

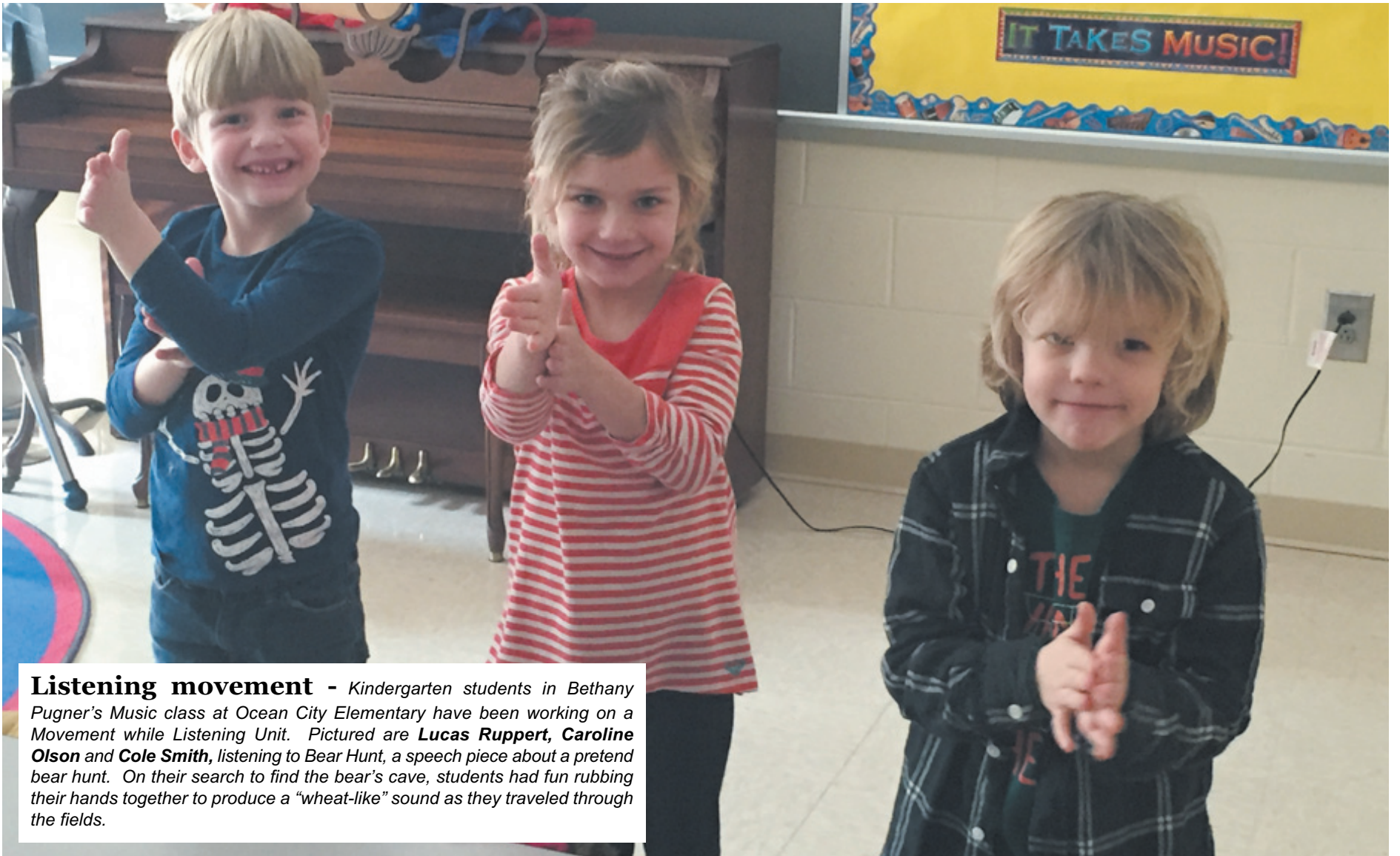


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**Listening movement** - Kindergarten students in Bethany Pagner's Music class at Ocean City Elementary have been working on a Movement while Listening Unit. Pictured are **Lucas Ruppert, Caroline Olson** and **Cole Smith**, listening to *Bear Hunt*, a speech piece about a pretend bear hunt. On their search to find the bear's cave, students had fun rubbing their hands together to produce a "wheat-like" sound as they traveled through the fields.

## OPA board meets with Gillis about parkway access

By **Kelsey Reichenberg**

Last Friday, the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) board of directors held a public meeting with developer Palmer Gillis to discuss the possibility of building an access road around the north gate bridge that would serve as an entrance and an exit to and from the medical center complex located adjacent to the community on to Ocean Parkway.

As the meeting began, Gillis took the podium to thoroughly explain his reasons for wanting to develop the new road. He explained that he wanted to speak directly with the board of directors and the community about the new road he believes necessary as he continues to develop the property. "I'm here to present you with my ideas and also hear any of yours," he said. "The medical center is great for providing regional class health care service in the neighborhood. It's efficient and near the clients. But, we need an alternative traffic pattern." He went on to explain that the current traffic pattern is a public safety issue as well as an inconvenience. "People are making illegal U-turns with the way it is now."

Following Gillis' explanation, a few board members spoke up and asked

questions. Concerns revolved around the possibility of congested traffic at the North Gate, and alternative methods such as a traffic light or a four-way stop were discussed as well. Gillis explained that his purpose is to provide convenience to the neighborhood and that although he was not opposed to the alternative methods, the access road would be best. "I add access roads into neighborhoods all the time. It really works best," he claimed. He went on to explain that Ocean Pines residents complain all the time about the current traffic situation and are very supportive of his idea. "I don't think there's a single person here today that supports it," said Vice President Cheryl Jacobs, who seemed opposed to the construction of the new road. "We need to leave it the way it is and keep the land," she added.

After Gillis answered several questions from the board, he turned the floor over to representatives from Peninsula Regional Medical Center and the Salisbury District 1 State Highway Administration office to address any more questions the board had. Both speakers supported his idea and explained that the

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**Bomb threat prosecution bill heard**

The House Judiciary Committee held a public hearing on Delegate Mary Beth Carozza's (District 38C) bomb threat prosecution bill, HB 121, on February 2. The bill, which is being considered on the heels of repeated false bomb threats against schools in Worcester and Wicomico counties over the last several weeks, would strengthen the tools used by law enforcement to prosecute those who knowingly make false bomb threats.

