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Bertino to host town meeting

Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host his next Town Meeting on Saturday, October 1, at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines library. Commissioner Bertino will provide information on issues and developments occurring within the district and the county as well as answer questions. Ed Tudor, director of Worcester County Development Review and Permitting, will discuss zoning topics. Steve Price, safety coordinator for Worcester County Public Schools, will discuss safety issues confronting county schools.

Ocean Pines to host free health seminars

Attend a free healthcare seminar this October courtesy of the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department. The seminars, which are open to the public, will be held at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

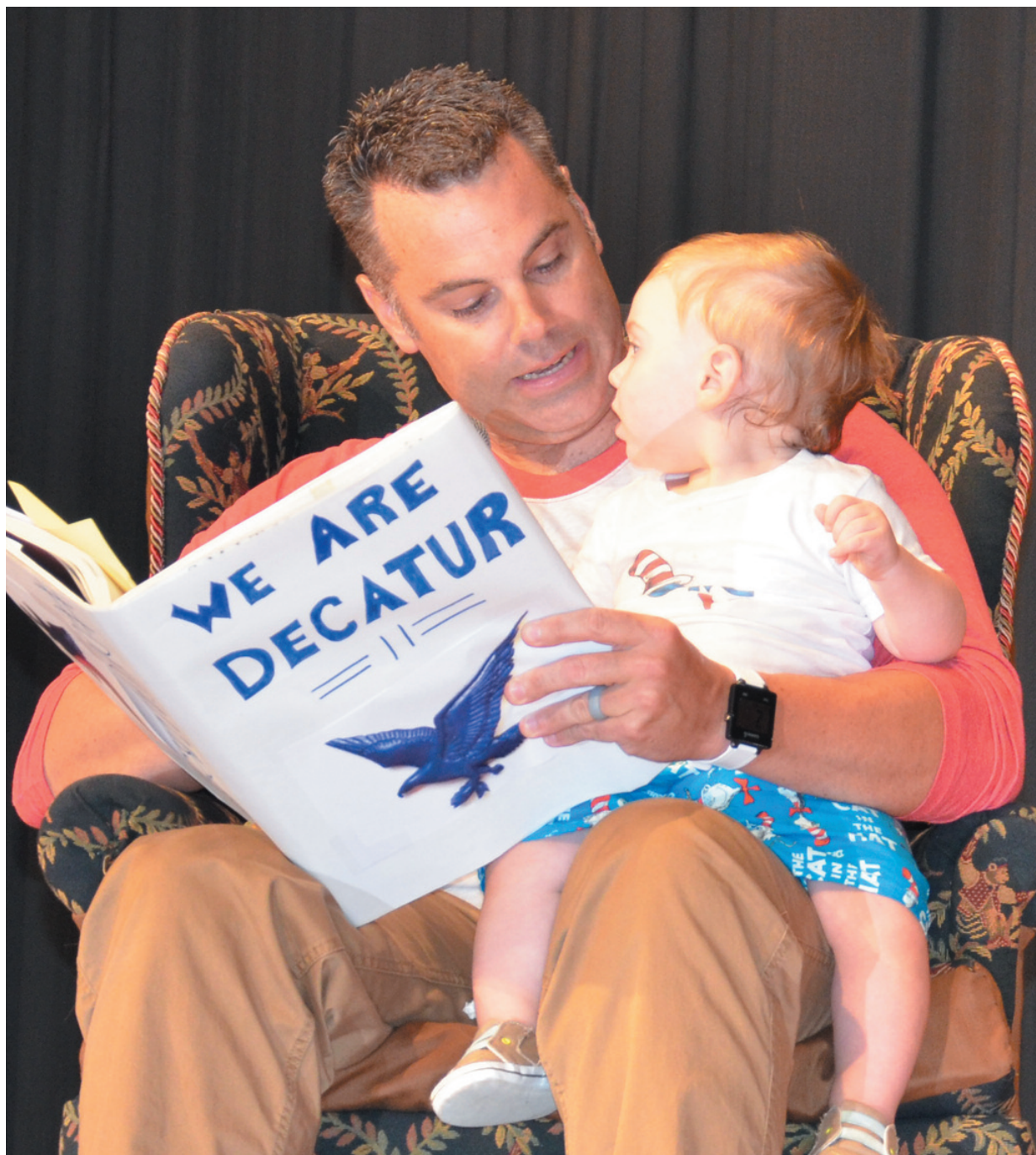
On Tuesday, October 4 from 11 a.m. to noon, Home Instead Senior Care will host a seminar on normal aging of the brain. Home Instead will also host a "Caregiver Connection" seminar on Tuesday, November 1.

Back in Action Physical Therapy will hold a balance seminar on Monday, October 10 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The class will teach ways to improve safety in the home and community, strategies to improve balance and the role of strength, flexibility and endurance to help reduce falls.

Back in Action will return on Monday, October 17 with Kappes Wellness Centers to present a seminar on the difference between chiropractic and physical therapy and will discuss posture, including negative health effects of poor posture and strategies to improve it, on Monday, October 24. Both seminars will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Atlantic General Hospital's Dr. Dan Pascucci will share how to prevent common athletic injuries on Monday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Participants will learn how to protect knees, shoulders and other joints while remaining active and healthy.

Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.



SDHS kicks off school-year with character

Sports are not the only thing that gets kicked off so to speak at Stephen Decatur High School as the school-year began the 5th annual Character Kickoff assembly on September 16. The purpose of the event is to inspire students with a variety of positive messages through skits, songs, videos, games, and speeches.

Above: Storytime took on new meaning as teacher **Jamie Greenwood** and son, **Finnley**, read the history of Stephen Decatur High School during the assembly.



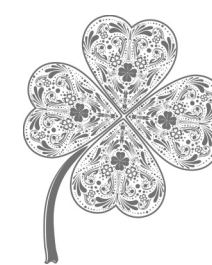
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Plans underway for Celtic Festival

The 26th Chesapeake Celtic Festival will be October 1 and 2 at Furnace Town Living Heritage Village.

 Festival founder and producer, Jeanne du Nord, says, "There is entertainment for all ages. There will be at least three to five activities going on at any one time. Tucked away in the ancient and vast Pocomoke Forest, Furnace Town is sealed away from time. The Living Heritage Village emerges from the mist like the legendary Brigadoon when the Chesapeake Celtic Festival transforms it each fall."

There will be parades, bagpipes, musical groups, dancing, comedy, storytelling, sheep herding by border collies, genealogy, clans, athletics, re-enactment groups, martial arts, craft demonstrations, cultural presentations, Flowers of the Forest

Remembrance, Celtic wares, imported beers and historic ales, wine tasting, whiskey tasting, and Celtic and Chesapeake Culinary Delights. Taste some Celtic food and learn a few words in Gaelic.

"Big Blow" and the "Bushwackers" have re-grouped and will be back at the Festival after several years. The musical group Iona will have a dancer from Riverdance performing with them. Moch Preyderi, like Iona, will play music from Wales, Scotland, Cornwall, Ireland, the Isle of Man, Asturias, Galicia and Brittany, A fun pair - Pickin' and Grinnin' - will be the new additions. Dancers will be from the O'Grady Quinlan Academy of Irish Dance.

For the schedule and more information, go to celticfest.net. Furnace Town is Handicap Accessible and there is plenty of free parking.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Daily admission is \$15 for ages 19 and over; ages 4 to 18 is \$5; ages 3 and under are free; military (retired and current) is \$5.



