

Ocean Pines Bay Day event is Sunday

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program invites you to show up on Sunday, September 8 at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and roll up your sleeves for backyard habitats.

Maryland Coastal Bays Program has teamed up with the Ocean Pines Association to show homeowners how to improve backyard habitat by planting native pollinator plants, building bat boxes, bird houses, bee homes, and constructing seed bombs. "By taking simple steps towards a bay-friendly backyard, homeowners can reduce time and effort maintaining their yards, and, at the same time, help to improve the health of the Coastal Bays," said Liz Wist, education coordinator at Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

"We hope to showcase what local homeowners can do to improve backyard habit for wildlife and to improve local water quality," said Frank Piorko, executive director of Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

A small pollinator garden project, established in May of 2019 at White Horse Park, will be completed at the

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Donation - These smiling ladies of the Delmarva Chorus recently provided a donation of filled school backpacks for the Worcester G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity) and rolls of table coverings for the Worcester County Development Center for their new Arts Program. The Delmarva Chorus is always welcoming new members to sing and have fun with them! A guest night and membership drive is scheduled for Monday, September 30 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Women of all ages are welcome to attend.

New OPA board has orientation

Three new Board members, and two returning ones, took part in an orientation meeting on Monday at the Ocean Pines Beach Club.

Joining Association President Doug Parks and Vice President Steve Tuttle were newly elected Board members Tom Janasek, Camilla Rogers and Larry Perrone. Perrone also serves as the association treasurer.

The roughly four-hour session included an overview of governing documents presented by attorney Jeremy Tucker, and an explanation of Association financials by General Manager John Viola, Finance Director Steve Phillips and Perrone.

"I thought it was a productive session with the new directors," Viola said. "Along with the presentations on governing documents and OPA finan-

cial, all of our department heads were present and each said a few words, so it was a chance for the new Board members to meet the team and get an idea of what everyone does.

*Attorney **Jeremy Tucker** speaks during a Board orientation meeting, Monday at the Ocean Pines Beach Club.*

"The team and I are moving on a number of key initiatives, and I'm looking forward to continuing the positive relationship the GM had with the prior

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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.

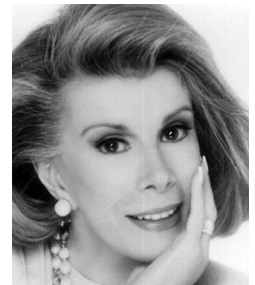
First Saturday

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

On this day in 2014, Joan Rivers, one of the best-known comedians of her era, died at age 81 in a New York City hospital, a week after she went into cardiac arrest while undergoing a medical procedure on her vocal cords at a Manhattan clinic. During a showbiz career that spanned more than five decades, Rivers blazed a trail for women in stand-up comedy and turned "Can we talk?" into a national catchphrase. No topic was taboo for the irreverent, sharp-tongued performer, who poked fun at her personal life and affinity for plastic surgery, skewered Hollywood celebrities and once said, "I succeeded by saying what everyone else is thinking."



Dance club to host free lessons

The Pine Steppers Square Dance Club host demonstrations and lessons on September 7 and 14 between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The group will perform demonstrations to encourage new dancers to take free lessons. Singles and couples are welcome. The caller is Dennis O'Neal. Interested persons can take square dance lessons every Wednesday from October through May. For more information, call 302-436-4033 or 970-389-3389. Visit Pine Steppers on Facebook.

Kiwanis breakfast returns

The annual Fall Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday October 12, between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center. Fresh hot pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee and tea are on the menu. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 kids under 12 and children under five are free. Carryout is also available. Proceeds benefit the youth of our community.

Diabetes support group to meet

The Diabetes Support Group will meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, September 9 in the Avery W. Hall Educational Center auditorium on the Peninsula Regional campus. The session this month will include a talk about diabetes medications, with pharmacist Daehak Yim, PharmD.

Whether you, a member of your family or a friend has diabetes, participating in a support group can and will assist you in coping with the concerns the disease brings. Presentations include information on how to better manage and live with diabetes. Topics vary from month to month, and the group provides an excellent opportunity for all participants to share beneficial ideas and experiences. There are no dues or fees to attend.

For more information about the support group meetings or if you have questions about diabetes, please call 410-543-7061.

Local businesses, OPA to bring out 'Big Trucks'

Fire trucks, dump trucks, tractors, tow trucks and more are slated to roll into Ocean Pines on Saturday, September 7 during the annual Big Truck Day.

Children will be able to see, touch and sit in all the oversized vehicles during the free and open to the public event, scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park. They will also be able to interact with police

and firefighters, as well as all manner of "big truck" operators.

"We get a lot of people with younger kids, and younger kids just think it's the greatest thing," Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Program Supervisor Debbie Donahue said of the event. "They get to climb on, get in and mess with all these big trucks."

Ocean Pines Police, Public Works and the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department will take part in the event, along with Maryland Natural Resources Police, the U.S. Coast

Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary, Harkin's Ready Mix, Seaside Plumbing, and Republic Services.

"What makes up a community is not the bylaws or the regulations, it's the people," Republic Services Division Manager Anthony Spirito said. "What I love about Ocean Pines are all these different community events that

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Resurfacing to close gym

The Ocean Pines Community Center gym will close for renovations from September 9 to September 13.

During that time, ICP Construction will sand and repaint the gym floor to add a third indoor pickleball court.

“They have to redo the whole floor in order to add that court, so they’ll start on the 9th sanding and it’ll take all week for it to be painted and to settle, before we can walk on it again,” Recreation and Parks Program Supervisor Debbie Donahue said.

Donahue said the fiscal 2019 budget included \$18,000 for the project. With taxes and freight, the actual cost will be slightly higher, at \$18,600.

Fall activities scheduled to start during the second week of September were rescheduled to the following week. Normal activities will resume upon reopening of the gym, on Saturday, September 14.

Pickleball players, Donahue said, couldn’t be happier about the project.

“They think it’s great. They’re really excited that they can bring in more people and they’ll have more room,” she said. “Being able to put three courts in there and moving them away from the bleachers just makes it better for them.”

For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052. For information on recreation programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, visit www.oceanpines.org/recreation-and-parks.



Thank you - Ocean Pines Wednesday Bridge Club donated to the servers who took care of them at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club this summer. (L-R) Server **Kearston Frey**, club treasurer **Pat Steven** presenting check to Manager of the Yacht Club **Austin Chavis** and **Frank Schwartz**. Photo by Anna Foulz

Tournament to raise money for veterans

The Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Association will host its second annual Fun-Raising Tournament on Saturday, September 28.

Tournament proceeds will benefit the Coastal Hospice and Palliative Care “We Honor Veterans” program.

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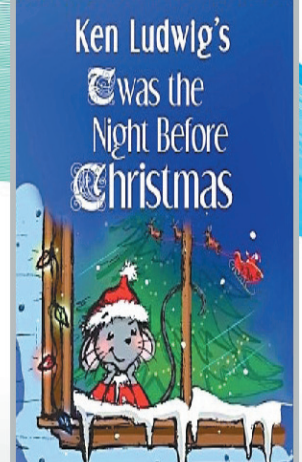
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Petitioners to challenge OP

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

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Former Ocean Pines Association Director **Marty Clarke** informed *OceanPinesForum.com* that



he has joined forces with a group of over 800 association members whose petition to have a referendum on changing the bylaws spending limits for the OPA Board of Directors

was rejected by the current Board of Directors.

