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Pines golf club hosts Residents' Day

Ocean Pines residents can enjoy discounted golf, food and fun for adults and kids, including a chance to win \$1 million, at Ocean Pines Golf Club's Residents' Day on Sunday, October 23.

All golf rounds at the Robert Trent Jones championship course will be \$25 that day, cart included. Although the regular advance tee time booking window for discounted rounds is five days, the course is accepting tee times effective immediately for this day only.

Golfers can also participate in a \$1 million shoot-out on one of the course's par-3 holes. The player closest to the pin will win a shot at \$1 million at a future date. The contest is free and open to all golfers who play 18 holes that day.

Additionally, residents wishing to use the club's practice facilities will receive a \$1 discount on all buckets of range balls, and hot dogs, draft beer and fountain drinks can be purchased for \$1 apiece all day long.

Golfzilla will also be taking up residence on the driving range. Young golfers will have fun hitting balls into the mouth of the 20-foot inflatable monster. Free golf cart rides will also be offered to kids.

Although tee times will be available for Ocean Pines residents and non-residents that day, only Ocean Pines residents with an Ocean Pines resident's identification card will receive discounted prices. Ocean Pines residents who do not already have a card may obtain one at no charge at the Ocean Pines Administration Building.

Ocean Pines Golf Club is the only Robert Trent Jones championship course on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Nestled in the heart of the Ocean Pines community, it is open to the public year-round and offers annual memberships for individuals, families and juniors.

More information about Ocean Pines Golf Club's Resident's Day is available at OceanPinesGolf.org or by calling 410-641-6057.



Schultz named Crafter of the Month

Lois Schultz has been selected Crafter of the Month for October. She has lived in the Pines for four years and is originally from Pennsylvania. Lois has been crafting all of her life. She describes herself as a "dabbler." Her crafts have included making bracelets, earrings, painted gourds, and Christmas ornaments.

Lois has been doing Kumihimo, which is Japanese weaving, for about four years. You have to come into the Pine'er Craft Shop and see her beautiful bracelets. When she uses beads in her bracelets she gets them from all over, not one specific place. She loves specialty beads.

Another unusual craft that she does is making earrings from recycled cans. Her husband got her into football and she began making sports earrings.

The Pine'er Craft Shop is located in Ocean Pines in White Horse Park. They are open all year on the weekends. Hours are on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Credit cards are now accepted. Stop by and see all of the handcrafted items made by members of the club.



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**Suddenly Single is open to all women coping with the loss of a partner's support
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Choptank Electric reduces rates

Effective October 3, Choptank Electric's energy supply rates decreased due to a greater Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) credit. With this PCA change, the reduction is equal to a \$5.34 savings per month for the average 1,000kWh/month residential member. The PCA is a billing component which allows the cooperative to recover or refund the cost of electricity it procures for its members. When the cost of wholesale power goes down, the PCA rate is lowered.

This reduction reflects lower wholesale power costs from Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC). John Burke, Cecil County Board member and Choptank Electric's representative on the ODEC Board said, "Choptank's Board actively watches ODEC's wholesale power pricing on a monthly basis and any way that we can help the members save is essential to the Co-op Business model. Co-ops operate on an at-cost basis, so when our wholesale power costs are reduced, so are our members' bills. This is how we add value to our membership, every day."

Choptank Electric is a one-eleventh owner of ODEC, whose power supply resources are a combination of owned generation, purchase power contracts including renewable sources and PJM

market purchases.

Choptank Electric, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, is a not-for-profit, member-owned, electric distribution co-op located on Maryland's Eastern Shore serving approximately 53,000 members. Choptank Electric Cooperative exists to provide reliable and cost effective electricity that improves the quality of life for our member-owners. For more information about Choptank Electric Cooperative, visit our website at www.choptankelectric.coop or call our Member Service Center at 1.877.892.0001.

Girl Scout reunion luncheon planned

Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay cordially invites all adults that are current or past Girl Scouts to attend an Alumnae Reunion Luncheon to be held on Saturday, October 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Office, 1346 Belmont Avenue, Suite 601, Salisbury. Event chairs are Betsy Hughes and Melanie Stefursky.

Attendees are invited to reminisce about their Girl Scouting experiences, share your memories, photos, memorabilia, and discover the fun and innovative programs that today's girls experience through Girl Scouting. Attendees are encouraged to bring their Girl Scouting memorabilia, sash or vest, pins, and photos to the reunion.