HB 121, officially titled Criminal Law – False Statements Concerning Destructive Device or Toxic Material – Venue, would allow law enforcement to prosecute the crime of making a false bomb threat in the county in which the destructive device or toxic material was stated or rumored to be located. Under current law, such threats can only be prosecuted in the county in which the threat originates or the county in which the threat is received.

Delegate Carozza was joined for hearing by several local supporters of the legislation, including the State's Attorneys for both Wicomico and Worcester counties, Matt Maciarelo and Beau Oglesby, Worcester County Deputy Sheriff Mike McDermott, and delegations of administrators, parents and students from both Wicomico and Worcester County Public Schools. There was no opposition to the bill during the hearing.

"There is a sense of urgency to pass this bill this session given the

major disruptions these recent bomb threats have been causing throughout Maryland," Carozza said. "I would like to thank everyone from Worcester and Wicomico counties who made



Worcester County Delegation from left to right: **Beau Oglesby, Mike McDermott, Delegate Mary Beth Carozza, Dawn Rogers, Kim Holloway and Lou Taylor.**

the trip to Annapolis today to support this bill and underscore the positive impact it would have for our community and the State of Maryland."

"This bill will make it so the community most impacted by the threat can prosecute the threat, regardless of where the threat originates," Deputy Sheriff McDermott said during his testimony.

During his testimony, Worcester County State's Attorney Beau Oglesby shared a real-life example of a threat that played out against a Worcester County school which highlighted the need for this legislation. In 2011, a threat was made against Showell Elementary School in Worcester County that resulted in the evacuation of the school. However, because the threat was made and received in Wicomico County, Oglesby's office was unable to prosecute the crime. HB 121 would allow Oglesby to prosecute such a threat in the future.



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## Swim activities scheduled

Children and their families can escape the winter weather with two activities offered by Ocean Pines Aquatics at the heated indoor Sports Core Pool,

On Friday, February 12, area residents can enjoy a Valentine's Family Night Out between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. The pool will be open for swimming and Valentine's Day crafts will



be provided. Pizza and desserts will also be for sale. Attendees may bring their own beverages, although glass containers are not allowed. The cost is \$2 per person for Ocean Pines swim members, \$4 for Ocean Pines residents and \$6 for nonresidents.

Then on Monday, February 15, kids can enjoy a day off from school while playing in the pool and learning about water safety at the "Splash into Fun & Games" one-day pro-

gram between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Offered for ages five through 10, the program will include a 30-minute swim lesson, a 30-minute water safety lesson, games, crafts, the use of the pool's popular mermaid and shark tails, free swim time and a pizza lunch. The cost to participate is \$55 for Ocean Pines swim members and \$65 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is needed.

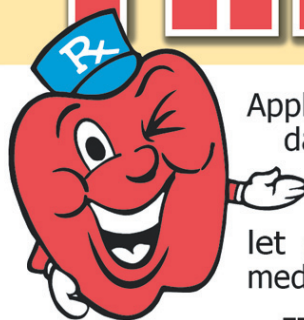
Both of these events are open to the public. To register, call Ocean Pines Aquatics at 410-641-5255. Additional information about other aquatics programs is available at OceanPines.org.

## American Legion to meet

On Tuesday February 16 at 7 p.m. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166 will hold its monthly meeting at the American Legion Synepuxent Post 166 located at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in Ocean City. Current members and those interested in becoming a member are encouraged to attend.

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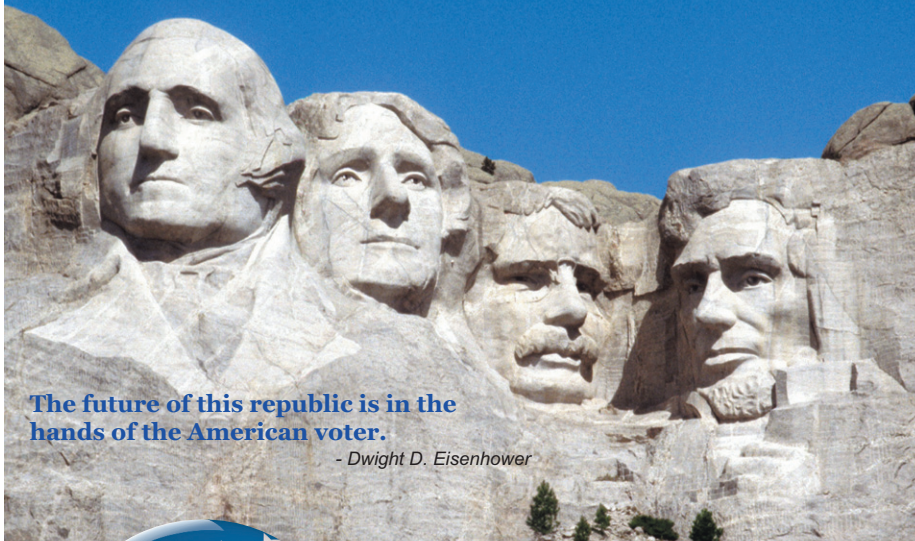
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Amethyst is the recognized birthstone for February and the accepted anniversary gemstone for the sixth year of marriage.



Amethyst is a variety of quartz, and comes in pale lilac to rich, deep purple shades. Ideally, it is a deep medium purple with rose-colored flashes that give amethyst its beauty and fire.

Because of its abundance, it is readily available in all sizes and shapes. It is durable and can be worn every day. Coupled with the folk legend of the Greeks that it will prevent intoxication when worn, it becomes a most desirable gem!

Amethyst was said to have a sobering effect on the wearer-not only those who indulged but on those over-excited by love's passion as well. It has symbolized peace, protection and tranquility. Some say it will prevent baldness and improve the complexion, as well as protect from treason and deceit. Because royalty has always adored the color purple, amethysts abound in the ornaments of ancient Greeks and Egyptians, and in the British Crown Jewels.

# House of Delegates Session Highlights

By Delegate Mary Beth Carozza, 38C



Delegate Mary Beth Carozza (District 38C) released the following updates from the 436<sup>th</sup> session of the Maryland General Assembly.

