

Volunteers continue tradition with successful donation drive

Local volunteers this week wrapped up a hugely successful donation drive to help U.S. soldiers serving overseas.

Organizer Barbara Peletier said longtime Ocean Pines resident Anna Foultz was the inspiration for the collection. Foultz, who passed away last year, started the drive with her husband, Carl, and their Star Charities nonprofit.

This year, a small group of volunteers set up in the Ocean Pines Community Center parking lot and gathered items over four Wednesdays in October. Donations included toiletries and nonperishable food, cards and books, and many other items.



Volunteers worked with Salisbury-based non-profit Operation We Care, which will package and ship the goods in time for a holiday delivery to U.S. soldiers abroad.

Peletier penned the following thank-you note to the local community:

"Thanks to the generous people of Ocean Pines and Ocean City, we were able to keep alive Anna's dream of supporting our deployed military during the Holidays. With the assistance of Larry Walton (AARP) and Candy Foreman (Kiwanis), Operation We Care was a huge success.

"Also assisting was Sharon Hilty, who collected donations in Ocean City in remembrance of her son, Sfc. John-David Hilty.

"All donations will be boxed and shipped in time for the holidays. If Anna was with us, she would say 'thank you and God bless.'"

In total, Peletier said volunteers collected five carloads of donations, including a big final day on Oct. 28.

"We did great," she said. "They will need two SUVs to carry what was collected [on the last day]."

Peletier said the plan is to continue the collection next year, again with help from Walton, a U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam.

"I am planning to collect again next October, and Larry has agreed to have AARP sponsor the event," she said. "We will do [the drive] on four Wednesdays in October."

For more information or to donate to Operation We Care, visit www.operationwecare.org or www.facebook.com/OpWeCare.



Davis recognized

The Ocean Pines Pine'er Craft Club announced its crafter of the month for October is **Charlie Davis**.

Originally from the Glen Burnie area, Davis became interested in woodworking while spending time with his father and working as a residential home builder.

While in high school, Davis, spent three years in the Vocational Technical Center in Anne Arundel County, where he majored in cabinet making. After graduation, Davis worked for his father building homes, and later became an equal partner in the family owned construction business.

Davis also spent 31 years working as a cabinet maker for the U.S. government.

Now retired, Davis continues to explore woodworking with the Ocean Pines Artisan Gift Shop, where he makes crafts using a scroll saw and wood-turning projects objects with a lathe. Davis enjoys producing both patriotic works and those with an animal theme.

According to Davis, "I have no scrap wood, just wood I haven't used yet."

Davis' creations, as well as many other unique and handmade items, are available in the Ocean Pines Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park, next to the Farmer's Market and across from the Administration Building on 239 Ocean Parkway. The shop is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Success

Thanks to the generous people of Ocean Pines and Ocean City, the community was able to keep alive the dream of Anna Foultz of supporting deployed military personnel during the holidays. With the assistance of Larry Walton (AARP) and Candy Foreman (Kiwanis) Operation We Care was a huge success, producing five carloads of gifts for the troops. Above are (L-R) **Sharon Hilty, Dan Peletier, Barb Peletier and Larry Walton.** All donations will be boxed and shipped in time for the holidays.

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month

November marks National Diabetes Awareness Month and Worcester County Health Department (WCHD) is encouraging both those with diabetes and those at-risk for developing the disease to use healthy practices and prevention techniques this fall and winter. During the month of November, the health department will share educational tips, videos, healthy cooking tips, and many other resources in efforts to educate local residents about both the management and prevention of type 2 diabetes.

Residents will also have the chance to submit their photos in observation of World Diabetes Day on November 13. Diabetes and prediabetes resource kits will be available for mail out to local residents upon requests. Residents will also receive other resources such as cookbooks, physical activity guides, stress guides, risk test, and more.

"We know that as the weather gets colder, nights get longer, and the holidays approach, it can be challenging to maintain healthy eating habits and physical activity," said Mimi Dean, Director of Prevention Services at Worcester County Health Department. "We offer a variety of free virtual resources, including fitness and nutrition how-to videos, and diabetes

prevention tips and educational material on our website and social media."

Type 2 diabetes can be prevented. The WCHD offers the Lifestyle Balance: Diabetes Prevention Program, an evidence-based program proven to reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. The program encourages a healthier lifestyle and provides one-on-one support from CDC certified coaches for eating healthy, increasing physical activity, losing weight and establishing personal lifestyle goals. Lifestyle Balance is a 16-week program with 6 months of follow up sessions. To find out if you are at risk for prediabetes visit doihaveprediabetes.org and take your risk test today.

If you have diabetes, COVID-19 can be more dangerous for you. If you have diabetes, type 1 or type 2, and you get COVID-19, you may have a worse reaction than someone who doesn't have diabetes. Please remember to wear a mask, practice social distancing, and wash your hands.

For more information, visit www.worcesterhealth.org or call the Worcester County Health Department at 410-632-1100 Ext. 1108 and ask about Diabetes Prevention and Education.



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Because Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines- Ocean City meeting had to be suspended, weekly collections for the club's "Priority One" program have not been done. Jim Spicknall, chair for the collections, came up with an idea to try to make up for the shortfall. Jim made lanterns which he will sell weekly at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market on Saturdays during November and December. The sales hours are 9 a.m. until noon.

The large battery operating lantern is \$40. Inserts can be purchased to change the messages to suit the seasons. The smaller, solar powered lantern is \$30. The lanterns' lighting patterns can be changed with a remote.

Proceeds will benefit Worcester G.O.L.D. which distributes prenatal to age four pantry items. Look for Jim's sales table next to the Kiwanis "Lottery Raffle" sales table. The lanterns make a great gift or for one's own use. If you wish to order one, call Jim at 301-580-0377.

Free smoking cessation classes offered

The holiday season is a great time to stop smoking. The Worcester County Health Department is offering free smoking cessation classes both in-person and through distance learning in November. You will learn effective strategies for quitting through group support or from the comfort of your own home. Worcester Health is committed to helping smokers establish new behavior patterns that lead to a tobacco free lifestyle. Join one of the smoking cessation group classes or chats starting next month:

From 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays (November 4 -December 23)

Snow Hill Health Department:
6040 Public Landing Rd. Snow Hill, MD 21863

From 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursdays (November 5 -December 24)

Distance Learning Class
From 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursdays (November 5 - December 24)

Atlantic Club: 11827 Ocean Gateway Ocean City, MD 21842

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can help participants break the smoking addiction. The smoking cessation course consists of eight core sessions utilizing the American Lung Association's Freedom from Smoking curriculum, which is proven to help smokers quit. Key topics of discussion will include stress management, weight control, assertive communication, how to develop a quit plan, relapse prevention, and physical activity.

