

# The Courier

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**Check out this open house**



Realtor Janet Morse is hosting an open house for this Ocean Pines listing. See her ad on page 7.

## Community yard sale scheduled

A community yard sale will be held in River Run on Saturday, August 27 between 8 a.m. and noon. Furniture, clothes, toys, golf equipment and more will be available. From Route 589 turn onto Beauchamp Road, then left onto River Run Lane. Maps will be provided at the first intersection in the development. The Players Club will be open during the sale.

## Kiwanis Duck Race Picnic scheduled

The annual Kiwanis Duck Race will take place on Friday August 26 at 6 p.m. at Frontier Town located on Rte. 611. Preceding the race, at 5 p.m., there will be a picnic prepared and catered by Monty Jones of The Lazy River Saloon in Frontier Town. Seating is limited to 100 persons. Tickets are required. The menu will include roast pork (right from the pig roasted on site), barbecue chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, chips, watermelon, brownies, iced tea and bottled water. The cost is \$12 per person. For tickets call Ron Graybill at 410-208-9208.

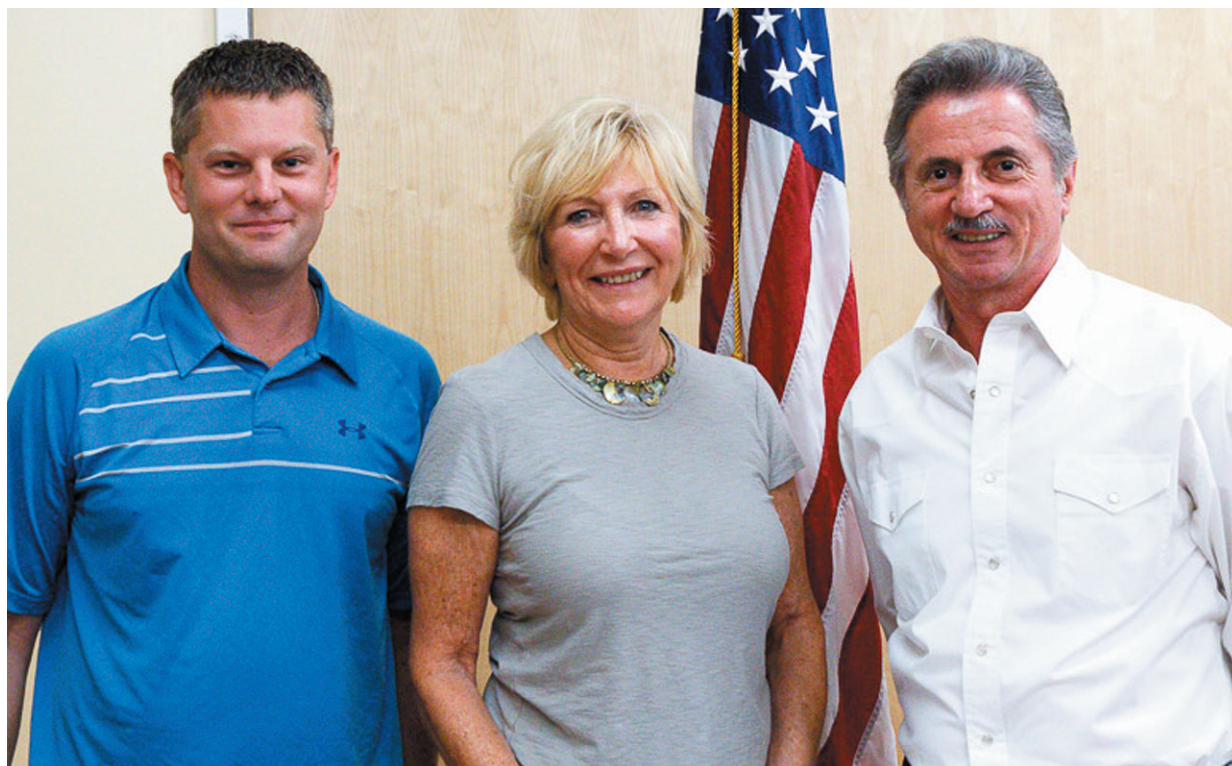
Duck Race chances can be purchased for \$5 or three for \$10 at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. or by contacting Dick Clagett at 301-788-1517. Chances will also be sold on-site prior to the race. Cash prizes are \$1,000, \$300 and \$200.

## Addiction group to meet

The Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction will meet at the Ocean Pines library on Tuesday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 302-381-0569.

## Star Charities to hold social

Star Charities is selling tickets for its Friday, September 16 V.I.P. Social to be held in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors open at 4 p.m. The event benefits Maryland Wounded Soldiers. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling Barbara Peletier at 443-896-4914 or Anna Foults at 410-641-7667. Food will be provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill. There will be live entertainment by Sharon Sorrentino and Paul Mazzei and music by D.J. Rupper. Dancing until 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited, so call for tickets.



**Win - Brett Hill, Pat Supik and Slobodan Trendic** following the announcement of their election to the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors for three years terms. Photo by Joe Reynolds.

## New board members elected

*It's Hill, Trendic and Supik*

By **Chip Bertino**

The votes have been counted and the candidate tallies announced. And if events transpire as campaign rhetoric suggests, the community of Ocean Pines is entering a new era.

Brett Hill, Slobodan Trendic and Pat Supik were the top voter getters and will fill the open seats on the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) board of directors. Incumbent Jack Collins was unsuccessful in his bid for a second term.

The results were announced during the OPA annual meeting held Saturday in the Community Center. There was a standing room only crowd in the Assateague Room and according to Bill Wentworth, chair of the Election Committee, a quorum was in attendance. At least 114 members had signed in.

Hill garnered the most votes with 1,900; Trendic, 1,520; and, Supik, 1,428.

Now the rubber is expected to hit the road as the three new board members, two of whom (Hill and Trendic) advocated a change in management priorities, work with incumbent members Pat Renaud, Dave Stevens, Cheryl Jacobs and Tom Herrick.

It is unknown at this time when the board will

assemble for its organization meeting. "As far as the organization meeting goes, present attorney Joe Moore is out of town until next Saturday. Several



**Brett Hill with his daughter Elizabeth**

Board members have expressed a desire to have him present at the meeting," Herrick told *The Courier* on Sunday.

Vice President Cheryl Jacobs believes the meet-

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## Auxiliary plans events

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary has a number of events scheduled through fall. On Sunday, August 28 they will have a Fried Chicken carryout from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until the chicken runs out). The cost is \$8 for a half chicken (4 pieces); \$14 for a whole chicken (8 pieces). There will be a bake table. Please call ahead so your order is ready when you arrive.

