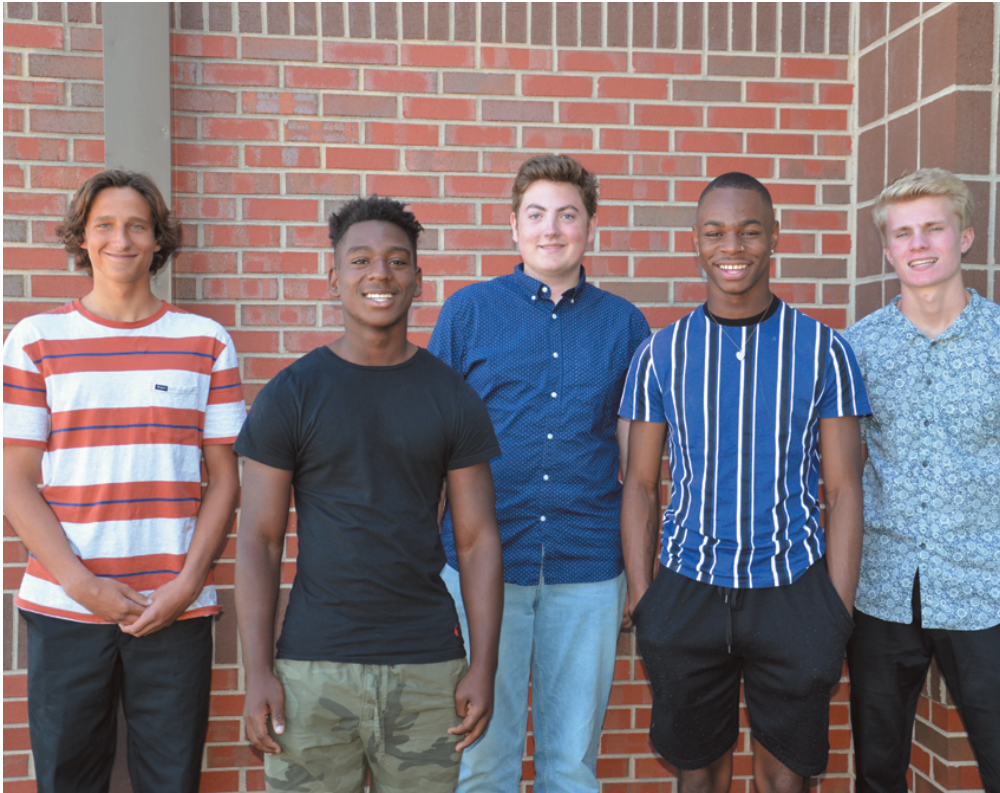


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SDHS announces Homecoming Court

Stephen Decatur High School has announced its 2019 Homecoming Court after a school-wide vote. The homecoming queen will be crowned during halftime of the Decatur football game on Friday, October 4, while the king will be crowned earlier in the day during the annual afternoon pep rally.

Queen nominees (at right): Back row: **Taco Johnson** and **Leslie Zamora-Espinoza**
Front row: **Abby Yesko**, **Alexa Upperman**, and **Macy Layton**.

King nominees (above) are **Keegan Mitchell**, **Branden Manuel**, **Noah Carpenter**, **Andre Andrews** and **Jackson Halverson**.



Education system changes to be discussed

The future of Maryland's public education system will be addressed at a public event on October 8. Dr. William "Brit" Kirwan, chair of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education will speak at the Wor-Wic Community College Guerrieri Hall Auditorium from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event will highlight significant education policies and funding reform affecting Maryland schools.

In 2016, the Maryland General Assembly and Governor Hogan established the Kirwan Commission to review and recommend any changes needed for the current public education funding formulas (known as Thornton Formulas). In addition, the

Commission is tasked with making policy recommendations will enable Maryland's K-12 public schools to perform at the level of one of the best performing systems in the world.

William E. "Brit" Kirwan retired as the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland in 2015, a position he held since 2002. Dr. Kirwan also served as president of the University of Maryland from 1989 to 1998, after teaching at the university for 34 years. He was president of the Ohio State University from 1998-2002.

The event is being sponsored by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Greater Salisbury Committee, Salisbury Area Chamber

of Commerce, Salisbury University, Somerset County Public Schools, Wicomico County Public Schools, and Wor-Wic Community College, Worcester County Public Schools.

For additional event information visit <http://bit.ly/KirwanES> or contact Heather Mahler at hmahler@cfes.org.

Craft club to meet

Pine'eer Craft Club will meet, Thursday, October 1, in the Ocean Pines Community Center. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. with refreshments available at 9:45.

The October project is "Fall Painted T-Shirt." The cost is \$3

Join the group as they create beautiful Fall stamped clothing using real leaves stamped on your sweatshirt, T-shirt or tote bag, placemats, etc.

Bring whatever you want to stamp on with plenty of fresh leaves. Paint, brushes and cardboard inserts to keep paint from bleeding through as well as instructions will be supplied

All are welcomed.

Please call Carol Quinto 410-208-4317 to reserve your spot.

Community Calendar OCTOBER

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 1985, actor Rock Hudson, 59, became the first major U.S. celebrity to die of complications from AIDS. Hudson's death raised public awareness of the epidemic, which until that time had been ignored by many in the mainstream as a "gay plague."

In 1984, while working on the TV show "Dynasty," Hudson was diagnosed with AIDS. On July 25, 1985, he publicly acknowledged he had the disease at a hospital in Paris, where he had gone to seek treatment. The news that Hudson, an international icon, had AIDS focused worldwide attention on the disease and helped change public perceptions of it.



Chamber annual dinner scheduled

On November 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Ocean Downs Casino, the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will install four new directors to their board and honor several exceptional community leaders. Entitled, "A Las Vegas Extravaganza," the evening will be full of glitz, glamour and surprises.

Joining the board this year will be Andrea Hastings, Michael Burrier, Ashley Sloan and Derrick Elzey. They will be sworn in that evening.

