

OPA rules petitions not valid

Ocean Pines has released the following statement regarding the petitions submitted by a homeowner:

Based on a legal opinion by Ocean Pines' attorney, it has been determined that neither petition meets the necessary requirements. One petition did not meet the signature requirements, and both failed to comply with petition guidelines spelled out in Ocean Pines Bylaws.

According to the Association's attorney, "A petition is valid if it seeks action requiring a referendum under the Bylaws or requests action by the Board of Directors and meets the necessary signature requirements for the type of petition."

Additionally, Section 4.08(b) of Ocean Pines Bylaws states, "If action appropriate for submission to the members on a referendum is initiated by a valid petition, the petition must contain a specific question, proposal, or action suitable for an affirmative or negative response on a ballot."

After careful review of the signatures, it was determined the Golf Clubhouse petition was signed by 743 eligible voters, or 9.69 percent of the total votes that can be cast.

According to the Association's attorney, "This petition also fails to request action by the Board of Directors.

Instead, it is drafted to authorize the Board of Directors to construct the clubhouse. Because this petition failed to contain the necessary signatures, did not request action requiring a referendum and did not request action by the Board of Directors, the petition does not meet the requirements of Section 4.08 of the Bylaws."

A second petition, related to Board expenditures, failed on similar grounds.

According to the Association's attorney, "The Board Expenditure Petition does not seek an amendment to the Bylaws ... Rather, this petition seeks a vote on whether the members wish to move forward with a subsequent referendum on an amendment to the Bylaws."

"The question presented in this petition does not qualify as an action appropriate for submission to the members on a referendum as required by Section 4.08 of the Bylaws, even though it met the signature requirements," the attorney said.

The full attorney opinion is available for review. Copies may be obtained by written request or in person at the Administration Building beginning August 22.

The Board has no further comment at this time.



Woodstock revisited - On Friday, August 16, the Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County (DWC) sponsored a Woodstock Anniversary Celebration under the stars at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines. The event was enjoyed by over 100 members and friends. Above: DWC members celebrating the event.

Designated smoking areas established at Yacht Club

Two designated smoking areas were recently installed at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

Starting last week, customers at the Yacht Club and nearby Oasis Pool will only be allowed to smoke in those marked areas.



Smoking will no longer be permitted on the patio area or near the pool.

One section is near the fenced-in area just off the main parking lot, while the other is on the marina Boardwalk, near the ice machine. Both are marked with "DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA" signs, and include an ashtray, picnic table and shade umbrella.

Clubs Committee Chairman Gary Miller said his group explored the concept after receiving a letter from a concerned resident asking about smoking on Ocean Pines campuses.

"He mentioned that there's kids running around, and people are smoking all over the place, and shouldn't there be a designated smoking area?" Miller said. "The Clubs Committee did some research, we looked at different laws within Maryland and other communities, and basically decided that it was something we ought to present to Ocean Pines for their consideration."

Working through the committee's Board liaison, Miller said both Operations Director Colby Phillips and General Manager John Viola agreed with the concept of clearly marked, designated smoking sections.

He said Ralph DeAngelus, cofounder of the Matt Ortt Companies that manages the Yacht Club, also approved of the concept.

"Ralph said their job isn't to make policy for Ocean Pines – they're strictly doing food and beverage – but whatever Ocean Pines wants them to do, they'll be glad to enforce," Miller said.

Phillips said creating the designated sections is part of providing good customer service.

"We thought it was important to establish a spot for our smokers, so they have an area to go that's comfortable for them, but also that's away from the customers that don't want to be around it while they're eating or relaxing or swimming," she said. "I think it just comes down to working together, and in talking with Ralph he was onboard with whatever we needed to do."

Community Calendar

AUGUST

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 7 p.m. 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

After four years of separation, Charles, Prince of Wales and heir to the British throne, and his wife, Princess Diana, formally divorce on this day in 1996.

On July 29, 1981, nearly one billion television viewers in 74 countries tuned in to witness the marriage of Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, to Lady Diana Spencer, a young English schoolteacher. Married in a grand ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral in the presence of 2,650 guests, the couple's romance was, for the moment, the envy of the world. Their first child, Prince William, was born in 1982, and their second, Prince Harry, in 1984.



Maryland Safe Boating course offered

Summer will be over before you know it, but it is not too late to take a safe boating class. The US Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering the Maryland Safe Boating Class one more time this year.

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The course will be held at the Ocean Pines library on September 3, 4 and 5. The three-evening course will begin at 6 p.m. and end no later than 9 p.m. each evening. Space is limited.

A fee of \$15 is required to cover the cost for the course and all course materials. To register, or if you have questions, please contact:

Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807 or E mail CGAUXOC@Gmail.com

Lunch cruise scheduled

The Ocean Pines Boat Club is sponsoring a luncheon and cruise aboard the *Choptank River Queen* on Tuesday, September 10 between 12:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The event is open to the public. The cost is \$43 per person, inclusive. Please contact Doris Lloyd at 410 / 629-9349 for information and reservations. Deadline is September 1.

Walk to help recovery efforts

Atlantic Club "Recovery at the Beach" provides two \$1,000 scholarships to Worcester County High School recipients who start classes this fall at the college of their choice.

This spring, two scholarships were awarded to senior students from Pocomoke High School and Snow Hill High School. The scholarships were funded through the Atlantic Club's

Annual Walk/Run for Recovery. Applicants submitted essays and a panel selected the top two from fourteen applications. According to Susan Weiss, the review team chairperson, "we had some great essays submitted and it was very difficult to pick just two winners. They reminded us all of how pervasive addiction has become and how it not only effects the addict but it destroys families".

The Atlantic Club's recovery fellowship goal is to give back to a student who has been affected by

addiction and help him/her full-fill their dreams. Additionally, each year a portion of the proceeds from the Walk for Recovery support The Atlantic Club, a nonprofit facility, to continue its mission in the community serving those with addictions 24 hours per day, 365 days.

Recipients may opt to remain anonymous due to the sensitivity of the topic. This year Nicolette Vickers from Pocomoke High School accepted a check from members of the Board of Directors. She will attend Salisbury

University in the fall. The second recipient, Avalon Fortt is from Snow Hill high school and will attend University of Maryland.

The Atlantic Club along with a new partner, the Worcester County Warriors against Opiate Addiction, will host a "Walk for Recovery" on Saturday, September 7, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the Ocean City Boardwalk. It is in conjunction with Worcester Goes Purple, which is highlighting addic-

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Drainage issue discussed

Ocean Pines, county and state officials met on Friday to discuss drainage issues within the community, and what solutions are feasible both in the near and long terms.

Operations Director Colby Phillips said she, Public Works Director Eddie Wells and Public Works Operations Manager Nobie Violante have spent significant time in recent months gathering information from homeowners and assessing the problem.