Kiwanis learns about CRICKET

It is likely CRICKET (Children's Resource Intervention Center, Kids Empowerment Team) is an acronym and organization too few residents of Worcester County know about. CRICKET is a collaboration between agencies in Worcester County dedicated to solving and prosecuting cases of child abuse and protecting and helping victims. The collaborating agencies are Atlantic General Hospital, Life Crisis, Inc., local law enforcement, the Board of Education, the Department of Social Services and the States Attorney's Office. The CRICKET Center is a non-profit organization which supports the Worcester County Child Advocacy Center and depends on donations, grants and fundraisers for funding. The CRICKET Center is located at 9714 Healthway Drive in Berlin near Atlantic General Hospital.

Pictured are (L-R) Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President **Mark Joseph** and **Wendy Meyer** of CRICKET after she spoke to club members. To learn more about the organization go to www.thecricketcenter.com. The CRICKET Center is holding two fundraisers. The first is on October 5 at The Hobbit in Ocean City and the second, "Jamaican A Difference, Mon" is on October 14 at Seacrets in Ocean City. For reservations call 410-641-0097.

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The sweet taste of selecting a winner

By **Dolores E. Pike**

Election 2016 News Flash! A Bagel And... is conducting a poll to track the race in the upcoming presidential election. And a delicious poll it is, based solely on cookies. Now who doesn't like cookies? Even the opposing candidates might be in agreement on cookie issues.

The rules of the poll are very simple (and tasty) and available at the counter of this Ocean Pines business: buy a red, white and blue election cookie in the shape of either an elephant (Republican Party) or a donkey (Democratic Party). In turn A Bagel and... will keep a running tally of sales to indicate how the election is progressing. As you can see it is a very scientific poll. At the date of this article the cookie presidential poll shows the elephant cookie in the lead according to Peggy Sedor. She is the chief (and only) cookie baker at A Bagel And..., which is owned by her sister and brother-in-law Mary and Bill Jaeger.

Peggy had mused to co-worker Janet Sichau that it might be fun to do an election cookie poll but needed the appropriate cutters. Then, "Janet looked on line, got me the cutters and she surprised me one day. I was so happy," said Peggy.

All the specialty cookies are made by Peggy and she says the election cookies are selling well at \$2.25 each. "I don't

want to make too many at a time because the election donkey has a thin leg and can break easily. I like to make a sturdy cookie," she said. This is a busy time of year for her because it soon will be Halloween and then those cookies will be immediately followed by some Thanksgiving turkey cookies.

The remaining specialty cookies are priced from \$1.50 for a medium size with a larger cookie going for \$2. "During Breast Cancer Month, which is October we have a pink ribbon cookie with sprinkles and a bow. Some charity organizations feature them," she said and then added, "We always try to help with charity events." At the end of the day any leftover bagels are donated to a local charity.

When Mary and Bill first opened their business around Memorial Day in 2007 (they will be celebrating 10 years this spring) Peggy offered to help out where she could. She suggested baking cookies. As a stay-at-home mom she had her own recipe for cookies that delighted her family and when she adopted it for the store it just naturally took off. Cookies fit in easily to A Bagel And...'s basic menu of bagels, soups and sandwiches, where everything is made on the premises. Since then she has branched out into a few other specialties like Irish soda bread and rice pudding, both

recipes obtained from an Irish nun back in the days when Peggy lived in New York state.

Originally Mary and Peggy lived near each other in New York. The Jaegers moved to Ocean Pines first. Peggy and her husband fell in love with the area and soon followed.

Almost from the opening day A Bagel And... became a gathering place for everyone. Beside the locals, visitors soon found the place too. After picking up their order at the counter patrons

may dine in where the large windows provide a good view of the comings and goings at the South Gate. Or they may dine out in nice weather or order take away. Today along with featuring free wireless Internet, various groups meet and eat there including card and domino players and Mahjong and Red Hat groups. A Bagel And... can accommodate a party of 20 as well as provide catering services.



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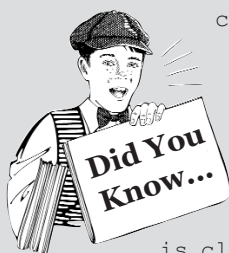
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Americans typically refer to this time of year as "fall," while the British use the word "autumn." Both terms date back to the 16th century but before that it was called "harvest."

Fall was called "harvest" because of the "harvest moon" that occurs when the full moon is closest to the autumn equinox. Before man-made lighting, this moonlight was essential to a prosperous harvest.

The yellow and orange colors you see actually always exist in leaves but they are overpowered by the abundance of green from chlorophyll. The amount of chlorophyll starts to decrease as the sun weakens and the days grow shorter.

Red and purple leaves are only that color because of the presence of sugars and sap that are trapped within the leaves. These sugars provide plants with the energy they need to survive.



OPA board praised by community members

New Community Center gym floor approved

By **Kelsey Reichenberg**

The Ocean Pines Association (OPA) board of directors held its regular monthly meeting in the Ocean Pines Community Center on September 24. The meeting agenda included a report from the General Manager on the status of projects underway in

for outside seating, and shrubs have been ordered to fence in the cart barn and maintenance yard with a natural fence.

Hill went on to explain that the engineering report for the Beach Club is complete, and Public Works has already begun repairs on some of the items in the report. They are also working on a plan for the bathrooms. "There won't be a new building for next year, but we are close to coming up with a solid plan," Hill stated. "I look forward to seeing that move forward."

Hill went on to announce that early November is the targeted time for completion of the pickleball court conversion. All contracts have been executed,

and the contractors have ordered materials. Additionally, the platform tennis courts 1 and 2 are scheduled for repairs during the week of October 3.

Furthermore, Hill said the foundation and walls for the new White Horse Park bathrooms are complete, and the installation date for the roof trusses is scheduled for the week of October 3. The targeted date for completion is December 1. Moreover, bridge repair work is scheduled to begin on October 3 and is expected to be complete by December 31.

Following Hill's report, attendees were able to voice their opinions, com-

ments, and questions, and nearly everyone who chose to speak had something positive to say to the new board. "I'm not here for a suggestion. I just want to say thank you for opening [these meetings] up on Saturdays," Ocean Pines resident June Freeman said to the board. "You're sending a clear message you want to hear from the community."

Another resident who has dealt with an unruly property next to her home for five years commented on her impression of Hill as general manager. "Brett accomplished something I wasn't able to accomplish myself for years when going through Public Works," she said. "Brett came over at 7 o'clock in the morning to look at the property during his first day of being installed on the board. He had it cleaned up right away. I don't remember the last time it looked this good."

The next resident who spoke said, "I am happy with the new board and all the changes that you've made. Thank you all for doing a good job. I believe you want the best for this community." Many other residents who spoke had similar comments, thanking the board for the direction it is heading in and submitting small requests and suggestions rather than complaints.

The meeting proceeded as the board unanimously voted to approve all of Hill's capital requests, which included moving forward on resurfacing the Beach Club pool, purchasing a pool cover for the pool, replacing the gym floor in the Community Center with a wood floor containing humidity treatment and proper barrier, purchasing a powerwasher for Recreation and Parks, and making repairs to the mold at the Golf Club. Each of these items had been discussed previously at the work session meeting held earlier in the week.

Lastly, Hill announced a CPI violation present at 141 Teal Circle which includes a second boat lift installed without a permit. The violation has been present for five years and one month. "One of the ramps was temporarily removed during bulk head repair," Hill explained. "He said he wouldn't put it back but he did." Hill proceeded to ask the board for permission to forward the violation to the attorney for further action. The board unanimously approved.



