

Anglers Club to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, March 12, 9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library. The speaker will be Bob Cooke, a certified Coast Guard Auxiliary and DNR Police Instructor. His talk will cover maintaining and preparing your trailer, boat, engine and yourself for the Spring boating season. Specifics will cover: trailer, vessel, engine, electrical, batteries, fuel and fuel systems and stabilization as well as tips and specific product recommendations. All are welcome.

Casino trip planned

The Ocean Pines Boat Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the newly renovated and expanded Midway Casino at Harrington's on Thursday, April 14. The cost is \$18 per person which includes the bus ride and driver gratuity. At Harrington's attendees will receive \$15 credit towards playing plus \$7 toward the buffet lunch. The bus leaves the Ocean Pines Yacht Club parking lot at 10:15 a.m. and returns to the lot at 5 p.m. Space is limited to 50 attendees. The trip is open to boat club members and non-members. For more information or to sign up call Barbara Southwell at 410-641-5456.

Genealogists to meet

The Genealogy Group will meet March 15, from 10:30 to noon at the Ocean Pines library. There will be a short presentation on Genealogy Websites followed by open discussion. All are welcome to attend: beginning researchers to experienced genealogists. The meeting will be moderated by Tom Dempsey, past Vice President, SCGS and life-long researcher.

Legion to celebrate anniversary

The National American Legion will be 97 years old on Sunday March 13. To celebrate this event, Synepuxent Post # 166 located at 2308 Philadelphia Ave in Ocean City will hold a meat loaf dinner on March 13 at 4 p.m. The dinner for members and guests will cost \$7 which will include meat loaf, mash potatoes, veggies, a beverage (non alcoholic) and dessert. Tickets are on sale at the bar or call the Legion at 410-289-3166 for more information.



Students graduate from D.A.R.E Program

Worcester Prep 5th graders participated in the D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program taught by Sergeant Matthew Crisafulli of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. For two weeks, Sergeant Crisafulli visited WPS to teach a lesson a day in the classroom. The purpose of the D.A.R.E program is to teach children refusal skills to avoid the temptation of drug experimentation and the pressure of peers to engage in drug use. On February 16, Grade 5 teachers, Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Shockley, hosted a special program where the students received their D.A.R.E graduation certificates.

Above: **Sergeant Crisafulli** congratulates Worcester Prep 5th grader **Parker Tingle** on his graduation from the D.A.R.E Program.

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Volunteer fair and social scheduled

Come to the Ocean Pines Yacht Club located in Ocean Pines, Wednesday, March 16 from 5 – 7 p.m. and learn about area non-profit organizations and the opportunities available to you to help make a difference in our community.

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) and the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) collaborate every year to bring non-profit groups together so they can promote their cause and volunteer opportunities.

This year's line up includes MCBP, the Ocean Pines Environment and Natural Assets Advisory Committee (ENAAAC), Ocean Pines Neighborhood Watch, Worcester County Garden Club, Eastern Shore International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA), Assateague Coastal Trust, Master's Gardeners and Berlin Library Garden Project, Lower Shore Land Trust, Ocean Pines Farmers Market, Ocean City Surf Club, Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary, Diakonia, Telamon Corp, Assateague Island Alliance, and Town Cats.

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program is dedicated to preserving the watershed that include the five bays behind Ocean City and Assateague through restoration projects, outreach, and education. They manage several properties and have volunteer opportunities from tree plantings and invasive removal to seal stewards, and turtle and horseshoe crab counts.

The Ocean Pines Association's Environment and Natural Assets Advisory Committee provides suggestions and recommendations for improving the health and vitality of our natural resources as well as keeping the Ocean

Pines Community Board informed on environmental issues impacting Ocean Pines, a year-round residential community with over 9 miles of waterfront property and directly affecting our bays.

The Ocean Pines Farmers Market is a year-round open air market that supports family-based farming, farmers, food producers, artisans and crafters of the Eastern Shore. The Ocean Pines Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in White Horse Park and is seeking volunteers to provide support with tasks that include greeting and helping customers, assisting vendors, and the setup and closing down of the market.

Assateague Coastal Trust works to protect and enhance the natural resources of the Atlantic Coastal Bays watershed through advocacy, conservation, and education.

The Assateague Island Alliance was created to benefit Assateague Island National Seashore by supporting interpretive, educational, and scientific programs and assuring stewardship, restoration and preservation of our land, water, living resources, and historical sites while balancing high quality resource-compatible recreation.

The Berlin Library Garden is a community project to demonstrate sustainable, chemical-free gardening to the public. Produce is donated to Diakonia (shelter in West Ocean City) and Stevenson United Methodist Church, and used in library programming.

The Lower Shore Land Trust assists landowners and communities to

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Copy Central collects funds for colon cancer awareness

March is colon Cancer Awareness Month. Colon Cancer is personal for local business Copy Central. Owners Linda and Michael Dearing lost their daughter Gina to colon cancer in 2014. Gina Barnes was 37 years old when she was diagnosed. A wife and mother of three children she was too busy to make time for herself even when she noticed there was a problem. There is the misconception that colon cancer is a



Gina Barnes

in her honor to provide comfort and resources to individuals fighting the battle every day. Many have families, jobs and life responsibilities regardless of how the disease and treatments are making them feel physically and emotionally. Copy Central is honoring Gina's memory this month, raising awareness for colon cancer screenings, collecting change, selling bracelets and raising funds to Gina's Comfort Fund. The fund helps to alleviate some of the stress and financial barriers to individuals battling the disease. Donations can be made at Copy Central located at 11065 Cathell Road in Berlin Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Gina's Comfort Fund was created

'Spruce-Up' workshop offered

The Women's Commission of Worcester County invites you to attend the Suddenly Single workshop "Spring Spruce-Up" to be held at the Home Depot in Berlin on Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. Home Depot's Neil O'Callaghan will talk about household to-do's using tools and gardening tips.

To register for this workshop, call 410-208-2569 or email mcgawdb@mchsi.com. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited and there is no charge for this workshop.

The "Suddenly Single" initiative is open to all coping with the loss of a partner's support through illness, death, separation or divorce. For information about Suddenly Single, visit www.fwccw.org or contact Beverly Thomas at bevthomas@mchsi.com.

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Did you know that the saying "March comes in like a lion, but goes out like a lamb" was considered an historical predictor for early spring-time weather patterns?



There has been a lot of truth to the axiom: Just look at average temperatures in New York City. In early March, it's a chilly 48 degrees. By the end of the March, temps have jumped to a balmy 61 degrees, the single-highest increase for any month in the Big Apple.

Did you know that springtime allergies actually start in the winter?

By February, temperatures in most parts of the country have begun to rise, triggering the trees to bloom and release their pollen. The most allergic spring-time pollens are oak, olive, elm, birch, ash, hickory, poplar, sycamore, maple, cypress and walnut. Odds are you have a few of those trees near your home, so now is the time to stock up on tissues and allergy medicine.

