

Pines makes plans to deal with virus

Ocean Pines last week began planning for the potential spread of Coronavirus in Maryland, to protect the public and Ocean Pines employees in case of a local outbreak.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan on Thursday announced there were three confirmed cases of coronavirus in the state, just days after the state's Public Health Laboratory was approved for testing for the virus.

"Our highest priority is keeping Marylanders safe, and having the capability to test quickly for potential COVID-19 [Coronavirus] cases is an important part of that," Hogan said in a release. "We want our citizens to know that all levels of government are working together proactively and taking every possible precaution to respond to threats of public health."

Hogan also declared a state of emergency on Thursday, which helps open certain funding channels.

"In order to further mobilize all available state resources in response to this threat to public health, I have issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency in Maryland," Hogan said. "With this declaration, I am officially authorizing and directing the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to ramp up coordination among all state and local agencies and enable them to fast-track coordination with our state and local health departments and emergency management teams.

The Ocean Pines Association has reached out to the Worcester County Health Department and neighboring communities, and is developing action plans to address a potential local spread of Coronavirus. At this time, there are no plans to close public facilities or cancel public meetings.

The Association will continue to keep the Ocean Pines public informed as this situation develops.

"We are keeping a close eye on Coronavirus and are taking this very seriously," General Manager John Viola said. "We want the public and our staff to know we are working on a plan to address the virus if and when it comes to Worcester County. We formed a work group this week and have reached out to our partners at the county and in neighboring communities, and we'll continue to monitor the situation as it develops, and to plan accordingly."

According to the Center for Disease Control and

*please see **virus** on page 14*



Guest Speaker - Maureen Kennedy, owner of My Backyard, was the guest speaker at The Parke in Ocean Pines earlier this month. Kennedy spoke about hummingbirds. My Backyard is located in the South Gate of Ocean Pines at 11312 Manklin Creek Road.

A Time To Remember

On this day in 1779, Congress established the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help plan, design and prepare environmental and structural facilities for the U.S. Army. Made up of civilian workers, members of the Continental Army and French officers, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers played an essential role in the critical Revolutionary War battles at Bunker Hill, Saratoga and Yorktown.



Car Show returns

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host the 7th Annual Car Show on Sunday, May 31. The show will be held at the Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial Park located on the corner of Cathell and Racetrack roads. There will be several food and business vendors as well as music and a live radio remote.

For information on registering for the car show or becoming a vendor call the Chamber at 410-641-5306 or stop in the office at 11031 Cathell Road in Berlin. All information is also on their website at oceanpineschamber.org

The Car Show will begin around 11 a.m. and trophies will be awarded at 1 p.m.

There will be trophies awarded in the following categories; Classic, Antique, Hot Rod, Modern, Customs, Jeep and People's Choice.

Pre-registration is available on line for just \$20 or \$25 the day of the show. Day of registration and vehicle line up will be at the Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial Park beginning at 10 a.m. All cars must be registered by noon to participate in the car show. Register on line at: www.OceanPinesChamber.org.

Early Worcester history to be discussed

The Worcester County Historical Society will hold its annual spring dinner meeting at the Pocomoke Community Center on Market Street, Friday, March 27. Dinner guests will learn about Worcester County's past while enjoying a meal of chicken and dumplings with all the fixings prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Dr. Ray Thompson will speak to the members and guests about the early history of Worcester County. Dr. Thompson said that the Eastern Shore has been fortunate to have the oldest continuous records in British-speaking America starting in 1632 to help people understand who the earliest settlers were. He called them hearty men and women who lived in the frontier environment away from civilization. His talk will look into who they were and their lifestyles and how they transformed the Eastern Shore. He will trace the movements of the settlers up the peninsula of Virginia into Maryland's Eastern Shore and into Delaware. Their economic, political, cultural, and religious societies led to the fundamentals of America today. He also plans a power point to supplement his discussion.

Dr. Thompson, along with Sylvia Bradley, was the co-founder of the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture at Salisbury University in 1983. His 25-year career at the university included teaching history and serving as chair of the history department. Today he continues speaking and doing research in local history.

Doors will open for the event at 5:30 p.m. Friday evening and the dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. 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. The deadline for reservations for the dinner, which is open to the public, is March 22.

Community Calendar

MARCH

Monday

Ocean Pines Poker Club

Poker players wanted in Ocean Pines area for Monday evenings. Call 410-208-1928.

Delmarva Chorus

The Delmarva Chorus meets every Monday evening at 7PM at the Ocean Pines Community Center in Ocean Pines, Md. Women of all ages are invited to sing with us. Please contact CAROL at 410-641-6876.

Monday/Tuesday

Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge

Open bridge games Monday at 12 p.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m. at OP Community Center. Call Mary Stover 410-726-1795.

Tuesday

Families Anonymous

From 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at room 37 in the the Community Church at Ocean Pines on Rte. 589. For more information call Carol at 410-208-4515.

Tuesday/Thursday

Poker Players wanted for Gentlemen's Poker in North Gate area Ocean Pines. Game played every Tuesday & Thursday evening 5:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. on Pinehurst Rd. Ocean Pines. Call 410-208-0063 for more information.

Wednesday

Quilting Club

Quilters by the Sea meets most Wednesdays at the Ocean Pines Community Center. First Wednesday of the month is Volunteer Day, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., when the group sew or tie quilts for charity. The second and fourth Wednesdays are free sewing or workshops from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The third Wednesday of the month is the business meeting, followed by Show & Tell, from noon to 3 p.m. Open to the public.

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 Pinestepers 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

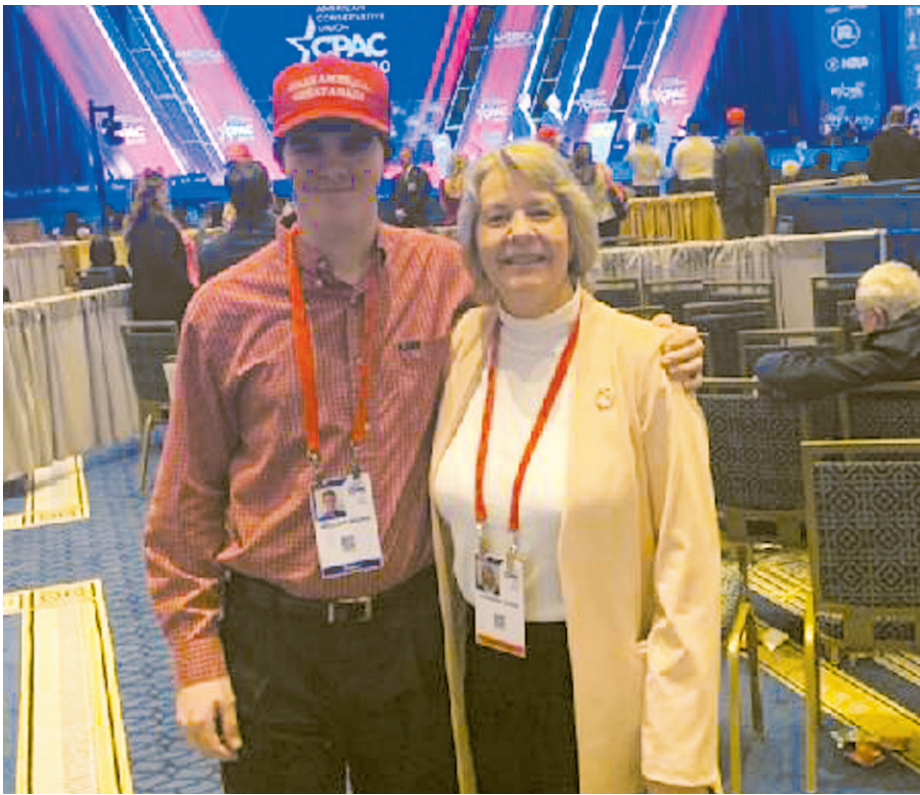
Creative Writing Forum

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.

