

Ocean Pines Police Chief Massey to retire

Ocean Pines Police Chief David Massey plans to retire as of August 1, after serving the local community for 46 years, including 17 in Ocean Pines.

Lt. Leo Ehrisman, who has more than three decades of police experience, will be promoted to Chief of Police.

Massey was born in nearby Easton. His father, Marion, was an infantry sergeant with the U.S. Army during World War II and landed on Omaha Beach during the Invasion of Normandy in 1944. His mother, Armistice (Amy), was a corporal in the British Army. The couple met at a dance and had their first child overseas, in England.

"Both my mother and my brother are naturalized Americans and I'm the one who was born in the United States," Massey said. "My mother was born in Bagalore, India, because her father was one of the chief engineers of the Kolar Gold Fields. She didn't really come back to England until right before World War II."

Massey's mother served during the

infamous "Blitz" bombing raid of the United Kingdom by German forces in 1940 and 1941. She was formerly engaged to a British Royal Air Force pilot who was shot down and killed during the attacks.

After the war, Massey's father worked in the newspaper industry, often with his youngest son at his side.

"I grew up on his lap," Massey said. "He ran a linotype and was in ads and everything. So, I always believed freedom of the press is the most precious commodity that we have in this country."

First stop, Ocean City

Massey did not immediately go into policing, but instead attended Salisbury University, then called Salisbury State Teacher's College. He planned to be a schoolteacher.

"We were of pretty modest and humble origins. We didn't have a lot of money, so I went there," he said.

After college, right around the end of the Vietnam War, Massey said full-time teaching jobs were hard to come by. Instead, he took a long-term sub-

stitute job at a private school and a summer job as a seasonal police officer in Ocean City.

Hired in 1974, Massey climbed the ranks from corporal, to lieutenant, to sergeant and captain. During that span, he helped lead several notable projects, including the introduction of computer-aided dispatch, and creation of SWAT and quick-response teams.

Sixteen years after being hired as a temporary worker, Massey became the Ocean City Chief of Police.

"I was the first chief that started as a seasonal officer and came all the way up," he said. "Ocean City had a history of promoting chiefs from the outside, but the elected officials said, 'We've trained these guys – there should be somebody from the department to take it over.' And I was lucky enough to get selected."

Massey compared policing in Ocean City to being "an old sheriff in the Wild West."

"The old sheriff's job was to keep a lid on it and that's what it is in Ocean City – peace and disorder," he said. "I was pretty tough as a chief, but, because of that, the first year the serious crime rate went down 10%."

Crimes in Ocean City, at the time, ranged from assault and drunk and disorderly, to the occasional stabbing and, on rarer occasions, homicides.

"With 200 alcohol establishments in the town and 30,000-40,000 high school and college graduates coming down and being away from home for the first time, you can imagine the kinds of problems we had," he said.

Massey led the Ocean City Police Department for just over a dozen years and was able to make steady improvements, including earning the department a second-in-the-nation ranking in reducing the availability of alcohol to minors. He also earned a master's degree during that time and taught at nearby police academies.

Policing in Ocean Pines

With an eye on pursuing his doctorate in teaching and continuing in that profession, Massey retired from policing around the turn of the last century and "swore [he] would never



get another police job."

"Then, this job [in Ocean Pines] suddenly became vacant and it was the only place that I would go and be a chief, because of the nature of the community," he said. "This is real community policing and it's a great community – people wave at you and are very pro-police."

Massey said Ocean Pines at the time (around 2003) was considered a "special police department," meaning it did not fall under the Police Training Commission and other regulatory bodies. He quickly sought to change that.

"They were basically given limited authority on the property only and they weren't regulated as tightly as certified police," he said. "In 2005, I got a bill passed by the Maryland Legislature, with the help of our local representatives, to get us certified. We are now co-equal with any other police agency in the county, and that's a mat-

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Stover recognized

The Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines announced the Crafter of the Month for July is **Mary Stover**.

"I have always admired people who are able to create beauty from their craft. As I never considered myself as an artist, but had an eye for beautiful crafts," said Mary. She says she had dabbled in selling antiques and glassware, and that's when she fell in love with stained glass lamps and panels.



"I was hooked on this craft after speaking with a friend who explained all about the art.

"Even though I mostly use patterns, selecting different types of glass for beautiful color, drama, texture and sparkle to make unique designs, also you are not limited to just one category of art glass. I love making Tiffany style lamps along with night lights, sun catchers, fused jewelry, and much more."

Mary says she enjoys making large nature panels, such as a soaring eagle, pileated woodpecker, roosters and more. When the panels are illuminated by the natural light, the colors come alive and your eyes are drawn to it.

"Working with my craft has kept me busy so I don't worry so much about having to stay in during

the pandemic. My other passions are my love of God, family and country."

Mary's creations, as well as those of other artists can be seen at the Pine'er Artisan and Gift Shop, every Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Sunday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

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Guests may no longer bring chairs to Yacht Club

Because of concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ocean Pines Yacht Club will no longer allow guests to bring their own chairs for live music events.

Instead, the Yacht Club will move to a "table minimum" model for all patrons, whenever live music is scheduled.

Until further notice, patrons will be required to make food or drink purchases at a table or barstool, which will be provided by the restaurant only. Once all seating is full, no guests will be allowed on the property until space is available.

Ralph DeAngelus, cofounder of the Matt Ortt Companies that runs the Yacht Club, said the policy change is necessary because of increased

scrutiny from the State of Maryland. Governor Larry Hogan, on Tuesday, directed officials to step up enforcement of public health requirements in restaurants and bars across the state, citing a connection between those establishments and an increasing number of COVID-19 cases.