On Friday, September 30 there will be a 'breakfast' for dinner event between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. You are in-

vited to enjoy an all you can eat choice of breakfast meats, cream chip beef, biscuits, pancakes and more. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 10 and under. Carry-outs are available and there will be a bake table.

The first "Antique Roadshow" type event will be held Sunday, October 9. A professional appraiser will be at the firehouse between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to appraise items. There will be a \$5 donation for the first piece and \$10 for each additional piece. The property that you would like to have valued needs to be at the fire house between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. The show will begin at 4:30 p.m.

A fried chicken platter carry-out will be offered on Sunday, October 9 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Included will be two pieces of chicken (either dark or light meat), two sides and a roll for \$10. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Call to arrange for pre-orders.

And an indoor yard sales will be held at the main station on Saturday, October 15. Doors will be open to the public between 7 a.m. and noon. Tables are \$15 each or two for \$25. Call to reserve your table.

For information and/or reservations for any of the above events, call 443-235-2926.

## Mathias to speak at MSSA meeting

The Atlantic Coast Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association will meet on Tuesday, August 23 at the Lion's Club located on Airport Road in West Ocean City. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome. This month's guest speaker will be Sen. Jim Mathias.



Families gather for a show at Monday Movies in the Park. Photo by Don LaFond

## Summer events continue in Ocean Pines

Summer is still in full swing in Ocean Pines as several popular weekly events continue through the season courtesy of the Recreation and Parks Department.

Monday Movies in the Park will be held Mondays at 8 p.m. in White Horse Park through August 22. Area residents are invited to bring chairs and watch a free family-friendly movie on the big screen. Concessions are available for purchase. "Home" will be shown on August 15 and the classic "The Wizard of Oz" is scheduled for August 22.

The Yacht Club Pool, located in Mumford's Landing in Ocean Pines, is open for families Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. through August 24. Games, contests and music are part of the fun, and food and beverages are for sale poolside. The cost is \$3 for swim members, \$5 for Ocean Pines residents and \$7 for non-residents. Only those swimming pay a

fee.

Families are also invited to use the Yacht Club Pool for a special twilight swim from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays through August 29. The twilight swim is free for Ocean Pines swim members, \$3 for Ocean Pines residents and \$5 for non-residents.

Ocean Pines' popular summer music series, Thursday Concerts in the Park, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. through September 1 at White Horse Park. The free family-friendly musical performances include "Over Time" on August 11, "The Belle Tones" on August 18, "Barren Creek" on August 25 and "Uptown Band" on September 1.

All of these events are open to the public. For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

## Pup of the Pines photo contest to raise money for dog park

If your pooch ought to be in pictures, enter your furry friend in the Second Annual "Pup of the Pines" photo contest, sponsored by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department. The contest runs August 15 to October 15.

The winner of the contest will be named the "2017 Pup of the Pines" and will receive a free 2017 Ocean Pines Dog Park registration. The pup will also be the official face of the dog park and will be featured in the Ocean Pines Activity Guide and other postings throughout the year.

The top eight entries will be on display at the Ocean Pines Halloween celebration on Saturday, October 29 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in White Horse Park. Attendees at the event will be able to vote for their favorite. The winner will be announced at the Hometown Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 26.

The entry fee is \$5 per dog. Money raised from the contest will be used for upgrades and improvements to the dog park.

Official entry forms are available at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 235 Ocean Parkway, online at OceanPines.org or on the Recreation and Parks Department's Facebook page. For more information, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.



Pictured is **Brutus**, the 2016 Pup of the Pines. **Brutus** is owned by Hunter Simon. Photo by OPA

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ing in which the new board leadership team is elected, will occur the week of August 22.

So what do board members hope the next few months will bring? *The Courier* reached out to each member of the new board to get their thoughts on that question. More transparency, a better working relationship among the board members and development of a capital improvement plan were common themes.

"Based on the results of this year's election, I believe the voting association membership understood the need for more transparency and accountability within our community, stated Herrick.

"I am hopeful that the makeup of this new board will provide that. The contention and controversy must be eliminated and the focus needs to be on working together for the benefit of all. I would like to see us improve our appearance, better maintain our facilities and infrastructure and receive input and assistance from our membership in helping develop a new Capital Facilities Improvement Plan with the funding to support it."

"I believe the new board's priority needs to be restoring order and civility amongst the board, and get past the majority vs. minority mentality that has carried for years," Hill said Sunday. "While it appears the majority voted for change, that doesn't mean that change should happen overnight.

There are many good things happening in Ocean Pines, but also many areas for improvement. It is extremely important that this board starts things off on the right foot, with full transparency to the association members, and open communications between not only board members, but with staff and members as well. I think we have our work cut out for us, but I am confident the three new additions to the board will give everyone a fresh start, to hopefully move things forward in positive manner."

Stevens said "a detailed, critical review of the status of current projects (pools, Manklin Meadows, bridges, bathrooms) and studies (Country

Club, Administration Building) is in order." He went on, "the GM, and his prior board supporters, have referred to a CIP (capital improvement plan) that he created around the last budget review. It really was never presented as such at the time and was never discussed for a minute by the board. In my opinion it should be trashed and never referred to again, but perhaps others would like to talk about it sometime."

"I believe the new board's priority in the next few months should be to jointly establish the goals of what we, as a board wish to accomplish this year, said Jacobs. "I would suggest, to be included in that list, the following: complete the CIP and Re-

serve Study for development of a five to 10-year plan for OP; make a decision to renovate or replace the Country Club; complete the process of refurb of Beach Club bathrooms; finish Manklin Meadows project; complete planned improvements to Yacht Club; and, develop better, mutually beneficial relationship with Worcester County."

Jacobs went on to say that, "My own personal objective is to complete the revision of Resolution M-01, which is a change to how quickly we address violations in the community, initiate a review of Resolution M-06, which is the guideline for elections and complete the turnover agreement of Section 17 (the Point)."

"Given the time of the election and organization of the new board relative to the Ocean Pines' fiscal year and the current budget development calendar, one of the immediate priorities of each new board are the recommendations to management for the next fiscal year budget (September to October for recommendations)," said Supik, "One of my priorities would be to craft these recommendations with strategic vision for both our amenities and services with an eye to future years as well as next year's budget. My goal is that this "strategic vision as well as next fiscal year" plan will lead to both the discussion of the action plan for operations for the coming year and the funding of

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## Election Results

**Brett Hill** 1,900  
**Slobodan Trendic** 1,520  
**Pat Supik** 1,428  
**Frank Daly** 1,028  
**Steve Lind** 875  
**George Simon** 816  
**Jack Collins** 782  
**Tom Janasek** 770  
**Doug Parks** 576  
**Larry Perrone** 342  
**Ray Unger** 242

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## 2012 Business of the Year

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Peridot is the accepted birthstone for August. It is also the accepted anniversary gemstone for the 16th year of marriage.

