

Casino GM to address text amendment proposal

Ocean Downs Casino General Manager Bobbi Sample will make a short presentation and answer questions from homeowners during the October 17 OPA Board meeting.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

Sample will discuss a proposed text amendment at the county level, which seeks to add a Casino Entertainment District as an overlay district for Ocean Downs, located on Route 589 near Ocean Pines.

According to county documents, the Worcester County Planning Commission on August 6 gave a favorable recommendation for the modification. The change would allow for potential new developments including additional gaming facilities, restaurants and hotels, and outdoor arenas and performing arts centers.

The Worcester County Commissioners held a work session on the proposal on September 15, which is viewable here: <https://worcestercountymd.swagit.com/play/09152020-711>. A formal public hearing on the matter is scheduled to be part of the next Commissioners' meeting, on October 20 at 10 a.m. at the Worcester County Government Center, Room 1101, on One West Market Street in Snow Hill.

Fall leaf collection scheduled

The Ocean Pines Association has announced leaf collection procedures for its residents this fall.

Public Works will collect leaves and other yard debris from November 23 through December 18, on opposite days from Republic Services collection days.

The department will only pick up leaves placed in paper bags that residents place curbside. Thirty-gallon paper bags are available at Public Works in bundles of five for \$10.

Republic Services will pick up paper and plastic bags on scheduled pick-up days, limit four bags of leaves per scheduled pick up. Republic Services will also accept branches tied in bundles no longer than four feet.

Additionally, Ocean Pines residents may bring leaves and yard debris in bulk or paper bags to the Public Works yard at 1 Firehouse Lane, near the south Fire Department. The yard will be open November 28 through December 31, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Support - Nelson Kelly, president of Ocean City Chapter 1091 of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), presents a Vietnam Veteran's State Council Grant check for \$2,000 to Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation (WCVMF) President **Marie Gilmore**. The grant will be used to support the WCVMF's education program. More than five hundred countywide school children visit and learn about the Veterans Memorial each year. The VVA state grant was requested by the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation. Once approved, the local VVA Chapter 1091 was asked to present the award.

Take steps to prevent vandalism, theft of political signs

With the November 3 presidential election fast approaching, local police are seeing increased activity related to theft and vandalism of political signs.

To help deter theft, Ocean Pines Police are asking residents to display signs or banners in a well-lit area of their yard.

"We're starting to get a lot of complaints that 'somebody stole my Trump sign' or 'somebody tore down my Biden sign,' that type of thing," Ocean Pines Police Chief Leo Ehrisman said. "If you're going to put this stuff out, put it in the well-lit area in your yard. Just putting it out in the dark somewhere is not going to stop a pedestrian from kicking it over, tearing it down, or stealing it."

Ehrisman said police are doing their best to monitor the situation, but they can't be everywhere at once. Things like video footage from a home secu-

rity system, for example, can be especially helpful to police.

"If they have video surveillance, we'd be more than glad to take a look," he said. "Even if it's not on your property, if your video camera sees someone tearing down a sign across the street in the neighbor's yard, we'd be very interested in obtaining that information."

Ehrisman also asked that residents report any activity right away, whether it was seen on their property or in a neighbor's yard. Often, he said, a victim will call police the next morning after a sign was stolen or damaged, and those type of incidents are difficult to follow up on.

"It's common for people to put these kinds of political support signs out at this time of year, but it's

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Ocean Pines Rec and Parks to host Halloween events

Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks are scaring up some fun this October, with a series of new events sponsored by Comcast/Xfinity that are sure to offer spooky fun for the whole family.

Planned events include virtual pumpkin carving and costume contests, a free “Trunk or Treat” event, and a Build-Your-Own Scarecrow Workshop.

For the Virtual Pumpkin Carving Contest, simply snap a photo of your most creative pumpkin carving and email it to bjarman@oceanpines.org by Sunday, October 25. Photos must include the carver’s name, age and contact information.

For the Virtual Costume Contest,

put on your best Halloween outfit, take a photo, and email it to kgoet-zinger@oceanpines.org by Sunday, October 25. Photos must include name, age and contact information of the person wearing the costume.

For both contests, submitted photos will be posted to an album on the Recreation and Parks Facebook page (www.facebook.com/OPRecand-Parks), where voting will occur from October 26 through noon on October 30. Winners will be announced on Friday, October 30, and winners can pick up a goodie bag during the “Trunk or Treat” event scheduled that evening.

On Friday, October 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., join Ocean Pines

Recreation and Parks staff at White Horse Park for the first-ever “Trunk or Treat” event. The event is free and open to the public for trick-or-treating.

Businesses or individuals interested in participating in the event should reach out to Brittany Jarman at bjarman@oceanpines.org to reserve a spot for decorating. Participation is free, but space is limited. Set-up time will be available all day, on Oct. 30.

Ocean Pines will follow all COVID-19 safety protocols and guidelines during the event.

Participating vehicles are asked to supply their own candy to pass out to trick-or-treaters.

Individually wrapped candy donations will be accepted at the Ocean Pines Community Center, on 235 Ocean Parkway, through October 30.

“We are really looking forward to our first ever ‘Trunk or Treat,’ and hope to see many familiar and new faces join us for this event,” Recreation Program Coordinator Brittany Jarman said.

Lastly, Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks will host a Build-Your-Own

Scarecrow Contest on Saturday, October 31 from 10 a.m. to noon at White Horse Park. Ocean Pines will supply the straw, but participants should bring their own outfits and accessories.

The contest winner will be announced at the end of the workshop and will receive a bag of festive fall goodies. The cost is \$8 per family and preregistration by October 28 is required. To register, call 410-641-7052 or visit the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said she’s excited both to be hosting several family friendly events for the holiday, and to kick off a new partnership with Xfinity.

“COVID has made it difficult, but we are looking forward to working with Xfinity on this and many more events to come,” Donahue said.

For more information on these or any programs of Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks, call 410-641-7052 or visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/recreation-parks.

Track or Treat event offered

Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) staff invite families with children ages 12 and under to join them for Track or Treat, a safe trick or treat event.