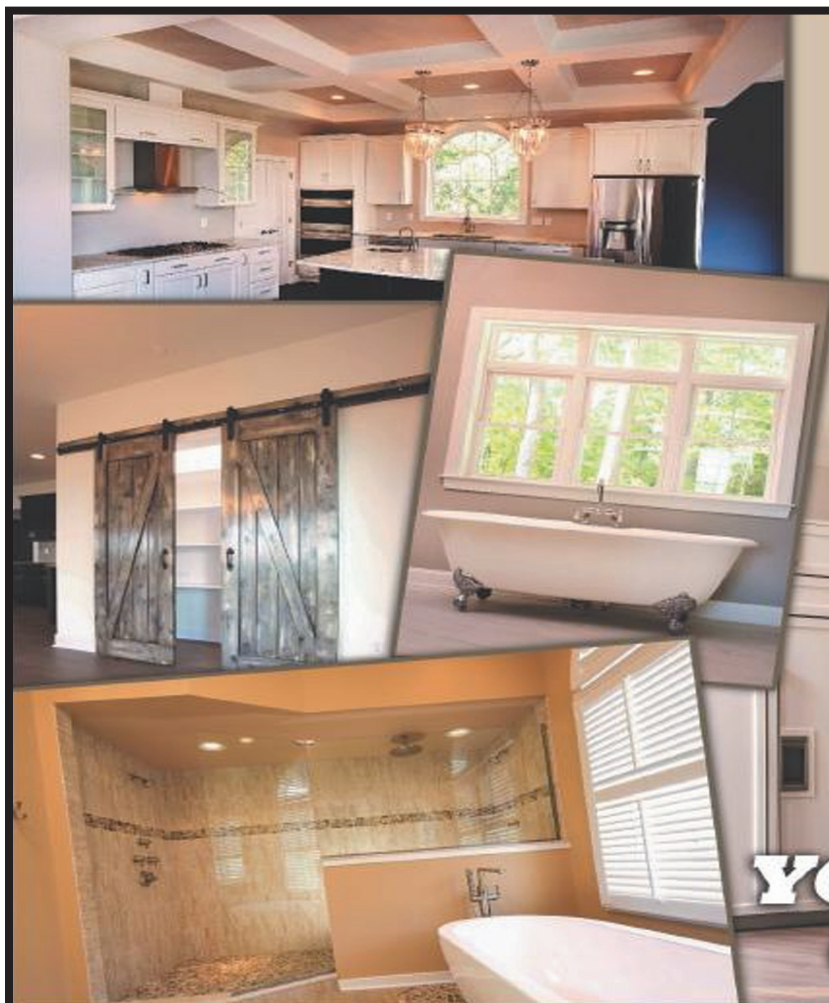
"We're doing this out of an overabundance of caution, because the state is really cracking down on restaurants and bars," DeAngelus said. "Everyone in the community has been so supportive of us and we can't thank you all enough for your continued patronage. We feel the table minimum is the best available solution to satisfy State of Maryland requirements, while allowing us to continue to offer all the great live music acts we have planned for Ocean Pines, through the remainder of the summer."

For the full upcoming schedule of live music, currently offered Thursdays through Sundays at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on 1 Mumford's Landing Road, visit www.opyachtclub.com/live-music.

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Boaters staying safe on local waters

By **Victor Fernandes**

Hank Fulmer has thoroughly enjoyed an increase in membership at Sea Tow Delmarva in Ocean View.

The owner and captain said that growth has mirrored the 4.5 percent average uptick the suburban New York City marine assistance company has enjoyed nationally. In turn, that growth has led to more boats and first-time boaters on waters he services from Indian River in Delaware to Ocean City. But that hasn't led to a greater number of accidents and distress calls from boaters.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has played a key role in that positive trend, since the boating season began later than usual because of the three-month shutdown this past spring. "We're actually seeing less activity now for our needs being that we got a later start," Fulmer said. "Everything got a later start. I would say we're on the average of what we've been for every year."

Still, Fulmer pointed to how safe boaters have been since being allowed to head back out onto local waters in May.

"That means everybody is keeping up with their vessels," he said. "There's a lot of people that instead of running older boats, they've traded them in and got newer boats to stay out there on the water. We are out there. We are seeing a lot more boats on the water. I don't see an uptick for service calls for us. But that's not a bad thing."

Boat sales throughout the Lower Shore have grown exponentially in the midst of these national health and financial crises.

"I've been in business, it will be 40 years in December," Scott McCurdy, owner of North Bay Marina Inc. in Selbyville, said earlier this month, "and my new and used boat inventory is lower right now than at any point since the '80s. The pandemic sparked people to buy boats. The amazing thing was the number of new first-time boaters that we had coming in the door."

"It was just like somebody turned a switch on," McCurdy added.

With local families unable to spend disposable income on family vacations out of town, they have chosen to entertain themselves while still properly social distancing by heading

out onto local waterways. "There's been a lot of pent-up frustration, a lot of pent-up money," broker David Black, of Bluewater Yacht Sales in Ocean City, said recently. "A lot of people are staying at home with nothing better to do than shop what they want to shop for on the internet. [There's] no better way to social distance than on a boat."

Fulmer has been impressed with what he's seen in recent weeks, especially while towing boats to busy facilities. "The parks we tow boats back into," he said, "they don't have any spots left to have somebody come in and stay. They're booked solid for this area."

Indirectly, Fulmer said, the local boating industry has benefited from growing sales of recreational vehicles and a greater demand for home construction projects. "Once people come down here with an RV, and I'd say even with a house, [they say]. 'I own a house down by the beach. Now I've got to get a boat.' They run hand in hand," Fulmer said. "A lot of these [boat] dealers in the local areas, they don't have any product. They're waiting for product to come in and they can't get it until fall."

Still, state and local officials want boaters - experienced, novice and first-timers alike - to remain vigilant before heading out on their boats and while out on the water. Petty Officer 2nd Class Ronald Hodges, of Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capital Region in Curtis Bay outside of Baltimore, outlined several standard but critical rules boaters should follow.

"These safety measures apply to everyone," he said, "not just somebody who would be considered a novice or a new first-time boater. Regardless of your experience level, you have to understand that things can present itself. When people think they're over-experienced, then you might have your guard down based on safety. You might take a little more risk."

The list begins with filing boat

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Drugs, alcohol could facilitate suicide

Editor:

In the past two weeks, local newspapers have reported two incidents on Ocean City balconies described as an accident or a potential suicide. In one case, police and fire officers successfully stemmed a suicide attempt by talking an individual through a mental health crisis. In the other, while the preliminary investigation ruled the fall from a hotel balcony an accidental death, the medical examiner will determine the exact cause.

While leaping from high places is a rare method of making an attempt on one's own life, the density of tall, multi-story buildings in Ocean City in particular acts as an enticement to those under mental stress, and suicide is often an impulsive act. When the presence of alcohol and drugs is added, it can become a lethal mix.

In our 11 years as advocates for suicide awareness and prevention, we have learned that nearly everyone is touched by suicide, not just those who are themselves suicidal, but also those left behind in grief after a completed suicide. Everyone should be able to recognize the warning signs that



someone might be seriously considering an attempt on their own life:

Withdrawal from friends and family members

Access to the means of suicide (guns, drugs, high balcony)

Reckless, risky behavior

Anxiety, anger – “Nobody ever listens to me!”