Participants will receive weekly educational support, incentives, curriculum handbooks and materials; quit kit resources, a stress relaxation technique CD and more.

Space is limited. For more information or to register, please contact Alyssa Rink by email at Alyssa.Rink@maryland.gov or by calling 410-632-1100 ext. 1102. For all in-person class session's participants will be required to participate in a health-screening questionnaire, wear masks, and practice social distancing. Pre-registration is encouraged.

The program is supported by funding from the Maryland Cigarette Restitution Fund.

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Flu season ER guidelines offered

Historically, the cold and flu season on the Delmarva Peninsula begins this month and lasts through the end of March, which is why residents should be thinking seriously about getting their seasonal flu shot now. It's their best protection against catching the flu.

This is also the time that hospitals in the region begin implementing their plans to address an influx of visits due to respiratory symptoms in their emergency departments. Add a still-prominent COVID-19 virus and the equation becomes twice as challenging to factor.

"With the upcoming cold and flu season upon us, combined with COVID-19, we want to ensure our communities have the proper information and resources available to them when needing care," said Ray Fulkrod, DNP, RN, Chief Nursing Officer, TidalHealth Nanticoke. "Together, we are better, and will effectively navigate this year's cold and flu season."

TidalHealth reminds Maryland and Delaware residents that during the flu season and with an uncertain few months ahead with the COVID-19 virus, people should be judicious in their use of local emergency departments. If you're a normally healthy person experiencing symptoms like fever, muscle or body aches, exhaustion and loss of appetite without chest pain or shortness of breath, it's best to avoid what are soon to become extremely busy emergency departments. Family physicians or urgent care centers are great alternatives for quick

and effective care with colds and flus.

General COVID-19 walk-in testing is not being offered at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional and TidalHealth Nanticoke, so coming to the emergency department expecting that type of specific testing will only add additional strain to the system.

"The emergency department teams at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional and TidalHealth Nanticoke are prepared to care for all patients in need of emergency treatment. To promote the highest level of departmental readiness during times of widespread respiratory illnesses, it is very important that our community members seek care in the proper setting," added Sarah Arnett, DNP, MS, RN, NEA-BC, Chief Nursing Officer at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional. "By using the emergency department appropriately, you not only reduce your own exposure to other illnesses, you allow specialized resources to be conserved and available for those patients who really need them."

There are a number of non-emergency department locations for walk-in or drive-up COVID-19 testing in our region. You may contact any of the following agencies to learn more about availability and appointment requirements.

-Walmart, 409 N. Fruitland Blvd., Salisbury, MD - Visit www.doineeda-covid19test.com to register for a test

-CVS, 1016 S. Salisbury Blvd., Salisbury, MD

-Apple Drug, 404A N. Fruitland

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Play time - After a rigorous day of learning at Ocean City Elementary, students enjoyed some fitness time and warm sunshine on the playground. Pictured on the swings is first grader **Diana Moreno Ricardo**.

Professionals who have resolved to find a new job in the year ahead may need to be patient. A 2018 survey from the recruitment agency Randstad US found that it takes an average of five months for job seekers to find a new job. In addition to being patient, job seekers also must prepare to do more than simply scan job boards and apply to positions that appeal to them. The Randstad US survey found that professionals edited their resumes an average of four times and wrote four cover letters during their job hunts. Job seekers also may want to focus on preparing for job interviews, as the average job seeker reported being interviewed five times during their searches.

Courier Almanac

On November 4, 1928 Arnold Rothstein, New York's most notorious gambler, is shot and killed during a poker game at the Park Central Hotel in Manhattan. After finding Rothstein bleeding profusely at the service entrance of the hotel, police followed his trail of blood back to a suite where a group of men were playing cards. Reportedly, Rothstein had nothing good in his final hand.

And the winner is...

As I write this it's four days before election day. The campaigning is at full throttle going into the final lap while polling survey results are reported end-

geek in school).

Although I didn't understand the issues or know much about the candidates, the first presidential campaign of which I was cognizant was in 1972. George McGovern challenged Richard Nixon. What I remember most was the "Nixon Now" commercial jingle and that Archie Bunker supported Nixon.

Four years later I remember my brother and me hoping Jimmy Carter would win. Four years after that, we hoped he would lose.

On election night 1980, I was sitting outside the door of Mrs. Goldman's room at Settlement Music School waiting for my piano lesson to start at 7:30 p.m. A nearby radio was tuned to KYW News Radio 1060 and I heard an announcer say something about polling locations would close shortly. By the time I finished my lesson, the announcer reported that Ronald Reagan had won. That's was quick, I thought.

The first vote I cast for a presidential candidate was in 1984, for President Ronald Reagan and his "shining city on a hill." That evening I enjoyed watching the returns, flipping the television dial among the networks hearing Dan Rather, Peter Jennings and Tom Brokaw broadcast the results.

Like so many people, election night 2000 was for me odd. Finally going to bed at 5 a.m. without knowing the winner was an uncommon sensation. As my head hit the pillow, I really expected that by the time I awoke, a winner would be announced. Well, as we all know, that wasn't the case.

On election night 2004, I set up three televisions in our family room, so I could watch multiple newscasts. My kids thought the scene was comical, especially when I got frustrated changing the channel of one television with the wrong remote.

What will this election night bring? How long will it be before a winner is announced? Will the candidates accept the results? Will their supporters accept the results? There's a lot of uncertainty as I write this. Anticipating what may happen this year makes the convoluted experience of 2000 almost seem quaint. The way this year has unfolded, quaint would be a welcome change.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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lessly. I'll be glad when it's all over.

It's a noble sensation to cast your ballot, most people take it for granted while some unfortunately decide not to do it at all believing their vote won't count. To each his (or her) own I guess. Although reports this year indicate many people believe their votes do count and that's a very good thing for democracy.

I have a vague memory of accompanying my mother to the polls when I was about five or six. We waited in line at a school or a fire house or someplace, I don't remember now. What I do remember is waiting with a lot of other people to enter one of the many voting booths. I still recall the sound made when the curtain was drawn when a person pulled a lever after entering the booth. When my mother's turn came, she took my hand and we headed to a booth. I was interested to see what was on the other side of the curtain. Once in the booth the lever was pulled and the curtain was drawn. Revealed inside by the dim light overhead was a panel of small levers with names next to them. My mother pulled various levers and that was that. She opened the curtain and we went about our day. In those days you didn't get a "I Voted" sticker.

