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MBS students donate to give thanks

After a recent visit and presentation from Showell and Ocean Pines fire departments, Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School collected donations from students, teachers and staff to offer local emergency responders a gift. Two wreaths adorned with gift cards to Subway and Dunkin Donuts made by one of the school's arts integration teachers, Sherry Brannon, were presented to the fire departments.

In keeping with school theme for the year, "Called to Serve," principal Kathleen Manns, made this a teachable moment. Like office dress down days, our NUT days (no uniform today) are very popular.

According to Manns, "Teaching important lessons while having fun is a win for everyone. Each month this school year, our school community is focusing on one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. For this service project, we focused on giving drink to the thirsty. Last month we learned about feeding the hungry and conducted a food drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Ocean City. Service to others is the foundation of what we do here at MBS and these projects offer relatable experiences to our students."

Two intermediate students, Kate and Bryn Wanner, took this project a step further. Each student was asked to bring in a one-dollar donation to participate in the NUT day. The Wanner sisters decided they could do more for local emergency responders and opened a lemonade stand to raise money. With their earnings, they were able to both contribute \$34.50.



First graders **Clara Gallagher** and **Weston Lewis** with the wreaths for Showell and Ocean Pines fire departments.

Inset: Third grader **Bryn Wanner** and her sister, fifth-grader, **Kate Wanner** at their lemonade stand.

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Showing off - Dr. David Gell, assistant principal at Berlin Intermediate School, recently gave an Origami lesson in Heather Riser's 3D Art. Fifth grader **Delanyie Kerri-gan** and Dr. Gell show off the finished product.

Worcester Health hosts walk, wellness event

The Worcester County Health Department invites the public to Just Walk or Move Your Way during the month of December for 12 Days of Just Walk and Wellness. The event runs December 7 to 18. Residents are encouraged to get active and do the following:

- Join the Worcester County Health Departments free Just Walk Physical Activity Program by visiting <https://just-walkworchester.org>.

- Walk or move your way twelve days during the month of December by visiting local parks/trails, or any time you are active. Self-report your miles, steps, or activity through the Just Walk Worcester Website. Please enter "12 Days of Just Walk and Wellness" in the comments

section.

- Snap a selfie and submit your photo to Crystal.bell1@maryland.gov when walking any local parks/trails or any time you're active for your chance to win a free winter wellness basket!

(The more photos you submit the more chances you have to win).

- Follow-us @WorcesterHealth for at home workouts, holiday cooking demos, and more!

"Physical activity is important and great for overall health. Staying active can also help people maintain a healthy weight, reduce the risk for type-2 diabetes, heart disease, and reduces the risk for some cancers," said Crystal Bell, Chronic Disease and Tobacco Supervisor.

This is a self-directed event. Social distancing and CDC safety guidelines should be followed by all participants. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/12-days-of-just-walk-and-wellness-tickets-130451232147> or visit worchesterhealth.org. For more information, please call 410-632-1100, ext. 1108.

Kiwanis offers free membership

Like most clubs, Kiwanis has annual dues, but due to COVID-19, Kiwanis International has allowed clubs all over the world in 80+ countries to have new members join for free for a year, as long as they join by December 31, 2020. Call Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President Steve Cohen at (301) 667-3099 or by email at steve-cohenjd@gmail.com to apply. This is an opportunity to join free for a year and experience what Kiwanis is all about.



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Rental assistance programs announced

Governor Larry Hogan has announced that 17 Maryland local jurisdictions were awarded \$19.3 million in Maryland Eviction Prevention Partnership grants, which will address the needs of more than 3,600 households across the state. Worcester County received \$336,000.

"Maryland has continued to be a national leader in our COVID-19 response, which is why we have responded aggressively with targeted rental relief funding," said Governor Hogan. "These grants will help ensure our citizens can remain safe and secure in their homes as we continue to respond to this global pandemic."

Through the Maryland Eviction Prevention Partnership, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is awarding federal Community Development Block Grant funding across local jurisdictions in Maryland to prevent evictions. DHCD had already distributed \$2.2 million in Eviction Prevention Partnership grants to eight counties, part of a more than \$20 million part-

nership with Maryland's local jurisdictions. Landlords and tenants should contact their local jurisdiction for more information.

Assisted Housing Relief Program. In addition to this partnership with local governments, Governor Hogan also launched the Assisted Housing Relief Program, an eviction prevention program intended to help bring rental delinquencies current and provide real relief for tenants through direct payments to their eligible property management company. Tenants in eligible properties will be credited rent rebates paid directly to the property management company, which will eliminate their rental debt and the threat of eviction.

The program serves rental units in multifamily projects financed by DHCD's Community Development Administration using state funds or federal resources, such as the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program where the unit rent is controlled.

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Pearl Harbor had its ironies and paradoxes

By **Robert Adair**

Monday will mark the 79th anniversary of the “day that will live in infamy.” On December 7, 1941 Japan launched two devastating attacks on U.S. forces in Hawaii and the Philippines. The attack on Pearl Harbor was one of the most brilliant tactical feats of World War II. Six carriers had crossed the vast Pacific to a point 200 miles north of Oahu and launched 350 aircraft to attack the fleet at anchor at Pearl Harbor. It achieved total surprise and sank a major portion of the U.S. Pacific fleet. Sortie after sortie attacked the harbor while others strafed aircraft lined up at Wheeler Field and Hickam Field.

On the same day (although it was December 8 in that longitude) Japanese bombers flying out of bases on Formosa bombed the U.S. Far East Air Force that was lined up on Clark Field and Iba Field, just outside Manila, virtually destroying it.

At Pearl Harbor all eight U.S. battleships were sunk or badly damaged, along with numerous other vessels. Two hundred aircraft were destroyed that day and there were 3,600 casualties, the great majority being killed. The Japanese lost 29 aircraft and five midget submarines.