Those who will be honored include:

Business of the Year – Matt Ortt Companies, LLC

Citizen of the Year – Jennifer Cropper-Rines

Non-Profit of the Year – Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Services

The public is welcome, tickets are \$60 per person and sponsorship opportunities are available through OceanPinesChamber.org or call 410-641-5306.

Crab, chicken feast set

The Church of the Holy Spirit is having a crab/chicken feast on October 6 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the church. (Food will be served until 4:30 p.m.)

The feast includes crabs, fried chicken, corn on the cob, hush puppies, iced tea, lemonade and coffee. Do bring your own mallets!

Desserts will be available for \$1.

There will also be a chance auction, with lots of interesting things to bid on.

Tickets are \$35 for people over 12, and \$15 for those 12 and younger. Tickets, available at the church, are limited, so get yours now.

The church is located at 100th St. and Coastal Highway in Ocean City; call the church office at 410-723-1973 or Monica at 443-235-8942 for further information.

WYFCS schedules celebration

On Thursday, October 3, Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, Inc. (WCYFS) will hold its Annual Celebration to celebrate 44 years of serving the community. The celebration will be held in the Ray Community Room, in the Worcester Youth & Family office, located at 124 North Main Street in Berlin, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event is offered free of charge, with complimentary hors

d'oeuvres provided by Denovo's Trattoria. Live entertainment will be provided by local jazz musician, Everett Spells.

Each year, WCYFS recognizes individuals for their support and dedication to the agency's mission. The honorees are presented with wall décor in their name in the shape of a "sun" to represent the "rays of hope" these individuals have offered the community. This year the following community members will be recognized: Ron Pilling of the Suicide Prevention Coalition as Distinguished Advocate and Kenny Tomaselli, Michele

"Shelly" Bruder and John Lewis as Outstanding Contributors.

This year, WCYFS served more than a thousand of our friends and neighbors by: helping to prevent homelessness; supporting and empowering at-risk adolescent girls and boys; offering cultural, educational, and wellness experiences to children during out of school time; providing comprehensive counseling and therapy services to those coping with life's stressors; and advocating for neglected and abused children so they may have a brighter future.

WCYFS is a non-profit organization located in Berlin, Maryland and has been serving the community since 1975. Worcester Youth & Family serves people of all ages by offering a broad spectrum of services, including mental health counseling, youth and adolescent enrichment programs, advocacy for abused and neglected children, and empowerment programs for those less fortunate.

For more information about the event, please call the office at: 410-641-4598.

Community mourns loss of Anna Foultz

By **Josh Davis**

The Ocean Pines community grieved upon news of the passing of Anna Lucarello Foultz on Sept. 22.

A longtime resident and tireless volunteer, Foultz was 93.

“The Board of Directors of the Ocean Pines Association is saddened by the loss of Anna Foultz,” Association President Doug Parks said. “She was a remarkable woman and her volunteer spirit in serving our community was unparalleled.

“We extend our sincere condolences to the family on their loss,” he continued. “Those who were fortunate enough to have known her or had just

veteran who served in China, Burma and India, and the couple founded the Star Charities nonprofit in 2007 to give back to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Also close to Foultz’s heart were the Girl Scouts, an organization she became involved with after her oldest daughter, Betty Anne, showed interest as a young girl. Foultz became a Scout leader initially and continued to advocate for the organization for more than a half-century.

In 1980, Foultz received a National Proclamation from President Jimmy Carter for organizing a massive week-long talent show/cookie sale, called

“Girl Scouts in Action,” at the Springfield Mall in Virginia. Thousands of Girl Scouts attended the event.

She was also a longtime member of the Sons of Italy, and a past president, and in 2016 was honored with the organization’s Ameritan Award during a gala in Hunt Valley, Maryland.

Foultz’s memoir, “Two Steps Forward,” was published in 2017. She co-wrote the book with her daughter,

Shirley Isbell, and donated much of the proceeds to Star Charities.

According to the publisher, “Spanning over a century, Anna’s book ... recounts the inspiring story of this vivacious, loved and lauded spicy

bombshell. Travel from 19th century Naples, Italy to 21st century America where the daughter of an Italian immigrant peasant is honored by the Order of the Sons of Italy for her extraordinary contributions.”

A blurb for the book, penned by Foultz, reads, “I am 91 years old, as of this writing, the last of my siblings of the first generation of Italian immigrants and it’s time I told my story. I don’t concentrate on my shortcomings; I am unique in my imperfections.”

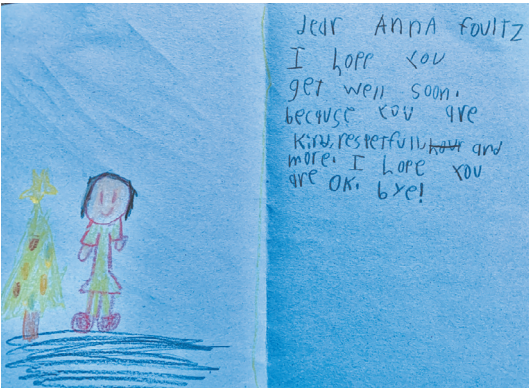
A Texas-based media company bought the film rights to her book in 2018.

Foultz was active up until her last days. She visited the Maryland State Capitol in 2018 and received three standing ovations upon being introduced to the Maryland State House.

In March, she toured the White House with a busload of local Girl Scouts.

Foultz took part in Ocean Pines’ National Night Out celebration in August, again representing the Girl

Scouts, and on August 16 presented a \$1,500 donation to Achilles of Maryland at Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines.



“It just breaks my heart when I see all these people suffering, and we need to help,” she said at the time. “I’m always willing to help if they need help!”

Foultz and Star Charities met with Parks and Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola in the Ocean Pines library in September, when Parks was presented with a copy of “Two Steps

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met her for a quick conversation will remember her fondly. She will be missed by many.”

Foultz and her late husband, Carl, moved to the area a little over three decades ago. Carl was a World War II

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The hotel next door

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

It is April. You just settled on your dream home in Ocean Pines. You and your family are happy folks and looking forward to the coastal lifestyle.