OPA Board during Saturday's meeting

Photo by Kelsey Reichenberg

Ocean Pines, voting on capital requests and a CPI violation, and feedback from association members.

Interim General Manager Brett Hill gave a report on the progress that has already been made on smaller projects as well as an update on what is to be expected with upcoming major projects. Hill announced that he has been working with the Yacht Club's Food and Beverage Manager Jerry Lewis and a few others on a new menu and a fall schedule of events. He also informed attendees that the repair process for mold and water damage at the Golf Club has begun. New tables have been installed on the lower patio

Commissioners remain committed to constructing a new Showell school

Because there has been a lot of buzz in the media regarding plans to construct a new Showell Elementary School (SES), the Worcester County Commissioners want to assure the public that they remain committed to constructing an affordable new school that is attractive, safe, and affords a climate that is conducive to learning.

The commissioners took the first step toward making a new SES a reality on October 6, 2015, when they approved the Pro Forma cost estimate to construct a new, 90,000-square-foot SES at a total project cost of \$37,181,000. At that time, they also approved funding of \$225,000 to Becker Morgan Group to complete the Educational Specifications and Schematic Design phases for the SES project.

On September 20, 2016, Board of Education (BOE) and Becker Morgan of-



please see **ses** on page 9

A Stag Dinner one evening

On an evening not too long ago when I thought my wife would be out for the evening, I hosted a Stag Dinner for some friends. As the name implies it was a “guys only”

Bronxster (TB). He was in attendance and regaled the group with a couple of stories that “The Stirrer” and I prompted him to retell like “Psychic Dog” and “The Nut Lady.”

You know, the classics never get stale and even though I’ve enjoyed these stories multiple times, I noticed TB brought new life to them with added color commentary and enhanced imagery. Sort of like what George Lucas

did to the original “Star Wars.” Is it any wonder TB is the master?

None in the group is a wallflower and each contributed much to the evening’s chit chat. One of the funniest stories of the evening was told by “Local Boy” who illustrated the boredom he sometimes experienced as a kid growing up in the country with a story about going out into the field and laying perfectly still on his back. He would watch Turkey Buzzards circling overhead, timing to see how long before they landed near him to see if he was alive. The answer? Three and half hours.

There were periods when the conversation swerved into highbrow discourse with comments about books and authors, especially local author Dale Cathell who has written books including “Scent of Lilacs” and “Wading Through the Swamp, Memories of a Bad Boy.” Several around the table know the author and were familiar with some of the incidents discussed in his books. It was agreed that those who haven’t read the books should.

But as quickly as the conversation turned to literature, it just as quickly careened into more sophomoric topics which will not be related at this time.

Mixed get-togethers with wives included are nice but sometimes it’s just better to get together with the guys. I was reminded of this when I handed a fork to The Stirrer whom I thought needed one as he ate tomato slices. Without missing a beat, he looked at me and said with a little smirk, “What’s the point of not having the wives here if I have to use a fork?” As is most often the case, he was right.

But then again, he’ll question, when isn’t he?



It’s All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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gathering. No wives. Not that I have anything against wives as I’m married myself. But there are times when it’s just nice to get the guys together for conversation, laughs and adult beverages. After the arrangements were set, I learned that my wife would not be out that evening. It was agreed she would not join us, an arrangement she enthusiastically embraced.

There was plenty of conversation, quite a few laughs and no shortage of adult beverages. It should be noted that none in the group drank too much or came even close to it. It wasn’t that type of gathering.

There were six of us and although I knew everyone, there were a couple of guys who were new to the group. No worries though. Within a few minutes everyone was talking like they had known each other for years. Knowing all the personalities involved, I would have been surprised if it had been otherwise.

We gathered on the Piazza just before day turned to evening. The meal was simple: hamburgers on the grill and pasta salad that my wife was kind enough to make even though, as she reminded me repeatedly, she wasn’t permitted to join the group. Also on the grill was bratwurst brought by one of the guests. Although coming together for a meal was the excuse given for the gathering, what was of real interest to me was the conversation. And it did not disappoint especially because new stories and fresh perspectives were brought to the conversation by the folks added to the mix.

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LSLT to open to headquarters

Join the Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT) for a ribbon cutting and volunteer appreciation gathering on Friday, October 7 at its new headquarters for land conservation and to honor the volunteers. The event will take place during Snow Hill's First Friday activities. The event will showcase the organization's new office, including a photography exhibit by Doug Stephens, music by the Von Restos (Angel and Margot Resto) and complimentary refreshments. Captain Jerry Nolte will offer \$10 river cruises, a great way for visitors to tour the scenic Pocomoke River. Additionally, the Pocomoke River Canoe Company will share a portion of its proceeds from canoe or kayak rentals that evening with LSLT. The event will take place at 100 River Street in Snow Hill between 3 p.m. and 8

p.m. For more information, or to RSVP, contact keverson@lowershore-landtrust.org or call 443-234-5587.

Berlin hosting AYCE crab fundraiser

Berlin Main Street is partnering with Ocean 98.1 and Hooper's to bring an All You Can Eat Crabs and Corn Fundraiser to downtown Berlin. On Saturday, October 1, from noon to 5 p.m. downtown Berlin will be the site of the fundraiser to help raise money for Christmas events for Berlin and a fundraiser for the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area Council. The rain date will be Sunday, October 2.

Live music will be provided from Funk Shue' and raffles will be available.

Advance tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for children 12 and under and \$38 the day of the event.

To purchase tickets, make check payable to Berlin Chamber of Commerce and mail to Berlin Crab Feast, 14 S. Main Street, Berlin, MD 21811. Please include email address as tickets will be emailed up to Friday, September 30. Please make sure to bring tickets with you the day of the event. For more information call 410-629-1722 or you may also download form by visiting www.BerlinMainStreet.com.



DAR examines period costume

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently enjoyed seeing the 1830's style costume made by member Lynne Murray for Susan Taylor, curator of the Taylor House Museum. Murray provided a brief history of the Taylor House before describing the construction of the costume modelled by Taylor. Typical of evening attire of the Jacksonian period, the dress is characterized by huge gigot sleeves and multiple trims.

The presentation was timely as the DAR Museum in Washington, DC will open a new exhibition displaying men's and women's clothing from 1780 to 1825 in a dozen period rooms on October 7. The museum is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.dar.org/museum.

Above: (l-r) Regent Patricia Ayers thanks model Susan Taylor and Lynne Murray for the period costume program.

Free astronaut presentation to be held

Richard Arnold II will give a presentation about his career as an astronaut and what it is like working in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) career on Friday, October 7, at 7 p.m., in Guerrieri Hall at Wor-Wic Community College.

Arnold has worked as an astronaut and aquanaut, traveling to the international space station on the space shuttle "Discovery" and completing two space walks, as well as serving as a mission specialist on a joint NASA-National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration mission in the world's only undersea laboratory, conducting experiments and operations in a simulated lunar outpost in support of the nation's vision to return to the moon and future exploration of Mars. Currently, Arnold is the NASA branch chief responsible for the planning and safe execution of spacewalks and space station robotic operations.

This event is sponsored by Wor-Wic's honors program and the cultural diversity committee. For more information, call 410-334-2859.