Museum to host event

The Delmarva Discovery Museum will host a Meet and Greet on Thursday, March 12 beginning at 11 a.m. Visitors will meet staff and volunteers. The museum is located at 2 Market Street in Pocomoke City. It is open year round, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. For more information call 410-957-9933 or go to www.DelmarvaDiscoveryMuseum.org.





In attendance - *Adrienne Kozma (right) and her son William attended the recent CPAC conference held at National Harbor.*

Spray irrigation proposal town hall set

Ocean Pines and Worcester County will jointly host a town hall on the proposed spray irrigation project on March 12 at 5 p.m., in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

Attending from Ocean Pines will be Association General Manager John Viola, Golf General Manager John Malinowski, Course Superintendent Andre Jordan and Assistant Superintendent Justin Hartshorne, and from Worcester County Assistant Public Works Director John Ross, and Commissioners Chip Bertino and Jim Bunting.

The Ocean Pines Water and Wastewater Advisory Board originally discussed the proposal late last year, to use highly treated effluent to spray irrigate the Ocean Pines Golf Course. Several neighboring courses already use county effluent for spray irrigation, a process endorsed by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), according to county officials.

“Highly treated effluent” refers to the water meeting current MDE Bay Restoration standards. According to Worcester County Public Works Di-

rector John Tustin, extremely low levels of nitrogen and phosphorus in the effluent helped earn MDE tax exceptions that have saved Ocean Pines rate payers \$5 million over the last 14 years.

The proposed fiscal year 2020/2021 Ocean Pines Service Area budget includes \$25,000 for a spray irrigation feasibility study, which is the next step in the process.

The town hall will include an overview of the proposal by county officials, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Craft group to meet

The March Pine’er Craft Club meeting will be held on March 19 at the Ocean Pines Community Center in the Assateague Room. Refreshments will be served at 9:45 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

The March project is making bags from T-shirts. This is the giveaway for the April grand opening of the new Pine’er Artisan and Gift Shop. All are welcome.

For more information contact Carol Quinto at 410-208-4317.



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Kirwan initiatives do not address challenges

Editor,

Last week House Bill 1300, also known as “The Kirwan Commission” was voted on by the House of Delegates. I voted against this bill and the more than 30-billion-dollar price tag to our tax payers. My daughter is a school teacher and I felt the need to explain my vote to her, and the many other teachers and administrators that I have talked to since being elected.

The Kirwan Commission indicated that 47% of school teachers leave the profession within three years of teaching. Our teachers are faced with ever increasing challenges. Teachers jobs are not simply to teach a curriculum within the walls of a classroom, but also to help students cope with the many struggles they face outside the school. This often times causes disruptive behaviors. How can a teacher teach in an unruly environment and be successful? Kirwan does not address this root issue.

Other issues need to be addressed as well. An amendment to reduce class size to help teachers and promote learning was rejected on party lines. This bill has the potential to grow class size as stated in a January report. I researched what is working presently and found in Florida that classes are limited to 18 students in K-3, 22 students in grades 4-8, and a maximum of 25 students in grades 9 – 12. I shared this with professionals in the state and it made sense to them. This common sense amendment failed, I

don’t understand why.

In the past teachers were rewarded with higher pay for obtaining their master’s degree. To my surprise that is no longer emphasized and is not at all a part of this bill. I was told that there is no evidence that a master’s degree benefits teachers. The new emphasis is on obtaining National Board Certification (NBC). If a teacher obtains the NBC, they get a \$10,000 pay increase. That grows to a \$17,000 increase annually if the teacher is in an underperforming school. This is an education bill that completely undermines the value higher education. I sounded the alarm to UMES and Salisbury University only to be told that they don’t weigh in on pending legislation. How can we fix the system when everyone must simply fall in line and accept what is handed down? And it gets worse, if this bill is set to raise the standards of teaching why was the requirement for a new teacher to obtain their NBC, which is the new standard, taken out of the bill?

So many other amendments were rejected that made sense; such as an amendment to require curriculum for teaching financial literacy. That too failed. The list goes on and on.

Early on in this, I talked to Dr. Kirwan himself. I voiced my concern over the current wealth formula for funding our schools. Dr. Kirwan assured me that would be addressed, that didn’t happen either. If Maryland wanted equality, every child in the state would

get the same state tax dollar regardless of the county they live in. It should also be noted that the funding formula was amended to make this more affordable to certain jurisdictions.

What this means is an additional 2 billion dollars is going to a few jurisdictions on our dime.

There are many parts of the bill that I support, including elevating the profession of teaching. However, I don’t support the way it is being done. Kirwan eliminates the local control of our school board. The needs of our children vary from county to county. Let our counties decide how to spend the education money. The bill does correct the damage that was done to career training in the 90s when every child had to go to college. There are plenty of unfilled jobs today because we had to eliminate the “stigma” of vocational training back then. I went to vocational school, prior to my college, and proudly support students who develop a skill and strong work ethic. This bill supports career and technology education. However, we can implement this in phases and do it right without jeopardizing the finances of our state.

As of 10:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020 when the bill passed the House of Delegates, there was still no plan as to how to pay for Kirwan. The plan may have been House Bill 1628, the massive tax bill that would have taxed nearly every service in Maryland. However, the citizens did a great job in letting their legislators know that they would not accept those tax hikes. Marylanders are taxed enough.

Before we spend billions of dollars on education, we need to invest in rebuilding our families and allow teachers to teach in an environment conducive to learning. Our teachers have to fill the role of parents as well as that of a teacher. As legislators we need to focus on legislation that supports the family unit and makes children learn responsibility as well as respect for themselves and others. For example, my committee just passed a

bill to mandate county libraries to not charge children aged 13 and younger a late fee on an overdue book. This is absurd to me. Accountability needs to be taught and start when our children are young.

In summary, I support education, our teachers, and our children in Maryland. I know firsthand that our teachers work an incredible amount of hours and deserve more pay. It must be done in an effective and responsible way. The real problem in our schools is not addressed here. The problem is that our families and family values are eroding. We must address the discipline issues and the classroom environment to allow our teachers to teach.

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NAACP to meet

Worcester County NAACP’s March meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19 at the North Worcester County MAC Senior Center located at 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd. in Berlin. The Executive Board meeting starts at 6 p.m. The general meeting begins at 6:45 p.m. with guest speaker Berran Rogers, Jr., Coordinator of UMES Cooperative Extension Small Farms Program.

Rodgers will introduce programs to African American landowners and under-served farmers in Worcester County on Maryland’s Lower Eastern Shore to increase awareness and usage of USDA-NRCS (US Dept Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Services) programs and others services that are available. Limited resource farmers are also encouraged to attend.

Please share this meeting with interested persons. Call 443-944-6701 for additional information.

Many people plan to retire by a certain age, but few may actually still be working at their targeted retirement age. In the United States, the age at which working Americans expect to retire has risen to 66. But a Gallup poll showed that most don’t stay on the job that long, instead retiring when they’re about 60 or 61. In addition, according to a 2018 Employee Benefit Research Institute survey, 48 percent of workers wanted to retire after age 65, but only 19 percent of retirees stayed on the job that long. The reasons vary, but one positive outcome is having enough money to live comfortably during retirement. Still, early retirement largely involves unexpected scenarios. These may include poor health, having to care for an aging parent, downsizing, new skills required for the job, or other work-related reasons.



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Heritage

Tuesday is St. Patrick's Day, a day of Irish pride enjoyed by those of Celtic descent and those who want to be, at least for the day.