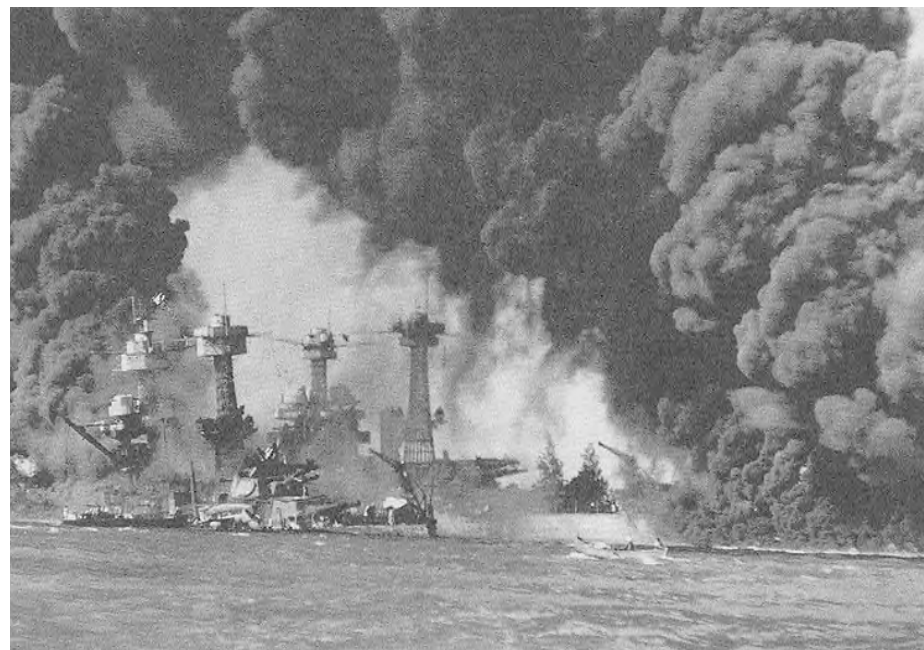
The Joint Committee investigating the attack called it the “greatest military and naval disaster in our nation’s history.” The irony of that day was that after all the careful planning on the part of the Japanese and with all the damage inflicted by the surprise at-

tack, two very significant targets were missed.

First, the three aircraft carriers of the fleet were not at Pearl Harbor. The reason for that is a whole other story. It would be the carriers that would bring Japan’s military strength to its knees. The second vital target left intact was the major ship repair complex located at the port. These repair shops would be responsible for returning the majority of the fleet to combat duty in record time. Had they been destroyed the time lines for taking the war to Japan would have been quite different.

In Gordon W. Prange’s volume, “At Dawn We Slept,” a statement in the Preface states, “Pearl Harbor resulted from a vast combination of interrelated, complicated and strange historical factors: on the one hand, bountiful human errors of great variety, false assumptions... on the other, precise planning, tireless training, plain guts and uncommon luck.” It also identifies factors such as weather, quirks of personality, prejudice and accident that impacted events. History is not made in a vacuum.

Twenty years before the attack the U.S. took steps to call the world’s sea powers together at the Washington Naval Conference of 1921-1922 to develop an agreement on capital ship construction and a limitation on total tonnage for a period of ten years. The strategy was to limit the powerful navies of the world so that no one fleet could pose an international threat. The agreed ratio of ships among the United



States, Britain and Japan was 5:5:3. This treaty was extended another five years under the London Naval Treaty of 1930.

Just after World War I, even before the Washington Naval Conference, U.S. military planners had begun to develop a series of “Color-coded plans.” Each color represented a potential adversary of the United States. Each plan was developed to contain plausible courses of action in case military involvement was required.

Plan Orange dealt with war against

Japan. The supposition was that Japan would capture U.S. assets and bases in the Philippines and the Pacific islands, and that force would be necessary to retake the bases. Whatever scenario was used, it pointed out the vast distances involved and amount of shipping needed to project a force from the U.S. to those locations. Variations of Plan Orange were studied and war-gamed during the 1920s and 1930s.

There appears to be a paradox in-

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Courier Almanac

On December 2, 1972, the Temptations earned the last of their four chart-topping hits when “Papa Was A Rollin’ Stone” reaches #1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100.

Over the course of their storied career, the Temptations placed 38 hit records in the pop top 40, not just more than any other Motown Records artist, but more than any American pop group ever. Beyond their quantitative achievements, the Temptations also embodied the original Motown ideal that the records mattered more than the people who made them, for good and for ill. Various intrigues, upsets and tragedies saw the Temptations’ lineup change almost annually during their heyday, but the turmoil went largely unnoticed by the record-buying public. Indeed, in an era when pop groups were coming to be known as much for the personalities of their individual members as for their music, the Temptations, a group in which all five members sometimes sang lead, remained essentially unknowable other than through their incredible records.



Christmas Day is the most popular day to get engaged. According to the 2020 WeddingWire Newlywed Report, more couples who were married in 2019 got engaged on Christmas Day than any other day during the year. Christmas Eve was the second most popular day to pop the question, while the Sunday before Christmas Eve came in fourth (New Year’s Day rounded out the top three). The appeal of Christmastime proposals helped make December the most popular month to get engaged, as more than 19 percent of couples who married in 2019 got engaged in the final month of the year. July proved the second most popular month to pop the question, as 9 percent of couples who wed in 2019 reported getting engaged in July. Tradition still has a place in wedding proposals, as 84 percent of proposers reported asking on bended knee, while 65 percent acknowledged asking parents’ permission prior to popping the question.

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Decorating process

It's that time of year once again when my wife turns into a Christmas decorating fanatic. This transformation occurs shortly after the Thanks-

It's frightening how she becomes unrelenting in her pursuit for the perfectly lit tree. One year, sometime back in the first Bush administration, I thought I would surprise her by putting the lights up myself. The best laid plans... She walked into the room, looked at the tree and then looked at me with one of those looks that would have made Frosty the Snowman melt regard-



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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giving leftovers are put away and lasts until just about Christmas Eve. The time in between is a nail-biting experience for those living in the house or who get anywhere near her.

I learned a long time ago that there is no practical way to interrupt this process that unfolds more grandly each year. During the early years of our marriage I attempted to make suggestions, even offering to assist in putting up decorations. These entreaties were met with either blank stares. If I had attempted to, for instance, arrange a manger scene, comments like, "this looks nothing like a manger scene, you idiot," were forthcoming. I added those last two words because I swear, I can hear her mumble "you idiot" under her breath although I've never been able to prove it. It would not surprise me if in a previous life my wife orchestrated the actual manger scene: telling the Holy Family where to sit, ensuring the camels grazed in the proper location and cueing the little Drummer Boy when to play.

