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BOOKS

On behalf of Berlin Intermediate School, Hailey Bowden, vice president of the Stephen Decatur High School Key Club presented Dr. David Gell with a Little Free Library (LFL). The Key Club raised funds for building materials and will keep the LFL stocked with books. This library is located on the lawn just west of the bus loop/staff parking. It is open the entire Berlin community.

North and south gates get ‘Pinwheels for Prevention’

Those entering Ocean Pines’ north and south gates this week may notice something a little different – a pair of colorful pinwheel gardens.

Staff from the Berlin-based

Cricket Center planted the gardens on Saturday, to help raise awareness for National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the “Pinwheels for Prevention” national campaign.

The Cricket Center is the only child advocacy center for sexually

ecutive Director Wendy Myers has planted pinwheel gardens in Worcester County since 2012. This is the first year that such a garden was planted at the Ocean Pines gates.

“The pinwheel is a symbol of child abuse prevention, and it just reminds us of the happy and carefree childhood that we want for all kids,” Myers said.

Myers said the center never closed and was able to continue supplying services each day, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. She said reports of abuse trended downward during that time, but those statistics are now sharply on the rise.

“The fact that kids were at home and not seeing professionals, certainly we saw a decrease in referrals

from teachers and professionals who are mandated reporters, because the kids weren’t seeing these individuals,” she said. “Some of the abuse statistics lowered slightly, but now it’s certainly coming back and we’re seeing a huge increase in referrals, and in cases for physical and sexual abuse.”

Since it opened in 2009, Myers said the center has served more than 1,500 victims of child abuse.

“That’s a lot, especially when you consider the number of children in our county,” she said.

To help fight child physical and sexual abuse, Myers encouraged local people to visit www.thecricket-center.com.

“There’s a wealth of resources there for people to educate themselves and the people around them about prevention. Knowing the signs and symptoms of when a child is experiencing trauma and how to react responsibly is just really important,” she said.

Pinwheel gardens at Ocean Pines’ north and south gates will stay up through the end of the month.

“Ocean Pines is proud to support this worthy cause, and we hope it helps raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month,” Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola said.

For more information or to donate to the Cricket Center, call 410-641-0097 or visit www.thecricketcenter.com.



Cricket Center therapy dog **Josiah** poses with the pinwheels at the North Gate

and physically abused children in Worcester County.

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AGH to hold job fair

Atlantic General Hospital has announced that it will hold a virtual job fair on Tuesday, May 11 to help fill open positions in the hospital as well as its health system of physician offices.

Positions available include registration specialists, insurance verifier, and medical receptionists. Interviews are by appointment only. To reserve your interview time, please email jobs@atlanticgeneral.org.

For more information, contact Atlantic General Hospital Human Resources at 410-641-9612 or visit www.agh.care/careers.

Wall That Heals drew thousands to Pines

More than 5,000 people visited The Wall That Heals last week during a historic display at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines.

The nearly 400-foot-long wall is a replica of the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and includes the names of 58,276 U.S. service members who perished during the conflict.

The traveling exhibit – which rarely, if ever, makes an appearance in Maryland – rolled into the community on Tuesday on a 53-foot trailer escorted by local law enforcement and a motorcycle motorcade of more than 200. Many of those riders represented groups like Hogs for Heroes, the

job with their assigned tasks.”

Gilmore said the most memorable part of the event, for her, was seeing the entire community come together with gratitude and reflection.

“The Vietnam veterans that I spoke with, many of them in tears, were just so grateful that we brought the wall to their community, because they felt as though they could not go to Washington, D.C.,” she said. “When the wall was brought right here, they gave it a go and they were able to touch the wall and say goodbye to the comrades that they had lost.

“Some of the stories of the Vietnam veterans were just so incredibly touching,” she continued. “They were standing side by side and their friends that they had maybe just met a year or less ago, now that friend is suddenly gone. And they were scared, and these are the scars that they carry with them.”

According to the official The Wall That Heals program, the average age of service members on the wall is 22 years and 9 months. The youngest was just 15.

“They were able to approach the wall and touch the names, and it just gave them some closure,” Gilmore said. “They were just so grateful for the opportunity to do that, and there were so many, many of those stories.”

She said the Veterans Memorial Foundation faced an uphill battle in bringing the exhibit to Ocean Pines.

“I knew that it didn’t travel in the state of Maryland, and I wished that it did,” she said. “And then I saw it two years ago in Ocean View, Delaware, and from the moment that I saw it in Ocean View, I knew that we had to have it in our community.”

Gilmore then contacted the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, which runs the exhibit.

“They told me, ‘We’re very familiar with your memorial down in Ocean Pines. Many of us have visited that memorial and we think it’s one of the best memorials that we’ve seen in the



American Legion, and the U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club.

It took about 60 volunteers to help put up the exhibit on Wednesday. Over four days, roughly 300 volunteers staffed the wall, which stayed open 24 hours a day from April 22-25.

Hundreds of local people attended a pair of ceremonies, including a welcome ceremony on Thursday and a candlelight vigil on Friday, the latter of which drew an estimated crowd of 600.

Then, by Sunday night, the massive volunteer crew had packed up the exhibit so it could travel to its next destination, in Grundy, Virginia.

Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore oversaw planning of the event with a committee of about 20 people.

Speaking on Monday morning, she said, “I give full credit for a successful event to the planning team that made me look good. They all did a wonderful

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The Charles Schulz Philosophy

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, creator of the ‘Peanuts’ comic strip. You don’t have to actually answer the questions. Just ponder on them. Just read straight through, and you’ll get the point.

- 1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
- 2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
- 3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
- 4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
- 5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
- 6. Name the last decade’s worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish ... Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.



Here’s another quiz. See how you do on this one:

- 1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
- 2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
- 3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
- 4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
- 5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier? The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money ... or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most about you and you about them. Pass this on to those people whom you keep close in your heart. Don’t worry about the world coming to an end today. It won’t. It’s already tomorrow in Australia!

-submitted by Jack Barnes

Though there may not be a cancer vaccine, that does not mean that vaccinations cannot play a role in cancer prevention. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, some cancers, including cervical cancer and cancers of the vulva and oropharynx, are caused by the human papillomavirus, or HPV. The CDC notes that the HPV vaccine protects people against the types of HPV that most often cause cancers. Adults can discuss the benefits of HPV vaccinations with their physicians, as the CDC notes that adults between the ages of 27 and 45 may have already been exposed to HPV, meaning the HPV vaccination will provide less benefit. Parents should know that the CDC recommends the HPV vaccination for preteens aged 11 to 12 years



Break - Ocean Elementary School students enjoyed celebrating Disney Spirit Day on April 16. Pictured enjoying lunch and a mask break is **Olivia Reddick**.

Courier Almanac

On May 5, 1961 from Cape Canaveral, Florida, Navy Commander Alan Bartlett Shepard Jr. was launched into space aboard the Freedom 7 space capsule, becoming the first American astronaut to travel into space. The suborbital flight, which lasted 15 minutes and reached a height of 116 miles into the atmosphere, was a major triumph for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).



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A very special mother

My children are very, very fortunate to have my wife as their mother. That's a statement that I'm sure they'll all agree, especially if

herself to the kids honestly and openly. And if you ask them they'll probably add that she expressed herself loudly at times. They may not have always liked her straightforward approach especially when it meant early bedtime or no dessert but they have always respected it, although not immediately.

She has rejoiced in their victories and has been the shoulder upon



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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they know what's good for them. From the moment of their birth they have been enveloped in a maternal embrace that has remained true albeit elastic at times.

It was my wife, their mother, who fostered their sense of being, who helped them develop their identity. She was and is their biggest champion. When they were little she was there for them twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred sixty-five days a year. She nursed them when they were sick. She helped them with homework. She held them accountable for their behavior. She was never a mother who told her kids when they were misbehaving, "Wait until your father gets home." There was none of that in our house. She took care of things. There were times when the children would have liked to have waited until their father came home.

My children learned laughter from their mother. They learned, maybe not right away, that there were limits to their mother's tolerance. They knew always and often that their mother loved them. And they know it now, recognizing just how powerful that love is in their lives, especially when all else can sometimes be uncertain.

As they've matured she remains a constant resource to them, available as needed, even if it means via text message after we've gone to bed.

Much to their credit my children seek their mother's opinion on a range of topics both frivolous and serious. They may not always heed the advice but it's certainly appreciated. From the time they were young my wife constantly expressed

which they've cried when things didn't go their way.

Just as our children have grown so too has my wife's capacity to accept them for who they have become; giving them their space to make mistakes and to go off in directions that may be unfamiliar. Even when it's hard to stand aside, she knows it's their lives to lead.

Parenting doesn't end when children leave the nest. Experience has demonstrated that parenting evolves. We're no longer a disciplinarian or familial dictator but rather a coach or guidance counselor or just someone who listens. For my wife this evolution transpired seamlessly. She is intuitive, knowing when to push, when to pull and when to leave things alone as the children navigate life as an adult. Truth be told, I've learned much by watching my wife being a mother and it's made me a better father I hope.

As a young man courting my wife many thoughts and ideas filled my mind. My thoughts were no different than those of any other young man I'm sure. Musings of the future were reflected in a full moon on a starry evening. Everything was going to be perfect. There would never be sleepless nights, frustrations because of a wayward child or feelings of just wanting to be someplace else. Now, so many years later I know that not all evenings are moonlit and starry, that frustration and imperfection are facts of life. Time has also brought into very sharp focus that I am very fortunate that my wife is the mother of my children. And I know my children believe the same, at least if they know what's good for them.

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country. Why don't you just apply, and we'll make a decision," she said.

The Veterans Memorial Foundation sent the application by the May deadline, but foundation members had to hold their breath until the following November to receive the official word.

"They said that they had made a unanimous decision to bring [The Wall That Heals] to the Eastern Shore," Gilmore said. "And we've been essentially working on the plan ever since."

Despite seeing the exhibit in person before, Gilmore didn't feel the full impact until she saw it again, stretched out across the field of Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines.

"It's so humbling to realize the sheer numbers – 58,276 names on that wall," she said. "Each one is somebody's father, brother, or sister." There are eight women on the wall.

