

The Courier

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Agatina "Tina" Celia is
named Crafter of the Month

see story on page 16

REMEMBER

MEMORIAL DAY

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose in deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow service men and women, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear.

Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the military have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt; steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again. Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.



Amen.



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Something for everyone this summer at Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market

With more vendors joining each week, there's so much to do, see and taste this summer at the Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market.

That includes a growing list of suppliers of fresh, local produce, meats, seafood and baked goods, along with scores of unique artists and artisans, and nonprofits and community groups.

There are also many vegan and gluten-free options at the marketplace, plus a special Kids' Market Zone filled with activities for children.



Market Manager David Bean said several new merchants entered the market this spring and will stay on through the summer.

One such newcomer is Roger Dize Seafood from Westover, Maryland, which offers fresh, locally caught seafood, including live blue crabs.

"With customer lines growing each week, Dize continues to stock plenty of hard- and soft-shell crabs, scallops, and more," Bean said. "The stand also accepts special orders, so customers can guarantee the products they're looking for are ready for pickup at the market on Saturday morning."

Foxhound Farm from Bishopville, Maryland brings locally raised heritage Berkshire pork, lamb, and goat products. Additionally, the stand has a selection of artisan products to go with the meats, including seasoning blends and sauces.

"Owner Dante Locona is a young and energetic farmer who is passionate about what he raises and produces," Bean said. "His love of good food translates into a wonderful experience for those who shop with him. We are so excited to have Dante's Foxhound farm at the market and are

looking forward to seeing how his business grows over the years."

Microgreen grower Elf Enchanted Garden also recently arrived and features an ever-changing selection of sprouts.

"Ericka Forsythe and her husband operate their local 23-acre African American owned farm and are at the Ocean Pines market each week," Bean said. "Ericka loves to talk about her sprouts and has a wealth of ideas on how they can be sprinkled into meals. She's got a lot of knowledge to share with her shoppers."

Shroom n' Stead, a gourmet mushroom grower from Mardela Springs, will open a new market stand later this month. Owners Damien and Sam Evens grow multiple varieties of oyster, lion's mane and shi-take mushrooms.

"Their gourmet mushrooms can add unique flavors and textures to virtually any

dinner plate," Bean said.

Bean said there are also plenty of bakery options at the Ocean Pines marketplace.

"Our newest bakery is the Ugly Pie from Salisbury," he said. "These award-winning bakers offer a wide variety of pies and flavor options. Pies are sold in whole or mini sizes, or by individual slices.

"The bakers also bring their popular pie-crust cookies to the market stand," Bean continued. "And, in case you were wondering, many shoppers have discovered that pie slices make a wonderful breakfast option."

Another new addition, Vivian's House offers a selection of baked goods for special dietary requirements, including gluten free, dairy free, and even sweets for those who cannot have eggs in their diet.

"Vivian Manion is a soft-spoken individual who cares deeply about her customers, and she spends hours planning, researching and baking to create the items she sells each Saturday," Bean said. "The apple cider cupcakes are unbelievably delicious, and don't

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Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 29, 2023 11 a.m.



*Honoring Those
Who Made the
Ultimate Sacrifice
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In the event of inclement weather the ceremony will move to the Ocean Pines Community Center.

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Tim McMullen and Debbie Donahue

Mary Mac Foundation donates to Rec and Parks

Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks recently received a \$1,200 donation from the Mary Mac Foundation.

The foundation each year supports local and regional youth programs to honor Mary McMullen (1948-2012), a special education instructor at Severna Park High School and Ruth Eason School in Millersville, Maryland.

During the 1970s, she also helped establish the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department.

Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said the funds would go toward expenses related to Ocean Pines summer camps.

"We are grateful for the continued support of the Mary Mac Foundation," Donahue said. "Our summer camps benefit so many in our community, and it's wonderful to have that community support – especially from a foundation and a family who have helped local children for so many decades."

Mary Mac Foundation cofounder Tim McMullen said the money was raised through a grant from Choptank Electric Cooperative. He credited former Ocean Pines Board member and current Choptank board member Tom Terry with helping to secure the grant.

"Supporting the summer camps in Ocean Pines is important to us for a couple of reasons," McMullen said. "Mary and I started the youth program back in 1973. And I surely see how important it is for young people to have peer groups during the summer with constructive activities."

Coming up, the Mary Mac Foundation will host its annual Family Jam at

Manor Hill Brewery in Ellicott City on Saturday, Sept. 30, starting at noon. Donations are welcome, but the event is free to attend.

The event will include a cash bar and a food truck vendor. Outside food is welcome. To RSVP, email tim.p.mcmullen@gmail.com or call 410-294-3625.

Tax-deductible donations may be made to the Mary Mac Foundation at www.paypal.me/marymacfoundation or by sending a check payable to the Mary Mac Foundation, 174 Nottingham Lane, Berlin, MD 21811.

For more information on the Mary Mac Foundation, visit www.marymac.org.