Clarke said a respected Ocean City law firm has been hired and OPA will soon receive a letter from the petition group's attorney. The petitioners intend to challenge OPA's decision to not hold the referendum - in court if necessary.

OPA issued a statement back on August 21, 2019 stating the petition did not meet "the necessary requirements," based on an opinion by OPA counsel Jeremy Tucker. Tucker's opinion was made public and raised many questions.

An *OceanPinesForum.com* commentary published in *The Courier* newspaper on the OPA statement and the Tucker legal opinion resulted in a message board exchange with over 250 responses.

How the Board of Directors will react to any communication from the petitioners' attorney is unknown. However, we do know that OPA vice-president Steve Tuttle introduced a motion at the August 31, 2019 board meeting to approve a board-initiated referendum to reduce the board spending limit on any one project from the current bylaws 20% to 12% of assessment revenue. Tuttle's proposal would reduce the board spending limit without a referendum to about \$1 million, but leave in place a percentage to allow for future inflation.

The petitioners want to see the number fixed at \$1 million. Currently, based on the 20% number, any four board members can vote to spend nearly \$2 million on any single project without asking association members.

Tuttle's motion was rejected by all six of his fellow board members. During discussion of the motion, the gen-

eral consensus of the six members voting against Tuttle's motion was that association members should just trust the Board of Directors when it comes to spending association money.

Should this case go to court, it is likely OPA will spend more money on attorney fees than it would cost to have a referendum on the issue, approximately \$10,000. Many wonder why the board does not just go ahead with the referendum and settle this issue. Even some who do not want the spending limit reduced believe the referendum should be held because it is the right thing to do. The over 800 OPA-verified association members who signed the petition represent almost 25% of the association members who actually vote in elections.

Then there are those totally op-

posed, like former board member and now Budget & Finance Committee member Tom Piatti who wrote to association member Robert Bauersmith, "Put a fork in this issue Bob; it's dead."

To again boil this issue down to its core - petitioners desire to change the bylaws via referendum in a way that would limit what any four board members can spend on a single project to \$1 million unless approved by the members in a referendum, a reduction in the current nearly \$2 million.

Clarke and the petitioners are also looking for further financial support for their efforts. Clarke says those interested in contributing or otherwise supporting the group may contact him via email at calibanrealty@mchsi.com.

Readings by Berlin writers scheduled

The Ocean City Center for the Arts will host an evening of short readings by nine members of Berlin's "First Saturday Writers" group on Thursday, September 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served.

Nine writers from the group will read original flash fiction, short stories, poetry, and excerpts from books and work in progress during the Fall into Fiction evening.

Will Danaher of Bishopville is a graduate of Salisbury University and working on his first compilation of short fiction stories.

Gwendolyn Lehman of Ocean Pines taught English, Psychology, and Theater for 46 years at Stephen Decatur High School. She is best known for having initiated and developed the curricular SDHS Theater Program. Her awards include Maryland Drama Teacher of the Year, Worcester County Teacher of the Year, Maryland Outstanding Arts Educator, the Governor's Arts Award, and a National Milken Educator Award.

Don Lehman of Ocean Pines has worked as a fine artist, educator, photographer, and partner in a marketing company. He has published three volumes of haiku and recently selected 28 short stories for a self-published paperback.

Al Shearman of Bishopville is an unexpected writer, semi-retired carpenter, and maintenance man who enjoys telling the story of Charlie as he dream-travels, soon to be published as "Dreams: Travels with Charlie."

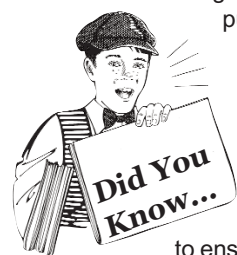
Cindy Roman of Ocean Pines is a retired Professor of Management and Human Resources in the School of Business Administration at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. She will read from her new fiction novella, "Desperate Trek: One Family's Journey from Honduras to Texas."

Ellen Krawczak of Ocean Pines is a transplanted New Yorker who loves to travel. She is a volunteer for Worcester County Family and Youth and also does some volunteer editing.

Bill Ellis of Ocean Pines is a former

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Children with special needs often benefit from gifts with specialized purposes. While general gifts certainly can be fitting, customizing the gifts to the recipient's particular emotional or behavioral needs can be a great way to ensure kids get the most use out of their toys. To get help with making selections, gift-givers may want to visit Miniland Educational USA (www.minilandeducationalusa.com/able-play/), which offers a variety of ideas, comprehensive information on toys/products and its own rating system, known as AblePlay, for special needs individuals. In addition, the company offers solutions for smart growth, care, fun activities, and learning opportunities for all children.



Hall joins Wor-Wic

Wor-Wic Community College recently welcomed Melissa Hall of Willards as instructor of radiologic technology.

She has been working at Atlantic General Hospital since 2000 as a multi-modality technologist.

She earned associate degrees in radiologic technology and general studies from Wor-Wic and a bachelor's degree in health sciences from South University in Savannah.

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Courier at 20

Each week on the front of this paper the Volume and Number change to reflect a new edition. You probably aren't even aware of this. This week the Volume changed to 20 and the Number changed to

do, he answered an employment ad and met with Bob Adair. The two hit it off immediately. Bob was a gifted writer whose style was comfortable, responsible and respected. He never got flustered. His laugh was infectious. He eventually became editor and developed some of the practices still followed today.

Sheri Lassahn, Bob's wife, joined us when my wife needed help delivering the paper each week. I don't remember exactly how things

transpired but Susan met with Sheri and within a few minutes they became friends for life. Together they home delivered the paper for a few years having way too much fun along the way and eating a steady supply of Dots candy. Eventually Sheri became our office manager, the keeper of the books. I relied on her far more than was fair and she was always there for me.

Sometime during the early 2000s, Dolores Pike sent me an unsolicited writing sample. After reading it I called her to schedule a meeting. We met and truthfully, I didn't know what to make of her. She was talented, intense and her answers to my questions were, what would be the right word? Economical. She came aboard writing feature stories and profiles. And she was excellent. Well read, empathetic and a great conversationalist, she had a way of capturing the nub of a story. She eventually became editor of the paper as well as a magazine we published for couple years, Grayshore.

Through the years Mary Adair has been involved in many functions of this paper since its inception: home delivery, bulk delivery, proofreading and book-keeping among other things. She is an unassuming asset who goes about her work without complaint. It was she who suggested the name *Courier* when my wife and I, along with Mary and Bob were sitting in our living room discussing the prospects of launching this paper. Just to connect some of the dots, Mary is my mother-in-law.

Many thanks go to my wife for enduring the trials and tribulations of the past two decades. It hasn't been easy and there have certainly been sacrifices made along the way. But as she has told me more than once, "one foot in front of the other."

Finally, I am very grateful to our readers and advertisers who each week decide to make *The Courier* a part of their lives.

So you see, there's more to the Volume and Number than meet the eye.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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1. Inconsequential it may seem I'm sure. But to me it marks a milestone.

The Courier is entering its twentieth year of publication.

It's interesting and a little shocking that so much time has passed since this paper launched September 6, 2000. At that time, it was hard enough focusing on the first edition let alone thinking about one twenty years in the future. Had someone asked me whether we'd be around after two decades I'm not sure how I would have answered. Yet, here we are, chugging along.

It's been my objective to bring readers something different each week, something not found in the other fine publications that serve our area. I think we accomplish this for many reasons, but in no small part because of regular contributions by Dr. Doug Hemmick, Ron Fisher, Dan Collins, Bev Wisch, Jean Marx and Kelly Marx. Through the years there have been many others who have shared their talents to bring readers something unique. Among them, Betty Cianci, Tom Range, Elaine Vander Clute, Betty McDermott, Stacia Heubeck and Steve Habeger.