Loss of hope – “My life is going nowhere...I'll always be a loser.”

Giving away valued possessions

Talking, writing, texting, posting about death

Asking about writing a will, writing last letters

Suicide prevention first aid is not much different than CPR. Anyone can learn. Often all it takes is a smile, the question “Are you OK,” or if you think a crisis is at hand “Are you thinking about suicide?” Don't be afraid to use the word. There is always help at the National Suicide Prevention Hotline (800-273-8255).

To learn more about how you can become a proficient suicide prevention first aider, visit www.jessesaddle.org/ineedhelp.html.

Ronald Pilling

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Reflecting upon life's journey

Commentary by **Thomas L. Oneto**

Life's journey begins with parenting. Parenting is the foundation for the personality and culture development of a child. It influences its behavioral and social conduct, its moral base, and serves as a stimulus for the level of learning the child pursues.

Elementary education is the basic foundation for human intellectual development. Its influence will support the child's parental influence for obtaining higher learning.

Higher learning results in establishing a means for providing a future livelihood for the child, who has now become a person. In the vast majority of cases, it fulfills the employment interests of the person that began during childhood.

Employment brings about maturity and satisfaction of purpose, resulting in enhancing the person's self-esteem. As achievement is attained, the performance bar is raised a little higher, and the process repeats itself. Employment also provides an economic means for future family support.

This brings about a change in gender role and behavior. The roles of attractiveness and personality are subordinated to mutual race, religion, moral standards, and equal gender roles in support of the relationship, including the matter of raising children. A review of these roles, against those of a current love

interest, may justify some serious rethinking. Women experience the greatest effect resulting from this role change.

Regardless of how sophisticated they consider themselves, Mother Nature stirs a strong reproductive emotional state that overshadows career and lifestyle interests. This is when the male partner proves his dedication to the relationship. He accepts the providing of support through word and deed, and the participation in the raising of the child. His responsibility then becomes one of guardian of the relationship and family, and against all that would cause them harm. Soon the child, now grown, is now a parent, and the parenting role repeats itself.

Once the original parents are past their birth and child rearing years, our tough taskmaster, Mother Nature, is through with them. The relationship then takes on a mutual supportive role as systems begin to fail and body parts droop. Roles previously developed during the maturity stage now play a very important part of the couple's twilight years.

The old axiom, “Death and taxes are the only sure things in life,” is a truism. Reality tells us that death may soon part us, so let us share together what affection we can in the allotted time remaining of our journey through life.

Weather snippets

1. Some tornadoes can be faster than Formula One race cars.
2. There are 2,000 thunderstorms on Earth every minute.
3. The wind is silent until it blows against something.
4. There are ice caves in Iceland that have hot springs.
5. The fastest recorded raindrop was 18 mph.
6. The US gets over 1,200 tornadoes a year.
7. Lightning can, in fact, strike twice.
8. Clouds look white because they are reflecting sunlight from above them.
9. Yuma, AZ gets over 4,000 hours of sunshine a year, making it the sunniest place on earth. The least sunny place is the South Pole, where the sun only shines on 182 days a year.
10. Rain contains vitamin B12.
11. A bolt of lightning is five times hotter than the sun.



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Courier Almanac

On this day in 1933 American aviator Wiley Post returned to Floyd Bennett Field in New York, having flown solo around the world in 7 days, 18 hours, and 49 minutes. He was the first aviator to accomplish the feat.

Post, instantly recognizable by the patch he wore over one eye, began the journey on July 15, flying nonstop to Berlin. After a brief rest, he flew on to the Soviet Union, where he made several stops before returning to North America, with stops in Alaska, Canada, and finally a triumphant landing at his starting point in New York.

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Bike paths

Riding a bicycle is a passage of freedom, something every kid strives to accomplish. From the first time we mount a tricycle, we realize we're in control of our destination, even if it's

us had speedometers so we would race to see who could go the fastest. Occasionally we'd clothespin a playing card to the front fender so it would strike the wheel spokes and make a little noise. We were always on the lookout for the perfect hill to jump. When the mood struck us, we'd leave the path and find a site beside the stream to eat. Sometimes one of us would bring a ball or Frisbee that we'd toss back and forth.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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just to the end of the driveway because our mothers won't let us go beyond.

Not long ago my five-year-old grandson asked if he could ride his bike, a two-wheeler that resembles a dirt bike. When I said yes, he charged to the garage to get his helmet and bike. I stood at the end of the driveway as he raced up and down the street telling me every lap or so to, "watch this," at which time he would do a maneuver that was apparent only to him. I cheered though which brought a wide smile to his face. On a few occasions he gave me a high five as he zipped past me. He was having a great time. So was I.



Watching him, I was reminded of the days, long ago, when my friends and I would ride our bikes along the miles of trails at Pennypack Park in Philadelphia. Cue the harp, I'm going to reminisce a bit.

On comfortable spring or fall days, a group of us, Marc, Frank, Jimmy, Susan, Lynn, sometimes the other Frank, and I would gather at the park entrance on Verree Road, just below Bloomfield Avenue. We packed snacks and/or lunch depending on how long we thought we'd be or when our mothers said we had to be home. Jimmy's bike had a basket so he was volunteered to transport the food and drinks. He never complained but we all believed he shook our cans of soda so that when they were opened, there was a soda gusher. Interestingly, he never had a gusher.

Our bikes weren't fancy. Some of

What we talked about has been lost to time but I'm sure we talked about one or more of our teachers, a test we had taken or were about to take and what The Fonz said or did on "Happy Days."

We'd skip rocks across the stream. It wasn't unusual for the girls to do better than the boys. Sometimes we'd leave our bikes to explore the woods, from time to time hiding behind a tree trunk only to emerge at the most opportune time to scare someone. The

Other Frank did this once to Lynn who promptly kicked him in the stomach. Lynn was not a girl to mess with. We all had a good laugh over the scene, except Frank who spent time writhing on the ground gasping for breath. Eventually he was able to find his footing but he never did try that stunt again.

As this group of friends got older and graduated from St. Albert the Great, the bike treks ended. We went our separate ways in high school, some going to different schools. Jimmy Carter was president the last time I saw most of these folks. I have no idea what they've done with their lives or how they've aged or whether some of them still have hair. For me they'll always look the same as they did those many years ago.