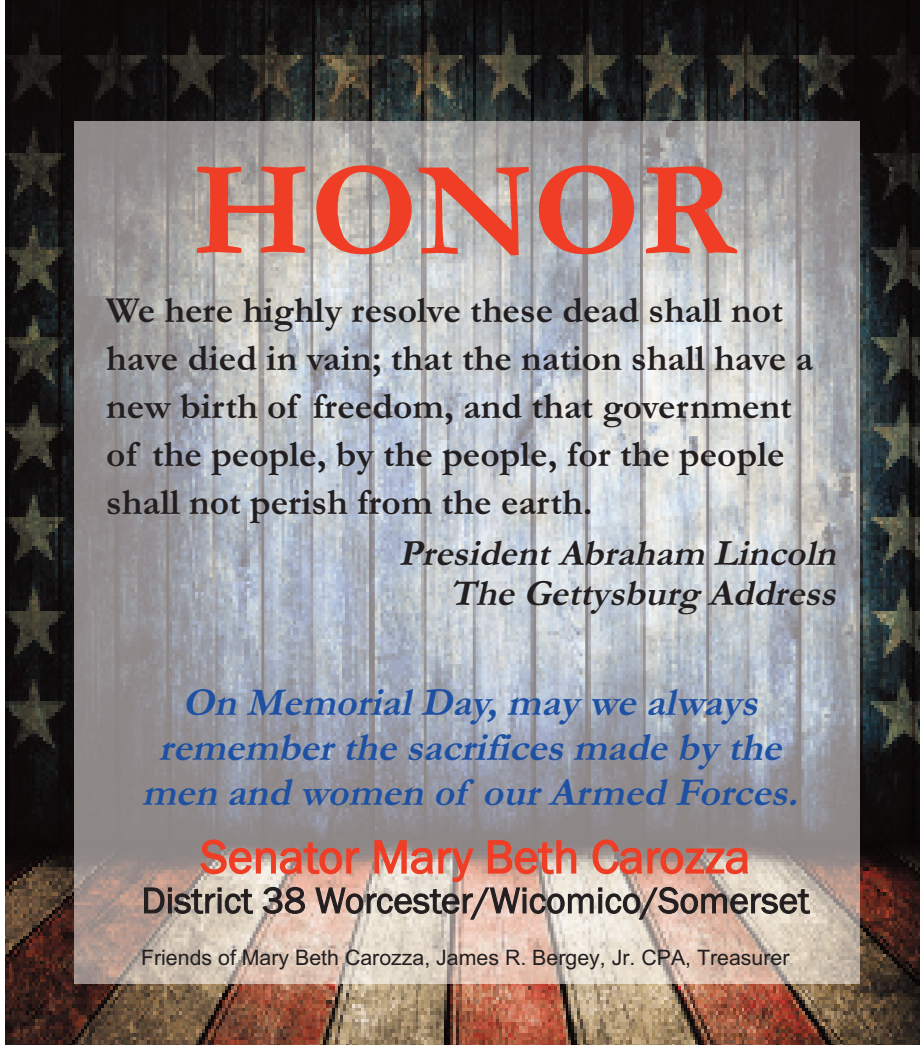
The Parke garage sale set

The Parke at Ocean Pines is holding its community sale on Saturday, June 3 (rain date is Sunday, June 4) from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in residents' driveways. The Parke is an active 55+ Adult community of 503 homes. Parke residents are selling their treasures for others to enjoy. There are clothes, lamps, artwork, household items, electronics, furniture and more.

On June 3, maps will be available at the main entrance of the

Parke located at Central Parke West, located off of Ocean Parkway at the south entrance of Ocean Pines.

For additional information, contact the Parke Clubhouse Staff at 410-208-4994.



HONOR

We here highly resolve these dead shall not have died in vain; that the nation shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

*President Abraham Lincoln
The Gettysburg Address*

On Memorial Day, may we always remember the sacrifices made by the men and women of our Armed Forces.

Senator Mary Beth Carozza
District 38 Worcester/Wicomico/Somerset

Friends of Mary Beth Carozza, James R. Bergey, Jr. CPA, Treasurer

The ultimate sacrifice

From the time the ink dried on the final signature affixed to the Declaration of Independence in 1776, our nation has expected much of those

or Coast Guard, the sons and daughters of this nation have put themselves between the enemy and our country.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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Although the motives of political leaders who deploy the military are sometimes questioned, there is no questioning the resolve and dedication of the individuals who served. Americans of all nationalities, races, creeds and colors have worn the

who have worn a military uniform.

We have demanded valor in the heat of battle. We expect that success be wrestled from the grip of defeat. And as if that were not enough, we have demanded self-sacrifice in pursuit or defense of a fundamental right we often take for granted, liberty.

From declared wars such as the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I and World War II to undeclared conflicts such as the naval war with France, the First and Second Barbary Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq and other periods of conflict throughout our history, our nation has been blessed to have defenders step forward from the ranks of the citizenry.

Whether wearing the uniform of the Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy

nation's uniform and our nation is better for it.

Some Americans were drafted, others volunteered. Regardless, they took up the banner of the United States and served their country. They did a job that was at times thankless, at times heroic and at all times dangerous.

Understood by everyone who has worn a military uniform is the reality that he or she may not return home or may not make it home whole in body. When these heroes look in the mirror, they know and accept this reality. That's an extraordinary acceptance on their part that none of us should forget.

Uncertainty is not just for those service men and women going off to engage a threat induced by war or conflict. It is also a reality for those stationed around the world. There have been unfortunate circumstances

when just wearing a U.S. military uniform has made one a target for vengeance and terrorism. For that matter, just being an American can make each of us a target.

In a society seemingly more obsessed with self-righteous entitlement and a chronic laziness toward patriotism, it gets lost in a haze of self-inflicted self-doubt about what it means to be an Americans, that because of the principled and heroic actions of fellow citizens who took up arms and laid down their lives, our society is free.

