her family's heritage. Throughout her youth, Brittany had spent many happy times visiting her grandparents at the farm. She was inspired by watching her grandfather and father making homemade wines from the fruits grown on their lands. Brittany said, "I could see the vision and my parents always said to follow your dreams." Thus, the journey of turning the farm into a winemaking vineyard began in 2015 for father, mother, and daughter.

Jeannie Mariner stated, "We feel so blessed to have ended up with this. It is a special place to us and we like that

we can share our family history."

There are many events planned throughout the year. Every Sunday night, Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery has live music playing from 6p.m. until 8 p.m., and occasionally a Food Truck provides food. The Mariners are excited about their upcoming 'Mother's Day Big Band Swing Dance' on May 12. It is designed especially for mothers and helping with the celebration will be the Pam Miller Band and the Delmarva Hand Dancers. The daily wine tasting experience is fun, educational, and delicious. For those who have an appetite, they can bring their own food or order from the menu of local STARR Restaurant at River Run which delivers to the winery.

Brittany Mariner's dream is to see Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery as a landmark for every tourist. She asserted, "We are completely unique for a winery and because of the historic nature of the house, it sets us apart from others. We want people to feel like they have stepped back in time when they come to visit us."

Author's Note: For more information about Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery and go to www.windmillcreekvineyard.com or call Jeannie Mariner at 410-251-6122. In order to avoid overcrowding, some of the special events such as the Mother's Day event may require tickets. The tickets can be purchased online, by calling Jeannie Mariner, or stopping by the Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery.

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