MD Assembly considers vaccine mandate

Editor:

Are you aware that the MD General Assembly is currently in session? Included in this year's crop of mandaters are Democrat Delegates Angel, Culli-



son, and Pena-Melnyk who have introduced HB1178 "Requiring the Department of Health and

Mental Hygiene, in cooperation with the State Board of Education and the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations, to adopt regulations requiring that before a child enters

ninth grade, the child has received a specified number of doses of human papillomavirus vaccine".

These Democrat delegates purport themselves to be champions of LGBT rights, social justice and Planned Parenthood's slogan of "A woman's right to choose", NOT so much for a family's right to choose. The proposed legislation is non-sexist and therefore requires all children to suffer an unknown number of doses of such a vaccine.

Do you have children, grandchildren, nieces and/or nephews? Are you aware that the American College of Pediatrics has published a report detailing its concerns with this vaccine? (<http://www.acpeds.org/the-college->

speaks/position-statements/health-issues/new-concerns-about-the-human-papillomavirus-vaccine)

I have requested my elected representatives to let me know what their positions are on this mandate, but have received no replies.

Does anyone besides me remember THALIDOMIDE?

Gwen L. Cordner
Ocean City

Italian festival scheduled

For the sixth year, the Sons of Italy Lodge of Ocean City and St Luke/St Andrew churches are bringing the community together for a day of food, games and music.

The festival will be held at St Andrew's Hall at 144th and Sinepuxent streets in Ocean City, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 19.

Proceeds from the festival benefit St Luke's Catholic Church and local charities supported by the Lodge. In the past, the lodge has donated money to organizations such as Worcester County G.O.L.D., The Justin House of Bethany Beach, Diakonia and the Home of the Brave.

This year, The Sons of Italy Lodge has raised its student scholarship award from \$1,250 to \$1,500. One senior of Italian decent from Indian River, Stephen Decatur and Sussex Central may apply for the three awards.

Of course no festival would be complete without food, children's games and music. On the menu for the day are ravioli and meatball platters, meatball and sausage subs, homemade minestrone soup, beer, wine, soda and water.

In addition, homemade baked goods from lodge members will be available for purchase such as cannoli and zeppole, a traditional St Joseph cake in honor of St. Joseph for whom the festival was planned.

Music will be provided by the Baltimore's "Mario Monaldi Band." Children's and adult games will be available. Religious items, cookbooks and Italian clothing will be available for purchase.

For additional information contact Al DiOrio at 302-430-1004 or Sal Castorina at 302-436-2146.

Guns bills require scrutiny

Editor:

Here we go again.

There are several proposed gun bills of which your readership should be aware, and which are coming up for hearings in the Maryland Legislature soon:

HB 692/SB0947 would make it a criminal offense to privately transfer a long gun – requiring a licensed gun dealer to process. Can I ask, in all seriousness, when criminals have ever followed the law?

HB703 redefines "fire arm" to include antiques and replicas. This endangers the ability of citizens to engage in recreational activities, such as historical reenactment.

HB879/ SB742 would ban imitation or replica firearms, such as BB and pellet guns, as well as airsoft and paintball guns. Drill rifles used by in the ROTC, JROTC, American Legion and VFW could be banned, since they are "replicas".

SB906 would make all college campuses "gun and knife free zones". Are the authors of this legislation not aware that almost all, if not all, of the recent mass shootings have taken place in "gun free zones"?

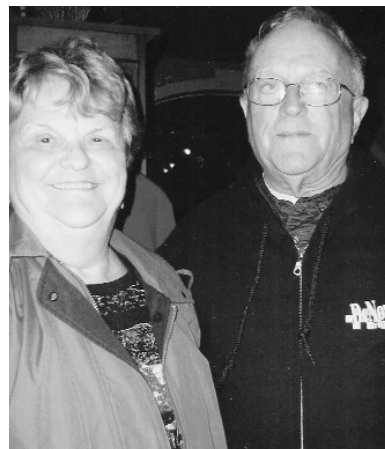
There are other bills proposed which cause concern, and there are also bills which believers in the Second Amendment should support. Please go to associatedgunclubs.org for a full list.

Folks, this has nothing to do with "gun safety".

MD Democrats can't be satisfied with the draconian gun bills passed in 2013, so they are going for the whole enchilada this year.

I am hoping that Democrat Delegates and Senators will get an ear (or email) full of comments on these bills.

Carol Frazier
Ocean Pines



Proud attire - Bill Long

proudly wears the door prize he won at the Girl Scouts Spaghetti Dinner held at DeNovo's. The beautiful tee shirt was donated by Bob Beck. With Paul is his wife Peggy.

Upon the cushions of history

On a recent Friday afternoon my family and I bade farewell to a dear friend and supporter, bringing to a close a relationship of nearly 20

years. We replaced our well loved, well worn living room sofa. A sort of cream color with blue stripes, wide arm rests, matching pillows and wood trim accenting the base and legs, it was as far as sofas go, nice looking and comfortable.

It was on this sofa that our dog, Quincy, many years ago would curl up to sleep when he thought no one was home. Despite

being chased off each time he was discovered, he always feigned surprise when told to move.

It was on the back of this sofa that our cat could be found whiling away many afternoons, stretched out beside the window catching some sun.

It was beneath the cushions that could be found compressed popcorn, fallen pocket change, random Lego pieces and the television remote control.

In recent years, although it was a sturdy sofa, its wear began to show. One of the cushions suffered a burn hole from a source my wife and I have never been able to determine although we have our suspicions. The flipside of that same cushion developed a small tear. Through the years, it had been cleaned often. But no amount of cleaning could erase the many years of "love" it had endured. So we finally made the decision to replace it.

It took us several months of on again, off again shopping to find just what we wanted. Selecting a new sofa requires patience and considerable in-store testing. Aside from color and style there are other important factors that weigh heavily on a decision. How does it feel when I sit on it? How does it feel when I lay on it? Can I fit on it lying down? What is the cost relative to the expected life expectancy? Eventually we found a sofa that met all the criteria. And on that Friday afternoon when it was delivered, taking its place in the living room, a new era was ushered in.

Yet in some ways it was as if nothing had changed. For when I came home from work that afternoon my youngest son was already upon it contemplating his life's future through closed lids.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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years. We replaced our well loved, well worn living room sofa. A sort of cream color with blue stripes, wide arm rests, matching pillows and wood trim accenting the base and legs, it was as far as sofas go, nice looking and comfortable.

We purchased the sofa not long after moving into our home, replacing one that had been handed down to us several years before. Silly though it may seem, on the days leading up to the sofa's departure I couldn't help reminiscing about the family history that rested on its cushions.

It was on this sofa that my wife fed our youngest baby son. It was also the sofa upon which my wife sat giving our granddaughter and grandson their bottles.

It was the sofa my wife and I turned toward the front door and waited in the wee small hours of a morning when one of our children wasn't home by curfew. There we sat in the dark waiting for the violator to try to enter the house quietly through the front door. The perp was sadly disappointed.