I've always been interested in elections, especially presidential elections. Watching balloting returns reported during the special news broadcasts election night was to me fascinating. Whether it was Walter Cronkite, John Chancellor or Howard K. Smith it didn't matter. Well, I guess it did matter because in my house growing up, Walter Cronkite and his "big electronic board" was what we watched. Just waiting for each state's returns to be announced was riveting especially when the electoral vote graphs changed. (Just as an aside, I suspect you see now why I was considered a

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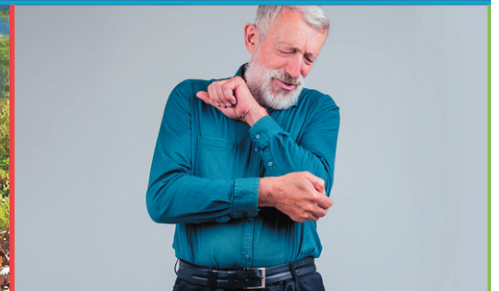
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The free flu shots will be provided on Wednesday, November 11 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Salisbury aboard TidalHealth's Wagner Wellness Van, which will be located in a TidalHealth Peninsula Regional parking lot on the "S Curve" of Business Route 13 directly across from Peninsula Orthopaedic Associates' surgery center.

All TidalHealth Wagner Wellness Van staff will be in required personal protective equipment. Veterans and spouses who visit for their flu shot are also asked to please wear face covering when in direct contact with TidalHealth team members on the van. There will be no COVID-19 testing as part of this seasonal flu shot event.

Everyone who participates will also receive a TidalHealth gift as a thank you for their service and protecting themselves this flu season (while supplies last).

Virtual veterinary assistant info session to be held

The continuing education division at Wor-Wic Community College is offering a free information session on Tuesday, November 17, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., via Zoom.

Mandatory for anyone interested in registering for veterinary assistant training, attendees can learn the requirements and expectations of the training, as well as about financial aid.

For more information or for the Zoom link, email tstevenson@worwic.edu or call 410-334-6780.



Halloween car parade

It's Halloween with COVID-19, but the fun can go on. There were no tricks, but there were lots of treats when the Car Parade took place in Ocean Pines Saturday. Cars paraded from the Veterans Memorial to White Horse Park. Pictured is the Kiwanis Club's entry with Kiwanis members who walked with the classic Corvette. (L-R) Tom Southwell, Carolyn "K-Duck" Dryzga, President Steve Cohen, Shelley Cohen, car owner Mike Riordan, Barbara Southwell and Diane Spartzak.

WPS holiday bazaar goes virtual

Never fear, Worcester Preparatory School is full of holiday cheer! The 49th annual WPS Holiday Bazaar has been moved online this year where shoppers can support the event from the comfort of their home. All are invited to buy or bid in the virtual Bazaar when the web-

page: www.worcesterprep.org/bazaar goes live from November 2 through December 4, 2020. The virtual showcase will include the popular Peloton Bike+ raffle, ticket and silent auctions, wreaths and greenery sale, WPS Spirit Store, and an online vendor marketplace featuring local businesses and artisans.

For more information, please visit www.worcesterprep.org or call 410.641.3575.

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In Delaware, information may be found at coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing.

Those in need of a seasonal flu shot should visit the TidalHealth website at <https://www.mytidalhealth.org/2020oflushots> for a list of locations on the Delmarva Peninsula.

For more information on what types of conditions or illnesses should be treated in an emergency department please visit: <https://www.mytidalhealth.org/patient-care-health-info/conditions-health-topics/emergency-trauma>.

Boating course offered

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a virtual Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course November 16, 17, and 18. The Maryland Safe Boating Certificate is required for all boat operators born after July 1st 1972 and is awarded after successful completion of the course. The Class includes piloting in local waters, tying nautical knots, foul weather tactics, legal issues, updated Maryland regulations and common marine maintenance. The cost \$20 for all three evenings. Register or get more information by calling Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807, or Email: CGAUXOC@gmail.com.



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Harding presidency fraught with intrigue

Warren G. Harding, an Ohio Republican, was the 29th President of the United States (1921-1923). Though his term in office was fraught with scandal, including Teapot Dome, Harding embraced technology and was sensitive to the plights of minorities and women.

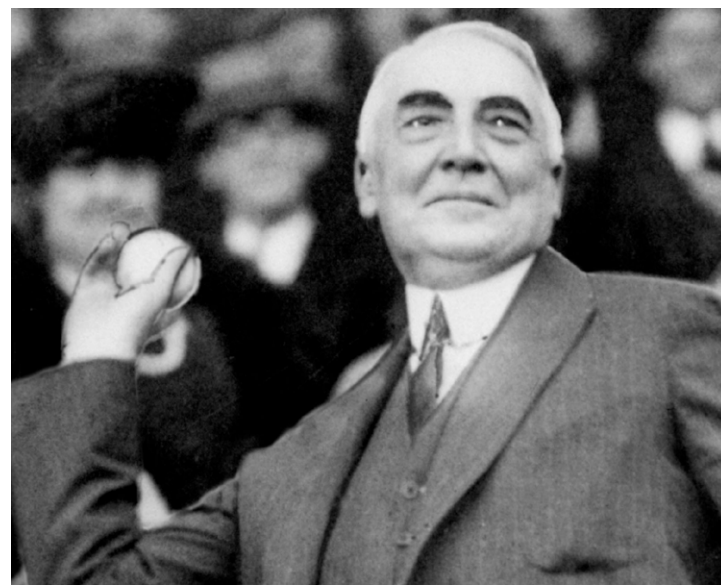
Before his nomination, Warren G. Harding declared, "America's present need is not heroics, but healing; not nostrums, but normalcy; not revolution, but restoration; not agitation, but adjustment; not surgery, but

inness was effective, since Harding's pronouncements remained unclear on the League of Nations, in contrast to the impassioned crusade of the Democratic candidates, Governor James M. Cox of Ohio and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Thirty-one distinguished Republicans had signed a manifesto assuring voters that a vote for Harding was a vote for the League. But Harding interpreted his election as a mandate to stay out of the League of Nations.

Harding, born near Marion, Ohio,

on November 2, 1865, became the publisher of a newspaper. He married a divorcee, Mrs. Florence Kling De Wolfe. He was a trustee of the Trinity Baptist Church, a director of almost every important business, and a leader in fraternal organizations and charitable enterprises.



serenity; not the dramatic, but the dispassionate; not experiment, but equipoise; not submergence in internationality, but sustainment in triumphant nationality...."

A Democratic leader, William Gibbs McAdoo, called Harding's speeches "an army of pompous phrases moving across the landscape in search of an idea." Their very murky

He organized the Citizen's Cornet Band, available for both Republican and Democratic rallies; "I played every instrument but the slide trombone and the E-flat cornet," he once remarked.

Harding's undeviating Republicanism and vibrant speaking voice, plus his willingness to let the machine bosses set policies, led him far in Ohio

politics. He served in the state Senate and as Lieutenant Governor, and unsuccessfully ran for Governor. He delivered the nominating address for President Taft at the 1912 Republican Convention. In 1914 he was elected to the Senate, which he found "a very pleasant place."