There are other folks past and present to whom I am thankful for their efforts on this paper's behalf: Debbie Haas, Mark Bednar, Linda Kessinger and Linda Knight.

I'd like to mention a few folks who have made a lasting impression on this paper and on me.

My father-in-law Bob Adair was the first editor. He was very supportive when I first talked to him about launching a paper. He agreed, for reasons I still don't understand, to be the editor. He gave this paper substance merely by being a part of it. For five years he sat in meetings, did interviews and wrote and wrote and wrote. Boy, did he write. He is missed.

Bob Lassahn joined the paper as a reporter shortly before our first edition. A retired Baltimore Police lieutenant who was looking for something to do – because his wife told him he needed something to

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Worcester County honors volunteer spirit

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“It is an honor to help connect volunteers with nonprofit organizations serving Worcester County and then being able to recognize many of those same individuals years later for putting their time, talents, and resources to work with those same agencies to improve our local communities,” said Brinkley, who heads Worcester County Volunteer Connection (WCVC).

Barbara Johnson of the Worcester County Arts Council and Mary Ellen Arena of Star Charities received Individual Spirit Awards. Johnson was recognized for serving as a gallery docent, helping with children’s programs, and assisting with the artists’ opening receptions. Arena was recognized for her work with the Sons and Daughters of Italy to raise funds for local charities and scholarships to

three area high school students and for organizing social dinners and trips that cement friendships between the lodge and the community.

Ellie Scott of the Worcester County Arts Council received the Member of a Board Spirit Award for coordinating

gallery improvement projects and coordinating more than 10 gallery exhibits to help the arts council make closer connections with the community.

Laura Puckett of the Atlantic Club received the Worcester County Employee Spirit Award for touching the lives of more than 1,000 individuals in recovery and for heading up special events, including chairing the Walk for Recovery.

Sharon O’Hare, Jenny Cropper-Rines, and Carol Ludwig, representing the Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary group, received the Group/Team Spirit Award for working tirelessly to promote the 50th anniversary celebration by locating and extracting the original time capsule, and planning,

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Recognizing Kiwanis service to local schools

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City is proud of its commitment to local schools through their Kiwanis Student Leadership Program. Club President Dick Clagett recognized the Kiwanians who serve as the liaisons to the schools and to the Worcester County Developmental Center. (L-R) **Skip McComas** (liaison to Berlin Intermediate School Kiwanis Builders Club), **Jackie Todd** (Stephen Decatur Middle School Builders Club), **Shelley and Steve Cohen** (Worcester County Developmental Center Aktion Club), **Roy Foreman** – (Stephen Decatur High School Key Club), **Ralph and Wilma Chinn** (Buckingham Elementary K-Kids) and President **Dick Clagett**.

Tickets available for pARTy of the Year

The Art League of Ocean City announces that tickets are now on sale for “pARTy of the Year: Paint the Town” on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Aloft Hotel in Ocean City.

The annual event is a benefit for the nonprofit Art League of Ocean City, which operates the Ocean City Center for the Arts, and allows the Arts Center to remain free to the public and open daily year-round. Funds raised also provide critical funding for the operations for the Arts Center and its

youth and community outreach programs.

The event will be held at the new bayfront Aloft Hotel, 4501 Coastal Hwy. in Ocean City. Tickets are \$125 and available by calling the Art League at 410-524-9433 or online at artleagueofoceancity.org/party.

Guests will enjoy heavy hors d’oeuvres by Taste Events, sushi by Nori Sushi, and an open bar. “Plead the 5th” will perform with live music and dancing, and interactive art surprises will

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Kiwanis house number Signs

Pictured are (L-R) Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President **Dick Clagett** accepting \$400 from Chair of the Kiwanis House Signs Community Service Program **Ralph Chinn**. Signs cost \$15 and repainting of them is only \$10. Order forms can be obtained at the Ocean Pines Administration Office in the entrance hall on the left. The signs help to identify the houses more easily from the street for emergency services and anyone trying to find your house.

Suicide prevention campaign returns

When “Save a Shore Farmer” billboards went up on Route 13 last fall, and when televised public service announcements were screened, it was obvious that the suicide prevention campaign had struck a chord.

The Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program has received a second grant from the Rural Maryland Council that will fund most of an expanded year two of Save a Shore Farmer.

“The CDC released a report that concluded that the occupation subgroup composed of farmers, forestry workers and commercial fishermen ranks #4 on a list of suicide risk by occupation,” said Fund President Kim Klump. “It didn’t take us long to realize how important those industries are to our communities, especially farming, and when a grant opportunity arose we were prepared to take advantage of it to launch this new campaign.”

Save a Shore Farmer’s first year focused on intensive media outreach, to raise awareness of the heightened risk

of suicide in farm families and to spread the message that suicide can be prevented. This included billboard placement, over 1,000 television spots, placing printed information at 19 sites in the lower three counties where farmers may gather, and appearances at agricultural related events. The second year will expand upon that work, and include Spanish language versions of the material.

“The first indication that we were reaching people was the spike we observed in visits to www.saveashorefarmer.org, the website created especially for the campaign, after billboards went up and after television spots began,” Klump said. “In year two we hope to engage farm families more directly, teaching recognition of the warning signs of suicide’s threat. We’re open to any suggestions about events relating to farming where we may exhibit, organizations that would invite us to speak, or any way to reach the agricultural population.”

Another result was invitations to

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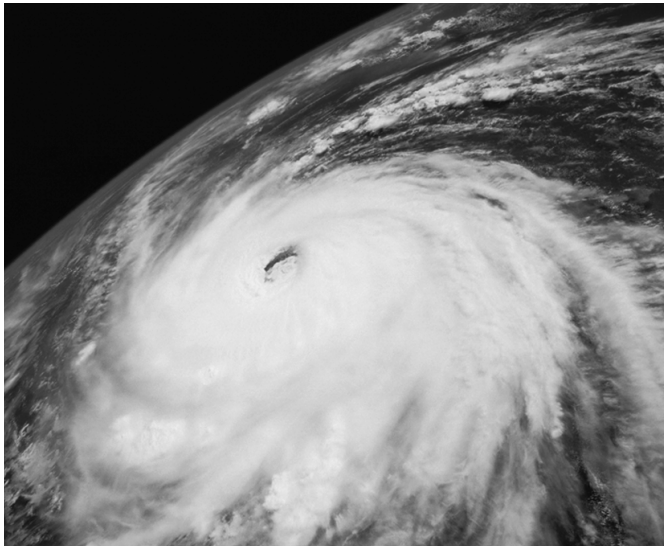
Hurricanes are no laughing matter. Hurricane Dorian churning up the Atlantic Coast Hurricanes has demonstrated what havoc strong storms can wreak. Strong hurricane winds and rain can cause substantial damage, as can tidal surges that cause flooding to coastal areas.

Hurricanes are sometimes referred to as typhoons and tropical cyclones. But no matter the name, these storms pack the same powerful punch. Storms earn the hurricane designation when they include winds that reach 74 mph.

Hurricane season typically runs between May and November. "National Geographic" says that hurricanes form over warm ocean waters near the equator. This warm, moist air from the ocean rises and then causes air from surrounding areas to be sucked into a continuous storm formation. Clouds begin to rotate with the Earth's rotation. If there is enough warm water to feed the storm, then the hurricane forms.