**Governor Hogan Introduces Tax Relief Package:** Governor Hogan has officially introduced his tax relief package as part of his FY 2017 budget. HB 455/SB 387 would increase the current \$1,000 personal income tax exemption for Marylanders over the age of 65 to \$5,000 over four years. HB 452/SB 384 would accelerate the increase of Maryland's refundable Earned Income Tax Credit so that families earning less than \$53,000 per year will save a cumulative total of \$27 million over the next two years. HB 459/SB 389 would reduce or eliminate a number of fees, surcharges and taxes which are set by state law, saving taxpayers an estimated \$71 million over the next five years. Finally, HB 457/SB 385 would reduce the annual filing fee paid by businesses to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from \$300 to \$100 over four years, saving taxpayers \$164 million over a five-year period.

All of these bills have been assigned to committees and currently are awaiting hearing dates. Delegate Carozza is a cosponsor of Governor

Hogan's entire tax relief package.

**Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force:** Governor Hogan's FY 2017 budget also includes \$4.8 million in new funding to support the December report of the Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force. These funds will be used to improve quality of care, expand access to treatment and support services, boost overdose prevention efforts, and strengthen law enforcement options. Delegate Carozza also has cosponsored Governor Hogan's bill, HB 456, which would revise and strengthen Maryland's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

When the Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force released its Interim report in August 2015, it was announced that the Ocean City Police Department had received a \$124,635 grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to install license plate reader technology at the Maryland-Delaware state line to help intercept cars suspected of bringing drugs into Maryland through Ocean City.

**Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Secretary Ben Grumbles Meets with Eastern Shore Delegation:** MDE Secre-

tary Ben Grumbles came before a recent meeting of the Eastern Shore Delegation to give an overview of his Department one year in to the Hogan Administration. Secretary Grumbles discussed efforts to improve customer service, particularly when it comes to issuing permits and conducting enforcement operations.

Specifically, Secretary Grumbles addressed the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) permitting process, noting that he and Agriculture Secretary Joseph Bartenfelder are working "aggressively" to reduce delays and create efficiencies for all parties involved in the process.

In regards to enforcement of environmental regulations, Secretary Grumbles stressed that enforcement is "a necessary backstop against bad actors," but also noted the Department continues to prioritize good customer service and "compliance assistance" for constituents working with MDE.

## Breast cancer support group to begin

Atlantic General Health System's Regional Cancer Care Center has partnered with Women Supporting Women (WSW) to host their support group for breast cancer patients and survivors in Worcester County.

The first meeting for the WSW Breast Cancer Support Group will be held in the conference room at the Atlantic Health Center, located across from Atlantic General Hospital at 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, Md. on Wednesday, March 16, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

The WSW Breast Cancer Support Group will meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to current patients and survivors. For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Women Supporting Women office 410-548-7880.

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access road would benefit the community rather than cause an inconvenience. Like Gillis, they see the new road as the best option for fixing what they consider a public safety issue.

Following the board's questions and comments, the meeting turned to public comments. About 15 people expressed their opinions about the access road; no one spoke in its favor. The public's comments coincided with those from the board as many people were concerned about the new road causing excessive traffic at the North Gate and on Ocean Parkway. Others spoke of the need for stronger communication between the affected homeowners and the developer. One man suggested creating a task force of residents to collaborate with the developer, and Gillis stated he liked the idea and wants to communicate with residents as much as possible.

As the meeting came to a close, no final decision by the board was made on whether Gillis would be constructing the access road in the future. However, all of the feedback Gillis received was negative and disapproving, just as it was when he presented the idea to the board nearly six years ago. Additional traffic options were discussed as the public spoke, such as widening the bridge for more access and putting a traffic light on Route 589. Many attendees liked the idea of the traffic light, but no final decisions or motions were made. The meeting concluded after



## Staying connected with faraway grandchildren

Our grandchildren live two thousand miles away. Although I'm happy for them and their parents, the geographic separation bothers me, a lot. We're in touch though on a regular basis, at least once a day and sometimes more; either by phone or via Face-timing we communicate.



### It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

chipbertino@delmarvacourier.com

My grandchildren love to Face-time. When the call is connected, the first image my wife and I see is their little smiling faces. Usually they begin talking immediately, especially our granddaughter who, at nearly four years old, speaks very well. She tells us about her friends, what she had for lunch and what her Mommy is preparing for dinner. Then, with the phone in hand, she'll sometimes take us for a tour of her bedroom showing us her toys and books. Unfortunately she holds the phone in such a way that the camera is either pointed toward the ceiling or the floor. We see nothing but hear her jabbering away.

Our grandson, who is about a year and a half, speaks a language that we don't yet understand. However, he is quite earnest and his face is quite expressive as he converses. He likes to put his face right up to the camera to give us a kiss. He's also begun "hugging" the phone; his way of giving us a hug. As any grandparent would understand it's adorable. But I believe all grandparents would also understand that it makes us feel a little sad that we're not in the same room with him to accept the hug personally.

Usually after the "hug," he'll dart off and we can see him in the background racing around the room as if he's in some sort of race. It always appears he's winning. He likes to yell when he runs.

Our daughter from time to time

sends videos of the kids. We'll see them playing soccer in the backyard or sitting at the table eating. We received one not long ago that showed our granddaughter learning to ride the dirt bike she got for Christmas. She's sitting on the little bike accessorized with training wheels, all decked out in her gear and helmet. Her father is behind her instructing her. Then she applies the throttle and off she goes, the little Pink Flash. We love getting those videos. Again, we'd love to be closer to them.

My wife is a typical grandmother who tries her best not to spoil her grandchildren, but doesn't get too upset with herself if she does. She loves shopping in children's clothing stores, hunting out bargains. She uses the bed in the guest room as her staging area. Once she accumulates a certain amount she sends

them to the kids. She thoroughly enjoys when during one of the Face-timing sessions, our granddaughter models an outfit sent to her. Our daughter told us that a dress my wife sent was loved so much by our granddaughter that she refused to take it off at bedtime, preferring instead to sleep in it. As a parent my wife would not have been too tolerant if one of our kids didn't change into their pajamas. However as a grandparent, my wife just beamed when told of our granddaughter's intransigence.

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**Saturday:** Community Church at Ocean Pines Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
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# Seaside Boat Show returns

By **Kelsey Reichenberg**

The Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club will be sponsoring the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Seaside Boat Show in Ocean City on February 12 through 14. The show will feature over 350 boats, 150 exhibitors and 50 boat dealers and traditionally attracts between 13,000 to 15,000 water and boating enthusiasts.