An Ohio admirer, Harry Daugherty, began to promote Harding for the 1920 Republican nomination because, he later explained, "He looked like a President."

Thus, a group of senators, taking control of the 1920 Republican Convention when the principal candidates deadlocked, turned to Harding. He won the presidential election by an unprecedented landslide of 60 percent of the popular vote.

Republicans in Congress easily got the President's signature on their bills. They eliminated wartime controls and slashed taxes, established a Federal budget system, restored the high protective tariff, and imposed tight limitations upon immigration.

By 1923 the postwar depression seemed to be giving way to a new surge of prosperity, and newspapers hailed Harding as a wise statesman carrying out his campaign promise, "Less government in business and more business in government."

Behind the facade, not all of Harding's Administration was so impressive. Word began to reach the president that some of his friends were using their official positions for their own enrichment. Alarmed, he complained, "My...friends...they're the ones that keep me walking the floors nights!"

Looking wan and depressed, Harding journeyed westward in the summer of 1923, taking with him his upright Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover. "If you knew of a great scandal in our administration," he asked Hoover, "would you for the good of the country and the party expose it publicly or would you bury it?" Hoover urged publishing it, but Harding feared the political repercussions.

He did not live to find out how the public would react to the scandals of his administration. In August of 1923, he died in San Francisco of a heart attack.

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Historical Association

'How to Pay for College' to be held

Wor-Wic Community College is inviting prospective students and their families to learn about resources to make education affordable, and sometimes free. "How to Pay for College" will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, November 4, at 6:30 p.m. Options for credit and non-credit programs will be reviewed, in addition to exploring how to apply for financial aid.

Visit the events section of www.worwic.edu for more information or to register.

Sausage fundraiser scheduled

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will have a fresh sage 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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Possible signs of life on Venus

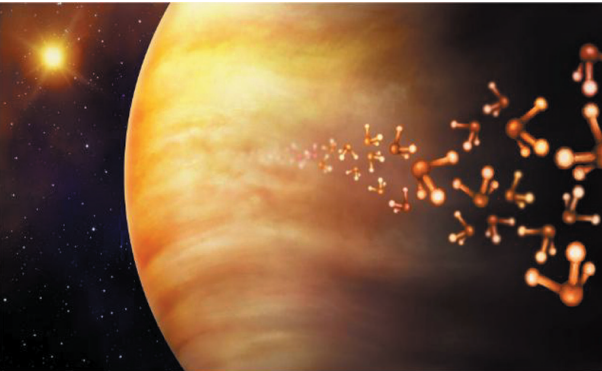
The topic for November is the recent discovery pointing towards the possibility of life floating in the atmosphere above the scorching hot planet Venus.

On September 14, scientists from Cardiff University and MIT announced in the journal “Nature Astronomy” their detection of a rare gas called “phosphine” (pronounced – fahs-feen) in the clouds surrounding Venus. The linkage of living things to

moon, as well as on the moons of Jupiter and Saturn.

As early as March 1961, Carl Sagan published his theory that Venusian conditions, at high altitudes, are possibly favorable to support life, especially just beneath the cloud layer. Now, almost 60 years later, astronomers have taken a crucial step towards verifying this hypothesis.

The detection of phosphine gas occurred by examining radio waves emitted by the planet. Astronomers used the “James Clerk Maxwell Telescope” at Mauna Kea, Hawaii and the “Atacama Large Millimeter Array” observatory in Chile for these observations.



Artist's Rendition of Phosphine gas located high in the Venusian atmosphere



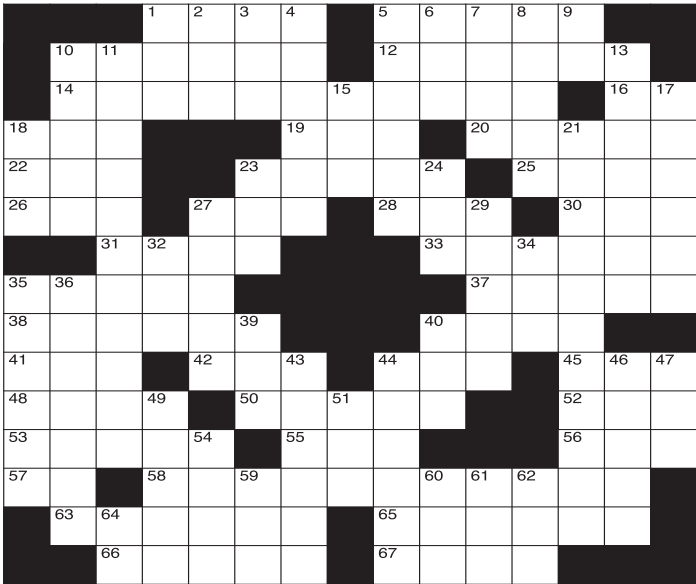
James Clerk Maxwell Telescope w/ 49 foot radio dish Mauna Kea, Hawaii

phosphine gas comes from the fact that on planets like Earth, the only natural source producing phosphine is microbial life forms.

The new discovery places the atmosphere of Venus at the top of the list of potential sites for microscopic life. And these efforts will be joining searches for life on Mars and the

Earth. As the eons passed, Venusian surface temperatures grew to the scorching high of 867 °F and its pressure rose to a crushing 92 times the atmospheric pressure found on Earth, and most living things would have died out. However, in the