Peridot should be a lively lime green, without a brownish or olive cast.

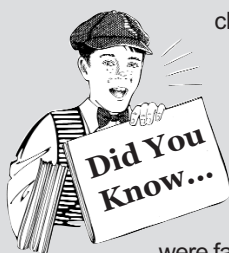
Peridot is the child of volcanic action. Tiny peridot crystals are sometimes combed from the black sands of Hawaii.

Peridots were favored by pirates, considered powerful amulets against all evil, and when set in gold, were said to protect the wearer from the terrors of the night. They had medicinal uses, too. If fashioned into a chalice from which medicines were drunk, they intensified the effects of the drug.

Care should be taken to protect peridot from scratches, sharp blows, household chemicals and extreme temperature changes. Do not use a home ultrasonic machine for cleaning.

The peridot is abundant, and is available in larger sizes. It is found in Burma and the U.S.

The most important source of peridot in the world is the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation near Globe, Arizona, where it is mined by native Americans.



## Commentary

# OPA financials questioned

By **Joe Reynolds**

The Annual Meeting was more or less an infomercial telling association members how wonderful things are. Much was made of how well our business amenities are doing:

Here is the factual information from the 2016 Audited Financial Report, Schedule 1, Net Revenues and Expenses including Depreciation:

Golf (\$549,779)  
Aquatics (\$230,807)  
Tennis (\$54,056)  
Platform Tennis (\$11,889)  
Pickelball \$8,027  
Marinas \$159,546  
Beach Club \$93,964  
Beach Parking \$382,405  
Yacht Club (\$268,701)

Net Profit or (Loss) - Loss is (\$471,290) This is the amount of your assessment dollars that subsidize our business amenities. Thank goodness the loss is spread over 8440 assessment payers. No private operation could survive.

Thank goodness for Beach parking or the loss would be \$853,865.

Recreation and Parks was financed from assessment dollars to the tune of \$694,629. This is about \$60,000 more than the prior year; and a whopping \$226,000 more than in 2011.

The initiation a couple of years ago of transfers of around \$45,000 from Beach parking income to Aquatics income was to be noted in the future as a change in accounting so as to allow some relative comparison of how well Aquatics and Beach parking are doing compared to prior financial reports. Such a notation does not appear to be in the audited report.

Bad debts are increasing. Audited 2016 bad debt write off was \$274,907; in 2015 it was \$237,872. Five years ago bad debt was only \$54,034.

Audit report from 2016 shows Marketing & Public Relations cost \$250,655 from assessment dollars; in 2011 the net cost for Marketing and Public Relations was only \$144,521.

During the meeting the OPA Treasurer made much over the issue of our operating fund balance (deficit) and how it was going down. Some people clapped and cheered. I'm not sure what they were cheering about since the deficit is going down because they are paying an amount in their assessment to keep it down.

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## Kiwanis makes donation

At its August 10 meeting, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City presented a \$350 check to Sonya Bounds, director of the Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department, in support of their summer Concerts in the Park. (L-R) Sonya Bounds and Kiwanis Club President Mark Joseph.

# Humane Society seeks volunteers

Worcester County Humane Society currently seeks volunteers to help the cats and dogs at the no kill shelter. Categories of volunteer opportunities include events and fundraising, in-shelter opportunities and helping to take care of cats being housed at Petco in West Ocean City.

Worcester County Humane Society is a private, nonprofit that depends on donations and fundraisers to care for the many cats and dogs that find their way to the shelter. Volunteers are needed to take part in the shelter's Ways and Means Committee. This committee is in charge of all of the shelter's fundraisers which are held mostly on weekends. There are various ways to help on this committee including chairing an event, working at an event, collecting donations for raffles and auctions, baking sweets for bake sales and making dog biscuits to sell at events.

In-shelter volunteer opportunities are very much needed for care of the shelter animals. It is preferred that volunteers who are interested in being an in-shelter volunteer be able to commit to a set weekly schedule. Volunteers are needed seven days a week. Some in-house volunteer duties include cleaning kennels and cages and cleaning cat areas. Volunteers who apply for this position must be 18 years old and must be able to work

independently.

For those interested in volunteering for the shelter but do not want to physically go to the shelter, there is an opportunity to help care for shelter cats while they are being housed in the West OC Petco kitty condos. This opportunity requires the volunteer to commit to a set weekly schedule one or two mornings a week. The duties include cleaning the kitty condos, scooping litter pans, feeding and giving fresh water. These duties take about 30 minutes to complete.

Those interested in any of these volunteer opportunities can send an email to [savinganimals@worcestercountyhumanesociety.org](mailto:savinganimals@worcestercountyhumanesociety.org)

For more information on events or available pets visit the shelter's website [www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org](http://www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org) Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram.

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# Many miles, many topics

My wife and I recently drove cross country to El Paso, Texas, a trip of just about 2,300 miles and nearly 30 hours. It was just the two of us. Our truck was loaded, not with our belongings but with items

will no doubt argue that "free-spirited" is not the best word to define our courtship years. She might use words like endurance test, challenging or unbelievable (in the sarcastic sense). You may want to ask her.



## ***It's All About. . .***

By **Chip Bertino**

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left behind by our daughter and son-in-law when they moved away after getting married. You know how it is, the kids leave but leave behind "treasured relics" from their youth believing parents will want to keep them evermore, behind a velvet rope line for passersby. These relics fill a room and sometimes more and take space in the attic. There's only so much space available, a lesson kids learn when their own children move out.

My mother was a good one for bringing toys and other items of my youth to our home each time she visited. As her attic emptied, ours filled. "You never know," she would say, "your children will want to play with them." You know what happened? Our kids got their own stuff, played with it and it's now in our attic next to the stuff from when I was young.

But I digress. Let's get back to my wife and me alone in a vehicle traveling the byways and highways of our great nation toward our destination. Being stuck in a vehicle together can test a relationship. What to talk about? Well, we really didn't have too much of a problem. We enjoyed ourselves immensely. So often in hectic day to day living conversation loses out to communication of necessity like "what's for dinner" or "did you take the trash out?" When there are many hours and miles of driving laid out in front of you, there's time to delve into more substantive give and take. And such was the case with us. The farther we got from home the more relaxed and fun our conversation became. In some ways it was akin to our more free-spirited courtship. A point of clarification is required with that last comment as my wife

My wife and I have been friends for so long that there isn't too much, if anything, we haven't talked about at least once. Yet, during this trip (both going to and coming back from) there were things we talked about from fresh, and I thought, interesting perspectives. Now you're probably interested in knowing what those topics were. Mostly family, kids, grandchildren (most often), the future and why didn't I stop several miles back to fill the gas tank.