The cost is \$20 per person. Please RSVP by October 10 by contacting Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay at 410-742-5107 or 1-800-374-9811 or email deberspeaker@cbgsc.org. Please mail payment to Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay, 1346 Belmont Avenue, Suite 601, Salisbury, MD 21804 or pay at the door.

Chipotle sales to go to WCHS

Dine at Chipotle located at 12909 Ocean Gateway in West Ocean City on Sunday, October 9 between noon and 8 p.m. and 50% of sales will be donated to Worcester County Humane Society. Be sure to mention to the cashier that you are there for the fundraiser.

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Taylor appointed new superintendent

At a special Board meeting Friday, the Worcester County Board of Education appointed Mr. Louis H. Taylor as the next Superintendent of Schools for Worcester County.



Lou Taylor

"I want to begin by saying thank you to the Board of Education for entrusting me with the job of working side-by-side with the faculty and staff of this amazing school system as the Superintendent of Schools," Taylor said at the meeting. "It is my responsibility to live up to the trust you have displayed in me as this compact is focused around our greatest asset, our children. We have the most dynamic employees and outstanding students and this is the opportunity of a lifetime... I am honored to serve as the Superintendent of Schools for Worcester County, where people make the difference. I am humbled by this opportunity and I look forward with great anticipation towards the work that we will accomplish together."

Taylor, a lifelong resident of Worcester County and a Worcester County Public Schools employee for over 30 years, currently holds the position of Chief Operating Officer (COO)/Assistant Superintendent. In this role, he has implemented system-wide change by improving efficiency and productivity for the departments he oversees. In addition, Taylor also spearheaded the establishment of the Worcester County Education Foundation, which has garnered pledged donations of over \$500,000 from local partners which will support school system initiatives to generate further student success.

Taking pride in his Worcester County heritage, Taylor's dedication to the community has been recognized through a number of notable awards and honors. He was most recently honored at an evening event sponsored by the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce where he received the distinguished 2016 Greater OC Chamber Citizen-of-the-Year Award. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Atlantic General Hospital; Board Member for Hudson Health Services, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, and the Worcester

County Education Foundation; he is also a member of the Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission for District 1; and a director for Calvin B. Taylor Bank.

A proud graduate of Stephen Decatur High School, Taylor holds a Masters of Education degree from Salisbury University, and a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education also from Salisbury University. His career in education began at Berlin Middle School (now Berlin Intermediate School) as a physical education teacher before advancing to assistant principal. In 1991, Taylor made the move to Stephen Decatur High School, serving initially as assistant principal and then principal, a position he held

BOE President
Jonathon Cook,
Vice President **Doug Dryden**, **Barry Brittingham**, **Bill Gordy**,
Sarah Thompson,
Lou Taylor and **Eric Cropper** after Taylor's appointment on Friday afternoon.
Photo courtesy of Mary Beth Carozza.



for 17 years and garnered him statewide recognition as the 1998 Maryland Principal of the Year. Under his leadership, Stephen Decatur became the first Maryland Blue Rib-

bon School in the county, and the school established the SDHS Alumni Association.

Board President Jonathan Cook
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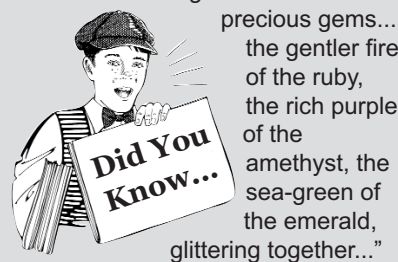
Robert B. Adair 1938-2007

2012 Business of the Year

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Opal is the October birthstone as well as the accepted anniversary gemstone for the 14th year of marriage.

The well-known Roman naturalist Pliny described opal as "made up of the glories of the most precious gems...



White opal has a white or light body color with flashes of many colors. Black opal has a black, dark blue, dark green or gray body color with vivid flashes of color such as red, pink and bright green.

Opal has symbolized hope, innocence and purity through the ages. In the Middle Ages, young, fair-haired girls wore opals in their hair to protect its lovely blond color. Medieval writers believed opal could render its wearer invisible when the need arose. It was also said to have a beneficial effect on eyesight. It was thought to banish evil spirits and favor children, the theater, amusements, friendships and feelings.

AGH to provide community flu shots

Frequent handwashing and avoiding close contact with those who are sick certainly helps but, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the best way to prevent the flu is getting a flu vaccine each year.

As a service to our community's health, Atlantic General Hospital/Health System is again providing community flu shot clinics. Individuals must be at least 13 years old to receive the vaccine at one of the clinics.