Track or Treat will take place at the Worcester County Recreation Center on Friday, October 30, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Children should come dressed in their Halloween costumes and bring bags to collect their goodies. This family fun event is open to youth ages 12 and under. Local vendors will hand out treats to the children.

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Carozza grateful for MSP aviation decision

Senator Mary Beth Carozza last week issued the following statement after it was announced that all Maryland State Police Aviation Command bases will remain open.

“I am grateful for the decision made by Governor Larry Hogan and Maryland State Police Superintendent Woodrow Jones to keep all MSP Aviation Command bases open. I also would like to thank all those emergency first responders on the front lines and all my constituents, many whose lives have been saved by MSP Aviation, for their strong advocacy for keeping Trooper 4 in Salisbury and Trooper 6 in Easton.”

Shore responders, labor representatives, and family members personally had contacted Senator Carozza and shared stories about the significance of MSP emergency rescues where the

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There will be no collection or drop off on Thursday, November 26 or Friday, November 27 because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The yard also will be closed for drop off on Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25 and Saturday, December 26 because of the Christmas holiday.

Public Works will also vacuum leaves. Residents should refrain from blowing leaves directly into the ditches, as this can lead to clogging of pipes as well as difficulty in water flow.

For more information, contact Public Works at 410-641-7425.

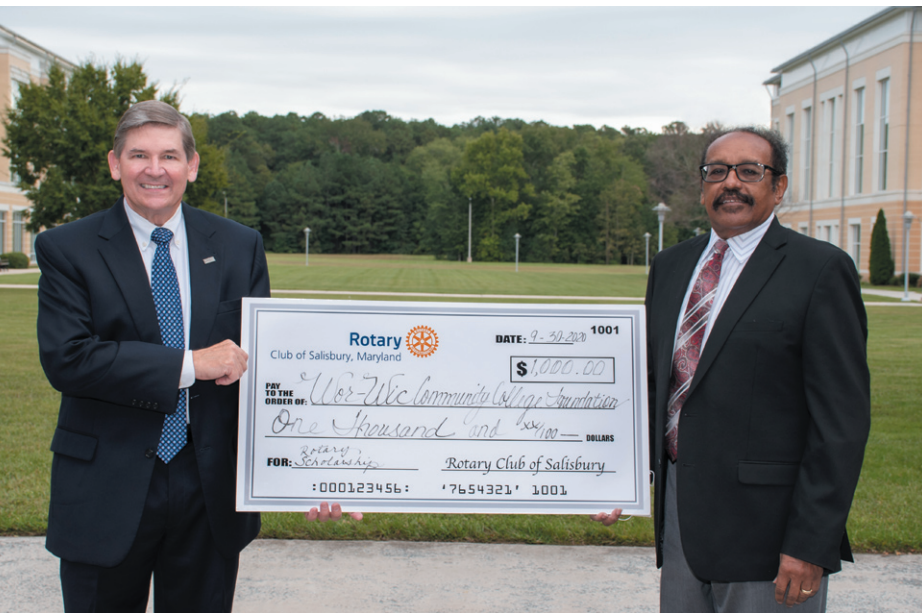
Trooper 4 and Trooper 6 airborne transportation literally saved the lives of countless victims. On a personal note, Senator Carozza’s aunt and uncle were involved in a very serious automobile accident on Route 50 in Dorchester County in 1998 where they both individually were transported by Medevac to Maryland Shock Trauma in Baltimore. They both survived the horrific crash and fortunately are still alive today.

In her letter to Superintendent Jones in July when MSP aviation units on the Shore were threatened for closure, Senator Carozza stated, “The possible budget cuts to the Eastern Shore’s MSP Medevac services truly would have a life-threatening negative impact on my constituents and other Shore residents and visitors, especially in the remote rural areas on the Shore like Smith Island and in Ocean City which swells to the second-largest city in Maryland during the season.”

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also normal for others who don’t like their candidate to damage it, steal it, deface it, all of which is a crime. However, it’s a pretty vague crime that we normally don’t see until after the fact,” Ehrisman said. “Any preventative actions that residents can take is greatly appreciated, and if you see anything in your area, by all means report it to the police.”

To contact Ocean Pines Police, call 410-641-7747.



Rotary Club funds scholarship at Wor-Wic

Ray Hoy, left, president of Wor-Wic Community College, receives a \$1,000 check from **Freddy Mitchell**, chairman of the scholarship committee of the Rotary Club of Salisbury. The Rotary Club provides scholarship funds to Wor-Wic each year for a student from Wicomico County who exemplifies the principles of the organization (honesty, fairness, high ethical standards, and international and community service).

Virtual poetry reading to be held

Wor-Wic Community College invites the public to a free virtual poetry reading with Hailey Leithauser and Ned Balbo on Thursday, October 22, at 7 p.m., via Zoom.

Leithauser is the author of “Saint Worm” and “Swoop,” which won the Poetry Foundation’s Emily Dickinson First Book Award and the Towson Prize for Literature. She also received the Discovery/The Nation award. Her work appears widely in journals and anthologies, including “AGNI,” “The Gettysburg Review,” “The Hopkins Review,” “Poetry,” the “Yale Review”

and three editions of “The Best American Poetry.”

Balbo’s newest books are “3 Nights of the Perseids” and “The Cylburn Touch-Me-Nots.” He received a 2017 National Endowment for the Arts translation fellowship and was recently a visiting faculty member in Iowa State University’s master of fine arts program in creative writing and environment.

Visit the events section of www.worwic.edu or <http://www.worwic.edu/> for more information.

Courier Almanac

On October 14, 1947, U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager became the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound.

Yeager, born in Myra, WV, in 1923, was a combat fighter during World War II and flew 64 missions over Europe. He shot down 13 German planes and was himself shot down over France, but he escaped capture with the assistance of the French Underground. After the war, he was among several volunteers chosen to test-fly the experimental X-1 rocket plane, built by the Bell Aircraft Company to explore the possibility of supersonic flight.