"It's a very humbling experience and the Veterans Memorial Foundation is just so grateful that we had the opportunity to bring this to our community," Gilmore continued. "To see the number of volunteers from our community and the surrounding area – we had people whose children came down to help. We had many, many volunteers from Delaware who came to help. They all wanted to be part of this historic event, and every one of them thanked us for giving them the opportunity to be a part of it."

Gilmore said the community also stepped up with needed financial support.

"The businesses and, most importantly a lot of the citizens of Ocean Pines, they all were so generous and that gave us the ability to do this and to do it in the right way," she said. "The whole experience was just so wonderful, it's hard to even put it into words.

"This was something that the

foundation wanted, and to see it all come together and to see the reaction from the community – and how much it meant to each and every person that was there – it was just a great thing to have been a part of. I really, truly am humbled," she added.

Gilmore said the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund was also pleased with the event.

"They told me they thought our event was one of the best organized and had the most volunteers. They were absolutely shocked that, every day, no matter what time it was, they looked around and they saw all those bright green shirts," she said.

She said the group also complimented Ocean Pines' Public Works Department.

"They were right there every single day, and they provided support for the last several months preparing the site with electricity and with paved areas," she said.

Public Works even helped pry The Wall That Heals trailer from the mud, after it got stuck while trying to leave Ocean Pines on Sunday.

"It took about an hour and a half to get the truck out, because it got stuck in the mud after all the rain," Gilmore said. "They had three tractors in a convoy all strapped together, getting the truck out. It was quite a scene!"

Public Works Director Eddie Wells said it was all in a day's work, and his entire team was just grateful to play their part.

"All my guys think the Veterans Memorial is one of the best things Ocean Pines ever did. We're just honored to be able to help with such a great event," he said.

Along with a few muddy tire prints, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund will also gift the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation with a lasting token of the visit.

"In the month of May or June, they will be retiring a panel off of the wall because they have to make changes ... and they would like to present us with the retired panel because of the experience that they had here in Ocean Pines," Gilmore said. "We will put it in the place of honor.

"They know how much this wall means to the community, so now we will always have a permanent piece of this wall," she added.

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Ocean Pines Craft Club to host ribbon cutting

The Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines will host a ribbon-cutting event for the new Artisan Gift Shop on Saturday, May 22 at 9 a.m.

Craft Club members opened the new building in winter 2020, but issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic prevented a ribbon cutting from occurring at that time.

The event on May 22, cohosted by the Ocean Pines Association and Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, will feature a short speech from Craft Club President Sharon Puser and light refreshments. The club will also display a photo album with news clippings that highlight the history of the organization.

The Pine'er Artisan Gift Shop was established in 1974 and the organization behind it has a long history of giving back to the community, having donated more than \$169,000 over the

years to Ocean Pines Police, Public Works, and Recreation and Parks, among other groups.

In 2020, the club donated \$3,500 to the Ocean Pines Police Department, Fire Department, Recreation and Parks Department, Public Works, and the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial.

Club members create and sell a wide variety of items, including woodworking, candles, pottery, jewelry, home décor, and all manner of sewn, crocheted and knitted items. All items are made locally, and most are made in Ocean Pines.

The new building, in White Horse Park and across from the Administration Building on 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information on the Pine'er Craft Club, visit <https://oceanpines.org/web/pages/artisan-craft-shop>, or email opcraftclub@aol.com.

Local foundation makes impact

The Parker Foundation, a family foundation committed to supporting grassroots groups that directly benefit humans and animals in communities they live in, recently awarded \$10,000 to Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity). This was the tenth consecutive year the Parker Foundation awarded \$10,000 to the local organization. GOLD, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides emergency assistance for urgent needs like housing, utilities, and basic needs for children and vulnerable adults, is grateful for the years of strong support from the Parker Foundation.

"It's difficult to put into words how impactful this level of support is for our Emergency Services Program", said GOLD Executive Director, Nicholas Cranford. "Without dedicated community members like Bob and Marsha Parker of the Parker Foundation, GOLD could never keep up with the level of need our neighbors are currently facing. On behalf of those we serve, all of us at GOLD want to offer our deepest appreciation to the Parker Foundation". In 2020, GOLD assisted 59 families, including 82 adults and 64 children with funding provided by the Parker Foundation.