“Drainage is one of our biggest issues in Ocean Pines,” Phillips said. “We know we can’t alleviate every drainage issue, but we’re going to do everything we can to improve it.”

Phillips will present a plan of action during an Aug. 31 Ocean Pines Board meeting. Included in the plan are educational components, creation and implementation of a ditch maintenance list, and replacement of failing pipes in the community.

She, Wells and Violante also developed a longer-term plan to address major drainage problems over several phases. Phase one, scheduled to start in fiscal year 2020-2021, would include replacing four large pipes each

in the Pinehurst and Sandyhook areas, and replacing two pipes in Beacon Hill. Also tentatively included in phase one are pipe replacements at the inlet and outlet of Bainbridge pond, and building a weir structure at the outfall of the pond and a larger berm around the Beacon Hill side.

Phillips said plans for additional phases are also in the works, but how much can be done each year will largely depend on the amount of available funding and manpower. Currently, Ocean Pines Public Works has three employees assigned to clean drainage ditches. The Association has also begun hiring outside contractors to help clear out the larger ditches.

She added those involved in the project went back and looked at every Ocean Pines drainage study conducted since 1997, and the group has also consulted local engineering firm Vista Design Inc.

Phillips said she and the team are aware of resident concerns.

“We hear you and we’re doing what we can,” she said. “Drainage isn’t a

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Stupid is as stupid does: The Sequel

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**
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Just when one begins to think things in OPA-Land cannot become any wackier, along comes something to jolt that notion out of one's head.



The latest example is the OPA rejection of a petition to referendum by a group of association members. A representative of the group turned in the petition and signatures to OPA corporate Secretary Colette Horn at the annual non-meeting on August 10.

On August 21 an OPA press release said the petition was rejected, even though OPA said the petitions had obtained the required signatures of 10% of voters. Why would OPA reject a petition to referendum if the petitioners had obtained the required number of signatures? This is where things become really strange.

OPA claimed the rejection was based on the advice of their legal coun-

sel, Jeremy M. Tucker, of the firm LeachEarlyBrewer out of Bethesda, Maryland.

Tucker opined that while the petition had the requisite number of signatures, the language used for the actual question to be asked in the referendum was not appropriate.

The actual question proposed by the petitioners was:

"Should OPA By-Laws Section 5.13.(d)(1) be amended to read 'If the total estimated cost, capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, of any single capital expenditure exceeds One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) , the proposed single capital expenditure SHALL require approval of the members by a referendum?'"

Tucker wrote, "But by using the word 'should' in the petition question, The Board Expenditure Petition is asking for members to give their opinion on the amendment issue, and does not ask specifically whether they vote to approve the amendment to the By-Laws as proposed."

Is your head spinning yet? Don't answer. Anyway, let's give Tucker the benefit of the doubt and assume this otherwise valid petition should be rejected on the basis of using the word "should."

Could one assume the petitioners could just do it again, and replace the word "should" with the words "I approve." Based on Tucker's legal opinion, that should be the case.

However, as Paul Harvey would say, you have not yet heard the rest of the story. Here goes.

It seems the petitioners did not just pick some language out of the air and begin the petition question with the word "should." No, they actually went and read the bylaws and Board Resolution B-07 that details how to do a petition.

They looked at the resolution because the bylaws state: "(a) Petitions must contain a specific question, proposal, or action suitable for an affir-

mative or negative response. The petition must be in a format prescribed by a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and signed by members eligible to cast a vote."

In fact, Board Resolution B-07 actually provides specific sample language for association members to utilize when doing a petition. The sample question in the resolution, approved by the Board of Directors, is as follows:

"Should the first sentence of Section 5.01 of the By-laws of the Ocean Pines Association be amended to read, 'The affairs and business of the Association shall be managed by a Board of nine (9) Directors, each of whom shall be a member of the Association eligible to vote.'?"

Now again read the petition as submitted and rejected:

"Should OPA By-Laws Section 5.13.(d)(1) be amended to read 'If the total estimated cost, capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, of any single capital expenditure exceeds One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) , the

proposed single capital expenditure SHALL require approval of the members by a referendum?'"

By now you should be scratching your head, or laughing, or crying, or howling at the moon, or maybe simply wondering about what the heck happens to association members after they are elected to the board.

Then there is the failure of the Board of Directors and Secretary Colette Horn to follow OPA bylaws in the handling of the petition. It is now some 12 days since the petitioners gave their petition to Colette Horn. The bylaws state: "Within ten (10) calendar days after a petition is filed, the Secretary shall certify that the petition meets the requirements of this Section or file a public report with the Board of Directors specifying the basis for rejecting the petition."

No such public statement has been made by Horn as of the time of this writing.

The OPA Board of Directors needs to do the right thing and send this properly petitioned issue to referendum.

Players to play tribute to Elton John

The Ocean Pines Players (OPP) will salute Elton John in a tribute to be performed in Ocean City in September.

The show, co-produced by Amy Morgan and OPP President Karen McClure, will be performed at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on 103rd Street in Ocean City on successive Mondays, September 9 and 16, starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door.

Show producer Amy Morgan said the Ocean Pines Players decided to pay tribute to Elton John because "this year is the 50th anniversary of his first album, *Empty Sky*, released in 1969 in the United Kingdom, and because of the release of "Rocket Man," the highly popular movie of his life released earlier this year.

"We knew the timing was right for this, and if our rehearsals are any indication, we were right. They have been mega fun and very productive. Our goal is to be highly electric and a little over the top in true Elton John style, Amy said." We are especially delighted about the addition of two new, young cast members, Zander Jett and Will Devokees. They bring a fresh outlook and energy to the show, making it truly multi-generational and a show meant for the entire family."

The program of almost two dozen songs includes the 1995 Academy Award winning "Can you Feel the Love Tonight," from the hit movie "The Lion King," as well as Academy Award nominated songs from the same movie, "Hakuna Matata" and "Circle of

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Gifts pet owners may be as simple as choosing presents that help care for companion animals. New puppy owners often find that the first several months to a year of having the pooch can be a whirlwind. Training is an effective way to raise a healthy, safe and happy pet, but there are bound to be some trials and tribulations along the way. New dog owners may not know where to start in their training. A gift of puppy kindergarten classes at a nearby pet store or training center can help puppy parents learn the basics. Another idea is to offer a present of personalized training with a one-on-one instructor. Many trainers make house calls to work with puppies on important skills, such as sitting, staying, house training, and walking on a leash.



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Red, white and blue birthday

The call came in late January. “Nino, I want to have my birthday on the Piazza.” “Who is this?” I asked. “Nino, it’s me, Ben.”



It’s All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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“Oh. You want to reserve *my* Piazza for *your* birthday?”
 “Yes.”
 “When’s your birthday?”
 “NINO!”
 “How will you be making the required deposit?”
 Pause. Pause. “What’s a deposit?”