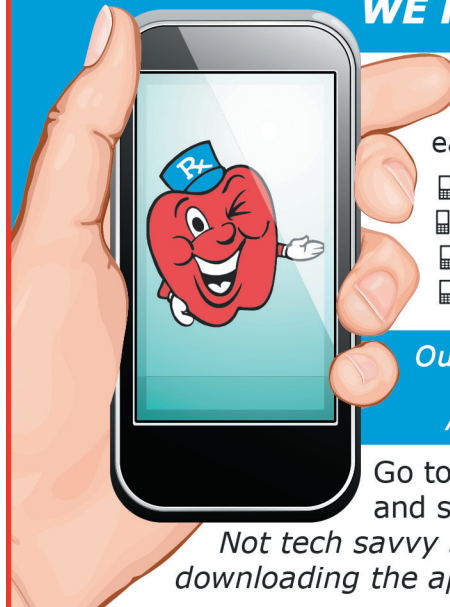
It was on this sofa that I writhed in unparalleled pain when my gall bladder went into horrific spasms. It was where I recovered following surgery.

Many a movie night was enjoyed while sitting on this sofa eating popcorn. It was while sitting upon its cushions that my daughter discussed her wedding plans with me, flipping through her sketch book pointing out designs she wanted created for the backyard reception. It was on this sofa that I sat sadly following my daughter's move with her husband to Arizona.

Many a pre-dawn morning I spent sitting on the right cushion reading the paper or a book while

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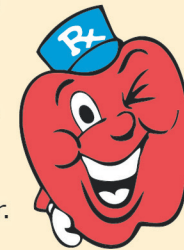
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Historical Society to hold dinner

The Worcester County Historical Society is planning its annual spring dinner for Friday, April 8, at the Pocomoke Community Center, Market and 14th streets. The dinner will feature the Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary's famous chicken and dumplings.

This year's speaker will be Gordon E. Katz, an award winning author, who will speak on "Exploring West Ocean City: The other Side of the Bay." The talk will be accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation that first briefly outlines the history of the area, beginning in the earliest years of the Maryland colony. That discussion will be followed by a deeper look into one small slice of West Ocean City, drawn in large part from conversations with George Hurley, who grew up in West Ocean City.

Several years ago Katz published a book telling about the early history of Ocean City from 1875 to 1890. This book received two prestigious awards: an Award of Merit from the American Association for

State and Local History and the Tee O'Connor Professional Award from the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council. He is presently working on a sequel to that publication, which continues the story of both Ocean City and the surrounding areas of Eastern Worcester County from 1890 through the storm of 1933 that created the inlet.

There will also be a short photo presentation of the relocation of the Mt. Zion one-room school from Snow Hill to its new location in Furnace Town. Plans are to have the school open by the time that Furnace Town opens for the season, Friday, April 1.

Doors will open for the event at 5:30 p.m. Friday evening and the dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22 per person and can be purchased by sending a check to Robert Fisher, WCHS Treasurer, 230 South Washington St., Snow Hill, MD 21863. The deadline for reservations for the dinner, which is open to the public, is April 1.



Raising funds - The K-Kids Group from Showell Elementary School collected supplies for the Worcester County Humane Society (WCHS). The group is chartered by the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines/Ocean City. In addition, every year the school collects pennies for the 100th day of school and then they choose a charity to which to donate. This year they raised more than \$300 and chose WCHS as the recipient.

Pictured is the group with teacher **Evelyn Collins**.

Finnegan's Wake event coming

Been to a good wake lately? Grab your green and come to a grand one at the Fourth Annual Finnegan's Wake to be held on Saturday, March 19, starting at 5 p.m. in Seacrets' Morley Hall.

Finnegan's Wake is a mock Irish funeral that notes the supposed passing of Tim Finnegan. The Irish are known for their love of good conversation and good drink, and they said good-bye to their loved ones with a lively party.

This lively party, sponsored by The Friends of WCDC, will fill Morley Hall with great music, great food and lots of laughter all for the benefit of the clients of the Worcester County Developmental Center

Headliners again this year will be the Irish Lads. Based in Northeast Pennsylvania, the Lads have been performing traditional Irish folk songs since 1978. Members include Tommy Boyle (guitar, vocals and keyboard), Mike Dolan (button box accordion, Bodh ran, tin whistle and vocals) and the Lad who is a lass, Gwenn Boyle (vocals). The Lads have shared the stage with many Irish legends including The Clancy Brothers, Tommy Makem, Seamus Kennedy and the Dubliners.

Back for their second year is local favorite Folk Heroes. In 1994, Robin Cockey, Charlie Stegman and Mike O'Loughlin formed the group, and in 2007, Mickey Justice joined the band. They are known for their classic Irish style and multi-instrument musicianship. They have been popular entertainers around the Delmarva Peninsula, and can often be found at the Irish Penny in Salisbury in Celtic jam sessions.

No Irish wake would be complete

without a bagpipe, and Tim Finnegan goes out in glory with the renowned Ocean City Pipes and Drums. Not only does this talented troupe start off the evening in style leading the funeral procession, but they also perform two flawless sets of highland music and military marches that will stir and move you.

There will also be chances for audience participation. Audience members will be able to view Finnegan and tell him a joke. If Finnegan responds, and you "raise the dead with laughter" you get a free drink.

Wealthy Irish hired professional mourners called Keeners, to wail for their loved ones. Anyone who wishes will be able to have their mourning judged by volume and style and be in the running for a special prize.

Event sponsors are Cheers Beer, Wine and Spirits of Berlin and The Robert W. Nock Insurance Agency of Salisbury. Entertainment sponsors are Crush 'N Crab Restaurant in Berlin and Steve Cohen, Ocean Pines Realtor.

Admission is \$20. Happy hour prices will be in effect at the bar, and the Seacrets kitchen will be offering traditional Irish foods as well as their regular menu.

All money raised goes to the Friends of WCDC, the auxiliary that supports the mission of the Worcester County Developmental Center. WCDC provides employment opportunities, day habilitation training, residential services and community based supports for adults who live with an intellectual disability. For more information about the wake or about the WCDC programs, call 410-632-2382.

Health Dept. to hold grocery store tours

March is National Nutrition Month, a nutrition education campaign sponsored annually by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. This year's theme is "Savor the Flavor of Eating Right" and individuals are encouraged to take time to enjoy food traditions and appreciate the benefits, great flavors and social experiences food can add to our lives.

Improving overall health requires a lifelong commitment to positive lifestyle behaviors such as responsible nutrition and regular exercise. A healthy eating plan combined with physical activity can help with weight loss, maintenance of a healthy body weight, and reduce the risk of chronic diseases.

In celebration of National Nutrition Month, the Worcester County Health Department will be sponsoring free grocery store tours. These tours will be led by a registered and licensed dietitian who will help participants navigate the grocery store aisles and select the most nutritious foods. Tours will be offered on the following dates/locations:

- Monday, March 14, 10 a.m., Wal Mart, 11416 Ocean Gateway, Berlin
- Monday, March 21, 10 a.m., Food Lion, 11801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City

Pre-registration is encouraged. All participants will receive a free reusable grocery tote. For additional information or to register, please call the Worcester County Health Department at 410-632-0056. Eat healthy. Be active. Prevent diabetes today.