Although I have an Italian last name I grew up in an American family where the traditions of the "Old Country" were never a visible part of daily

youth. Friday evenings and Sunday mornings, the radio in our house and car was set to listen to Sid Mark host "Fridays with Frank" and "Sunday with Sinatra." Sitting in the backseat of the 1970 Oldsmobile 88 riding from church to the Country Club Diner on Cottman Avenue, my brother and I were hostages to Sid waxing poetic about Francis Albert.

The first time I was aware that ancestral differences was a thing, I was about eight or nine when I overheard an older kid who didn't have a vowel-ending

surname at the bus stop tell a joke, or at least what he thought was a joke. "What happens when an Eye-talian turns around? A day go." I had no idea why he and the person he told were laughing. It made no sense to me. When I got home from school I retold the joke to my mother who understood it but didn't find it funny.

There were a couple of vowel-ending Philadelphians who rose to fame during the 1970s. In politics it was Frank Rizzo, the mayor

often referred to as "Paisan" and even Uncle Frank. I believe he got the votes of many if not all his Vowel-Crowd constituents each time he ran. The other was "Rocky Balboa" an underdog Italian fighter portrayed by Sylvester Stallone.

During the noon broadcast of Action News on WPVI Channel 6, there was a regular segment by the Green Grocer, Joe Carcione, who talked about produce. When his face appeared on the screen, all talking stopped so that Gramps could hear what fruit and/or vegetable wisdom old Joe was discussing. It wasn't very long before Joe's suggestions appeared on our dinner table.

Although it's fun to swell with pride about my heritage from time to time, I consider myself first and always an American ... who happens to be Italian who loves pasta and cannoli, watching "The Godfather" movies and listening to Sinatra.

Regardless of ethnicity, Happy St. Patrick's Day!



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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life. Aside from the vowel at the end of my last name, I didn't have an obvious connection with my European ancestors. If I've counted correctly, I am a third generation American; my parents and grandparents were born in the United States. It was my great-grandparents who emigrated from Italy and France, traveling steerage to come to the New World.

English was always spoken in our home and the homes of my grandparents and

friends. Ethnicity was never an issue growing up. Looking back there could be a not-so-subtle reason for this, having grown up with friends who had last names such as Curcillo, Fardone, Armellini, Falcone, DeMarco, Buonomo, Covone and Mastracco. And although there was a sprinkling of McDermotts, McDades and Webers, they were a definite minority.

We ate a lot of spaghetti and meatballs in my house as well as chicken cacciatore and eggplant parmesan, a dish made routinely by my grandmother and disliked intensely by my brother and me. Cannolis from Termini Brothers Bakery were a special treat sometimes brought to the house by my grandfather who lived in South Philly. Ravioli (not the Chef Boyardee kind) was a favorite as was Italian cream cake. Italian hoagies and pepper and egg sandwiches were mainstays. The music of Tony Bennett, Dean Martin, Perry Como, Rosemary Clooney and Frank Sinatra, especially Sinatra, was the soundtrack of my



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New ARC guidelines adopted

The Ocean Pines Board on Saturday voted 6-0 to approve revised Architectural Review Committee (ARC) guidelines, with changes that mostly involved making the document more “practical.”

“Nothing’s changed dramatically,” Association President Doug Parks said. “There’s some things in that document that are a little dated [and] something things that, quite frankly, the first time we ran through them were ... unenforceable.”

One example, he said, dealt with “the height of your fire, and your fire pit was going to be measured.”

“We made it a little more practical,” Parks said. “[There was] a lot of input from a lot of different people, and I think we’ve got a very good document ... I would encourage the membership to make themselves aware of the ARC guidelines, maybe as a refresher.”

Association Vice President Steve Tuttle said the committee worked on the new guidelines for about 18 months, and that several Board members reviewed the changes, including himself, Parks, and Directors Colette Horn and Camilla

Rogers.

Tuttle said some minor changes are still needed, namely inserting page numbers and a table of contents. The new guidelines will be posted online following a final committee review, scheduled to occur later this week.

Tuttle said the prior guidelines dated back to 2006, with some revisions done in 2010.

“The ARC committee has worked over the past year to update and revise the guidelines. The effort has been to clarify areas where there has been confusion, and to provide a document that assists all residents of Ocean Pines in understanding and utilizing the ARC guidelines,” he said.

Tuttle said the revised guidelines would benefit residents, as well as the Compliance Permit and Inspections Department and the Architectural Review Committee in carrying out their duties.

Rogers thanked the committee for putting in many months of work to produce the revisions.

“This is a very thoughtful document. It is one that has had a lot of work, a lot of revisions [and] a lot of input ... I certainly support the passage of these new requirements,” she said. “Nothing may ever be perfect. We may need to wordsmith somewhere down the line again, but this is certainly a far cry from where we were and is a very well-constructed document. Thank you, Steve, for your leadership with that committee.”

Horn thanked the committee for their patience, adding that allowed Board members ample time to do an in-depth review.



Experiment - Mary Waegle’s second grade class at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School (MBS) recently worked on science experiments to review their States of Matter unit. To visualize how air expands, students participated in an experiment to show what would happen to a balloon on a beaker when heated. They tested two balloons. One balloon was placed on a beaker with just air inside and one was placed on a beaker filled with a small amount of water. The students had to predict which balloon would get bigger faster. This sparked their interest even further; they then wanted to know what would happen to the balloon if placed in a freezer. That’s their next experiment. Middle school science teacher Audrey Moshfeghian, and second-grade teacher’s assistant, Kathleen Meisten, helped. Waegle’s class perform the experiment in the science lab.

Special worship event scheduled

On Saturday, March 21 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. a special evening of “Reflecting on Today’s Contemporary Praise Worship” will be offered at Community Church at Ocean Pines. Pastors and Praise Bands of the church and Mariners Bethel Church from Ocean View, DE are collaborating to host this unique event.

Rev. Woody Wilson will speak on the challenges of attracting those who do not attend church through modern audio and visual technologies. He also will share what he is currently studying today’s different

generations responding to contemporary music and worship.

Rev. Paul Tuttle will lead the singing, and Rev. Dale Brown will provide scripture readings and prayer.

This is an opportunity for the community to reflect on changing the dynamics of worship. Light refreshments will be served; children are welcome.

For further information, contact Community Church, 11227 Race-track Rd. Berlin, Md. 410-641-5433, or visit our website at www.ccaop.org.

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Winner - Adelaide Dawkins, a sixth grade student in Mrs. Walsh's class at Berlin Intermediate School, was awarded first place for grade six Poetry in the Young Authors Contest for the Eastern Shore Literacy Association. Her poem was entitled, "The Four Intervals."

Boat Club to hold event

The Ocean Pines Boat Club will hold a kick-off event on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center.

"Medical Cannabis in Maryland" will be the subject of speaker Lyndsey Odachowski, co-owner and General Manager of Positive Energy, a Maryland Medical Cannabis Dispensary located in West Ocean City.

For more information or to join the boat club, please contact Pat at 410-208-6933. You don't need to own a boat or be an Ocean Pines resident.

Tortoise and Hare Dare returns

The 23rd Annual "Tortoise & Hare Dare" 5K walk/run will be held at 9 a.m., on Saturday, April 4 at Pocomoke River State Park-Shad Landing, Snow Hill, Maryland. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. This is a free event and is pet friendly. The first 100 runners/walkers to check-in on the day of the event will receive a free commemorative T-shirt. There is no cost to take part in the Tortoise and the Hare Dare. The Worcester County Health Department, Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks, and Pocomoke River State Park all co-sponsor the 5k.