During the fall of Saigon in 1975 people were so desperate to escape communism that they ran alongside taxiing jets attempting to jump aboard or grab onto landing gear so when it retracted, they would be pulled into the plane's underbelly and they would have a chance for freedom. Many never made it.

During the Cold War no one tried to escape over or under the Berlin Wall from West Germany to East Germany. People were shot dead trying to come the other way though. When was the last time you heard or saw someone attempt to escape the liberty of the United States?

Monday is Memorial Day. It is more than a three-day weekend, more than a series of holiday sales and more than the beginning of the summer season. It's a day sanctified by the enduring legacy of heroes who

gave the last full measure of devotion for each of us. It is a day to honor the common people who, in extraordinary, frightening situations, died on beaches, in foxholes, in rice patties, in jungles, on the open sea and in P.O.W. camps while in service to this nation under God. It is a day to remember those men and women who never returned to their families because they gave their lives protecting our way of life.

These departed men and women never had another opportunity to take for granted the pleasantness of playing catch in the backyard with a child, dancing spontaneously with a spouse when a favorite song came on the radio or just going down to a fishing hole to spend an afternoon. Instead, their images are frozen within the pages of school yearbooks and family albums. Their memories are animated in the faraway glances of a saddened parent, spouse, sibling or child.

Memorial Day is a reminder that sacrifice is the ballast of freedom and liberty. We should keep that in mind as we enjoy a holiday barbecue in the company of friends and family, deciding whether to have another hamburger or hot dog.

May the brave men and women we honor Monday rest in peace and their memory be as vibrant as they once were. God bless!





Election fiasco redux

After the OPA Board of Directors election fiasco last year, the new board majority promised to restore confidence in the board election process. By any measure, that effort is a failure after the four-member board majority voted in lockstep to approve outsourcing the entire election process to a company in Washington State.

The OPA Board of Directors, during its May 20, 2023 meeting, approved a contract with a company named Election Trust in the amount of \$15,994.50 to handle printing, mailing, returned ballot handling, and counting of ballots. All to be done from Washington State.

For starters, the contract amount approved by Rick Farr's motion was not for all paper ballots as previously approved by the board for this election. Election Trust's quote for all paper ballots was \$13,937.50 as clearly indicated in the board meeting packet.

Another quote from a company named Survey & Ballot was \$15,600 to handle a paper ballot election.

Elections Committee chairman Tom Piatti reported the local print-

ing and mailing contractor decided not to bid on the OPA election work this year. Piatti's comment was rejected by Thom Gulyas, owner of Ace Printing in Berlin. Gulyas, whose company handled the OPA election printing and mailing process for a decade or more, wrote, "At no time have I, as the owner, nor any representative of my company, ever made a comment that ACE Printing & Mailing is not interested in helping OPA continue with their elections." Gulyas also indicated the Elections Committee ignored his communications requesting additional information in order to quote on the project this year.

G u l y a s told *OceanPinesForum.com* that based on what he billed OPA in recent elections the project should cost no more than about \$8,600 to print and mail the election packages, receive the returns, separate the returned ballots from the envelopes, and deliver the two stacks, envelopes and ballots, to the Election Committee for scanning/counting by the committee or an IT person hired for the day to do the scanning. OPA al-

ready purchased first-rate software and a scanner that can handle counting if used properly.

In fact, a few years ago, when Steve Habeger was chair of the Elections Committee, Gulyas actually scanned the returned ballots for counting using OPA's software and scanner. He told *OceanPinesForum.com* he did not even charge anything additional.

Adding to all the turmoil surrounding this knee-jerk board decision is the Washington State company selection as passed by the board on a motion by Rick Farr, was in violation of the Board's own Resolution M-06 on handling elections. Initially even unaware of the conflict, the Board is now moving forward with yet another knee-jerk decision to rewrite M-06 after the fact.

A significant change due to having a company in Washington State handle the election is the possible loss of the ballot box in the police station. Gulyas, who collected those as a part of his work handling OPA elections said the police station ballots likely represent 40% or more of the returned ballots. OPA president Doug Parks discussed the possibility of collecting and shipping those ballots across the county via an overnight shipping company. What could go wrong?

Ballot counting will be done in Washington State.

As for mailing ballots back and forth between Washington State and Ocean Pines and other east coast lo-

cations, given the problems with the USPS, even with local mailing there were 290 late ballots in 2021 and 162 in 2020. The third open position on the Board of Directors last year, and the control of the board, was decided by 13 votes.

After Saturday's meeting, former OPA board member Amy Peck wrote, "As with everything about last year's election, and this election committee... transparency is gone...and common sense seems to be lacking. The Board President was trying to convince others that mail going to Pennsylvania uses the same procedure and has the same delivery time as mail going to Washington State, and then Rick Farr is blaming voters for having their ballots in late."

Jim Trummel, former chairman of the Bylaws & Resolutions Committee, also expressed concern about a lack of transparency with the Election Committee, writing, "Unless I have missed seeing meeting schedules and agendas, it is apparent that significant committee effort and decisions have been made without public notice. The committee chair (Tom Piatti) and liaison (Rick Farr) have not met their responsibilities regarding open meetings."

If this Board of Directors majority and its newly appointed Election Committee, with one committee applicant rejected solely on political grounds by the board majority, intended to restore confidence after the election fiasco last year, they have failed miserably.

