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Board severs Thompson contract

After six years on the job, Bob Thompson is no longer general manager of the Ocean Pines Association (OPA).

At a special meeting held in closed session on Friday, August 26 the OPA board of directors voted 4-3 to terminate the Management Agreement between the association and Thompson. According to a press release "the termination was for convenience, as specified in Section 3B of the Agreement and Section 9.01 of the OPA By-laws." Newly elected board member Brett Hill was appointed interim General Manager by Board President Tom Herrick until a replacement is found.

At the close of its special meeting on Friday to review projects underway within the community (see story on page 3), the board voted to go into closed session for the purposes of discussing the management contract with Thompson. No hint had been given that termination action was to be discussed.

The Courier reached out to Herrick who said the "events that have transpired in the past few days were unexpected and sudden." He said the community "has a very competent staff in place that will continue our daily operations."

When asked how the board will proceed in light of the recent changes, Herrick said, "the board will, during the next few weeks, collectively assess our needs and decide on which course of action will best serve our membership relative to the future management of the association." He went on to say that, "During this period, the board and staff will continue to act and complete all projects already in progress."

Hill was expected to meet with management staff and explain what is expected from them during this transitional period. Hill released a statement to the media which is published on page 4 in its entirety.

Thompson was named general manager in summer 2010 following the dismissal of then General Manager Tom Olson. At that time Thompson was vice president of the board of directors.

As per the terms of his management agreement with OPA, Thompson will continue to be paid his salary for nine months which equates to about \$123,750.



Scouts achieve Eagle status

Two boy scouts from Troop #225 were honored at their Eagle Scout Ceremony held at Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645 on Sunday, July 31. OC Elks Lodge sponsors Troop #225 and is very proud of this troop who has produced at least 30 Eagle Scouts to date.

Evan Haas built 13 wood duck boxes and installed them along the Pocomoke River in the State Park for his Eagle Scout Project. Each box was three feet long and one-foot wide and mounted on an eight-foot post. This was a winter project of three months and the boxes were placed in early spring.

For his project, Benjamin Jolley built 30 smart phone microscopes and donated them to Berlin Intermediate School. It took him about two weeks to build them. This was a great gift to the school since there was not sufficient funds to purchase these items.

Senator James Mathias's representative presented a proclamation to both Eagle Scouts signed by Senator Mathias and President of the Senate Mike Miller. The scouts also received citations from Governor Larry Hogan.

Haas and Jolley, both of Ocean Pines, graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in June and will attend University of Maryland College Park.

Pictured, from left, are TriCounty Eagle Chairman Tom Smith, Evan Haas and Benjamin Jolley.

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Annual memorial golf tournament is next week

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines will hold its tenth annual golf tournament, September 7, at the Ocean Pines Golf Club. The format will be a Captain's choice scramble with a noon shotgun start. Cost is \$90 per golfer which includes, lunch, greens fee and practice balls. Dinner will follow at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club with a silent auction. Dinner only guests are just \$20 additional.

Once again, the event will include wounded warriors, members of SMGA, Support Military Golf Association. They have been asked to join the event as part of their rehabilitation and transition from the military. This year some members of the Coast Guard who are currently stationed in Ocean City have been invited.

This tournament supports the Educational Outreach program of the Veterans Memorial Foundation which brings every fifth grade student in the county to the Memo-

rial. Docents and members of the Stephen Decatur High School NJROTC instruct the students about the branches of the military and the sacrifices veterans made as they defended the nation's freedoms. They also learn the proper handling of our flag and its history.

To play, or support with a donation, call Marie Gilmore at 410-726-2881, or OPMarie@aol.com, or call Bob Rose at 410 926 2558, or BobRose1@comcast.net.

AARP to meet

Next meeting for AARP will be September 12 at the Community Center in Ocean Pines. Social time will be at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. This month's speaker will be Kitty Wrench who will teach the basics of CPR. The meeting is open to the public. This month bring a can of food for Sarah's pantry to help stock the pantry for folks in need in the community.

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OPA board holds special meeting, discusses projects

By **Kelsey Reichenberg**

On Friday, August 26, the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) board of directors held a special meeting to discuss updates on projects currently underway in Ocean Pines and vote on motions.

The board began as the General Manager Bob Thompson, explained the costs associated with the Manklin Meadows project. He explained that the projected overall cost of the project, \$150,000, is much higher than what the board had previously predicted and accepted because they had not considered the electrical design and stormwater mitigation that would go into the project. He also admitted that there should have been more analysis and study prior to agreeing on the cost of the project.

“We looked into alternatives that would save us money such as re-designing the proposed storm water retention pools and raising the platform tennis courts; however, neither of those options were doable. So, we concluded that our current design is the only acceptable approach for the current project configuration of the courts and parking lots.”

Thompson went on to explain that he is still waiting on bids for the asphalt work and that he will hopefully have an update for the next board meeting.

The next project of discussion was the Beach Club bathrooms. Thompson explained that it will be up to the contractor whether to renovate the current facility or to construct a new stand-alone facility. “We released the RFP on June 15 and four contractors attended a site visit and walk through on June 28.” Three contractors made offers, one of which to renovate the current bathrooms and two of which

to build stand alone facilities.

The next steps to the Beach Club bathrooms project include meeting with Ocean City to confirm requirements, meeting with contractors to better understand each proposal, and presenting all three bids with final recommendations and reasoning behind the recommendations to the board of directors.

Thompson went on to provide information on the Country Club project. “We are waiting on an updated engineering study which will include facility inspection, updated utility usage, MEP recommendations based on current energy and mechanical codes, and an executive study,” Thompson explained. “Additional considerations include 2015 international building codes, MD accessibility code, Worcester County floodplain management code, and 2015 NFPA life safety codes.” The anticipated date for the final report is September 2.