There was only one time when our conversation became strained. It was nearly midnight and we had been traveling 14 hours. We were in western Tennessee traveling along Route 40 unable to find a motel room. There was an event going on in Jackson and rooms were booked for miles around. We finally pulled into a motel with vacancies at around 12:30 a.m. We were tired and our conversation was a bit snippy and reduced to one word questions and one word answers. "Fine?" "Fine!" "Okay, then." The next morning things were just fine.

There were a couple times when we got off course using the GPS because of user error. At one point, we followed the directions spoken by the device and couldn't figure out why we were circling downtown Terrell, a small Texas town just off Route 34. We were making U-turns to the point of tear-stained laughter. If there were locals watching they must have been just rolling their eyes. The experience did provide conversation fodder for many miles once we discovered our error and got back on track.

This trip was the longest distance we had ever driven together. There was a lot of beautiful scenery, unscheduled stops to visit places of interest and considerable amounts of funny and meaningful repartee. I'm ready to hit the road again.

And I think if you ask my wife, she'll say the same thing.

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## Renaud highlights board accomplishments

By **Chip Bertino**

Pat Renaud, president of the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) board of directors, presided over the organization's annual meeting held Saturday. During his President's Report he outlined the accomplishments of the board during the past year.

He said the board "reestablished open lines of communication between the [president] and GM at weekly meetings." With regard to the general manager, he cited that the board had "returned

control of the CIP (capital improvement plan) process to the GM." Additionally, he said the board "established both a monthly and quarterly reporting process between LU (Landscapes Unlimited) and the GM." LU is the outside manager of the community's golf operations. He also said the board "brought LU to the table for a first year performance review."

He credited the board with setting in motion the changeover from propane to natural gas by Sandpiper, the restoration of "two key bridges" and initiating the conversion of two tennis courts to eight pickleball courts at the Manklin Creek Sports Complex.

He said the board "led the fight to deny access/egress of the PRMC medical [facility] through Ocean Parkway" by "providing an open forum for residents and [developer] Palmer Gillis to express their opinions."

He credited the board with developing a budget that required no increase in annual assessments.

He said as president he "stressed the need for order in our board meetings by following Robert's Rules of Order and consistently encouraging civility [sic] at each board meeting."

Other projects Renaud pointed to as board accomplishments during the past year: the initiating meetings with DMA, a reserve consultant, concerning the status of the community's reserves; the renovations to the Sports Core pool; beginning discussions on a turnover agreement for Section 17; and, amending the contract with BEACON for refocus the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan study.



## AGH to construct new cancer center

The town of Berlin has approved construction of a new comprehensive cancer care center, Atlantic General Hospital executives announced last week.

The new 18,000-square-foot facility, which will sit on the corner of Rte. 113 and Old Ocean City Boulevard, will provide one centrally-located, convenient facility for the care and treatment of individuals with cancer and blood disorders.

Cancer is a leading cause of death in the United States, and in Maryland and Delaware the incidence of cancer is higher than the national average. Even more concerning, the mortality rate for Worcester County, and Sussex County in Delaware residents diagnosed with cancer is nearly 10 percent higher than for the state of Maryland.

"We as healthcare providers need to better address the high cancer mortality rate in our community. Right now, convenient, comprehensive cancer care is not available close to home for many of the residents we serve," said Michael Franklin, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital. "Our current cancer care program provides excellent chemotherapy care and care navigation services, but we need to do more. We're very excited about placing these critical services on our hospital campus in our commu-

nity."

In addition to existing medical oncology and chemotherapy infusion services and integrative therapies, the new center will include radiation oncology; PET, CT, MRI and other advanced diagnostic radiology services on one campus; laboratory and pathology services; community education and support facilities; and telemedicine technology that will allow patients and their physicians to consult with other cancer care experts, preventing unnecessary travel for consultation and follow up care for patients who may require more intensive cancer care services.

For a detailed list of services and features, visit [www.atlanticgeneral.org/thenewrccc](http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/thenewrccc).

Agreements for exclusive partnerships with premier cancer care providers in Maryland are being finalized. A collaboration with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Oncology will allow for the latest radiation oncology therapies at the new Regional Cancer Care Center. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Oncology has been providing cancer treatment in Berlin for over a decade, and the collaboration with Atlantic General Hospital will allow for a more efficient cancer care delivery system in our community at a single location, rather than a duplication of services that already exist.

"Since 1993, Atlantic General has been part of the fabric of our community, dedicated to improving the health of each individual and the population overall," said Lou Taylor, chairman of the Atlantic General Hospital Board of Trustees. "This new center is the next vital step in protecting the health of those we serve, right here in Worcester County."

The new Regional Cancer Care Center will be located on a 4-acre parcel next to Old Ocean City Boulevard in front of Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center that Atlantic General Hospital acquired in 2014.



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# Terry: OPA is in good financial position

By **Chip Bertino**

The financial picture of the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) is very good according to Tom Terry, treasurer of the organization, who provided a financial trends summary during the annual meeting held Saturday.

According to Terry OPA ended FY 16 with \$309,498 in revenues in excess of expenses and net operating results for all the amenities for the same period were in the black by \$498,559.

With regard to the organization's reserves, Terry said that some in the community are not providing factual information when they say OPA has more than \$9 million in replacement

reserves. He said the amount was \$5.7 million as of April 30. On May 1, the start of the new fiscal year, an additional \$3.7 million was added to this account from annual assessments. He said this amount plus an additional \$440,000 will be used to fund capital expenses in the current fiscal year.

Included in the \$5.7 million is \$1.1 million for bulkhead replacement, \$251,000 for road resurfacing and \$272,000 for operating deficit reserves. He said the Replacement Reserves dedicated to the major maintenance and replacement fund are \$4.1 million at year end 2016.

He reported that annual deprecia-

tion continues to be funded through annual assessments. He said the Legacy Component of the budget (once known as the 5 Year Plan) now accounts for \$101 in assessments per year per member. It had been \$130.

Terry said that during the past eight years, no outside borrowing has been required by OPA saving \$250,000 to \$300,000 per year in interest costs. He said that by funding construction costs of the new Yacht Club with money from the Legacy Component, the organization saved more than \$600,000 in interest.