Cue the harp. I'm returning to the present.

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Local artists participating in Plein Air

By **Morgan Pilz**

The Art League of Ocean is partnering with the Worcester County Arts Council to hold the 2020 Artist Paint OC Plein Air event from August 12-16, and three local painters from Ocean Pines and Berlin are expected to participate this year.

"En plein air" is a French expres-

sion that means "in the open air," which used to describe the art of painting outdoors. Plein air events take place wherever the scenery is inspirational, artists congregate to paint it, and watchers gather to see the painters make art right before their eyes.

Ocean Pines resident Jill Glass-

man, a self-taught artist, has participated in several Plein Airs since 2018, including three in Ocean City. Just last week, Glassman painted in the Easton Plein Air event.

"I've been drawing since I could hold a crayon, but no formal art training other than workshops with instructors," she said. "When I retired from nursing three years ago, that's when I began to get really serious about it ... painting every day and trying to improve my work and entering plenty of competitions."

Glassman is partial to water themed paintings, though she also enjoys most landscapes and painting images of weathered old buildings as well, which is what she painted in Easton.

As of this week, she has not decided on her location where she will paint during the Artist Paint OC event, though she's inspired by Worcester County as her home county.

"The best thing about being a hometown painter is that you can go out ahead of time and look for good spots to paint," Glassman said. "But there's anywhere you go in Ocean City; there's always a good spot because there's so much to see."

Glassman encourages artists with all levels of experience to come and participate in plein air events.

"It will definitely improve your art immeasurably," she said. "It's said you need 10,000 hours to get proficient in a subject. Painting from photographs is great, but if you can get out there

and paint from life, it'll make a world of difference in your art. ... everybody should do [the plein air]."

Also participating from Ocean Pines (more precisely The Parke), is



Jill Glassman painting



Helen Smith painting

retired art teacher Helen Smith, who has been teaching art for years, and even offers some virtual classes for the Art League of Ocean City.

"I taught art for 26 years, and for the last 10, I was a county supervisor for art theater and dance for Montgomery County Public Schools," Smith said.

Smith has engaged in two plein air events with the resort in the past two years, mainly because she usually goes out and does her own plein air painting for herself.

"I normally just go off on my own

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Election mailings are marked "IMMEDIATE ATTENTION! Ballot receipt deadline 5 PM, August 5, 2020" in a red rectangle on the front of the envelope.

Who are the candidates?

This year, three candidates are vying for two seats on the Ocean Pines Board, which is the governing body of the Association. The two candidates with the most votes will each earn a three-year term on the Board.

Running are incumbents Colette Horn and Doug Parks, and newcomer Stuart Lakernick.

To help inform voters, each candidate provided a biographical statement and answered questions from the Elections Committee. That information is available online here www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/new_s_content?announcementId=178&backURL=/web/pages/blogs, and was also included in the election mailing.

The three candidates also recently participated in an online forum moderated by the Elections Committee, which is viewable on the Ocean Pines YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/sdWZUVafLEY>.

How do I vote?

Completed ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5. Ballots may be returned by mail to the Berlin Post Office, using the self-addressed, postage-paid envelope included in the election mailing. Ineligible voters will receive notice of their voting status, as well as notice of the August annual meeting of membership.

Alternately, ballots may be returned in person to a ballot box in the Ocean Pines Administration Building on 239 Ocean Parkway.

For questions about the election, call the Ocean Pines Elections hotline at 410-208-3989 or email elections@oceanpines.org.

What's next?

Ballot counting will occur on Friday, August 7 at 10 a.m. in the East Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway. Results

of the count will be announced immediately after.

Results will then be validated during the annual meeting on Saturday, August 8 at 9 a.m. at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines, located near the intersection of Racetrack Road and Manklin Creek Road. Lot owners are asked to bring their ID in order to be verified. A quorum of at least 100 lots is required in order to hold the annual meeting.

Key upcoming election dates are as follows:

Ballot receipt deadline: August 5

Ballots counted and vote totals announced: August 7 at 10 a.m., in the East Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway

Annual meeting: August 8 at 9 a.m., at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial

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Visit WorcesterGOLD.org to see a list of school supplies to donate, or fill out the sponsor form. Supporting this program is an investment in one of our most precious resources, our children. For additional information please email ama1@WorcesterCountyGOLD@gmail.com or call 410-677-6830.



Isabelle Marie Kristick



Madison Alyse Birkett

Italy lodge awards scholarships

The Covid-19 pandemic may have caused the cancellation of its monthly membership meetings, but it did not stop the Ocean City Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge from awarding college scholarships of \$1,750 each to three local students of Italian heritage.

Winners of the awards are and , both from Berlin and 2020 graduates of Stephen Decatur High School, and Danielle Elisabeth Morelli of Delmar, who graduated from Delmar Senior High School.

Kristick will be attending The University of Maryland, College Parke. Birkett is enrolled at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Morelli will continue her studies at the University of North Alabama in

Florence, AL.

With the awarding of these stipends, the Ocean City Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge continues a tradition started in 2010. The number of students receiving the scholarships is now 35, with a total of \$43,000 awarded during that 10-year period.

In announcing the awards, Donna Potenza, chair of the Lodge Scholarship Committee, noted that the committee was impressed by the students' "outstanding academic achievements and community service. Congratulations on an outstanding high school career and best wishes for continued success," Mrs. Potenza said in the letter sent to all three winners announcing their awards.

Arts council awards local grants

The Worcester County Arts Council awarded \$16,500 in the Community Arts Development Grants program to 10 art projects and events to be presented by local nonprofit organizations during the six-month granting cycle beginning July 1.

Funding will support a wide variety of creative and innovative projects that are of outstanding artistic quality and demonstrate community benefit enhancing the lives of everyone living and visiting the Worcester County. This program is funded and supported by the Maryland State Arts Council

Grant projects are evaluated based on overall quality of cultural excellence, community outreach and public impact, and financial/administrative merit.

The following is a list of organizations and their projects that are being awarded a Community Arts Development Grant for the FY 2021 granting period:

Art League of Ocean City: Art Exhibits

Brown Box Theatre Project: 2020-2021 Season

Hope 4 Recovery: Recovery Sanctuary

Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra: 2020 Fall Concerts

Pine Tones Chorus: Holiday Concert

Town of Ocean City Special Events: Art Workshops at ArtX

Town of Snow Hill Arts & Entertainment: Events Entertainment

Worcester County Education Foundation: Chamber Music by the Sea

Worcester County Warriors Against Opioid Addiction: Healing HeARTS

The next deadline to apply for Community Arts Development Grants is October

15.