Sun damage from ultraviolet radiation can occur in the eyes. Various eye disease and conditions are linked to UV exposure from being outdoors in the sun or even the use of indoor tanning beds. A condition called "surfer's eye" can occur from UV exposure. According to the National Eye Institute, pterygium ("surfer's eye") is a growth of fleshy tissue that extends from the sclera (white of the eye) to the clear tissue called the cornea, which covers the iris and pupil. It may feel irritating and, if it grows large enough, can cover part of the cornea and affect vision. Pterygium sometimes start as a pinguecula. This is a yellowish, raised growth on the conjunctiva. It usually occurs on the side of the eye nearest the nose. A pinguecula may contain deposits of protein, fat or calcium, says the American Optometric Association. Both pterygium and pinguecula are believed to be caused by a combination of exposure to UV light, wind and dust.



Courier Almanac

In a demonstration witnessed by members of Congress on May 24, 1844, American inventor Samuel F.B. Morse dispatched a telegraph message from the U.S. Capitol to Alfred Vail at a railroad station in Baltimore, MD. The message - "What Hath God Wrought?" - was telegraphed back to the Capitol a moment later by Vail. The question, taken from the Bible (Numbers 23:23), had been suggested to Morse by Annie Ellworth, the daughter of the commissioner of patents.

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Trails & Waterways

Maryland's Coast has water trails to offer every type of paddler

By **Laura Scharle**

As the weather is warming up, residents all over Worcester County are dusting off their canoes, kayaks,

and paddleboards in anticipation of another summer paddling season. Whether you're an expert or a novice, in search of shade, a place to paddle with friends, or a spot that feels miles away from civilization, you're sure to find what you're looking for in Worcester.

The Ocean Pines Association recently released their new water trails map. Located on the paddling page of their website, the map is interactive and illustrates suggested routes, all accessed from the community's established boat ramps and kayak launches. If you click on

each trail, the map will be populated with difficulty levels, photos, potential hazards, and features to look for along the way. Some trails meander through wildlife-filled salt marsh creeks, while others pass by residential areas. All launches are open to the general public.

If you're after a location that's a bit more remote with more wildlife-viewing opportunities, Marshall Creek is a beautiful alternative to the busier waterways of Ocean Pines. Marshall Creek is located in Newark on the Sinepuxent Bay and can be accessed by way of Mason Landing. The narrow creek twists and turns several times before opening up to the open bay, so

it's a great option for beginners.

For those paddlers who prefer a little shade and an escape from salt water, the Pocomoke River is a waterway that truly feels a world away from the beach. The river is an incredible wildlife corridor in the middle of the county with very little development along its shorelines, so it makes for some great wildlife viewing. Migrating songbirds, beavers, owls, and several species of turtle are frequently spotted here. Nassawango Creek and Corkers Creek are worth exploring as well, as they feed right into the Pocomoke. One interesting thing to note is that this river is



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Day	High /Low	Tide Time
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25	Low	6:53 AM
25	High	12:52 PM
25	Low	6:41 PM
F 26	High	1:18 AM
26	Low	7:41 AM
26	High	1:44 PM
26	Low	7:36 PM
Sa 27	High	2:10 AM
27	Low	8:27 AM
27	High	2:40 PM
27	Low	8:32 PM
Su 28	High	3:03 AM
28	Low	9:12 AM
28	High	3:36 PM
28	Low	9:28 PM
M 29	High	3:56 AM
29	Low	9:57 AM
29	High	4:29 PM
29	Low	10:25 PM
Tu 30	High	4:47 AM
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Annual pollinator garden tour scheduled

The third annual Pollinator Garden Tour, hosted by the Lower Shore Land Trust, will be held on June 23 and 24 at eight private gardens in Wicomico County. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the properties and the pollinator gardens and meadows and learn how these homeowners are helping combat pollinator decline while beautifying their yards with native plants.

This annual event is held by the Lower Shore Land Trust in support of their mission, which is, in part, to aid in protecting and decreasing the loss of crucial habitat for pollinators across our region and providing the members of the community the opportunity to learn simple ways to make a big impact, even in their own back yards.

Bees, birds, butterflies, bats and birds increase the USA's crop values each year by more than \$15 billion (USGS). Yet between 2017 and 2022, 37% of the honeybee population and the same number of wild bumblebees were lost with seven new species making it to the endangered list here in the United States alone. Four thousand of the world's 20,000 bee species live in the United States. Without these pollinators, more than one hundred crop species that provide 90% of the world's food supply pollinated by bees, butterflies, birds and or bats could fail. This presents a major threat to food security. Both kept and native bees, butterflies, bats and birds rely on the public's assistance to protect their habitats.

The Lower Shore Land Trust staff and its committee members Suzy Taylor, Tracy Causey-Jeffery and Barbara Dolan invite the public to tour these private pollinator gardens on June 23

and 24, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., one or both days, and learn how to turn a back yard into a pollinator paradise.

This year's tour gardens range from an Urban Forest Garden, a Mt. Hermon Farm Garden, a converted lawn, a meadow garden, to two Salisbury gardens opposite each other that provide a "street crossing" for pollinators, a garden and a chicken paradise, all providing a community for pollinators.

As a visitor to these private pollinator paradises, attendees can participate in mini-workshops covering such topics as rain barrel installation, soil health and testing for the homeowner, spotting and handling invasive species, bird watching 101 and more.

Garden guests may purchase raffle tickets for a complete rain barrel or a pollinator garden goodies basket. There will also be eight professional *plein air* painters at work in the gardens.

Following the tour dates, Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine in Snow Hill will host a reception on June 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 pm. Plein air artists from the garden tour will be in attendance and their paintings created during the tours will be available for viewing and sale. The public is cordially invited to the artists' reception and sale. Proceeds of the art sales will go to the artists and the Lower Shore Land Trust's future pollinator garden projects.