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Upright post on a boat

5. Sentimental person

10. Native American tribe

12. Wear away

14. Where you're going

16. Doctor

18. Popular Chinese dialect

19. One point east of due south

20. Northern sea duck

22. Note

23. Wives (law)

25. Trigonometric function

26. A way to communicate (abbr.)

27. Swiss river

28. No (Scottish)

30. Commercials

31. Large instrument

33. ___ Chantilly, ___ de Menthe

35. Small, saclike cavities
37. High and thin in tone

38. Treat extremely well

40. Famed track star Usain

41. Secure web connection (abbr.)

42. Rob of energy

44. Paving material

45. Cool!

48. Tip of Aleutian Islands

50. Indicates silence

52. Water in the solid state

53. Security interests

55. Popular hoopster Jeremy

56. Shed tears

57. Low frequency

58. Harmful bacterium

63. Common language: lingua ___

65. Standards of perfection

66. They consist of two parts

67. A detailed description of design

CLUES DOWN

1. More (Spanish)

2. A subdivision of a play

3. Japanese title

4. More jittery

5. Fabric

6. Luke's mentor ___-Wan

7. Cleaving tool

8. Ancient city of Egypt

9. 36 inches

10. Farewell

11. Second to last

13. Improved by critical editing

15. Defensive weapon (abbr.)

17. Fancy attire

18. ___ Farrow, actress

21. Completely opposed

23. Supervises flying

24. Pouch

27. True firs

29. Mistake
32. Computing platform (abbr.)

34. Snakelike fish

35. Greatly horrify

36. Despicable person

39. Tell on

40. Ballplayer's tool

43. Central Brazilian town

44. Court game

46. Land

47. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan

49. Retract a statement

51. Data executive

54. Capital of Yemen

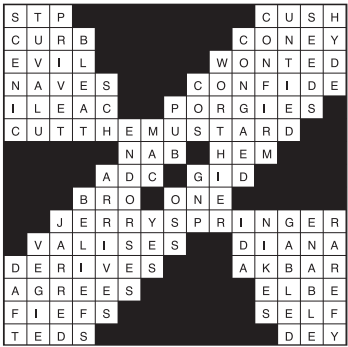
59. Portable computer screen materia

60. Electronic data processing

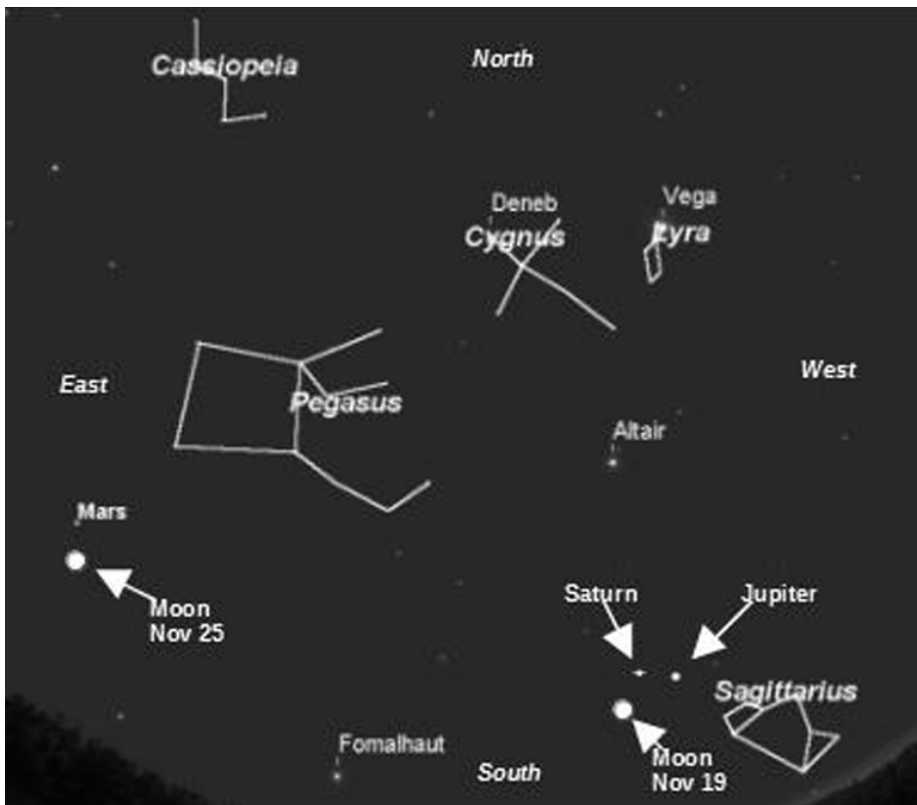
61. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley

62. Resinous substance

64. Rural delivery



Answers for October 28



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relatively cooler clouds at altitudes between 30 and 40 miles, life forms would experience more tolerable Earth-like conditions and so could persist there. In the Earth's clouds, in fact, there are microbes acting as "cloud condensation nuclei," aiding in the formation of raindrops.

To challenge the idea of microscopic life, the MIT team has analyzed a variety of other scenarios for the production of phosphine. Among these were volcanic eruptions, lightning strikes, friction in tectonic plates, and atmospheric chemical reactions. None of these events, in themselves or in combination, are capable of creating phosphine gas in the relatively high abundance that has been found.

That being the case, the gas must be produced either by living microbes, as on Earth, or some as yet unknown chemical or geological process occurring on Venus. Either alternative would be of great importance to astronomers.

Due to the shift away from Daylight Saving time on Sunday November 1, stargazing now begins as early as 5:45 p.m. The planet Mars, with its red-orange hue, is hovering over the eastern horizon. Mars will grace the night skies for quite some time, all the way through May 2021.

Jupiter and Saturn are still in the southwest, but take a look early, as they begin sinking close to the horizon after 7 p.m.

The constellation Cygnus the Swan (Northern Cross) flies overhead just as the stars become fully visible. To the northeast of Cygnus, one can see the high-flying "W" shaped pattern of Cassiopeia. Southeast of Cygnus is the diamond shape of the Great Square of Pegasus. The bright star Fomalhaut (foh-muh-loh) can be seen hovering over the southern horizon. This star is sometimes known as the "lonely star of fall" since it is the only bright star in its quadrant.

On November 19 the crescent moon dances about 3 degrees southeast of Jupiter and Saturn. As it develops to the gibbous phase on the 25th, the moon will waltz about 5 degrees south of Mars.

In a final performance this month, the full moon enters the "Penumbra" region of the Earth's shadow, on the night of Nov 29-30 between 4:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. Stargazers are cautioned that this eclipse offers only a subtle graying of the lunar surface.

Wishing good luck and clear skies to all stargazers.

Wildlife management online course offered

The University of Maryland Extension is offering the wildlife Management Online Course for Spring 2021, available online only, beginning February 1, 2021 through May 15, 2021. Registration for this online course opened November 1 and can be accessed at <https://2021wildlife-course.eventbrite.com>.

This non-credit course does not offer formal in-person classes and has no prerequisites. Participants will work from the comfort of their own homes, using their own land, a friend's, or public lands. Instruction includes ecological concepts such as predator-prey relationships, biodiversity, hazards and diseases, habitat assessment, managing forests for wildlife, and more. Ultimately, the course provides tools to develop the framework for a wildlife management plan.

The course fee is \$150, and includes a copy of "Wildlife and Timber from Private Lands: A Landowner's Guide to Planning" and "Common Native Trees of Virginia Tree Identification Guide." Participants will receive a flash drive of the text and appendices at the end of the course. A certificate of completion is awarded when all

requirements are completed.

Sample lessons are available at <https://extension.umd.edu/wildlife-course>, including an opportunity to try identifying animal tracks. The site also provides detailed course information and frequently asked questions.

For more information, contact Nancy Stewart, University of Maryland Extension, Wye Research and Education Center, P.O. Box 169, Queenstown, MD, 21658; phone 410-827-8056, ext. 107; or email nstewart1@umd.edu. Check for details on our website today and mark the November 1 for open enrollment on your calendar.