The last project of discussion was the White Horse Park bathroom renovations, which was presented to the board in February. The plans have been drawn, and the specifications on faucets and fixtures have been provided. The final contract is now being completed and the next step includes submission to Worcester County for permits.

Following discussion of projects, the board voted on a few motions. Board member Brett Hill removed two motions at the beginning of the meeting, leaving two of his own movements available for votes.

Hill’s first motion asked that the board of directors authorize the General Manager to have his staff enter the property known as 39 Westfield Circle to bring unattractive growth in compliance with M-04. The motion passed



photo by Kelsey Reichenberg

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Hill’s other motion asked that the General Manager immediately mobilize an objective, third-party licensed plumber to the Yacht Club to provide further troubleshooting of the persistent odor and for a written report to be provided to the board of directors by 12 p.m. on Friday, September 2 from both the requested, third-party li-

censed plumber, as well as the report(s) from any other contractors who have investigated the issue. The motion was approved by all board members.

The board concluded the meeting by going into closed session to discuss the management agreement between the association and the general manager. See related story on page 1.

Diabetes support group to meet

The Peninsula Regional Medical Center Diabetes Education Department’s Diabetes Support Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, September 12 in the Avery W. Hall Educational Center Auditorium on the Peninsula Regional campus.

The speaker this month will be Amy Sorg, wellness coordinator for the Henson Family YMCA in Salisbury, discussing ways to stay fit and be active.

Whether you, a member of your family or a friend has diabetes, participating in a support group can and will assist you in coping with the concerns the disease brings. Presentations include information on how to better man-

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Labor Day is the unofficial end of summer and the start of the back to school season.

Until the late 1800s only the wealthy got to attend school.

Did you know that high school didn't exist until the 1930s! High school started during the Great Depression.

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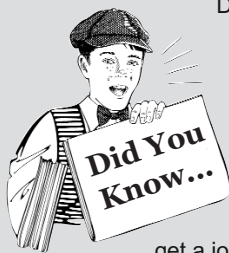
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Hill releases statement to community

Editor's Note: Following the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors decision to terminate the management contract with General Manager Bob Thompson, the board named Brett Hill as interim general manager.

Hill released the following statement to the community.

To the residents of Ocean Pines,

Thank you to all of you who voted for me to serve on your Board of Directors. When I was elected two weeks ago, I would never thought in such a short period of time my peers would ask me to step up and serve the community as an interim general manager.



Brett Hill

I am very confident in the staff of our Association and I firmly believe

that the community is in a strong position. This community is not run by one person, but a large staff that possess a wide range of skills and deep knowledge base within their trade to support the diversity of services offered by our HOA. That staff will still be here, as it was during the last general manager change, continuing to support our daily operations.

The next few months, under the guidance of the current board, will allow this community to take a fresh look at our future plans, and set the course for the next chapter of Ocean Pines. I believe the short tenure of the new board has already shown we have a great leadership team. We took aggressive steps early in the board year to start setting our financial plans, commenced budget reform and project evaluations, and we implemented measures to begin moving our community forward. I am honored to work with a team of

such fine individuals, and know with their support, we will quickly move to bring the best solution for the management of the Association.

Additionally, I wish to thank all of those who support our community as volunteers, like myself. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but trust that with all of the support that exists within the community, we will make great things happen and enjoy the success together.

Brett

PRMC offers diabetes ed classes

Peninsula Regional Medical Center is sponsoring Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon diabetes self-management education class sessions start to discuss healthy eating, activity, monitoring, medications, healthy coping, risk reduction and other self-management skills to help assist with diabetes control.

The evening class session will meet at the Medical Center on five consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning September 28. The afternoon class session will meet at the Medical Center on five consecutive Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. beginning September 29. All classes are taught by certified diabetes educators.

Registration is required. The cost of the five-week program may be reimbursed by insurance or Medicare. For more information or to register, please call the Peninsula Regional Diabetes Education Program at 410-543-7061.

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age and live with diabetes. Topics vary from month to month, and the group provides an excellent opportunity for all participants to share beneficial ideas and experiences. There are no dues or fees to attend.

For more information about the support group meetings or if you have questions about diabetes, please call the Diabetes Education Program at Peninsula Regional Medical Center at 410-543-7061.

Coastal Day cleanup day scheduled

Come out and join the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, the Town of Ocean City, the Ocean City Surf Club, Chesapeake Utilities and Sandpiper Energy to celebrate the Ocean Conservancy's Annual International Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 10 at the Ocean City Town Hall, beginning at 10 a.m. and take the pledge to "Take on the Trash."

Throughout the world people will be taking the time to celebrate this annual cleanup by picking up trash. Last year, over 800,000 people, 200,000 more than the previous year, picked up more than 18 million pounds of trash, which equates to five million more pounds of trash collected along the coasts of over 92 countries on Coast Day in 2014.)

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join us in paying it forward by picking up trash. Amazingly, once you participate in a trash cleanup, you will find that you will always be picking up trash, which could be a small piece that might just be that piece that saves a bird or a marine animal from harm.

The event starts at Town Hall. There you will receive trash bags, latex gloves, a trash tally sheet and a commemorative tee shirt courtesy of Chesapeake Utilities and Sandpiper Energy. We will pick up trash from 10 a.m. until noon. Talley sheets can be dropped off at Town Hall or can be mailed to the Ocean Conservancy. The Ocean Conservancy tallies results from all over the world and posts them on its website - <http://www.oceanconservancy.org/our-work/international-coastal-cleanup/2016-ocean-trash-index.html>.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in the Ocean City Coastal Day Cleanup contact Sandi Smith at sandis@md-coastalbays.org or by calling 410-213-2297 ext. 106. You can register through her in advance or simply show up.