The local affiliate of Optimist International has more than 120 members and is recognized as one of the greatest clubs in the international organization. The Seaside Boat Show, known as the boat show that works for kids, gives the Optimist Club the opportunity to raise funds to support local youth through club programs. The boat show income supports many youth and community service programs.

The dealers and exhibitors present at the boat show will display their newest and most popular models and water related items as well as offer numerous special show prices. Attendees will be treated to an alluring array of boats, boating supplies, and water sports related items. The boat show exhibitors will include marine electronics, trailers, canvas tops, motors, jewelry, art and fishing gear. The show will also provide financing and insurance for visitors who purchase a boat or any other water related items.

The Optimist Club rents the Ronald E Powell Convention Center from Ocean City and then leases spaces to boating industry vendors. The club provides ticket collectors, the information booth, and 20 free spaces for community service organizations. The Girl Scouts are one of the many organizations who will be present

again at the show this year.

The large number of boats sold each year makes the show one of the most popular on the East Coast. One of the main reasons for the success of the show is the door prize donated for the past 25 years by North Bay Marine owners Scott and Mary McCurdy. Each person who purchases a show admission ticket has a chance to win a free pontoon boat and motor. Attendees can also participate in a 50/50 raffle which includes multiple \$4,500 prizes for the Optimist scholarship fund.

The show will be held on Friday, February 12 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$1 for kids. A weekend pass is also available for \$15.

## **Beginner pickleball clinics continue**

Following the success of its January pickleball clinic, Ocean Pines will offer two additional two-session clinics for beginners and advanced beginners interested in learning America's fastest-growing sport.

Clinics will be held on February 19 and 26 and March 18 and 25 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

The cost for each clinic is \$10 per person, and preregistration is required. Call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052. Each clinic will be limited to 12 players and spots are filling quickly.

Ocean Pines also offers drop-in indoor pickleball at the community center now through May 31. Drop-in times are 1:30-5:30 p.m. on Sundays, 7-9 p.m. on Mondays and 1:30-4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$5 per person.

Pickleball, which combines elements of tennis, badminton and Ping-Pong, is family-friendly and accessible to almost everyone, regardless of age or athletic ability.

Ocean Pines pickleball courts and programs are open to the public; membership is not required to participate. Information regarding additional recreational programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, is available at OceanPines.org.

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## Genealogy group to meet Tuesday

The next meeting of the Genealogy Group will be February 16, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Ocean Pines library. There will be a short presentation on "Organizing Your Genealogy Research Files—both paper and digital" followed by an open discussion. Everyone is welcome; from beginning researchers to experienced genealogists. Bring questions. The event will be moderated by Tom Dempsey, past vice president, SCGS, and a life-long researcher.





From left to right: Peggy Timmons, Charles Rouse, Jackie Choate, Eileen Leonhart, Sharon Puser, Paulette Mari, and Rich Marchesiello.

## Hawkins to speak at MCBP meeting

Join the Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Tuesday, February 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Globe Theatre in Berlin for a presentation by Captain Monty Hawkins.

Hawkins is the captain of a local recreational fishing charter and also serves as director of the Ocean City Reef Foundation. He is a well-known local advocate of fish habitat protection and enhancement. He specializes in precision fishing of natural, shipwreck and artificial reefs off the coast of Maryland. Hawkins' presentation will also include some unique underwater footage of the Ocean City area.

The Citizens Advisory Committee performs a dual role by providing the MCBP with valuable input from citizens

and communicating the programs and progress of the organization to the community. Membership includes representation from a broad spectrum of major resources groups such as citizen's councils, business, farming, fishing, industry, recreational users and environmental citizens groups. Attendance is open to all.

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program is a non-profit 501(c)(3) dedicated to protecting the bays behind Ocean City and Assateague. Your support makes it possible for us to continue our work of protecting the coastal bays and is tax deductible.

Light fare will be provided. Additional food and drink will be available for order. Please RSVP to Technical Coordinator Jen Rafter at jrafter@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297 x 109.

## New FOPL officers elected

The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library (FOPL) recently elected new officers for 2016/2017. They are: Sharon Puser, president; Eileen Leonhart, vice-president; Jackie Choate, recording secretary; Charles Rouse, treasurer; Paulette Mari, corresponding secretary; Rich Marchesiello and Peggy Timmons, members-at-large.

The FOPL supports the Ocean Pines Library. Their largest fundraiser is the annual book sale the last weekend of July. The group also sponsors a staff appreciation luncheon, a reception for volunteers, as well as two membership meetings with a program each year in June and October.

Donations of used books are sorted weekly to prepare for the book sale. Books in excellent condition are sold for very reasonable prices in the back of the library next to the turtle tank all year. It's the only book store in town!

Memorial donations are appreciated. Names of the honored individual are placed on a plaque in the lobby at the library. Forms are available for memorial donations.

Membership forms for the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library are also available at the library. Dues are \$5 for an individual and \$10 for a household. All money from memberships, book sales, and donations goes to buy

## Dems collect food

On Sunday February 21, between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., the Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County will collect non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products at the South Fire Station, located on Ocean Parkway (South Gate). Supplies will be shared with a local food ministry. Call 410-641-8553 for additional information.

needed supplies and equipment for the library. The FOPL greatly appreciates the support of the local community.

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# Volunteer Services thanks Day to Serve partners

Worcester County extends a hearty thanks to the volunteers who raised funds and rolled up their sleeves to complete projects that benefitted the Cedar Chapel Special School (CCSS), starting with the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines and Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT) who headed up the projects.

Day to Serve projects at CCSS kicked off September 11, 2015 and continued for four consecutive weeks to their completion. By the project's ends, the LSLT had built a pollinator garden in the front of the school, and the Kiwanis Club had raised \$4,000 to purchase 15 iPads for the students and organized volunteers to refresh the outdoor equipment and school sign in the CCSS playground area.

"Investing in your community through the gift of your time is a great way to give back," Worcester County Volunteer Services (WCVS) Manager Kelly Brinkley said. "Day to Serve was all about bringing the community together to meet an existing need," Brinkley said. "The projects at Cedar Chapel Special School were perfect for the Day to Serve Campaign because it brought businesses, civic organizations and individuals together to meet that need. No one person or group could have made this event the success that it is today. It took a collaborated effort to get it done."

Day to Serve is a month-long service initiative that kicks off across the State of Maryland beginning each year on September 11. WCVS is a proud Day to Serve partner and works to connect interested volunteers with nonprofit agencies to help those in need and improve our communities.