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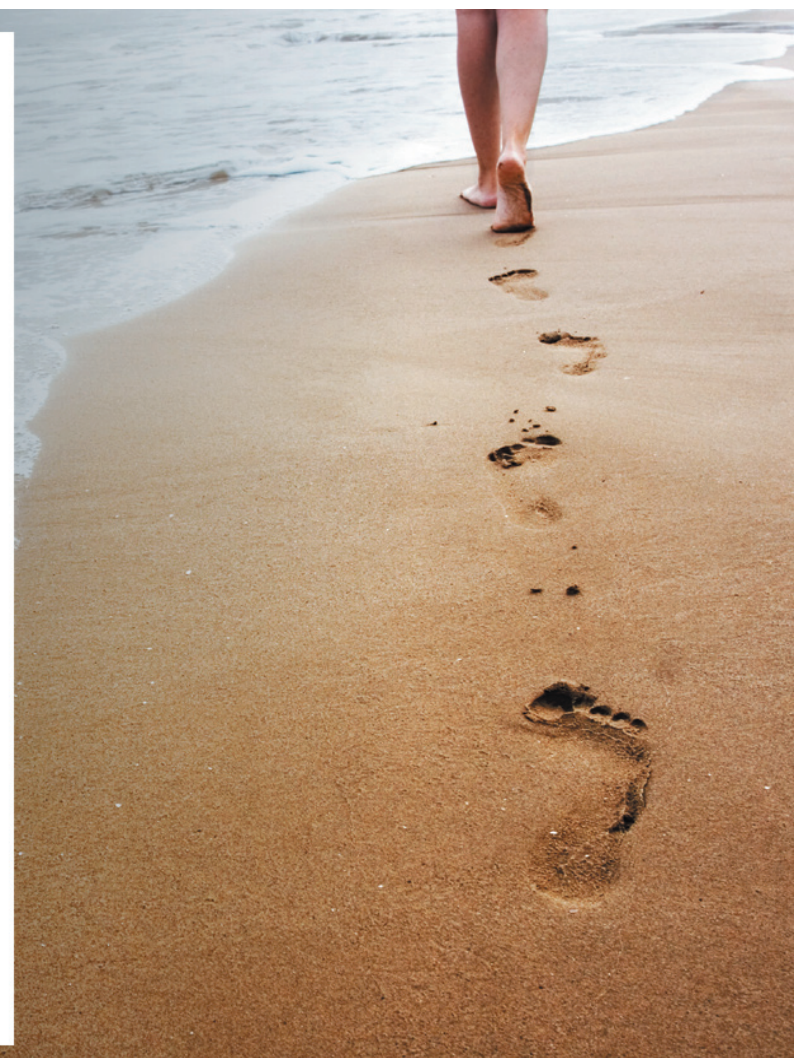
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New vendor coming to farmers market

Ocean Pines relies on its weekly Farmers & Artisans Market for locally grown produce and other fresh foods, but market organizers also strive to make the experience fun for shoppers.

With that in mind, a new option is coming to the year-round marketplace for the first time: a food cart vendor.

Rick Krasnick introduced Big Ricky's Hot Dog Cart to the marketplace on Saturday, May 1. It will become a full-time part of the market, starting on Memorial Day weekend.

"We try to make sure we offer something for everyone," Market Manager David Bean said. "I felt like hot dogs was something that a lot of people would enjoy, while spending time shopping and enjoying the activities of the market."

Krasnick, a resident of Ocean Pines, said he's living his dream and is proud to be the first food cart vendor at the Ocean Pines market, now in its 10th year.

"It is very exciting," Krasnick said. He hopes the community will discover and embrace his unique hot dog business.

"It is a perfect addition to the marketplace," said Lenore Brady, who runs Stag Run Farm with her husband, Craig.

The hot dog cart will offer several different toppings to choose from, like chili, cheese, sauerkraut and, for those who like their dogs dragged through the garden, broccoli rabe. Cups of chili will also be available for sale.

Krasnick had fun naming his specialty hot dogs, including the Ricky Dude, Slick Rick, Ricky Robbie, Ricky Dicky, and Tricky Ricky. The Big Ricky

is a dog with four toppings, chips and a cold drink. All specialty dogs are available as a combo meal.

The cart will also offer condiments like ketchup, mustard and relish.

Big Ricky's Hot Dog Cart can be found inside the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market at 239 Ocean Parkway. The marketplace at White Horse Park is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New English major offered

Wor-Wic Community College has expanded its general studies program by offering prospective students the opportunity to major in English.

This program prepares students to transfer to a four-year college or university and work toward a bachelor's degree. While pursuing a liberal arts background, students enrolled in this program will focus on literature and writing electives, such as creative writing, film, women's literature, and American, British and world literature.

"We are very excited about the new English concentration because it provides another pathway for students interested in pursuing this major at four-year colleges and universities," said Dr. Elizabeth C. Jones, arts and humanities department head and professor of English. "As English majors, students will be prepared for a many different career paths including education, law, social media, communication, writing, publishing, and editing."

For more information, contact Jones at ejones@worwic.edu or 410-334-2854.



Luncheon - The Republican Women of Worcester County (RWWC) had their general luncheon meeting on April 22 at Fager's Island in Ocean City Maryland. Guest speaker Kris Heiser, Worcester County State's Attorney pictured with the executive board of the RWWC, left to right are **Jean Delcher**, **Susan Ostrowski**, **Beth Rodier**, president, **Mary Adair**, **Sandy Zitzer**, **Kris Heiser**, **Theresa Denshuick**, and **Amy Mike**.

Creative Mother's Day celebration and gift ideas

On Sunday, May 9, 2021, millions of people will celebrate the special women in their lives, particularly the mothers, grandmothers and stepmothers who often tirelessly care for those they love.

Created by Anna Jarvis in the early 20th century and designated an official United States holiday in 1914, Mother's Day is a special day in many families. Apart from birthdays, primary female caregivers may not always get the recognition they deserve, nor be entitled to a day to kick back and relax and let others take the helm. Mother's Day entitles them to something special.