He stated the "financial trends and current positions present an organization in solid shape." He summarized that since 2010 OPA has erased an operating fund balance deficit of \$485,000, absorbed the \$459,000 cost of an IRS decision, survived a major loss (\$441,000) during upgrades to the golf course and increased assessments by only 2%. He also said that "amenities have been redirected and made an operation profit each of the last two years." He went on to say that "OPA has now returned to a posi-

tive balance in the operating fund for the first time since 2006. Not bad for a community that some say is out of control."

He concluded his remarks by saying that "the staff of OPA is a blessing to our community." He expressed appreciation for the work of Pete Gomsak, assistant treasurer and for "educating me on accounting."

He was effusive in his praise for General Manager Bob Thompson. "To the guy who in 2010 walked into his new job the same time I did, I thank Bob Thompson for his dedication to the community." Terry also thanked those with whom he served on the board during his six-year tenure.

He took a moment to provide advice to new board members. "Take time to learn before you act. All of our board members truly believe they have the right answers for the community. Sometimes if you listen you may find the other person has the better idea or the right information... but you may be right."

Terry steps down from the board having served two three terms.

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the reserves and future capital needs, possibly the most important discussion a community that's been here for a significant number of years can have."

"Not sure what kind of priorities the new board will agree to. My immediate and mid-term priorities will be in line with my campaign messages," Trendic said.

Renaud did not respond to *The Courier's* inquiry.

Tom Terry steps off the board after two terms. Bill Cordwell steps down after not seeking a second term.

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## Blood shortage prompts donation appeal

Summer is traditionally a difficult time to collect blood, but this summer the blood supply is at its lowest ever. "Every blood center in the country is struggling to keep an adequate supply on the shelves of their hospitals" said Michael Waite, Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) Director of Marketing and Community Relations. "That's why we're asking anyone who has the capability of donating blood to please do so as soon as possible".

All blood types are needed, especially O-, the Universal Blood Type, and both B+ and B-. "Less than 10% of the population eligible to donate blood in the U.S. does so, which is why it is so vital that those who can give consider donating," said Waite. "Summer is a time when people are more active and the risk of injury or trauma is even greater. We must maintain a safe level of blood for all the hospitals we serve in the Delmarva region to handle any emergency. This is the busiest time of the year for trauma centers and we have to be prepared for any event that may occur." One in seven people will need a blood transfusion sometime in their lifetime.

Blood Bank of Delmarva has incentives for those who donate, including a chance to win a pair of four day passes to next year's Firefly Music Festival in Dover, along with a \$1,000 gift card from TD Bank as part of BBD's Summer Blood

Challenge. "The incentives are there to help convince people to try donation, but the biggest reason donors say they give blood is because they want to help someone else."

Blood Bank of Delmarva has five fixed donor locations: Newark, Dover, Wilmington, Chadds Ford, PA and Salisbury, as well as more than 30 regularly scheduled mobile locations. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are also welcome. BBD needs more than 300 donors a day to meet the needs of the hospitals served in the Delmarva region.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit [www.DelmarvaBlood.org](http://www.DelmarvaBlood.org), call 1 888 8-BLOOD-8 or download their free mobile app.

The Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) community service organization which provides blood transfusion products and services for hospitals within the Delmarva region. For over 60 years, Blood Bank of Delmarva has ensured a safe and continuous supply of blood to meet the needs of over 20,000 patients annually. In addition to blood provisioning, BBD operates a full service regional laboratory providing donor testing and patient reference laboratory services for other blood collection centers and hospitals. BBD is FDA licensed, a member of America's Blood Centers, and accredited by AABB.

## Mental health, suicide awareness booklets available

The Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program has announced a new guide to local mental healthcare resources, and a brochure devoted to teaching young people suicide prevention first aid. Both are available free of charge.

"Our Jesse Klump Memorial Fund Guide to Mental Health Resources is the third edition of the most comprehensive directory to mental healthcare professionals on the lower Eastern Shore," said Fund President Kim Klump. "The Guide has grown to 38 pages, and includes not only psychiatrists and traditional practitioners, but also complementary therapies like massage, life coaches, yoga and meditation healers, and even a section on mental health and suicide prevention apps." The Guide was made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

"Choose to Live" is the Fund's brochure about the risk of youth suicide

and its prevention. "Our newly designed brochure outlines the warning signs of an impending suicide that everyone should learn to recognize, and the simple steps that one youth can take to keep a friend safe until professionals can intervene. While the audience is young people, anyone can benefit from the information," Klump said. Constellation Energy provided funding to create the brochure.

Both are available free of charge. "We'll mail as few as a single copy," Klump said. "But if you have a place where the general public can access the material, a doctor's office, library, wherever, we'll provide it in larger quantities and even include display racks."

To learn more, or to order the Guide and the brochure, call 443-982-2716, or send a message to [weremember@jesses-paddle.org](mailto:weremember@jesses-paddle.org). For more information about suicide prevention, visit [www.choosetolive-maryland.org](http://www.choosetolive-maryland.org).



(L-R) Kiwanis Club Speakers and Programs Chair **J. Graham Caldwell** and club President **Mark Joseph** listen to **Tom Bickerstaff** as he addresses Kiwanis.

## Rotary visits Kiwanis

By **David Landis, Sr.**

There are many clubs and organizations in the world that do volunteer and community service work. One of them is the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City which was visited by a member of the local Rotary Club, Tom Bickerstaff, at the weekly meeting on Wednesday August 10. During Tom's talk, it became clear that these two global clubs have similarities. Kiwanis is about "Serving the Children of the World" and has an initiative to globally eradicate pre-natal tetanus, an effort recently accomplished. Rotary's flagship project is the eradication of polio globally, which has been done with the exception of

only two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Both organizations have raised millions of dollars to achieve their objectives.

Tom made the point that while there are very few cases of polio in those two countries, it only takes one infected person, who carries the water-borne virus, traveling to another country, to spread the dreaded disease. Interestingly, in the U.S., polio vaccinations have been discontinued for more than 40 years.

Microsoft founder Bill Gates has pledged a two to one match for funds raised by Rotary during the next two years.

## Technological advances and cyber-related trends on topic for conference

The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) summer conference takes place this week, at the Roland Powell Convention Center in Ocean City. This annual event is designed to provide county elected officials, county staff, state and federal officials, and business representatives with opportunities to convene with one another to study best practices in local governance and explore partnerships to better serve Maryland residents. The Worcester County Commissioners, along with other local government officials from across the state, make attending the MACo Summer Conference a priority because in this setting they share ideas and develop solutions to issues facing local government.