Pets groom themselves to stay clean, but when allergies are present, dogs and cats may spend extended periods of time scratching, licking and biting. While these actions can be problematic for the animals themselves, for those sensitive to sounds, the repetition may induce unsettled feelings. “Psychology Today” says “misphonia” is an extreme emotional and physical response to seemingly innocuous, repetitive sounds. While chewing and lip-smacking are common triggers, noises made by pets (like barking or licking) also can cause an issue. The result is a fight-or-flight response to these noises, along with physical tension, disproportionate anger and possible hatred or disgust toward the person or animal responsible for the trigger noise. While studies into misphonia are in their juvenile stages and only recently gained traction, symptoms are thought to begin in childhood or adolescence and increase in severity. Treatment for misphonia is varied, but if aversion to the noise a pet is making can be alleviated by addressing the pet’s underlying issue, then people’s misphonia may be alleviated as well.

A memory illuminated

My wife and I recently enjoyed an excursion to area antique shops. And it was during this outing that I found a small item that triggered memories

an old set of dishes or a painted iron dog or something else. Although a petite woman, whether she was the seller or the buyer, my mother was no shrinking violet in these negotiations. She held her ground for a nickel. Regardless whether she won or lost, it was always great theater. I learned from her that sometimes the best way to negotiate is to determine everything you want

and then throw out an offer for the entire lot. Say the individual items had a total asking price of \$10; you offer \$5 with the likelihood you'd settle on seven or seven fifty. I also learned that sometimes you just have to walk away. And there were many times when that occurred.

Getting back to the lantern. During one of my explorations at the drive-in market, I found in a dilapidated cardboard box an old lantern. It had a red lens and its black paint was flaking. I don't think I paid more than a dollar or two for it. What did a 13-year-old need with an old lantern? My brother thought it was a stupid purchase. For many years it sat on a shelf in the garage, never having been illuminated by me. When I got married it moved with me, again sitting on a shelf. Finally, about ten years ago or so, I retrieved it, cleaned it up, replaced the wick and filled the reservoir with kerosene. Its warm glow is now a regular feature during evenings when we're in the backyard.

Through the years I've searched for other lanterns. Many that I've found are priced much higher than I'm willing to pay. So, during this most recent trip when I discovered this little green lantern, I was excited and didn't think twice about purchasing it. And, employing a tactic I learned from my mother years ago, I negotiated with the clerk on a bulk purchase that included the lantern and an interesting old jug that my wife wanted. The negotiations were a success.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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from four decades ago. The item? A small kerosene lantern; painted green with a green lens. I found it perched on a shelf in the corner of a really interesting store in Onancock, VA.

For whatever reason, I have a fascination with lanterns, especially those associated with the railroads. This particular lantern stands about eight inches tall. Discovering this little treasure took me back to a time long ago.

During the 1970s and early 1980s flea markets and yard sales were a big part of my life. My mom, brother and I were either visiting them or selling at them. There were two markets of particular interest to us: one at an old drive in theater in Langhorne, PA which if memory serves, was open Wednesdays and Saturdays and one located on Roosevelt Blvd. in the Roosevelt Mall parking lot. This one I think was open just Sundays. The drive-in market was larger.

When we were selling, we took turns manning our table so that each of us could explore and maybe find a treasure or two or three.

Many an hour I scavenged around these markets finding all sorts of junk or treasure depending on one's perspective. I was most interested in tools, stereos, car parts and anything related to boats. I always walked passed the vendors selling clothes and doll items.

It was during these flea market experiences that I learned the art of negotiation. It was a real education to listen to and participate in the back and forth dickering to reach agreement on the selling/purchase price of





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Carozza works to assist constituents

By **Victor Fernandes**

Maryland State Senator Mary Beth Carozza spent a day collecting her thoughts and belongings before traveling home to Ocean City from Annapolis after the state's General Assembly adjourned early for the first time since the Civil War. Then she went back to work.

Constituents across the Lower Shore needed help as the onset of the COVID-19 shutdown left individuals out of work and forced business owners to close their doors. They needed help, Carozza said, and still do as the pandemic continues to affect the region.

"It's more than full time. I live it," she said last week. "My constituents are hurting. I will give 110 percent to do everything I can to see how I can be of assistance. I can't overpromise and say that we can make you whole. But I can use my position to leverage any assistance that is available out there for my constituents. That's where my total focus has been since we adjourned in March."

Public service has been her passion since 1984, when Carozza joined then-

Maine Sen. William Cohen's staff.

It became her life's work on Sept. 11, 2001, as she helped prepare a temporary morgue within the Pentagon in the hours after terrorists crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the western side of the Department of Defense's headquarters, killing nearly 200 people. Carozza also helped keep communication lines open across the nation, which she said allowed then-Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and fellow leaders "to show we were up and running. We had been attacked by terrorists. Our nation had been attacked. Now, we were focused on the war against terrorism. I was very humbled to be part of that."

In the days after that tragic and life-altering event, Carozza witnessed the true spirit of the nation's public servants.

"As evil as those actions were that day, what came out of it was also seeing the strength and unity of our country," she said. "At the end of that long day, [we were] walking around to watch those firefighters still working to put the fire out at the Pentagon.



Senator **Mary Beth Carozza** (center) with her parents, **Tony** and **Mary Pat**.

Watching them working their hearts out to fight their fire, knowing they were fighting for our country, and the next day to see all of those Pentagon employees returning to work as the Pentagon was still smoking and smoldering, that left such a mark on me."

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There is no admission fee for this event, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Protective masks required for the duration of the event. Upon entry, all guests must sign in at the main entrance.

For more information or to become a vendor, contact Allen Swiger at 410-632-2144, ext. 2520 or aswiger@co.worcester.md.us.

Learn more about this and other WCRP programs at www.worcester-recandparks.org.

Carozza clearly recalled then-President George W. Bush's awe-inspiring words to military and civilian leaders a few days later.