My efforts in the decorating process involve sitting in a corner waiting for instructions to either retrieve or return a box in the attic. Over the years I have made some contributions to the decorating process. For instance, it was me who moved the 700-pound television armoire two inches to the left one year so there would be room for the Christmas tree. Panting, perspiring and very close to needing oxygen, my efforts were for naught. I was informed the tree was going up in another room. I apparently missed the memo on that one.

For most families the Christmas tree decorating process is an enjoyable, much looked forward to experience; carols are sung and treasured ornaments are placed on the tree. Not at our house. My wife is a stickler for how the lights should go on the tree.

less of the outside temperature.

She then proceeded to undo what I had done, rearranging the lights, making sure they were not just on the tips of the branches but also inside the boughs as well. This, I was told, gives the tree depth. I really thought throwing the light strings into the air and letting them land on the tree gave the decorating process an air of spontaneity and creativity.

For most of the year my wife is a kind, decent and understanding person. However, during the Christmas house decorating process, she becomes Imelda Marcos on steroids (and without the shoes) as she meticulously displays, among other decorations, at least nine different nativity scenes, places flawlessly a dozen pieces of lighted ceramic pieces given to us by my grandmother and prepares to bake treats for family and friends.

In the end though our home always looks wonderful. Despite her finicky manner during decorating, my wife has a tremendous talent. The fact that I only emerge from behind the sofa after she is finished in no way diminishes my respect for her abilities. Nope, not in any way.

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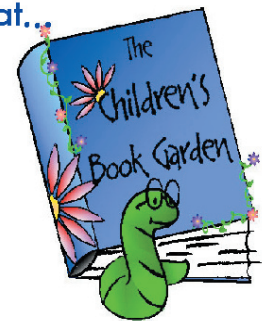
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Trimming

Riley Killian seen here with her grandmother, **Lynn Killian**, helping to trim the USCG Auxiliary sponsored Christmas tree at White Horse Park. Photo by Dan Collins.

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To date, the program has awarded more than \$8 million and made more than 4,500 rental payments for Maryland's working families.

Moratorium on Evictions During State of Emergency. On March 16, Governor Hogan issued an emergency order that prohibits Maryland courts

from ordering the eviction of any tenant who can demonstrate that their inability to pay rent was the result of COVID-19—for example, because of lost or reduced unemployment, or needing to care for a school-aged child—or because they are diagnosed with, or under investigation for, COVID-19. The order remains in effect during the state of emergency.

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volved in these historical events. On one hand the Joint Planners identified Japan as the major threat to the U.S. interests in the Pacific and that it would take maximum effort on the part of naval assets to engage the enemy and move forces to the islands and the Philippines. At the same time Washington hosted a conference that would limit the total tonnage allowed.

Many other factors played into the history of Plan Orange and the Naval Treaty. The limit on ships was designed to keep each nation in check. By agreeing to the treaty, the United States was able to divert funds away from fleet modernization. All strategic war plans are based on potential events and plausible scenarios. If the nation in not at war or about to be pulled into one, the historical response from the government is to reduce the cost of the armament program because it is politically astute. Planning is one thing; financing and providing necessary assets is another.

With the Manchurian Incident of 1931, which could be viewed as the initial steps of expansion on the part of Japan, Plan Orange received more attention. Ironically, the Japanese military planners, in their war-gaming exercises, mirrored the thinking of the Americans. They anticipated the U. S. would cross the Pacific to reclaim its bases and possessions. This provided additional argument for the large group of Japanese naval officers who were bent on military buildup and territorial expansion through use of force. They convinced the Japanese government that equal parity with the U.S. and Britain was necessary. The alternative was to abrogate the treaty when it ran out in 1936. When the other powers refused Japan's request, it withdrew from the agreement.

The irony found in this event is based on the personalities involved. The Japanese naval officer who, under orders, forced the talks to fail at the London preliminary naval talks in 1934 was Rear Admiral Isoroko Yamamoto, who later planned and executed the operation against Pearl Harbor. Personally, Admiral Yamamoto thought withdrawal was a mistake, however, the Japanese naval shipbuilding program had already

exceeded the treaty limitations.

The paradox involved in this turn of events is that the actions of Admiral Yamamoto to remove Japan from the bounds of the Naval Treaty allowed the "battleship supporters" to immediately build the super dreadnaughts *Yamato* and *Musashi*, even though Admiral Yamamoto believed strongly that emphasis on aircraft carrier development was much more important. During the 1930s he did everything possible to make the carrier-based pilots the best trained in the world. They were flying 700 hours a year compared to the U.S. pilots who could only fly 305 annually.

Perhaps the ultimate paradox involved with the attack on Pearl Harbor is that after all the millions of dollars spent on the launching of a fleet of super dreadnaughts and the attendant support vessels, the Japanese sent six aircraft carriers to sink the American battleships of the Pacific fleet. No Japanese battleship ever committed a hostile act anywhere close to the U.S.

The overarching irony of the events of that day may be the absence of the three carriers, which had been sent to sea to improve their readiness level. It would be these three carriers, along with others that would break the back of the Japanese navy, both their battleship and carrier fleets. The Japanese planned an attack against the American fleet, with no contingency plans to follow up on the outcome of the major event, the attack on Pearl Harbor. They had no plans to search the surrounding waters for the American carriers. They carried no landing force to follow up on success. What they did accomplish was prophetically summed up by Admiral Yamamoto after he learned the Japanese envoys to Washington had not delivered the declaration of war to the American government prior to the attack. He said, "I fear we have awakened the sleeping giant."

Irony or paradox, the reality was that the nation had suffered the loss of thousands of men, the Pacific fleet was severely crippled but the admiral was correct. The sleeping giant awoke with a fierceness never expected by the Japanese. History has recorded the American reply.

Robert Adair was editor of The Courier between 2000 to 2005. He passed away in 2007.