To avoid long lines, however, community members are encouraged to contact their doctor's office to receive their vaccine. Flu vaccine is considered preventative care and is covered at 100 percent by most insurances.

Atlantic General Health System (AGHS) has their supply of flu vaccine; patients of AGHS physicians can call today to schedule their flu shots or inquire about available walk-in times.

Community members can also receive flu shots at Townsend Medical Center on 10th Street in Ocean City, no appointment necessary.

This year the hospital and health system has scheduled clinics as follows:

Thursday, October 6,

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pocomoke Fire Department
1410 Market Street
Pocomoke

Wednesday, October 12,

2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Atlantic General Hospital

(Use Emergency Room Entrance)
9733 Healthway Dr. Berlin

Wednesday, October 19

2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Atlantic General Hospital
(Use Emergency Room Entrance)
9733 Healthway Dr. Berlin

Thursday, October 20

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Health Fair at
Holy Savior Catholic Church
1705 Philadelphia Avenue
Ocean City

Wednesday, October 26,

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Atlantic General Women's Health
38394 Dupont Blvd. Unit H,
Selbyville, DE

Influenza and complications resulting from the virus kill an estimated 20,000 people each year, according to the CDC. Although rates of influenza vaccinations have increased in recent years, health surveys indicate that less than half of the high-risk population receives a yearly vaccine.

Influenza, or flu, is a highly contagious virus spread by inhaling droplets from an infected individual's cough or sneeze. Most symptoms emerge within 24 to 48 hours and are characterized by fever, chills, sore throat, cough and headache. Just one infected person can unknowingly pass on the flu to family members and loved ones because the virus can be transmitted 24 hours before symptoms appear. CDC recommends that everyone 6 months

of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine.

Those at an increased risk for influenza related complications:

- persons 65 years and older
- nursing home residents and other chronic care facilities
- adults and children with chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, including children with asthma
- people with metabolic diseases such as diabetes
- those with blood diseases like sickle cell anemia, or impaired immunity

The vaccine is usually given before the flu season. Since flu viruses mutate often, vaccines should be repeated each year. The vaccine is made from eggs. If you are allergic to eggs, consult with your health care provider.

For more information on the Atlantic General Hospital Community Flu Clinics, contact Atlantic General Hospital at 410-641-9FLU (9358). Donations made during the Flu Clinics will help offset the cost of future Flu Clinics.

AGH seeks state funding for cancer center

Atlantic General Hospital received notice from the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA) that a statewide committee has recommended that the Eastern Shore hospital's new Regional Cancer Care Center receive up to \$1.3 million in state funding during the 2017 legislative session.

The MHA Bond Program, administered by a committee of hospital trustees and hospital executives from across the state, recommends targeted hospital project funding through the State's capital budget process.

The new 18,000-square-foot Regional Cancer Care Center, which is to be built on hospital-owned property at the corner of Rte. 113 and Old Ocean City Boulevard (Rte. 346) in Berlin will provide one centrally-located, convenient facility for the care and treatment of individuals with cancer and blood disorders.

In addition to existing medical oncology and chemotherapy infusion services and integrative therapies, the new center will include radiation on-

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Anniversary

Sharon Dlubala, owner of *Those Clever Canines* celebrated her first anniversary with a ribbon cutting sponsored jointly by the chambers of commerce of Ocean Pines, Ocean City, and Berlin. As a force-free trainer, Sharon uses lure and reward, clicker training, touch training, target training, and free shaping in basic, intermediate and advanced dog training classes.



Shown from left: **Terri Mahoney** of WMDT, **Ginger Fleming** of Ocean Pines Chamber, **Jennifer Thren** of VCA Animal Hospital, **Virginia Knauff** of Pet Threadz, **Sharon Dlubala**, **Amanda Knauff** of Pet Threadz,

Nancy Schwendeman of Ocean City Chamber and **Melanie Pursel** of Ocean City Chamber. Photo by Ted Page.

Introducing... Rafi

Our dog family was enlarged by one nearly a year ago when our oldest son adopted a German Shepherd puppy that he named Rafi. Rafi

cious face which is a façade for the rather goofy, carefree personality embodied within.

Several months ago my son sent Rafi to what I call Charm School. He was enrolled for three weeks. It was an in-house program where the trainer worked with Rafi one on one. When he returned he was still the same goofball but was very responsive to commands such as "Sit," "Stay," "Down" and the like. He also learned to walk without pulling on a leash which is a desirable trait in a nearly one hundred-pound canine.