Even though the way people have been living has changed during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mother's Day may be the first holiday on the calendar when the world can finally regain some sense of normalcy. But caution should still prevail during Mother's Day celebrations. Thankfully, there are plenty of creative ways to celebrate mothers and mother figures this year.

Dine truly "al fresco." Outdoor din-

ing has become commonplace, and even before it was a safety measure, enjoying a meal on a sun-soaked patio or overlooking a body of water was popular. If you're worried about limited restaurant space or crowds, plan a picnic at a scenic location, such as a botanical garden or county park. Include Mom's favorite foods and enjoy the fresh air and delicious foods together.

Create a photo slideshow. Digital photos have eclipsed prints in many people's hearts. But too often digital photos never get seen after they're initially taken. That can change when you compile a slideshow of favorite photos from childhood and even present-day photos that Mom is sure to appreciate. Use sentimental music or Mom's favorite songs as the soundtrack, and include some inspirational quotations or personal voiceovers. This is one gift that can be shared in person or over group meeting apps.

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Supernova explosions and their remnants

During human history, the bright displays of supernova explosions have been witnessed and recorded by many curious observers, including the ancient Chinese, as well as some famous European astronomers. In 1572 the

Milky Way. It was the first supernova to be analyzed and tracked by international teams of scientists. Advanced technologies including neutrino observations and the early internet were involved.

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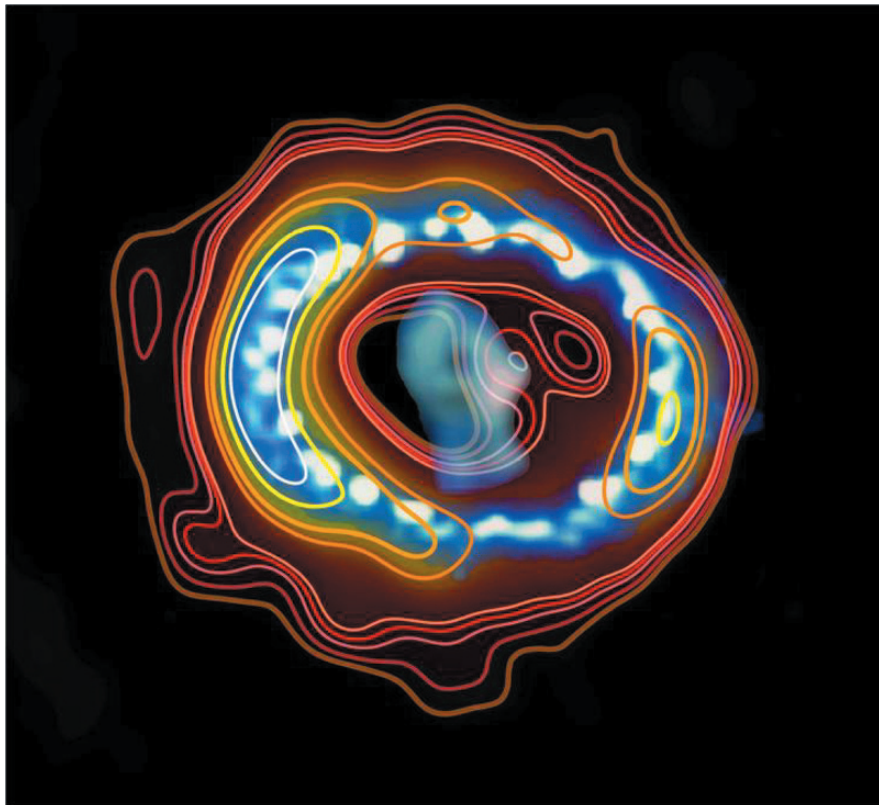
By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.



Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe witnessed a supernova explosion in the constellation Cassiopeia, while Johannes Kepler's famous observation took place in 1604. Both were bright enough to be visible for several weeks, even during the daytime.

More recently in 1987, the supernova SN 1987A was observed in the southern hemisphere by astronomers in two countries. The 1987A supernova detonated in the Large Magellanic Cloud, a satellite galaxy of the

A typical supernova's bombastic event, lasting only a few months, will continue spewing its debris outwards at high velocities, and creating shock waves when encountering the surrounding interstellar dust. The energy of these shock waves, heated to millions of degrees, can be observed for long periods of time. Astronomers have calculated that the hot, expanding aftermath of a supernova can continue as long as 150,000 years beyond the bright explosion.



Composite image of 1987A remnant:
Inner-region from Hubble Telescope,
Outer area from Australian Radio Telescope

Today's astronomers have discovered a number of so-called "supernova remnants," left over from their explosions. Sizes of these remnants can vary widely.

A recent study from Dartmouth, released on February 25, points to evidence of a supernova remnant covering the entire southern constellation Antlia. The Antlia remnant has been described as gargantuan size, by "Science News" and other publications, being about three times larger than the previous record-setting remnant. Antlia remnant's angular size measures 26 by 20 degrees. For comparison the large winter constellation Orion is 20 by 10 degrees.

The Dartmouth team analyzed data from NASA's ultraviolet space telescope "GALEX" as well as visible wavelengths. The astronomers detected spectral signatures of shock waves, a hallmark of supernova remnants. This recent ultraviolet data along with the earlier information from 2002 leaves little doubt of this new discovery. Estimates indicate that the Antlia supernova explosion occurred about 100,000 years ago.