Everything is wonderful..... until June arrives. Suddenly a home next to you is transformed into a hotel, with possibly six or more vehicles and 10 to 30 occupants showing up on a rotating weekly or even a daily basis throughout the summer months. Loud, late parties may become somewhat of a regular occurrence.

Welcome to the wild and wacky world of online, short-term rentals that threaten your peace and quiet, and threaten to destroy the value of your property. Who would want to buy a family home next to what amounts to a hotel business operation run by an absentee landlord who cares more about the investment bottom line than nearby residents who must put up with the noise, the

traffic, and vehicles parked all over the place on a daily basis?

Exaggeration? Perhaps — unless you happen to reside next to one of these hotel businesses in a residential neighborhood.

If real estate history shows anything, it shows us rentals in residential neighborhoods result in lower property values. Daily and weekly rentals are a double whammy negative impact.

Long-time OPA member, Jack Barnes, wrote, “Airbnb type operations have changed the rental dynamic in the Pines, and not for the better. Some smaller 1,400 square foot homes have been remodeled and are advertised to sleep 10 or 16 people. OPA needs to get out in front on the rental issue whether it be limiting occupants or time.”

OPA member Cathy Walkovic wrote, “I think many rentals through sites such as Airbnb & VRBO have caused an increase in problems in our community, as well as other communities. If you look at Ocean Pines rentals on these websites, you’ll find that people can rent for just one night. You’ll also find that some of the rentals hold 15 or more guests. In addition, some rentals allow parties/events. We did not buy in Ocean Pines to live next to mini-hotels or party venues. I have heard many complaints from Ocean Pines friends about noise, excessive drinking, number of occupants, parking, trash and more.”

At last check, Walkovic reported there were about 146 of these “hotel next door” homes available in Ocean Pines alone.

OPA member Jim Bruggy sees the impact in his area, writing, “The traffic around my neighborhood has increased due to the (short term) rentals. Often there are seven and eight cars in driveways or parked on the street...today on Clipper Court, there were six motorcycles with 12 people staying in a three-bedroom

house. Hopefully, our elected County Commissioners will do due diligence, and take whatever action necessary, to return Ocean Pines to the great community that it was only a short time ago.”

Not everyone thinks these short-term rentals to large numbers of people are a problem. Former OPA Director Marty Clarke wrote, “Eliminating weekly rentals will have a very detrimental impact on the majority of Ocean Pines property values. I disagree that weekly rental properties are the problem.”

Clarke’s solution? Make all roads in Ocean Pines county-approved no-parking zones and have OPA police write parking tickets for any vehicle parked on any street anywhere in Ocean Pines. Good luck with that proposal.

Most of those opposing any restrictions on short-term rentals are those with investment rental homes in Ocean Pines. It is a fair assumption that many of these rental investment owners do not even live in Worcester County.

Worcester County did take note of the problem, not just in Ocean Pines but in all areas where zoning is controlled by the Worcester County Government. County Commissioner Jim Bunting, to his credit, is leading an effort to impose new county zoning requirements, including some sort of a rental permit. The County Commissioners recently approved holding a public hearing on these proposed changes. Unfortunately, the initial proposals from the county will not address the problem adequately, especially in Ocean Pines. Even under the proposed rules changes, many homes in Ocean Pines will qualify to sleep 10 to 35 people a night.

This issue was not even on the radar of the OPA Board of Directors until after the County effort was well along in proposing new rules and a public hearing scheduled. OPA Director Steve Tuttle is apparently among those who have some concerns that the proposed rule changes will not adequately protect property

values in Ocean Pines.

The OPA Declarations of Restrictions do not cover short-term rentals (less than 28 days in County code) but do state that OPA properties are single-family residences. Tuttle proposed a board motion for the October 2nd board meeting (7 p.m. in the Assateague Room) that, if passed, would ask the County Commissioners to hold off on passing any new rules until the County sought input from OPA. Curiously, County Commissioner Chip Bertino says no one at OPA even had the courtesy to contact him about the proposed motion.

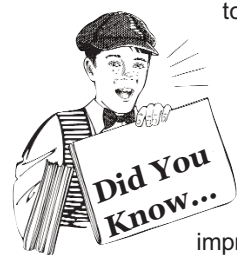
Bertino says, “The challenge before the Commissioners is to strike a balance that protects the rights of homeowners and residents with the rights of property owners who wish to rent their houses, especially short term. Online rental apps and websites such as Airbnb and others have dramatically changed the rental game. County policy needs to address these changes to protect homeowner rights. I want to keep an open mind heading into the Public Hearing. I’ll be very interested in hearing what residents and homeowners have to say. However, I believe a formula that accounts for bedroom size, as well as available parking, is necessary.”

The issue is complex, but something must be done. Perhaps for Ocean Pines, if not the entire county, there should be a restriction on all short-term rentals due to inadequate parking for these hotel operations. Some sections of Ocean Pines already restrict short-term rental. Ocean Pines is a residential community, not a commercial location with 8,440 or so unregulated hotels.

If you are concerned about having a hotel operation next to you, attend the public hearing in Snow Hill on October 15, 10 a.m. in the Commissioners meeting room. You can bet the hotel owners will be there to object to any change that would place limits on their business operations in our residential neighborhood.

What is a chef card?

When dining out, people with food allergies may find it difficult or uncomfortable to communicate their allergy concerns with restaurant staff.



In recognition of that, the organization Food Allergy Research & Education, which aims to improve the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, provides an interactive “chef card” that outlines the foods diners must avoid. Such a card, which is free and available via the FARE website at www.foodallergy.org, can make it simple for people with food allergies to communicate that information to restaurant staff. The card is available in English and a number of foreign languages, which can benefit people who travel and those who enjoy dining at ethnic restaurants where staff members may not speak diners’ native tongues.

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Anna

Selfless service undertaken for the benefit of others is an extraordinary avocation. Such is the legacy of Anna Foults who last week clasped the hand of God who reunited with her husband Carl upon golden shores beyond the sea. She was 93.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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Her pursuit to elevate the community in which she lived, in which we all lived, was inspirational and engendered among many awe and gratitude. Emboldened by an unquenching desire to do more, Anna tirelessly devoted her energies to raising awareness and money for various efforts and organizations through STAR Charities, an organization founded by her and Carl many years ago.