Application form is available on the Arts Council's website: www.worcestercount-yartscouncil.org For additional information call: 410-641-0809.



Laura Jenkins painting

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and I'll paint," she said. "You have to be willing to be spontaneous to look at the whatever your scene as, whatever your images are, you kind of get the essence of it.

Smith's preference is acrylic and watercolor and enjoys painting coastal themes and most nature, though she occasionally adds people to her works. She also encourages people to go out and look at the work other artists will be doing during those four days.

"I think that it's really important that we develop appreciation of the arts," she said. "Every school year I had about 500 students ... not all of them are going to be painters but I developed [their] appreciation for art.

"People that have a piece of art can have a response to it," she continued. "It's not something someone has told them, but they're able to articulate it, and when they go to a gallery or a concert or a museum, then they have the background to be able to talk about it."

Also competing this year will be Berlin resident Laura Jenkins, who says she has competed in around 20 plein airs ranging from Snow Hill to Berlin as well as Ocean City since she began focusing on painting over a decade ago.

"I came from a family of artists in different forms," Jenkins said. "My mother and father both painted later in life, and we have a lot of talented writers and been gifted musically. I've been around art most of my life."

Jenkins focuses on painting landscapes with dramatic lighting, and is thrilled to compete this year.

Jenkins' main medium is oil painting, which she says gives her the freedom to make changes as she feels is needed, since oil paintings take the longest to dry.

"You can use different mediums to elongate the drying time so that you can work back into it for days," she said. "And you can have you can use the dryers where if you want to speed something up, you can put other medium them to speed up the drying time. I love being able to go back and rework it."

Jenkins and Glassman are very close friends, and have often supported each other's works.

"I'll go out and paint with Jill and she has a very different style, very open minded," Jenkins said. "She is an amazing painter."

For more information about the 2020 Artist Paint OC Plein Air, visit <https://artleagueofoceancity.org/event/artists-paint-oc-a-plein-air-event/>.

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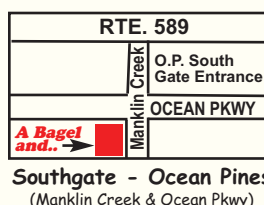
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Rebuilding Sergeant Peck

By **Jean Marx**

Last year I had the pleasure of attending a book signing event at the Greyhound Indie Bookstore in Berlin for the release of “*Rebuilding Sergeant Peck*.” It is an autobiographical account of his life to date and the story of his incredible bravery and courage to face unimaginable odds. The book was written with the help of local writers, Dava Guerin and her husband, Terry Bivens. They are both well-accomplished in the writing and journalism fields and have brought their considerable talents to bear in this story that pays tribute to Sergeant John M. Peck.

Sergeant Peck enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 2005 just shy of his 20th birthday with lots of excitement and bravado. By this point in his life, he had already demonstrated perseverance and resilience. His mother Norma was a single mother raising John while living in a women’s shelter at the same time that she worked long hours to try to make a life for them. She reached out to the Big Brother Organization, enrolled John in Cub Scouts, and leaned on her brother Toby to provide a positive male role model. Toby did make a positive impression on John in that he was an ex-Marine and loved his family. Toby was not without his own struggles, however, because he had been honorably discharged from the Marines (John surmises due to drug and alcohol addictions), and John believes these addictions ultimately led to Toby’s life ending far too soon.

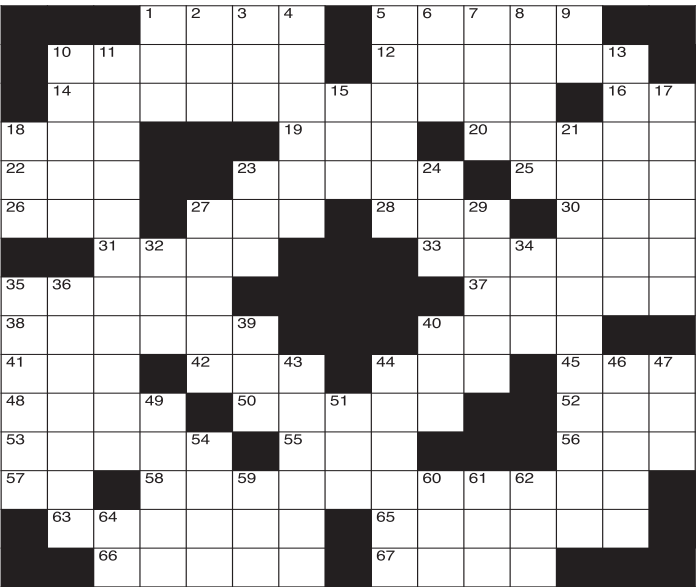
When John was nine, his mother asked him if he would like her to try to locate his biological father whose first name was Mike. John was eager to have a relationship with his father so he readily agreed. The wife of Mike’s cousin answered a newspaper ad that Norma placed in a local paper. Things initially looked promising when Mike and his wife paid for a plane ticket to send John to live with them for six months. During a visit Norma made to see him two months into this six-month period, Mike’s wife told Norma

she needed to take John back home with her so that John wouldn’t interfere with Mike’s relationship with their 3-year-old son. John was devastated, not once but twice, when Mike paid \$50 a month for child support after John’s departure but only for five months. As a result, John refers to his father as “just a sperm donor.”

At the age of 14, John ran away from home for a week. He stayed with his Uncle Toby (which Toby told Norma about to ease her worry). Nevertheless, due to all of John’s anger and acting-out that had happened up to this point, she decided to teach her son a hard lesson by reporting him to the police. The judge sentenced John to a week in juvenile detention complete with having John taken away in handcuffs. Norma visited him and continued to assure her son of her love but she also held to her strict moral code. To this day John holds tremendous respect for his mother and is grateful for all the love she continued to show him all his life.

John funneled his frustrations but also his perseverance into enlisting in the Marines in 2005. He was very proud to complete his rigorous physical and educational training. By this time, 9-11 had occurred four years previously and the U.S. was still at war against terrorist regimes in the Middle East. In early 2007, John and his fellow Infantry troop got orders to report to Iraq as part of driving al-Qaeda out. It was in August of that year that his Humvee rolled over an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), which caused John to smash his head on the roof of the Humvee where he sustained a Traumatic Brain Injury.