The combined efforts of a German, Russian and Australian collaboration have recently discovered another significant supernova remnant. On March 3, the Max Planck Institute reported finding a previously unknown supernova remnant, they dubbed "Hoinga." The group's orbiting x-ray telescope known as "eROSITA" was launched in July 2019 and is credited with the Hoinga discovery.

Although Hoinga's size is smaller than the Antlia remnant, it is still considered significant. Compared to the full moon's angular measure of one-half degree, Hoinga is more than eight times wider, with its 4.4-degree size. Initial estimates show Hoinga to be located 1,630 light years away.

The discovery was an early success during the first comprehensive sky survey of eROSITA. Dr. Werner Becker at the Planck Institute said: "We were very surprised that the first supernova remnant popped up straightaway. It lies very far off from the galactic plane, which is very unusual."

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Hummingbirds

The Hummingbird is a very small species and one that many people are familiar with. There are 343 species of them that have been identified. They live in regions found in North and South America. With such a large number of species, the hummingbird ranks as the second largest bird family in the world.

The size of these Hummingbirds does vary though based on species. The smallest species is about 2.2 grams and the largest is about 20 grams. The smallest is the Bee Hummingbird which is noted to be the smallest bird in the world.

These charming birds get their names from the fact that the rapid movement of their wings makes a humming sound. Hummingbirds are the smallest type of animal in the world with a backbone and as a result have been studied intensely by researchers.

Another reason the Hummingbird is so well loved and researched is because it has the ability to move in ways that other birds cannot. It is the only species of bird that is able to fly in all directions. This includes backwards and even upside down.

During colder times of the year the Hummingbirds migrate up to 500 miles. They can travel great distances daily. The Gulf of Mexico is one area where they are seen during the migration period.

The mating rituals of the Hummingbird are interesting. Known as the courtship dive, the males will go at least 60 feet in the air and then rapidly shoot down, make a U turn, and do it

again. They will continue this process until they have the attention of a female with whom they want to mate.

There are many types of food Hummingbirds consume, mostly sugar and sap. They also like pollen and will eat small insects as a way to get protein. These birds can eat up to three times their own weight in food every single day.

There are rumors that Hummingbirds hibernate. While these birds don't have a typical season for hibernation they will do so if they need to conserve energy due to a lack of food. Their metabolism will slow to an extremely low speed so they can continue to survive.

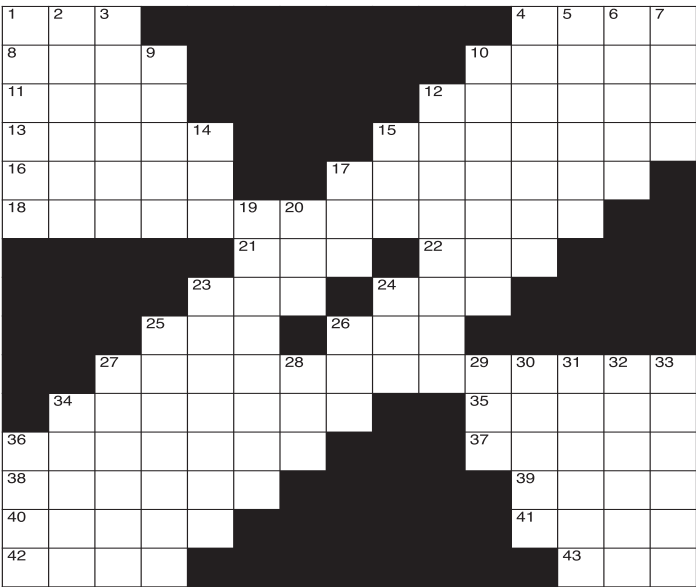
Many people keep bird feeders in their yards where Hummingbirds can feed. It is a great way to help the birds thrive. When mixing a food solution use only granulated white cane sugar and water. You must be careful not to give them

too much sugar as it can harm their liver and kidneys. Do not use honey, artificial sweeteners or food coloring.

The life span for the Hummingbird is often very short, many not surviving more than a year. For those that do survive, they can live up to four years.

In many locations these Hummingbirds are having trouble surviving due to their habitat being taken away. Problems with trees being removed, a lack of food, and chemicals and other elements in the environment have resulted in some serious declines in numbers for some of the species.

Adapted from HummingWorlds.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Engine additive

4. A hearty laugh

8. Restrain

10. Dried coconut kernels

11. Nefarious

12. Elderly

13. Central part of a church building

15. Throw into confusion

16. Intestinal

17. Qualities of being religious

18. Live up to a standard

21. Seize

22. Go quickly

23. Automated teller machine
24. Bowling necessity

25. One point east of due south

26. Japanese honorific

27. A way to induce sleep

34. Makes cash register rolls

35. A city in S Louisiana

36. Make more cheerful

37. Manicurist

38. Consents

39. Network of nerves

40. Mocking smile

41. It covers the body

42. Partner to pans

43. Perform in a play

CLUES DOWN

1. Beautiful

2. Polynesian island country

3. Shrub of the olive family

4. Self-governing Netherlands territory

5. Shared one's view

6. Tailless amphibians

7. Charge passengers must pay

9. Sound sheep make

10. Known for sure

12. Filled with unexpressed anger

14. Student (abbr.)

15. Criticize

17. Gathering place

19. Informal alliances
20. One's mother (British)

23. Landholder

24. Peter's last name

25. Parties

26. Title of respect

27. Red wine

28. Pearl Jam's debut

29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)