Surviving a hurricane can come down to understanding the risks of the storm. Understanding hurricane terminology also can help. The following are some hurricane facts and preparedness tips.

The strongest part of a hurricane is called the wall. It is the most dangerous part of the hurricane with the strongest winds, heaviest rains and thickest clouds. The wall immediately



surrounds the center eye of the storm. The circular eye of the hurricane is generally calm with no clouds. Hurricanes rotate in a counter-clockwise direction around the eye.

Hurricanes are generally classified into five categories, depending on their severity. The higher the number, the more potent the storm.

The National Hurricane Center started giving official names to storms in 1953. If a hurricane has been especially destructive, its name may be retired. Examples of retired names include Andrew, Katrina, Mitch, and Sandy.

Hurricanes will lose strength over land because they require moist ocean water for fuel.

According to "Science Kids," coastal regions are most at danger from hurricanes because of their proximity to the ocean.

Data from the Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory found the three states with the

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From left, **Gavin Stephens**, **Samantha Davis**, **Josh Downes**, treasurer, **Mallory Dryden**, vice president of communications, and **Samantha Hill**, president, are congratulated on their achievements by **Dr. Ray Hoy**, president of Wor-Wic Community College.

PTK chapter receives awards

Members of the Alpha Nu Omicron chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) international honor society at Wor-Wic Community College recently received awards and recognitions at the Middle States Regional Convention in Harrisburg, Pa., and the International Convention in Orlando, Fla.

At the regional convention, Alpha Nu Omicron again received a Middle States Gold designation, and, for the 12th year in a row, Five Star chapter status. With 80 chapters in the Middle States Region, Wor-Wic's chapter also received one of 15 Distinguished Chapter Awards. To be considered for this award, a chapter must submit entries for both an Honors in Action Project and a College Project. Each of the projects is then also considered individually for awards. Alpha Nu Omicron won recognition as one of the top 15 projects in both categories.

In addition to this recognition, Mallory Dryden of Marion Station, vice president of communications, and Stephanie Cascio of Berlin, vice presi-

dent of membership, each received a pin for the Chapter Officers Hall of Honor. Recipients are selected based on their demonstration of leadership, involvement in chapter programs, friendship with fellow scholars and enthusiasm for the society's hallmarks. From the Hall of Honor Chapter Officers, five recipients are named Middle States Region Distinguished Chapter Officers. Dryden received a Distinguished Chapter Officer medallion.

Matthew Cooper received a pin for the Members Hall of Honor. Recipients are selected based on a student's embodiment of the hallmarks of the society, emphasizing participation in PTK programs.

At the international convention, the chapter was recognized as one of the top 100 chapters out of more than 1,250 chapters of PTK. Alpha Nu Omicron was also recognized in the REACH Rewards program that recognizes and rewards chapters that excel in the area of membership development. REACH chapters achieved or exceeded a 15% membership acceptance rate in 2018.

PTK is an internationally-recognized honor society serving America's two-year colleges. The Alpha Nu Omicron chapter was chartered at Wor-Wic in September of 1987. Advisors of the chapter are Terry Thompson, professor of biological science; Dr. Lynn M. Derickson, professor of nursing; Allison Metro, assistant professor of English; and Dr. Heidi Walker, assistant professor of biological science.

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Raccoon tests positive for rabies

On August 28, an unidentified man brought a sick raccoon in a box to the Nature Center at the Pocomoke River State Park at Shad Landing in Snow Hill. Due to the ill appearance and condition of the raccoon, the Worcester County Health Department was notified and the raccoon was sent for rabies testing. The raccoon tested positive for rabies.

We are asking for assistance in identifying the man who brought the raccoon to the Nature Center. The man is described as a white, older male, driving a red crew cab pickup. The Worcester County Health Department is asking for this person to contact them immediately at 410-641-9559 so that exposure to the rabid raccoon can be assessed. The attached photos were obtained from surveillance cameras.



animal, post-exposure treatment is necessary to prevent the development of rabies. If not treated, rabies is fatal.

For general rabies information, please visit <http://www.worcester-health.org>.

Anyone with information on identifying the male should contact the Worcester County Health Department at the number above. The health department on-call staff may be reached after hours or on the weekend by calling Worcester County Emergency Services at 410-632-1311. If a person has been bitten or scratched by a rabid

Pharmacy to celebrate anniversary

On September 10, Atlantic General Hospital will hold an open house and ribbon cutting for the community to celebrate AGHRx RediScripts Pharmacy's fifth anniversary. In recognition of this milestone, RediScripts will make a donation to Atlantic General's indigent patient fund equal to the total register sales at RediScripts on September 10.

The pharmacy started small in 2014, and its evolution has been dramatic. In addition to handling the prescription needs of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System employees, medical staff and volunteers, RediScripts was there to fill the first supply of medication ordered for pa-

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Astronomy & Spaceflight

By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.



Human flight to Mars

Human trips to Mars have long been the dreams of astronomy and spaceflight enthusiasts. Ever since the conclusion of Apollo moon walks, the public has been captivated by the idea of sending men to Mars. This month's column examines some of the challenges in reaching that goal, and efforts to resolve them.

Astronomy fans recognize that Mars offers a special challenge in its remote location, about 166 times farther than the moon. This means that astronauts face long exposure to the cosmic radiation of deep space during a six-month space flight, while a trip to the moon requires just three days.

NASA's unmanned Martian probe "Curiosity" carried a special radiation sensing gauge on its voyage from Earth to Mars. The results were startling: an astronaut would receive as much radiation as having a "CAT" scan every five days. The odds of developing various cancers from radiation exposure during the journey are very high. In addition, astronauts have shown increased risk of cataracts, blindness and memory-loss. An effective shielding scheme seems critical.

The fuel requirements for the long Mars trip are high. The mission also requires food, water and oxygen supplies for the flight and the stay on the planet. One plan calls for first sending an unmanned mission to prepare the way for the manned landing. This initial mission could carry a habitat module with supplies to shelter and sustain the astronauts while they explore the Martian surface. The unmanned mission could also provide a reusable rocket to propel the astronauts back home.

Both NASA and private organizations have designed and built what are called "Mars habitat structures" here on Earth. These

training and simulation facilities have housed crews for periods from several weeks to eight-months. One crew even completed their isolation program for an entire year. Participants experience the limitations of eating only dehydrated foods and water restrictions. They must always wear



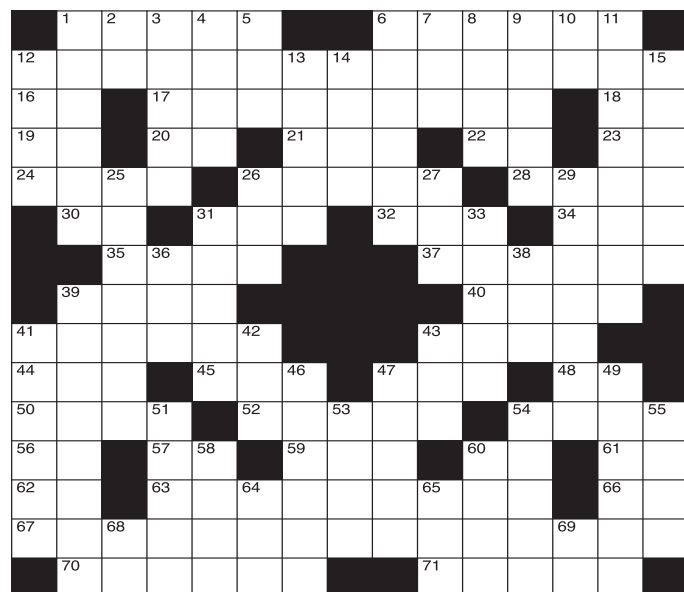
Mars Desert Research Station, Hanksville, Utah

their "space suits" when exploring the surrounding barren lands. Crews must grow their own vegetables, as well as performing experiments and explorations. This research has helped improve equipment designs, as well as understanding the personal stresses of isolated living for long periods.