Fall Dinner Specials

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Tuesday

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Scouts speak at Kiwanis

Kiwanis is about "Serving the Children of the World" and is proud to sponsor local Cub Scout Pack #480 of Ocean Pines. Pictured (L-R) are Pack 480 Treasurer **Jim McCrystal**, Kiwanis Speakers and Programs Chair **J. Graham Caldwell**, Cub Master **Rodney Conway** and Kiwanis Club President **Mark Joseph**. The scout representatives spoke to the club on September 7. There are over 50 young boys currently in the pack. They learn skills and participate in events like the Pine Wood Derby in which they build and race wooden cars. The pack is currently engaged in the annual Cub Scout Popcorn sale to raise money for summer camp.

County offers fall fitness opportunities

With many different levels of fitness classes being offered at the Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC), choosing a fitness class that meets your needs is effortless.

Early Bird Morning Fitness, Tai Chi, and BOSU Explode will return this season.

Early Bird Morning Fitness classes will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, September 26 through December 16, from 9 to 9:40 a.m.

This class includes warm-up, cardio activity, strength training, dynamic stretching, and balance activities. The class is open to those

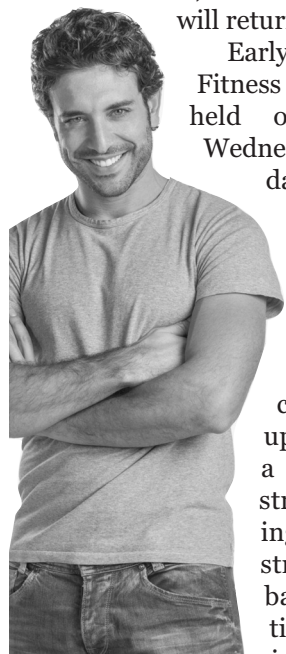
ages 45 and older. full control of body positioning in space, functional walking activities, movement symmetry and coordination. This class is open to those ages 45 and older.

BOSU Explode will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays evenings, September 26 through December 14 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. BOSU Explode will incorporate cardio, strength, agility, and balance training, seamlessly into a one non-stop workout.

The cost for these classes are \$40 per person per class. All Fitness classes will be held at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill.

Be sure to check out the Fitness Room located at the WCRC. The room provides a more private setting to work out, with a mixture of cardio and strength options. In order to utilize the fitness room and the equipment, you must be a registered member and age 16 or older. Participants can choose to pay a daily drop-in fee of \$3 or choose one of the membership plans. Stop by today for a tour!

For more information on any of our Fitness classes, contact the Recreation Center at 410-632-2144 or recandparks@co.worcester.md.us. Visit our website at www.WorcesterRecandParks.org for a complete list of our fitness classes or to sign up for email announcements.



ages 45 and older.

Tai Chi will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, September 28 through December 14 from 10 to 11 a.m. This course is an evidence-based fall prevention program. The goals of the program are to improve both static and dynamic postural stability, mind-

OPA board holds work session, discusses projects

By **Kelsey Reichenberg**

On Monday, September 19, the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) board of directors held their first public work session in several years. Work sessions allow the board to informally communicate with association members on current issues in Ocean Pines as well as potential solutions. Work session discussion is also intended to help the board create the agenda for the regular monthly board meetings. Board members agreed that no formal motions or votes will be entertained within work sessions.

The agenda of the meeting was broken into two parts, one comprised of topics submitted by the General Manger, Brett Hill, and another comprised of topics submitted by board members. The majority of the meeting was spent discussing topics Hill submitted, including bulkheads, road maintenance, the community center gym floor, recreation and parks requests, swim and racquet club tennis courts, the Beach Club bathrooms, the Country Club maintenance issue, and the Beach Club pool resurfacing. Hill explained that he wanted to discuss the aforementioned topics to grasp a better understanding of everyone's opinion before he decided on what he would recommend to the board at the regular board meeting.

Hill opened the discussion with the bulkhead replacement project, informing the board that he believes the project needs to be rebid and approached differently. "This has been a calendar-driven project rather than a long-term plan," Hill explained. He also informed everyone that the official contract OPA had for bulkhead re-

placement expired in 2013. "I'd like to have an engineer prepare new drawings with a new scope of work and bid properly before spending millions on annual investments." Hill announced he has been looking into bidding an emergency maintenance contract so that someone could come out and fix bulkheads that need repaired immediately. After discussion, the board agreed to put reassessing the bulkhead replacement strategy on the agenda for the regular board meeting.

Hill continued with discussion of road maintenance. He explained that roads throughout Ocean Pines are needing replacement much sooner than their predicted lifespan as a result of contractors cutting them while working as well as poor patch work when they are repaired. Hill proceeded to recommend that OPA consider hiring a contractor to clean up inadequate patch work on the roads as a short term goal. He recommended that long term, the board hold bonds or something similar against contractors so that they are forced to return and fix roads if they damage them. Additionally, Hill expressed his dislike of the current system the board uses for obtaining funds for road repair. "Roads are currently budgeted on the casino funds," he explained. "It can't be done immediately, but we need to adjust that strategy."

Furthermore, the swim and racquet club tennis courts were another significant topic of discussion among Hill and the board. He explained that resurfacing both pairs of tennis courts would cost around 140,000 dollars. "One pair of the courts has minor

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What's Happening at Wallops...

Wallops History: 1981 – Present

By **Steve Habeger**

As the 1980 decade dawned, all the personnel at Wallops Island, including NASA, NAVY and NOAA organizations, were working hard to accomplish their missions. Little did they suspect that events were occurring in Washington, DC that would make a huge change in the Wallops area.

As Ronald Reagan assumed the presidency on January 20, 1981, he brought with him a number of new ideas. One of his ideas was to change the established business model for access to space. Since the inception of space access, governments had provided the impetus as well as all the funding. Following the ancient "Golden Rule" which states that, "He Who Has the Gold, Makes the Rules", governments controlled every aspect of access to space.

President Reagan thought it was time to let private industry develop and launch Expendable Launch Vehicles (ELV). One example of the changes sweeping the landscape was the release of Executive Order 12465 on February 24, 1984 which formally designated the Department of Transportation (DOT) as the lead agency for encouraging, facilitating, and licensing commercial ELV activities. The shift from NASA to DOT as lead agency had far-ranging consequences, many of which have not yet become manifest.

It is beyond the scope of this article to describe the wisdom of the rationale and the effectiveness of the decisions. In fact, a strong case could be made that the jury is still out and it may take many more years to allow a reasoned assessment of the new direction.

Suffice it to say, commercial inter-

ests popped up like dandelions in the spring and private businesses began to think about what they could develop. Potential launch sites all over the nation were proposed and debated. In many cases the discussions took place with more passion than science or facts. Over several years enabling legislation was enacted and decisions were made in the political arena which had effects all over the country.

From the very beginning of the private access to space initiatives, the State of Virginia was heavily engaged. The presence of a viable rocket launch site at Wallops Island was, in their view, an ace in the hole.

Engineers, scientists and politicians slowly coalesced around a set of requirements, essentially creating a scorecard against which various sites could be measured. As calm minds assessed the merits and demerits of other proposed launch sites (for example, nearly every Western state had a proposed site), the advantages of the Wallops site became better understood and acknowledged.

The state of Virginia decided to be proactive and appropriated approximately \$100 million to build a rocket launch pad on Wallops Island. On December 23, 2008 NASA announced the awarding of contracts for 12 flights by SpaceX and 8 flights by Orbital Sciences Corporation. The goal of both contracts was to deliver cargo (not people) to the International Space Station (ISS). SpaceX had proposed to launch from a newly built pad in Florida, and Orbital had proposed that their initial flights would be from Wallops Island.