30. Frosts

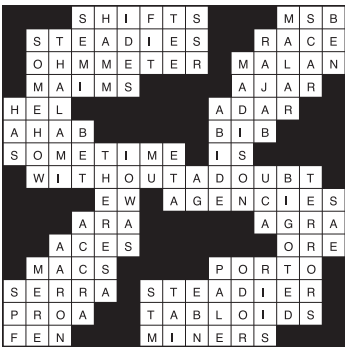
31. Cry of joy

32. Induces vomiting

33. Mother or father

34. Dal _ : Musical navigation marker

36. Door fastener part



Answers for April 28

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Learning

First grade students at Ocean City Elementary celebrated Earth Day on April 22. They learned about different ways they can care for the earth and created models of the earth using a coffee filter and markers. Above is **Avah Black**.

Ideas
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mother who is always giving her time and love is to become involved in a difference-making organization. Joint volunteerism is a great way to spend more time together working toward a worthy goal.

Enjoy her hobbies and interests. Devote a day or more to trying Mom's interests and hobbies, whether they in-

clude hitting the links, knitting, singing in the church choir, or digging in her garden.

Send an edible gift. If you can't be there to celebrate with Mom in person, have a special meal delivered to her door. Then enjoy the same foods with her via Google Meet, Facetime or Zoom. Don't forget a tasty cocktail so you can toast the special woman in your life.

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Info: 410.632.2032 | furnacetown.org

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May 15 | 10-11:30am
White Horse Park Pavilion
Activities & guest speakers!
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Register: 410.641.7052

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May 15 | 5:30pm | Community Center
All ages! Transform winter pinecones into spring flowers. Supplies provided.
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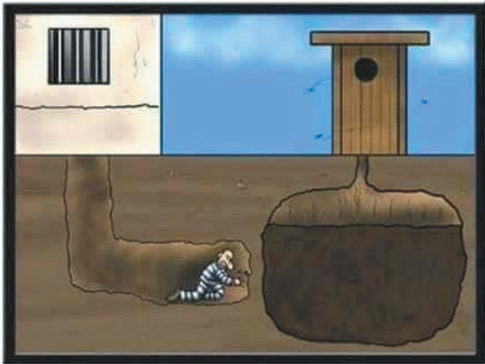
*Some things to
think about*

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**

This is a rare photo of a mother vise-grip feeding her baby wrenches. Nature really is amazing.



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Two hillbillies were sipping shine on the front porch when a truck went past loaded up with rolls of sod.

"I'm a-gonna do that when I win that there lottery," announced hillbilly #1.

"Do wut?" asked hillbilly #2.

"Send my lawn out to git mowed."



If you ever feel like your brain is inadequate... Think of this guy!



Finally.... photographic evidence.



Open air job fair scheduled

Calling all job seekers. Meet prospective employers from across Worcester County and choose from hundreds of seasonal and year-round jobs at the Open Air Job Fair Wednesday, May 19, at Sturgis Park Pavilion in Snow Hill from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public. Employers offering competitive wages and signing bonuses will be accepting applications and hiring onsite.

Social distancing is in effect, and all participants are asked to wear face coverings. Training and transportation resources will be available onsite.

Unavailable to attend? Please visit the following sites for online job post-

ings:

<https://worcesterhr.co.worcester.md.us/>

<https://mwjobs.maryland.gov/vosnet/Default.aspx>

Space is also available at no cost for employers who would like to participate. For more information, contact WCTED Workforce Engagement Specialist Jackie Trieu at jtrieu@co.worcester.md.us or at (410) 632-3110.

Wor-Wic offers gifted, talented courses

Parents of gifted and talented children entering the third through ninth grades in the fall of 2021 can register their children for Summer Scholars courses being offered on campus and online by Wor-Wic Community College this summer.

In-person courses focus on 3D printing, acoustic engineering, acting, animals, cooking, crime scene investigation, creative writing, computer repair, music, photography, rockets and robots, "Star Wars" and website building.

Virtual one-week courses are offered Monday through Friday, beginning June 14 and ending Aug. 13. These half-day courses are held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

One-week courses are offered on campus Monday through Friday, beginning July 12 and ending Aug. 6. Students can take full- or half-day courses. Full-day courses are held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a one-hour lunch. Half-day courses, which are offered from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m., can also be taken back-to-back to create a full-day schedule.

For more information, visit www.worwic.edu/SummerScholars or call 410-334-2815.

Boating course offered

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary certified instructors will offer the Maryland Safe Boating Course in a one-day session on Saturday May 8 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Learn the rules of boating, and be prepared.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972 must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state of Maryland. Those attending the class, and passing the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate which is NASBLA approved and valid in all states.

A fee of \$20.00 covers the cost of the course and materials. Checks should be made payable to: "USGCAUX 12-05" and mailed to: USGCAUX 12-05, PO Box 1682, Berlin, MD 21811. Payment via PayPal is also accepted.