The Mars Society has operated its "Mars Desert Research Station" (MDRS) since 2001. This habitat is located near Hanksville, UT in a barren mountainous area featuring Mars-like terrain. MDRS includes a cylindrical building with living quarters and a greenhouse for crop experiments including "aquaponics." There is a large Science Dome for geologic and biologic experiments, and a smaller dome housing a telescope. MDRS has hosted over 1,000 people in isolation sessions.

NASA has operated a facility known as "Hi-Seas," its Mars habitat dome in Hawaii. This dome is on the rugged terrain of the Mauna Loa

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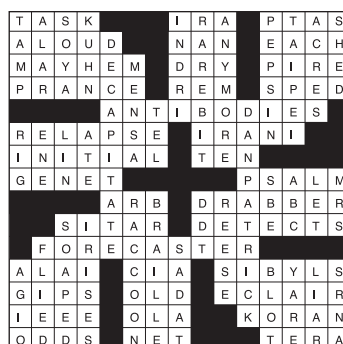


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Adventure stories
- 6. Amphetamines
- 12. Extend the limits
- 16. Article
- 17. Socially disoriented
- 18. Gold
- 19. Part of the mind
- 20. "Rubber Band Man" rapper
- 21. Take by force
- 22. Football position
- 23. American cola
- 24. Risk management plans (abbr.)
- 26. Narrow channel on the moon
- 28. Semitic alphabet letter
- 30. Dorm employee
- 31. Dessert dish
- 32. A street where nightmares happen
- 34. For each
- 35. Fat from a pig
- 37. Easily altered
- 39. Salvador __, Spanish artist
- 40. The last CEO of Sears
- 41. One who lades
- 43. Russian pop duo
- 44. Fictional free city of Essos
- 45. Cool!
- 47. Strong liquor
- 48. Rural delivery
- 50. Brews
- 52. Compound found in hops
- 54. Where golfers begin holes
- 56. Third note of a major scale
- 57. City of Angels
- 59. Snag
- 60. Exclamation of surprise
- 61. Controversial retired wide receiver
- 62. For example
- 63. Free to use
- 66. Carson's sidekick
- 67. Pirate saying
- 70. Convulses
- 71. Semitic gods

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Split apart
- 2. Equally
- 3. Mountain passes
- 4. Another name for Thor
- 5. Chinese chess piece
- 6. Helpless
- 7. US army designation (abbr.)
- 8. Micturated
- 9. One to respect
- 10. Small Greek island
- 11. In a thinly dispersed way
- 12. Put two together
- 13. Of the supernatural
- 14. Type of structure in organic chemistry
- 15. Card game
- 25. Feeling of discomfort
- 26. Get free of
- 27. Unit of measurement
- 29. A person who enjoys good food and drink
- 31. Violin maker
- 33. Noted psychotherapist
- 36. Complete
- 38. Ballplayers' tool
- 39. Afternoon illumination
- 41. Points a finger at
- 42. Moved quickly
- 43. '___ death do us part
- 46. Blue jeans
- 47. French Jesuit theologian
- 49. Dissuades
- 51. Eastern European peoples
- 53. Abnormal rattling sound
- 54. Air-breathing land snail genus
- 55. Turfs
- 58. Farewells
- 60. ___ mater: one's school
- 64. They ___
- 65. Baby's eating accessory
- 68. Priestess of Hera
- 69. Type of railroad



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tients discharged from the hospital.

The primary goal was to get the necessary medication in the hands of patients before they left the hospital, thereby increasing the odds that they would remain adherent with their physician's treatment plan and continue on the path to recovery.

The retail pharmacy's scope of business expanded quickly as Atlantic General layered on new services to further improve medication adherence and reduce barriers to improved health for the community at large. RediScripts was soon filling prescriptions for all Atlantic General Hospital and Health System patients, and then for any community members with medication needs.

The pharmacy began a discharge concierge program, offering advice and education about prescribed medications as well as the purchase of first-fill prescriptions right at the bedside for patients scheduled to go home.

They also launched an award-winning medication therapy management program that helps individuals with complex medication needs to better understand their medications and keep them organized to ensure safe and effective use.

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most hurricane landfalls are Florida, Texas and Louisiana.

Hurricanes do not affect Canadian cities and towns as much as places in the United States, but the Canadian Hurricane Centre was created as an expert source of information for Canadian residents. Atlantic Canada, namely Nova Scotia, is an area in Canada that is most likely to be impacted by hurricanes.

People who live in areas where hurricanes frequently touch down are advised to put together hurricane preparedness kits, which should include drinking water, nonperishable foods, extra clothing, flashlights and batteries, candles, and other supplies that are helpful if the power goes out.

Although many like to batten down the hatches and ride out storms, if a hurricane evacuation is advised, people should leave their homes. It may take days for power to be restored, and emergency personnel may not be able to reach injured or stranded residents in the interim.

With hurricane season heating up, knowledge is key to remaining safe when storms start to blow through.

Consultations and education are offered at the pharmacy or directly in the home, to ensure a complete review of all medications and supplements. Compliance packaging, which organizes multiple medications by dosage time, is provided at no additional charge to these patients.

To increase prescription fills among patients who might typically forego their medication due to cost, the pharmacy instituted a co-pay support program as well as an indigent fund. A financial counseling function is baked into the medication filling process for pharmacy staff members, who are constantly on the lookout for cost savings for their patients.

In addition to the typical offerings of a retail pharmacy, RediScripts coordinates fulfillment of oral chemotherapy needs for patients of the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center and stocks bariatric and wound care specialty products.

"What helps set RediScripts apart is our passion for tackling the tough challenges with medication for our patients to help support them on their path to wellness," said Jeff Kukel, manager of RediScripts pharmacy. "Rising prescription drug costs are nothing short of a national crisis. While our donation to the indigent fund is by no means the solution for the larger problem at hand with prescription drug prices, we hope that by continuing to help sustain this indigent fund we can make a difference for families in our area who would have otherwise walked away from a pharmacy counter untreated."