"I somehow wrangled my way into the meeting. I'll never forget his words at that time," she said. "He said, 'On the heels of a terrorist attack, we will have tremendous support from the nation, from Congress, from Americans across the board. Our challenge will be to be vigilant and keep that support for the long term. Our challenge is to be vigilant about staying together, working together, to protect our American way of life for the long haul. These terrorists are determined to destroy our very way of life, and they're not going to stop on September 11th.' That stuck with me."

Two decades later, Carozza believes she's the General Assembly's lone member who has served in the

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Estate planning for digital assets

By **Michele Procino-Wells, Esq.**

This year marks my twenty-fifth year as a lawyer. When I reflect on what's changed the most during my career it's easy to know it's the use of technology. As a new lawyer, when I needed to draft a document, I dictated

their real estate and financial accounts. We now also have to consider a new category of assets, digital assets.

What is a digital asset?

The definition of "digital assets" is constantly evolving to include innovative asset classes including the following:

electronic communications, such as emails, social networking sites, and blogs;

online reward programs, such as for credit cards, hotels, and airlines;

financial accounts, such as PayPal, Venmo, or other online banking or investment accounts;

digital collections, such as music files, photographs, and videos;

domain names and intellectual property;

electronically stored data, whether in the cloud or on a physical device; and

cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin.

What controls access to digital assets? When an individual creates a digital asset, they typically, and hurriedly, accept a contractual user agree-

ment. Even if they do read it, most still don't realize that they have agreed to prohibit third-party access to their digital asset. This causes issues for fiduciaries when trying to account for a decedent's assets.

Federal laws criminalize the unauthorized access of digital assets to protect the original owner, but thereby also limit a fiduciary's ability to properly access the assets. As a result, even if fiduciaries have the user name and password for digital assets, they may not have legal authority to access them and doing so could be a criminal act.

Fortunately, most states have passed laws that give fiduciaries some

authority to access digital assets. In 2014, Delaware was the first state to enact such legislation with the "Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets and Digital Accounts Act." In 2016, Maryland passed the "Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act." These laws give fiduciaries the ability to take legal control of digital assets just as they would more traditional assets. However, limitations exist to the authority given by these statutes, so it is critical to plan accordingly.

How do you create an estate plan for digital assets? The first step in planning for digital assets is to create a

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onto a cassette tape which was then transcribed by one of the ladies in the typing pool. Now, 25 years later, I'm sitting outside using the hotspot on my phone to connect to my firm's cloud-based server and typing this article on my laptop.

When we talk to clients about their assets, we're no longer focused on just

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legislative and executive branches of government at the federal and state levels. Those experiences prepared Carozza to face the effects of dangerous and unpredictable health and financial crises that Lower Shore residents have faced in the past six months.

She has worked, in conjunction with local banks and chambers of commerce as well as the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, to assist business owners in obtaining federal assistance during and after the shutdown and putting into place the proper safety protocols after businesses reopened. She teamed with health care providers and local health department directors to provide residents with the information they need to keep them protected.

Carozza assisted local superintendents with the safe reopening of schools, and has helped

student-athletes and their parents with the safe return of sports this fall. Carozza and her staff also have received roughly 700 requests for unemployment assistance.

"These individual issues and the individual constituent requests have been all consuming," she said. "I'm very fortunate. I have staff members who understand that my top priority is constituent service."

Carozza yearns for a return to normalcy, when she can resume her role as a storyteller and guide for fifth-grade students enjoying field trips to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines. Carozza said last week that she hoped to soon hear about the General Assembly's return to work date. Whenever that happens, one thing is sure. Her constituents matter most.

"My top priority has always been constituent service and will continue to be so," she said. "If anything, COVID-19 has underscored the importance of constituent service."

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Knots & Knots by Dan Collins

Man Overboard

It's not an everyday occurrence but every once in a while, someone unexpectedly leaves the dry confines of the boat. Everybody knows to yell "Man overboard!" but then what?

If you're docked, someone on board can throw you a life preserver or reach out with a boat hook, then pull

you to the swim ladder and have a good laugh at your expense. It's not always humorous. Natalie Wood fell off an anchored yacht and Dennis Wilson of the Beach Boys went into the water from one tied up in a slip. Neither survived. Alcohol was involved in both tragedies.

Unexpected water incursions should never be taken lightly, especially in cold water where thermal shock and hypothermia can quickly impair

You can determine the wind direction by observing the movement of a flag or by reading the waves. The wave front will be perpendicular to the wind.

the swimmer's ability to participate in his/her own recovery. However, a much bigger problem exist when you hear the alarm, "Man Overboard" while making way. What do you do? What's the priority?

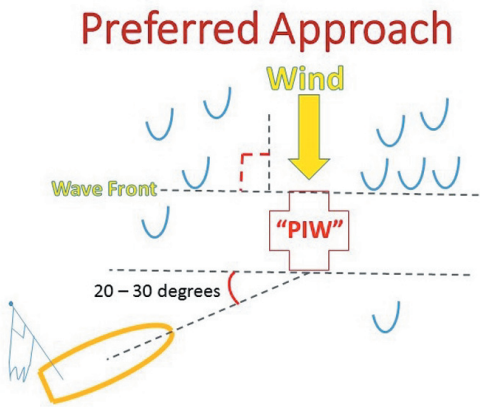
First, get the propeller stopped. Even before you know who or where they (could be more than one) went overboard, you must assume the worst case scenario that they fell off the bow and could be sucked into the prop.

Next, find them. The person who spots the person-in-the-water (PIW) should be charged to keep the person in site and call out the person's location. For example, "I see him. He's 20 yards away (and pointing) over there." If you can't find him immediately, hail the Coast Guard on marine radio channel 16 or call 911.

Once the PIW is located, you should throw him/her a life preserver. That's the type four Personal Flotation Device (PFD) that boats over 16 feet in length must carry and have "immediately available." It can be a USCG approved seat cushion or a life ring.

The USCG Auxiliary and other safety advocates recommend that you

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Bats

Bats. That name alone conjures up images of blood sucking creatures, full moons, foggy country roads and things that go bump in the night. Bats are very misunderstood and unnecessarily feared. They are actually very gentle animals and can be extremely beneficial to us. Did you know that they can eat up to 1/3 their body weight in flying insects every half hour? They eat the bugs that destroy fruit trees, keep the mosquito population down and they also feed on beetles and moths among other insects.