John had to be removed from active duty to recover. He lost a great deal of his memory which then cost him his marriage. He went on to rebuild much of his memory and to regain his physical and emotional strength to re-enlist in 2009, and he was soon deployed to Afghanistan. In 2010 as his troop was sweeping the

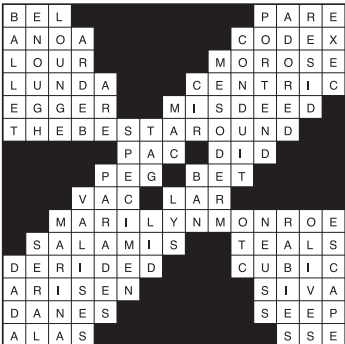


CLUES ACROSS

1. One-time world power
5. Central Florida city
10. Winged nut
12. Elevate spiritually
14. Creative
16. It cools your home
18. Woman (French)
19. “60 Minutes” network
20. Old World lizard
22. Swiss river
23. Ethnic group of Cambodians
25. Abba __, Israeli politician
26. Tire measurement
27. Affirmative
28. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
30. One point north of due east
31. A type of “pet”
33. Tech giant
35. European nation
37. Fencing swords
38. Acquired
40. Origin
41. Cashless payment interface (abbr.)
42. Pouch
44. Peter’s last name
45. Inclined
48. Palestinian territory __ Strip
50. A type of syrup
52. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
53. Weather Underground activist
55. Run batted in
56. Frozen water
57. Sodium
58. Philly specialty
63. Cuts the wool off
65. Rules
66. Icelandic literary works
67. Tattled

CLUES DOWN

1. “Pulp Fiction” actress Thurman
2. Actors’ organization
3. Conscientious investment approach (abbr.)
4. Ranch (Spanish)
5. Beginning
6. Index
7. Portuguese wine
8. A feudal superior
9. Military brach (abbr.)
10. Lithuanian given name
11. A way to become different
13. Able to be domesticated
15. Defensive nuclear weapon
17. Hosts film festival
18. Shows you how to get there
21. Arranged alphabetically
23. S. Thai isthmus
24. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. Woods
29. Make yourself attractive
32. Concealed
34. Large primate
35. A favorite saying of a sect or political group
36. Tropical fruits
39. Obstruct
40. Car mechanics group
43. Stroke gently
44. They’re in your toolbox
46. Throngs
47. One and only
49. In a way, bent
51. “Downton Abbey” broadcaster
54. Herring-like fish
59. A major division of geological time
60. Vast body of water
61. Cannister
62. Encourage
64. The man



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GOLD welcomes new director

Worcester County GOLD, Inc. (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing emergency assistance for Worcester County residents in times of crisis, has announced the selection of a new executive director. After an extensive process, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee selected Nicholas Cranford to lead GOLD.



Nicholas Cranford

Since arriving in November, Nicholas has trained closely with outgoing Executive Director, Sandy Sipes. "I feel so fortunate for the mentorship

Sandy provided", said Cranford, "her years of experience and leadership have been so beneficial to this organization and the community". With a background in education, technology, and private business, Cranford hopes to use his skills to serve Worcester County residents in need. He lives in Newark with his wife, daughter, and two little dogs. "I am beyond excited to continue my work with GOLD in this new role. I feel honored to be a part of GOLD's rich history of service. With issues like unemployment, food-insecurity, and poverty currently on the rise, we need to rely on our strong partnerships more than ever to continue to meet the basic needs of the most vulnerable among us. As a small organization, we could

never hope to address the growing level of need, but together, there is no limit to what we can accomplish." GOLD continues to provide emergency financial aid for housing, utilities, transportation, medical needs, and employment. Visit www.worcestergold.org for additional information and updates.

Women's Club announces donations

The Women's Club of Ocean Pines announced the award of \$1,100 in community donations for 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the awards ceremony normally held in May was canceled. The following organizations will be receiving their letters and donation checks in the mail:

- Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks
- Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department "EMT"
- Coastal Hospice
- Mid-Atlantic Symphony Student

Tides for Ocean City Inlet

Day	High /Low	Tide Time
Th 23	Low	4:32 AM
23	High	10:44 AM
23	Low	4:34 PM
23	High	11:09 PM
F 24	Low	5:20 AM
24	High	11:34 AM
24	Low	5:29 PM
24	High	11:57 PM
Sa 25	Low	6:09 AM
25	High	12:27 PM
25	Low	6:27 PM
Su 26	High	12:48 AM
26	Low	7:00 AM
26	High	1:23 PM
26	Low	7:29 PM
M 27	High	1:42 AM
27	Low	7:52 AM
27	High	2:23 PM
27	Low	8:33 PM
Tu 28	High	2:41 AM
28	Low	8:46 AM
28	High	3:26 PM
28	Low	9:40 PM
W 29	High	3:45 AM
29	Low	9:43 AM
29	High	4:30 PM
29	Low	10:47 PM

Online art auction underway

The Art League of Ocean City invites art lovers everywhere to bid online and take home an original piece of art at special auction prices during the "100 Pieces of heART" Benefit Art Auction. The online auction will run through July 31, and the works of renowned national and local artists are included. The online auction can be accessed at www.biddingowl.com/ArtLeagueOfOceanCity. The auction will close on July 31, with a live Zoom event planned at 7

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ter of pride and it's a matter of professionalism."

He also created a criminal investigation division, for Ocean Pines Police detectives.

"We've worked very hard to solve any kind of major criminal activity – burglaries, assaults and things like that," he said. "One of the reasons I believe we've kept crime low and the community very safe is our immediate investigation of all 'part-one' criminal offenses. There's not many major crimes – assaults and domestic violence – that we haven't solved by being proactive and going after criminals."

The main difference between Ocean City and Ocean Pines, according to Massey, is the stable population. However, that population also comes with its own set of challenges.

"In Ocean City, 95% percent of the people are tourists. If we had a major crime, it could be the suspect is from Pennsylvania, the witnesses are from Delaware, and the victim is from Virginia. We had to solve crime immediately, because tomorrow they might leave town.

"Here [in Ocean Pines], you have a family that lives here year-round, we know the kids, and the officer has learned who the family is and who the troublemakers are," he continued. "The good thing is, we don't have the alcohol-related problems I had in Ocean City – but we have family problems."

That often involves domestic violence.