With that contract award, Wallops had both a launch Pad and a manifest

of missions. Things were changing!

It would be difficult to live on the Eastern Shore and not be aware of the launches from Wallops to the ISS. Two successful launches in 2013 and two more successful launches in 2014 were followed by a failure in October 2014. While the launches were wonderful to see, the failure was spectacular!

In 2016, Wallops is a very busy place. In addition to the cargo resupply to the International Space Station from the Virginia launch pad discussed above, other organizations persist in their missions.

NASA continues to perform its mission of placing scientific instruments in the needed location, either in space on a sounding rocket, almost in



Launch Pad 0A at Wallops Island. Photo courtesy Orbital/ATK

space on a scientific balloon or low to the earth in an aircraft.

The NOAA Command and Data Acquisition Station continues its mission of receiving, processing and uploading weather information from satellites (both geosynchronous and polar orbiting) for use by meteorologists around the world.

The NAVY command, Surface Combat Systems Center, performs its missions of engineering, testing and training for the world's most sophisticated fighting ships.

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damage that could be patched and painted by our staff for around 2,000 dollars, saving us a lot of money" Hill explained. The other pair of courts are in bad shape and would need completely resurfaced. "We should look into fixing the two courts for around \$2,000 instead of spending \$140,000 on redoing them all," treasurer Patricia Supik stated, in favor of the idea.

The next topic of discussion was the beach club bathroom project. There are three existing proposals, one for renovation and two for building a new facility, and all three are within 50,000 dollars. Hill explained that he is not confident with any of the current proposals and wants the board's approval to pursue other options. "I'd like to renovate what we have and have it ready for Memorial Day 2017," he explained. "The proposals that exist now would involve redoing the floor plan and would cost more than what's necessary."

Another major topic of discussion was the Country Club maintenance issue. Hill explained that there is a long list of maintenance issues associated with the Country Club that need attention in the near future. "Everything needs a lot of work, but we need to get the state of emergency stuff done first and then begin to work on a long-term plan. We need a list of what's next along with estimates." Hill also expressed his opinion that the club should be renovated rather than rebuilt, and a majority of the board was in agreement. Board member Cheryl Jacobs was in the minority, expressing her opinion that the club should be completely replaced. The board agreed to work on fixing the mold issue starting this week and then decide whether to renovate the existing facility or spend the money to rebuild.

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Get together - Pictured are members of the Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County at the September meeting in Ocean Pines. Guest Speaker, Sarah Meyers described her participation in the Democratic National Convention. Group meetings are held the third Monday of the month at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club with coffee at 9:30 a.m. The meetings start at 10 a.m. All women are welcome. For more information call 410-208-2969.



Pinwheels for Peace

In honor of International Day of Peace on September 21, Worcester Prep lower school art teacher Rebecca Tittermary and her students decorated more than 200 pinwheels to display around campus to commemorate the occasion. Pinwheels for Peace is a global project to help students make a public visual statement about their feelings of war, peace, tolerance, cooperation, harmony, and unity.

Above - Pinwheel Playground (L-R) Worcester Prep Lower School Students, **Stella Martin** and **Amy Hazzard** place their hand-made pinwheels by the playground.

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ficials presented plans to the commissioners for a 94,866-square-foot SES at an estimated cost of \$45,967,959. Though no formal action was taken on the plans at that time, the commissioners will meet with BOE officials again next Tuesday, October 4, to further discuss the design plans.

"A great deal of information was presented, and postponing discussions for two weeks gives the commissioners the time needed to properly digest that information," Commission President Jim Bunting said. "We are proud of the Worcester County education system and remain committed to building a Showell Elementary School that builds on the unparalleled educational opportunities we offer our youth."

With the support of the BOE and the community, the commissioners have unanimously funded the following school projects in order of succession in recent years: constructed a new Stephen Decatur Middle School, renovated and expanded Stephen Decatur High School, constructed a new Ocean City Elementary School and Worcester Career and Technology Center; and fully renovated and expanded both Pocomoke High School and Snow Hill High School. In addition to school funding, the county has shouldered a debt service that has increased from \$2.4 million a year in FY05 to \$10.7 million for FY17 to fund these school construction projects. Plans to construct a new SES are next on the horizon.



OPA budget process underway

By **Kelsey Reichenberg**

On Wednesday, September 21, the Budget and Finance Committee presented its Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 budget guidance recommendation to the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) board of directors. At the beginning of the meeting, Interim General Manager Brett Hill commented "the 2017 budget is going to look very different than this year's."

Among the many changes expected in the budget, the first one discussed was filling major positions within the association. The Budget and Finance committee recommended that the Human Resources Specialist and Information Technology positions be filled as soon as possible. "This can be accomplished either with actual staff or by engaging an appropriate consulting firm," the committee explained. "We are reaching out to a member of Ocean Pines who has an IT background to fill an opening on our team." The committee also informed the board that an HR person could be valuable in avoiding lawsuits and establishing a benefits program in line with comparable metrics.

"The IT function has been budgeted for four years," commented Assistant Treasurer Gene Ringsdorf. "We shouldn't continue including it in the budget unless it's going to be filled." Hill responded by confidently telling the committee that the position will be filled before the end of year, guaranteed.

The committee went on to suggest that the association consolidate under one contract with a vendor when purchasing the same service or item across departments to obtain the best price and service. "We would like a review of recording of revenues with each department head as part of the process."

Additionally, the committee recommended that for presentation and analysis purposes, the board develop the fiscal year budget report in comparison to the projected current actual budget, the prior year budget, variances, and the effect on assessment. The board saw the usefulness in making the comparisons. The committee also suggested that relevant objective performance metrics be used in documenting expenses and revenues. They

concluded that items should be properly documented or not included in the budget at all.

Another strong recommendation from the budget and finance committee included asking the board to address the roads depreciation issue in the current budget. The committee believes the funding of roads is now only from casino funds, and the casino source is unpredictable.

The committee provided the board of directors a proposed timeline for the remainder of the budget process. The board is expected to provide instructions to the general manager regarding preparation and timing of the FY 2017-2018 budget by Wednesday, September 28. The general manager is expected to have the first draft of the FY budget to the Budget and Finance Committee by December 21.

The budget and finance committee is expected to have a detailed two-day review of the proposed budget draft with the GM and department heads starting Wednesday, January 11. Additionally, the committee is supposed to provide recommendations and guidance to the GM based upon final review by Monday, January 16. The GM is expected to present the board with the proposed FY 2017-18 budget by Wednesday, January 25. Lastly, the OPA board must present the budget to the membership prior to approval. The budget must be approved by February 28, 2017.

Gerhold joins Wor-Wic

Wor-Wic Community College recently welcomed Erika Gerhold of Salisbury as an instructor of mathematics.