She was a fixture at events, meetings and restaurants, her camera always at the ready, well, it wasn't always ready. Whether she was selling 50/50 tickets, preparing for one of her fundraisers, attending a community event, taking part in Sons Italy events, talking about her beloved Girl Scouts or dining at a local restaurant her friendly, open and natural sincerity shone brightly and enveloped those with whom she came in contact.

She was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, Girl Scout, friend, author, columnist, fundraiser, advocate and nice person. If an event was going on in our community she was there, usually in the front row, hair coiffed and nicely

dressed. Likely, she would ask a question or make a comment or two. And inevitably she required a group picture. She would corral (or have someone else corral) the people she wanted in the picture who would then pose waiting as Anna's camera opened and she could finally take the picture. Although the process sometimes took longer than expected, it was Anna so no one complained. An event wasn't complete unless an "Anna Picture" was snapped.

The circumstances surrounding our first meeting are long forgotten, yet, I can't remember a time when she didn't give me a hug when we met. She would always say something nice during the embrace which made encounters with Anna special. Anna hugged many of us.

When news broke of Anna's passing, the community heaved a



collective sigh of sorrow. And there were many conversations that began, "I just saw her at ..."

The testament of Anna's life will forever be etched in the memories carried forward by those she affected. And that is a large gathering. Her daughter told me the best way to honor her mother was to keep the momentum moving. It will be tough to maintain Anna's pace but we should try.

God bless you Anna.

Thank You!



The Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines 13th Annual Golf Tournament held September 25, at Ocean Pines Golf Club was a marvelous success because of the generosity of many community individuals and businesses.

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'66 Orioles to be discussed

Mark Millikin will give a talk on his book, "The Glory of the 1966 Orioles and Baltimore," on Friday, October 4, at 2 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Branch of the Worcester County Library. He will tell the story of the Orioles' first American League pennant win and their World Series victory over the favored defending champion Los Angeles Dodgers. Millikin witnessed the Orioles' 1966 season first-hand, attending 10 regular season games, listening to almost every game on radio and attending Game 3 of the World Series in Baltimore.

Frank Robinson was the Orioles' team leader in his first season with the club and won the AL batter's Triple Crown. Along with Brooks Robinson,

Boog Powell, and pitchers Jim Palmer, Dave McNally and Steve Barber, Frank Robinson ignited pennant fever in Baltimore from opening day. World Series fever was widespread and at a high pitch in Baltimore before and during the Series. The "Glorioles" and "Base-baltimoreans" had good reason to celebrate.

"The Glory of the 1966 Orioles and Baltimore" and copies of Millikin's latest book, "The Joy and Heartache of Our 1960s Music," will be available for purchase at the event.

Pet blessing is Sunday

The Community Church at Ocean Pines will hold a Blessing of the Animals ceremony on October 6 at 1 p.m. in the church parking lot. The church is located at 11227 Racetrack Rd. in Berlin. All are invited. Pets should be on leashes or under their owners' control. All types of pets welcome as well as photos of departed pets or a special stuffed animal. Call the church at 410-641-5433 for information.

SDHS reunion scheduled

The Stephen Decatur Class of 1959 will hold its 60th reunion on Wednesday, October 9 between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Windmill Creek Winery located at 11206 Worcester Highway in Berlin. For reservations call Monty at 443-235-6621 by October 4



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Neighborly gathering - On September 14, the families on Drawbridge Road, held their annual end of summer picnic. Thirty-three residents participated.

Pet blessing scheduled

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, who loved all animals and whose feast day is October 4, the Church of the Holy Spirit in Ocean City will hold a Blessing of the Animals ceremony on October 6 from noon till 1 p.m. in the church parking lot.

The church is located at Coastal Highway and 100th St. Pets should be on leashes or otherwise under their owners' control. Any size, shape or type of pet is welcome. You may also bring a photo of a departed pet, or a stuffed animal that means a lot to you.

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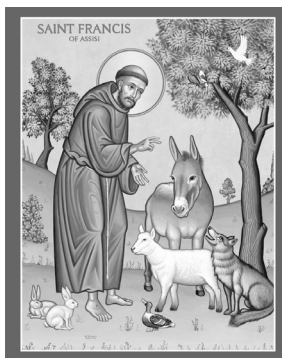
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Blessing of the Animals scheduled

This time of year, people in various places may notice something odd. A procession of animals everything from cats and dogs to hamsters and even cows, are led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of the Animals. This custom is conducted in remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.



Holy Trinity Cathedral will be holding a Blessing of the Animals celebration in the pavilion behind the church, on October 5 at 3 p.m. We are honored to have Fr. Tom Vece of the Franciscan Servants of Jesus – a Third Order Franciscan Ministry officiating at this ceremony. All animals are welcome but must be properly restrained on leashes or in carriers. Holy Trinity Cathedral is a Parish of the Missionary Diocese of All Saints in the Anglican Church in North America and is located at 11021 Worcester Highway in Berlin. For more information call the Church office at 410-641-4882 on Tuesday or Thursday, or email us at trinitycathedralberlin@gmail.com.



Beverage Director **Kearston Frey**, left, and Special Events Coordinator **Lia Isel** of the Matt Ortt Companies present a donation to Coastal Hospice Director of Advancement **Heather Duma** at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on Friday.

Ortt Companies donate to Coastal Hospice

Representatives from the Matt Ortt Companies and Ocean Pines Yacht Club on Friday presented a \$600 check donation to Coastal Hospice.

Funds came from an Oyster & Bull Bash held at the Yacht Club on September 7.

Coastal Hospice Director of Advancement Heather Duma said the donation would aid the Macky and Pam Stansell House of Coastal Hospice at the Ocean.

"We're making history. This is the first-ever hospice residence on the Lower Shore, so to be able to bring this to our community is really special," she said.