Maryland has ten species of bats. The two most common are the big brown bat and the little brown bat. They are mammals so they have live births and produce milk to nurse their babies. They usually have one, but occasionally two, offspring anywhere between April and July. Gestation is 30 to 60 days and females will have one or two pups per year. The pups weigh up to 25% of the mother's body weight at birth. Females will join together to create a nursery brood where they actually help each other with their young. The pups stay attached to their mothers unless she goes looking for food, then the other females will watch her young until she returns. She then will locate her pup by sound and smell. The pup will learn to fly by the time it is three weeks old. Once it can take flight, the mom will teach her young to hunt for food, supplementing her pup until it can hunt totally on its own. The pup must learn to consume large amounts of food in order to be able to make it through winter hibernation.

Bats are protected by federal law.

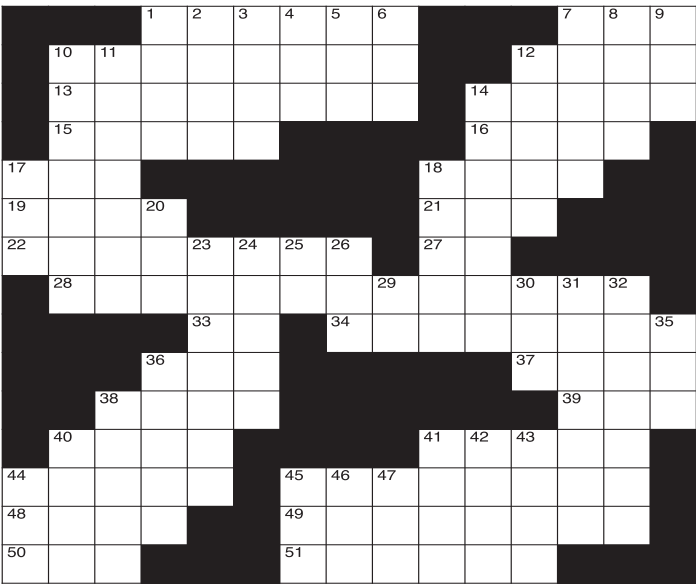
From April through July while they are raising their young they cannot be removed from their location until after the pups take flight. If you find them in your attic during that time, you should call the Maryland DNR for advice. Since they play an important role in the ecosystem and they are protected they should not be intentionally killed. Instead, they should be safely removed, allowing them to find a new



residence in another location.

It is true that bats can carry rabies, but that is also true of most animals living in the wild. In order to contract bat rabies, you have to be bitten by one. According to the DNR website, 0-2 people a year in the US die from bat rabies. This means that in the US, it is more likely to contract leprosy than to contract rabies from a bat.

I would like to leave you with some interesting facts. Bats are not related to mice. Same cute face, but not a relative. Bats are the only mammals that can fly, and last but not least, bats can see. They use a radar type system at night to find their food. They can tell by the echo how close and how large an object is. So, when you're out on your evening walk, no need to worry. Bats can tell the difference between you and an insect.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Lunar crater

7. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)

10. Fruit

12. Seventh avatar of Vishnu

13. Organism that grows without air

14. Heals

15. A book has one

16. Open

17. Twitch

18. Plant of the mint family

19. Soon

21. Witch

22. Long, mournful complaint

27. Killer clown film
28. Keeps us occupied

33. Influential lawyer

34. Formation of concepts

36. Insecticide

37. Swiss river

38. Actress Lucy

39. Unit of g-force

40. Can repel attackers

41. Essential oil used as perfume

44. Cut into small pieces

45. Mexican agricultural worker

48. Best pitchers

49. Benign tumors

50. Danish krone

51. Looms above

CLUES DOWN

1. Make a map of

2. Cain and __

3. Dried-up

4. Corporate exec (abbr.)

5. Trading floor hand gesture

6. Strongly alkaline solution

7. Yemen capital

8. Military leader (abbr.)

9. Maintains possession of

10. Afternoon show

11. Imaginary being

12. Rearrange

14. Holy person or sage

17. __ Mahal

18. Backbone

20. Brooklyn hoopster

23. Intervened

24. Extremely angry
25. Indicates position

26. Chinese surname

29. Potato state

30. When you think you'll get there

31. __ Falls

32. Bullfighters

35. Born of

36. Small fishes

38. "Father of chemical warfare"

40. Waste matter

41. Skin disease

42. Scandinavian mythological god

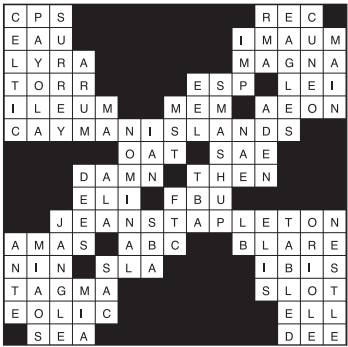
43. __ and haws

44. Villain

45. Tell on

46. Difficulty

47. Not old



Answers for October 7



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Prevention - The Worcester County Commissioners joined with Fire Marshal **Jeff McMahon** and Worcester County Volunteer Firemen's Association Liaison **Tim Jerscheid** to proclaim October 4-10, 2020 as Worcester County Fire Prevention Week and October as Fire Prevention Month, with the theme "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen." This National Fire Protection Association's 2020 campaign theme spotlights the need to avoid multitasking and other distractions while in the kitchen, as unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Instead, stay focused and keep an eye on what you are cooking.

Thanksgiving meals announced at Ocean Pines Yacht Club

In an effort to help local families bring the holiday safely to their dinner tables, the Ocean Pines Yacht Club announced plans for special Thanksgiving Family Meals, available for delivery or carryout on November 26.

Since taking over operations at the Yacht Club two years ago, the Matt Ortt Companies have made holiday dining-out into a popular tradition in the community. Perhaps the most well received was the annual Thanksgiving buffet that each year drew hundreds of people.

This year, like many things because of the COVID-19 pandemic, plans had

to be changed.