To purchase tickets for this year's Lower Shore Land Trust's Pollinator Garden Tour visit <https://www.lower-shorelandtrust.org/shop-beehive>. For more information contact the Land Trust office at 443-234-5587 or info@lowershorelandtrust.org.

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– President Ronald Reagan

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Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary presents donation of \$50,000 to AGH's annual appeal.

Auxiliary host awards dinner

During their annual celebration in April, the Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary presented a check for \$50,000 to the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation's annual appeal, and honored the continued dedication and volunteer service of their members.

Volunteers support AGH by donating their time and expertise in every aspect of the hospital and health system, as well as in the community, providing more than 40,000 hours of service to the hospital annually. From the mail room to the front lobby, these volunteers make an extraordinary impact on the day-to-day operations of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System.

Volunteers also serve on hospital teams and committees, providing crucial insight and community support to Atlantic General Hospital.

The 2023 – 2024 Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary officers were sworn in during the celebration. This includes president Laura Rohe, treasurer Richard Buccheri and recording & corresponding secretary Jackie Choate.

The AGH volunteers' passion and dedication to serving the Eastern Shore community is unwavering, and they are truly appreciated for everything they do. For this year's celebration, volunteers were recognized for their years of dedicated service to Atlantic General Hospital.

In addition to honoring the volunteers' years of service, a special recognition was given to student volunteer Rina Dirickson who has spent years

volunteering her time at the Thrift Shop every weekend. Mary Lou Jones was also commended by the Worcester County commissioners' office for her 30 years of dedicated service to Atlantic General Hospital.

Volunteer Years of Service:

One to five years: Eileen Betz, Vera Camillo, Bruce Campbell, Francis Carothers, Diane Cohee, Susan Decker, Debra Doyle, Ronald Engle, Linda Getgen, Margaret Hamilton, Arusa Islam, Patricia Kearney, Janice Kosesky, Sharron Lewis, Lois May, Jennifer Mays, Kaila McCabe, Pamela McGregor, Carol Miller, Kathleen Myers, Elise Scott, George Shoben, Kim Peters, Lee Peterson, Arthur Thomas, Peter Varghese, Mallie Barnett, Candida Daniele, Corinne Eby, Linda Finocchiaro, Marianna Freeman, Mary Gernhardt, Henrietta McCroskey, William Megary, Dorothy Pinto, Nancy Sullivan, Audrey Vanscoy, Kathleen Willett, Richard Buccheri, Pat Cooke, Joan McLaughlin, Cordelia Whittington, Denise Buccheri, Nancy Cartwright, Granvill Jones, Martha Quinn, Laura Rohe, Christine Bauer, Amelia Bloodsworth, Shirley Deemer, Rob Eckenrode, John Ensor, Jeanne Major, Millie Miller, Eileen Patterson.

Six to 10 years: Fran Adelhardt, Carol Applegit, Loretta Kletzli, Charleen Kuhblank, Fred Kuhblank, Jacklyn Mattson, Gerald Niedentohl, Elizabeth Parkin, Joseph Sowinski, Ellen Yannuzzi, Julian Coates, Jr.,

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Baez program to be held at the library

Folk icon Joan Baez helped popularize Bob Dylan's music and personified the anti-Vietnam War movement of the 1960s. Frank DeLuco and Harry Burkett discuss Baez and other female folk singers of the era in their program, "Joan Baez & the Women of Folk," at the Ocean Pines Branch of the Worcester County Library on Thursday, May 25, at 2 p.m.

"If you're gonna sing meaningful songs, you have to be committed to living a life that backs that up," Joan Baez said in the 2009 documentary of her life, "How Sweet the Sound." From marching with Martin Luther King Jr. in 1963, to performing with the "Cellist of Sarajevo" in the war-torn former Yugoslavia 30 years later, Baez has given voice to many causes, continuing a centuries-old folk tradition.

Baez grew up learning the songs of folk singer Odetta, and, in turn, heavily influenced contemporaries such as Judy Collins, Joni Mitchell, Maria Muldaur, and Buffy Sainte-Marie, as well as generations to follow.

"That's why we're focusing on not only Baez, but also those who sang

alongside her, in the 1960s and into the '70s," said DeLuco. "Music is free-flowing, with Odetta influencing Baez and then Baez influencing Odetta, for example. This is especially true in folk music."

Added Burkett, "The folk movement allowed female artists to express themselves and be accepted by a wide audience. Most of these performers evolved into other genres of music, but remained folk musicians at heart."

For information on all Worcester County Library programs, please check our Events page at worcesterialibrary.org.

Cancer center earns national accreditation

The Commission on Cancer (CoC), a quality program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), has granted Three-Year Accreditation to the John H. 'Jack' Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center at Atlantic General Hospital. To earn voluntary CoC accreditation, a cancer program must meet 34 CoC quality care standards, be evaluated every three years through an extensive survey process, and maintain levels of excellence in the delivery of comprehensive patient-centered care.

Because it is a CoC-accredited cancer center, the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center takes a multidisciplinary approach to treating cancer as a complex group of diseases that requires consultation among surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, and other cancer specialists. This multidisciplinary partnership results in improved patient care.

"Seeking cancer treatment locally is typically the best option for patients because it allows them to avoid the physical, emotional and financial hardships that can come with long-distance travel to a cancer center. This re-accreditation shows that our community can trust the care we provide here at the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center," said center director Chanelle Lake. "And, it's a testament to the good work that our dedicated staff do every day."