Toy drive returns

The 2020 Kiwanis Toy Drive will take place every Wednesday in November with the collection of unwrapped donations in the parking lot of the Ocean Pines Community Center from 9 a.m. until noon. Toys will be taken to Worcester G.O.L.D. for distribution. Recipients are screened by Social Services, along with G.O.L.D., to be sure the gifts get to as many children of Worcester County as possible.

K of C bingo returns

Bingo, with virus precautions is back. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the games will take place each Friday night through November. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. There will be cash payouts for each game as well as the Big Jackpot. Call 410-524-7994 with for more information.

Online publishing course offered

Wor-Wic Community College is offering an online course called "Publish and Sell Your E-Books." This six-week course begins November 11, with an additional start date of December 9.

This course provides step-by-step instructions for students to learn how to publish their own e-book and sell it through online retailers.

For more information, visit ed2go.com/worwic or call 410-334-2815.

Emergency financial assistance offered

Worcester County GOLD, Inc. (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides emergency assistance for Worcester County residents is accepting requests for financial assistance.

All requests for assistance come from GOLD's community partners in the Worcester County offices of; Department of Social Services, Board of Education, Health Department, and Maryland Access Point. If you do not have a current caseworker with one of these agencies, use the following information:

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New medical office to open in Berlin

TidalHealth announced that the opening of TidalHealth Primary Care in Berlin is scheduled for Monday, November 9. The new practice will be located at 9950 Main Street.

TidalHealth Primary Care in Berlin, offering complete family medicine services, will be staffed by Tammy Donoway, DO and Jordan Braniff, CRNP, who will be transitioning from the Ocean Pines Family Medicine practice. Anastasiya Deem, NP, will join them.

The practice will also house a full-service TidalHealth FamilyLab offering onsite comprehensive lab and EKG services. The medical office is now accepting patients of all ages.

Dr. Donoway, a Worcester County native and graduate of Stephen Decatur High School, completed medical school in 2007 at Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She received an Army Health Professions Scholarship and completed 7 years of active duty with the Army. She completed residency training at Womack Army Medical Center Family Medi-

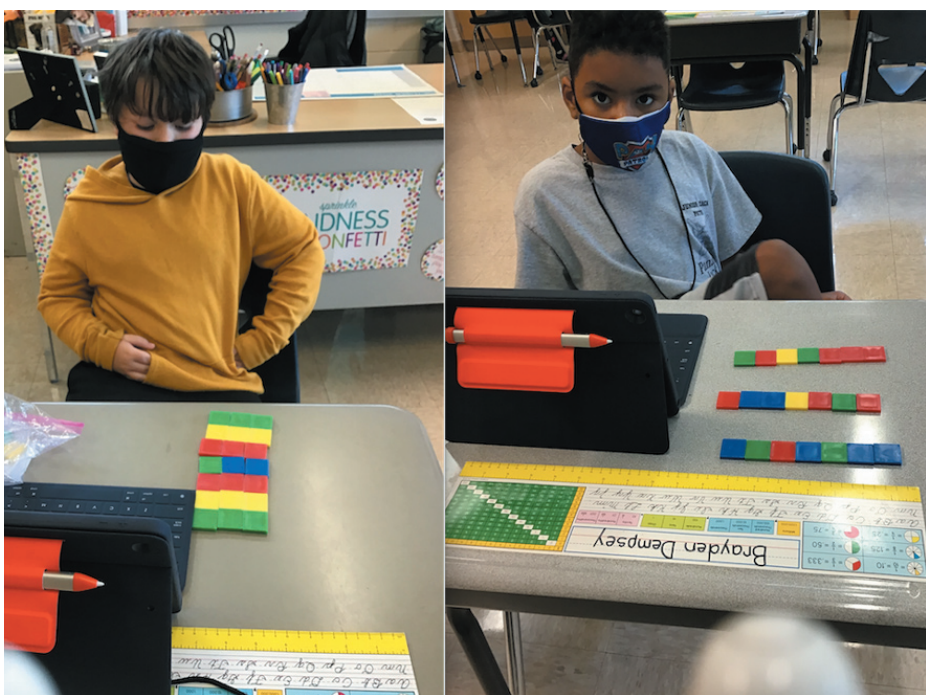
cine Residency in 2010. After residency, she was Officer in Charge of Robinson Health Clinic, the largest clinic in the Department of Defense. In 2012, Dr. Donoway became the Assistant Residence Director of Family Medicine Residency and in 2017, became Chief of Executive Medicine. She joined TidalHealth in 2017.

Jordan Braniff is also a native of Worcester County and a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School. He is board-certified in family medicine by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. A former firefighter/EMT and emergency department nurse, Braniff earned his Bachelor of Science degree and became a Registered Nurse (RN) through the program at Salisbury University (SU). He also attended SU for his advanced practice education, earning a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree and a post-graduate certificate in healthcare administration. He has been with TidalHealth since 2012, and joined the provider network in 2018.

Anastasiya Deem has been with TidalHealth since 2010, most recently as the RN Care Coordinator for Patient Care Management. She has also provided nursing care on one of TidalHealth Peninsula Regional's medical/surgical units and in its progressive care unit for critically ill patients. Her RN was earned from Wor-Wic Community College. She also holds a BSN degree in Nursing from Wilmington University and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice-Family Nurse Practitioner from Salisbury University.

The medical records of existing patients of Dr. Donoway and CRNP Braniff will automatically transfer to the new Berlin office. If patients of those providers wish, instead, to remain with the practice in Ocean Pines, they will simply need to inform the Ocean Pines office of their desire to remain there.

Anyone interested in becoming a patient of the new TidalHealth Primary Care practice in Berlin may call 410-912-6710 to schedule an appointment. The medical office will be open Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm. The Berlin TidalHealth FamilyLab will be open Monday through Friday from 7am to 4pm.



Array - Ocean City Elementary third grade students used manipulatives to build array models representing multiplication equations. Pictured are **Bryce Wilgis** and **Brayden Dempsey** from Kara Dzimiera's math class discussing how the arrays for 7 x 3 and 3 x 7 are alike and different.

Exhibit proposals sought

The Worcester County Arts Council is accepting exhibit proposals from local and regional artists, 18 years and older, for the 2021 exhibition season at Gallery located at the Berlin Library branch. Exhibits run for the period of two months, beginning of February, with two artists featured during each exhibiting period. Artwork will be available for sale.

Exhibit promotions/advertisements and sales will be handled by the Arts Council.

This call is open to 2-dimensional art formats. Entry proposals should include: artist's biography, contact information, and five images (jpg files)

that are representative of artist's body of work. The images must include medium and size of the artwork. All written materials should be submitted in PDF format.