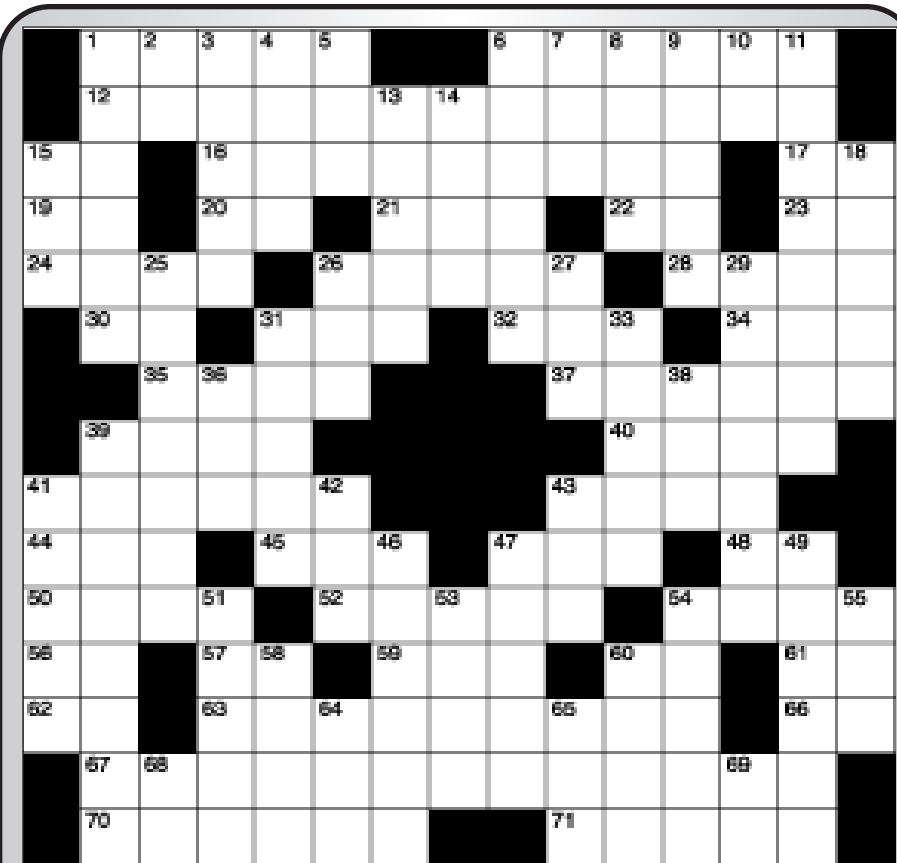


Erika Gerhold

Gerhold received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Salisbury University (SU) and her master's degree in mathematics from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical

College in Baton Rouge.

Prior to coming to Wor-Wic, she was a part-time calculus instructor and math tutor at SU.



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1. __ blache: Freedom
6. Plan
12. A jolt
15. "Doonesbury" character
16. Inspiring with love
17. Blood type
19. Anno Domini
20. Janet Reno held this post
21. Arab Republic of Egypt
22. Midway between south and east
23. Sodium
24. Twitches
26. Not loud
28. Hindmost
30. Be quiet!
31. This gives you money
32. Check
34. Short-term memory
35. Askew
37. Platforms
39. Towards the mouth
40. Copied
41. Emerges
43. Menial laborer
44. Chinese sword
45. Energy unit
47. Unhappy
48. The Golden

State (abbr.)
50. External
52. Strayed
54. Liquid body substances
56. Plutonium
57. Truckers use this
59. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
60. Beloved British princess Lady __
61. The Bay State (abbr.)
62. Thallium
63. Rebuilt
66. Element
67. The law of retaliation
70. Cuts
71. Mexican monetary units

DOWN
1. Mothlike insect
2. Equally
3. Flightless birds
4. Grilling tool
5. When you plan to arrive
6. Thoroughfare
7. Philosophical life force
8. Birds
9. Anxious

10. Man's title
11. Issued
13. Prayer leader
14. Edible red algae
15. Hitters need this
18. Froths on fermenting liquors
25. A two-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle
26. Amount (abbr.)
27. Small amount
29. Fundamental quality
31. Cubage unit
33. Bleated
36. No longer is
38. Initial public offering

39. Hard to interpret
41. Highly skilled
42. The woman has one
43. A bachelor
46. Trial prints
47. Passover feast
49. Military forces
51. Plant part
53. Remake
54. Flanks
55. Swiss river
58. Ottoman governors
60. Vale
64. Encountered
65. One track circuit
68. Opposite of yes
69. Hello (slang)



Answers for Sept 21

Just Good Business...

Old meets new at the Hotel Atlantic

By **Jean Marx**

The Hotel Atlantic, also known as the Atlantic Hotel in "America's Coolest Small Town" of Berlin, offers more than just the beautiful backdrop to the town. As you savor a meal, lodge there, or attend one of their many events, you will find a combination of the building's history, charm, and grace along with the nostalgia of stepping back in time into the Victorian era.

Originally built in 1895 by Horace and Virginia Harmonson, the hotel first attracted traveling salesmen called "drummers" to the town to drum up new business. The drummers usually came in by train, and Mr. Harmonson arranged for them to be transported to the hotel and offered horses to rent to conduct their business. The restaurant that the Harmonsons ran on-site was aptly named the "Drummer's Café," and it continues to delight customers today.

As the years went by, the hotel underwent ups and downs depending on the economic times. By the 1940s, the then owners added storefronts that were placed directly in front of the hotel's façade. Over the ensuing 40 years, the storefronts and even the hotel fell into disrepair. This was the climate that an enterprising group of 10 businessmen found the hotel in the 1980s, at which point they chose to purchase and restore it. The renovations included removing the storefronts and painstakingly restoring the building and interior to its former grandeur. These businessmen, who still own the hotel, then alternately ran and leased the hotel to managers to run it. This worked well, and seven years ago when they leased it to John and Michelle Fager, the arrangement blossomed to become a perfect synergy, as the hotel's reputation and business have been booming ever since.

There are 17 rooms available for rent in the Hotel Atlantic, as well as a charming Gardner's Cottage that is located on a separate small lot a short

distance behind the hotel. The cottage used to be a little store in Snow Hill and later was a part of the Mad Hatter Restaurant in Ocean City. The hotel's owners had it moved to be offered as another room for rent, which honeymooners and people looking for a little extra privacy adore.

The Fagers have put their stamp on the wide variety of features and amenities in the hotel, formal dining room, and the Drummer's Café. According to General Manager Laura Stearns, "We use the formal dining room for special



occasions of every kind, and the Drummer's Café is open 364 days a year for lunch and dinner. People come here for the town's charm, and I have even heard several people say that it is on their bucket list to have a drink on the front porch of the hotel." The hotel's events are kicked off each year on New Year's Eve by Berlin's ball-drop and the Mayor and other dignitaries speaking words of cheer from the front balcony.

Gaining access to the balcony feels like a step back in time, as you climb the stairs to the second floor and enter a charming sitting room adorned with gorgeous vintage drapes and containing comfortable furniture to relax on and French doors leading to the balcony. The sitting room truly evokes the Victorian age, as do the hotel rooms. The Fagers have personally selected the luxury Italian linens and many extras throughout the hotel. The modern conveniences like the TVs are hidden in the rooms' armoires to pre-

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Birthday wishes - At the Ocean Pines Wednesday Bridge Club on September 14 in the Ocean Pines Country Club, player **Ed East** celebrated his 80th birthday. On his left is **Mary Evans** who made his beautiful cake which everyone enjoyed. Photo by Anna Foultz.

Parrothead social scheduled

The Ocean City Parrothead Club will hold a social on Tuesday, October 11 between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. All current members and anyone interested in becoming a member are invited to join the group at Mio Fratello, located on Route 54 in Fenwick Island for food and drink specials, raffles, games and prizes. Email ocphc@comcast.net for more information.

Community alert siren to sound

Saturday, October 1, Worcester County emergency alert signals will sound from area fire sirens. A steady alert tone will sound at 10 a.m. for approximately one minute.