The Burbage Regional Cancer Care

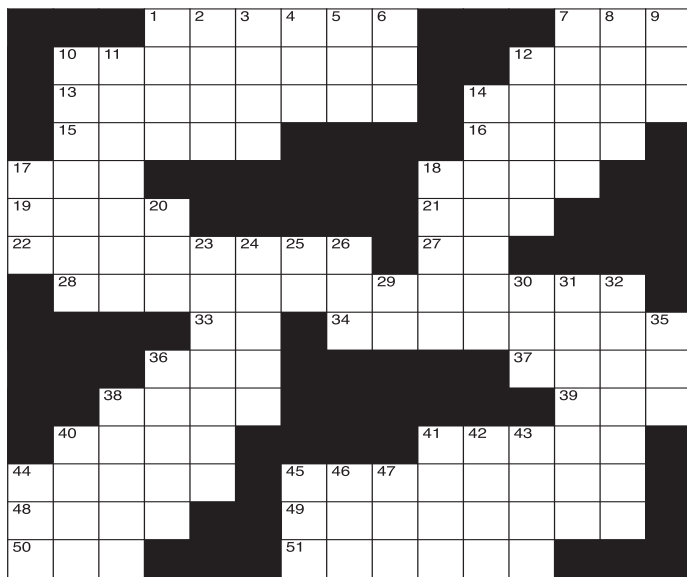
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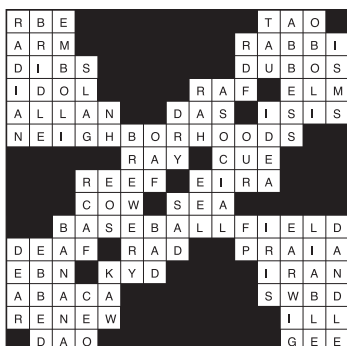


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Wear away by friction
- 7. Insecticide
- 10. Elicited a secret vote
- 12. Beef
- 13. Disagreement
- 14. ___ Crawford, supermodel
- 15. Jeweled headdress
- 16.. Digits
- 17. Trillion hertz
- 18. Snap up
- 19. Classical portico
- 21. Residue after burning
- 22. Large integers
- 27. Free agent
- 28. Where ballplayers work
- 33. Blood type
- 34. Scottish city
- 36. Google certification (abbr.)
- 37. Serbian monetary unit
- 38. Make a sudden surprise attack on
- 39. Wood or metal bolt
- 40. Relaxing attire
- 41. Famed neurologist
- 44. Dullish brown fabrics
- 45. Member of ancient Jewish sect
- 48. Griffith, Rooney
- 49. Lawmakers
- 50. Government lawyers
- 51. The arch of the foot

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Nonflowering aquatic plant
- 2. Britpop rockers
- 3. National capital
- 4. Consumed
- 5. The habitat of wild animals
- 6. Sun up in New York
- 7. Cygnus star
- 8. Male parents
- 9. Talk to you (abbr.)
- 10. A place to clean oneself
- 11. Southwestern US state
- 12. South Korean idol singer
- 14. Pirate
- 17. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
- 18. Mistake
- 20. Promotions
- 23. Prepares
- 24. Partner to flowed
- 25. State lawyer
- 26. Patti Hearst's captors
- 29. Pound
- 30. Electronic data processing
- 31. Sports player
- 32. Treats with contempt
- 35. Apprehend
- 36. Excessively talkative
- 38. Highways
- 40. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 41. College organization for males
- 42. Any customary observance or practice
- 43. Employee stock ownership plan
- 44. Male parent
- 45. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 46. Female bird
- 47. Autonomic nervous system



Answers for May 17

Sneaker program helps Grace Center

The Grace Center for Maternal and Women’s Health located in Berlin is offering the community a unique way to help the environment and support women in the community at the same time. The Grace Center is sponsoring an athletic shoe fundraiser drive from now until the end of June. The Grace Center will earn funds to support their programs based on the total quantity of gently worn, used, and new sneakers collected during this time period.

GotSneakers has developed this program that encourages people to reach into their closets, not their pockets. The sneaker recycling program helps keep sneakers out of landfills, which has harmful effects on the envi-

ronment, and helps charity organizations like the Grace Center earn funds to sustain operations and programs available to women of the local community.

It’s certainly better to donate sneakers rather than throw them away. Your donations can help support the Grace Center and help the environment. It’s a win – win for everyone!

Your donations of used sneakers can be dropped off at the Grace Center for Maternal and Women’s Health located at 10226 Old Ocean City Blvd., Unit 2, Berlin, MD 21811 - across from AGH. Please call 443-513-4124 if you have questions or need directions.

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Center has held CoC accreditation since 2018.

The CoC Accreditation Program provides the framework for the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center to continuously improve its quality of patient care through various cancer-related programs that focus on the full spectrum of cancer care including prevention, early diagnosis, cancer staging, optimal treatment, rehabilitation, life-long follow-up for recurrent disease, and end-of-life care. When patients receive care at a CoC facility, they also have access to information on clinical trials and new treatments, genetic counseling, and patient centered services including psycho-social support, a patient navigation process, and a survivorship care plan that documents the care each patient receives and seeks to improve cancer survivors’ quality of life.