For those in need of community service hours, this is the perfect event to serve your community and your environment.

Results from this cleanup will be included on the Ocean Conservancy website.

A fox among us

On an evening not long ago aboard my boat I enjoyed the company of an attractive, smart, articulate and funny young woman. We talked, we laughed and we shared stories. Now before you jump to conclusions, it wasn't what you may be thinking. Or maybe it is.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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My wife and I invited our son and his girlfriend to join us for dinner. We had decided to cruise to a favorite waterside restaurant so I called my son who told me that they were also planning to head out for dinner. I extended an invitation to join us. I could hear my son ask his girlfriend, "do you want to go to dinner with my parents." I could hear her quickly accept which was heartening. But when I got thinking about what transpired, I couldn't help wonder, what if she had responded "no." And given that my son sort of, well not sort of, actually did put her on the spot, what impression would have been made had she declined? She could have been in an uncomfortable position because I'm the type to remember such a slight. Even if she had had a very good reason, like having to work or was planning to spend the evening knitting sweaters for those in need, I would have made a thing about it as anyone who knows me knows. But, alas, by her quick and enthusiastic response, she sidestepped such a situation. However, she is the type who would quickly size up the situation, know that I could hear her through the phone and acted accordingly. As I mentioned above, she's a smart girl and sly as a fox (in a good way).

Getting to know the special someone who is very important to one of my children is an interesting experience. As a parent I can't come on too strong. Although I may have a lot of questions, I can't make the person feel that he or she is on trial. Well, I guess I could but I don't believe such behavior establishes a foundation for a strong, long term relationship, especially if this is really "The One."

Fortunately, there was an instant camaraderie between myself and this young lady. Why? Because she has a personality that blends very well. She's confident but not arrogant. She has a sense of humor that's understated, dry and penetrating. She appreciates subtlety and nuance. In short, she's a fun person to be around. As I reread what I just wrote, it would be interesting to know if she too believes there's a camaraderie connection or is she just tolerating me? Hmm. I may have to give this some thought.

Of course all the camaraderie in the world would amount to nothing if as a parent I didn't see a connection with my child. This doesn't appear to be a problem.

So, getting back to that evening on the boat. After dinner, the four of us cruised behind Assateague and drifted for a while watching the sun set. My son and I had a cigar. The conversation was light and interesting. At one point, my wife saw lightening in the distance and decided we should head in. She took the helm. I slipped into one of the backseats to enjoy the rest of my cigar. My son joined his mother. So it was just me and "the girlfriend." Leaning over the engine cover to better hear one another, we talked about various things. We laughed and we got to know each other a little better. I also learned that this young lady thinks very highly of my son, something I detected over the past many months but it was nice to have it verified.

What the future holds for these two is outside my influence. It's up to them. But I will write this. If their future includes a continuing relationship together, I would be very happy.



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Kite artist flying high with hospice and arts center

When Joseph Madeiros was growing up on the island of Bermuda, he would watch in wonder as Bermudians gathered outdoors for their traditional Easter celebration, flying handmade brightly-colored kites that soared up into the sky. By age 10, Madeiros was making his own kites.

These days, Madeiros, 85, is retired and living with his daughter in Willards, under the home care of Coastal Hospice since July. He has a spring in his step and an enthusiasm for life and is still using his hands to create the beautiful kite folk art of Bermuda.

To celebrate his craft, the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St. will hold a special exhibition of Madeiros' kites on First Friday, September 2 be-

tween 5 and 7 p.m. as part of their monthly art opening. The public is invited to the free opening reception.

Coastal Hospice arranged the exhibition as part of their "One More Time" program.

"Affirming life is part of our values," said Alane Capen, president of Coastal Hospice. "We believe human life has inherent dignity and is worthy of celebration. We hope our patients will live life to its fullest."

Madeiras makes the traditional Bermuda kites in octagonal shapes, creating an art form that is also very airworthy, holding world records for altitude and duration of flight. The kite maker starts with lightweight flat sticks arrayed like spokes of a wheel, then adds string and brightly colored or black-and-white tissue paper arranged in geometric patterns.

On Good Friday 2016, Madeiros won the Bookhammer Award at the Great Delaware Kite Festival in Lewes — an event he and his family have attended for years — for best all-around kite. He was also the oldest person flying kites to participate.

Madeiras came to the United



Joseph Madeiros is shown with his Coastal Hospice nurse, Cheryl Fisher.

States from Hamilton, Bermuda in 1968 and spent most of his life as a chemical operator at Reichhold Chemical in Dover. But his passions were always his wife, three children, kites and golf. He still plays nine holes once or twice a week since he's doing well under the care of Coastal Hospice.

And he still makes kites. The

Willards home he shares with daughter, Jonelle Jones, is filled with the colorful designs.

Madeiras loves showing his kites to visitors and talking about how he crafts them. His exhibition at the Arts Center will be an opportunity for him to continue to do what he loves best.



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The Youth Outdoor Soccer League will be divided into five age divisions (age 3-4, grades K-1, grades 2-3, grades 4-5, grades 6-8) and all divisions are co-ed. The age three to four

division will have games Monday evenings and Saturday mornings. The K-1 division will play on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. The Grades 2-3 division will meet Monday evenings and Saturday late mornings. The grades four and five division will play on Monday evenings and Saturday early afternoon and the grades six to eight division will have games on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Teams from each town will be formed and will travel to the three

following locations: John Walter Smith Park in Snow Hill, Newtown Park in Pocomoke, and Northern Worcester Athletic Complex in Berlin. The registration deadline is Thursday, September 8, 2016.