Happy Birthday - Ocean Pines resident **Charlie Warner** celebrated his 82nd birthday February 10. His wife Sid presented him with a Fisherman's Surprise Luncheon and the Sail Fish he caught in Mexico a long time ago, but was unable to hang in their home due to not enough room. Now, Charlie can hang his Sail Fish in the new addition to their home.

Boardwalkin' for Pets nears

Ocean city is going to the dogs April 22 and 23. Join the Worcester County Humane Society (WCHS) for a week-end of fundraising fun which includes the 17th Annual Boardwalkin' for Pets on Saturday, April 23.

The public is invited to a dinner and silent auction on Friday, April 22 at Adolfo's on the ocean (13th St.) from 5-9 p.m. Advance tickets are being sold online (www.worcestercountyhumesociety.org/boardwalkin-for-pets) or at Adolfo's for \$15 which includes choice of spaghetti and meatballs, eggplant parmesan, chicken parmesan, side salad, fresh baked rolls, dessert and nonalcoholic beverage. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$20. Adolfo's will donate a percentage from every ticket purchased to the Worcester County Humane Society. The dinner is a casual gathering with some fabulous auction items to bid on ranging from \$10 to \$1000.

Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon, grab your best friend and head to the boardwalk inlet for the 17th Annual Boardwalkin' for Pets. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with the walk starting at 9 a.m. Raise money for the walk and receive prizes. This is the perfect opportunity to create a team. After the long winter what better way to gather some family, friends, classmates, coworkers or neighbors and raise money, walk and have fun. There is a \$25 minimum for individuals and

please see **pets** on page 11

DPI scholarship deadline nears

Applications for the 2016 Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. (DPI) College Scholarship Program must be received at the DPI office by 4:30 p.m. on April 1, 2016.

Undergraduate applicants must be a resident of the Delmarva Peninsula and a student in good standing at any accredited, degree-granting institution in the United States. The program is also open to high school seniors who have been accepted to an accredited, degree-granting institution. Individuals must have an academic major in a subject area relevant to any segment of Delmarva's poultry industry and be planning a career in this industry. An official transcript must accompany each application.

Graduate student applicants must meet the above criteria, with the exception of Delmarva residency, and the individual must be engaged in research that directly benefits Delmarva's poultry industry.

Application forms and additional scholarship information are available on the DPI website at www.dpicken.org, click on college scholarships (left menu column), or contact the DPI office at 800-878-2449 or by e-mail at dpi@dpicken.com.



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Women's History Month celebrated

On March 1 the Commissioners of Worcester County proclaimed March as Women's History Month to encourage citizens to take this occasion to learn more about the history and accomplishments of women in America.

The Worcester County Commission for Women will celebrate Women's History Month at a luncheon to be held on Wednesday, March 16 from 11a.m. 2 p.m. at the Clarion Resort Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. The luncheon "Honoring Women in Public Service and Government" will recognize Worcester County women whose lives exemplify exceptional vision and leadership.

Former Worcester County Commissioner, Louise Lee Gulyas (1934-2015) will be honored as the 2016 Woman in History for her extraordinary life, wor-

thy of celebration and remembrance. Worcester County Commissioner, Diana W. Purnell (Berlin) will be honored as the 2016 Woman of the Year.

Six Worcester County students will be honored as Women of Tomorrow. The award categories are Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10, and Grades 11-12, with each category recognizing an awardee for first place or honorable mention.

The 2016 Women of Tomorrow are: Lydia Woodley (Stephen Decatur Middle School), T'Nae Fitch (Snow Hill Middle School), Laila Mirza (Stephen Decatur High School), Tatyana Waters (Pocomoke High School), Tierra Watkins (Snow Hill High School) and Kallie Blakelock (Snow Hill High School). These outstanding young women will be recognized for their leadership abilities, academic achievements and for making a significant positive impact on their community.

Meredith "Merry" Mears, Worcester County Economic Development Director, is our featured keynote speaker. The event will include exhibitors, awards, a silent auction and raffles. The cost to attend is \$37.00 per person, which includes an entrée of Pork Loin filled with a spinach & mushroom roulade and roasted Top Sirloin of Beef with a sherried mushroom sauce served to the side or a Vegetarian, gluten-free choice. Tables of eight may be reserved. A cash bar will be available.

For reservations, call 410-208-6798, email hfgowl@mediacommbb.net or mail a check to FWCCW, P.O. Box 1712, Berlin MD 21811 NLT March 9th. Designate on your check "Vegetarian" if this is your choice of entrees. Proceeds from this event benefit the McGuffey literacy program that provides summer reading books and book bags to Worcester County students in grades 1-3.



Success — The Girl Scouts Spaghetti Dinner February 22, at DeNovo's Trattoria was a success. Owner Bob Beck helped the Girl Scouts raise \$720. (L-R) **Mary Evans, Shannon Madden, Anna Foults, William East, Beverly and Laura Meadows.**

Apply for unmanned aircraft systems course

Anyone interested in the next Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) training course being offered by the continuing education and workforce development division at Wor-Wic Community College has until March 9 to apply.

The course will be offered Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 4 through 29, at the college campus on the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

The course introduces students to the history of unmanned aircraft systems, and current and future developments in civil and military operations. Topics covered include unmanned vehicles, communication, navigation, launch and recovery, control stations,

payloads and support equipment. Aviation regulatory system and integration, safety and human factors, ethical and legal issues, and the future of UAS will also be covered. Students also receive in-class flight simulator experience in a computer laboratory in order

to reinforce classroom learning and prepare them for hands-on field experiences.

Tuition is free, but applicants must go through a selection process and

space is limited. The training is being funded by an EARN (Employment Advancement Right Now) grant from the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

For more information about the course, visit the college website at www.worwic.edu <<http://www.worwic.edu>> or call 410-334-2815. To be considered for the training, visit the training programs section on the Quality Staffing Services website at www.easternshorejobs.com <<http://www.easternshorejobs.com>> or call them at 410-742-2600.

The course is a partnership between Wor-Wic and Sentinel Robotic Solutions in Chincoteague, Va., the Lower Shore Workforce Alliance in Salisbury, the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International in Arlington, Va., UAV Solutions in Jessup, Md., and Quality Staffing Services in Salisbury.



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Alexander Hamilton
by Ron Chernow

*"The liberty of the press
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even though it reflect on the
government, magistrates
or individuals."*

-Alexander Hamilton
1755-1804

The story of Alexander Hamilton's birth and beginnings on Nevis and St. Croix reads much like the early days of a Charles Dickens's waif. Those demeaning times influenced and haunted Hamilton for the rest of his life, personally and politically. It is understandable why, after reading histo-

rian Ron Chernow's voluminous biography "Alexander Hamilton," Lin-Manuel Miranda crafted the book into an award winning Broadway musical where tickets are sold out for the next 10 months. There is enough exciting drama in Hamilton's life to foster several scripts.