"The 23rd Annual Tortoise and Hare Dare 5k is the perfect opportunity to get out and get active in our county and explore the lovely Shad Landing," said Mimi Dean, Director of Prevention Services for Worcester County Health Department. "Whether you walk or run, this event is a fun, accessible way to welcome spring back to Worcester."

After the walk, participants are encouraged to visit local health, recreation, and community exhibits. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors while getting some physical ac-

tivity with friends, family, and other community residents. Pre-registration is encouraged and participants can register by calling 410-632-1100 option 4 or visiting WorcesterHealth.org

You can register for free Just Walk program any time year-round by visiting JustWalkWorcester.org.

Relay for Life meeting scheduled

American Cancer Society Relay for Life of North Worcester County team meeting will be held between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11 at the Berlin Fire Company Conference Center (the old library) located at 220 North Main St., Berlin.

Bring your team, survivors, friends, family and anyone who would like information on Relay for Life. All are welcome. RSVP to Jessie at Jessie_wolfe@hotmail.com. The event is May 8 at Frontier Town Campground between 6 p.m. to midnight. For more event information visit www.relayforlife.org/northworcestermd or www.facebook.com/NorthWorcesterRelay.



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Do you have a false sense of security in your plan?

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We meet with clients on a regular basis who feel a false sense of security because they already have a Will from years ago. “Will” becomes interchangeable with any type of planning they have completed—they ‘already have an estate plan’ or they ‘already have long term care insurance’ so they feel protected. It’s easy to understand the relief that they felt upon completing a phase of planning, but instead of considering the task done ‘for now’, they consider everything to be officially finished, not to be revisited, checked off the list.

Any type of legal and financial plan requires maintenance and a continued sense of understanding and education. Similar to maintaining our vehicles with routine oil changes, our estate plan should be considered every time we meet milestones in life or experience significant changes.

“I already have a Power of Attorney.”

A Power of Attorney (POA) is the legal document that allows the principal, the

creator of the document, to name an agent(s) to make legal and financial decisions for them if they cannot make those decisions for themselves.

The most recent changes to the laws affecting Powers of Attorney in DE and MD happened in 2010. The Uniform Power of Attorney Act was adopted in our states and changed the authorities that are given to the Agent(s). If a Power of Attorney was created before 2010 it should be reviewed by an attorney specialized in elder law to confirm its thoroughness. But even Powers of Attorney created since 2010 still require regular review.

First, we often see POAs that limit the authority of the agent. It seems that these choices result from a misunderstanding. For example, Bob is completing a form POA, naming his trusted son Mark to be his agent. When Bob comes to the section of the POA listing the powers he wants to give Mark he quickly initials the authorities to handle banking accounts or real estate transactions, but he hesitates

please see plan on page 13



Wonka - Third and fourth grade students at Ocean City Elementary attended a Willy Wonka themed MCAP pep rally on March 5. During the celebration, they shared strategies and best practices for being successful on their state assessment in April and May. In the coming weeks, students will be working hard to earn Wonka Bars and Golden Tickets as incentives for special coupons they can purchase in May when testing is over.

Pictured are students preparing to enter “Willy Wonka’s Chocolate Factory.” Left to right: **Olive Maynard, Evelyn Eade, Kimberly Torres, Alexis Castagna, Isaiah Demissie, Cade Howard and Caiden White.**

Anglers to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, March 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library. The speakers will be Frank and Ben Daringer from Mid Shore Electronics who will discuss the latest security and electronic systems. Updates to new fishing regulations will also be reviewed. All are welcome.



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Deadline for reservations: March 20

Game to be played _____ Number of players _____

Table Captain: _____ Phone # _____ Menu Choice #: _____

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TABLE CAPTAIN—List all players at your table with their menu choices. Mail with everyone's check made payable to RWWC to: Game Day, P.O. Box 1292, Berlin, MD 21811. For additional information call Susan at 717-448-1741 or email at posoem@icloud.com



Knots & Knots by Dan Collins

First Aid

March may come in like a lionfish and out like a minnow and we can celebrate the last day of winter but it's still March – not quite time to prep the boat for the 2020 season.

So this year I decided to spend my March time, other than St. Paddy's Day, doing something that I always put off. I opened up the First Aid kit that I carry on board. Although not required by law, it's a vital piece of safety equipment. Thankfully, I've never needed it but during a medical emergency is not the best time to remove the cellophane and read the instructions or become familiar with the inventory.



Since I'm not a doctor or an EMT and, in fact, not even a fan of TV veterinarian shows, popping the water tight lid on my First Aid kit conjured up visions of Alice looking down the rabbit's hole. Inside, I found sealed packages of stuff marked: Wound Care/Burns, Medication, Fractures/Sprains, and Bleeding/CPR.

Each had a set of instructions printed in eye straining 8 point type. Reviewing the instructions to know what to do is as important as having the equipment and supplies to render assistance but I can't imagine trying to read the itty-bitty print on a rocking, rain swept boat. However, it is definitely worth a March evening in an easy chair.

I started with bag #1, 'Wound Care' mainly because it was in my comfort zone. It had band aids! It also had gauze, tape, tweezers, and tiny scissors that were stolen from a transformer toy just before it morphed into a Barbie Doll. Interestingly, the 8-point type print also included directions to irrigate a wound but no syringe or 500 ml bottle of disinfected water were included.

The second bag I chose to explore was marked 'Medication.' I picked this one because it completed the balance of my entire understanding of

medicine. It had aspirin. It also had mystery drugs that could be a category on Jeopardy like diphon and APAP and Medi-Meclizine, all in individual wrappers with instructions printed in less than 4-point type. What my First Aid kit really needed was a magnifying glass.

The next bag was marked 'Bleeding/CPR'. Here I became confused. I thought bag #1 with band aids was for bleeding. I was wrong. Band aids only cover open wounds to prevent infection and maybe stop a drop or two of blood. Bleeding is the big messy scenes like in 'Saving Private Ryan.' Bag #3 instruc-

tions described direct pressure on the wound using gauze and protective gloves. (Indirect pressure on arteries and tourniquets were not discussed – not even in the fine print.)

The literature also included a Cliff Notes explanation of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Although there is a school of thought that condones doing something rather than nothing, it's best that CPR be administered by someone who is certified.

The last bag (#4) was marked 'Fracture and Sprains.' This procedure seemed more straightforward.

The instructions said to assume all injuries are fractures, not sprains. Immobilize them using the included wrap and something firm like a broom handle. If the broken bone is sticking out through the skin, then it's considered a compound fracture. In that case, you need to cover the wound with the gauze in bag #1 before immobilizing.

Before you start administering first aid, you should poll everyone to find the most qualified medically trained person available and let that person

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Hummingbird fascination

Hummingbirds are truly remarkable and fascinating creatures. A diverse family, hummingbirds include the world's smallest bird, the Bee Hummingbird of Cuba, and some of the strongest migrants. The Rufous Hummingbird, if based upon distance traveled in proportion to body size, undertakes the longest avian migration in the world. To sustain their super-charged metabolisms, hummingbirds must eat once every 10 to 15 minutes and visit between 1,000 and 2,000 flowers per day.

You can attract, feed and nourish hummingbirds in your backyard with a few easy steps. Flowers, perches, insects, and water are the key ingredients to a healthy yard that will attract these amazing jewels.

Flowers. Hummingbirds are specialized for nectar-eating, evident by long bills and grooved tongues ideal for probing flowers. Sugary nectar supplies fast energy and makes up 90 percent of a hummingbird's diet. Unfortunately, due to development and climate change, hummingbird-friendly habitat may be changing across many hummingbird migration routes. You can create a healthy environment for hummingbirds with these steps:

-Fill your yard with native flowering plants, vines, shrubs, and trees. Even one plant in a window box or hanging basket can help.