The Youth Instructional Basketball League will consist of three co-ed divisions: grades K-1, grades two and three, and grades four and five. The league will take place every Saturday morning, September 10 - November 12 at the Recreation Center in Snow Hill. The registration deadline is Wednesday, September 7.

The cost for each program is \$30 per player (\$25 for each additional child) and financial aid is available for those who have demonstrated need. Proof of eligibility is required. An additional \$5 will be applied to those who register after the deadline. Sign up today for these fun-filled programs!!

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Choptank opens new regional center

Choptank Electric Cooperative held a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new Regional Service Center on August 23. The ribbon cutting began with introductions and a few words from the Chairman of the Board and Kent County Director Olin Davis, and President/CEO, Mike Wheatley. "We are extremely satisfied with this new facility and how it will provide better service to our southern territory members," said Olin Davis.

Those in attendance included the Board of Directors, county and city representatives, employees of the Regional Service Center, senators James Mathias and Addie Eckardt and delegates Mary Beth Carozza, Sheree Sample-Hughes, Christopher Adams, and Charles Otto.

Master Gardener course offered

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This fall the Master Gardener training will begin September 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library in and will continue every Tuesday afternoon until November 22. The 40 hours of education is \$165, payable at the first meeting. As a Master Gar-

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Coastal Bays State of the Bays report card to be released

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program will unveil the 2015 State of the Bays Report, a five-year overview of the current science and management of our five coastal bays, and the 2015 Bay Report Card, a snapshot assessment on the health of these bays behind Ocean City and Assateague, on Thursday, September 8, at 2 p.m., at the Marlin Club located at 9659 Golf Course Road in West Ocean City, the public is welcomed and encouraged to come.

The 2016 State of the Bays report provides an overview of the current science and management issues in the Maryland Coastal Bays and their watersheds. Previous assessments include the 2004 State of the Maryland Coastal Bays and the 2009 book, *Shifting Sands: Environmental and cultural change in Maryland's Coastal Bays*. These previous publications and this booklet, *Maryland Coastal Bays 2016: Land and Bay Perspectives* are available on IAN Press (ian.umces.edu/press). Copies of the State of the Bays Report and the Report Card will be available at the event.

The goal of the Report Card is to provide a transparent, timely, and geographically detailed assessment of the 2015 Coastal Bay's health. Coastal Bays health is defined as the progress of four water quality indicators and two biotic indicators toward scientifically derived ecological thresholds or goals. The six indicators are combined into one coastal bays health index, presented as a report card score.

The first collaborative effort of a Report Card which gave Maryland's coastal bays a C+ grade was launched in 2008, finding sea grasses rebounding but still at levels little more than half of those seen earlier in the decade, and varying water quality. Last year's report card grade was a C.

Both the State of the Bays Report and the Report Card are a scientific collaborative effort among the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science - Integration and Application Network, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the National Park Service. Funding for both publications is provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Hundreds of volunteers work with MCBP, including local residents and visitors, to support environmental initiatives to protect, promote, and preserve our coastal bays, by volunteering to count horseshoe crabs & birds, collect water samples, search for reptiles & amphibians, clean neighborhoods, wetlands, & dunes of trash, and assist in many other activities.

Part of the National Estuary Program, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is a non-profit partnership among the towns of Ocean City and Berlin, the National Park Service, Worcester County, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Maryland Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture, Environment, & Planning. One of only 28 such programs nationwide, the goal of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is to protect and enhance the 175-square mile watershed, which includes Ocean City, Ocean Pines and Berlin, and Assateague Island National Seashore.

Report cards will be available after this event at the Maryland Coastal Bays office and area visitor information locations. Should you like to obtain copies for school projects and citizen groups please contact Sandi Smith at sandis@md-coastalbays.org or by calling 410-213-2297 ext. 106.



Mathias speaks at MSSA

State Senator Jim Mathias visited the MSSA Atlantic Coast Chapter last week and described some of the activities that the State House will be addressing in the coming year and some of the items that have occurred in the past year. Of special interest to attendees were boater safety in the local bays, clam dredging regulations and offshore wind projects. Senator Mathias's main emphasis was that he can represent everyone well if we keep him informed of our concerns and if parties on opposite sides of an issue, if possible, could see what common ground could be reached prior to bringing it to Annapolis. He emphasized that and welcomed anyone to visit him locally and in Annapolis.

Above are **Buddy Siegel**, senior vice president; **John McFalls**, secretary, **Jim Mathias**, **Ron Smith**, president; **Finn McCabe Jr.** vice president, legislative affairs.

Car show results announced

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce held the fourth Annual Ocean Pines Car Show & Parade August 28. The parade through the Pines was led by the Ocean Pines Police Department with the Neighborhood Watch volunteers helping to organize the participants and direct traffic.