“It’s a down payment to ensure I don’t let anyone use the Piazza on your birthday.”

Pause. Pause. “How about a hug?”
 “Done!”

Not since he was born have we been able to celebrate my grandson’s birthday together as a family. My son-in-law is an Army officer and for the past eight years, he and my daughter have lived more than halfway across the country. That changed recently. Now they live only two hours fifty-seven minutes and seventeen seconds away. But who’s counting?

Ben was turning the Big Five and he had specific ideas of what he

wanted for his celebration. In addition to reserving the Piazza, he informed my wife that he wanted barbecue ribs, potato salad, corn on the cob and a red, white and blue birthday cake.

That was the other “ask” for his birthday. He wanted a red, white and blue theme. I don’t know why exactly but that’s what he wanted. And when Big Ben asks his Nino for something, so it shall be.

My wife and I were excited to host his birthday. We enjoy having our family at the house. Thankfully, Ben made his reservations seven months in advance so we had time to strategize.

My wife scoured the internet for a recipe for a unique red, white and blue cake. Just after July 4th we took great advantage of the drastic discounts at Walmart and Target picking up all sorts of decorations, plates and plastic ware. A friend of ours let us borrow patriotic banners and flags.

The week before the Main Event, preparations kicked into high gear as the Piazza was festooned in patriotic colors: flags, banners and lights. Additionally, I printed out and framed large photos of the Birthday Boy through the years and hung them around.

A couple days before the Big Event we were having dinner when Ben reminded his grandmother and me that his birthday was in a couple days. We feigned surprise which really got him riled up. Once he settled down, he looked at me seriously and said, “Nino I want a red carpet up the driveway.”

A red carpet? Who is this kid?

My wife labored three days on his special cake, making it from scratch in sections and then assembling it. I spent the night before and the day of, in the hours leading up to show-time, getting the Piazza ready.

Oh, something else I want to mention. In the spirit of his desire for a red, white and blue birthday, I assembled an appropriate wardrobe, from

the top of my head to me shoes.

Finally, the clock struck magic hour and as if on cue, my grandson jumped out of the car and made his way up the red carpeted driveway all



smiles. The afternoon and evening progressed from there. His parents, four grandparents, uncles (minus

one), aunt, great-grandmother and dog were together celebrating the Big Five!

And although he was the recipient of many gifts, the biggest gift given that day was the one I received.

Darkness had fallen and the Piazza was bathed in lights. By this time the guys had split from the gals. We were sitting together enjoying a family ritual, cigars, something we’ve done for years. From my vantage point I could take in the venue. The ladies (my wife, daughter, granddaughter, my daughter’s mother-in-law, my daughter-in-law (soon to be) and my wife’s mother) were sitting at the main table kibbitzing and laughing. I was with my son, son-in-law, his father and brother and my grandson. As I took a puff on my cigar, I thought to myself, how lucky are we, this family of ours.

As a family we’ve laughed together and cried together. On this particular evening we were enjoying the birthday of one of our own: a five-year-old who was

already making plans for his sixth. Who is this kid?

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Marlene Ott:

An Ocean Pines original

Ocean Pines Association President Doug Parks stood up in front of nearly 100 homeowners on August 10, and asked how many had been to more than ten Annual Meetings. A flurry of

her and asked if he could hitch a ride to a school field trip. He told her he didn't have a car.

"Well, he did have a car!" Ott said with a laugh. "I kiddingly say that was the first lie he ever told me."

Ott finished her college degree in three-and-a-half years, which was unheard of at the time, and Dick enrolled in the Officer Candidate School at the U.S. Naval Academy in Newport, Rhode Island. She remembers being in Newport on the day John F. Kennedy was shot.

The Navy transferred Dick to a destroyer in Norfolk, Virginia, and Ott served as a social worker there for several years, up until her first daughter was born.

The Ott's later spent three years in Bremerhaven, in part because Dick fibbed that his wife spoke fluent German. Although her maiden name was Ruppertsberger, she did not.

"It was a fantastic time," she said. "Every weekend we'd say, 'Do you want to go to Amsterdam or Copenhagen? Hey, let's do Copenhagen tonight!' I got to visit with relatives in Germany, and our youngest was born over there."

Dick's next stop was supposed to be "swift boats in Vietnam," Ott said, at which point, he decided to look for another line of work. Instead, he opted to join his brother on a new venture, selling land for a company called Boise Cascade in a place called Berlin, Maryland.

Ott spent the next several years as a stay-at-home mom to her two young



hands went up.

More than 20? A scattering of hands. More than 30? Only a few.

Parks asked because he had just learned that one homeowner, Marlene Ott, has attended more than 40 such meetings.

Ott briefly stood up and bowed as the crowd applauded. She thanked Parks and the Board for their service, adding, "I wouldn't live anywhere else."

One of the original Ocean Pines residents, Ott came to the area with her husband, Dick, and their two daughters, Laurie and Beth, in 1969.

She grew up in Anne Arundel County, the only child of German immigrants who traveled from Bremerhaven to Baltimore in 1928.

Ott attended the University of Maryland, "when boys and girls slept in separate dormitories," and studied sociology and psychology. She met her future husband in a social statistics class.

According to Ott, Dick approached

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The birth of a skipjack: *Nathan* fulfills its mission

By **Charles O. Rouse**

Note: *This is the final installment of this series*

With the 25th anniversary of the *Nathan of Dorchester*, two questions come to mind: first, Did the *Nathan* fulfill its mission to promote an increase in tourism, economic development, and community pride in the city of Cambridge? The second question is, Did the operation of the *Nathan of Dorchester*, from its construction at Generation III boatyard to the hundreds of sails in and around the Choptank River and Chesapeake Bay help to preserve the rich maritime heritage of the Dorchester County? The answer to both questions is a resounding “Yes!”

The *Nathan* has been a floating ambassador for the City and County, and has brought economic development and recognition to Cambridge. Hundreds of tourists come each year to sail on the *Nathan* and to learn about skipjacks, the oysters, Maryland’s state boat and its maritime history.

The spirit of the *Nathan of Dorchester* may be best summarized in a poem, written by two young boys after a public sail during the summer of 2000:

*No matter what tack, on that lovely skipjack;
She sailed on the breeze with the greatest of ease.
The red-shirted crew, how to sail, they knew;
From hoisting the sails to filling the pails.
Thanks for the ride, on that boat so wide,
We had a good time on her, the Nathan of Dorchester.*

Another passenger wrote, “I had seen the *Nathan* moored at the Cambridge Marina. I also had picked up a brochure at a street fair years ago, and thought it would be a nice outing for my family or friends. It’s great that the Skipjack Committee has decided to preserve this part of the history of the Eastern Shore. Thank you.