The signals are tested the first Saturday of each month. In the event of an actual emergency, the sirens would be used as additional means to warn the surrounding communities of imminent danger and the need to tune to either radio, television or the internet for information.

Author to discuss Delmarva history

Relax and enjoy a cocktail as you learn all about Delmarva from regional author Thomas Horton. The event will take place Friday, September 30 at 7 p.m. at the Delmarva Discovery Center located at 2 Market Street in Pocomoke. Tickets are only \$10/person and can be purchased at the door or in advance by phone at (410) 957-9933. Contact amy@DelmarvaDiscoveryCenter.org for more information.

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serve the ambience. John Fager’s reputation for the highest in quality is one of his signature attributes that attracts customers. He also continually embraces fresh new ideas. An example of this is that he is adding a fire pit to the newly-installed beer garden located outside between the hotel and the Globe Restaurant, to warm customers on the chilly fall evenings ahead.

Due to the hotel’s age of over 120 years, questions often arise from customers as to whether the hotel holds any ghosts. According to Ms. Stearns, there are a few that the hotel is known for. These questions and a few of your own can be answered at an exciting upcoming 4-course “Ghost Dinner” event on October 28 at the hotel to be led by the Paranormal Investigative Group of Maryland. Everyone is invited to join the fun during this Halloween weekend, with the delicious meal planned by Leo D’Aleo, the Hotel Atlantic’s very talented chef.

The Hotel Atlantic remains the anchor of Berlin. Whether you may be looking for an item to cross off your bucket list, or an experience of enjoying a cocktail in the new beer garden, eating a fabulous meal, or listening to the lively presentation on October 28, you won’t lack for things to do in these beautiful surroundings.

Youth golf tournament scheduled

Enjoy a day on the greens for the 4th Annual “Tee off for Youth” Golf Tournament. The full scramble tournament is scheduled for Friday, October 7 at the Ocean City Golf Club (11401 Country Club Road) in Berlin. Check-in begins at noon and play will start at 1 p.m.

The tournament entry fee is \$65 per golfer for Worcester County Employees, Ocean City Golf Club & American Legion members and \$75 per golfer for all other participants. Each participant will receive 18 holes of golf, cart fee, goodie bag, meal, prizes, and more. Hole sponsors are available for \$100 and donations are also needed to run a successful fundraiser.

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the American Legion Riders post 166 Charities and the Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks Youth Scholarship Fund. The American Legion Riders are known for their charitable work, whose donations and proceeds have benefited local children’s hospitals, schools, veteran homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships. Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks scholarship fund will help provide funding to youth programs, leagues, after school activities, and summer camps to youth and families who are otherwise unable to afford it on their own.

Registration forms and payment can be dropped off to the American Legion Post 166 in Ocean City, or mailed to American Legion Riders, 321 Schooner Lane, Berlin, MD 21811. For more information or to get a registration/hole spon-

sorship form, email tee-off-for-youth@hotmail.com or contact Legion Rider member Matt Rados at 717-903-8436.

Zombie Walk returns this fall

Register for the 3rd annual Zombie 5K / 1 Mile walk benefiting the Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) youth scholarship fund. This event takes place on Friday, October 21 at the John Walter Smith Park in Snow Hill.

The race starts at 6 p.m. and open registration begins at 5 p.m. Open to all ages, a 5K course will offered for runners and a 1 Mile course for walkers. Both courses will begin outside and will finish inside the Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC) Indoor track.

The registration fee is \$25 per runner for the 5K course or \$20 per walker for the one-mile course. Families of 4 can register for the 5K course for \$90 or the one-mile course for \$70. All participants will receive an event t-shirt! Prior registration is encouraged. An additional \$5 will be applied if registering the day of the event.

For more information on this event or to become an event sponsor, contact Lea Cataggio at 410-632-2144 ext.2509 or lcataggio@co.worcester.md.us. Visit our website at www.WorcesterRecandParks.org to sign up for email announcements.

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Mon., October 3	9:35 a.m. 9:54 p.m.	3:22 a.m. 3:52 p.m.	6:59 a.m.	6:40 p.m.
Tues., October 4	10:15 a.m. 10:33 p.m.	3:58 a.m. 4:33 p.m.	6:59 a.m.	6:38 p.m.
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Fall is a season of many changes

Autumn is a season of many changes, with some of the most notable including the dramatic multicolored displays that occur just prior to trees shedding their leaves. It is also a time of year when many people feel reenergized by cooler temperatures and spend many hours outdoors enjoying all that fall has to offer.

Whether one is collecting leaves, picking apples, exploring corn mazes, or driving the countryside enjoying the foliage, autumn is full of fun facts that can make the season that much more enjoyable.

1. Autumn begins on the autumnal equinox, which occurs on or near September 22 in the northern hemisphere. This year, September 22 was

the day when the sun crossed the celestial equator moving southward. When the equinox occurs, there are an equal number of daylight and nighttime hours.

2. Since ancient times, autumn has been an important time of year for many civilizations. Autumn is a main harvesting time in many areas, and a successful harvest was once necessary for survival. Many steps are, and have long been, taken to ensure a bountiful autumn harvest.

3. Fall is a time when trees and other plants prepare for dormancy during winter. As autumn progresses and the hours of daylight gradually decrease, trees begin to close down their food production systems and reduce

the amount of chlorophyll in leaves. Chlorophyll is the chemical that makes tree leaves green, and as it declines, other chemicals become more prominent and shine through in the leaves. That is why leaves change color.

4. Some scientists believe that global climate change can impact autumn colors, such as delaying the change in trees. Also, red pigments may start to decline as trees use sugary fuel to grow new twigs rather than to cause red leaf displays.

5. Americans more readily refer to this time of year as "fall," while the British use "autumn." Both terms date back to around the 16th century. Prior to this period, autumn was known as "harvest."

6. Much of the United States bids farewell to monarch butterflies in the fall. Each autumn, monarch butterflies migrate from the United States to Mexico and some parts of Southern California. They fly at speeds ranging between 12 and 25 miles per hour.

7. A study of U.S. centenarians born between 1880 to 1895 published in the Journal of Aging Research, found that babies born during autumn months are more likely to live to age 100 than those born during the rest of the year. Thirty percent of the centenarians followed were born during the fall.

8. Squash, pumpkins and other

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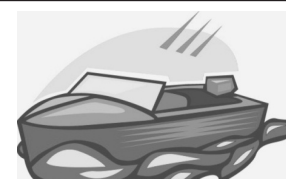
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Community Calendar

When submitting items for the calendar please include the event name, date, where held, time and a little about the event. Items being considered for the calendar need to be in by noon on Friday. E-mail to thecourier@delmarvacourier.com

Mondays

Ocean Pines Poker Club

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

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

Sweet Adelines

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

Mon. & Tues.

Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge

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

Mon., Wed. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

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

Tuesdays

Families Anonymous

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

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

Tuesdaysand Thursdays

Poker players wanted for Gentlemen's Poker in North Gate

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

Wednesdays

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Elks Bingo

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

Delmarva Hand Dancing

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

Rotary Club

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

Square Dancing

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

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin

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

Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

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

Diakonia Thrift Shop

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

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

Thursdays

Story Time

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

Beach Singles

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

Legion Bingo

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

Gamblers Anonymous

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

Fridays

Knights of Columbus Bingo

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

SES to host fall festival

Showell Elementary will host its annual PTA sponsored Fall Festival on Saturday, October 15, on school grounds from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is open to the public. Tickets will be sold on site for activities, rides, games, and lots of raffles.