For more information or to register please contact: Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807 or email CGAUXOC@Gmail.com.



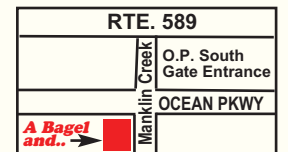
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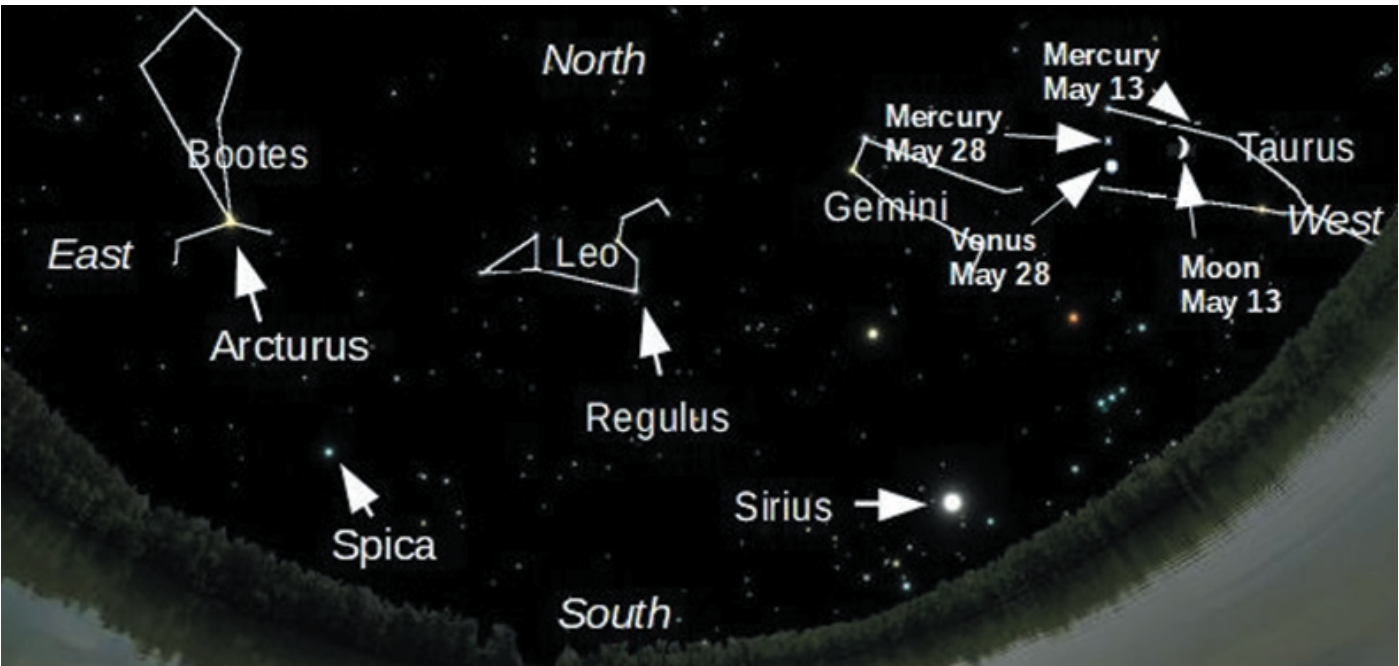
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explosions
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In the past, supernova searches have mainly focused on the plane of the Milky Way, where astronomers expect to see the greatest number. Astronomers now believe that many supernova remnants have been missed by this strategy. Both the Antlia and Hoinga remnants were found at the higher galactic latitudes.

As the stars become fully visible

around 9 p.m., Leo the Lion will be flying high overhead. Look for the familiar “kite shape” figure of Bootes (boh OH teez) the Herdsman in the eastern sky. After about 10 p.m., Hercules the Hero will be in view over the eastern horizon.

On May 13, the planet Mercury can be seen in conjunction with the crescent moon, between about 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. as the two hover over the western horizon. Stargazers are cautioned that Mercury is a dim planet and competition with the

twilight can make seeing it yet more challenging. Look for the planet with binoculars, about two degrees north of the crescent moon.

Beginning about May 20, the bright planet Venus returns to the evening sky. At about 8:15 p.m. early evening stargazers may see this dazzling sight over the western horizon.

In the early evening of May 28, Venus and Mercury will appear just half a degree apart.

Wishing good luck and clear skies to all stargazers.

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	6	Low	11:11 AM
	6	High	5:33 PM
	6	Low	11:29 PM
F	7	High	5:54 AM
	7	Low	11:56 AM
	7	High	6:17 PM
Sa	8	Low	12:22 AM
	8	High	6:36 AM
	8	Low	12:34 PM
	8	High	6:56 PM
Su	9	Low	1:07 AM
	9	High	7:15 AM
	9	Low	1:09 PM
	9	High	7:33 PM
M	10	Low	1:47 AM
	10	High	7:53 AM
	10	Low	1:43 PM
	10	High	8:11 PM
Tu	11	Low	2:25 AM
	11	High	8:31 AM
	11	Low	2:17 PM
	11	High	8:49 PM
W	12	Low	3:02 AM
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