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Forgotten muscle - Javelin

By **Bruce Palmer**

Mention the term “Javelin” to a sports enthusiast and it conjures an image of the eight foot spear used in competition. But, drop by a gathering of classic car buffs and the topic is of a long-gone muscle car from the forgotten American Motors Corporation.

Yes, AMC. remember? Not a part of the Big-3 (GM, Ford and Chrysler), they were the other guys. American Motors got its start in the mid-50s when Nash and Hudson joined forces as George Romney (father of presidential candidate Mitt Romney) took the reins and focused the company on bucking the trend of large, chrome-laden cars of the fin-filled '50s by producing, well, small cars.

Early sales were encouraging but the American car-buyer wasn't entirely on-board with the concept. With gas still selling for 24-cents/gallon few people saw the need to worry how many miles to the gallon their cars were achieving. Even the term “MPG” was still about 15 years away from the vernacular.

By the early-1960s, larger and more powerful cars were creeping into the American Motors line-up, with yet more speeding across the planning boards. Then, with the arrival of Pontiac's GTO in 1964, the muscle car race began. Along came Mustang, 4-4-2, Barracuda and the like, all offering big power under the hood of a pony car at prices most could afford.

It was a youth movement of sorts. Younger buyers liked flashy, powerful cars. Eager to join in, AMC started sketching out a car they called “Concept IV.” Prototypes were built (including two and four seat versions) and they were met with enthusiasm from the automotive press. The project got its approval and, with some final tweaking, AMC debuted the car now called “Javelin” in late August '67.

Just like its Big-3 brethren, Javelin sported a long hood/short deck, bright color options, wild

striping/graphics packages and plenty of brute force. Entry level models with the tame 6-cylinder engine started just under \$2,500. That was well within the reach of the



younger purchaser. But if you really wanted to compete (on the track or the street), a Javelin could be jammed with up to 343 cubic inches of 4-barreled power. Not long after, as many as 390 cubes would arrive on the options list.

As a means of keeping production costs under control, there was no multitude of rooflines or convertibles offered: just a 2-door, 4-seater hardtop at first, followed by an alternate 2-seat version (sold under the name AMX for American Motors Experimental) which reached market by February, 1968.

Sales were solid with combined 60,000 Javelins and AMXs sold for the '68 model year. Little change came for 1969, short of new graphics, simulated wood panels on the dashboard and \$30 added to the base price. Sales softened a bit in the sophomore year, but auto enthusiasts heaped praise on the upstart muscle car that was holding its own against Cougars and Camaros, Chargers and GranSports. Javelins began to appear on the TransAm

Racing circuit with some writers referring to their success as something of a “Cinderella Story.”

And so, the muscle car revolution thundered down the road with

original car was gone to larger, more-animated sculptured fenders. An integral rear spoiler and flush, wider grille added to the styling departure.

But none of the tricks were able to turn things around. Sales continued to plummet, down to half of its first year totals by the end of 1970, lower still in '71 and again in '72. Of course, this wasn't an ill exclusive to AMC..the muscle car segment of the auto industry was being hit on multiple fronts, from increasing insurance rates to the looming oil embargo and resulting gasoline shortages of 1973 and '74.

Fittingly, it was in 1974 that Javelin bade its farewell. Seldom does a model see any major change in its final production year other than federally-mandated ones, including the 3-point safety belt system and larger, energy-absorbing bumpers. Only the true enthusiast can tell the difference between a '73 and '74 Javelin.

So when you drop into the next area car show and check out the muscle cars go ahead and enjoy the Chevelles and Roadrunners, Firebirds and Torinos. But, keep an eye out for the rare Javelin: the power-packed car from the other guys.

Javelin keeping up via the popular fad options of the day. “Rim-blow” steering and simulated mag wheels became common-place but when sales fell again in 1970, AMC brass decided some changes were needed.

The first thing to go was the smaller, 2-seat AMX. After 1970, the letters would only refer to a package version of the typical Javelin, rather than an entirely separate car. Then, as an attempt to breathe new life into AMC muscle, the Javelin was completely restyled to a more aggressive look for the '71 model year. The gentleness of the



Wor-Wic faculty member receives culinary award

Paul G. Suplee, associate professor of culinary arts at Wor-Wic Community College, was recently awarded the American Culinary Federation's (ACF) Presidential Medallion for the second time, in recognition of the culmination of his work and success in Wor-Wic's culinary arts program and in the industry. He was one of 24 chefs in the country selected for the award. Suplee also won the medallion in 2008.

According to the ACF website, Presidential Medallions are awarded to members who exemplify culinary excellence and leadership and who have contributed their knowledge, skills and expertise to the advancement of the culinary profession.

ACF is the largest professional chef's organization in North America, made up of more than 14,000 members belonging to more than 170 chap-

ters. The organization offers educational resources, training, apprenticeships, competitions and programmatic accreditation designed to enhance professional growth for all current and future chefs and pastry chefs.

Wor-Wic's culinary program is accredited through ACF. The program provides students with the knowledge and skills needed for an entry-level position in the culinary industry or to transfer their credits to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore or another four-year college or university to earn a bachelor's degree.

Culinary students work in Wor-Wic's modern teaching kitchen with commercial equipment, preparing foods typically found in area restaurants. Students learn restaurant management and healthy menu planning, as well as international cuisine in



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The Blue Jay

Nothing grabs your attention like the call of a blue jay. They almost demand your attention. Some love this bird with its beautiful blue, black and white feathers, while others think they are bullies. I happen to think both are correct.

Blue Jays are in the bird family call the corvids. Blue Jays are mostly forest dwellers but are very adaptable. Some do migrate, but others opt to stay near their breeding grounds. They are the closest relative to the crow and raven and they are highly intelligent. According to the Audubon Society, they have a distinct jay-jay call, but they also have a variety of musical sounds. They are also known to imitate other songbirds and they can replicate the scream of hawks, eastern screech owls and the bald eagle. According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, an interesting fact about their beautiful colors is that the pigment in a blue jay's feathers is brown, but we perceive it as blue because of a phenomenon called light scattering. Light scattering is similar to the effects of a prism.