Without a doubt, the *Nathan of Dorchester* has touched the lives of many people who sailed on her. The fact that the *Nathan’s* public sails are full almost every time she leaves the dock is a testament to an increase in

tourism and in turn an increase in revenue for the city of Cambridge and Dorchester county. The *Nathan* has been a floating ambassador for Cambridge, visiting cities up and down the Chesapeake Bay: Annapolis, Baltimore, Crisfield, Deal Island, Havre deGrace, Oxford, Rock Hall, Solomon’s Island and St. Michael’s to name a few.

The *Nathan*, however, is more than just a skipjack or another reminder of days gone by. The *Nathan* has opened eyes to the magnificence of the Choptank River and the Chesapeake Bay. The president of the Skipjack Committee wrote: “The *Nathan* has been a way to experience the beauty of the Choptank River and the freedom with the wind”. The beauty and value of the *Nathan* is not

always apparent to the many people in the community. Community support for the *Nathan* has dwindled over the years. Nevertheless, it is still a tool to draw tourists to the community and



the diversity of passengers, the interactions with the local inhabitants, and the genuine interest of visitors is truly amazing. More than a destination site,

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Physical Therapy and Certified Hand Therapy defined

By **William Hamilton Jr., DPT CHT**

I want to start this series of physical therapy articles with clarifying what physical therapy and hand therapy are, and how they integrate to provide a more efficient quality of care. First, I will help to explain the role of a physical therapist in restoring or maintaining your healthy lifestyle. Next, educating on what a certified hand therapist is and how this unique clinical specialty serves a vital role in rehab.



Billy Hamilton

Physical Therapists (PTs), as defined by the APTA, are movement experts who optimize quality of life through prescribed exercise, hands-on care, and patient education. Physical therapists teach patients how to prevent or manage their condition so that they will achieve long-term health benefits. Physical therapy is now a Doctorate level degree and therefore PTs are correctly titled Doctors of Physical Therapy. I'd like to add to this definition that we help patients to understand the cause for their pain and/or symptoms so that they can actively participate in their rehab at home.

A Certified Hand Therapist (CHT), as defined by the HTCC, is an

occupational therapist or physical therapist who has a minimum of three years of clinical experience, including 4,000 hours or more in direct practice in hand therapy. In addition, the Certified Hand Therapist has successfully passed a comprehensive test of advanced clinical skills and theory in upper quarter rehabilitation. There are roughly 6,000 CHT's in the world. I'd like to clarify that only 15% of CHT's are Physical Therapists, the other 85% are Occupational Therapists. PT's that are also CHT's are educated in treating conditions throughout the entire body with an expert understanding of the shoulder, elbow, wrist, and hand. This is important because not all conditions in the arm and hand actually originate in the arm. The issue may be more central, possibly a nerve in the neck being compressed which is routinely diagnosed, identified, and treated by a Physical Therapist. This ability to differentially diagnose AND treat conditions as mentioned above, makes a PT/CHT a very unique clinical expert that should be taken advantage of if there is one in your area.

Billy Hamilton is a Doctor of Physical Therapy & Certified Hand Therapist, he can be reached at Hamilton Physical Therapy 410-208-3300.



First Lady Yumi Hogan and Senator Marybeth Carozza watch clients sculpt.

First Lady Yumi Hogan visits the Worcester County Developmental Center

Recently, Maryland's First Lady Yumi Hogan visited the Worcester County Developmental Center (WCDC) to learn more about the agency, its clients and its programs. The First Lady was accompanied by Senator Mary Beth Carozza and Secretary Carol Beatty from the Maryland Department of Disabilities.

The First Lady's interest in the agency was further piqued when she learned that WCDC was changing its focus from center based employment to arts therapy. Hogan is an internationally recognized artist. She is also an art instructor at Maryland institute College of Art, and through her

YumiC.A.R.E.S. Foundation, she supports art therapy programs at University of Maryland Children's Hospital.

Hogan was actively engaged with the clients throughout the tour. In one area, she helped set up a "foot" painting activity. In the soap room, she asked the clients about the soap making process and admired the work they were doing.

Senator Carozza and Secretary Beatty joined the First lady as she sang along with the clients in version of "God Bless America" that brought a tear to the eye to more than a few peo-

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Life." Other Elton John favorites on the program are "Rocket Man," "Good-bye Yellow Brick Road," and "Don't Go Breakin' My heart."

In addition to producers Morgan and McClure, Jett and Devokes, the other cast members also are local performers, Dan Carney, Jerry Gietka, Brenda Golden, Dorothy Shelton, and Sharon Sorrentino.

The Ocean Pines Players is a local community theater group that has been entertaining audiences in this area for more than 40 years. Membership in the organization is open to all area residents of all ages.

For further information, call Ed Pinto at 703-901-5544. Follow us on Facebook or on our website at www.oceanpinesplayers.com.

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the *Nathan* is an "emersive experience," one that draws you in and sparks a vision of what life can be like when people and nature blend as one.

One of the senior crew members wrote, "The *Nathan* has given me the unique opportunity to learn and understand how to sail a skipjack. I love talking to the passengers and working with the captains and crew. I've done about every job on the *Nathan* from scrubbing the deck and painting the centerboard, to pumping out the head. Being a "come here" transplant and not a local native, the *Nathan* has grounded me in local history and tradition that makes the Eastern Shore home to me."

The *Nathan* has been a fixture on the waterfront for 25 years now – that

cool looking boat on Long Wharf. For many, seeing the boat or taking a ride on the *Nathan* brings back memories of fathers, grand-fathers, and great grand-fathers who sailed and worked on skipjacks back in the days. The *Nathan* helps keep those memories alive for the next generation. It is a way residents can show off their pride and be a part of the history of Cambridge and the Eastern Shore.

As for the next quarter century, the *Nathan's* skipjack committee, captains, crew, and volunteers will stay true to the goals and dreams of the founders of the *Nathan* as it has been for the past 25 years. We operate the boat for the benefit of the public. We preserve the boat for future generations as we engage in public discussions about Cambridge, the disappearing watermen's way of life, and the changing ecology of the river.

We offer visitors a waterman's perspective of the Choptank through an onboard sailing experience. We dredge for oysters the traditional way – the way it was done a hundred years ago, and we demonstrate our love and commitment to the *Nathan* through maintenance, administrative work, and all the little things that are essential to keep the *Nathan* operational. Through the years, we have had our highs and lows in our organizational history, but one thing has always been constant: we have always been one of President Bush's "thousand points of light", a point of pride for Cambridge and Dorchester County, and maritime tradition that has been entrusted to us for years to come.

For more information on the *Nathan* please visit our website at www.skipjack-nathan.org.

Maryland angler tops record for common dolphinfish

A Pasadena woman reeled in a new Maryland state record common dolphinfish, also known as mahi mahi. Kristy Frashure was participating in the Poor Girls Fishing Tournament in Ocean City on August 16 when she caught the 74.5-pound fish.