According to Duma, the property was previously part of The Pointe community in Ocean Pines. The Stansell House, opened in May, includes 12 patient beds, a labyrinth garden for meditation, and a library for visitors, among other amenities.

"It's absolutely beautiful there," Duma said. "It's intended for folks towards the end of their life who aren't necessarily able to care for themselves at home or who don't have an able caregiver at home, so it's a really wonderful project."

Matt Ortt Companies Special

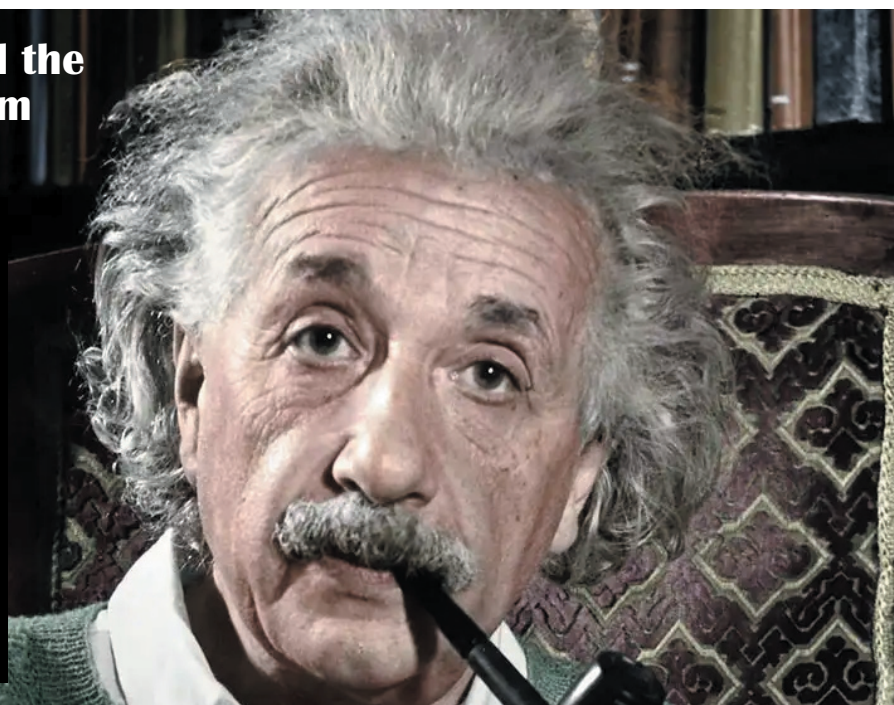
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The Age of Einstein and the Discovery of Quantum Entanglement

Presented by
Dr. Douglas Hemmick
at the Ocean Pines library
Thursday, October 3
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Quantum Entanglement, which is at the heart of cutting edge technology, will be explained as the fruit of early theoretical research by Einstein and others during the "Golden Age of Physics."

All are welcome.





Donation - September was Literacy Month and the Republican Women of Worcester County (RWWC) gifted \$300 to Showell Elementary School to support students. The funds will be used to increase classroom libraries and support the "100 Book Challenge Reading" program. Pictured left are **Kate McCabe**, school library media Specialist; **Diane Shorts**, principal; and, **Liz Mumford**, RWWC Literacy chair.

Parke garage sale returns

The Parke at Ocean Pines is holding its community sale on Saturday, October 5 (rain date is Sunday, October 6) from 7:30 a.m. to noon in the driveways of its residents. The Parke is an active 55+ Adult community of 503 homes. Parke residents are selling their treasures for others to enjoy.

On October 5, maps will be available at the main entrance of the Parke located at Central Parke West, located off of Ocean Parkway at the south entrance of Ocean Pines. For additional information, contact the Parke Clubhouse Staff at 410-208-4994.

Atlantic General Hospital's Annual Flu Clinics



For more information on the Atlantic General Hospital Flu Clinics, contact Atlantic General Hospital at **410-641-9FLU (9358)**.

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Wed., October 16, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
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Thurs., October 10, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Holy Savior Catholic Church
1705 Philadelphia Avenue • Ocean City, MD

Sat., October 19, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Health Fair at Ocean Pines Community Center
235 Ocean Parkway • Ocean Pines, MD

Wednesday, October 23, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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Astronomy & Spaceflight

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Saturn explorations

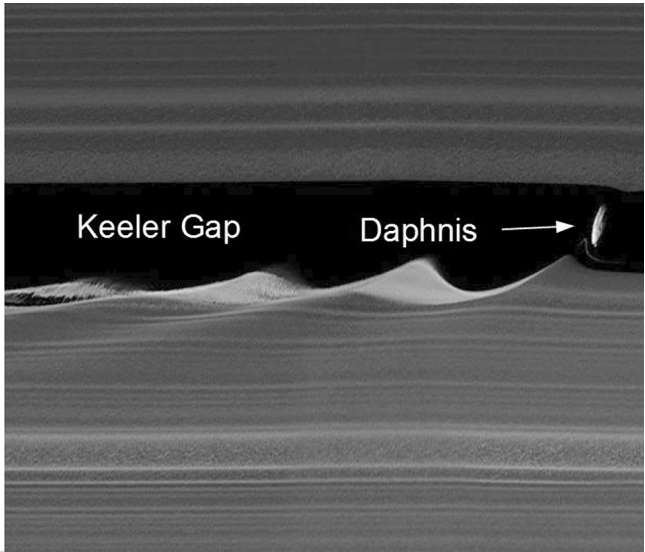
For centuries one planet has been called the most beautiful of all, with its lovely rings. Historic discoveries about Saturn began in 1610 with Galileo’s detection of its rings, and then in 1655 the first observation of the planet’s giant moon “Titan” was made by Dutch astronomer, Christiaan Huygens. In 1675, Giovanni Cassini discovered a “division” in Saturn’s ring structure, the first among several gaps later identified among the rings. In modern times NASA has studied the planet with four spaceflight missions: Pioneer 11, Voyager 1 and 2, and the Cassini- Huygens probes.

The Huygens and Cassini probes were coupled together during their journey to the ringed planet. Upon nearing Titan, Huygens was released, and established its own orbital path about Saturn’s largest moon. Weeks later the Huygens probe successfully landed on Titan and began collecting surface images and data.