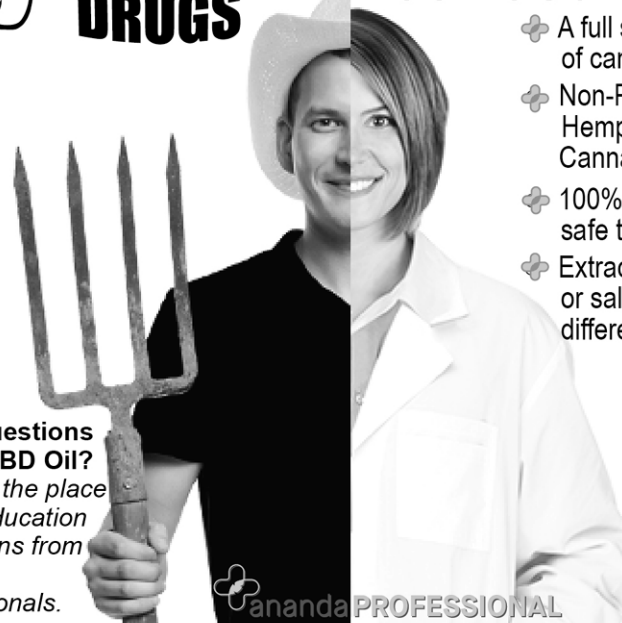
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	5 Low	7:07 AM	7:25 PM
	5 High	1:41 PM	
	5 Low	8:02 PM	
F	6 High	2:02 AM	6:34 AM
	6 Low	8:03 AM	7:23 PM
	6 High	2:44 PM	
	6 Low	9:08 PM	
Sa	7 High	3:06 AM	6:35 AM
	7 Low	9:02 AM	7:21 PM
	7 High	3:51 PM	
	7 Low	10:15 PM	
Su	8 High	4:14 AM	6:36 AM
	8 Low	10:02 AM	7:20 PM
	8 High	4:55 PM	
	8 Low	11:19 PM	
M	9 High	5:15 AM	6:37 AM
	9 Low	11:01 AM	7:18 PM
Tu	10 Low	12:12 AM	6:38 AM
	10 High	6:05 AM	7:17 PM
	10 Low	11:54 AM	
	10 High	6:35 PM	
W	11 Low	12:54 AM	6:39 AM
	11 High	6:48 AM	7:15 PM
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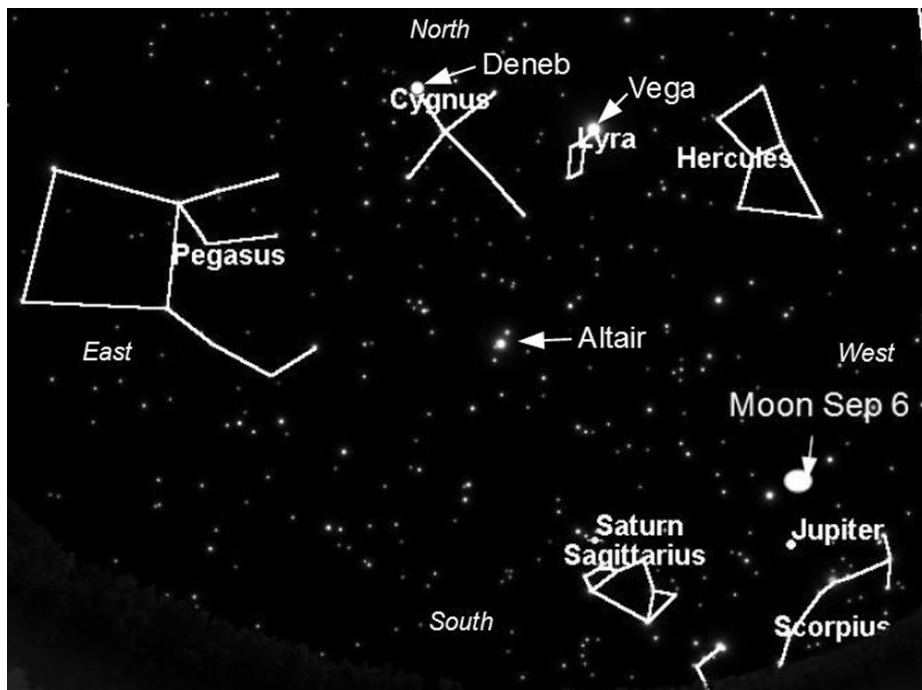
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volcano. Recently the facility has been re-purposed to lunar simulations.

Missions to Mars come with further challenges. Getting the crew safely to the planet surface presents great difficulties. The high-speed spacecraft must be slowed to orbital speed and ultimately to an appropriate velocity for soft-landing on the planet. Extreme “G forces” during this slow-down can create stresses on the human crew. Engineering design must provide a workable solution.

One advanced technology currently being studied is known as the “Variable Specific Impulse Magneto plasma Rocket” (VASIMR). This rocket is based on using a magnetic field to accelerate ions to great velocity, then heating and expelling them outwards, thus creating a forward thrust. Design engineers are considering whether the addition of a nuclear energy source could produce significant gains above the conventional rocket capabilities. With such a rocket, it may be possible to reduce the six-month trip to Mars to just 39 days.

In any case, it appears that getting astronauts to Mars is a more difficult prospect than has been advertised. However formidable it may be, one can take heart that advanced technology may arrive sooner than expected.

September’s stargazing again begins early as the planet Jupiter appears at about 7:30 p.m., just after sunset, hanging above the south-southwestern horizon.

The full celestial vista arrives at about 8:30 p.m, as Cygnus the Swan (Northern Cross), appears almost directly overhead. To the west is Hercules the Hero, which some might consider the smaller summertime “cousin” of the winter constellation Orion.

The Great Square of Pegasus lies to the east of Cygnus and heralds the coming of autumn.

Look for a conjunction on September 6, with the moon approaching just two degrees north of Jupiter.

Wishing good luck and clear skies to all stargazers.

Ocean Pines Chamber Community Connection

By Kerrie Bunting, Executive Director



Happy one-year anniversary to me! I have had the privilege to serve as your Chamber Director for a full year now. As I reflect on all I have learned and those I have met, I have come to a few conclusions.

Firstly, in an age where it seems impossible to bring people together, find a common goal, and look beyond themselves, our community still holds onto tradition, philanthropy and compassion. I am proud to be a part of this community and can’t wait to see what the future brings!

Secondly, what’s a non-profit without an engaged support system? While Sherri and I handle the day to day workings, the Chamber’s Board of Directors steer the ship. Not only do our Directors represent leading area businesses, they, themselves, are community leaders and doers. This past year, they have been open to change, risk and trusting this newbie. I thank them for their faith and support and know they will continue along the same vein as the OP Chamber grows and strengthens.

Lastly, and most importantly, where would a Chamber be without partners? Businesses and organizations join Chambers for various reasons and exhibit varying levels of engagement. No matter what the reason or the level, they join, ultimately, because they feel it will enhance their community presence and reach of their message.

Chambers provide platforms for those messages as well as opportunities for connections and relation-

ships. Education is another part of our chamber duty. We strive to help our partners expand their knowledge of technology, ever changing tax laws, the insurance world, HR resources, maintaining successful and healthy work environments and so much more.

While there are still a few partners I have not yet personally met, and I encourage those to fully take advantage of their partnership benefits, I feel we have crafted a solid patchwork of entities who truly care about the growth of Ocean Pines and its surrounding areas; truly care about everyone’s growth, because they understand a robust economic engine strengthens the entire community.

I thank you all for your patience and support this past year. With your help, I look forward to many more successful years in this awesome position.

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Ocean City Coast Day Clean-up returns

Join Maryland Coastal Bays Program, Ocean City Surf Club and the Town of Ocean City to celebrate the Ocean Conservancy Annual International Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 7 at Ocean City Town Hall, and take the pledge to 'Build the Swell.'

Throughout the world people will be taking the time to celebrate this annual clean up by picking up trash. Last year, nearly 800,000 people from more than 100 countries removed 250 million pounds of trash from beaches and waterways. In addition to removing trash, volunteers contributed to the world's largest database on marine debris by logging each trash item. Scientist, researchers, industry leaders and policy makers rely on this data to inform policy and craft solutions

Over 200 volunteers participated in last year's Ocean City cleanup collecting over 500 pounds of trash. This clean up mobilizes individuals to have an immediate and tangible impact on the health of our waterways while fostering awareness of the marine debris issue and a sense of stewardship.