Proposals will be reviewed by the Gallery review panel for acceptance.

Entry proposals should be sent by email to anna@worcestercountycouncil.org . Proposals must be submitted by November 30, 2020 to be considered.

Selected artists will be notified in December. For more information, please contact the Arts Council at 410-641-0809.

gifts from the membership for this purpose.

In a message to members, Lodge President Vincent Mollicone thanked them for the extra effort to keep the charity program operating. "Our Lodge is able to make donations to these worthy charities only because of the personal generosity of you wonderful members," he said in an email to all. "This has been a difficult time for non-profit organizations, and once again you have shown that we care," he said.

Organization continues charity program

In the normal course of a year, the Ocean City Lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Italy raises income at its meetings and its annual St. Joseph's Festival, and earmarks some for contributions to charitable organizations. That hasn't been the case this year, with monthly meetings and the festival canceled because of covid-19.

The pandemic, however, hasn't brought a complete stop to all giving and in October the Lodge donated \$1,500 to nine non-profit organizations, with the money coming from

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7	High	12:24 PM
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8	Low	6:45 AM
8	High	1:23 PM
8	Low	7:46 PM
M 9	High	1:56 AM
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Ready - Gabriel Dawkins, a third-grade student in **Monica Piern's** class at Ocean City Elementary School had a super positive attitude for last week's digital i-Ready testing from home.

Help isolated loved ones this holiday season

A phenomenon called "cabin fever" tends to set in around late autumn or in midwinter. Long hours of darkness coupled with cold, inclement weather often is a recipe for increased time spent indoors. For people who live alone, the effects of cabin fever might be more pronounced.

In addition to seasonal cabin fever, this year another factor comes into play: social distancing and voluntary quarantine as a result of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. Even those who may venture outside to socialize, particularly around the holiday season, may be hesitant or unable to do so to help prevent the spread of the virus. In these instances, friends and loved ones can mitigate feelings of isolation in various ways.

Schedule video chats. Video conferencing apps have become the communication vehicles of choice during the era of social distancing. Different applications and services continue to evolve and help people stay in touch. Plan regular chats, either once or twice per week with isolated or vulnerable people. Try to organize a large group chat on the holiday itself so no one has to spend Christmas or Chanukah alone.

Drop off supplies. Even though supermarket shop-from-home and other delivery services have normalized somewhat since the start of the pandemic, treat individuals who may be isolated to some personalized attention. Put together care packages of

supplies or holiday treats and deliver them in person so you can see the smiles that result from being able to visit with someone familiar.

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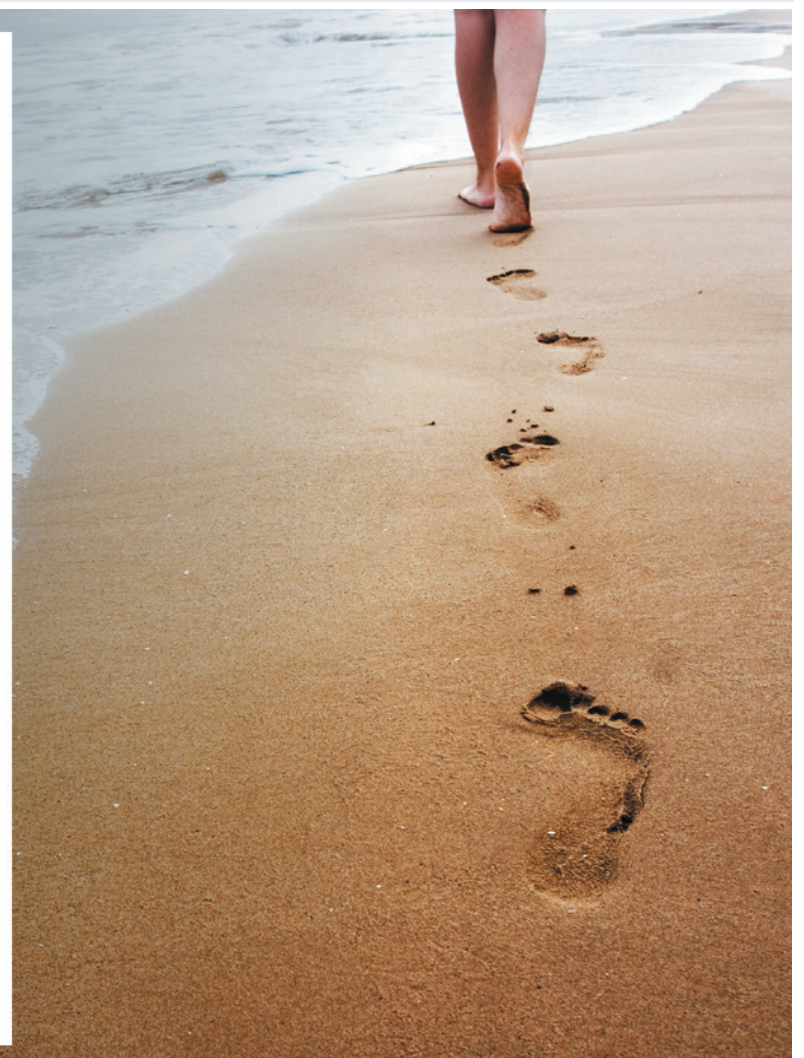
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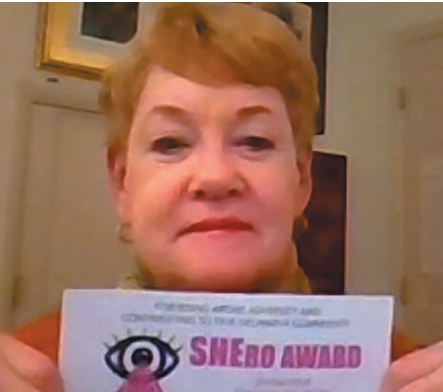
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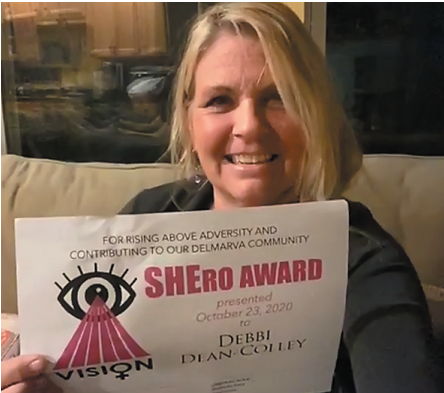
SHero Winners announced

The Art League of Ocean City announced the honorees of the 2020 SHero Awards, honoring Delmarva women who have shown courage in facing adversity and turned that around into something positive. This is the third year for the SHero Awards.