Frashure and five other friends were fishing off Poor Man's Canyon when the record fish struck the line. "It took nearly 20 to 30 minutes to reel in ... it felt like an eternity," Frashure said. She knew it

was a big fish but did not know it was a record-breaker. "We were taking bets on how much it weighed."

A Maryland Department of Natural Resources biologist identified the species as common dolphinfish and its official weight was certified by Bahia Marina.

Frashure's catch has dethroned Jeff

Wright's three-week-old state Atlantic Division record for common dolphinfish, which was 72.8 pounds. The previous record had been held since 1985.

The department maintains state records for sport fish in four divisions: Atlantic; Chesapeake; Nontidal; and, Invasive; and, awards plaques to anglers who achieve record catches. Fish caught from privately owned, fee-fishing wa-

ters are ineligible for consideration. Anglers who think they have a potential record catch should download and fill out a state record application and call 410-260-8324 or 443-569-1398. The department suggests fish be immersed in ice water to preserve weight until it can be checked, confirmed, and certified.



Kristi Frashure poses with her husband **Ryan** and the record fish she caught off Ocean City.

Inland Motorsports opens new location

With the slogan, "We sell fun," Inland Motorsports is now closer to Ocean Pines and West Ocean City clients. Serving Delaware and Maryland residents with service and maintenance, as well as, carrying a wide selection of ATVs, UTVs, scooters, dirt bike and go-karts for all ages, the company recently moved its operation to Route 113, one block north of the Delaware-Maryland line between Arby's and 84 Lumber.

Inland Motorsports owner Mike Ballard has more than 48 years of service experience. Inland Motorsports is also an authorized U-Haul dealer and recipient of the Top 100 Award of Achievement for the United States and Canada.

Inland Motorsports is a family business that offers personal and professional service, focused on a quick turnaround and quality results. They also carry a full line of parts, accessories, riding gear and helmets and have access to parts of all

kinds. Their service rate and pricing are competitive.

Mike Ballard and Matt Krickbaum welcome customers personally to make them feel appreciated the moment they walk through the door. Also, on hand to greet customers are the owner's dogs Shadow and Cinnamon.

Inland Motorsports services units for many first responders including various Worcester County police departments, Assateague State and National parks, Town of Fenwick, Roxanna Fire Dept., Frankford Fire Dept. and the Bethany Fire Dept.

Inland Motorsports combines an enthusiasm for motorsports, a wide selection of products and accessories, a team of trained technicians and a commitment to customer satisfaction. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. They are closed Sunday and Monday. Their website is www.ATVplus.net.



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Mosquito pool tests positive for EEE

The Worcester County Health Department received notification from the State of Maryland that a mosquito pool in the Whaleyville area of Worcester County recently tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE).

Arboviruses, such as the EEE virus, are most common during the summer and fall months. The viruses are transmitted by infected mosquitoes and spread to humans, birds, horses and other animals. Since mosquitoes can breed in as little as a quarter inch of water, eliminating standing water is critical for the control of mosquito populations. Many factors impact when and where outbreaks occur, such as weather, numbers of mosquitoes that spread the virus, and human behavior.

Worcester and Wicomico County health departments provide the following tips to help prevent contact with mosquitoes and reduce risk of infection with EEE or other mosquito borne illnesses:

-Remove standing water around your home; as little as one-half inch of water will support dozens of mosquitoes. Remove or turn over buckets, bottles, and other containers; discard old tires or drill drainage holes in tires used for playground equipment; clean rain gutters; store canoes, wheelbarrows, and plastic wading pools upside down; flush bird-baths and the bottom of plant holders

twice a week; remove pet food and water dishes that are not being used; adjust tarps (over pools, boats, etc.) to eliminate standing water; fix dripping faucets.

-Wear clothing that covers the arms, legs, and feet whenever you are outdoors.

-Use mosquito repellents sparingly on exposed skin. An effective repellent will contain 20% to 30% DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide). Higher concentrations may cause side effects, particularly in children. Avoid applying repellents to the hands of children and do not use repellents on children under three years of age. Follow package instructions carefully.

-Spray clothing with repellents containing permethrin or DEET as mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing.

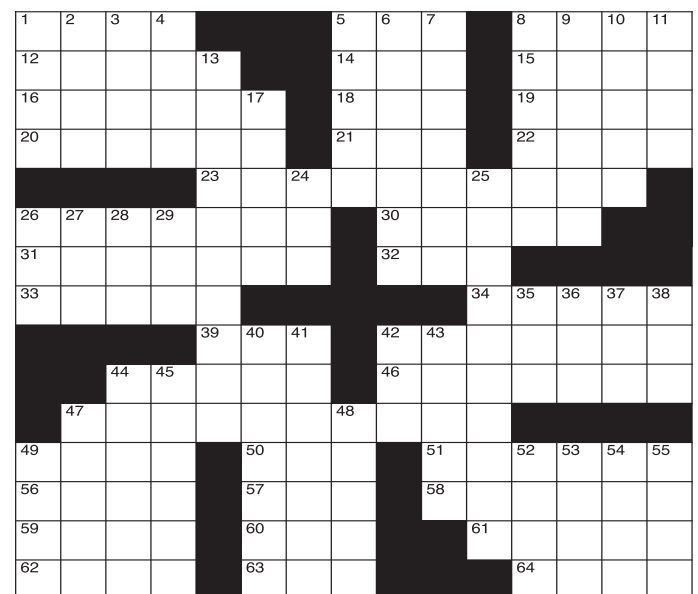
-Minimize outdoor activities at dawn, dusk, and in the early evening when mosquitoes are most active.

-Inspect window and door screens and repair any holes found.

Signs and Symptoms. People with milder illnesses typically recover on their own, although symptoms may last for several weeks. In more severe cases, patients need to be hospitalized to receive supportive treatment. Signs and symptoms of Eastern Equine Encephalitis include fever, headache, irritability, restlessness, drowsiness, vomiting, diarrhea, cyanosis, convulsions, and coma. Anyone with possible symptoms of EEE should contact a health care provider immediately.

Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) has done aerial spraying in the Whaleyville and surrounding areas, i

For more prevention tips and information about Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) visit www.cdc.gov/easternequineencephalitis or for info specifically related to EEE in Worcester County, visit www.worcester-health.org.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Job
- 5. Retirement account
- 8. Parent-teacher organizations
- 12. Audibly
- 14. Leavened bread in Indian cooking
- 15. "To ___ his own"
- 16. Violent disorder
- 18. Not wet
- 19. Worst (French)
- 20. Move with springy steps
- 21. Georgia rockers
- 22. Moved quickly
- 23. Blood proteins
- 26. Return to
- 30. Related to Iran
- 31. The first
- 32. Pearl Jam's debut
- 33. Nocturnal, catlike mamma
- 34. Hymn
- 39. One who engages in arbitrage
- 42. Less bright
- 44. Indian lute
- 46. Discovers
- 47. Weatherman
- 49. Jai ___, sport
- 50. Spy organization
- 51. Ancient Greek oracles
- 56. Swindles
- 57. Not young
- 58. Log-shaped pastry
- 59. Professional engineer association
- 60. Arabic feminine name
- 61. Sacred text
- 62. ___ and ends
- 63. What remains after taxes
- 64. Type of watt

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pack full of clay
- 2. Relating to wings
- 3. Type of bean
- 4. Former MLB commish Bowie
- 5. Short-tailed lemur
- 6. Cheese dish
- 7. To any further extent
- 8. Enzyme
- 9. Taiwan capital
- 10. Extensive landed property
- 11. Remove
- 13. Remove the head
- 17. High IQ group
- 24. Israeli city ___ Aviv
- 25. Sportscaster
- 26. Hastily set up
- 27. Midway between northeast and east
- 28. Beloved basketball player Jeremy
- 29. Consumed
- 35. One point east of due south
- 36. Television network
- 37. Allow
- 38. Wife
- 40. Grayish-brown mammal
- 41. Written language for blind people
- 42. Insecticide
- 43. Della ___, singer
- 44. Cleaned
- 45. Eye membranes
- 47. Past tense of fly
- 48. Anwar ___, Egyptian statesman
- 49. Currency exchange charge
- 52. Dark stain
- 53. Easily manageable
- 54. One who does not tell the truth
- 55. Soluble ribonucleic acid

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Answers for August 21



Feast - The Ocean Pines Boat Club Crab Feast was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ocean City on Saturday August 17. Above are **Richard and Patricia Marchiesello**. Photo by Anna Foulz.

Bertino to host town meeting

Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host a town meeting on Saturday, September 21 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 Stacey Norton, director of Human Resources for the county, Dr. Michael Browne, principal of Pocomoke Elementary School and Mike McClung and Worcester County Recycling Manager.

Ms. Norton will discuss the county's efforts to attract, hire and retain qualified employees in a tight employment market. She will also talk about the county's efforts to reign in healthcare costs, saving county taxpayers millions of dollars.

Dr. Browne, a Maryland 2017 National Distinguished Elementary Principal, will give an overview on the work he and his elementary school teachers

are doing in the southern part of the county, which has high levels of poverty.

Mr. McClung will discuss the county's recycling efforts, its cost and how a weakening recycling market is impacting local collection.

Commissioner Jim Bunting will join the meeting as well.

Tides for Ocean City Inlet starting

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	High	7:27 AM	7:35 PM
	Low	1:24 PM	
	High	8:00 PM	
F 30	Low	2:10 AM	6:28 AM
	High	8:20 AM	7:34 PM
	Low	2:18 PM	
	High	8:51 PM	
Sa 31	Low	2:58 AM	6:29 AM
	High	9:13 AM	7:32 PM
	Low	3:12 PM	
	High	9:42 PM	
Su 1	Low	3:45 AM	6:30 AM
	High	10:05 AM	7:31 PM
	Low	4:05 PM	
	High	10:31 PM	
M 2	Low	4:33 AM	6:31 AM
	High	10:57 AM	7:29 PM
	Low	5:00 PM	
	High	11:21 PM	
Tu 3	Low	5:22 AM	6:32 AM
	High	11:49 AM	7:28 PM
	Low	5:58 PM	
W 4	High	12:11 AM	6:32 AM
	Low	6:14 AM	7:26 PM
	High	12:43 PM	
	Low	6:59 PM	

Ravens Roost to meet

The Ravens Roost 58 monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, September 3 starting at 6:30 p.m. The group is looking for new members who are interested in holding fundraisers and meeting for games to raise money for local families in need. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 28th Street Pit & Pub.

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daughters, but said it was a happy time. She joked her aunt pulled her aside during a christening ceremony shortly after the move and prodded, “We’re just wondering when Dick is going to get a real job, with the family and everything.”

“I said, ‘He’s bringing home \$10,000 a month – I really couldn’t care less!’” Ott said. “It shut her right up!”

Salespeople at the time made 20 percent commission on new lots in what would eventually become Ocean Pines. Lots cost between \$4,000 and \$8,000 each, plus a 10-percent down payment.

Ott said there’s an Urban Legend that the roughly 3,000-acre area was originally marketed to The White House as a beachfront alternative to Camp David. When that fell through, Boise Cascade took over.

The first phase of construction started at the North Gate at what initially was just “a dirt road into the woods,” Ott said. A community center and pool soon followed.

There were model homes on Seabreeze Road, and Ott remembers seeing early renderings of the golf course and the original Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

Ott keeps in her office a Boise Cascade booklet of “Ocean Pines Facts,” circa 1974. A project concept inside states, “Ocean Pines is a private resort community on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in Worcester County. Ocean Pines encompasses 3,567 acres of former farm and wooded land with over

nine miles of waterfront and waterways on the St. Martin’s River and the Isle of Wight Bay, and includes all the completed and planned facilities and services normally associated with a high-quality resort area.”

Featured amenities at the time included the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club, the Edgewater Swim and Racquet Club, the Beach Club, an Equestrian Center, and 26 park areas. White Horse Park was described as “41 acres of wooded property with playground equipment, badminton and volleyball areas, picnic tables and charcoal grills, and a launching ramp for small boats.”

Planned additions included the Mumford’s Landing neighborhood and the Sports Core, then listed as a complex that would boast 10 tennis courts, a 49-by-75-foot swimming pool, and an “11-acre stocked fishing lake with sandy beach area.”

As of Sept. 15, 1973, there were 508 homes either built or under construction.

“The neat thing about Boise was they had deep pockets,” Ott said. “They put central water-sewer systems in. They bought a private Beach Club in Ocean City – nobody has a city block of oceanfront land! They put lakes in, and they even hired Robert Trent Jones, Jr. to design the golf course.”

The deep pockets also benefited area schoolchildren. Ott said Worcester County was initially reluctant to send school buses into Ocean Pines, then viewed as a private community, so Boise Cascade hired a team of “high powered

attorneys from Chicago.”

“They said [to county officials], ‘Well, we understand that you can’t bring the school buses into our community. And because the school budget is in the taxes, we’re just going to withhold that portion if you’re not going to provide the service,’” Ott said. “Within two weeks, we had bus service.”

Ott, meanwhile, was enjoying her time as a “professional mom” and a busy volunteer. She was the first president of the Ocean Pines Players and had a lead role in their first play, “The Silver Whistle.” At least once she played the Easter Bunny, hopping around White Horse Park and hiding eggs as Tim and Mary McMullen were starting to develop recreation programs for local children.

She was a member of the first chamber of commerce, president of the Showell Elementary School PTA, and a prolific fundraiser for any number of causes.