Like all CoC-accredited facilities,

the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center maintains a cancer registry and contributes data to the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB), a joint program of the CoC and American Cancer Society. This nationwide oncology outcomes database is the largest clinical disease registry in the world. Data on all types of cancer are tracked and analyzed through the NCDB and used to explore trends in cancer care. CoC-accredited cancer centers, in turn, have access to information derived from this type of data analysis, which is used to create national, regional and state benchmark reports. These reports help CoC facilities with their quality improvement efforts.

CoC-accredited facilities diagnose and/or treat more than 70 percent of all newly diagnosed patients with cancer. When patients choose to seek care locally at a CoC-accredited cancer center, they are gaining access to comprehensive, state-of-the-art cancer care close to home.

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Dorothy Duvall, Cynthia Roman, Steven Stein, Audrey Wahl, Joan Dempsey, Deborah Staufenberg, Eileen Leonhart, Carole Mankus, Joan Murphy, Karol Salafia, Nick Salafia, Jean Beatty, Barbara Lischak.

11-15 years: Robert Schultz, Ann Hamilton, Bruce Jarvis, Kathleen Tallman, Mina Engle, Nancy Jarvis, Hanna Myers, Mary Jo Scarbath, Karen Schultz, Theresa Wallace, Susan Wilson, Tina Preziotti.

16-20 years: Betty Bowers, Eileen Martin, Kathryn Reeves, Kathy Schneider, Jane Wolnik, Nancie Beste, Joyce Brittan, Mary Cetola, MaryAnn Frontera, Joyce Melocik, Sandy Miller, Ellen Morvick, JoAnn Poremski, Beth Riley, Jackie Shockley, Carmen Sowinski, Carolyn Beatty, Jackie Choate, Rita Landis, James Morvick, Joan Stearn.

21+ years: Lorena Christian – 22 years, Kathleen Loetz – 22 years, Jane Bartolomeo – 23 years, Nicholas Bartolomeo – 23 years, Mary Lou Jones – 30 years.

Celia is named crafter of the month

The Pine'eer Craft Club announced Berlin resident Agatina "Tina" Celia as the May 2023 Crafter of the Month. Tina is a consummate crafter, enjoying a wide range of mediums from sewing and beading, candles and decoupage to her lovely, dried flowers. Tina has many items on display in the Artisan Gift Shop from her sewn wallets to charming bottles and a wall of framed flower varieties. The inventory is always changing.

When Tina retired and moved to the Berlin area three years ago, it was to be close to her daughter, son-in-law and their dog Dexter. Joining the Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines was icing on the cake. "I enjoy the camaraderie of the club members who have a passion for crafting," Tina said. "As a crafter, it's fun to be surrounded by others who love it, too."

Tina travels to craft shows and is known for her dried flowers. She brought many of them with her from a garden surrounding her former home. A bit of memory goes into each stem she dries and frames. The bevy of blooms Celia can frame is amazing,

and when asked which is the toughest to capture, Tina replied "roses, the dimension makes them really challenging."

"Tina is one of the members responsible for displays in the shop," Debbie Jiwa explained. "As an all-volunteer run gift shop, we depend on our members to do their part to help, and Tina is essential."

To see Tina's Crafts and more creations, stop by the Pine'eer Artisan Gift Shop which is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., except holidays.

The club always seeks new crafters and the group's meetings are open to the public. If you are an artisan who would like to sell your creations at the shop, contact Debbie Jiwa or Barbara Herzog, shop managers or email opcraftclub@aol.com for more information. All new crafters must go through the juried process, and when items sell profits return to the community. Since its inception, the craft club has donated nearly \$179,000 back to Ocean Pines.

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incredibly deep for its width, sometimes reaching nearly 50 feet deep. Paddlers looking for a destination should consider launching at Porter's Crossing, paddling five miles downstream, and stopping for lunch in the town of Snow Hill before heading back. Pre-arrange with the Pocomoke River Canoe Company to land your kayak there while you're enjoying town. If you're feeling really adventurous, you can paddle right to Pocomoke River State Park's campgrounds (Shad Landing or Milburn Landing) for an overnight paddling trip; bring your tent or book a cabin!

More experienced paddlers will enjoy heading further south along Chincoteague Bay to explore the E.A. Vaughn kayak trail. There are over ten miles of trails to explore between George's Island Landing and Taylor Landing, circumnavigating Mills Island and heading up some of the creeks into the E.A. Vaughn Wildlife Management Area.

And last, but not least, we certainly can't ignore Assateague Island National Seashore. Launches can be found on Bayside Drive and Ferry Landing Road. Beginners will be content to paddle the marsh creeks nearby, with a decent

chance of viewing the famous wild horses. Advanced paddlers may want to take advantage of the park's paddle-in campsites located several miles to the south. Contact the ranger station for details on obtaining a backcountry camping permit.

U.S. Coast Guard regulations require all paddlers to have a life jacket and a whistle on board. It is also highly recommended to have sun protection, drinking water, and a form of communication (cell phone or VHF radio). To find places to launch across Worcester County and all over Delmarva, visit www.delmarvatrailsandwaterways.com.

Laura Scharle has been educating others in coastal ecology, estuarine science, and maritime history since 2006. She spent 14 years running interpretive programs for Delaware Seashore State Park and worked for the Maryland Environmental Service, coordinating public tours on Poplar Island in the Chesapeake Bay. She lives in Ocean Pines where she serves on the Recreation & Park Advisory Committee.

This article is hosted by the Worcester County Bike and Pedestrian Coalition to share opportunities for active recreation on land and water trails.

market

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miss the pop tarts too!