The fun-filled festival will include a variety of activities such as a dunk tank, a cake walk, a fortune teller, and a maze. There will be many carnival games, hay rides, moon bounces and a petting zoo. There will also be food, baked goods and snow cones for sale. There will be large gift baskets to raffle off and a 50/50 raffle; tickets will be available for sale up until the drawing at 2 p.m. You must be present to win 50/50 raffle only.

Proceeds from the festival will be used by Showell Elementary School's PTA to help fund school-sponsored activities or needs such as field trips, student agendas, and visiting assembly's.

Come casual or dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy the festivities. Showell Elementary is located at 11318 Showell School Road and Route 589 in Berlin. For more information please call 410-632-5350.

Box tops make a difference

During the past five years, students collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education have raised more than \$4,000 for Worcester Prep School (WPS). WPS students collect between 10,000 to 12,000 box tops a year. The money received from General Mills contributes to the WPS Annual Fund, which is used for upgrades and improvements to the school's infrastructure, programs and technology. WPS Lower School technology teacher Amanda Lynch organizes the collection of Box Tops year-round within the school. To donate Box Tops to WPS, please mail to: WPS, 508 South Main Street, Berlin, MD 21811.

Two avid collectors of Box Tops for Education are WPS fifth graders, **Ashton Selzer** and **Sam Menendez**, shown with their haul.



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Homecoming Court named

Stephen Decatur High School (SDHS) has announced its 2016 Homecoming Court after a school-wide vote. The Homecoming queen will be crowned during halftime of the Decatur versus Kent County Homecoming football game on October 7, while the king will be crowned earlier in the day during the annual afternoon pep rally.

SDHS Female Homecoming Court (top picture): **Victoria Kerkovich, Claire Billings, Allison Cordial, Alexis Martinenza, Gabrielle Wilkins and Megan McCready.**

SDHS Male Homecoming Court (bottom picture): **Will Sass, Brian Beswick, Tucker Cordial, Deven Scott, Devin Dodson and Chance Coley.**



SDHS literary scholars inducted into honor society

In a language rich and scholarly ceremony, eleven Stephen Decatur High School (SDHS) students were inducted into the National English Honor Society (NEHS) on September 20. Former Maryland Teacher of the Year and Stephen Decatur Middle School English teacher Michelle Hammond served as the guest speaker while current members, Emma Hancock and Kaitlyn Custer, emceed the event. The SDHS chapter of the NEHS runs the Seahawk Writing Center as well as conducts a book drive each year.

Pictured are back row: **Marissa Wheaton, Michael Mareno, Jamie Ditzel, Rodney Murray, Gavin Esch.** Front row: NEHS President **Emma Hancock, Kyla Taylor,** Vice-President **Kaitlyn Jones, Sarah Bianca, Eunice Huesca, Mahreen Ishfaq, Caroline Kurtz,** and **Kaitlyn Custer.**

Vintage vehicle parade to be held

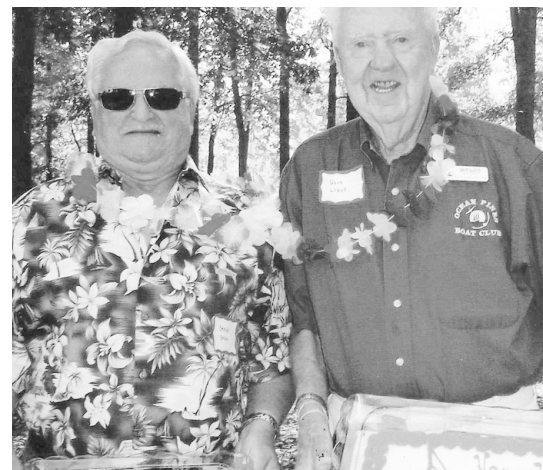
For the sixth year, residents and visitors with a vintage Ocean City license plate will be allowed to ride down the Boardwalk during the annual OC Vintage License Plate Rally, which will take place Saturday, October 22. Continuing with the Drive in Disguise theme anyone wishing to decorate their car also will be allowed to ride down the Boardwalk.

“The rally has grown,” said Mayor Rick Meehan. “The Halloween theme has really broadened the event. There’s a real competition in decorating the cars.”

Decorated cars will join the OC vintage plate cars during the rally, which will roll-off at 27th Street at 3 p.m. Vehicles will drive off the Boardwalk at the Inlet Parking Lot. The public will be able to vote for their favorite decorated car. Each vote is one dollar. A People’s Choice trophy as well as additional trophies will be awarded. In addition, various local organizations will have information booths set up and a DJ will play music. Several local businesses will offer a 15% discount to participants for the weekend.

“We are still working on other possible components to the day,” said event organizer Nancy Howard. “The entire event is an attempt to create a weekend that will bring visitors to join in the fun. If you want to join in and don’t want to drive, get out your Halloween finest and join us at 13th St. for a walk.”

There is a \$25 donation fee for non-vintage license plate participants and those vehicles and bicycles must be decorated. There is no fee for those with an Ocean City vintage license plate (these are not vintage car tags but the special Ocean City plate). Proof of insurance is required for all participants. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Ocean City Downtown Association. Registration forms are available at www.downtownassociation.net. For additional information, contact Nancy Howard at 443-235-4405 or e-mail neffiehoward@comcast.net. If you do not have a City vintage plate and would like to obtain one visit the city web site at www.oceancitymd.gov



Milestones - Happy Birthday to 84-year old **Steve Stein** and 90 years old **Dave Lloyd** who celebrated their birthdays at the Ocean Pines Boat Club Luau on Saturday September 17 in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Photo by Anna Foultz.

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gourds are prominent in the fall. The largest squash grown on record belonged to Joel Jarvis of Ontario, and his huge winner weighed in at 1,486.6 pounds in 2011.

9. The many-colored leaves are not the only display one might see during the fall. The autumn equinox signals the aurora borealis, also called the Northern Lights. Besides the lengthening of nights and cool evening weather, which are great for stargazers, autumn is “aurora season,” according to NASA. That is because, during the fall, geomagnetic storms are about twice as frequent as the annual average.

10. Full moons are named for the month or season in which they rise. The Harvest Moon is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox.



Heritage - Executive Board and supporters of Germantown School Community Heritage Center located in Berlin, enjoy fellowship and a picnic on Saturday. Built in 1922, the single-story schoolhouse educated African American students prior to integration of Worcester County Schools.

Innovation course offered

A new course called "Innovation Readiness Accelerator" is being offered by the continuing education and workforce development division of Wor-Wic Community College on six Tuesdays, November 1 through December 6, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Eastern Shore Innovation Center in Cambridge.

Interested business owners and entrepreneurs, who have until October 26 to register, will find out how to clearly and concisely describe their innovation, manage the development cycle and protect their intellectual property, identify the competition and validate the market, explore next generation strategies for new products and services, and improve products with advanced and 3-D manufacturing technology.

Wor-Wic is collaborating on this course with Chesapeake College, Delaware Technical Community College, Eastern Shore Community College and the Eastern Shore En-

trepreneurship Center.

Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset residents should visit the college's website at www.worwic.edu or call 410-334-2815 for more information or to register for the course.

AARP to meet

The next AARP meeting will be October 3 in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Social time will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10 a.m. This month's speaker will be Scott Fowler, co-founder the Autism Outreach Network. Bring a friend or neighbor to our meeting. This month attendees are encouraged to bring items to support the troops.

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