Here are the car show results:

Custom Category

Judged by Ocean Pines Chief of Police David Massey

1st Place: 1940 Mercury Convertible owned by Bud & Gerry Panick of Ocean Pines

2nd Place: 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle owned by Cory Hunsberger of Ocean Pines

3rd Place: 1967 Dodge Charger owned by Bob Kendall of Dagsboro, DE

Antique Category

Judged by Ocean Pines Association Board of Director Brent Hill

1st Place: 1961 Nash Metropolitan owned by Linda Welle of Millsboro, DE

2nd Place: 1964 Chevrolet Corvette owned by Danny Verrette of Selbyville, DE

3rd Place: 1969 Triumph TRG owned by Eric Liddell of Ocean Pines

Modern Category

Judged by Delegate Mary Beth Carozza

1st Place: 2007 Chevrolet Corvette

owned by Tom & Fran Debaugh of Ocean Pines

2nd Place: 2011 Dodge Charger R/T owned by Rip Nardi of Clarksville, DE

3rd Place: 2015 Dodge Charger Hellcat owned by Wayne Kroeber of Ocean Pines

Classic Category

Judged by Brian & Debby Reynolds of Reynolds Lawn Services, LLC

1st Place: 1972 Ford Mustang Convertible owned by John Terjung of Millsboro, DE

2nd Place: 1968 AMC AMX owned by Dan Swearingen of Ocean Pines

3rd Place: 1967 Volvo 1800S owned by Thomas Piatti of Ocean Pines

Hot Rod Category

Judged by Senator James Mathias

1st Place: 1923 Ford T-Bucket owned by David & Jo Anne Cherry of Ocean Pines

2nd Place: 1973 Chevrolet El Camino owned by Tommy & Judy Baker of Ocean City

3rd Place: 2005 Dodge Ram 426 owned by Bill Slok of Parksley, VA

People's Choice Trophy

2000 Trike owned by Joe "Oz" Willison of Ocean Pines

Best in Show Trophy

1972 Ford Mustang Convertible owned by John Terjung of Millsboro, DE



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Youth field hockey clinic offered

A Youth Field Hockey Clinic will be held at the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex in Berlin this fall. Open to participants ages kindergarten - 8th grade, this program will run on Tuesdays, September 13 through October 18 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

This youth clinic will introduce the sport of Field Hockey, in a non-competitive environment. Participants will learn the basic skills and fundamentals of the sport through station drill and exercises. Children will learn to apply their skills to field hockey activities and modified games. Shin guards and mouth guards are required to participate. All other equipment will be provided.

The cost of the program is \$30 per person (\$25 for second child). Financial Aid is available to those who show a demonstrated need. The registration deadline is Friday, September 2, 2016. An additional \$5 will be applied after the registration deadline.

For more information about the Youth Field Hockey Clinic, contact Program Manager, Trudy Porch at 410-632-2144 ext. 2520 or email at tporch@co.worcester.md.us. Visit our website at www.WorcesterRecand-Parks.org to download a registration form or to sign up for email announcements.

Learn to Square Dance

The Pinestepers Square Dance Club of Ocean Pines will be hosting free workshops to introduce you to Modern Western Square Dancing. The events will be on Wednesday, September 7 and September 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will be held at the Ocean Pines Community Center in White Horse Park. Casual dress is suggested and light refreshments will be served.

Dennis O'Neal, caller for the Pinestepers, will guide new dancers through basic steps using all styles of music (country, pop, classic rock, classical and most anything with a good beat. Square dancing is both light physical and mental exercise.

Modern Western Square Dancing is all about fun, friendship, and food. Contact Louise (410.430.0284) or Dennis-Caller (970.389.3383) for more information.

Wings & Wheels Expo September 3

Hosted by the Ocean City Aviation Association



The Ladies for Liberty

It was a time when the spirit of patriotism was at its highest. World War II was just beginning and every American felt compelled to do their duty.

Those who qualified joined the military to fight the enemy overseas.



Women did their part by taking the factory jobs made vacant by their male counterparts. With a sense of unity, all Americans put their total effort into winning the war.

The music of that era reflects the spirit of those people. You can feel it in the lyrics and melodies they created. The Andrews Sisters, in particular, brought a spark of relief and joy, which helped to lighten the load for the American soldier as well as the folks back home.

Ladies for Liberty is a singing troupe dedicated to performing the Andrews Sisters style of music through their own rendition of vocals, costumes, hairstyles and the spirit of patriotism reminiscent of the 1940s. The group is known for precision-timed performances for the National Anthem used at air shows across the country.

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Indicators of kids' readiness for kindergarten

Kindergarten can be a pivotal time in a young child's life. Although many kids attend preschool or receive guided learning at home, kindergarten marks students' first official foray into the classroom. This is an exciting time for kids and parents, and also one that may be fraught with nerves. That is especially true for parents who are not quite sure if their children are ready to begin their academic careers.

While many school districts mandate that students must be at least five years old to begin kindergarten, age is not the only factor to consider when gauging kids' readiness for school. Child-education experts note that there is no single factor that determines kids' readiness for school, but rather there is a host of factors that, when taken together, can help parents determine if their youngster is ready for the rigors of the classroom. The following are some factors parents can consider as they try to determine if their children are ready to enroll in kindergarten.

Separation anxiety: Does your child handle separation well, or is he or she prone to meltdowns each time you leave for even a short period of time? School requires kids to spend several hours away from home and away from their parents, and parents might need to take steps to increase youngsters' comfort levels away from home before school begins.

Follows instructions: Experts at BabyCenter.com advise that children who are able to listen to simple instructions and follow them will be more apt to thrive in classroom settings. They also will be more capable of keeping up with teachers and peers.

Self-sufficiency: Has your child exhibited signs that he or she can be self-reliant? This includes putting on his or her coat, dressing himself or herself and being able to use the bathroom on his or her own. If not, then you might need to work on the child's self-sufficiency before school begins.

ciency before school begins.