I have often been asked how to tell the difference between the male and female jays. Their look is identical except that the male is larger. Other differences are more distinguishable by observing them closely. During their courting (beginning in February) you might observe a group of three or more male blue jays vying for the attention of the female. If she flies off, they will follow her until she lands, and then the courtship dance begins. The males will bob their heads and rustle their feathers until she chooses her mate. When she has made her decision, the pair set out to

build test nests. Once the female decides on a nest she likes the most, she will finish it herself. The nest is an open bowl shape, made of bark, weeds, twigs, moss and sometimes it is even held together with mud. She then lines the nest with softer materials like paper, material, string, or soft rootlets. She will lay anywhere from three to six eggs and they can be colored green, blue or yellow, with spots gray and brown.

The female will then incubate the eggs for most of the time and the male

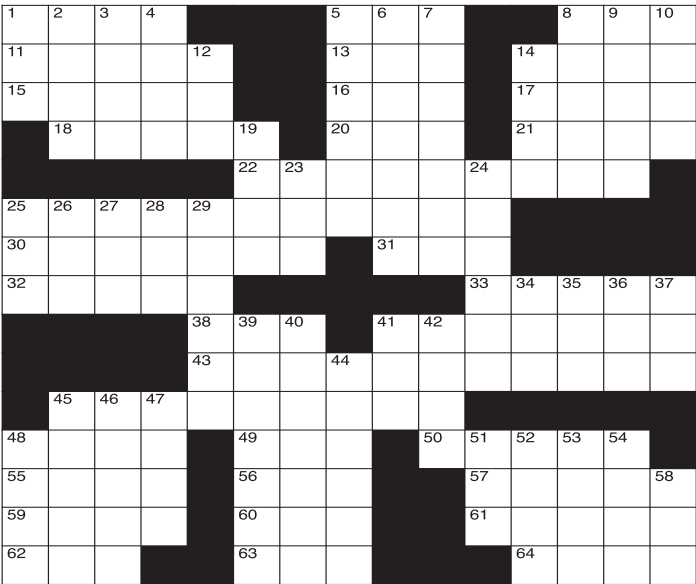
supplies her with food during the incubation.

Blue Jays are often quiet around their own nest but will use their loud voice to scare off would be predators that may be threatening them. They work as a team to feed the young until they are ready to fledge. The young will leave the nest 17 to 21 days after hatching. Their nests are built in trees, usually between eight to 50 feet up.

Blue Jays are omnivores. Seventy-five percent of their yearly diet is made up of vegetable matter, but they are also known to eat bugs, caterpillars, grasshoppers and snails. They have also been known to eat eggs, small rodents and frogs. The blue jay family that frequents our back yard loves the whole peanuts we offer at our open tray feeder. They actually have us trained by making loud calls to us until my husband replenishes their daily peanut fix.

Say what you want, but we wouldn't have it any other way.

-Maureen Kennedy

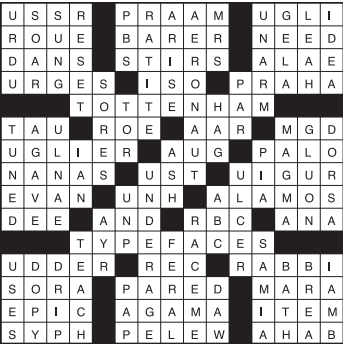


CLUES ACROSS

1. Opposite of west
5. ___ Caesar, comedian
8. Helps little firms
11. A way to censor
13. Expresses atomic and molecular weights
14. Chalcedony
15. Type of sword
16. A corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
17. Attired
18. A sequence of winding turns
20. Pal
21. Expresses pleasure
22. Amendable
25. Clear
30. A way to cut off
31. Indigenous Thai person
32. Pale brownish yellow color
33. Aquatic plants genus
38. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
41. Merchants
43. Fix a chair
45. Throws into disorganization
48. Famed German composer
49. Keyboard key
50. Oral polio vaccine developer
55. Partner to pain
56. Where golfers start
57. Jenny ___; weight loss program
59. Sailing dinghy
60. Suffix that forms adjectives
61. Speeds at which music is played
62. Body part
63. Fall back
64. Ancient Greek sophist

CLUES DOWN

1. One point south of due east
2. Wings
3. One point south of southeast
4. The shirts on our backs
5. One who works on the seas
6. Select jury
7. Small intestines parts
8. Plant of the heath family
9. Extrasolar planet
10. Creates more of
12. Before
14. Forms over a cut
19. Runs down
23. Exercise regimen ___-bo
24. Unkeyed
25. Principle underlying the universe
26. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
27. Residue
28. Company that rings receipts
29. Rugged mountain range
34. Commercials
35. NY footballer
36. They ___
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Poked holes in the ground
40. Pitchers
41. Your
42. Diana ___, singer
44. Important document for inventors
45. Bangladesh capital
46. Fluid that flows in the veins of Greek gods
47. Famed daguerreotype photographer
48. Where military personnel work
51. Play a role
52. La ___ Tar Pits, Hollywood
53. Unstressed-stressed
54. Type of palm tree
58. Judo garments



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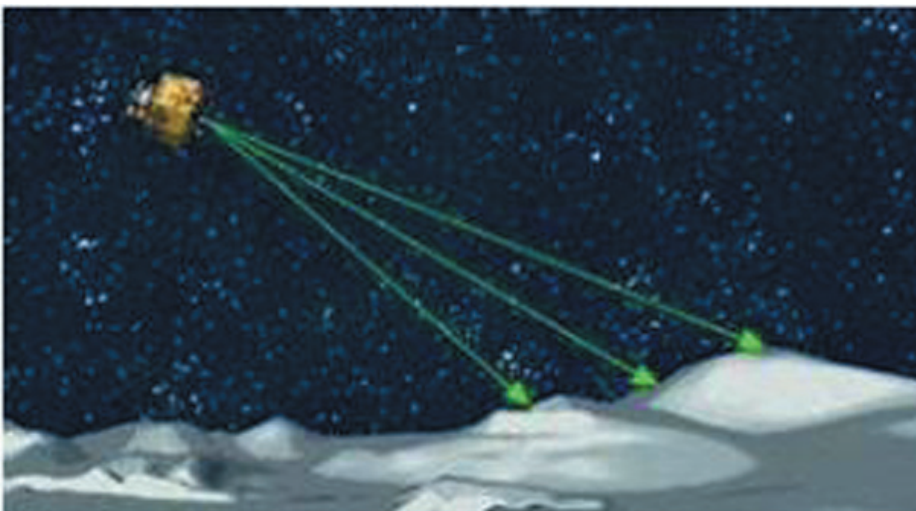
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In the past, lunar and Martian landings have been limited to large smooth areas of those worlds. A new NASA technology is being developed to take away this limitation, by allowing much more accurate determinations of landing location. In this way, a region with many boulders or craters might still be viable, since the new tech can pinpoint an isolated smooth area within rough surrounding terrain.