And what do most of us know of one Founding Father who did not become President of the United States? (As to why Hamilton never did, I believe Mr. Chernow bestows quality and reason to this age old question.) Hamilton was the first Secretary of the Treasury, he was killed in a dual with Aaron Burr and his face appears on the \$10 dollar bill. (Because of all the resurgent interest in Hamilton, recent plans to place a woman's portrait on that bill have been pigeonholed.) Mr. Chernow undertakes to enlighten

readers of the full but short life of this Renaissance man with a door-stop biography. This book has taken on a second life, as its author acknowledges, since it was first published in 2004.

Alexander Hamilton was born out of wedlock to Rachel (prevented from remarrying as so stipulated in her divorce decree) and James Hamilton. Though poor, he applied himself to extensive book learning and eventually clerked in a shipping firm on St. Croix. Recognizing his potential, a fund was established to send him to the American colonies to be formally educated.

In college at the start of the American Revolution he joined the militia, rapidly advanced in General Washington's Continental Army and became his "principal and most confidential" aide-de-camp by age 22. During this time Hamilton "began building a network that became the foundation of his future political base."

Before the Revolution ended he married Elizabeth Schuyler, daughter of a prestigious New York family. Shortly thereafter he left General Washington's staff to command a bat-

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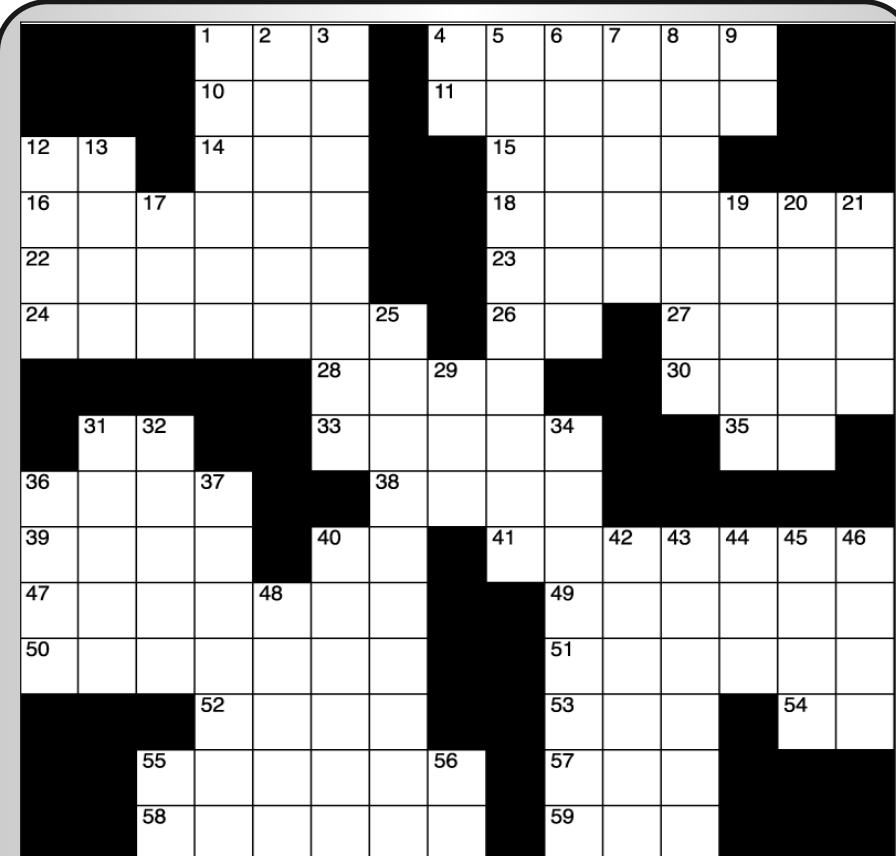
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1. Exclamation that denotes disgust
4. Climbed over
10. Has 50 states
11. Able to move
12. Prime Minister (abbr.)
14. Cotangent (abbr.)
15. Particle
16. Fastened
18. Wonders
22. Surpassing all others
23. Provides basement access
24. Daily
26. North Dakota
27. Related to gulls
28. Provoke
30. Lake ___, one of the Great
31. Police department
33. Throat illness
35. South Dakota
36. Contains iron (Brit.)
38. Sees what the future holds

DOWN
1. ___ up
2. Rear of (nautical)
3. Purses
4. Samarium
5. A way to take forcibly
6. On or into
7. Metric

ACROSS
39. The extended location of something
40. Cobalt
41. Dwells
47. Repri-mand
49. Agree to a demand
50. Talented in or devoted to music
51. Gospels
52. European defense organization (abbr.)
53. Edge of a cloth
54. Equally
55. Experience again
57. Female sheep
58. Made vanish
59. Unit of force (abbr.)

DOWN
25. Term of affection
29. They ___
31. Polynesian wrapped skirt

ACROSS
32. Far down areas in the sea
34. Delivered a sermon
36. Any physical damage
37. A Seattle ballplayer
40. Raccoonlike animals
42. Odd boys
44. Billy __ Williams
45. Icelandic poems
46. A Scottish tax
48. Central Florida city
55. Rhenium
56. ___, denotes past

DOWN
8. Assign to a higher position
9. Delaware
12. Post-traumatic stress disorder
13. Island
17. Central processing unit
19. Pitchers
20. Long-winged member of the gull family
21. Auld lang ___, good old days
25. Term of affection
29. They ___
31. Polynesian wrapped skirt

Answers for Mar 2

That's how my garden grows...

By Betty McDermott



Hello Fellow Gardeners,

Here we are in March already and I hope it treats us all kindly. We have had our share of snow, cold weather and wind. According to the famous "Ground Hog," it should be an early spring. Let's hope he is right.

Since February was so cold, windy and rainy, you may not have done those few chores that needed to be done last month. So just for a quick reminder I will mention them again before I get into the chores for March.

*Cut back your ornamental grasses to about five to eight inches from the crown.

*Add one cup of hydrated lime to the base of your clematis bushes and then water well; cut back the vines to about three to five inches from the base.

*If you have lilac bushes, sprinkle about a cup of hydrated lime around the base and work well into the soil. Follow with a good watering.

*If you haven't trimmed back your crape myrtle bushes or trees, now is the time to do this chore.

Now for those jobs that should be done in March, here are some guidelines.

*Pruning of roses – Keep a close eye on your rose bushes and if you see new buds forming, or a swelling on the branches, it is time to prune. Remember to prune branches at a 45 degree angle about one quarter inch above an outward facing bud or leaflet. If you have knock-out roses and they are

young, just prune back lightly to achieve a better shape. Do not prune knock-out roses all the way to the ground. For all roses, prune any branch that crosses another branch. If you see winter damaged canes, cut them back to healthy, green wood. Remove any suckers growing from below the bud union. It is very important to prune roses early in the spring as the buds begin to swell, so examine your bushes carefully. After you finish pruning your roses, add some good rose fertilizer around the base. Work it well into the soil and then water. If you eat bananas, save your banana peels and cut them up, then add them around the base of your rose bushes. Work them well into the soil; banana peels add potassium to the soil and helps to prevent rose black spot. Good luck!