Cursory knowledge of letters/numbers: While children on the verge of entering kindergarten need not be experts in language and mathematics, kindergarten curricula has become more rigorous thanks to the imple-

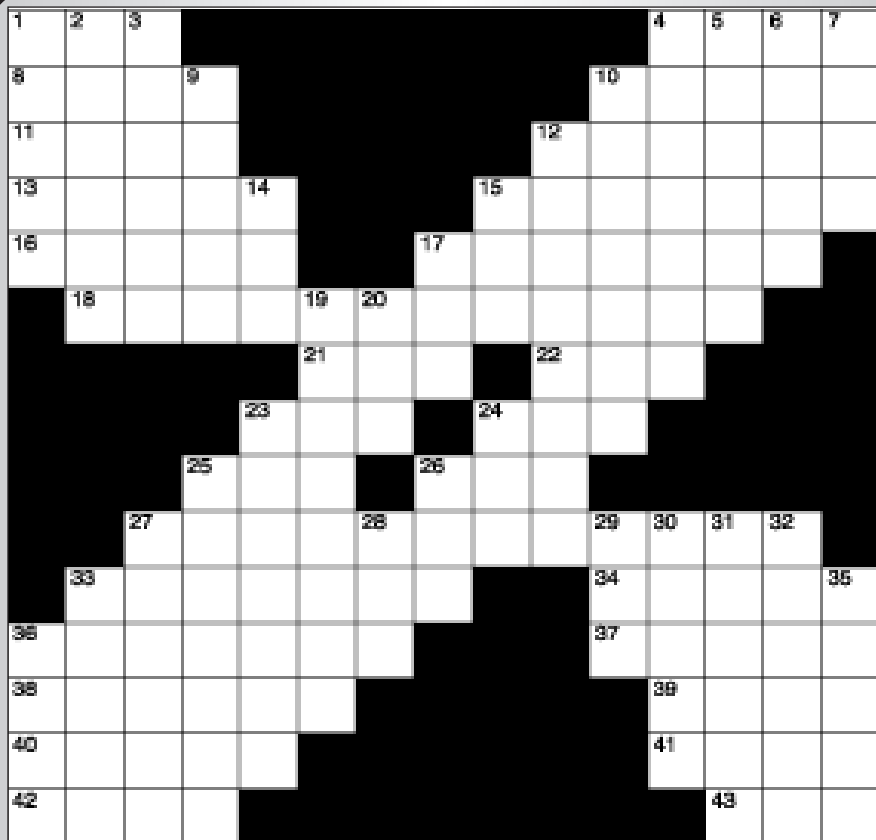


mentation of new standards. As a result, children should be able to recognize some letters and numbers before starting school. They do not necessarily have to enter school knowing them all or being able to read fluently, but the more familiar they are with language and mathematics the more likely they are to have a successful year in kindergarten.

Coping strategies: Parenting experts affiliated with Care.com say that children on the verge of entering kindergarten should be able to control their emotions to a certain extent. While children may occasionally cry in the kindergarten classroom, it is important that your child be able to cope with some of the ups and downs of classroom life without shedding tears.

Interest in learning: Another indicator of school readiness is a general interest in learning. Children who like hearing stories, enjoy participating in discussions and activities and are stimulated by information and interactions with others are probably ready to begin their academic careers.

Kindergarten readiness can be determined by many factors. Age alone does not dictate a child's readiness, as there are many additional potential indicators that can help parents determine if their youngsters are ready to begin school.



- ACROSS**
- 1. Captain Ahab sailed this
 - 4. Rugged rock or cliff
 - 8. Statistical test
 - 10. Wall angle
 - 11. Irish river
 - 12. Winged nut
 - 13. Japanese animation
 - 15. More flexible
 - 16. Military slang
 - 17. Strange
 - 18. Taxi Driver star
 - 21. Go quickly
 - 22. Part of a play
 - 23. European Economic Community
 - 24. Woman (French)
 - 25. Thai river
 - 26. Golfers start here
 - 27. Dis-
- DOWN**
- 1. Curse
 - 2. Brings home the bacon
 - 3. Iron alloys
 - 4. Conduct oneself
 - 5. Commercial center of Venice
 - 6. Share an opinion
 - 7. Growl
 - 9. British soldiers
 - 10. Impulse
 - 12. Last names
 - 14. Midway between northeast and east
 - 15. Car mechanics group
 - 17. Ethiopian airport
 - 19. Electrical instrument
 - 20. Twitch
 - 23. Not the hardest
 - 24. Chinese dinosaur genus
 - 25. Re-
 - 26. Thick target yield
 - 27. Cut a rug
 - 28. Complete
 - 29. Feet per second
 - 30. Intestinal
 - 31. Don Henley's band
 - 32. A hereditary ruler
 - 33. Member of the mahogany family
 - 35. Attractive and healthy (Scot.)
 - 36. Holds necktie in place



Answers for Aug 24



Grand opening

Owner and chief instructor Jim Heaney assisted by his co-owner wife Kim and General Manager Selena KC held their Chesapeake Martial Arts grand opening and ribbon cutting August 20 in Ocean Pines. The festivities included games for the kids, refreshments, and demonstrations of martial arts at their facility in the Pines Plaza shopping center. Programs include Martial Arts for both kids and adults. For more information, call 410-208-4100 or visit their web site www.cmakarate.com. Show holding large scissors **Jim Heaney**, wielding small scissors **Selena KC**, and holding a plaque from the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce **Lisa Dennis**. Photo by Ted Page.

Exploring the origins of Labor Day

Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summertime fun and a day when thousands of people gather across the country for their final big barbecue blowouts. Labor Day has evolved into a holiday about relaxing with friends and family, and that has led to its origins getting somewhat lost in the celebratory shuffle.

Created by the labor movement in the late 19th century, Labor Day was established to highlight the achievements of American workers, both from a social and an economic perspective. Labor Day highlights one of the main benefits of being a citizen of the United States, the ability to have professional freedom and contribute to the prosperity and strength of the country through gainful employment. Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894.