Meanwhile, Cassini sustained its research as it maneuvered among Saturn’s rings and moons collecting a treasure trove of images and data for a full thirteen years. The probe was finally retired in November 2017, high-diving down into the gaseous planet, still analyzing the atmosphere until its signal was finally lost.

Long before the NASA probes, astronomers had known that the rings contain a myriad of small, highly-reflective particles. This helped explain why they were visible to Earth’s early astronomers. The bright A and B rings were named during the 1600s and the darker C ring after its discovery in

1850. Recent observations beginning in the 1980s have identified the faint rings labeled D through F.



The moon 'Daphnis' sails through the Keeler gap in the A ring. Ripples in the moon's wake are clearly visible

Since the 2017 demise of the Cassini spacecraft, astronomers have continued to mine the data seeking yet more discoveries. Recently they have found images of the small shepherd moon “Daphnis” which orbits inside what is called the “Keeler Gap” located near the outer edge of Saturn’s A ring. Extraordinary photos reveal that Daphnis’ motion through this gap stirs things up as it creates ripples.

Cassini has also revealed evidence of so-called “propeller moonlets” within the A ring. Although such moonlets themselves are too small for direct sightings, astronomers have seen propeller-shaped disturbances in the ring materials, created by these moonlets. More than 150 propeller moonlets had been found among Cassini images.

Other Saturnian moons also have startling properties. “Phoebe” is the only moon orbiting in the opposite direction from Saturn’s own rotation. Such contrary motion makes Phoebe unique in all the solar system. Several

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Fertile desert spots

6. Married woman

9. Some animals travel in one

13. Fear

14. Hawaiian island

15. Fit to work

16. Electronic counter-countermeasures

17. Former Senator Specter

18. Cambodian currency

19. Dave Matthews Band hit

21. Lists ingredients

22. Endangered antelope

23. Jerry’s TV partner

24. Blue grass state

25. Obstruct

28. Luke’s mentor ___-Wan

29. Fencing swords

31. Oh, heavens!

33. Insensitive to changes in price

36. Hillsides

38. Brew
39. Gland secretion

41. A typical example

44. Get up

45. You put it on your pasta

46. Expresses surprise

48. News organization

49. Disorder of the lungs (abbr.)

51. One millionth of a gram

52. Some are of the “suit” variety

54. Group of organisms

56. Produces

60. Passage into a mine

61. ___ and cheeses

62. Semitic fertility god

63. Dry or withered

64. Religious ceremony

65. ___ Winger, actress

66. German river

67. Midway between northeast and east

68. Take something or somebody somewhere

CLUES DOWN

1. Lyric poems

2. Genus of saltwater clams

3. Ingroup

4. Type of lounge chair

5. Memory card

6. Archipelago

7. Common Korean surname

8. It’s up there

9. Quantity that helps to define ecclesiastical year

10. First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year

11. Metal-headed golf club

12. A shade of green

14. Begin

17. A good thing to have

20. Language spoken in Laos

21. Loosely compacted sediment

23. Naturally occurring protein

25. Woman

26. Central Indian city

27. Volcanic craters

29. Largest existing land animals
30. Rumanian city

32. Equal to 10 meters

34. Historic Nevada city

35. A point of transition

37. Remove

40. Overwatch character

42. Records electric currents linked to the heart

43. Settles in calmly

47. Partner to his

49. Banking giant

50. Slowly disappeared

52. End

53. Sword with a v-shaped blade

55. Fabric with smooth, shiny surface

56. Wild cherry tree

57. Traditional Japanese socks

58. Make of your hard work

59. Stony waste matter

61. Woman (French)

65. Unit of loudness

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of Saturn’s moons are not spherical but are oblong, or “potato-shaped” for example, Daphnis.

Observations from both Huygens and Cassini have revealed fascinating insights regarding Saturn’s largest moon, Titan. At the ambient temperature of minus -179 C (-280 F) the small “rocks” observed at the Huygens landing site were actually granite-hard chunks of ice. A network of dry creek beds and river beds were discovered including deep ravines cut by the rivers, suggesting major flows from severe storms of methane rainfalls.

Cassini’s radar mapping has revealed liquid lakes of methane, and with depths, ranging up to 200 meters. Initially mapped in 2007, Titan’s second largest methane lake, Ligeia Mare, is larger than Lake Huron and Lake Michigan combined. In 2011 Cassini detected Titan’s giant lake Kraken Mare, the largest of all at 400,000 square kilometers.

Searching the Cassini data has recently yielded additional results. Images show that lakes on the western side of Titan are located not at “sea level,” but on elevated regions

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Events Coordinator Lia Isel said donating to Coastal Hospice was an easy decision.

“At Matt Ortt Companies, we love supporting our local charities, particularly on the Eastern Shore and in Ocean Pines,” she said. “The Stansell House is in Ocean Pines, so it’s a terrific way to give back to the local community and it’s such a great organization.”

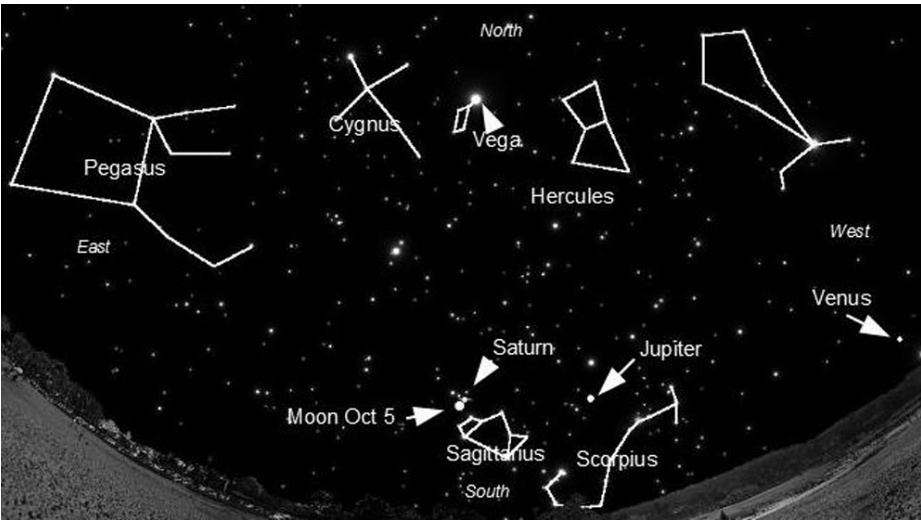
Isel said the inaugural Oyster & Bull Bash was a success, and the hope is that it will become an annual event that grows each year and earns more money for local charities.