"The goal of Day to Serve is simple: more volunteers investing more time makes our communities stronger," Brinkley said. "Pick a day to volunteer, any day, and then you have four weeks to get it done. No project is too small. No number of hours is too short. Any time you can give will benefit those in need."

Day to Serve projects typically consist of physical activities ideally suited for active volunteers, particularly young people looking to fill service hours for middle and high school. If you are interested in participating in the next Day to Serve, WCVS can help point you in the right direction. Con-



Kiwanis Club Immediate Past-President **Carolyn Dryzga**, **Joe Tamarelli** of Clean All Exteriors, **Scott Elliott** of Atlantic Stonewall & Patio, Kiwanis Club President **Mark Joseph**, CCSS Principal **Belinda Gulyas**, **Bill Ludlam** of Home Depot, Director of Worcester County Volunteer Services **Kelly Brinkley**, **Bill Roache** of Home Depot, and **William Carper**.



Kiwanis Club President **Mark Joseph** presents the \$4000 check to Cedar Chapel Special School Principal **Belinda Gulyas**

tact Brinkley at 410-632-0090 or [kbrinkley@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:kbrinkley@co.worcester.md.us).



Ocean Pines resident **William Carper** did the playground sign refurbishing.

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## The Wright Brothers'

by David McCullough

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Till we are called to rise  
And then if we are true to plan  
Our statures touch the skies*  
- Emily Dickinson

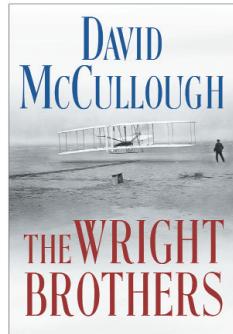
As a writer David McCullough effortlessly makes history come alive in that super special way of his. And he has done that once again in his most recent non-fiction book, "The Wright Brothers," about those aviation pioneers, Wilbur and Orville Wright.

The sons of Bishop Milton Wright always took Sundays off reading, bird watching and visiting friends but the rest of the week there was no else to equal their work ethic. Four years apart in age, with Wilbur the eldest, they were completely in harmony with each other, almost like a pair of twins might be, friends would often comment. After trying their hand at different businesses they finally began selling bicycles, then later designing and building them. It was the newest craze and provided everyone with an opportunity to be adventurous. Tongue-waggers thought it was darn near the end of civilization, leading those especially weak in character astray.

The boys were great readers and their father, with whom they and their sister Katharine lived, had a fine library. Wilbur especially became fascinated with flying and began poring over books on the subject, becoming an avid believer. He began contacting men like Otto Lilienthal who was working with gliders, endeavoring to learn ever more. And that's when the working hours at the bicycle shop ramped up and the backroom of their store hummed with the building of their first glider.

At the same time the Wright brothers were experimenting with flight the head of the Smithsonian Samuel Langley, believing he had the answer to show mechanical flight eminently possible, failed. A few days before the

Wright brothers' momentous flight on December 17, 1903 at Kitty Hawk, Langley crashed his plane into the Potomac and lost his life. Langley's experiments cost the U.S. government \$70,000, whereas from 1900-1903 all materials and several trips to and from Kitty Hawk, cost the Wright Brothers from their own funds the sum total of \$1,000. They had to maintain a profitable bicycle business in order to continue their experiments with flight.



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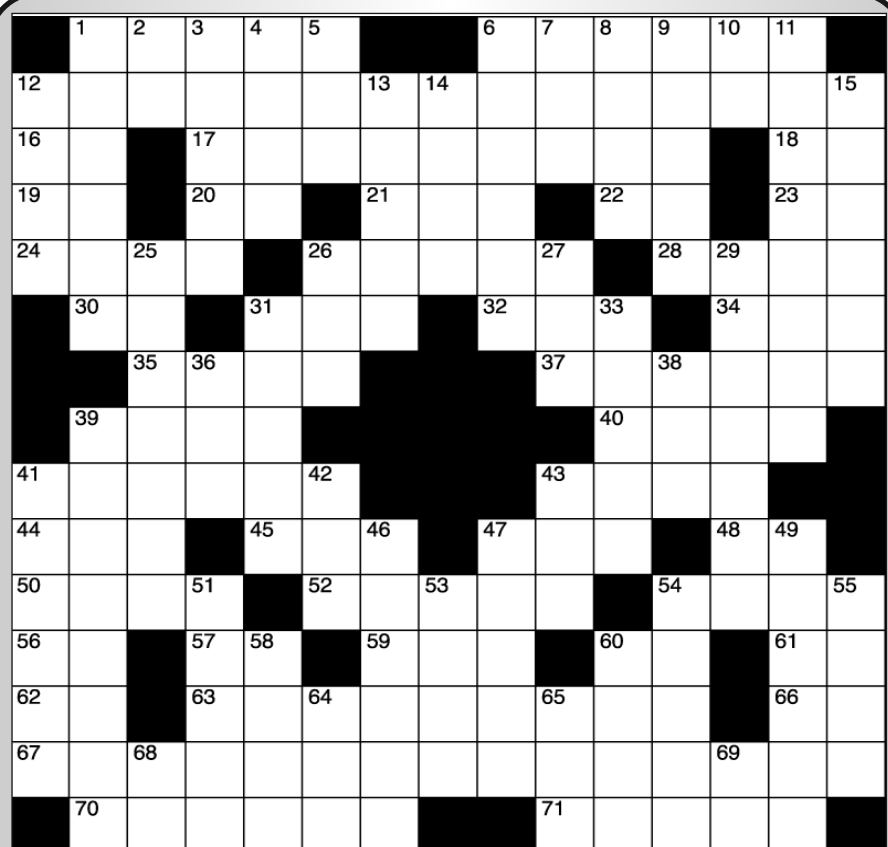
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- 20. Blue Hen school
- 21. Decaliter
- 22. Point midway between S and E
- 23. 12th Greek letter
- 24. One point S of SE
- 26. Pools
- 28. Notes of hand
- 30. Algerian dinar
- 31. Metal cooking vessel
- 32. Short poking stroke
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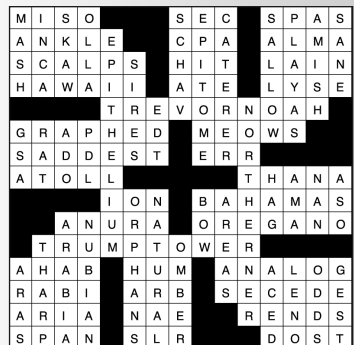
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- 56. Singer Jolson
- 57. Atomic #73
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- 60. JrOs. father
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- 62. Debt settled (abbr.)
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- 67. 44th First Lady
- 70. Methyl phenol
- 71. Avid applause