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to participate in this year's cleanup. Amazingly, once you participate in a trash cleanup, you will find that you will always be picking up trash, which could be a small piece that might just be that piece that saves a bird or a

marine animal from harm.

The event starts 10 a.m. at the Ocean City Town Hall on Third street. Volunteers will receive trash bags, latex gloves, trash tally sheet and a commemorative tee shirt courtesy of Chesapeake Energy and Sandpiper Utilities while supplies last. Tally sheets can be recorded online through the Adopt Your Street at www.ocsurfclub.org, or you can mail or drop tally sheets off to Ocean City Town hall. For those seeking interesting facts in regards to this worldwide clean up visit <https://oceanconservancy.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Building-A-Clean-Swell.pdf>

If you have any questions or like to participate in the Ocean City Cleanup, contact Sandi Smith at sandis@md-coastalbays.org or call 410-213-2297 ext. 106. You can register through her ahead of time or simply show up. You may also contact Effie Cox from Ocean City Surf Club at ecox3284@gmail.com or 410-600-5953

For those in need of community service hours, this is the perfect event to serve your community and your environment and this event also qualifies for Maryland's Day to Serve.

Results from this cleanup will be included on the Ocean Conservancy website so you can actually see what a difference you made.

Worcester Health seeks proposals for teen health education projects

The Worcester County Health Department is requesting mini-grant proposals from community-based organizations, workplaces, churches, or other interested organizations for youth teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection (STI) prevention education: Promoting Health Among Teens-Comprehensive education (PHAT-C). To be eligible for up to \$2,500 in grant funding, your program must be an organization which serves young people in Worcester County. Funded organizations will be expected to deliver the PHAT-C education program to a minimum of 12-15 Worcester County youth ages 12-19.

"We're encouraging groups that work with youth in Worcester County to apply for PHAT-C grant funding to help us spread awareness about comprehensive sexual health education and teen pregnancy and STI prevention," said Twila Fykes, Prevention Nursing Supervisor, Worcester County Health Department. "Grant-funded education could include learning activities like small-group discussions, videos, games, role-plays and homework assignments."

Proposals are due in the Worcester County Health Department by 4:30 pm on September 13, 2019. Interested parties may call the Worcester County Health Department, Prevention Services Unit at 410-632-1100 to receive an application packet.

For more information, contact Worcester County Health Department at 410-632-1100 or visit worcesterhealth.org.



Recognized - The Pine'eer Craft Club announced recently that the Crafter of the Month for August is **Debbie Woodward**.

Debbie was born in Baltimore and grew up in Passadena, MD. She raised her children in Harrisonburg, VA.

"My husband and I have been married for 38 years. We recently moved back to Maryland and we are living in Ocean Pines and loving every minute of it," said Woodward.



Meeting - A recent Ocean Pines Board meeting found (L-R) **Joe Reynolds, Colby Phillips and Pete Gomsak**. Photo by Anna Fultz

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advertising, and executing special events.

Vicky Nock, Charlotte Powell, Harriette Creter, and Donna Dougan, representing the Spirit Kitchen of the Stevenson United Methodist Church received the Faith-Based Spirit Award for their policy, "Don't Say No to Anyone," to feed and provide other resources to those who are food insecure in Worcester County.

Effie Cox, Anne Cook, Rusty Ruszin, and Tommy Vach, representing the Ocean City Surf Club, received the Nonprofit Volunteer Program Award for organizing projects and programs for the students to teach respect for others, the ocean, and the local environment. They also provide annual scholarships to local high school seniors.

Don McMullen of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines received the Veteran Spirit Award for chairing the education division. He has been instrumental in

assuring that students from every fifth-grade class in the county visits the memorial and learns the history behind and proper respect for the American flag and the various military branches.

Coleen Mister of the Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum (DDCM) received the Lifetime Achievement Spirit Award for her life of community service. She has been making Project Linus blankets to comfort children in trauma for 17 years. She is also a 50-year member and current historian of Salem United Methodist Church, and a DDCM education program mainstay.

Volunteers make Worcester County a better place to live, work and visit. To honor those whose contributions assure the continuation of vital services, Worcester County residents were recently invited to nominate individuals and community organizations for the 2019 Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County.

"Whether you have three hours a month or 30 hours a week to give, WCVC can help plug you into area

organizations that can benefit from your specific talents and interests," Brinkley said. "Wherever you look, there's a need and a group or organization working to fill it. For example, the Commission on Aging needs drivers to deliver meals on wheels, and many area elementary schools need drivers to pick up fresh vegetables and fruits from participating

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be scattered throughout the party, including art being created on the spot.

The party will also be the last chance to buy raffle tickets for a trip for two, including airfare, to Florence, Italy, as the winner will be drawn and announced that evening. Raffle tickets are \$100 each, and only 300 tickets will be sold. You need not be present to win. Raffle tickets are available online at artleagueofoceancity.org/party or by calling the Arts Center. They will also be available at the party, unless the 300 limit has been reached.

"This truly is the 'pARTY of the

farms to send home with children who receive bags from school food pantries."

For more information about volunteering in Worcester County or to learn more about the work done by this year's Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Award winners, contact Brinkley at (410) 632-0090.

Year' in Ocean City," Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League, said. "When a group of artists with their creative imaginations throw a party, you never know what is going to happen, but you can be sure it will be a lot of fun. Guests can have a great time and know they are supporting a great cause."

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street is the home of the Art League of Ocean City, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. More information is available at 410-524-9433 or artleagueofoceancity.org.

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present at both the Maryland Suicide Prevention Conference and the Maryland Rural Health Association Conference. "These sessions will be a great opportunity to showcase the innovative and collaborative suicide prevention work from our area to partners across the state," said Worcester County Health Planner Jackie Ward. The Jesse Klump Memorial Fund and the Health Department are members of the Suicide

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Bay Day event. Homeowners additionally can receive a Maryland native plant to take home.

An interactive art piece that highlights the issue of single-use plastics will also be on display.

The event will also showcase food from local vendors such as Street Kitchen, Kona Ice, Eastern Shore Kettle Korn, the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines/Ocean City; and local beverages from Burley Oak.

From free boat tours and kayaking to educational exhibits, this public event will be a day of fun, hands-on activities and educational talks.

For more information, contact Liz Wist, education coordinator, at (410) 213-2297 ext. 110 or lwist@mdcoastalbays.org.

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board," Viola added.

Parks agreed it was "a very productive meeting."

"I think it was good that, number one, we were able to re-engage Jeremy like we do on an annual basis to make everybody aware of the very important duties and responsibilities of a Board member. I think that's paramount, because some of those things might not immediately be apparent," Parks said. "If something is not apparent, then I think Jeremy is very good at pointing out what is most relevant to people in Ocean Pines."

Parks also praised Viola for his presentation.

"A big shout out to John for pointing out how the finances are done in Ocean Pines and explaining the reports. I think that's very beneficial."

Additionally, Parks said he's looking forward to the three new members joining the seven-member Board.

"I'm very excited about the new Board," he said. "I think we're going to hit the ground running on a number of things. We have a responsibility to continue what was started by the previous Board and, based on initial discussions, I think we'll have opportunities to do some other good things that are much needed and will benefit the Association."

Board meetings are scheduled on Wednesday, October 2, Saturday, November 2, Wednesday, December 4, Saturday, January 4, Wednesday, February 5, Saturday, March 7, Wednesday, April 1, Saturday, May 2, Wednesday, June 3, Wednesday, July 1, and Wednesday, August 5. Saturday meetings will start at 9 a.m. and Wednesday meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information on the Ocean Pines Board of Directors, visit www.oceanpines.org/administration/board-of-directors.