“Everyone had fun. It was a gorgeous day and a great event – and it was our first one. Next year will be even better and hopefully every year we can add more money to the donation,” she said.

For more information on Coastal Hospice, visit www.coastalhospice.org.

For more information on the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, visit www.opyacht-club.com.

similar to the “buttes” and “mesas” here on Earth. Astronomers speculate that ice and chemically dissolved compounds on the surfaces of the mesas may have produced the ele-



vated lakes.

In any case, it seems that Saturn’s rings and moons will continue to offer more surprising discoveries.

Venus begins its return to the western evening sky this month. Look for the planet to peek above the horizon becoming bright enough about mid-October to be seen against the sunset’s twilight glow as early as 6:15 p.m. Jupiter will also appear all month in the southern sky at that same early evening time.

As the skies grow fully dark at about 7:30 p.m., the planet Saturn

may be seen to the east of Jupiter, in the constellation Sagittarius. The Great Square of Pegasus rides high above the eastern horizon. Sports fans may proclaim that its large

square shape outlines a baseball diamond in the sky, celebrating the “championship season.”

On October 5, the moon and Saturn will be less than two degrees apart, just above the Sagittarius teapot.

Wishing good luck and clear skies to all stargazers.

MBS fall festival returns

Mark your calendars for the Most Blessed Sacrament (MBS) Family Fall Festival on Friday, October 4 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. to enjoy the wonders of the fall season. This free family-friendly event offers fun for everyone. There will be rides, games, vendors and delicious baked goods and hot food for sale. Purchase wristbands at \$25 each for unlimited access to all games and rides.

This year, several new attractions were added including the Mind Winder and Ladder Climb rides. Our crowd-favorites like the Surf Challenge, Gaming Truck, Archery Game and Laser Tag are back by popular demand. There will also be hayrides, carnival games and a rock wall.

Prior to the Fall Festival’s opening, MBS will host a fundraiser to help families whose lives have been affected by Hurricane Dorian. The annual “Kiss Buddy the Donkey” contest will offer students and families the opportunity to donate to the teacher or administra-

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All-female art show to open

The Art League of Ocean City invites the public to a special opening reception for "RISE," an art show by women artists, on First Friday, October 4 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St. The exhibit opens with a free public reception and art marketplace featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

RISE, a building-wide multimedia exhibition that seeks to empower women through art, emphasizes women overcoming adversity. Curated by Deborah Rolig of Berlin, the exhibit is sponsored in part by the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. This is the third year for Rolig's all-female show that will showcase a cross-section of female artists incorporating all facets of visual art and conceptual art forms, promising to be thought provoking and visually stimulating.

Exhibiting artists include Joanna Barnum, Janice Elder, Susan Emond, Patti Euler, Autumn Faber, Raye Gillette, Dee Gray, Angela Herbert-Hodges, Tinsel Hughes, Alyssa Maloof, Barb Mowery, Deborah Rolig, Sophia Smith, and Dawn Tarr, plus a group show of submitted artworks. Seven female artisans will offer their

work at a special art marketplace.

Once again, Kathleen Martens will unite Delaware and Maryland women writers, who have written a book of prose and poetry to accompany the show. "Seaside Scribes: Women Writing, Women Rising" will be on sale during the opening and through October.

The public is also invited to the RISE events happening during October at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. Rolig and sister Dee Gray will teach a "Soul Play" workshop on October 12. The Seaside Scribes will read from their new book on October 13. Dr. Judy Pierson will give a free lecture entitled "Heart to Heart We Rise" on October 15. Rolig and Gray team up again for a "Nature Vignette" workshop on October 19.

The SHero Awards ceremony on October 25 at 7 p.m. will honor women who have made a difference on Delmarva, and is free and open to the public.

Admission is always free to the Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street, home of the Art League of Ocean City.

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



Field study - Berlin Intermediate School's 6th grade teams visited an outdoor classroom on Assateague Island. This series of visits are part of the science curriculum. These Mako Team students measured and analyzed beach elevation data.



SDHS inducts literary scholars

In a language rich ceremony, Stephen Decatur High School's (SDHS) top literary scholars were inducted into the National English Honor Society (NEHS) on September 24. The SDHS NEHS has many service campaigns including holding an annual book drive, managing the school's writing center, and partnering up with local elementary schools for reading and literacy projects.

Back row: **Blake Marshall, Hunter Selzer, Andrew Ball, Hunter Wolf, Macy Dietrich, Maeve Donahue, Ulyssa Jacobs, Gavin Connor, Rachel Peretz.**

Front row: **Mariana Juarez-Quio, Layla Chrysanthis, Mikayla Denault, Eileen Eslin, Gabrielle Schwendeman, Madison Mann, Lydia Woodley, Morgan Carlson.**

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tor they would like to see pucker up to kiss Buddy. All proceeds from this contest will be sent to help with hurricane relief in the Bahamas.

MBS offers free parking. All proceeds for the Fall Festival benefit the Home and School Association.

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is a pre-K 3 through eighth grade school located at 11242 Racetrack Rd., Berlin, MD 21811. For more information about this event or admissions, please contact Amanda Evans, Director of Admissions and Advancement, at 410-208-1600.



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Arts Council's grant submission deadline is approaching

The Worcester County Arts Council Grants Review Committee is seeking applicants for local art projects to be held in Worcester County between January 1 and June 30, 2020. Applications must be received no later than 2 p.m. on October 15 at the Arts Council's office located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin.