The new system being developed is known as Safe and Precise Landing - Integrated Capabilities Evolution (or SPLICE.) The SPLICE system will facilitate future scientific



Artist's rendition of "Lidar" system in action

missions to explore the lunar south pole area and will identify safe landing spots within that rugged region.

The first flight testing of the new SPLICE system took place on October 13, when a Blue Origin rocket, the New Shepard, executed a short flight to the edge of space. This flight blasted off from Blue Origin's launch facility in West Texas, and lasted about ten minutes before the booster rocket returned and safely landed at the same Texas facility.

This flight was "suborbital" meaning that the rocket did not reach the speed and altitude required to achieve an Earth orbit. Nevertheless, the rocket did exceed the "von Karman threshold," the 62-mile boundary designated as the limits of Earth's atmosphere and the edge of space. For comparison, a

typical commercial airliner flies at about six miles above the Earth's surface.

Space fans may be aware that Blue Origin has future plans to offer civilians a ride aboard space capsules, also powered by the New Shepard rockets.

SPLICE equipment aboard the first test flight included the Terrain Relative Navigation (TRN), the Navigation Doppler Lidar (NDL) and its high-performance multicore computer.

The Terrain Relative Navigation component includes a sensitive wide-field camera which takes up to ten pictures per second. These photographs allow the computer, using special algorithms, to identify the region and locality of the spacecraft by comparison with its archive of pictures from lunar satellites. NASA's own description compares the concept to "following breadcrumbs," meaning that the craft's

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By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.



New spacecraft landing technology

computer is checking known landmarks from its memory and setting the course based on these features.

The Navigation Doppler Lidar component (NDL) is the next stage of guidance. The term "lidar" is derived in analogy to "radar," but the lidar system is more precise, since light has a smaller wavelength than radio waves.

To be specific, the lidar system uses three laser beams aimed in different directions, giving a full picture of the craft's pathway, including its location and ground speed as well as its height and rate of descent. The control system feeds this information to the craft's rockets which can then guide it down to its high-precision landing. Computer calculations are made 20 times per second, providing rapid and continuous adjustments to the spacecraft's path. In principal, when the SPLICE system is fully developed, even an unmanned lander can be guided to a landing just as smoothly as the most experienced human pilot.

NASA has awarded Blue Origin a

\$1.5 million contract for two test flights on board New Shepard. The second flight will add the Hazard Detection Lidar (HDL) component which is designed to create a three-dimensional map of the landscape to identify and avoid obstacles such as boulders, steep slopes and ravines.

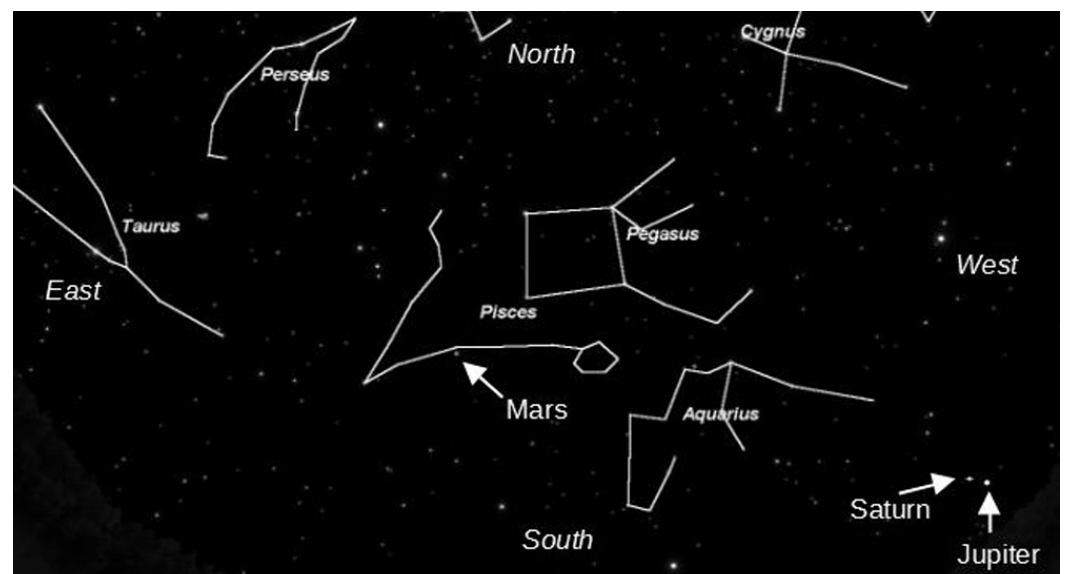
In December stargazing begins at about 5:30 p.m., with the Great Square of Pegasus appearing high overhead. The planet Mars lies to the southeast of Pegasus, within the constellation Pisces.

Saturn and Jupiter appear near the southwestern horizon in the early evening, but setting rather soon. The two begin the month just two degrees apart and gradually "squeeze" closer and closer. On December 13 they will be less than one degree apart, and on the 16th, less than one-half degree. Jupiter and Saturn finally "cozy up" within one-tenth of one degree on December 21. This is the closest they have approached since 1623.

After 7 p.m., Taurus the Bull, with its characteristic "V" shape, comes into view over the eastern horizon. After 9 p.m., two popular winter attractions, Orion the Hunter and Gemini the Twins, appear in the east.