Prevention Coalition serving the lower Eastern Shore, a consortium of many groups, governmental, private and non-profit, working to enhance mental health care and reduce suicide rates.

Save a Shore Farmer attracted attention from beyond Maryland's borders. The University of Minnesota's Rural Health Center wrote that Save a Shore Farmer is "...one of a handful of exemplar models of rural suicide prevention programs from across the country."

To learn more about the risk of suicide among farmers, the whys and wherefores, to find resources for anyone about whom you may be concerned, or to explore ways that you or an organization you know can participate in the campaign, visit www.saveashore-farmer.org.

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Platform tennis clubs in Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are invited to compete and the first 64 applicants will reserve a spot. The cost is \$40, and the entry deadline is September 21.

The tournament will again be held at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex in Ocean Pines. Players should check in no later than 7:45 a.m. and a welcome ceremony is scheduled to start

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professor of English and American Studies at Penn State's Hazleton Campus. He has written books and articles focusing on modern forms of folklore and is currently working on preserving family stories in creative non-fiction in his "Granny-Annie Stories."

Carol Ann Ellis of Ocean Pines spent 40 years teaching English at Ohio State, the University of Puerto Rico, and Penn State, as well as editing and critiquing textbooks and articles. Egged on by her colleagues at the *Courier* newspaper in Berlin, she has written a series of stories about the fictional congregation of St. Robert's Lutheran Church.

Jean Marx of Berlin is the co-leader of First Saturday Writers with Bill

at 8 a.m. Play generally begins at 8:30 a.m. and, last year, the final match was over by about 4 p.m.

The inaugural tournament raised \$8,500 for the Catch a Lift foundation, which helps post-9/11 combat-wounded veterans recover and rehabilitate, both physically and mentally, through physical fitness, motivation and support. The foundation was started by David and Toni Coffland, both Ocean Pines residents, in honor of their son, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher J. Coffland, who was killed in action in Afghanistan.

Event co-chair Susan Walter said the tournament this year would benefit the "We Honor Veterans" program. Michael Petito will chair the event.

"Michael and I have met with Coastal Hospice President Alane Capen at the Ocean Pines facility and it is truly a beautiful environment, with a room to be provided for any veteran who needs

Ellis. In 2008, she started Time Flies, where she helps people get their special memories captured into book form, such as through compiling their memoir or through self-publishing stories they have written.

The First Saturday Writers' Group was founded in 1990 by Mary Elizabeth Paterra, a successful writer, educator, and educational consultant who died in 2018. The group's monthly meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at the Worcester County Library in Berlin at 10 a.m. Writers bring a sample of their work each month to read followed by light critiquing.

More information is available at 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

end-of-life care," Walter said. "Our mission is to raise funds to provide for any veterans, either in this facility, or if their need is for in-home hospice care. We have asked Ms. Capan to earmark our donation to any local veterans in need."

To download a tournament entry form, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-TOURNEY-entry-form-and-donation-request.pdf>.

Registration checks should be made out to "Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Association" and mailed to Susan Walter, 36 Capetown Road, Ocean Pines, Maryland 21811.

Donation checks may be made out to "Coastal Hospice - We Honor Veterans program" and mailed to Susan Walter.

For questions about the event, contact Walter at cbreeze601@verizon.net or Petito at map11946@yahoo.com.

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are hosted throughout the year, from Music in the Park, to Bay Day, to Big Truck Day. These events cater to the everyone in our community, big and small.

"For me and Republic Services, we love to show off our trucks, especially to the children," he continued. "Almost every child is amazed by a large truck, especially garbage trucks. We love to let the communities we service know that we are more than just a company that picks up your garbage. We are company that cares about the communities we service and love to help out in any way possible."

Concessions will be available for sale during the event, and Donahue said many of the participants hand out promotional items, including hard hats for children.

"It's just a fun, free day," she said. "It's really geared toward smaller children, because they just think those trucks are just the greatest thing to get on and to play with."

For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052. For information on recreation programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, visit www.oceanpines.org/recreation-and-parks.

Endowment reaches milestone

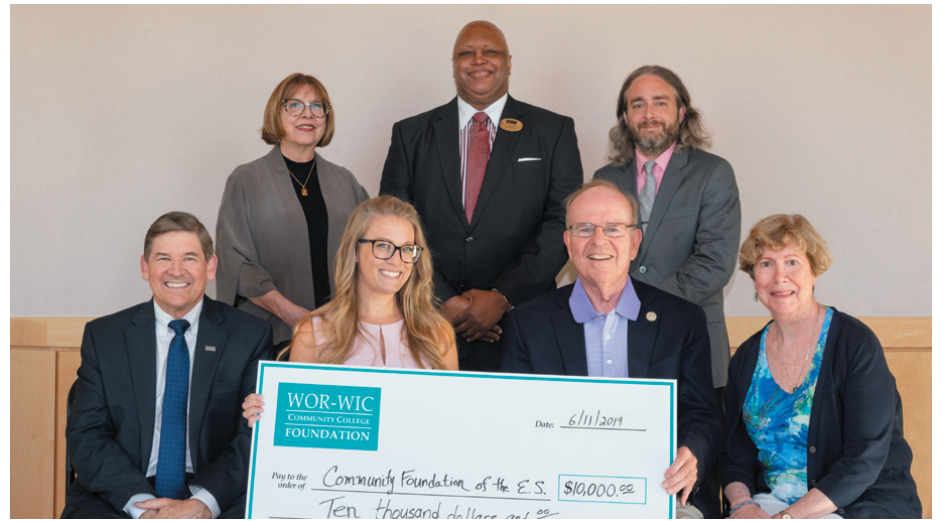
In 2017, a group of administrators and faculty members at Wor-Wic Community College started building an endowment fund to preserve the legacy of Dr. Elinor Phillips Cabbage and to ensure continued funding for Wor-Wic's honors program and the arts on campus.

Cabbage, a professor emeritus who taught English at Wor-Wic since 1977, inspired many Wor-Wic students over more than 40 years. She founded the college's Arts Club and creative arts journal, "Echoes & Visions," and oversaw both for more than 20 years. She also founded the honors program in 1995 and went on to serve as program director for 15 years. A recent donation brought the fund total to the \$10,000 needed to create an endowment at the Community Foundation of the Eastern

Shore. Anyone interested in honoring

At right in the front row, from left, **Dr. Ray Hoy**, president of Wor-Wic Community College, and **Jessica Hales**, executive director of the Wor-Wic Foundation, present a \$10,000 check to **Jim Thomas**, chairman of the board of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, to create an Honors and Arts Endowment Fund, named for Wor-Wic Professor Emeritus **Dr. Elinor Phillips Cabbage**, at far right. In the back row, from left, are some of the administrators and faculty members who were instrumental in creating the endowment, **Dr. Allison S. Bartlett**, associate professor of English, **Dr. Dornell L. Woolford**, evening and weekend administrator, and **Adam Tavel**, professor of English.

Cabbage or supporting the arts or honors at WorWic can send a check, made payable to the Wor-Wic Foundation with "Cabbage Honors & Arts Endowment" written on the memo portion, to the Wor-Wic Foundation, 32000 Campus Dr., Salisbury, MD 21804. Gifts can be made by credit card by calling 410-334-2948 or online through the "Donate" link on the college website at www.worwic.edu.



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