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- 3. Where Alexander defeated Darius III
- 4. Something to be borne or conveyed
- 5. Removed

- earth
- 6. Traveled by water
- 7. Hirobumi \_\_, Japan
- 8. Antelopes
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- 10. For instance
- 11. T cell glands
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- 14. Wound deformity
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- 27. Pouch
- 29. Comprehensive
- 31. Separates with an instrument
- 33. Noble
- 36. US, Latin America, Canada
- 38. Snoot
- 39. About her-

- aldry
- 41. Angel
- 42. Female sibling
- 43. Former OSS
- 46. Stressed-unstressed-unstressed
- 47. An imperfectly broken mustang
- 49. Call out
- 51. A long scarf
- 53. Coconut fiber
- 54. Scene of sports & events
- 55. Bodily suffering
- 58. Cloths
- 60. A way to agitate
- 64. No seats available
- 65. Linen liturgical vestment
- 68. Atomic #103
- 69. Home screen



Answers for Feb 3

# That's how my garden grows...



By Betty McDermott

**Hello Fellow Gardeners,**

Here we are in February already and have you noticed that the days are getting longer? Well, I have and I rejoice in this change. I hope you all survived the January snow/ice storm and did not suffer a lot of damage. That storm was a typical northeaster and the high winds made me very anxious.

It may be February and you may think there is not much to be done in February outdoors, but you are mistaken. Yes, there are certain outdoor chores to be done, unless February turns out to be very cold, icy, and snowy and then you can put these chores off until March when the weather may be more inviting. So, let's see what outdoor tasks are important to do in February.

\*This is the time of year to cut back your ornamental grasses to about five to eight inches from the crown or base. Remember to do this work on a non-windy day or you will have grasses all over your lawn as well as your neighbor. Even without the wind, it will be necessary to rake up the stray foliage or cuttings.

\*If you grow clematis and or lilacs, this is the time to add about one cup of hydrated lime to the base of your lilac bushes and clematis plants. Work the lime well into the soil at the base of the plants and then water. If you did not cut back your clematis plants last year, now is the time to trim them back to within two or three inches from the

base. Yes, they will come back vigorously and produce many blossoms. If you dead-headed all of your spent lilac blossoms last spring after they finished blooming, you did the right thing. Do not cut back or prune now as you will be cutting back the new growth and spring blooming parts of your lilac.

\*During February and no later than March, it is time to prune or cut back your crape myrtle bushes or trees. Prune back the branches with the many spent blossoms or dead berries and prune any branches that cross one another. My crape myrtle which was planted in 1992 and was a mere four foot bush has matured into a very tall eight foot bushy tree. Last year, I hired a tree company to come in and prune it way back. When they were finished, I thought they had pruned it too far back and it would not bloom that summer. But, bloom it did, and very profusely.

\*Do give tender plants extra TLC. After the ground freezes, apply winter mulch to grafted tea roses, borderline hardy plants or anything that may need a little help through the winter by piling on evergreen boughs, weed free straw, or marsh hay.

\*Do keep tabs on your flower beds. Spring flowering perennials and bulbs frequently sprout too early if there is a short lived mid-winter thaw. Remember that week in December when it

please see **gardening** on page 11

## Tide and Sun Chart

\* tide is for Ocean City Fishing Pier. Add two hours for Isle of Wight tide

DATE	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thur., February 11	9:26 a.m. 9:50 p.m.	3:11 a.m. 3:44 p.m.	6:56 a.m.	5:34 p.m.
Fri., February 12	10:14 a.m. 10:42 p.m.	4:05 a.m. 4:33 p.m.	6:55 a.m.	5:35 p.m.
Sat., February 13	11:05 a.m. 11:37 p.m.	5:02 a.m. 5:26 p.m.	6:54 a.m.	5:36 p.m.
Sun., February 14	11:59 a.m.	6:02 a.m. 6:21 p.m.	6:52 a.m.	5:37 p.m.
Mon., February 15	12:38 a.m. 12:59 p.m.	7:06 a.m. 7:20 p.m.	6:51 a.m.	5:38 p.m.
Tues., February 16	1:44 a.m. 2:05 p.m.	8:12 a.m. 8:20 p.m.	6:50 a.m.	5:39 p.m.
Wed., February 17	2:53 a.m. 3:12 p.m.	9:21 a.m. 9:23 p.m.	6:49 a.m.	5:40 p.m.



# SDHS After-Prom event seeks donations, volunteers

Stephen Decatur High School's After-Prom event will be held on May 7 from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. This free event for juniors and seniors of SDHS and their dates will be held at the high school and take place in the cafeteria, gyms and numerous hallways.

After-Prom keeps teens safe on prom night, a night that used to mean drinking, partying, accidents, DWIs (which derail scholarships) and other destructive decisions. After-Prom is a safe, fun and memorable alternative. Junior and senior students do not have to attend prom to come to the After-Prom.

The event features huge inflatable attractions, games, a simulated casino, fake-tattoo artist, money grab machine, music, photo ops, trivia and more.

Feeding more than 500 hungry teenagers for five hours takes a lot of food. So there will be a food buffet all night. The buffet will include an array of food donated by multiple restaurants including endless pizza, sandwiches, chips, veggies and dip, along with an ice cream sundae bar, donuts and coffee bar. Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) will provide frozen "mocktails."

With almost 150 volunteers, concerned parents and the generous donations from parents and community businesses, this event has been offered every year since 1995.

After-Prom costs between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to implement each year. It is not funded by the Board of Education or the school. Any monetary donations from parents, businesses

and community groups would be greatly appreciated and can be mailed to Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Seahawk Rd., Berlin, MD 21811 to the attention of After-Prom with After-Prom in the memo.

Donations of prizes or food from businesses are also welcome. Please email [sdhsap@gmail.com](mailto:sdhsap@gmail.com). Contributors will be recognized in local newspaper ads.

Volunteers are still needed. With

## Free resume workshop to be held

A resume workshop will be held on Thursday, February 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in Room 103A of Fulton-Owen Hall at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury.