-Grow native plants like trumpet honeysuckle, bee balm, and hummingbird sage, which provide much more nectar than hybrids and exotics.

-Plant native red or orange tubular flowers to attract hummingbirds, in addition to native plants rich in nectar.

-Group similar plants together and choose species with different blooming periods so that there will be a steady supply of flowers nearly year-round.

-Leave some sticks and small

branches on bushes and trees to enable ready perches for hummingbirds.

-Minimize or eliminate the use of pesticides in your yard.

-Encourage your neighbors to make their yards hummingbird friendly. An entire corridor of habitat is much more valuable than scattered patches.

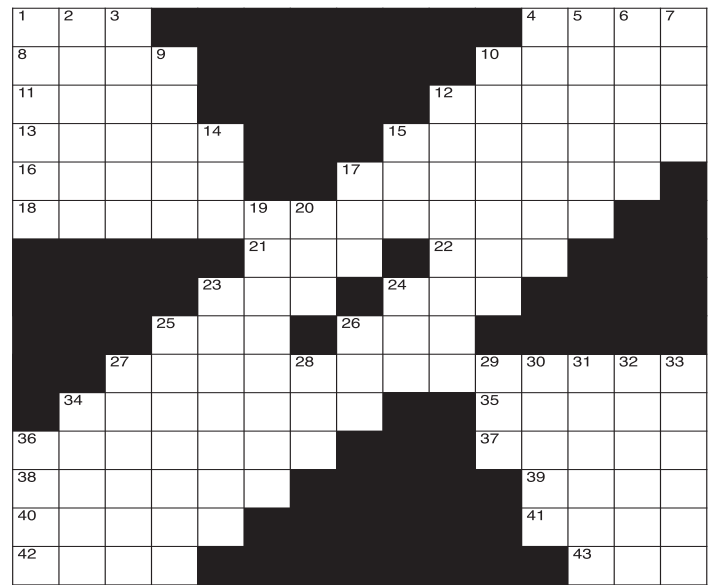
Planting for nesting hummingbirds. Hummingbirds prefer to nest near a ready supply of nectar and other food, and you can encourage them to nest in your yard by maintaining some shrubbery and small deciduous trees in which they can seek protective cover, especially around the edges of your yard. They build their tiny, expandable nests on tree limbs and other small horizontal surfaces, often constructing them from lichens and spider webs.

Perches. Make sure you have plenty of safe places for hummingbirds to rest and sleep in your yard. Hummingbirds often perch to rest or survey their territory; some spots should be in the open and obvious for territorial birds, while others should be in protected areas, hidden from view and buffered from any cooler overnight temperatures.

Insects. Hummingbirds need protein from pollen and insects to maintain their bodies and grow new feathers. Like swifts, hummingbirds are specialized aerial hunters, and can snatch small insects from the air. Hummingbirds also glean insects from leaves and from spider webs.

Water. Hummingbirds like to bathe frequently, even in the pools of droplets that collect on leaves. Provide your yard with a constant source of water from a drip fountain attachment or a fine misting device. A misting device is an especially attractive water source for hummingbirds.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A team's best pitcher
- 4. Designer Jacobs
- 8. Hip joint
- 10. A dialect of English
- 11. Portrays
- 12. Panic
- 13. The head of a team
- 15. High priest
- 16. League of Legends locale
- 17. Protective folds
- 18. Treats allergies
- 21. Voodoo spirits
- 22. Single unit
- 23. Unit of measurement
- 24. Brew
- 25. Burundian franc
- 26. Self
- 27. Bengals great
- 34. Making letters overlap
- 35. Piece of pizza
- 36. Illegal drug
- 37. Card game
- 38. The highest point in the development
- 39. Oh, God!
- 40. Wives (law)
- 41. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 42. Supplements with difficulty
- 43. Valentine's Day color

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Warm climate tree or shrub
- 2. Silky case spun by larvae
- 3. Still in existence
- 4. Light, two-stranded rope
- 5. Wear away
- 6. Beginnings
- 7. Essence
- 9. American Standard Code for Information Interchange
- 10. Path
- 12. Repeated tones
- 14. Expresses surprise
- 15. Monetary unit of Burma
- 17. When you hope to get there
- 19. Brighten
- 20. Fifth note of a major scale
- 23. Dark brown timbers of tropical trees
- 24. We all do it
- 25. Scrounges
- 26. Unit of energy
- 27. Begin to be
- 28. Midway between northeast and east
- 29. Distinctive practice
- 30. Succulent plants
- 31. Performer
- 32. Gas station term
- 33. Required
- 34. Soviet monetary unit
- 36. Eating house

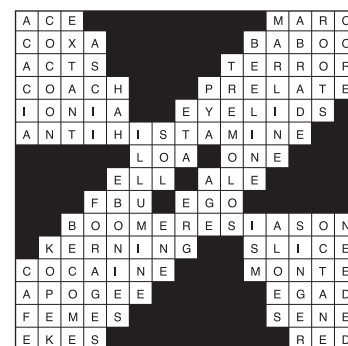
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Answers for March 4

Carozza bill heard by Senate committee

The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on March 4 held a hearing on Senate Bill 878—Worcester County—Special Event Zones – Prohibitions, sponsored by Senator Mary Beth Carozza.

“There is a strong sense of urgency to pass this local public safety legislation so it can go into effect before Cruisin’ Ocean City this May so we can protect our residents, visitors, businesses and law enforcement during exhibition driving events,” Senator Carozza said in her testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 878.

Senate Bill 878 is an emergency local public safety bill that prohibits a person from engaging in “exhibition driving” within a special event zone in Worcester County. Senate Bill 878 strengthens the current special event zone law that passed in 2018 which only covered speeding by defining and increasing the penalties for exhibition driving, such as negligent driving, racing, or skidding in a special event zone.

Violators of these penalties are subject to a \$1,000 fine and could face 60 days imprisonment, depending on the extent of the penalty. The bill is limited in scope as currently only three motor vehicle events in Ocean City would require a Special Events Zone designation and would average 15 days per year as proposed by Senate Bill 878.

“During the past several seasons, the out-of-control, dangerous driving and pop-up mob crowds during these motor vehicle special events has dramatically increased, putting members of our community in great danger,” said Senator Carozza.

After Senator Carozza’s testimony a video provided by the Ocean City Po-

lice Department was played highlighting the reckless driving and havoc caused during the unsanctioned H2O event in Ocean City held the weekend of September 27, 2019.

“This event wreaked havoc and disrupted our seaside town to a point where locals and visitors alike were captive in their homes and hotel rooms out of fear,” Senator Carozza added.

Locals who traveled to Annapolis to testify in support of Senate Bill 878 included Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan, Police Chief Ross Buzzuro, Town Councilman John Gehrig, and Communications Manager Jessica Waters; Worcester County Sheriff Matthew Crisafulli; Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack Commander Lieutenant Earl Starner; Ocean City Chamber of Commerce President Melanie Pursel; and CEO of T.E.A.M. Productions Bob Rothermel, who produces the two sanctioned Ocean City automobile events.

“As host to hundreds of popular events each year, including several motor vehicle events, only three require Special Event Zones,” Mayor

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Grand opening set for Pine'eer Artisan Gift Shop

Ocean Pines and the Pine'eer Craft Club will host a grand opening ceremony for the new Artisan Gift Shop on Saturday, April 4 at 9 a.m.

The event will include cake, a free raffle for gift certificates, and a free t-shirt tote bag with every purchase.

The new building, in White Horse Park and across from the Administration Building on 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, opened on February 8 and runs on Saturdays, in conjunction with the Farmer’s Market from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ocean Tower Construction LLC of Ocean City built the new shop, while Ocean Pines Public Works and Joe Costello put together the interiors, including shelves and displays.