"Domestic violence is an equation of people and we're the largest year-round community [in Worcester

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area on foot for explosives, he stepped on an IED blowing off his legs and one of his arms. A short time later, he developed a deadly fungus in his remaining arm, requiring amputation.

John's story is nothing short of remarkable. He faces enormous challenges in his recovery and he ultimately receives a double-arm organ transplant. I heartily encourage everyone to read the account of his harrowing life. He is a survivor, role model, and champion of organ donation and he is a complete inspiration and national hero.

County], so we're going to have more domestic violence," Massey said. "Our community police officers here are dealing with family issues: drugs, domestic violence, domestic disputes, and there are also a lot of mental health issues in the community, because nearly every family has someone with a serious mental health issue."

To help combat that, Massey said Ocean Pines Police officers all receive crisis-intervention training.

"That deals with mental health, how to deal with people that are disturbed, and how to calm them down. But, there is a certain percentage of people that are not going to be calmed down. They're either on drugs or have a history of violence, and they're the ones we have to arrest," he said.

Other times, he said, Ocean Pines Police are called for minor issues that many big-city police officers would avoid.

"For instance, 'My father is here in Ocean Pines by himself and he fell out of bed.' A police officer will go and help him back in bed. Or, 'Someone locked my cars in the car, can you help us?' We do little things like that, but they mean a lot to the community," he said.

Massey said he's long sought to build a better relationship between police and residents, starting with building a better police officer.

"Today's police officer is generally better educated, better trained and better equipped than when I started," he said. "And my credo to all the young officers is, treat everyone with dignity and respect."

He said that cuts both ways, and it's important for people in the community to also respect law enforcement.

"If you don't teach your child to respect the law, respect your teacher, respect authority ... it's very hard for the police to come in and change someone's opinion," he said.

Ocean Pines traditionally ranks among the safest communities in the State of Maryland, if not the entire country. Massey said that's partly because of favorable demographics and partly because of good policing.

"We have a good population of people that respect law and order. We also follow up religiously on criminal offenses," he said. "We're much better than when I started in following up and solving cases, because we've given our guys a lot of training. So, it's a combination of things.

"You can judge me on the crime

rate – I said that in Ocean City and I've said that in Ocean Pines. My job is to keep crime low and to make this an attractive place to live," he added.

Building a legacy, literally

Among Massey's many positive achievements in Ocean Pines, perhaps none were as important to him as the police station expansion that began last year and is set to wrap up within the next month.

For years, Massey has spoken publicly about the previous quarters, widely considered too small and too unsafe to meet the demands of a modern police force in a community of 8,542 homes.

"The old police station was not designed by criminal justice experts. So, it didn't take into consideration some of the safety concerns of our officers," he said. "We had a prisoner once who basically pulled his handcuffs out of the wall and ran out the back door. We later ended up catching him after a dragnet of two days.

"The facility that we're getting ready to open – thanks for the Board of Directors and our General Manager – is state-of-the-art, it's going to be high security and it's going to provide for our citizens for many, many years with a safe environment for police officers and a safe environment for them," Massey continued "It's going to help our criminal investigations, and everything will meet state guidelines, which we didn't meet before. I'm very grateful, for all of that."

Along with helping to oversee the expansion, Massey saw no small amount of adversity during his final months as Ocean Pines Police Chief. It was a singular year, from the once-in-a-century COVID-19 pandemic, to the brutal murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis Police Department officer that played out of televisions worldwide and helped spark global protests.

"It's been very challenging," Massey said, first of the pandemic. "We've handled some minor offenses over the telephone, but we still had to go to calls. There were a lot of domestic disturbances. Because people are confined together, sometimes they have problems getting along and we've had to deal with that.

"People have to understand, [Ocean Pines] is a microcosm of society – we have good people and we have bad people," he continued. "Unfortunately, we recently had an incident where the KKK came in and threw down some [racist literature], as

the cowardly people that they are. But it didn't stay in our community, because we have a very good community and our people rose to the occasion."

Massey expects an eventual return to normal, but said police need to learn from the pandemic in order to be prepared for whatever comes next.

"Once this is solved, I think we'll be better prepared for the next thing, just as after 9/11 police officers learned to talk to each other and communicate better. I think a lot of positives will come out of [the pandemic], because we'll be better prepared for the next event," he said. "Still, it's going to require the participation of the people in honoring the guidelines and, unfortunately, we have some people refusing to do that."

On the fallout after George Floyd, Massey said that led to a conversation with his police officers, similar to one he had just after the Rodney King incident in 1991.

"I did a training session on the use of force, from the chief of police to all the officers. And I told them these are our guidelines and, if I see any of them do anything like that, I will fire you and have you criminally prosecuted," he said.

"Leaders need to show where they stand and what they're willing to tolerate. When I see a lot of departments where they have bad officers I ask, 'What is the leadership doing?' The officers need to know what is permissible and what is not permissible, and they need to know if they violate that there are consequences," Massey continued. "Officers are looking for leadership and consistency. And people – whether they're African American, Caucasian, or Asian – they want to be treated equally and treated with respect. I've never had problems here, because I've treated everyone with respect."

Time to travel

On the decision to retire now, Massey said after more than four decades of police work, it was just time.

"I've spent 46 years where I've worked every Fourth of July and every summer," he said. "I want to go to Normandy and see where my dad landed. I've never been able to get out of the country long enough to do that, because I've always felt my responsibility was in my community.

"I plan on having a punch list, with my wife, to go visit some places

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Hamilton Physical Therapy: A Year in Review

It is hard to believe that it has almost been a full year since we opened our doors to serve the Ocean Pines and surrounding communities. What a year it has been! The mission in opening our practice has always been to offer an abundance of care to as many people as we can to improve their quality of life. Therefore, we want to say “Thank You” to the community for embracing us and giving us the opportunity to serve you and have a positive impact on your daily lives.

On July 29, 2019 we opened our clinic doors, and throughout the past year, we have been able to participate in numerous community activities and educational opportunities. In September, Jennifer was asked to present a continuing education class for local EMTs and Paramedics where she discussed common injuries and treatments of the upper extremity. With the support of the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, we hosted an Open House Ribbon Cutting ceremony to showcase our new clinic location. We were humbled and appreciative of the community participation. We were able to participate as booth sponsors in the Ocean City Home & Condo Show as well as the Ocean Pines Senior Living Expo, and were sponsors of The Salisbury School Gala and the annual Run the Boards Like Rob 5K Run/1 mile fun Walk in memory of our friend and former neighbor Rob

Schultheis who tragically lost his life while running in 2015. We reached out to a local Ocean Pines volunteer firefighter/EMT who was able to provide CPR/BLS training to all the members of our organization.