"Family is so important to us and we know how important having that traditional, family Thanksgiving dinner is to everyone in Ocean Pines," Ralph DeAngelus, cofounder of the Matt Ortt Companies, said. "Normally, we would have everyone come to the Yacht Club and sit down with a big table full of family and friends. This year, we felt that bringing that experience to your home was the next best thing."

Each Thanksgiving Family Meal

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day returns

The Worcester County Public Works Recycling Division will host Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day on Saturday, October 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Ocean City Park and Ride.

HHW, along with computers, servers, and laptops, may be dropped off during this event. No other electronics will be accepted.

HHW includes pesticides, pool chemicals, gas and other fuels, oil-base paints, thinners and everyday hazardous wastes accumulating in and around the home for safe disposal. Computers and laptops will be collected and later recycled.

Water-based paints are not hazardous materials and should be properly disposed of in the trash after solidifying by drying or adding absorbent materials, such as sand, kitty litter, or mulch, rather than brought to a hazardous waste event.

Collecting HHW for safe disposal saves valuable landfill space and helps protect the environment, as many of these items do not degrade and contain poisonous materials that could

seep out of the landfill and contaminate surrounding soil and groundwater.

HHW Collection Day is open at no charge to Worcester County residents only. This event is hosted in conjunction with Maryland Environmental Services and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). A representative from MDE will be on-site checking vehicle registration. Clean Ventures of Baltimore will be responsible for the safe disposal of all hazardous waste collected.

For more information, contact Worcester County Recycling Manager Mike McClung at (410) 632-3177.

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Welcome

Carson Green gets in his morning stroll with **Daniel Braun** and **Maiya**, one of the therapy dogs at Berlin Intermediate School after being greeted by **Vic Hall** and Principal **Ryan Cowder** during student drop off.

overboard

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carry two throwable PFDs. It is recommended that the one that you throw at the person in the water have a 50 foot line attached so that the person can be pulled back to the boat.

The second is used to mark the spot of the man overboard (MOB) occurrence. As soon as you hear "man overboard" and there is no immediate visual sighting, toss the second PFD into the water to mark the spot in case

an extended search and rescue event will be necessary. The second PFD will become the starting point of the S&R patterns because it will have been drifting with the wind and current at the same rate and direction as the PIW.

If you can get a line to the victim, turn off the engine, pull him/her to the stern and have the PIW use the swim ladder or, with assistance, pull him/her over the transom. You can try recovering over the side but it is typically more difficult because of high

freeboard and you risk capsizing, especially on small boats, with too many do-gooder passengers leaning over the side to help.

A more challenging recovery is when the PIW is beyond the reach of the 50 foot line that is attached to the personal flotation device. For those situations, you should throw the PFD without a line to the victim, keep eyes on him, and maneuver the boat back to him.

For powered recreational boats under 65 feet (i.e. most of us), the best course is to approach the PIW from approximately 30° downwind of the victim. Why from downwind? Control. If something goes wrong you can fall off and make another approach.

If you are coming from directly upwind of the person-in-the-water (i.e. wind over your stern), you will lose steerage as you slow to speeds that match the wind and your boat will behave like a leaf on a lake on a breezy day. It will go where it wants and Murphy's Law says it won't be where you wanted.

The worst approach is from slightly upwind of the PIW with the wind on your beam. As you near the PIW and slow the boat, the wind hitting the large sail area of the side of the boat will cause the boat to drift downwind faster than the PIW who only has a bobbing head to be affected by the wind.

In either case, directly upwind or slightly upwind, you'll lose control and maneuverability at slow approach speeds and incur the significant risk of running over the person-in-the-water.

There are a couple exceptions. One is sailboats and the other is big vessels like ocean liners.

The technique for sail boaters is to immediately turn the boat downwind on hearing "Man Overboard." Travel a mere two boat lengths, then turn 180° back toward the PIW. Traveling two boat lengths back upwind (sailors call it "in irons") will bleed off the boat's momentum and position you near the PIW.

Big ships like ocean liners will typically make an upwind approach leaving something in the water on the leeward side. The reason is that big ships cast a big wind shadow. Something on their leeward side will be in relatively calm water enabling rescue efforts to throw a line or launch a rescue boat in safe conditions.

If you're the only person left on board when the MOB incident begins, don't panic. Just follow the good rescue practices. If, however, you are boating alone and inadvertently find yourself in the water, I hope you are wearing your personal flotation device and you have prepared in advance a means to get back on the boat, like deploying the swim ladder, before the vacated boat floats away.

If not, it's too late to purchase a personal locator beacon that would summon help. Instead, let's hope whoever has your float plan back home notices your failure to return to port and notifies the Coast Guard.

Stay safe. Stay dry.

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assets

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thorough inventory. For each asset, you should identify what type of asset it is, where it's stored online, and the login information required to access it. Make sure though, with whatever storage method you choose, that you update it regularly and make it accessible to your fiduciary.

Creating a Power of Attorney allows you to name an Agent who can act on your behalf if you become incapacitated or otherwise need help managing your affairs during your lifetime. But be aware that in Delaware and Maryland, in order for an Agent to access digital assets, the Power of Attorney document must *expressly* grant that authority.

Similarly, most Wills and Trusts don't specifically address digital assets and as a result, the assets pass along with all the other remaining assets. Often, "residuary" provisions in Wills and Trusts divide the assets in per-

centages among various beneficiaries. This can be problematic because how does an executor give a beneficiary 25% of the photos stored on Shutterfly? A better option is to include specific bequests of digital assets which can give the assets to a particular individual or each individual digital asset can be designated separately.

It's also important for a person's Will and Trust to specifically authorize their fiduciary's management authority over digital assets so that it's clear who has that authority and who is then responsible for marshalling and ultimately distributing the assets to your intended beneficiaries.

How do you ensure a lasting legacy? In 2017, a survey conducted by Caring.com reported that 60% of American adults have no estate plan in place, let alone one that addresses digital assets. I urge you to make sure you create a thorough estate plan that considers not only traditional assets but also your digital assets.