The Pine'eer Craft Club has operated since 1974 and was previously housed between the Administration Building and Community Center. Club members create and sell a wide

variety of items, including wood-working, candles, pottery, jewelry, home décor, and all manner of sewn, crocheted and knitted items. All items are made locally, and most are made in Ocean Pines.

Sales from the Craft Club’s gift shop have benefited the Ocean Pines Association and other community groups for several decades, with total donations of more than \$160,000.

For more information on the Pine'eer Craft Club, email opcraftclub@aol.com or call Craft Club President Sharon Puser at 410-208-3032.

Tides for Ocean City Inlet

Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Sunrise Sunset
Th 12	Low	4:33 AM	7:15 AM
	High	10:55 AM	7:05 PM
	Low	4:53 PM	
	High	11:19 PM	
F 13	Low	5:28 AM	7:14 AM
	High	11:44 AM	7:06 PM
	Low	5:42 PM	
Sa 14	High	12:11 AM	7:12 AM
	Low	6:26 AM	7:07 PM
	High	12:35 PM	
	Low	6:35 PM	
Su 15	High	1:07 AM	7:11 AM
	Low	7:27 AM	7:08 PM
	High	1:30 PM	
	Low	7:31 PM	
M 16	High	2:08 AM	7:09 AM
	Low	8:32 AM	7:09 PM
	High	2:32 PM	
	Low	8:31 PM	
Tu 17	High	3:16 AM	7:07 AM
	Low	9:40 AM	7:10 PM
	High	3:41 PM	
	Low	9:34 PM	
W 18	High	4:27 AM	7:06 AM
	Low	10:49 AM	7:11 PM
	High	4:50 PM	
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Board, commission members sought

Worcester County Government (WCG) encourages those interested in becoming more involved in the community to volunteer on a Worcester County board or commission. Members are appointed by the County Commissioners to fill two types of vacancies, seats that represent each of the seven election districts and open seats that may be filled by residents throughout Worcester County.

Current district seats are available on the following boards and commissions:

-District One (Southern District) – one seat is open on the Social Services Advisory Board.

-District Three (Sinepuxent District) – seats are available on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Water and Sewer Advisory Council (WSAC) for Mystic Harbour, and WSAC for West Ocean City.

-District Four (Western District) – one seat is available on the Local Development Council (LDC) for the Ocean Downs Casino.

-District Five (Ocean Pines District) – one seat is available on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

-District Six (Northern District) – seats are available on the LDC, Tourism Advisory Committee, and Commission for Women.

-District Seven (Ocean City) – seats

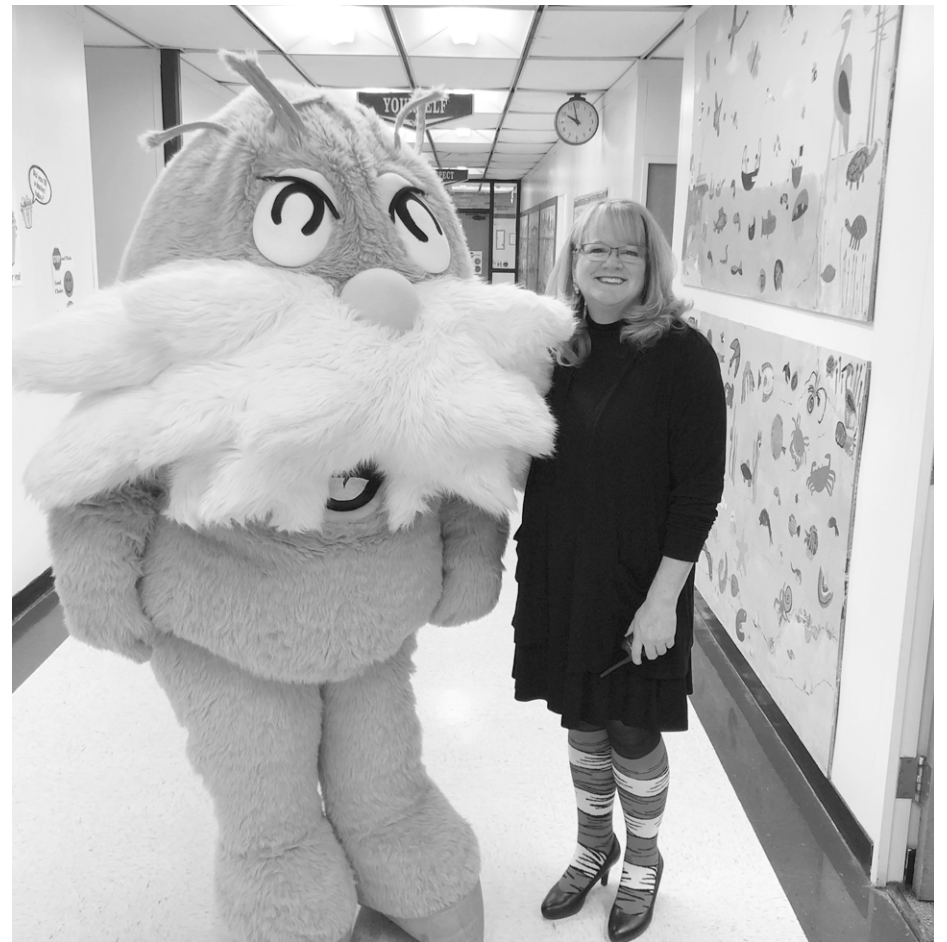
are available on the Building Code Appeals Board, Ethics Board, LDC, Planning Commission, and Social Services Advisory Board.

Current open seats that may be filled by residents countywide include the following: Commission on Aging (2), Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board (1), LDC for the Ocean Downs Casino (1), Lower Shore Workforce Development Board (1), and Solid Waste Advisory Committee (2).

There is currently one vacancy as an alternate on the Worcester County Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board. Members of this board are nominated by the County Commissioners, with final appointment by the governor of Maryland.

In the event that WCG receives more individuals interested in volunteering for a particular committee than there are available seats, the Commissioners will maintain an interest list to help fill future vacancies.

Please send a letter of interest, along with a resume or cover letter outlining any pertinent experience, to khammer@co.worcester.md.us or Worcester County Administration at One West Market Street, Room 1103, Snow Hill, Maryland 21863.



VIP - Showell Elementary Principal, **Diane Shorts**, joined the Lorax who, "Speaks for the Trees" during the school's Read Across America Week activities. Students had the opportunity to celebrate a different book each day and immerse themselves in reading all week long.

Smoking cessation classes offered

The Worcester County Health Department's free spring smoking cessation classes begin in April. Worcester Health is committed to helping smokers establish new behavior patterns that lead to a tobacco free lifestyle. With the smoking cessation class, Chantix, gum, patch, lozenges and other aids to help individuals quit tobacco are available through a voucher program for individuals meeting specific requirements.

Join one of the smoking cessation classes available throughout Worcester County starting next month:

-From 4-5 p.m., Tuesdays (April 7-June 24) at the Snow Hill Health Center, 6040 Public Landing Rd.

-From 4-5 p.m., Wednesdays (April 8-June 25) at the Pocomoke Health Center, 400 Walnut St.

-From 5-6 p.m., Thursdays (April 9-June 26) at the Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway

"No matter how long you've smoked, there are health benefits to quitting. Spring is the perfect time to quit smoking or vaping," said Crystal Bell, Chronic Disease and Tobacco Supervisor at Worcester County Health Department. "If a person is thinking about quitting, we want them to set themselves up for success by enrolling in our free smoking cessation program. We want residents to know we are here to help them through their quit journey."

Professionally trained instructors can help participants break the nicotine addiction. The smoking cessation course consists of eight core sessions covering stress management, weight control, assertive communication, how to develop a quit plan, relapse prevention, and physical activity.