We enjoy community outreach activities that allow us the opportunity to educate the public on topics related to physical therapy. Our most popular topic relates to Direct Access to Physical Therapy, meaning your insurance does not require a physician’s prescription for you to receive PT. We had the pleasure of speaking about this with the Community United Methodist Church, the Ocean Pines Angler Club, and members of the local AARP group. Billy was able to participate in two golf tournaments, one supporting Salisbury United Soccer Club, and with members from The Bank of Ocean City for the Stephen Decatur Athletics Booster Club tournament. In addition to educating adults in the community, we were booth sponsors for the Junior Achievement Inspire event that was held in the Ocean City Convention Center in February. We were able to talk with 8th grade students from five surrounding counties about the profession of physical therapy.

We enjoy giving back to the community, not only with PT-related information, but with raising awareness

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p.m. for a final chance to place live bids and win door prizes.

"Everyone is facing a unique and challenging time right now, and that includes your Art League of Ocean City," Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League, said. "Due to the pandemic, we have had to postpone or modify our traditional fundraising events that provide the resources we need to operate the Ocean City Center for the Arts. This auction is a new way of doing things, and we hope everyone who loves art will go online, take a look at the wonderful art available, place your bid, win a fabulous work of art to bring joy to your home, and support your Art League at the same time."

Art League member artists and other renowned painters donated their art for the fundraiser that includes original works of art and reproductions, something for every price range and taste. Works available include paintings by nationally-known artists Kevin Fitzgerald, Janet Rogers, Sterling Edwards, Willie Crockett, Bernard Dellario, Alison Menke, and Marie Natale. Work by locally-known artists including Laura

Jenkins, Kevin Fleming, Kathy Gibson, Leslie Belloso, Petra Bernstein, and Peggy Warfield are available for bidding. Bidders will also discover everything from a stained-glass window by Pete Gibson to a hand-painted silk scarf by Mitzi Ash to jewelry by Cathy Angus and Dee Dobson to a mosaic by Lisa Scarbath.

"Many of the works in this auction would typically sell for hundreds, even thousands of dollars, so this is a great opportunity to purchase a masterpiece at a very special price," Thaler continued.

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Throughout the year, monies are raised by the women through fundraisers. The use of these donations is limited to organizations that promote the welfare and interests of the residents of Ocean Pines.

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to other causes. During the month of February, we collected donations from our patients, and offered to match the amount given. By the end of the month, we were able to donate over \$200.00 to the American Heart Association. When COVID-19 hit our area, it became more important than ever to offer support to local businesses. We made weekly purchases from local restaurants, and with the help of Billy's mother Carol, we were able to donate hand-made face masks to many local business such as the Berlin Police

boating

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plans before departure, and confirming that vessels have the proper safety equipment such as life jackets, sound signaling devices and visual signaling devices. Life jackets alone, he said, improve "your chance of survivability by a wide margin, while boat plans "let people know where you are" and assist first responders during searches.

"If you let people know where you

Department, Gull Creek, Atlantic General Hospital, Catered Living and many more. We also offered face masks to all our patients, their families, and the general public - all free of charge.

One thing has been apparent, we could not have been successful this past year without the support of the community. We are so thankful for everyone who has trusted us to care for them, and we look forward to many more years of specializing in you!

This article was written by Jennifer S. Hamilton, DPT, CHT, Owner of Hamilton Physical Therapy.

are and when you're intending on coming back," Hodges said, "then they can call us and say, 'This person that went out is actually overdue.' It would facilitate a search. They'll know your approximate location."

Hodges emphasized avoiding boating under the influence of controlled substances. "That is the No. 1 cause of boating incidents and accidents every year," he said. Weather, and the unpredictability that comes with it on open waters, also can be dangerous.

"The weather can change so fast, and your boat can only go so fast to get back to shore," he said. "Pay close attention to water temperatures in the fall and spring months. When that water is cold, even when the air is warm, it presents a pretty dangerous situation. You can get stuck in some pretty nasty stuff out there pretty quickly on the water."

And of course, never forget to contact local authorities for help.

"The quicker you call us or any other responder," Hodges said, "the faster we can get to you before the situation becomes worse."

Fulmer said local boaters have heeded the warnings so far this summer.

"I believe it's what they're being taught when they purchase a new boat or coming into it," he said. "They're acknowledging that there are precautions that they have to take while they're out there on the water."

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Volunteers sought for Worcester boards, commissions

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 Three (Sinepuxent District) – one seat is available on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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

District Six (Northern

District) – seats are available on the Tourism Advisory Committee and the 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), Local Development Council for Ocean Downs Casino (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.

For more information about county boards and commissions, contact Karen Hammer at 410-632-1194. To volunteer to serve, 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.

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around the world, to go back to England and see where my mother grew up, those kinds of things," he added.

Massey also plans to continue writing, having already penned one police textbook, as well as to continue teaching.

"I'm going to be working part-time and on my own terms, but you just know when it's time," he said. "I've always said a chief's job is to leave the department better than you found it. If you can say that, you did your job. And I feel like I've done my job."

"I originally felt that last year I was going to retire, but I wanted to

fight for this new building, and I said I would stick around until it's done. It's just about done, so I'm punching that list too," Massey added.

When he's not traveling, Massey, who just turned 70, said he would stay in the area.

"I have a piece of me in Ocean City and a piece of me in Ocean Pines," he said. "There will always be a place in my heart for the communities that I love, and I was fortunate to be in two wonderful communities."

He has high hopes for Ehrisman, his successor, who will bring a wealth of experience to the position of chief of police.

"Lt. Leo Ehrisman has put 34

years in the community. He spent three years with me, where I sent him to every administrative school, and I tried to impart my knowledge," he said. "He truly is one the best criminal investigators I've ever been exposed to in my life. So, he'll impart that knowledge to those below him, and hopefully Leo one day will train his successor."

"One thing I must compliment Ocean Pines on, is that for the last 34 years they've only had two chiefs of police. And a big reason for that, is we were able to keep out of the politics," Massey continued. "And I thank the Board of Directors and the general managers for keeping that consistent, and I pray that we continue to do that in the future."



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