Celebrated annually on the first Monday of September, it is believed that Labor Day was first promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which also organized the first labor-related parade in New York City. Although the true fathers of Labor Day remain a topic of debate, some historians maintain that Peter J. McGuire of the American Federation of Labor put forward the first Labor Day proposal in May 1882 after witnessing a labor festival in Toronto, Canada.

Labor Day was largely celebrated in the past with parades, speeches and a day off of work for the country's workers. Similar festivities occur to this day, with the gradual introduction of other events that mark the unofficial end of summer.

Arts center to hold public reception

A pair of accomplished landscape painters are spotlighted during September in the Thaler Gallery at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. The Galleria on the balcony will feature an "artists' choice" all-media group show.

The public is invited to the free opening reception at the Arts Center on First Friday, September 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. to meet the artists and enjoy complementary hors d'oeuvres. The shows will run through September.

Painters Lesley McCaskill and Ricky Sears join forces for a show of landscapes entitled "20 Years in the Making." McCaskill taught Sears when he was a high school student and inspired him to become an artist.

McCaskill of Rehoboth Beach, De. studied art at the Corcoran School of Art and Webster University with continuing education at American University and the University of Maryland. She believes painting outdoors in watercolors, oils and acrylics gives her an emotional connection to her paintings. Her work is found in private and corporate collections including Georgetown University Hospital.

Sears was taught by McCaskill at the Landon School, where he currently teaches painting and drawing to high

school students, coming full circle back to where he was inspired. He is exhibiting paintings created plein air in Bethany Beach and in his studio in Kensington, MD. Sears attended the School of Visual Art in New York and the University of Maryland.

Wildlife photographer Carl Forsberg occupies Studio E in September. His interest in aviation translates into his interest in photographing birds, and his work captures their beauty, individuality and personality.



Lesley McCaskill

Barbara Stepura of La Plata, Md. is Sep-

tember's Spotlight Artist. As a lover of the outdoors, Stepura paints plein air, challenged by quickly capturing a short moment in time. She is a past award winner in the "Artists Paint OC" plein air event.

Fay Kempton shows her jewelry in the artisan showcase this month. Working in fused glass, her jewelry is inspired by the ocean, architecture and forms in nature.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street is the home of the Art League of Ocean City, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects.

Tide and Sun Chart				
* tide is for Ocean City Fishing Pier. Add two hours for Isle of Wight tide				
DATE	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thur., August 25	1:26 a.m. 2:09 p.m.	7:46 a.m. 8:40 p.m.	6:24 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
Fri., August 26	2:30 a.m. 3:16 p.m.	8:46 a.m. 9:47 p.m.	6:25 a.m.	7:38 p.m.
Sat., August 27	3:38 a.m. 4:22 p.m.	9:48 a.m. 10:52 p.m.	6:26 a.m.	7:37 p.m.
Sun., August 28	4:43 a.m. 5:22 p.m.	10:50 a.m. 11:52 p.m.	6:27 a.m.	7:35 p.m.
Mon., August 29	5:40 a.m. 6:14 p.m.	11:49 a.m.	6:28 a.m.	7:34 p.m.
Tues., August 30	6:31 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	12:44 a.m. 12:42 p.m.	6:29 a.m.	7:33 p.m.
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Student sports eye protection requires thought

The end of summer is crunch time for families preparing for the new school year. So many items make up back-to-school shopping lists that it can be easy to overlook supplies necessary for extracurricular activities.

Autumn marks the beginning of many scholastic sports seasons, including cross-country, field hockey, football, and rugby. Sports can be exciting and challenging for athletes, but athletes also are at constant risk of injury.

Prevent Blindness America notes that more than 40,000 people seek treatment for sports-related eye injuries each year. While many of those injuries affect children, the good news is that sports-related eye injuries are largely preventable. Sports eye protection is a

must, and protective eyewear should be included on back-to-school shopping lists.

In addition to wearing protective eyewear when playing sports, athletes can take the following steps to avoid sports-related eye injuries.

Wear helmets. Kids who play youth baseball should always wear batting helmets with polycarbonate face shields when batting. When playing hockey, use helmets with face shields approved by the U.S. Amateur Hockey Association.

Wear safety goggles. Regular glasses or goggles may not offer adequate protection. Wear proper safety goggles that have lensed polycarbonate protectors for racquet sports or basketball. All eye guards or protective eyewear should be

labeled ASTM F803-approved, according to Prevent Blindness America. This eyewear is guaranteed to offer the highest levels of protection.

Recognize non-contact sports also can be dangerous. Even non-contact sports such as badminton can present a chance for injury. Individuals should exercise caution any time they play sports that require the use of balls, racquets or flying objects.

Speak with coaches and teachers. Open a dialogue with coaches or physical education administrators in an effort to highlight the importance of protective eyewear and learn about the steps being taken to protect athletes and their eyes. Include youngsters in these discussions so they learn about the need for protec-

tive eyewear and the benefits that such eyewear provides in sports where there is a high to moderate risk of eye injury.

Protect eyes from the sun. Athletes who play outdoor sports should take steps to protect their eyes from the sun. When shopping for goggles, find ones that offer UV protection. In addition, look for tinted lenses that reduce glare.

Exercise good sportsmanship. Always follow the rules of the sport and be a good team player. Use the equipment in the way it was intended so everyone, including teammates and opponents, is as safe as possible.

Sports-related eye safety is about prevention. Protective eyewear is essential when competing in various sports.