Hairy Kiwanis fundraiser returns

The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines will again host a fundraiser on Saturday, October 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Charity Dudley of Mobile Hair Services will provide haircuts outside under a comfortable, covered porch. All proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis Club. The cost is \$15 per person over 12 and \$7.50 for children under 12. Masks are mandatory. Please call Mobile Hair Services at 410-533-3788 to schedule an appointment. Form of payment: only checks made out to the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines. The event will occur at 98 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

Pictured are **Steve Cohen**, incoming president of the Kiwanis Club with hair stylist **Charity Dudley**.

GOLD wraps up school supply program

Worcester County GOLD, Inc. (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing emergency assistance for Worcester County residents, reported the successful completion of its annual school supplies student program.

"We were really inspired by the resilience of the teachers, administrators, parents, and students during the launch of the 20/21 school year," said Executive Director Nicholas Cranford. "Worcester County is a community that values education and GOLD is proud to help give

students the tools they need to be successful. We want to send a special thanks to everyone who donated supplies, sponsored a child, delivered backpacks, or made a monetary donation. We truly can't do it without you!"

With the help of supporters, GOLD provided backpacks filled with grade-level appropriate school supplies for 288 students. GOLD is currently offering emergency financial aid for utility and rental assistance. For additional information please email WorcesterCountyGOLD@gmail.com or call 410-677-6830.

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Auxiliary to hold dinner fundraiser

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will have a Carne Asade Mexican dinner carryout on Saturday, November 14 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The menu is beef or chicken (need to pick one) Carne Asade, cheese quesadilla, rice and beans, chips and homemade salsa for \$12 a dinner. Extra chips and salsa are available for additional \$5.00. Call 619-922-9950 to give us your pre-order.

Sausage fundraiser scheduled

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will have a fresh sausage sale. You need to choose between mild or hot. The preorders are due by November 15 and pickup is December 5 between 10 a.m. and noon. The cost is \$20 for 4 pounds. Call 443-735-7473 to give your reservation.

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Tides for Ocean City Inlet

Day		High /Low	Tide Time
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	15	High	7:08 AM
	15	Low	1:11 PM
	15	High	7:33 PM
F	16	Low	1:36 AM
	16	High	7:58 AM
	16	Low	2:05 PM
	16	High	8:23 PM
Sa	17	Low	2:21 AM
	17	High	8:49 AM
	17	Low	2:57 PM
	17	High	9:13 PM
Su	18	Low	3:08 AM
	18	High	9:39 AM
	18	Low	3:50 PM
	18	High	10:03 PM
M	19	Low	3:55 AM
	19	High	10:31 AM
	19	Low	4:44 PM
	19	High	10:54 PM
Tu	20	Low	4:45 AM
	20	High	11:23 AM
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Mini-Grants available for Beach to Bay Heritage Area

Beach to Bay Heritage Area (BBHA) announces guidelines and criteria for the FY21 Mini-Grant program. Made possible through financial support from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, BBHA mini-grants assist local heritage-related non-profit organizations in developing new heritage and preservation-related programs, activities, products and events. Maximum mini-grant awards capped at \$2,500. Please go to the Mini Grants page at www.beachesbayswaterways.org for the application, guidelines and more.

If an applicant is new to the mini-grant program, a workshop will be offered which will be a requirement to the grant.

BBHA matching mini-grants program is designed to assist heritage-related sites and organizations, as well as municipalities, within the certified heritage area to develop new and innovative programs, partnerships, exhibits, tours, events, and other initiatives that are consistent with the regional themes and activities suggested in our Management Plan. We encourage mini-grant proposals that include collaborative partnerships and enhance preservation, the stewardship of historical, cultural, and/or natural resources and economic development through heritage tourism.

Examples of eligible projects include new heritage tours, maps, interpretive brochures, podcasts, and other heritage-related publications; educational public programs, exhibits, and/or events; and heritage tourism-related website development. Oral history projects are also eligible. Heritage tourism-related programs for K-12 students, home-schooled students, and/or after-school educational pro-

grams, and educational seminars, workshops, and conferences that encourage or enhance preservation, revitalization, and interpretation of the area's natural, cultural and historic resources are also eligible. Some marketing expenses are eligible to be funded through mini-grants. Mini-grants shall not be used for administrative expenses or capital projects. Staff time paid on an hourly basis is eligible as match only, for that portion of a staff person's time dedicated solely to a funded project (not to exceed 35% of total required project match; benefits may not be included). All interpretive signage projects should adhere to National Park Service standards for design (some allowances are made for small projects); garden projects must make use of sustainable practices and native plants. BBHA encourages proposals that are consistent with any regional thematic heritage-tourism related initiatives and those that include new technology, foster environmentally-friendly and sustainable practices at heritage sites, foster accessibility for visitors with disabilities, and/or create new heritage-related programming in the arts. Generally, grants will be made as one-time awards, not for ongoing projects or annual activities. Other types of projects not specifically stated here may be eligible and should be discussed with heritage area director.

Maximum grant award is \$2,500.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the heritage area info@beachesbayswaterways.org to discuss potential grant projects before they begin the application. Applications are due (submitted via e-mail) no later than Monday, November 2.

New heart procedure done at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional

TidalHealth has achieved a medical milestone for the Delmarva Peninsula with the recent successful implantation of MitraClip for the treatment of mitral regurgitation in the heart.

In late September, Delmarva's first two implantations of the device were performed at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional.

The inaugural procedures were performed by a multidisciplinary team including cardiac surgeons Drs. James Todd and Fawad Khan, cardiologist Drs. Steven Hearne and Abhishek Sawant and cardiac anesthesiologist Dr. Biswajit Ghosh along with Steve Wilson, PA-C.

"The commitment of this team to learn and train in order to provide this

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Recognized - Ocean City American Legion Post 166 came away from the recently held Department of Maryland State convention with awards for excellence in its programs for Posts in Maryland with 751 to 1,000 members.