“One day I came home and told Dick I realized I’d raised about \$10,000 for charity this year. He said, ‘Marlene, charity begins at home,’” Ott said. “So, in 1978, I got my real estate license.”

Today, Ott is one of the top agents in the region, working out of a Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices / PenFed Realty office on Manklin Meadows Lane. She’s received numerous awards from real estate and community groups over the years, including a Lifetime Achievement honor from the Coastal Association of Realtors in 2014.

She also continues to volunteer. Ott recently served on the 50th Anniversary Committee that on August 21 was honored with a Worcester County Volunteer Spirit Award.

Through it all, Ott remains a proud Ocean Pines resident. She estimates she’s attended 45 Annual Meetings, having missed only a handful in the community’s 51-year history.

“There’s not many of us left that started out here,” she said. “John Talbot’s here. Unfortunately, we lost Jerry Richards maybe two years ago. Edie

Brennan is still an agent. But there haven’t been many people that have stayed committed to the business, but also to the community.”

Several decades ago, she said, an Annual Meeting might have included 20 people. Jean Bondi was the first woman Board member, and the first part-time resident to become an elected official. Col. John King was the first community manager.

“Everybody was just committed to making [Ocean Pines] better,” Ott said.

“It’s still a small community – it really is,” she continued. “And I think it is made up of the most energetic, caring people – people who are willing to volunteer their time on all these committees and as a member of the Board of Directors. And even, God bless them, the troublemakers – ‘The Loyal Order of the Spoon,’ as I call them, that get in there and stir the pot.”

Ocean Pines, over the years, has become “a lot of different things to a lot of different people,” Ott said. She has a unique perspective as a veteran Realtor who offers “the 50-cent grand guided tour” to newcomers.

“I take them in the North Gate, and I start with, ‘That’s our water tower. That’s the highest elevation in Ocean Pines. It’s 36 feet above sea level. If we ever have a storm, I’m going right there!’” she said.

“This is White Horse Park: 120 acres of parkland we have set aside for all the property owners. We have free concerts on Thursday nights, and we have a boat launching ramp and a craft shop. We have 60 organizations you can get involved in, if you want to,” she continued. “When you take people around for the first time, they go, ‘Wow! Honey, did you see that they have paddleboard and a dog park? And, it’s just six miles to the ocean and they have a private Beach Club in Ocean City!’”

“I don’t know why it works, but it does. I just think it’s a unique community. There’s nothing like Ocean Pines,” Ott said. “It’s incredible.”

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tion awareness during national recovery month. Due to the current addiction epidemic in the community, financial support is needed for 24-hour recovery services, resources to assist those going to and returning from treatment along with non-judgmental caring of those experiencing addiction. It has never been more important than today. Proceeds will fund scholarships for education and for treatment.

It will take the entire community working together to erase the stigma that is associated with the disease of addiction. You can support this cause by making a simple donation as a sponsor ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 and show off your business logo on the participant tee-shirts. Or register as a participant or team. Registration fee is \$20 per individual (first 50 will get a free T-shirt). All proceeds of this event will go towards helping Worcester County individuals/families touched by the disease of addiction.

Please send all donations to: The Atlantic Club, Attn: Sue Rodden, PO Box 563, Ocean City, MD 21843. Make checks payable to The Atlantic Club Walk for Recovery. Donations and registration may be made on the website for the Atlantic Club, www.atlanticclubocmd.org.

For more information, go on Facebook or call Laura Puckett at 443-397-5618 or Heidi McNeeley at 302-381-0569. Any questions may also be directed to The Atlantic Club General Manager, Sue Rodden at 410-213-1007.

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problem we can solve overnight, but we do have a plan and we are working hard to find solutions.”

Also present during the meeting were Association Vice President Steve Tuttle and Justin Riner of Ocean Pines Public Works, Worcester County Natural Resources Administrator Jenelle Gerthoffer, Robert Shockley of

Worcester County Stormwater Management, Worcester County Deputy Director of Environmental Programs David Bradford, Worcester County Director of Environmental Programs Bob Mitchell, Tracey Gordy and Keith Lackie from the Maryland Department of Planning, Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino, and Pat Schrawder, representing Maryland Senator Mary Beth Carozza.



Luuuucy! - **Charles and Sharon Sorrentino** volunteered to perform their "I Love Lucy" skit at the recent Pine Tones event. Photo by Anna Foulz.

Fashion Show returns

The Republican Women of Worcester County will host their 11th Annual Patriot Day Fashion Show Luncheon honoring "Women Who Changed the World" on Monday, October 21 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City.

Fashions are by "The Dressing Room" in Salisbury. There will be local vendors, mystery envelopes, lucky surprise boxes and more. Cost of the luncheon is \$35 per person. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the program begins at 11:30 a.m. Deadline date for reservations is October 15. To make your reservation and/or for more information, please contact Jean Delcher at 410-641-8927 or 410-746-1612.

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ple in the room. The chorus, led by volunteer Carol Ludwig, also treated the visitors to a wonderful version of "Over the Rainbow."

The First Lady watched a different group of clients sculpting with clay, was amazed at the mountains of hospitality linens the clients were processing and enjoyed the delightful aromas in the kitchen as she watched clients prepare lunch.

Senator Carozza, in addition to singing with the clients, enjoyed seeing Pip the Beach Cat and Pip's helper Emily Meadows reading to the clients. The senator said, "It truly was one of the most moving and inspiring visits for me as a public servant...Love your clients."

WCDC Executive Director Jack Ferry had the privilege of narrating the tour for the group along with Arts Coordinator Tina Johnson. Johnson explained the specific artistic styles the clients were using and spoke about how the agency was transitioning into a center for the arts.

Ferry was proud of the clients and staff. "We only talk about abilities at WCDC, and today our clients showed our visitors not only their wonderful talents but also the breadth of these talents to include painting, sculpting, soap making and singing."

Yesim Karaman, Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor, accompanied First Lady Hogan and thanked Ferry for the tour. She said, "The First Lady, and let's be honest-the rest of the team too, had a wonderful time learning about WCDC."

Nick Haglich, WCDC receptionist and program participant, presented the First Lady with a basket of Inner Ocean soaps made by the clients

WCDC provides supports for adults who live with an intellectual disability in Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties. WCDC is a member of the Ocean City, Berlin, Ocean Pines and Snow Hill Chambers of Commerce and a member agency of the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore.

For more information about WCDC and its programs, please contact Jack Ferry at ferry@wcdcservices.org.



Bake sale - The Arcadia Chapter of The Questers held its Annual Bake Sale at the recent Berlin Peach Festival. The money raised goes to the Taylor House Museum in Berlin. The Questers support the preservation and restoration of historic buildings and landmarks for educational purposes. For more information on The Questers: www.questers1944.org.