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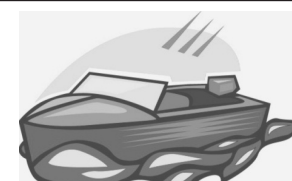
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Community Calendar

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Mondays

Ocean Pines Poker Club

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

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

Sweet Adelines

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

Mon. & Tues.

Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge

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

Mon., Wed. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

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

Tuesdays

Families Anonymous

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

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

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

Rotary Club

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

Square Dancing

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

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin

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

Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

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

Diakonia Thrift Shop

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

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

Thursdays

Story Time

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

Beach Singles

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

Legion Bingo

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

Gamblers Anonymous

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

Fridays

Knights of Columbus Bingo

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

Registration is open for after school programs

With the fall season and new school year just around the corner, the Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks (WCRP) is gearing up for its after school programs.


After School Cheerleading, open to children in kindergarten through third grade, takes place on Wednesdays, September 7 to November 23 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. This program will introduce skills and fundamentals to youngsters in a fun and non-competitive manner with time to learn and review all tumbling, cheers and chants that are taught throughout the program. There will be no "team" formed from this class. The deadline to sign up is Friday, September 3.

After School Field Hockey will return to the after school fall line-up. Open to youth from kindergarten through eighth grade, this program will be held on Thursdays, September 8 through October 13 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. This after school program will introduce the sport of Field Hockey, teaching participants the basic skills and fundamentals of the game. Children will learn to apply their skills to field hockey activities and modified games. The registration deadline is Friday, September 2.

The cost for each After School program is \$30 per child (\$25 for each additional sibling). Please note that each of these programs have a separate registration deadline. An additional \$5 fee will be applied to participants who register after the deadline.

Financial Aid for many WCRP programs is available to those who show a demonstrated need. For more information about either of these fall after school programs, contact Program Manager, Trudy Porch, at 410-632-2144 x2520 or tporch@co.worcester.md.us.

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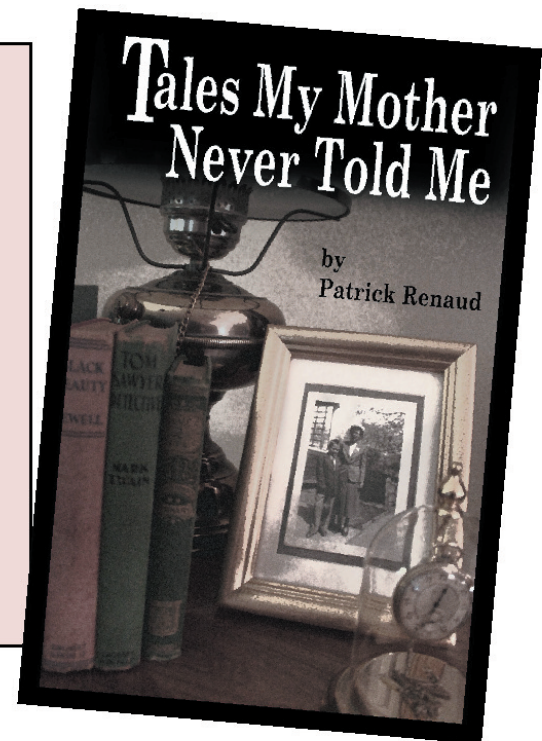
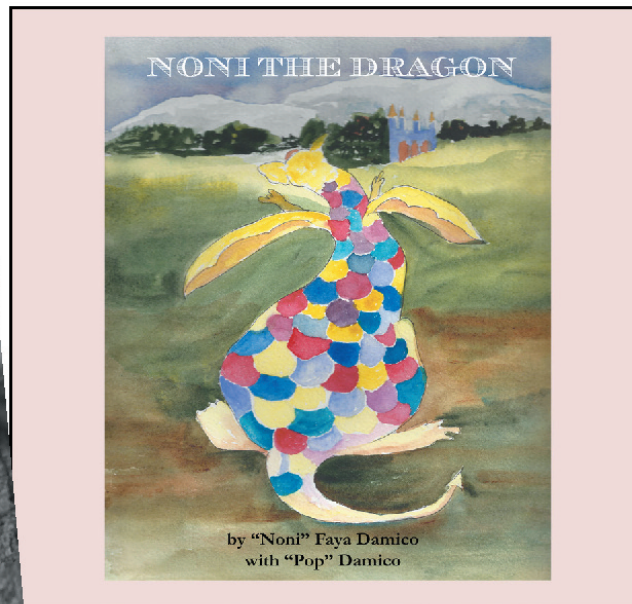


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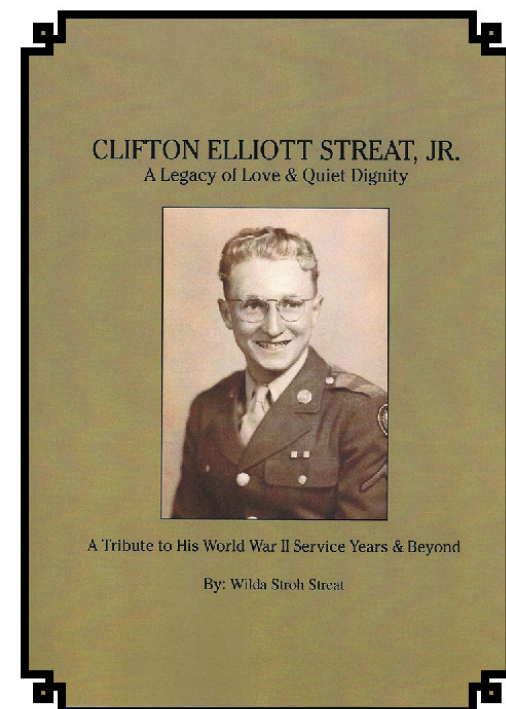
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