Rafi is very attentive to my son and his girlfriend. They play with him a lot and he is an avid participant in all things fun. While he was visiting recently I witnessed that on several occasions he would sit erect in front of our son before flopping on his back to get his belly rubbed which pleased him to no end. If it's true that dogs mimic the personalities of their owners, then Rafi is destined to be a clown, at least around family.

He is extremely personable and friendly when introduced to new people as was the case recently when we had family over to the backyard to eat crabs. Although he hadn't before met several people, he quickly embraced their presence by plopping his big head on their laps for a little loving. He seems to have a little Affection Hound in him.

When asked, my son said that when Rafi is walking on a leash, he is very protective if someone comes up to them, often standing between my son and his girlfriend, watching intently (and I'm sure with not a little intimidation), whoever is approaching. With the utterance of a quick command Rafi relaxes but still stays alert.

Despite his power and size, Rafi is unaware that he is not a lap dog as evidenced when he attempted to curl up in my wife's lap as she sat in the recliner. It was a funny scene that nearly got funnier as the chair threatened to overturn. Fortunately for him and my wife it didn't.

Despite his youthful exuberance, it's nice having him around, sometimes more than my son.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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joined Ollie, our son's (we think) five-year-old Manchester Terrier. We don't know exactly how old she is because she was found abandoned in a parking lot just over four years ago. She grew some but not much since he took her in. But this is not about her.

When we first met Rafi he was about the size of a Chihuahua, possibly smaller. He was a mostly black fuzz ball with uncontrollable ears and a just as uncontrollable spirit. He was rather uncoordinated during that first visit. My wife had to teach him to climb and descend the steps out back.

Because he was new on the scene, the older dogs including Ollie and our dog Bailey, quickly established with this diminutive pup the pecking order: Bailey. Ollie. Rafi. There were no exceptions and there was no mercy. Rafi was reminded quickly if he strayed from the rules.

During the ensuing months Rafi grew. Every day he appeared to grow inches. Within a month he was larger than Ollie. Within two months he was larger than Bailey, a Golden Retriever/Collie mix. Size in no way altered the established pecking order among the dogs when they were together. Rafi continued to grow and grow and grow. And as he approaches his first birthday, he isn't yet done growing although it's difficult to imagine how much more growth is left. When standing on his hind legs with his front paws on your shoulders, his head must reach at least six feet high. He is much matured and his once flip-floppy ears now stand erect.

But as large as he is, he reminds me of the Clifford the Dog character in children's books, he is just a, as we say, a big Galump with elastic joints. He's a German Shepherd so he has a no nonsense, almost fero-

Community Flu Clinics 2016

Thursday, October 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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1410 Market Street Pocomoke, Md. 21851

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The vaccine is made from eggs.
If you are allergic to eggs, consult with your health care provider.
Ages 13 years and older only.

We appreciate your generosity. Donations made during the Flu Clinics will help offset the cost of future Flu Clinics.

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October is National Physical Therapy Month

Tidewater Physical Therapy Rehabilitation and Associates P.A., is supporting National Physical Therapy Month (NPTM), by promoting the message that in some instances physical therapy is a safe and effective alternative to opioids for long-term pain management.

NPTM, led by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), is a nationally recognized month of awareness each October that educates the public on the benefits of physical therapy. This special month of awareness has become so popular that the APTA dedicates a special messaging campaign every year under the umbrella of NPTM. This year, the focus is to increase the understanding that sometimes, physical therapy is a safer

alternative for a patient to manage his pain versus long-term opioid use.

The APTA shares that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that in 2012 health care providers wrote 259 million prescriptions for opioid pain medication, enough for every American adult to have their own bottle of pills. Also, every day, over 1,000 people are treated in emergency departments for misusing prescription opioids. Further, as many as one in four people who receive prescription opioids long-term for non-cancer pain in primary care settings struggles with addiction. APTA further highlights the March 2016 guidelines released by the CDC that urges non-opioid approaches for the management of chronic pain. The CDC guidelines indicate that opioids may be appropriate for situations including cancer treatment, palliative care, end-of-life care, and certain acute care situations; however, the CDC guidelines also suggest pairing opioid therapy with non-opioid therapy, and their prescriber checklist recommends trying non-opioid therapy first.

Physical therapists are highly educated and trained healthcare professionals who are licensed to help patients reduce pain and restore mobility. Physical therapists examine

each individual and develop a plan, using treatment techniques to enhance the ability to move, reduce pain, restore function, and prevent disability or further injury by creating wellness-oriented programs for healthier and more active lifestyles. To become a physical therapist, one must receive a graduate degree, either a master's or clinical doctorate, from an accredited physical therapist program before taking the national licensure exam in the state licensure that enables the individual to practice.