For more information or to register, call 410-632-1100 option 4.

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Nectar feeders (hummingbird feeders). Backyard hummingbird feeders provide hummingbirds with nectar critical to their survival, especially during fall and spring migration. Follow these steps to ensure your yard is a safe and nutritious stopover for hummingbirds:

-Hang several feeders far enough apart that the hummingbirds cannot see one another; this will prevent one bird from dominating the rest.

-Fill the feeders with sugar water; made by combining four parts hot water to one part white sugar, boiled for one to two minutes or microwave until sugar is dissolved. Never use honey, artificial sweeteners, or red dye.

-Hang your feeders in the shade to prevent the sugar solution from fermenting.

-Be sure to change the sugar water regularly — before it gets cloudy, or about twice a week in warm weather.

-Clean the feeders with a solution of one part white vinegar to four parts water about once a week. If your feeder has become dirty, try adding some grains of dry rice to the vinegar solution and shake vigorously. The grains act as a good abrasive.

-Rinse your feeder well with warm water three times before refilling with sugar solution.

-Excerpted from the National Audubon Society

Parks discusses Coronavirus, Comcast and committee news

Ocean Pines Association President Doug Parks, during a regular Board meeting on Saturday, addressed Coronavirus preparedness, the Worcester County budget, Comcast, and the new capital reserve fund.

He also put out a call for volunteer committee members.

First, Parks said an Executive Council meeting was scheduled this Monday, March 9, at 7 p.m. in the Anna Foulz Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway. Executive Council meetings invite advisory committee chairs to coordinate with the Association President.

Speaking of committees, Parks said the Search Committee is seeking volunteer members. The committee each year helps recruit candidates for the Board of Directors election.

“If anybody is ... willing to spend some time canvassing the area to look for candidates for the upcoming election, please see me. There’s still time to do so,” Parks said. “If we don’t get a Search Committee we’re not violating any rules – it’s just something [that’s] nice to have and, since it’s in our bylaws and governing documents, we want to make sure that we fill that out.”

To contact Parks, call 443-397-3077 or email dparks@oceanpines.org.

In further committee news, Parks said the Strategic Planning Committee is back in action after a several-year hiatus.

“We had an initial meeting the other day and it was well attended,” he said. “It’s going to be interesting to see how this committee starts to come back on-line and tie into ... the new capital fund.”

Parks said the committee would be an integral part in gathering information from committees and membership related to purchases earmarked for the recently created new capital reserve fund.

Director Larry Perrone added that a work group studying new capital reserve fund policies and procedures would meet for the first time on Wednesday, March 11 at 1 p.m.

Also during the meeting, Parks reported that, on March 3, he attended the Worcester County Commissioners’ meeting in Snow Hill to present the annual funding request from Ocean Pines, to the county.

“We are pretty much doing the exact same request that we did last year,” he said, adding county grant requests were made for the Police Department, roads and bridges, and Recreation and Parks and tourism. “We’ve been pretty consistent with those requests and they’ve been pretty consistent with meeting

those requests for funding.”

Parks asked for \$525,000 for Police, \$100,000 for roads and bridges, \$25,000 for tourism, and \$40,000 for Recreation and Parks programs.

On Comcast, Parks said the company would activate “Sector 1” in April, meaning homes in that area should begin to receive cable television and internet service. The Sector 1 area includes all or parts of Admiral Avenue, Beauchamp Road, Birdnest Drive, Bramblewood Drive, Briarcrest Drive, Burr Hill Road, Canal Road, Dawn Isle, Garrett Drive, Harpoon Road, Moby Dick Drive, Moonraker Road, Pinehurst Road, Sandyhook Road, Seafarer Lane, and White Horse Drive.

“It looks like they are on target for that,” he said. “There’ll be more information coming as they get closer to an actual delivery of services to the customers here in Ocean Pines, and they’re also going to start looking into some ... pop-up events and things like that, so you’ll see more of a Comcast presence here in the community, as they move forward.”

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at the authority to create Trusts. In the moment, Bob is thinking Mark will never need that authority because he doesn’t have a Trust and doesn’t ever expect to have a Trust. But without realizing it, Bob has now limited Mark from the ability to shelter Bob’s assets from the costs of long-term care if Bob ever needs it in the future. With the guidance of a specialized elder law attorney, Bob would have understood the importance of creating the most thorough Power of Attorney possible.

Second, we see so many Powers of Attorney that skip the spouse as the first Agent. In the majority of marriages, most assets are jointly owned, so it feels like the spouse has power, but that power is based on joint ownership, not marriage. Retirement accounts are prime examples of when a spouse is limited because these accounts always have a single owner. At death, the spouse is likely the first named beneficiary, but during the owner’s lifetime the account may need management. Without a Power of Attorney naming the spouse as Agent, they would not have access to any of the other spouse’s individually owned assets.

Third, the lives of agents change too. What if the agent or successor agent named in your POA passes away, develops a disability, becomes imprisoned, suffers a personal crisis, or if the dynamics of your relationship change? It’s important to reevaluate the trusted people

Additionally, Parks thanked General Manager John Viola and his staff for their work on initiatives related to the Coronavirus. He singled out a recent press release, available at www.oceanpines.org/planning-effort-begun-for-potential-coronavirus-in-ocean-pines/.

“It’s sort of a public service announcement showing that the Ocean Pines community is aware and is doing our level best to provide information to the membership,” Parks said. “I urge people to look at, not only the information on the Ocean Pines website, but other sources of information on the Coronavirus and all the activities surrounding that.”

Perrone, who is part of an Ocean Pines work group formed to address Coronavirus in the community, said the group specifically studied the potential impact to Ocean Pines operations, as well as “the decision-making process, if any of our community centers have to be closed.”

“We want to assure the community that the Police Department [and] Fire Department are aware and have contin-

named in these roles, and always ensure that there is a named Agent and Successor Agent that’s right for the job.

“I have a Will, so I don’t need an estate plan.”

A Last Will and Testament is an excellent and foundational piece of end of life estate planning. Too often though, clients have a false sense of security that they have a complete and thorough estate plan that will serve them during their lifetime, because they have a Will written. Additionally, they are unconvinced that they should consider any other tools.

An estate plan is comparable to a tool box. If I own a hammer there are several jobs that I am prepared for. But if I come across a screw, I’m suddenly wishing I stocked my tool box with a screw driver too. The creation of a thorough estate plan should at least consider lifetime tools like a Power of Attorney and Advance Health Care Directive, end of life tools like a Will, Revocable Living Trust, Supplemental Needs Trust and Retirement Account Trust, and asset protection planning tools like an Asset Protection Trust. The blend of estate planning documents will be different for every family, but the plan likely isn’t complete and thorough if a client hasn’t received counsel regarding the best combination of tools to use.

We meet with a great deal of clients who retrieve their twenty-year-old Will from their safe and are shocked by what it says. They have forgotten who they named as Executor or what percentage of their estate they planned to leave to cer-

gency plans, and the work group made recommendations to the general manager, to make sure that the administration has contingency plans in place, should something occur where operations in Ocean Pines have to be shut down,” he said.

Director Frank Daly also thanked Viola for addressing the issue.

“Earlier this week I sent an email to Doug and to John and said, ‘Should we have a work group talking about what to do with the Coronavirus?’ Because it’s publicized and it’s something that we shouldn’t be afraid of, but it’s something that we should be getting ahead of,” Daly said. “I was pleased to find out, that work group already exists.

“For those of you that have lived in Ocean Pines at least since I have in 2013, [that’s] a pretty doggone pleasant change that we got in front of something before somebody [had to] come in and hit us with a bat and say we should be paying attention to it,” Daly continued. “Thank you, John, for you and your team being proactive.”

tain family members. In addition to wanting to change their old wishes they also want to include a new charity or new grandchildren when their planning is revisited. It’s important to reread your estate plan every three to five years at minimum.