Proposed project must be sponsored or presented by incorporated in Maryland not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization and be open to the public. Grant amount requested must be matched one-for-one by organization funds. Last fiscal year the Arts Council awarded more than \$25,000 to local organizations through this program.

Funding will support a wide variety of creative and innovative projects that are of outstanding artistic quality and demonstrate community benefit enhancing the lives of those who live and visit the Worcester County.

Grant application form and

guidelines are available on the Arts Council's website: www.worcester-countyartscouncil.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council's Community Arts Development Grants program is designed to assist local community-based groups produce and present arts activities in Worcester County and is funded and supported by the Maryland State Arts Council.

For further information or assistance, please call Anna Mullis, Executive Director of WCAC at: 410-641-0809 or e-mail: anna@worcestercount-yartscouncil.org.

Artisan, craft festival returns

On Saturday, November 2, the Ocean Pines Community Center will be turned into a Winter Wonderland by the Pine'er Craft Club. The group is sponsoring the Annual Holiday Winter Wonderland Artisan and Craft Festival with vendors filling the rooms with handcrafted items, all for sale to help you with your holiday shopping list.

The show hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., so come early for the best selections. Specialty items such as jewelry, stitchery creations, beach decor, glass and holiday decorations for sale. The Artisan and Gift Shop will also be opened featuring handmade items for sale. In addition, The Craft Club Bakers and Friends will fill the Bake Sale table with homemade items such as cookies, cakes, bread, pie and candy, all at reasonable prices. The local Kiwanis Club will also be there serving breakfast and lunch items as well as coffee and other beverages.

**The LORD will surely save me
So we will play my songs on
stringed instruments** Isaiah 38:20



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Forward."

Star Charities volunteers plan to continue the annual "Holiday Gifts for Soldiers" collection in October, in Foulz's honor. The drive is among the biggest endeavors of Star Charities, and Foulz had said collecting for servicemen and women made her feel closer to Carl and helped to honor his service.

"Although all of the Star Charities volunteers are heartbroken at the sudden passing of Anna, it only increases our desire to try to emulate what Anna has taught not only us, but everyone whose path she crossed, and that's to think of and do for others first," Susan Walter said.

From October 1 through October 31, black collection buckets will be placed in Ocean Pines at the Community Center, Sports Core Pool and Manklin Meadows Racquets Sports Complex. Additional collection containers will be available at the libraries in Ocean Pines and Ocean City, as well as at the Gold Coast Mall in Ocean City, Worcester County Arts Council in Berlin, and First Shore Federal

Savings & Loan on Racetrack Road.

All items collected will go to U.S. Armed Forces soldiers serving outside the United States.

Suggested donation items include:
Chewing gum, hard candy and nuts
Powdered iced tea, Gatorade and lemonade

Sunglasses, cards, games, puzzle books, paperback books and current magazines

Men's/women's toiletries including deodorant, body/foot powder, tooth-

brushes and toothpaste, mouthwash and floss

Feminine products
Tylenol, Advil and Tums (antacids)
Bar soap, washcloths, hand towels, wet towels, body/lip sunscreen and cotton socks

Foulz, in September, told the Ocean Pines Marketing and Public Relations office that international calling cards are especially sought after.

"This provides a soldier a call home to family," she said. To donate a calling card,

email Walter at cbreeze601@verizon.net.

The Salisbury National Guard will pick up collection buckets in November and prepare them for shipping to overseas U.S. Military bases.

"Please keep the men and women who protect us in your thoughts as we enter the holiday season," Foulz said in September. "Any donation, however small, will be so greatly appreciated. Let's fill these buckets!"

Historical Society to mark anniversary

The Worcester County Historical Society (WCHS) will mark the 60th anniversary of the society's founding at the annual dinner Sunday, October 20, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Dunes Manor Hotel, 28th Street, Ocean City. Following the dinner, the WCHS will give out \$9,600 in grants to a number of Worcester County museums.

This year's speaker will be Hunter "Bunk" Mann, a native of the lower Eastern Shore and author of the book, "Vanishing Ocean City," published

in 2014. His second book, "Ghosts in the Surf," is coming out this fall. Mann's talk will focus on Ocean City and its growth during the 1960s

He said that the decade included the 1962 storm and the beginning of the high rises. In 1960 the northern part of Ocean City was an area of "sand dunes and sea gulls." At the end of the decade the high rises and condominiums had been started. and Ocean City had expanded all the way

to the Delaware line. Also a new bridge into the resort had been completed.

The social hour will begin at 1 p.m. Dinner will be at 2 p.m.

The dinner is open to the public. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased by sending a check to Robert Fisher, WCHS Treasurer, 230 South Washington St., Snow Hill, MD 21863. To guarantee seating, those who plan to attend are encouraged to make their reservations by Tuesday October 15.

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Bertino to host Active Shooter Response training

In conjunction with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training on Wednesday, October 17 at the Ocean Pines library at 6:30 p.m. The class is free and open to the public.

CRASE training is designed to increase the chances of surviving an active shooter event or other critical incident.

The course is designed and built around the "Avoid, Deny, Defend" strategy developed by ALERRT in 2004. This course will provide strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues, and considerations for conducting drills.

The course utilizes a Power Point presentation along with instructor led question and answer session.

"My wife and I attended this training earlier this year and it was informative, helpful and really made us think

about our surroundings when we're out in public," said Commissioner Bertino. "That's why I thought it would be of interest to resident of Ocean Pines and others. I appreciate Sheriff Matthew Crisafulli's willingness to offer this opportunity to our community."

Although not required, it would be helpful if attendees RSVP. Email Commissioner Bertino at cbertino@co.worcester.md.us or call 443-783-3248.

Fire company hosts dinner

On Sunday, October 13 the Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold a Chicken & Dumplings Dinner and Carryout at the main station Noon until 2 p.m. Chicken, handrolled dumplings, coleslaw, green beans and sweet potatoes will be on the menu. The cost is \$12 adults, \$6 children under 11. There will be a bake table available. Call 619-922-9950 for preorder carry-outs.

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