An active meteor shower, with as many as 30 "shooting stars" per hour, helps stargazers to top off 2020 with a flourish. This Geminid shower begins after about 10:30 p.m. between December 10 and 16 with maximum activity on the night of December 13-14. December's new moon occurs on the 14th, a welcome absence for meteor viewers.

Wishing good luck and clear skies to all stargazers.



Shoutout to everyone who can still remember their childhood phone number but can't remember the password they created yesterday.

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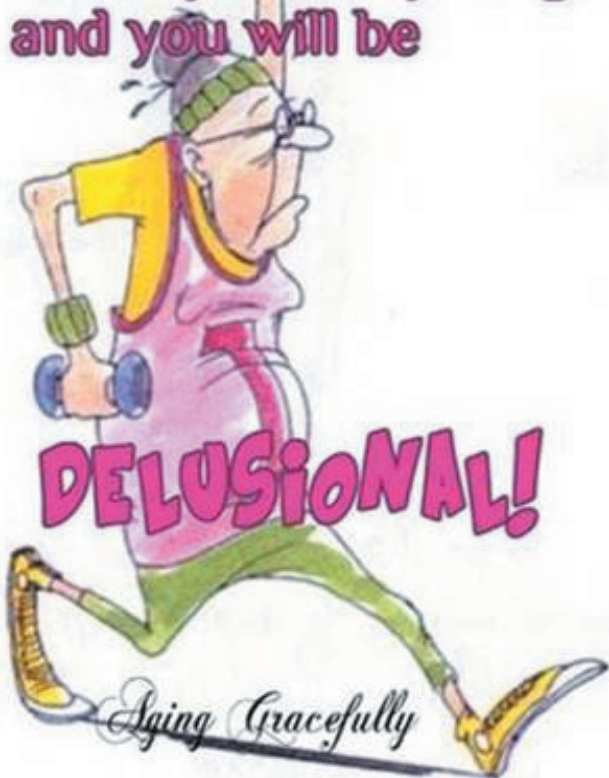
Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**

Once I've had my coffee,
I can use my big words.

**Before coffee, I mostly
use the ones with four
letters.**

Think you are old,
and you will be old.
Think you are young,
and you will be



One minute you're young and fun. And the next, you're turning down the stereo in your car to see better.



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There's nothing scarier than that split second when you lose your balance in the shower and you think "THEY ARE GOING TO FIND ME NAKED."



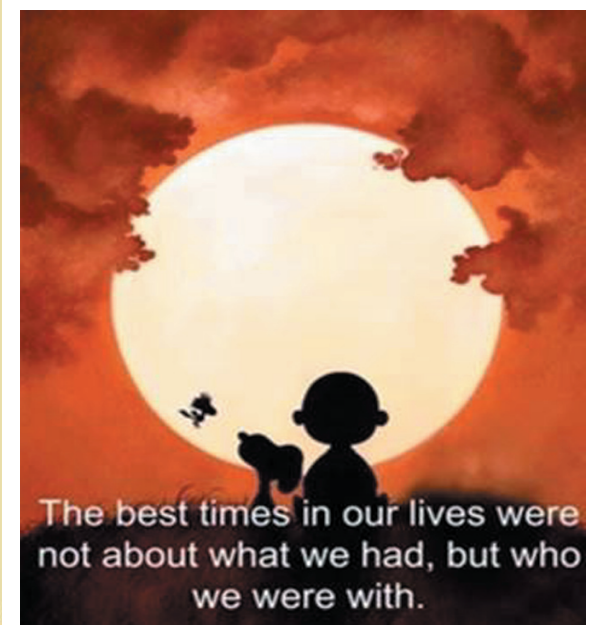
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They say marriages are made in Heaven. But so is thunder and lightning.

~ Clint Eastwood



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Technology helps campus keep up with the times

In conjunction with the introduction of new teaching modalities due to the coronavirus pandemic, Wor-Wic Community College introduced a variety of new technology enhancements to create new virtual experiences, increase interactive learning and enable classroom activities to be recorded and/or livestreamed.

More than 65 classrooms and a few conference rooms on campus were outfitted over the summer with technology that enables instructors to use both Zoom and MS Teams through Blackboard, the college's learning management platform, to deliver online, virtual or on-campus classes to multiple classrooms.

In addition, audio-visual technology with interactive display boards, called Clevertouch, and zSpace laptops, have been installed in Henson Hall, Shockley Hall and Brunkhorst Hall. Both can run augmented and/or virtual reality software.

According to Kimi S. Lichty, instructional technologist, the touchscreen capability is extremely

beneficial along with the clarity and ability to save annotations. "The touchscreen really lends itself well to interactive software like Visible



Student **Victoria Day** is shown using a Clevertouch board with Visible Body software in a radiographic positioning class.

Body that allows for instructor and student interaction and manipulation."

Visible Body is a virtual software application that can be accessed on a zSpace laptop or Clevertouch board so that the entire class can see what the instructor or student is showing the rest of the class.

It is being used in biology classes such as anatomy and physiology, and other classes for students pursuing degrees in health care fields.

Wor-Wic board recognizes scholarship recipients

The board of trustees at Wor-Wic Community College recently recognized the recipients of scholarships awarded to local high school graduates.



Mikayla Cantine

This year's scholarship recipients include Mikayla Cantine from Stephen Decatur High School and Andrew Truitt from Snow Hill High School.

The board of trustees provides a two-year full-tuition scholarship for the most academically-talented high school senior applicant from each of the 10 public high schools and two of the four private high schools in Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, applicants must have at least a 3.25 GPA on an unweighted 4.0 scale. They must also apply for admission to Wor-Wic before April 1 of their senior year in high school, as well as complete a board of trustees scholarship application form.



Andrew Truitt

The scholarships are awarded to the applicant with the highest GPA from each school, followed by the highest total number of credits earned and the earliest admission application. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

High school students interested in more information about the scholarship should call the college's financial aid office at 410-334-2905.

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Patient care service expanded

Atlantic General Hospital (AGH) and Medocity has announced a collaboration to enable expanded virtual care management capabilities for AGH patients with diabetes, chronic kidney disease, COPD, and heart failure.