“I have long term care insurance, so I don’t need to shelter my assets.”

Long term care insurance is a great asset, however most people either can’t afford this benefit or were unqualified for health reasons by the time they applied. Pre-planning for healthcare concerns with a thorough estate plan is a terrific and affordable alternative.

When we encounter clients with these policies, they can rarely explain their benefits. When we help interpret the details for them, they are often surprised to find that the policy covers \$150 per day but that the care needed costs \$350 per day, for example. In several cases we have helped families use their long-term care insurance policies toward their care costs, and then still taken the steps to shelter their assets and provide other payer sources for the balance of the care costs. Those families typically would have had even more positive results had they created a thorough estate plan earlier, rather than having a false sense of security because they had a long-term care policy in place.

Don’t see planning as a task to check off the list? Consider planning an ongoing process of education and maintenance to meet your goals as efficiently and economically as possible.

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take the lead. Providing first aid is usually covered by the Good Samaritan laws that say you cannot be sued for providing first aid in good faith that is within your skill level to a consenting person.

In all cases, a medical emergency is just that – an emergency – and first aid is just that – FIRST aid. Reach out to the Coast Guard on marine radio channel 16 or call 911 if you have cell phone coverage and simultaneously get the boat heading toward the nearest dock where Emergency Medical Services (EMS) can get access such as the closest marina or boat launching ramp or restaurant that has public slips.

If it's determined that EMS is not necessary, still head for home. Minor medical traumas such as slip & falls, bumps in the head, stepping on something sharp, fish hooks in the finger, sunburn, jelly fish stings, dehydration and motion sickness might not be life threatening but they

are distracting, drain situation awareness and put the boat at risk.

If it's just you and the victim on the boat, you will have to prioritize your actions. Some folks – i.e. conventional wisdom – say call for help first, then administer first aid. The logic is that if professional help will eventually be needed, it should be summoned ASAP because response time can be critical.

I've never been tested but I sense that I would conduct some kind of amateur triage and try to provide some kind of aid immediately such as stop the bleeding, lay the victim down, put out clothing that's on fire, get an overheated person into a cool place or start CPR if there is no pulse. Then call 911 or broadcast a mayday.

However, if there are more people available to assist, you can assign tasks such as 'you call for help', 'you get a blanket,' 'you get some water,' 'you get the first aid kit,' 'you watch the boat' AFTER everyone dons their life jackets. Additional mishaps, like someone falling overboard, are more

likely when the standard routine is disrupted such as during a medical emergency. A man overboard only compounds the initial the problem.

Bottom line: March is a great time to peruse your First Aid kit, read the fine print and think through how you will respond to a medical emergency. You may even be motivated to take a Red Cross First Aid class.

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Anglers to host flea market

The Anglers Club of Ocean Pines will host its first Fishing Flea Market which will be held at the Ocean Pines Community Center in the Assateague room on Saturday, March 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$2. Tables available for \$10. To reserve please contact Jerry Leuters- 240-427-8929 email: dorado1045@yahoo.com.

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Meehan said in his testimony. "While previous legislation has assisted in addressing speeding during these events, our community is still held hostage to event participants and we are placed great danger."

"As a resident of Worcester County and a mother, our family is held hostage during these motor

events. We do not feel safe leaving our homes to go to the grocery store, take our children to their sporting events or even venture out to the park," Jessica Waters said. "I am terrified when my kids have to ride the school bus, where they ride side by side with cars doing donuts, running red lights and burning out their tires on nearly every block."

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) sent a letter

in strong support of Senate Bill 878. From this letter: "Lowering the speed limits and prohibiting certain driving activities within special event zones will help prevent and mitigate the type of hazardous driving activities that have been responsible for numerous senseless deaths and injuries in Maryland...by classifying events and the surrounding areas as 'special event zones,' participants would be subject to stricter penalties for a wide

Fashion Show scheduled

Reservations are being accepted for the Fashion Show and Luncheon scheduled for Thursday, April 2 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fashions will be presented by Chico's. For \$30, you have a choice of four entrees: (1) Classic Cobb Salad, Greens, Chicken, Bacon, Hard Boiled Egg and Avocado; (2) Baked Ham and Aged Cheddar Cheese Panini with Chips; (3) Chicken Quesadilla with a Cup of Tortilla Soup; (4) A Vegetarian Salad. For more info, contact Kay Hickman at 410-600-0552 or 410-600-5875.

Make checks payable to WCOP. Send reservations to Kay Hickman, 82 Windjammer Road, Ocean Pines MD 21811. This is a fundraiser for high school scholarships and community donations so 50/50 and basket raffles will complete the day.

range of dangerous driving activities."

MDOT also emphasized the need for Senate Bill 878 and how it would prevent tragedies such as the 2008 accident that occurred during a drag race event on Route 210 in Prince George's County that killed eight people and injured others; and the July 2019 collision that occurred during an unsanctioned car event in Ocean City that resulted in two people, including a juvenile, being struck after a driver lost control of his vehicle.

Senate Bill 878 also has the support of the Town of Ocean City, Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, the Ocean City Police Department, the Worcester County Commissioners, the Worcester County Sheriff's Department, the Worcester County State's Attorney, Maryland State Police, and numerous community and civic organizations.

"Senate Bill 878 is a priority local emergency public safety bill that we need to protect our residents and visitors in Worcester County," Senator Carozza said. "I urge my colleagues to pass this legislation as soon as possible."

Senate Bill 878 will be voted on by the Judicial Proceedings Committee in the upcoming weeks.

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Prevention (CDC), "Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are common in humans and many different species of animals, including camels, cattle, cats, and bats. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can infect people."

The CDC said, "The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person," including between people who are in close contact with one another, specifically within six feet, or through reparatory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. People are thought to be contagious when they are the most symptomatic, or the sickest.

Symptoms can include fever, cough and shortness of breath, and generally appear within 2-14 days

after exposure.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent Coronavirus, but the CDC supplied suggested steps for prevention:

-Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

-Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

-Stay home when you are sick.

-Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

-Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

-Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask. CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks

should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a health care facility).

-Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

For more information from the CDC, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Women, minority business expo set for May

While Maryland is comprised of, roughly, 52% women and 41% non-Caucasian citizens, only 39% of all Maryland businesses in 2012 were owned by women and 38% were owned by minorities. Community and business leaders across the Lower Eastern Shore are joining forces to offer the public a Women and Minority Business Resource Expo on May 14, to be held at Ocean Downs Casino in Berlin from 8 a.m. and noon.

This event is open to the public, 21 and over, and there is a registration cost of \$20 if you pre-register. It will be \$25 for walk-ins. Ocean Downs is generously donating \$10 in free play to all attendees! Guest speakers and resource agencies have been hand-selected to offer an all-encompassing experience for women and minorities who wish to start a business or those

in business who wish to grow. Federal, state and local government programs, legal assistance, financial planning, Chambers of Commerce and non-profits will all be in attendance. Continental breakfast and refreshments will be provided.

Co-hosts of this event include Telamon, NAACP, MCE, SBDC, MdDoT, Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury University, Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, Berlin Chamber of Commerce, Worcester County Economic Development, Wicomico County Economic Development and Somerset Economic Development.

To register, go to OceanPinesChamber.org and, under the News & events tab, find the Women & Minority Business Resource Summit.



Display - Berlin Intermediate School student entries from the Worcester County Media Expo are on display. After participating in the annual county wide competition, which included an open house showing along with an awards ceremony, all pieces were returned to their home schools. The entries are showcased in the media center. **Parker Brittingham** stands by the display of his Media Expo Entries.

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