Post 166 was cited for *Excelling in Rehabilitation Programs, Best Newsletter Covering Legion Programs, Excelling in Post Activities and Best Sons of the American Legion Program*. In addition, Post 166 received the membership trophy for renewing 100 percent of its membership.

Above: Masked to comply with convention Covid safety protocols, and holding the awards from left to right are Post 166 officers **Robert Smith**, 2nd vice commander; **Scott LaCoss**, service officer; **W.L. (Sarge) Garlitz**, past post commander; **Tom Wengert**, post commander; and **Tom DeVaux**, adjutant.

Zumba for the cure event scheduled

Every year ZUMBA designates October as "Party in Pink" Month to celebrate life by giving hope to breast cancer patients and survivors. This year due to COVID-19 Zumba for the Cure is including other cancer issues. By participating in these events, you will be part of Zumba's global movement that's doing everything it can to knock out breast cancer and other forms of cancer. These events help to increase awareness and inspire others to take action in this fight.

On October 16, 17 and November 1 several area Zumba instructors will host three energy packed Zumbathon days so you can "move so others may live. Participants for these "parties" do not have to be Zumba students or dancers. All that is necessary is a desire to move and groove to the music for two great causes. Proceeds from these events will go to Relay for Life and Believe in Tomorrow Children's House by the Sea.

The event will take place at the Ocean Pines Community Center gym Times are as follows: Friday, October 16, 5:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.; Saturday, October 17, 2 p.m. and 3:15

p.m.; and, November 1, 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

The cost is \$10 per session or \$15 for both sessions on one day; \$40 for all six sessions. Everyone is encouraged to wear pink. There will be door prizes, a raffle and refreshments. Since the number of allowed participants is limited, people are encouraged to sign up in advance to avoid being disappointed. Call or text 410-726-2604 or Email zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com.

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much-needed option for our patients on the Eastern Shore has resulted in this successful accomplishment," Dr. Sawant said.

Mitral regurgitation (MR) results when the mitral valve, located between two chambers of the heart, no longer closes properly and blood flow leaks backwards. This can lead to symptoms of shortness of breath, fatigue, swollen

feet, and inability to exercise or perform activity of daily life easily. It leads to increasing stress on the heart, heart dysfunction, enlargement of the heart and heart failure.

"Mitral regurgitation is the most frequent indication for valve surgery, with over 4 million people having mitral regurgitation and about 50,000 undergoing surgery for the condition," Dr. Hearne noted.

Open-heart surgery is the gold standard for treating significant MR, but in

some cases the risks for surgery are too great. Until now, those patients could only rely on medical treatment to try to cope with their condition. Clipping of the mitral valve can now be an option for patients who have certain types of mitral valve dysfunction resulting in MR and are too high risk for surgery. It could reduce their incidence of heart failure and related admissions to the hospital. It is a less-invasive option for people who would be considered at too great a risk for open-heart surgery.

"Surgical mitral valve repair or replacement is still the preferred method to eliminate mitral regurgitation. But the clip provides us with an option in those patients for whom surgery is too risky but they could benefit from some reduction in their mitral regurgitation," Dr. Todd explained.

In the new procedure, the patient receives general anesthesia and doctors access the heart through a vein in the patient's leg. Guided by an ultrasound device to take pictures of the heart, a delivery system is advanced up the vein to the heart, passes through a wall in the heart and allows the surgeon to deploy the MitraClip. The MitraClip device is a small clip that is attached to the mitral valve. It treats MR by allowing the mitral valve to close more completely, helping to restore normal blood flow through the heart. Patients are

able to be discharged usually in 1-3 days.

"Mitral valve clipping is another cutting-edge procedure that has been added to the TidalHealth Guerrieri Heart & Vascular Institute's structural heart program. This program now includes transcatheter mitral valve repair, transcatheter aortic valve replacement, and the Watchman device for atrial fibrillation," said Dr. Khan.

Approved by the FDA in 2019, the MitraClip was developed by Abbott. Inc., and more information can be found at their website, mitraclip.com, or on TidalHealth's website, mytidalhealth.org.s

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will feed four people and cost \$50, plus tax. Half portions will not be offered.

Meals will be available for both carryout and delivery from noon to 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Orders must be placed in advance, by Monday, November 23.

Each Thanksgiving Family Meal will include: choice of salad (Caesar or garden), roasted white and dark meat turkey, homestyle stuffing, creamy mashed potatoes, glazed sweet potatoes, fall vegetable medley, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls and one whole pumpkin pie

There is no limit to the amount of family meals that can be ordered per household. Beer and wine specials will also be available for pickup and delivery.

"All of us at the Yacht Club will miss seeing everyone at the Yacht Club on Thanksgiving Day. The Ocean Pines public has always been so supportive of us," DeAngelus said. "We feel like these great homecooked meals with huge portions, brought to your doorstep or available for pickup, will go a long way in keeping that holiday spirit alive."

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- 2ND ANNUAL -
KATHY BEEBE
MEMORIAL

TO BENEFIT THE
WORCESTER COUNTY
HUMANE SOCIETY

Saturday,
October 17
Noon-4 p.m.

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF KATHY WILL GO TO THE
WORCESTER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY.
(28th STREET LOCATION)

PUB GRUB TO GO

Pulled Pork • Picked Chicken
Beef Brisket • Sides

- #1: 50 Wings, 3 Sides, 4 Cornbreads**
- #2: 2 Half BBQ Chickens, 3 Sides, 4 Cornbreads**
- #3: 2 lb. Ribs, 4 Sides, 6 Cornbreads**
- #4: 3 lb. Ribs, 5 Sides, 8 Cornbreads**
- #5: 1 lb. Ribs & 2 Half BBQ Chickens, 4 Sides, 6 Corn**
- #6: THE COOKOUT, 5 Hot Dogs, 5 1/4 lb. Cheeseburgers, 5 Sides**
(Lettuce, Tomato on the side, upon request)
- #7: PUB GRUB DELUXE, 1 lb. Each: Pork, Brisket, Pulled Chicken, 2 lb. Ribs, 2 Half BBQ Chickens, 5 Sides, 12 Cornbreads**

- No Substitutions Please -

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