*Prune winter damaged hedges. Trim more at the top than the bottom to allow more light to reach lower branches.

*Prune established ivy, lirioppe, and other raggedy, ground covers as new growth begins.

Divide overcrowded perennials early this month before new growth is established.

Now is a good time to clean up your yard from all the debris the wind brought into it.

If you didn't clean up your garden beds last fall, this job should be done now. Remove all weeds and debris. Work up

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Tide and Sun Chart				
* tide is for Ocean City Fishing Pier. Add two hours for Isle of Wight tide				
DATE	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thur., March 10	8:17 a.m. 8:39 p.m.	2:05 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	6:18 a.m.	6:03 p.m.
Fri., March 11	9:06 a.m. 9:30 p.m.	2:57 a.m. 3:18 p.m.	6:17 a.m.	6:04 p.m.
Sat., March 12	9:55 a.m. 10:22 p.m.	3:50 a.m. 4:08 p.m.	6:15 a.m.	6:05 p.m.
Sun., March 13	11:46 a.m.	5:47 a.m. 6:01 p.m.	7:14 a.m.	7:06 p.m.
Mon., March 14	12:17 a.m. 12:41 p.m.	6:47 a.m. 6:58 p.m.	7:12 a.m.	7:07 p.m.
Tues., March 15	1:16 a.m. 1:41 p.m.	7:50 a.m. 7:59 p.m.	7:11 a.m.	7:08 p.m.
Wed., March 16	2:22 a.m. 2:48 p.m.	8:56 a.m. 9:02 p.m.	7:09 a.m.	7:09 p.m.

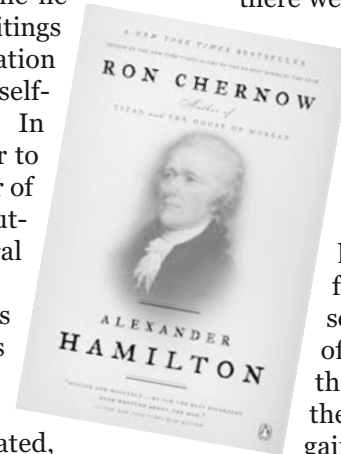


Surprise - Delores Koch was surprised by a birthday party given for her by friends from Ocean Pines on Friday February 26, at Sunset Grille. (L-R) **Harvey and Delores Koch** and waitress **Jania Gates**.

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talion, becoming a hero at Yorktown. Colonel Hamilton left the army to resume his law studies at King's College (now Columbia) and establish his own practice. During this time he produced voluminous writings outlining how a new nation might be formed out of self-serving individual states. In one, forty plus page letter to Robert Morris, supervisor of financial matters, he outlined his ideas for a central banking system.

Mr. Chernow illustrates how Hamilton's successes rose and waned; how his political alliances blossomed and deteriorated, though Washington remained his staunchest ally, even to penning the first president's farewell address to Congress. Mr. Chernow enumerates the deep-seated influences of the 13 states, unwilling to forego their taxing privileges to form a union. The struggle to get these states to ratify the Constitution was to result in the Federalist Papers, Hamilton's writings, dedicated



to this end.

With over 200 years of American history behind us we can only form ideas as to who these Founding Fathers might have been and opine as to which men got it right or wrong in the new government. Along life's time-line there were the writings of influ-

ential people which would sway readers...hearsay, misinterpretation of facts and of course outright falsehoods. Mr. Chernow lays it all on the line for readers to judge for themselves the reasons behind the decisions of these men – whether they were for the good of the nation or personal gain.

He presents reams of personal correspondence of the time and this can weigh tedious to some readers. I admit that this book by its very length is a challenge but worth the read because of the seminal historic events revisited. At times I found myself turning pages quickly much as I would in a good detective novel. For instance there was that summer of 1791 where Treasury Secretary Hamilton juggled a government crisis when securities crashed, became involved in building a new national industrial organization and had an affair with a married woman.

And finally the coup de grace of Hamilton's life – his death at the hand of Aaron Burr. Mr. Chernow guides readers through the clash of personalities and politics between the two men, fated to play out the ultimate Greek tragedy. He enumerates differing scenarios for readers to surmise why the animosity escalated. But Hamilton, no stranger to perceived slights where a dual was indicated (most notably with James Monroe) and then mercifully averted, this time met his adversary at Weehauken, New Jersey.

In the end Hamilton could never let go of his early life – Mr. Chernow makes this point time and time again. Though he was a brilliant statesman, writer and orator, he could not overcome the vanity, suspicions and pettiness that fueled him. But then neither could others of those times and they were influential enough to relegate Hamilton to a back seat in history...until now. Thank you Mr. Chernow.

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for teams a \$25 per team per member minimum. Prizes will be awarded to the highest pledge earners, top individual and team. Enter contests and win prizes for largest dog, smallest dog, best dressed dog and best dog trick. There will be refreshments provided by Harrison's Harbor Watch Restaurant and Layton's Family Restaurant 16th Street.

For the out of town walkers, special rates are available at the following dog friendly hotels- La Quinta Inn & Suites, Comfort Inn & Suites and Clarion. Mention Boardwalkin' for Pets to receive the special rates.

Don't have a dog to walk? "Adopt" a shelter dog for the event. Arrangements must be made in advance by calling the shelter at 410-213-0146.

Bring a photo of your cat to the walk with your contact information written on the back. A special prize basket will be awarded to the "cutest cat." Photos will not be returned and become property of WCHS.

"Last year was amazing with participants raising about \$30,000" said Boardwalkin' for Pets Chair Heather Bahrami. "This year, the goal is \$50,000 and I feel very confident we can do it. The event is such a fun way to gather with friends and family to get outside and be active all while helping the animals at the shelter."

The shelter is also looking for sponsorships for the event. By having generous sponsors, the money raised at the event goes to the animals' care rather than paying for the event. There are three levels of sponsor-

ships. First level is \$1,000 for "Leader of the Pack," second level is \$500 for "Member of the Pack," and third level is \$350 for "Fat Cat." In return the sponsor's business will be advertised on the back of the event t-shirt in order of the sponsorship level and will be featured on the sponsorship board at the Adolfo's dinner and the day of the walk. Sponsor's logo will also be advertised on the WCHS website with a link to the company's website.

The Worcester County Humane Society, located on 12330 Eagles Nest Road in Berlin, is a private, non-profit, no-kill animal shelter and operates mainly on donations. Boardwalkin' for Pets is the shelter's largest fundraiser held every year. All money raised is used to care for the many dogs and cats that call the shelter home. In addition to providing everyday care, the animals also receive veterinary care which can be quite expensive. The animals receive loving care until they are adopted into suitable homes.