Participants will learn how to write

Mother's Day, Relay For Life and Springfest sharing the weekend of May 7, the volunteer pool is a little thin. Keep in mind that only a couple of hours of your time would go towards a worthy cause and be greatly appreciated.

For more information, find "Stephen Decatur High After Prom" on Facebook or email [sdhsap@gmail.com](mailto:sdhsap@gmail.com).

an effective resume and receive tips for a successful job search.

This is a free event open to current students, alumni and community members. To reserve a seat, call career services at 410-334-2903.

### wright

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Because of the dangers in their work, "The brothers...had already decided they must never fly together." Mr. McCullough shows how the Wright brothers were men of utmost precision; a flight was never undertaken until every detail was thoroughly checked. Even so there were equipment failures and minor accidents but only one serious enough that claimed a life. Wilber had already gone to France at the behest of businessmen there to do more trial flights and train two Frenchmen. Orville continued work in the U.S. occasionally flying with a passenger on board. On one such flight during a demonstration for the Army,

the plane crashed, seriously injuring Orville and killing his passenger. Orville's recovery was long and painful and he credits it to the able nursing ministrations of his sister who took time off from her teaching job to care for him. Finally he was well enough to travel to France accompanied by Katharine where all three Wrights became the toast of Europe.

Much general knowledge of the Wright brothers is encapsulated into the fact that they

were the first to fly. But I read once, "There is never a single story to be told about anything" and that is evident in this biography by Mr. McCullough both through his words and the selection of letters and photographs presented. In this biography readers learn much more of their daily life, how their feet were placed firmly on the ground so that the fame eventually bestowed upon them both in France and then later in the United States did not change them. Mr. McCullough aptly underlines the struggles they underwent to make the basic flight safe and possible. We learn of the easy friendships they made at Kitty Hawk and in France where bonhomie was the order of the day when Wilbur first arrived. His reception was second only to the accolades showered in a precedent set a century earlier by Benjamin Franklin.

But when the Wright brothers and Katharine finally returned home to Dayton, Ohio for a tickertape parade and day-long town celebration the boys snuck away as soon as possible to continue with their work at the back of their bicycle shop.

The more one succeeds, the more others question. And so the lawsuits began to arrive and consumed the latter years and talents of Wilbur Wright. Orville kept flying and experimenting until at 46 when plagued with pain and stiffness from his earlier crash he was forced to stop.

So when kids are looking for heroes these days – try to get them to forget the sports page and look to the skies. And then hand them "The Wright Brothers."

#### The Wright Brothers lacked:

- A college education
- Formal technical training
- Shared peer working time
- Friends in high places
- Financial backers
- Government subsidies

### gardening

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was 60 and 70 degrees during the day? Remember where your plants are and if necessary cover the emerging tips with straw or marsh grass when temperatures drop again. However, Mother Nature usually does a good job of protecting these early sprouts.

\*Do remove damaged branches when weather permits.

Some don'ts for February are as follows:

\*Don't salt before shoveling snow. If your yard is sure to face a season of snow and ice, remember: shovel first, salt second.

\*Don't stop watering if the ground hasn't frozen. All of your landscape plants, especially evergreens and new flower, shrub, and tree plantings are better able to survive winter when properly watered before the ground freezes.

I hope you have had better luck feeding the birds than I have had recently. Last week I went to the Tractor Supply store in Berlin and purchased a ten pound bag of what was called "Total Care Premium Wild Bird Food" (seed) and one suet block. I filled both my feeders and hung the suet in its nice little wire basket on a large bush in my back yard. This is normally the area birds have come to eat in the winter; well, I waited and waited and saw only one small bird at the feeder and none at the suet. Then, I decided to hang some pine cones dredged in peanut butter and rolled in seed which I hung on my small crape myrtle bush. Still no traffic! This is a first for me and I am quite disappointed. I guess the wild birds are not as hungry as I thought, or else they are finding plenty of food elsewhere.

Happy St. Valentines Day to you all and stay warm and well.



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# Wine pastime ideas make Winter enjoyable

As the winter months keep us inside our homes, sitting in a comfortable chair by the fire with a glass of wine can bring a smile to your face. This article suggests two opportunities for indoor activities that can pass the

tardly deeds committed at a Virginia winery. Crosby has a number of books under her belt. She is a freelance reporter for *The Washington Post*, and she placed the setting of "The Merlot Murders" in Loudoun County, Vir-

ginia. Set against the backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains and located near Civil War-era Mosby's Ruins is the Montgomery Estate Vineyard. The book's heroine, Lucie Montgomery, is called to the estate from her home in France due to the untimely death of her father Leland. Leland's body was found on the vineyard grounds along with trace amounts of blood. Lucie is pitted against her two siblings when she discovers that they want to sell the

vineyard while she wants the business kept in the family and built back up to its former stature. When another body is discovered, Lucie finds few people she can trust as she digs for answers and struggles to save the business. Sounds intriguing, doesn't it?

The second idea stems from a book I received for Christmas a few years ago. The book is called, "DIY Wine Corks: Thirty-five Cute and Clever Cork Crafts." This book is written and illustrated by Melissa Averinos. (You do not have to buy this book unless you would like to, as you can search on "Google" for wine crafting ideas. Several links will come up to take you to free online websites.)

In Averinos's book, she provides a listing of items you will need to have on hand. In the introductory pages, she offers suggestions for several small tools that you can buy or hopefully that you already have in your garage. These include a handheld drill, an X-Acto knife or a small woodworker's coping saw for cutting corks, and a glue gun along with a supply of glue sticks. If you would like to add color to your project, you can also pick up some paints and a small paintbrush. She suggests that for bright-colored paints, that you apply a primer first. Another choice is to dye your corks using such brands as Rit. You can dye the corks in a plastic container, bucket, or glass bowl by soaking them for a minimum of one hour.

In choosing your corks, you can save your own from wines that you particularly enjoyed or that have had a special meaning for you. You would want to make sure the corks are completely dry to avoid any crumbling. If you are going to be cutting the corks, you can soak them in hot water ahead of time, but Averinos says that this step is typically not necessary. She also indicates that all kinds of corks available nowadays can be used, even synthetic corks. Therefore, when you

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time with no cabin fever. The first is the wonderful world of reading to transport you to a new time and place without having to leave your chair. The second is crafting. It is amazing what pretty craft projects, large and small, can be accomplished with the tops of wine bottles.