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Things to look for in a boarding facility

Pet ownership involves making careful decisions with the well-being of pets in mind. When pet owners need to go out of town, bringing the pet along can be a smart move. But in other instances, it may be preferable to leave pets behind. In such instances, it becomes essential to find a place that can accommodate the animal in a safe and humane fashion.

Pet owners who do not have the luxury of asking family or friends to watch their animals can enlist the services of a boarding kennel. Touring some facilities and asking the right questions can help people find the best options.

Care.com, the company that provides companionship and care for seniors, children and pets, advises first speaking with your veterinarian about the best kennels nearby. Some vet offices also have boarding facilities on premises. This can be a great option, as the vet and staff will already be familiar with your animal and be able to provide medical care if an emergency

arises. Also, vet boarders are great for pets with special needs or those that are on medication.

Pet parents can ask for recommendations from friends or neighbors as well. Before visiting a kennel, recognize that signs of a poorly run facility include dirty pens, housing areas in disrepair, smelly premises, and dogs or cats that seem anxious.

When going with a third-party boarder, look for one that is licensed, insured and bonded. Different areas require various regulations regarding boarding certifications, so do your homework. If the pet should be injured or injures another dog or person during its stay, or damages property

while at a bonded and insured boarding facility, the pet owner will be covered for costs.

offer luxury spaces, complete with couches and televisions. The staff may pamper the pet, and packages also may include grooming or pet playdates. Visiting the facility in advance also affords owners the chance to see if it looks and smells clean and has proper ventilation. Pet owners also will want to ensure that all pets that are boarding there are required to be current on vaccinations and healthy.

The pet adoption company Petfinder suggests gradually introducing a pet to boarding. Try a short overnight or weekend trip before booking a week-long excursion. When dropping off dogs or cats for boarding, avoid long and emotional good-byes, which may upset the pet. With practice, the parting period will be easier for all involved.



Look at various facilities and what they offer before making a final decision. Many boarding facilities now

offer luxury spaces, complete with couches and televisions. The staff may pamper the pet, and packages also may include grooming or pet playdates. Visiting the facility in advance also affords owners the chance to see if it looks and smells clean and has proper ventilation. Pet owners also will want to ensure that all pets that are boarding there are required to be current on vaccinations and healthy.

A raspberry a day...

According to the American Kennel Club, raspberries offer an abundance of health benefits to dogs so long as they are fed to pups in moderation. Dogs do not need to eat fruit for its nutritional value, as the AKC notes those needs are typically met by serving them high-quality dog foods. But raspberries are an excellent source of dietary fiber, which helps dogs fight obesity by keeping them feeling full for long periods of time. And the dietary fiber found in raspberries improves dogs' digestive systems. And because they're loaded with antioxidants, raspberries can help to reduce dogs' risk of heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and arthritis. In fact, the anti-inflammatory properties of the antioxidants found in raspberries can be especially



beneficial to aging dogs by alleviating their age-related joint pain. Low in both sugar and calories, raspberries are rich in vitamin C, K and B-complex, and are an excellent source of minerals such as potassium, manganese, copper, folic acid, iron, and magnesium. As beneficial as raspberries can be, the AKC notes that it is imperative that dog owners only serve them in moderation. That's because raspberries contain high levels of the all-natural sweetener xylitol,

which can be toxic to dogs, potentially contributing to the development of liver disease and hypoglycemia as well. Dog owners who want their dogs to get all the benefits of eating raspberries without putting their pooches' health in jeopardy should consult their veterinarians before including raspberries in Fido's diet.



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New Wor-Wic board of trustees officers elected

Russell W. Blake of Pocomoke City was recently named chairperson and Kimberly C. Gillis of Salisbury was named vice chair of the board of trustees at Wor-Wic Community College.



Russ Blake



Kim Gillis

Blake, who was appointed to the board in 1996, served as chair from 2003-06 and 2013-15, and as vice chair from 2001-03, 2011-13 and 2018-19. Blake retired as city manager of Pocomoke City after 40 years in the position. He received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and his master's degree in business management from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Blake is a credentialed member of the International City Management Association (ICMA) and received the ICMA an-

nual award for career excellence in 2015. He is a member and past president of the Pocomoke City Rotary Club and Maryland City/County Management Association, and a member of the board of directors of the Mar-Va Theater Performing Arts Center and the Delmarva Discovery Center and Museum in Pocomoke City, Furnace Town Living Heritage Village in Snow Hill, the McCready Foundation and the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council. Blake is a past member of Wor-Wic's foundation and past chairperson of the college's local advisory council. He has served on the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays and the board of directors of the Pocomoke City Chamber of Commerce. He also was a member of the Leadership Maryland Class of 2002.

Gillis was appointed to the board in 2017. She is a senior associate and business development manager at the Becker Morgan Group in Salisbury, where she has been employed since 1999.

She holds a bachelor of science degree from Salisbury University and currently serves as vice president of the Salisbury University Alumni Association.

A member of the Shore Leadership Class of 2013, Gillis is also a member of the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association and the Education Awards Committee of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. She has served as chair of the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce and as vice chair of the College, Career and

Life Readiness subcommittee of the City of Salisbury's Youth Development Advisory Council.

In addition to Blake and Gillis, Wor-Wic board of trustee members include William H. Kerbin of Pocomoke City, Lorraine Purnell-Ayers of Snow Hill, and Andrew W. Booth, Morgan Hazel and Martin T. Neat of Salisbury.

Nonprofit management certificate offered

The continuing education division at Wor-Wic Community College is offering a certificate in nonprofit management that consists of four courses that will be held in Fulton-Owen Hall at the college campus on the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

Participants who successfully complete the courses, called "Starting a Nonprofit 101," "Preparing and Submitting Grant Proposals," "The Three Pillars of a Successful and Sustainable Nonprofit Organization" and "Effective Business Writing," will earn a workforce training certificate.

The first course, "Starting a Nonprofit 101," will be held on five consecutive Thursdays, beginning on Sept. 12, from 9 to 11 a.m., in Room 304. "Preparing and Submitting Grant Proposals" will be held on Friday, Oct. 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Room 211. "The Three Pillars of a Successful and Sustainable Nonprofit Organization" will be held on Friday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Room 204 and "Effective Business Writing" will be held on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 5 and 6, from noon to 4 p.m., in Room 211.

For more information about the certificate or for a non-credit class schedule, visit www.worwic.edu or contact Kerry Cleaver, director of continuing education and workforce development, at kcleaver@worwic.edu or 410-334-2815.



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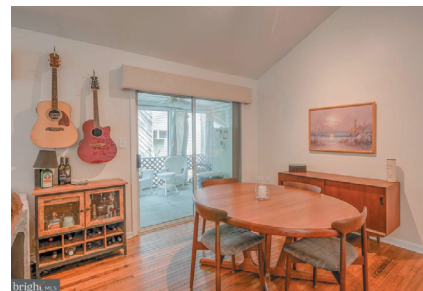
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