The 2016 MACo Summer Conference is themed "Cyber Solutions: Counties in the Digital Age." The focus will be on digital trends, cyber threats, and technological solutions for county officials and professionals. Among the many topics offered, participants can expect to see demonstrations of drones, hear from experts about autonomous vehicles, and talk about the implementation of texting 9-1-1.

Updates will be given by the Departments of Natural Resources and the Environment. U.S. Senator Ben Cardin will host a town hall forum. U.S. Representative and MACo Past President Dutch Ruppertsberger will moderate a general session on cybersecurity budgeting. Governor Larry

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# Sandpiper Energy updates gas conversion progress and plans

By **Steve Habeger**

Sandpiper Energy recently updated the progress of their activities to convert Ocean Pine's gas supply infrastructure from Liquefied Propane (LP) to Natural Gas (NG). In order to keep Ocean Pines (OP) residents aware of their progress, Sandpiper has chosen to display (and update) a map which can be seen on the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) website: <http://ocean-pines.org/>

Viewers are advised to ignore the rainbow of colors and focus instead on the gray areas because the gray color denotes areas already converted. Essentially, about 500 properties in sections 1, 4 and 19 have been converted.

After seeing this updated map, this writer requested an interview with Sandpiper representatives to further explore the status and plans of the conversion process. Two representatives of Chesapeake Corp., and the owner of Sandpiper Energy, were interviewed in June. Mr. Shane Breakie, Director of Energy Services, and Ms. Sarah Hardy, Senior Marketing Analyst, provided a wide-ranging discussion about NG conversion status and plans for OP as well as the Delmarva Peninsula.

Breakie said it is very unusual, almost unique, for a business to convert 10,000 LP customers to NG in a short time.

Breakie identified two challenges for Sandpiper in Ocean Pines;

Ensuring the existing pipelines are properly documented and

Establishing communications with seasonal (or weekend) property owners.

The first challenge has been met after a rigorous survey accompanied by ground testing the system.

Communicating with property owners to allow a survey and then the conversion effort has turned out to be a seasonal issue. Residents will not be surprised to learn that wintertime is a difficult time to find all property owners in their OP residence. The conversion pace was slower than desired when the registered owners were elsewhere but the pace has picked up in the summer. Right now, Sandpiper is accomplishing as many as eight conversions a day. At 40 conversions a week, work is progressing at a good tempo.

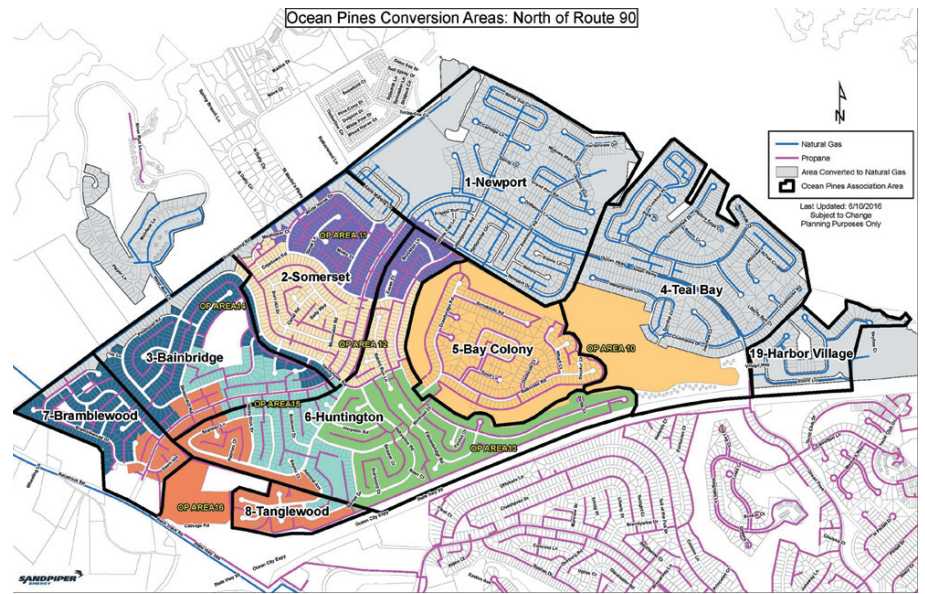
According to the Sandpiper status map of June 10, 2016, the three sec-

tions that have been converted equate to approximately 500 properties within the past six months. With 4,000 properties left to convert the process can be expected to take years to complete. Mr. Breakie suggested five years would be a reasonable expectation to convert all of OP.

At this time, Section 5 (Bay Colony) is being converted. Sandpiper refers to the initial stage of conversion as "flaring" because a small amount of residual LP is vented and burned, producing small flares of flame. Once the gas lines have been purged of LP, NG is introduced and, as properties are converted, the properties become served by the gas line. Soon Section 11 and then 2 can expect to receive postcards alerting the property owners in those sections of the impending arrival of survey crews to assess the needs of each property to allow safe consumption of NG in all gas appliances.

Sandpiper plans to focus on OP areas north of Route 90 for this summer and move south of Route 90 in the fall.

Outside of Ocean Pines, Chesapeake and Sandpiper have been work-



ing to introduce NG down the Delmarva Peninsula. Over the past five years NG has been deployed along Route 113 from Dover. Major energy consumers, like poultry operations, power plants, hospitals and dog food bakeries, have transitioned from oil (principally #2 Heating Oil) to NG. All but one power plant in Delaware (the Indian River Peaker plant is the ex-

ception) have converted to NG.

Breakie gave three benefits of this conversion; reduction of harmful emissions, lower cost and reduced reliance on overseas petroleum producers. NG is a product of America and Pennsylvania is a major contributor.