If you would like to be a sponsor for "Boardwalkin' for Pets," please make checks payable to Worcester County Humane Society. Note "BWFP Sponsor" on the check, and mail to the shelter at PO Box 48, Berlin, MD 21811 by March 18, 2016 or contact Heather Melson Bahrami at 443-235-8557. If you are unable to sponsor the event but would like to contribute, the shelter is in need of gift certificates, gift baskets or other items from businesses for the silent auction.

For more information or to pre-register for the walk visit the event website www.worcestercountyhumane.org/boardwalkin-for-pet or check out the Boardwalkin' for Pets facebook page.

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conserve land for the enjoyment and well-being of present and future generations.

The Ocean City Surf Club celebrates our ocean community, its heritage and future, and supports area youth through scholarships and mentoring.

The Eastern Shore IMBA was created to organize residents of the Delmarva Peninsula who seek to promote bicycle riding in all forms for all ages. Activities include mountain bike trail creation and maintenance, promotion of youth/BMX programs in the region, group rides and outings, political advocacy, promoting bike safety and healthy lifestyles, and socializing with people with similar interest

For ninety years, members of the Worcester Garden Club have been learning, doing, contributing and advocating for the natural environment. Activities include educational programs, flower shows, garden tours,

and community service.

Since 1965, Telamon Corporation has provided supportive assistance to untold numbers of recipients. Farmworkers and their families, children born into poverty, low-income and elderly residents of rural America, youth who struggle with societal challenges, the dislocated and disenfranchised comprise this universe of people in need. To our stylized logo-gram, we add a heart that beats with commitment to those we choose to serve, and a soul that is the collective effort of thousands of employees and volunteers who have given of themselves. In more than three decades, our maturity as a nonprofit organization has grown along with the number of programs we operate and our geographic reach. Today, over 100 projects bring help with childcare, employment, housing, education and community development to people in ten states.

Town Cats was organized in 1998 in an attempt to deal with the feral cat population of Ocean City, Maryland. When they went home in the

fall, many summer visitors would leave behind the cats they had been feeding all summer to face the winter without food or shelter. Those that survived would inevitably breed in the spring, producing litters of feral kittens that would eventually produce more unwanted kittens. Something had to be done to stop the litters and so Town Cats was born to spay/neuter/vaccinate the feral cats of Ocean City.

For more than forty years Diakonia has been helping individuals and families in Worcester County and on

the Lower Shore by providing shelter, food, clothing and the resources to rebuild their lives. Diakonia is the only comprehensive provider of emergency and transitional housing for men, women, and families on the Lower Shore.

This will be a great opportunity to learn more about these organizations and community service opportunities available to you to make a difference.

For more information contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or call 410-213-2297 ext 106.

Library branches to close for staff training

All Worcester County branch libraries will be closed during the day on Wednesday, March 16, while staff participates in a full-day training event. There will be no library programs on March 16.

Two library branches in Berlin and Snow Hill will be open to serve customers Wednesday evening from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Worcester County Library's website and online resources are always available. Please visit www.worcesterlibrary.org to access library services, including reserving materials, renewing items, and searching library databases. In addition, book drops will be open at each library location.

All Worcester County library branches will resume standard operating hours on Thursday, March 17.

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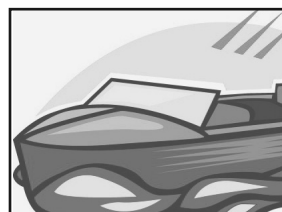
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Community Calendar

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Mondays

Ocean Pines Poker Club

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

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

Sweet Adelines

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

Mon. & Tues.

Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge

Open bridge games Monday at 12 p.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m. at OP Community Center. Call Mary Stover 410-726-1795

Mon., Wed. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

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

Tuesdays

Families Anonymous

From 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at room 37 in the the Community Church at Ocean Pines on Rte. 589. For more information call Carol at 410-208-4515.

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

Tuesdaysand Thursdays

Poker players wanted for Gentlemen's Poker in North Gate

area Ocean Pines. Game played every Tuesday & Thursday evening 5:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. on Pinehurst Rd. Ocean Pines. Call 410-208-0063 for more information.

Wednesdays

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Elks Bingo

Ocean City Elks in Ocean City (behind Fenwick Inn) open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 and bingo at 7 p.m. Call 410-250-2645.

Delmarva Hand Dancing

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

Rotary Club

Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held at 5:45 p.m. at the Captains Table in Ocean City. Contact Stan.Kahn@carouselhotel.com.

Square Dancing

The Pinesteppers have introduction to square dancing at the OP Community Center at 7 p.m. Call Bruce Barrett at 410-208-6777.

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin

Wednesday Night Bayside Beginnings Al-Anon family meetings are held at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

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

Diakonia Thrift Shop

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

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

Thursdays

Story Time

Stories, music and crafts at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3-5 at Ocean Pines library. Call 410-208-4014.

Beach Singles

Beach Singles 45 for Happy Hour at Harpoon Hanna's at 4 p.m. Call Arlene at 302-436-9577, Kate at 410-524-0649 or Dianne at 302-541-4642.

Legion Bingo

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

Gamblers Anonymous

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

Fridays

Knights of Columbus Bingo

Bingo will be held behind St. Luke's Church, 100th St. in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments available. Call 410-524-7994.

garden

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the soil and add some fertilizer and a bit of lime, if needed. The PH level should be between 6 and 7. If your soil needs to be amended, consider a good top layer of mushroom compost. If you use mushroom compost, you may not need the fertilizer. You may want to amend your soil yourself by using leaf mold, compost plant material, grass clippings and cover crops. If you use manure, make sure it is aged, or it will burn your crops. Just make sure you work all of these additions in real well by turning the soil over and over.



If you love fresh greens, such as spinach, lettuce, and arugula you can grow your own by buying the plants and planting them in a container or a spot in your yard. Just make sure you place them where they will get four to five hours of sun each day. Keep them watered and when they are ready to eat, just cut off what you need with your scissors. Just think - fresh greens that you grew and no chance of being contaminated.

Well, so much for this time; enjoy your activities outside and happy gardening.

"In my garden, after a rainfall, you can faintly, yes, hear the breaking of new blooms."

- Truman Capote



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WINE about it

by Jean Marx

You never know when a history lesson is in store. Recently, I popped into Colonial Liquors in La Plata, Maryland to pick up a couple bottles of wine for my upcoming weekend with my mother and sister. My timing was great, as they were hosting a wine tasting where my short history lesson began.

The wines we were sampling were from the Barton & Guestier winery. The winery is located in the town of Blanquefort, France, just outside the port city of Bordeaux. The back of the label from their Vouvray wine (a white wine from the Chenin Blanc grape) states, "In 1775, thanks to their friend Thomas Jefferson, future president and ambassador to France, Barton & Guestier became the first wine shipper to introduce French wines to the United States." I was intrigued, so I decided to look up Barton & Guestier as well as the future president to learn of their wine adventures.