The not-for-profit community-based healthcare system originally launched their remote patient monitoring program in 2017 so care coordinators could closely follow the progress of individuals at greater risk of their health deteriorating after a hospital stay as well as those with certain chronic conditions, 24/7.

The new Medocity service, launched this month, allows for greater access to more patients with chronic conditions. The program will evolve over the next few months to include patients undergoing treatment for cancer as well as individuals recently discharged after surgery at Atlantic General, thereby further reducing avoidable hospitalizations and improving outcomes for patients throughout Maryland and Delaware.

“We are thrilled to help AGH bring care to their patients, especially during this pandemic when many patients are concerned about going out of their homes to get much-needed care,” said

Laura Giostra, senior director of clinical services at Medocity. “This is especially true with high-risk patients suffering from chronic conditions such as CHF and diabetes, and from complex illnesses such as cancer.”

The Medocity Digital Care Platform enables AGH providers to stay connected with their patients remotely, monitor symptoms and vital signs, receive real-time alerts, and interact with their patients via secure texting or tele-visits – all within the security of the same virtual ecosystem. In addition, patients will be able to access customized resources and guidance tailored for each individual to help address social determinants, including information directing patients back to AGH services through links to their own programs and clinics.

“Digital adoption and smart phone ownership have been rapidly increasing across our region, and we’ve made significant investments in telehealth to better service Atlantic General’s patient population, including our rural and underserved communities,” said Charles Gizara, director of integrated care management at AGH.

Ways to stick to a holiday budget

The holidays are an exciting, fun and joyful time of year. And for many people, the holidays also are expensive.

According to the Motley Fool Company, a financial wellness resource, the average American spent \$882.45 on Christmas gifts, food, decorations, travel, and other holiday-related expenses in 2019. Around 56 percent of gift shoppers set a budget for holiday spending, but only 64 percent stuck to it. In addition, 21.5 percent of respondents went into debt due to holiday shopping.

Who doesn’t want to have a super holiday with delicious foods on the table and lots of presents to share with family and friends? While that’s tempting, such a bounty should never result in financial peril.

These six strategies can make it easy to establish and stick to a budget this holiday season.

Budget for everything. When working out holiday spending plans, factor in all of the expenses associated with the holidays – not just the most obvious, like gifts. Costs for gas, parking lot fees, greeting cards, postage, travel expenses, and much more should be included in your final number.

Determine how much you can spend. Money for gifts and other holiday expenses should ideally come from your disposable income. Look at your finances in advance of the holiday season and figure out how much extra cash you have for the holidays, and use that figure to determine how much you should spend. Find ways to make up any deficit by curtailing expenses like dining out or entertainment extras. Many people plan to use credit cards to pay now and worry

about the aftermath later. Only use credit cards if you have the money in the bank and can pay off the entire bill when the balance due is in January.

Set a spending limit for individuals.



als. Based on your numbers and how much you plan to spend overall, start allocating money to categories, including gift recipients. Come up with a spending range for each person and stick to it.

Pay in cash as much as possible. It’s easy to know what you’re spending when using cash as opposed to credit. There is some risk with carrying around cash, but that risk may be offset by the benefit of spending only what you can afford to spend.

Track all purchases. Save the receipts and keep a running total of expenditures so you can see how your spending is measuring up to your budget. If necessary, scale back on one category if you’ve tipped the scales in spending on another.

Shop sales and deals. High-end stores may have the impressive tag, but their prices can set you back. Instead, look for comparable gifts at discount stores and other retailers. Also, if you must use a credit card, use one that earns you a cash-back bonus for added savings.

A holiday budget is a must to avoid overspending and finding yourself in debt early next year.

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New COVID-19 treatment at TidalHealth

As of Tuesday, TidalHealth became a regional referral site for the administration of a new COVID-19 treatment that drew attention when it was used to treat COVID-19 in President Donald Trump.

Bamlanivimab, a monoclonal antibody produced by Eli Lilly & Co., was granted emergency use authorization by the Food & Drug Administration on November 9. Only six hospitals in Maryland are in the first wave of facilities authorized to use the drug, and TidalHealth is the first site on the Eastern Shore.

Not every patient with a positive COVID-19 test will be eligible to receive the drug. Patients should be referred by their doctor, as it will only be given to those who are determined to be at high risk and are good candidates. People who are already hospitalized cannot receive the drug, as it has not been shown to benefit these patients. It is also not for children under the age of 12.

"The drug isn't for people who are already hospitalized – it is used for people who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and may be at risk for their case to become more severe because of other health factors such as age, diabetes or a compromised immune system," said

John Jordan, PharmD, BCPS, Senior Director of Pharmacy Services TidalHealth. "We are working hard to be able to bring this treatment to patients on the Delmarva Peninsula."

Bamlanivimab should be administered as soon as possible after a positive COVID-19 test and within 10 days of symptom onset. It is administered via a single intravenous infusion.

The treatment is a lab-created protein that mimics immune system antibodies that block viruses. By blocking viral attachment and entry into human cells, it helps to neutralize the virus. This ability to limit viral replication makes it helpful for those at risk for developing severe symptoms. Those wishing to learn more about bamlanivimab may visit www.fda.gov.

AGH welcomes new mental health provider

Atlantic General Hospital and Health System officials recently announced that a new provider has joined its behavioral health program. Diane Skolka, ANCC board certified psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) provides psychiatric and behavioral health care at the Atlantic Health Center alongside psychiatrist Bryce Blanton, MD.



Diane Skolka

Skolka has 19 years of experience as a registered nurse. She has a background in critical care/post anesthesia care in addition to her previous role as a patient care coordinator in case management and population health. She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing at Wilmington University and her master's degree in PMHNP studies at Eastern Kentucky University.

Skolka provides diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders including, but not limited to, depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, psychotic disorders, PTSD, ADD/ADHD, and personality disorders, with use of psychopharmacology and therapy.

Her philosophy for practice is based on facilitating positive personal change and growth. She incorporates a whole person approach to care with respect to the mind-body connection. Skolka is currently accepting new patients ages 18 and older. To schedule an appointment, please call 410-641-3340.

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