"Vivian's husband, James, often accompanies her to the market and can be seen playing his acoustic guitar at her side, much to the enjoyment of her market customers," Bean added.

For those looking for a snack while shopping, the popular Pretzel Trolley will be back at the market this summer.

"The food truck offers a selection of stuffed pretzels for fulfilling breakfast or lunchtime cravings," Bean said. "And, to keep all those knives, tools and gardening items sharp, Sharper Edge is back weekly. Both the trolley and sharpening truck can be found on the parking lot next to the administration building."

Bean said selections at the artisan market also continue to flourish.

"We are seeing a lot of new and returning talent coming to the marketplace. Some travel a great distance to participate, while many are from the local community," he said. "The variety of handmade items is astonishing. You can spend hours visiting with the artisans, and then bring home something lovely for yourself and your home."

Macrame artisan Ivana Stuart recently opened the Beautiful Honua boutique at the market.

"Her artwork, displayed under a crisp, white canopy, is very attractive," Bean said. "She's looking forward to offering her handmade artwork to shoppers throughout this year."

Other notable artisans include Lisa Chambers of Delaware Bay Clay, who designs and creates nautical themed pottery pieces for her customers. Shoppers can also enroll in hands-on pottery classes at her studio in Lewes, Delaware.

Donna Lloyd, owner of Artisan's Aroma, is back at the market with her line of hand-poured candles. Bean said Lloyd has greeted Ocean Pines customers at the marketplace with her candle collections for many years.

For children, a popular face painting vendor will return, starting on Memorial Day weekend.

"Tory Hall, the owner of Poppytail Art, will be setting up weekly," Bean said. "Hall has worked as a face painter at Dolly Parton's Dollywood amusement park in Tennessee, and locally at the Rehoboth Sea Witch festival, Bridgeville's Apple Scapple, and

Dover Days."

Hall will be at the market each Saturday, except when Amberlina's Adventures and Pearl Moon Face Painting are in the Kids' Market Zone.

Many local community and non-profit groups are also represented at the market.

"Our community partners are a big asset and add so much to the Ocean Pines market," Bean said. "Neighbors and friends greeting each other, sharing and building support is part of what makes our Community Corner so special and unique. I could not be prouder of what these organizations add to the market."

On select dates, the new Marine Corps League of Ocean Pines will be at the market Community Corner. The group plans to bring antique military vehicles, including a WWII jeep for market shoppers to view. Organizer John Daddezio said the group's mission is to create awareness, enroll new membership, and supply support for other local organizations.

"We are also always looking for volunteers to help with the day-to-day task at the Ocean Pines market," Bean said. "Hours and participation schedules are flexible. For those that enjoy being outdoors, with people and rubbing elbows with our merchants, this is a fantastic opportunity to become a part of the market team."

"We've got 12 birthday candles on our market anniversary cake this June," Bean continued. "In those 12 years, we have built a marketplace like no other on Delmarva, right here in the heart of Ocean Pines. I can't wait to see what the next twelve years bring – I have a feeling it's going to be great!"

The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in White Horse Park.

For more information, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market.

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The different ways to repair a driveway

Asphalt driveways do not last forever. Over time, weather and general usage can degrade the driveway surface, resulting in cracks, pitting and more. Ultraviolet rays, salt and automotive fluids also can affect the appearance and functionality of a driveway. An unsightly driveway can adversely affect curb appeal and resale potential.

Homeowners have to consider various factors when it comes to repairing driveways. They may have the option of getting the driveway resurfaced, resealed or repaved, and each



project is unique.

Resurfacing. According to the home improvement price comparison site Kompare It, resurfacing is simpler and faster than installing a new asphalt driveway. With resurfacing, any cracks are filled in to create an even base. Then a new layer of asphalt is applied over the existing one. That new layer can range in thickness from 1.5 to 3 inches. A heavy rolling machine will then smooth and flatten the layers together. If the driveway has minor pitting or cracking, then resurfacing can be a cost-effective strategy, as it may be a \$3,000 to \$6,000 job as opposed to \$5,000 to \$10,000 with repaving.

Resealing. Resealing a driveway, also called sealcoating, is another repair strategy. HGTV says resealing can be a do-it-yourself project. Resealing helps the driveway last longer.

The driveway needs to be clean and dry, with holes and cracks filled prior to sealcoating. Start at the far edge of the driveway and seal that area by “cutting-in” by hand for a neat edge. Afterward the rest of the driveway can be sealed using a squeegee or broom. This project can be completed within two or three days if no precipitation is forecast.



Repaving. A project best left to professionals, repaving typically involves the removal of an existing driveway and the installation of a new one. The sub-grade layer is essential in the process for a smooth look. Contractors also will assess soil and grading when doing work. The construction blog Main Infrastructure says the new asphalt driveway can vary in thickness between two and six inches, depending on budget and need. The contractor also can advise if full-depth asphalt application or an aggregate base is practical.

Assessing the condition of driveway can give homeowners a better idea about which type of repair project best suits their property.

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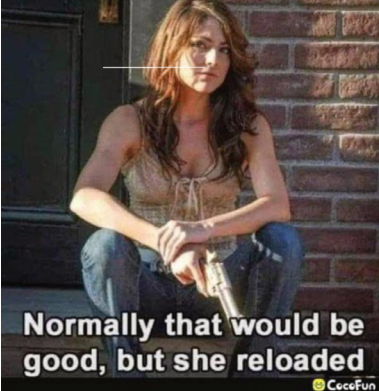
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