The history lesson begins with Thomas Barton emigrating from Ireland to Bordeaux at the age of 30 to make his fortune. He soon established a shipping company in the year 1725 that by 1747 became the top company in shipping Bordeaux wine and other goods. During this time, Barton also became a négociant, which is a French term for a wine merchant who buys grapes, grape juice, or bulk wine from smaller growers and then sells the finished product under his own label. He purchased vineyards to further improve the quality of his wines. Barton and his son William met Daniel Guestier, a young Frenchman and shipowner, who was successfully exporting Bordeaux wines into the port city of Baltimore in the British colonies. In a fascinating article entitled "Wining About the Good Life: Barton & Guestier — A Love Story, Continued..." by Phillip Silverstone, he writes, "It was Guestier who built a series of extremely fast ships, including the legendary *La Grande Nancy*, to run the British blockade of the colonies during the American Revolution. And it was Guestier who delivered the wines of Bordeaux that President Thomas Jefferson had ordered from the well-respected négociant."

With regard to Thomas Jefferson, he was born in 1743 and took a fascination to wine at an early age. While attending the College of William & Mary, it is be-

lieved he was introduced to fine wines by the then governor of Virginia, Francis Fauquier, as well as his law professor, George Wythe. Jefferson tinkered with planting his own grapes for several decades to no avail. When he became the Ambassador to France in 1785, he moved to Paris for five years. In 1787 he took a three-month tour of southern France and northern Italy to explore the intricacies of winemaking.

Jefferson remained committed throughout his adult life to the idea of growing wines in his native Virginia that were of the same quality as wine of the European countries he visited. He usually negotiated all of the ordering, shipping, and payment arrangements himself. This included having many wines shipped to him in barrels that he bottled at his Monticello estate. He even planted cork oak trees on the estate grounds to be able to produce his own corks. During his presidency, estimates place his wine spending at \$16,500 in an era when his annual presidential salary and expenses were \$25,000.

Jefferson never accomplished his dream of producing fine wines at Monticello. He even went so far as establishing two separate vineyards on his property that were divided into 17 sections reserved for specific grape varietals. The classic wine species in Europe he tried to duplicate was the *Vitis vinifera*. Much of the reason for his failure at replicating this species was poor insect control; the main culprit was discovered decades later to be the phylloxera louse. Today, Jefferson would be pleased to know that his estate produces delicious wines but these are made from hearty, local varietals rather than the European species.

If you're looking for two delicious wines from the Barton & Guestier winery, I offer an excellent white and red for you to try. The white is the Vouvray Chenin Blanc. It had a wonderful floral fragrance and tasted of pears and peaches. The red is "Girls Night Out," a blend of 80% Merlot, 10% Shiraz, and 10% Grenache. Even if you don't have a fascination like me for reading the backs of wine labels, the front label for Girls Night Out is so catchy and attractive that you can be the hit of your next girls' event.



Student win winter sports awards - Worcester Prep students captured coveted winter sports awards. The Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) Upper School Winter Sports Award winners are as follows: Front Row (L-R) **Melissa Laws** (Most Improved, Varsity Basketball), **Leigh Lingo** (MVP, Varsity Basketball), **Chloe Ruddo** (Coaches Award, JV Basketball), **Karlie Southcomb** (Coaches Award, Varsity Basketball). Back Row (L-R) **Rachel Berry** (MVP, Cheerleading), **Allie Van Orden** (Most Improved, Cheerleading), **Julia Godwin** (Most Improved, JV Basketball), **Hayley Larsen** (Coaches Award, Cheerleading), **Hailey Merritt** (MVP, JV Basketball).



SDHS Taco Night is community night

In addition to enjoying the 7th annual Taco Night at Stephen Decatur High School, several students teamed up to collect money for a local family who lost their home in a fire.

Stephen Decatur High School students **Adam Kristick**, **Jacob Darlington**, **Becky Evans**, **Sierra Payne**, and **Reagan Dunham** enjoy the 7th annual SDHS Taco Night sponsored by Sunrise Church while collecting money for a local family devastated by a house fire. While Sunrise Church raised over \$6,000 for Stephen Decatur High School, students were able to raise \$1,000 for the family in need.

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Veterans' Valentines - Showell Elementary School participated in the 2016 Valentines for Veterans Program. Under the direction of John Cooley, the school's art instructor, the school students created handmade cards to show the veterans who are currently in one of the four Maryland Veterans' hospitals how they are thankful for their service and grateful for their sacrifices and commitment to our country and citizens. The Republican Women of Worcester County have sponsored this program for 16 years with the assistance of most schools in Worcester County, many Worcester County government employees, local civic organizations and Linda Dearing, owner of Copy Central who packs and mails all of the Valentines. Pictured from left to right are: **John Cooley**, art instructor, **Tilly Callahan**, **Tyler Kim**, **Liam Collins**, **Maya Trophy**, **Penelope Lavazzo** and **Diane Shorts**, Showell Elementary School principal.



**RWWC
luncheon**

Pat Schrawder spoke to the Republican Women of Worcester County at their February luncheon meeting at the Captains Table Restaurant in Ocean City. She discussed the difference between caucus and primary voting elections.

Daylight Savings starts Sunday

Daylight savings time (DST), when clocks are moved forward one hour ahead in the spring and set back one hour in the fall, was initiated to save energy on artificial lighting and make better use of daylight. DST was implemented roughly 100 years ago, but conceived much earlier than that. Today DST is in use in more than 70 countries across the globe, affecting about one billion people every year. Despite the well-intentioned purposes behind DST, little evidence exists to support DST as an effective means to saving energy. In 2016, DST will begin at 2 am on Sunday, March 13, and end at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 6, in the United States and Canada.

Many people look forward to daylight saving time in the spring because it extends light into the evening hours, allowing those who live in regions where DST is practiced to spend more time outdoors in natural sunlight. The modern incarnation of DST was proposed by New Zealand entomologist and astronomer George Vernon Hudson in 1895. Hudson enjoyed collecting insects and knew that it would be easier to do so if there were more hours of daylight in the evening. That prompted him to present a paper to the Wellington Philosophical Society in

which he proposed a two-hour daylight saving shift. In April 1916, Germany and Austria-Hungary became the first countries to implement DST, and many countries have since followed suit. Many proponents cite the positive impact that DST has on energy consumption, but research studying the impact of DST on heating and cooling usage patterns has produced mixed results.

Hawaii, most of Arizona, most of Saskatchewan, and some regions of British Colombia, Nunavut, Quebec, and Ontario will not observe the change.

With its six time zones, Canada has the third highest number of time zones of any country in the world. No country has more than Russia, which boasts 11 time zones. Sandwiched between Russia and Canada is the United States, which has nine time zones. In Canada, there are six time zones moving east to west: Newfoundland Standard Time (NST), Atlantic Standard Time (AST), Eastern Standard Time (EST), Central Standard Time (CST), Mountain Standard Time (MST), and Pacific Standard Time (PST). Many of these areas remain on standard time all year-round, choosing not to participate in Daylight Savings Time.

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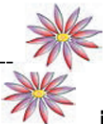
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