Ellen Crosby is the author of a series of mystery novels that involve wine in some way. I have read one so far, "The Merlot Murders," about das-

she discovers that they want to sell the

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# Community Calendar

When submitting items for the calendar please include the event name, date, where held, time and a little about the event. Items being considered for the calendar need to be in by noon on Friday. E-mail to [thecourier@delmarvacourier.com](mailto:thecourier@delmarvacourier.com)

## Mondays

### **Ocean Pines Poker Club**

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

Open every Monday through October: **Historic St. Martin's Church Museum.** 1-4 pm. 11413 Worcester Highway, Showell, MD. For more information, call 410-251-2849

### **Sweet Adelines**

The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus meets from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Call 410-641-6876.

## Mon. & Tues.

### **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

## Mon., Wed. & Sat.

### **Church Thrift Shop**

OC Baptist Church's Thrift Shop by Seaside Christian Academy behind White Marlin Mall open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon. & Wed., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat. Call 410-251-6971.

## Tuesdays

### **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.

### **Take off Pounds Sensibly Meeting.**

Berlin group No. 331, Worcester County Health Center 9730 Healthway Dr., Berlin, 5:30-7:00 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly on Tuesdays. Info: [jean-duck47@gmail.com](mailto:jean-duck47@gmail.com)

## Tuesdays and Thursdays

**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.

## Wednesdays

### **Kiwanis Club Meeting**

Weekly meetings at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors open 7 a.m. October through April.

### **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.

### **Delmarva Hand Dancing**

Dancing at The Fenwick Inn in Ocean City from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Contact 302-934-7951 or [info@delmarvahanddancing.com](mailto:info@delmarvahanddancing.com)

### **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](mailto: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.

## Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

### **Church Thrift Shop**

The Shepherd's Nook at Community Church at Ocean Pines is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 410-641-5433.

### **Diakonia Thrift Shop**

'Used to be Mine' offers clothing, furniture, household items and more. Proceeds benefit Diakonia shelter and pantry. Located at

Rte. 611 and Sunset Ave. Open 10 - 4. Call 410-213-0243.

## Thursdays

### **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, Kate at 410-524-0649 or Dianne at 302-541-4642.

## Wilson to step down

Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Jerry Wilson announced last week that he will not seek a second four year term beyond the end of his current term that ends June 30. He did agree to serve an interim one-year term through June 30, 2017.



Dr. Jerry Wilson

The announcement was made during the Board of Education (BOE) work session held February 2. Dr. Wilson cited a desire to be near family out of area.

Dr. Wilson took the helm of the school district in July, 2012 succeeding Dr. Jon Andes. He had nearly two decades of superintendent experience having most recently led the Poudre School District in Fort Collins, CO prior to arriving in Worcester County. Dr. Wilson's current salary is \$172,500.

The BOE plans to develop a search committee for a replacement according to President Jonathon Cook.

### **Legion Bingo**

American Legion in Ocean City opens doors at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7. For information call 410-289-3166.

### **Gamblers Anonymous**

Group meets at 8 p.m. at the Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City. Call 888-424-3577 for help.

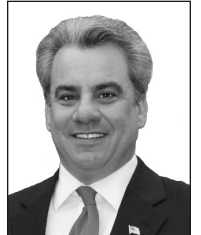
## Fridays

### **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.

## Bertino to hold Town Meeting

Chip Bertino, Worcester County Commissioner for the Ocean Pines district, will hold a Town Meeting on Saturday, February 27 at the Ocean Pines library. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Commissioner Bertino will provide information on issues and developments occurring within the district and the county. Beau Oglesby, Worcester County State's Attorney is the guest speaker. County Attorney Maureen Howarth will also be introduced. Commissioner Bertino will be joined by Commissioner President Jim Bunting during the question and answer part of the program.



Chip Bertino



Beau Oglesby

## New voting machines to be shown

Demonstrations of the new voting machines that will be in place starting with the Maryland primary election on April 26 will occur during February.

- Thursday, February 11: Ocean City Senior Center, 10 a.m.
- Thursday, February 11: American Legion in Ocean City, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 17: Kiwanis meeting in the Ocean Pines Community Center, 8 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 17: Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, February 18: Worcester County Tea Party meeting, Ocean Pines library, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, February 25: Ocean Pines library, 10:30 a.m.

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# Music classes offered

A trio of music classes designed to express creativity and allow self-expression begin this week at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94<sup>th</sup> St. bayside. Board certified music therapist Tatyana Martin will lead the classes.

“Love of Music” on Saturday, February 13 from 1 – 3 p.m. gives children the opportunity to experience their love of music while making music with others. With a Valentine’s Day theme, participants will engage in group song writing, improvisation and many more fun ways to use music. The class is open to children of all ages, but those 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$5 for members of the Art League of Ocean City, \$6 for non-members.

“Springtime Music” on Saturday, April 9 from 1 – 3 p.m. will allow children to rhythmically feel musical changes and recreate sounds of springtime with others. The class is open to children of all ages, but those 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$5 for members of the Art League of Ocean City, \$6

for non-members.

A free workshop designed for adults, “What Music Can Do For You” on Tuesday, March 29 from 6 - 8 p.m., will help participants express emotions and connect with people. A hands-on session involving music, movement and art experience, attendees will come away understanding how music is meaningful to them.

Space is limited in all three workshops, and early registrations are suggested. Reservations are being accepted by calling the Ocean City Center for the Arts at 410-524-9433.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94<sup>th</sup> St. is the home of the Art League of Ocean City, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the visual arts in the Ocean City area through education, exhibits, scholarships, programs and community art events. The arts center is supported by memberships, corporate and civic funding, donations and sales of art.

More information is available at 410-524-9433 or [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org).

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find corks you’d like to use that are in good condition, you should be all set.

You can choose to make her small projects like place card holders, magnets and key chains. One idea I really like is her “Special Occasion Memento” where you place a cork from a big event such as a wedding into a small picture frame. You would glue the cork against a bright-colored background and place a typed description of the event and date below it. This could make a charming gift for someone. Larger craft ideas are trivets, cork board picture frames, birdhouses, and wreaths. Her book contains helpful step-by-step instructions and a picture of what the finished product should look like. If you’re like me, then “should” is the operative word. I like to think that perfection is just an illusion anyway.

As winter wears on, I hope that you are inspired to try one or both of these pastime ideas. You just may find the winter blues being chased away for a bit. Just remember, the official start of spring is less than two months away!



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