Part of the process of gathering NG

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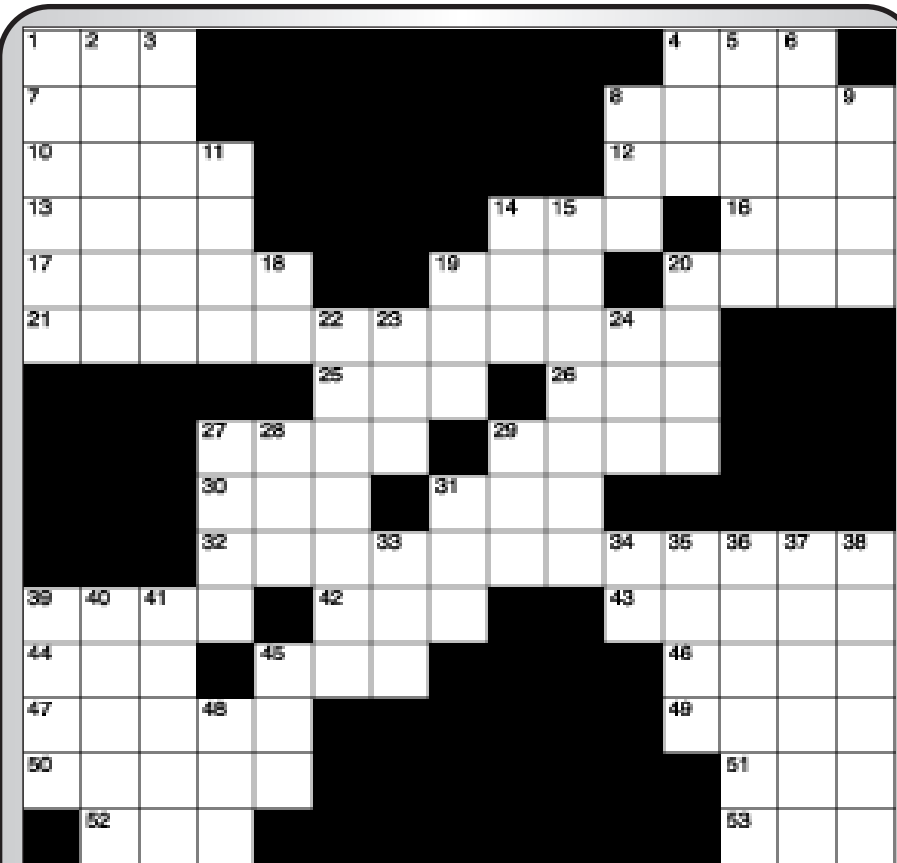
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21. The Babe's real name  
25. Use it to clean  
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29. Aggressive dogs  
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Just Good Business...

# Still going strong at forty-three

By **Jean Marx**

At Carpets & Renovations by the Ocean, owner Joerg Leinemann has made it his hallmark to spot opportunities to grow, jump right in, and deliver for the customer. The wide range of products and services available at the company today after 43 years in business belie the company's humble start in 1973 when Joerg and his father ran a small carpet cleaning enterprise with one cleaning machine. Today's products and services include all types of flooring such as carpeting, wood, vinyl, and laminate floors, water damage restoration, new and existing home renovations, and free 30-minute customer consultations for home project ideas to meet customers' goals, budget, and time frame.

You might say a lot of the growth in the company has been in being in the right place at the right time. While timing has played a part, Joerg and his father adopted a can-do attitude to exceed their customers' expectations that is the foundation of the company. In the early 1970s, Sam Taustin hired Joerg's father to manage his Summer Winds condominiums in Ocean City that housed summer employees who worked at the Embers and Bonfire restaurants. He was offered a chance to buy a carpet cleaning machine as a way to make a little extra money, and he and Joerg decided to split the business 50/50 with Joerg doing the cleaning and his dad supplying the funding. Joerg laughs at the early memories of growing their business through an ad in the "Yellow Pages" and fitting the cleanings in between his surfing and college.

One of the biggest inspirations for expanding the business came from offering water mitigation and damage restoration for carpeting after storms or other emergency situations. Joerg describes that by pulling up old carpets and removing damaged drywall,

he and his dad saw the opportunity to offer new carpet installations and renovations. They set to work hiring hardworking crews of people and began offering renovation services to make the properties look like new again.

Joerg emphasizes the role of hiring good people in building and sustaining your business. Pat Ford was Joerg's office manager for 30 years (now re-



tired) and "always offered a warm, motherly attitude to our customers." Robert Helgeson has a tenure of 25 years, providing his talents as the purchasing manager for the corporation and the project manager on the commercial end of the business. Joerg credits both Pat and Robert with offering not only the best in customer service, but in doing the extras that leave a lasting impression with customers and generate referrals. Joerg describes his motto as, "Hire the smile and train the rest." A great example of this concept is how the company matches up the sales manager of a new account with the installation manager. Even if there are challenges, when both team members are working hard and striving for the best in customer satisfaction, good results become the natural outcome and the staff bonds together.

Carpets & Renovations by the Ocean also stays abreast of the latest products in the industry. For example, Joerg is very excited by various water-

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from the ground involves the use of hydraulic fracturing. Hydraulic fracturing involves breaking gas-bearing rock strata deep underground by the use of high-pressure water. This process is commonly referred to as “fracking”. Fracking is a controversial process; the topic is beyond the scope of this article.

Ms. Hardy offered that approximately 2,500 properties outside of Ocean Pines have been converted.

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proof flooring lines known in the industry as “Waterproof Engineered Core Flooring.” Offered in many styles, the floors are made to look like actual driftwood, barn wood, and even distressed Italian doors from Tuscany. The versatility and durability are also huge benefits. He says, “The product is 100% waterproof and 100% child/pet-proof, and many lines carry a commercial warranty. Sandy beach traffic presents no issue because the floor is scratch-resistant and it will even survive storms due to its ability to be easily removed, cleaned up, and then put back down.” Many customers are pulling up their living room carpet to install this flooring that they even run right into their adjacent kitchens and bathrooms.

In asking Joerg for words of wisdom from his 40+ years in business, he offers the following lessons he has learned: “You must love what you do, have a good plan, and make the commitment to always do the right thing.” Recalling the lessons learned as an Eagle Scout and in working with his son to follow in his footsteps, Joerg says, “Be prepared — it’s what you will always be remembered for. Your end goal is always the happy customer.” This author can personally attest to being a very satisfied customer of Carpets & Renovations by the Ocean. They definitely delivered on-going the extra mile in my renovation and earning my gratitude and return business.

For more information, you can reach the company in a variety of ways: The showroom address is 38993 Beacon Drive in Fenwick Island, Delaware, the phone number is (302)-537-5500, and the website is [www.bytheocean.net](http://www.bytheocean.net).

Jean Marx owns “Time Flies,” a local business specializing in helping people capture their special memories in print through a variety of venues such as self-publishing. She can be reached at 443-880-0045 or at [jmarx.timeflies@gmail.com](mailto:jmarx.timeflies@gmail.com).

If the 500 OP properties are added, about 3,000 properties have been converted in the area. The goal is to convert 10,000 properties eventually; Choptank/Sandpiper have a lot of work ahead of them.

Sandpiper has already begun delivering NG into Berlin and West Ocean City. After a gas main is laid from West Ocean City to Ocean City, NG delivery will begin there. The gas main is expected to be laid underwater near the Harry W. Kelly Bridge on Route 50.