Marian Bickerstaff of Ocean Pines, who was nominated by Gail Philippi, is manager of Sarah's Pantry at the Community Church of Ocean Pines and Past President of the Art League's board of directors. Bickerstaff coordinates the collection of large amounts of food to distribute to families in need, and kept the supply going

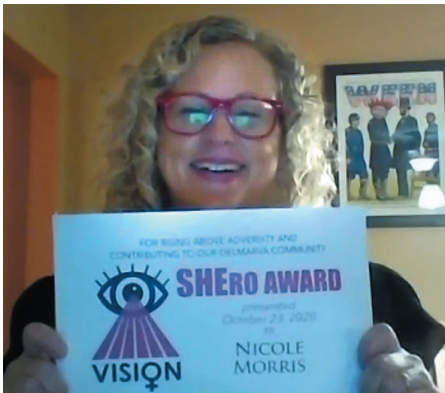
throughout the pandemic. She is also an officer of the P.E.O., a philanthropic educational organization, and past president of the Ocean Pines Garden Club.



Debbi Dean-Colley of Berlin, who was nominated by Angela Manos, is a single mother of two who spreads love and positivity through little acts of kindness, donating her art, her time, a meal, or some other necessity. Seeing art as a vehicle for healing, she has developed healing arts programs focusing on giving back to the community.



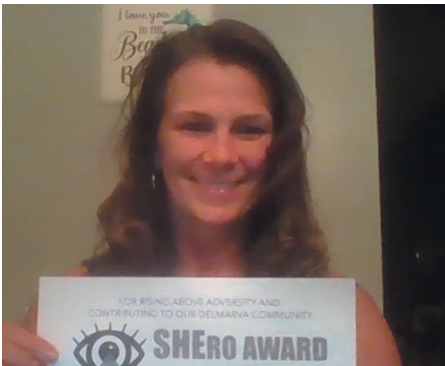
Ilyana Kadushin of Salisbury, who was nominated by Mary Ellen Clark, is an art educator and singer whose mission in life is to motivate others to build confidence and self-awareness. She created a non-profit organization called Stories Love Music that offers free workshops for local caregivers who work with seniors with dementia.



Nicole Morris of Berlin, who was nominated by her colleague, Matthew Morris, Chief Nursing Officer at Atlantic General Hospital, is the hospital's Infection Prevention and Employee Health Manager. She faced the challenges of COVID-19 head on and has been the mastermind of new ideas and processes, which will undoubtedly become best practices.



Jean "Bean" Keagle of Ocean City, who was nominated by her mother-in-law, Claire Jefferson, is a nurse at Atlantic General Hospital and an avid advocate for women with breast cancer, a disease she herself battled. She devotes her time to serving others through charitable events and is known for her annual cookie baking events, a widespread expression of thanks to both loved ones and the community.



Kim Royster of Millville, who was nominated by Pamela Switzer, is personal trainer and certified life/wellness coach. A devoted wife, mother, and professional woman, she has overcome the loss of a child, business, and home, but has not let adversity keep her down. Her passion is fitness and helping her clients be the best they can be, connecting their soul, heart, and mind so they can make their goals a reality.

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discussion.
Ask for help learning a new skill. Along the same vein as a virtual club, lessons on everything from wood-working to crochet to making favorite holiday recipes can be conducted online. Give an isolated individual daily purpose and distraction by engaging him or her with online lessons.
Isolation and feelings of loneliness can affect anyone who normally suffers from cabin fever. However, this year it may be more pronounced, as it could be coupled with social distancing precautions that have already been in effect for some time.

Send uplifting messages. Children or even adults can make personalized cards and mail them to loved ones at home or those who may be in long-term care facilities. Send new mailings every week or two so that residents always have something to look forward to in the mail.
Start a virtual club. A book club or another shared interest can be the catalyst for more frequent communication. A club puts everyone on the same page and enables them to come together, via phone or video chat, for a

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How to create an on-the-go handwashing kit

Fall road trip season has arrived, and it promises to be unlike any other in recent memory. The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 has changed how people go about their daily lives, including how they travel.

Travel may involve some risk until a treatment or vaccine for COVID-19 is developed, but day trips by car are among the safer ways to get out and about and experience the majesty of nature this fall. Fall foliage and moderate temperatures make autumn an ideal time to hit the open road, and drivers can do so without sacrificing their personal safety.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that anyone who intends to travel take certain steps to protect themselves while away from home. The CDC advises travelers to wash their hands often while traveling, but fully operational restrooms may not be easy to find while on the road, as many communities have closed such facilities in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. But that doesn't mean drivers and their passengers cannot keep their hands clean as they take to the road this fall. An on-the-go handwashing kit that includes the following items is easy to carry and makes for an effective way to wash your

hands while on the road this fall.

Water bottle(s) with cap: Pack enough water bottles with caps to accommodate your entire traveling party.

Antibacterial soap/hand sanitizer: The CDC advises washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after going out in public, touching surfaces frequently touched by others and/or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If you bring hand sanitizer, make sure it's at least 60 percent alcohol.

Paper towels/wash cloths: Pack paper towels or wash cloths so you can dry your hands after washing them.

Garbage bag: If you're visiting a park or trails, remember to bring a garbage bag along so you do not leave dirty towels or empty water bottles behind. A plastic bag from the grocery store can suffice if you're traveling party is small.

The 2020 fall road trip season may differ from seasons past, but drivers can still take to the roads this autumn. Some simple safety measures, like packing an on-the-go handwashing kit, can help drivers reduce their risk of getting the COVID-19 virus without compromising the entertainment value of their trips.

OC chamber hires new director

The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce announced Lachelle Scarlato has been chosen as the new executive director. The executive director is responsible for coordinating and directing programs and strategies formulated by the executive committee and the board of directors to achieve the goals of the chamber and the community. She will begin her new position November 23.

Raised in Eastern Baltimore County and a graduate of Dundalk High School, Scarlato spent every summer vacationing in Ocean City with family. She holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and has been the owner of several businesses in Harford County over the last twenty years.

Scarlato has been the deputy director of Economic Development for Worcester County since the fall of 2019. "There is no place more beautiful and unique to live than Worcester County. It provides opportunities for both personal and professional experiences that cannot be offered anywhere else. To be able to return to a place that holds a lifetime of cherished memories and work in partnership with the community that provided those memories is an op-

portunity that will be forever cherished and honored in my daily work now with the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce," she said.

A committee comprised of members of the chamber's executive board and the board of directors conducted the search to find the perfect leader to fulfill the mission of the chamber. It strives to enhance the economic growth of the region by providing leadership, inspiration, education and development opportunities to support and promote all segments of the business and tourism community.

"I believe that the experience, knowledge, personality, ideas and energy that Lachelle brings will be a tremendous asset to our chamber, our members and our community," said Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Chair Toni Keiser.

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