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Hogan is confirmed to deliver the closing address of the conference.

Other issues to be discussed include social media use and telecommuting for county employees, environmental updates, protecting children from cyber-crime, concussions, funding methods for technology, and a Q&A session on medical cannabis. Participants will have two opportunities to be certified to administer Naloxone, the opioid overdose treatment drug.

Participants have access to many educational sessions, covering issues on infrastructure, public safety, budget, education, planning, management, development, and many more. The conference offers attendees the chance to hear from experts to learn from their experiences and insights.

MACo is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that serves Maryland county governments by articulating their needs and ideas to the Maryland General Assembly. The Association’s membership is composed of county elected officials and representatives from Maryland’s 23 counties and Baltimore City. MACo’s members determine Association policy and positions on executive and legislative proposals through an elected Board of Directors and Legislative Committee. Worcester County Commissioners Bud Church and Merrill Lockfaw serve on the MACo Legislative Committee.

Through MACo’s advocacy, training, education programs, and annual conferences, members are provided with endless opportunities to improve their capacity to serve their residents. More information and conference program updates are provided at [www.mdcounties.org](http://www.mdcounties.org).

**Diabetes management classes scheduled**

The Diabetes Outpatient Education Program at Atlantic General Hospital will offer diabetes self-management education classes in September.

The series of four, two hour sessions will address blood glucose monitoring, foot care, nutrition, exercise, and other self-management skills to help individuals better manage their diabetes. A family member is invited to attend. The program is recognized by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) for quality education, and program staff includes a Registered Nurse and a Registered Dietitian, both of whom are Certified Diabetes Educators.

Advance registration and a referral from your primary care provider (which the program can obtain) are required. It is recommended to call 410-641-9703 before August 26 to register.

Diabetes Self-Management is a Medicare benefit and the cost of the classes is covered by many insurances.

Classes will be held on the following Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

September 7, 14, 21 and 28 at Atlantic Health Center located at 9714 Healthway Drive in Berlin.

Please call 410-641-9703 for more information and to register.

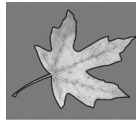
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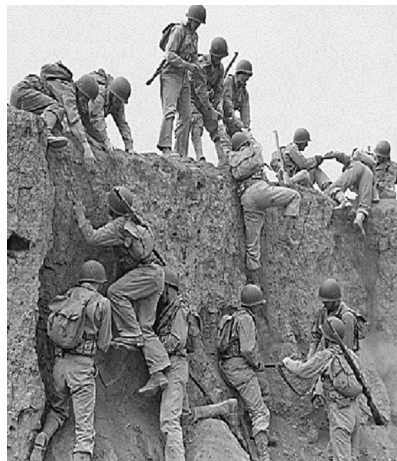
By **Dr. Joseph Palmisano**

Most Americans know the terrible effects of World War II for much of the world. Millions of lives lost, the Holocaust, destruction of cities, loss of priceless heirlooms and artifacts, the unleashing of atomic power for destructive purposes, and a great deal of misery. But some good came out of it, especially for America.

The most immediate positive effect of WWII in America was to lift us out of the Great Depression. Suddenly jobs were plentiful, and just about every facet of American life sped up. It would have taken a long time for our economy to recover, and for Americans to regain

that feeling that they could accomplish anything if they tried hard enough. That feeling is what made America great and different from the rest of the world.

Another positive effect was the beginning of the emancipation of women. With so many men in the service, they stepped up to play a major role in creating the war machine that finally brought about the defeat of the Axis powers. They came from the South,



rural areas, and sheltered homes to take a new role in American life. For many that meant going into the service or a job in a defense plant where they were introduced to machinery and a management system with a "glass ceiling." Others had to assume full responsibility for running a home and raising children without the aid of a husband or father. All this provided impetus to

the "woman's movement" which has continued to today.

Then there was the amalgamation of men from all over the country to produce an effective fighting force. Yankees, Rebels, Hoosiers, Hillbillies, and other disparate groups were thrown together with the common goal of winning the war. For many it marked the beginning of shedding regional prejudices and archaic mores. They became ambassadors of the American Way of Life all over the globe.

Wartime produced something else that rarely happens in civilian life. Men frequently became a mem-

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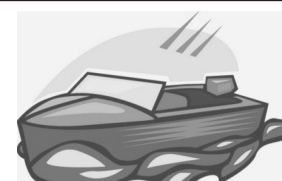
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## Mondays

### **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](mailto:jean-duck47@gmail.com)

## Tuesdays and 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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## 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.

## effects

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ber of a group that was totally dependent on each member for mutual survival. Bonds were created to the extent that an individual would give up his life to save other members of his unit. It could be a combat platoon, a bomber crew, or shipmates on a destroyer. Many friendships were created that lasted a lifetime. These men were better able to make decisions in peacetime.

Another positive effect was the G.I. Bill. When the war ended, millions of Americans were able to complete their education or learn a new trade or profession. For some it was college or professional school; for others it was training in mechanics, art, culinary expertise or whatever. This provided a knowledgeable base for returning veterans to assume their place in the post-war economy both at home and abroad.

A final positive effect was the establishment of the United States as a world power. We had provided a fighting force, a war machine, and leadership to defeat the axis powers around the globe. And, the world could see that a representative form of government could achieve this lofty goal and become the envy of many of our allies, and even our foes.

America would not be the country it is without World War II.

*Dr. Joseph Palmisano shares insights about World War II. He resides in Ocean Pines and is the author of "Doctor Joe, A Family Doctor in the Twentieth Century."*

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Signs and symptoms of Eastern Equine Encephalitis include fever, headache, irritability, restlessness,

drowsiness, vomiting, diarrhea, cyanosis, convulsions, and coma. There are no medications to treat, or vaccines to prevent, EEE virus infection. People with milder illnesses typically recover on their own, although symptoms may last for several weeks. In more severe cases, patients often need to be hospitalized to receive supportive treatment, such as intravenous fluids, pain medication, and nursing care. Anyone who has symptoms that cause concern should contact a health care provider.

The Wicomico and Worcester County Health departments provide the following tips to help prevent contact with mosquitoes and reduce risk of infection by EEE. These will also help reduce the risk of infection from West Nile and Zika.

- Avoid mosquitoes as much as possible.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- Get rid of mosquito breeding sites.
- Remove all discarded tires from property.

-Dispose of water-holding containers.

-Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly.

-Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out.

-Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they are not in use.

For more information on mosquito prevention, visit [www.cdc.gov/features/stopmosquitoes/](http://www.cdc.gov/features/stopmosquitoes/)

## Breast cancer fundraiser set

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