Jennifer Walter, Tidewater Physical Therapy's chief operating officer and chief financial officer, says, "It's important that patients know that in addition to having a choice of which physical therapist treats you, that patients also have a choice about the type of treatment they receive. Patients might consider talking to their health care provider about safer alternatives, like physical therapy, before accepting an opioid prescription, which comes with its own related risks."

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) released a fact sheet for the public in June 2016 that began with the statement, "Our nation is in the midst of an unprecedented

opioid epidemic." The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) even published an updated Position Paper in June 2016 titled, "Chronic Pain Management and Opioid Misuse: A Public Health Concern" and provides five different calls to action for its members at the physician, practice, community, education, and advocacy level.

A 2015 report published by Matrix Global Advisors for the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids lists Delaware as the third state with the highest per-capita health care costs from opioid abuse. Maryland is in the top 20 states where the percentage of health care costs due to opioid abuse is among the highest in the nation.

Walter adds, "We all know what a public health crisis opioid abuse is right now; leading organizations and agencies such as the CDC, HHS, and AAFP are providing guidance and direction to health professionals and the general public about the issue. As physical therapists are an important part of the overall health care system, we believe it is important to support the national effort at the regional level to distribute the opioid abuse message."

WCHS to host open house

Worcester County Humane Society will hold its Annual Open House and Rescue Festival on Saturday, October 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to come see all of the dogs and cats that are available for adoption along with improvements that have been made to the shelter. There will be local artists, vendors, dog trainers, a bake sale and demonstrations.

Also, on October 15, the shelter is teaming up with channel 47 WMDT

for a one day, Delmarva-wide, adoption event, "Pick A Pal Day," where the shelter will offer adoption specials for the day. Dog adoptions will be just \$75 and cat adoptions \$30 for this day only. Those interested in adopting are encouraged to have their application pre-approved as the adoption process can take approximately 48 hours.

During the Open House there will be a "Pound for the Pound" event hosted by Angela Houck from Pure Power Studio - Aerial Fitness & Dance! These Pound Rockout Workout mini-classes start at 11 a.m. at the shelter and are free of charge. Pure Power Studio will also be raffling off a Pound Rockout package (5 classes/\$40 value). Raffle tickets are \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 10 tickets. Visit www.purepowerstudio.com to learn more about Pound Rockout Classes.

There will also be information offered by K9 Heeling Precision Dog Training at 11:45 a.m. K9 Heeling is a committed supporter of the Worcester County Humane Society. They have

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Fall Dinner Specials

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Chicken Parmesan over Pasta \$9.95
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Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Public invited to free art reception

Two young artists with unique personal visions and who are popular with art collectors, Evan Fitzgerald and Damon Pla, are featured during October in the Thaler Gallery at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. The Galleria on the balcony will feature a group show of abstract-themed art.

The public is invited to the free opening reception at the Arts Center on First Friday, October 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. to meet the artists and enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres. The shows will run through October 29.

Evan Fitzgerald, who teaches at Salisbury University and holds a double degree in painting and drawing, designs, renders and paints on wood. His work is a satiric comment on what people wear and how they adorn their bodies.

"I'm kind of poking fun at ourselves," Fitzgerald said. "I'm making fun of fashion specifically, but putting it in the lens of animals dressing up and how stupid they look. Then in turn, think about how we might look, all the stuff we put on ourselves."

Damon Pla, an award-winning artist from Dagsboro, DE., attempts to converse with the viewer through his surreal paintings and provoke thought and meditation.

"I am fascinated by the idea that the viewer can be forced to acknowledge this relationship with a paint-

ing," Pla said. "In my surreal works, I attempt to capture this by arranging non-relative objects to create new relationships ... Dreams play a large part of where my ideas originate."

Wildlife portrait artist Paul Treadway of Millsboro, DE. occupies Studio E in October. Working mostly in pencil, he realistically renders the Eastern Shore's wildlife and shore life, and has illustrated two children's books. This summer, he ran a small Western art gallery at Frontier Town.

Maria Gayhart is October's Spotlight Artist. A native of Brazil, current Eastern Shore resident and former NASA contractor at the Goddard Space Flight Center, she paints inspired by the natural world of the Shore.

Artisans Bob and Dot Truitt are showcased through October. Bob Truitt handmakes ceramic tiles that he transforms into picture frames and trivets. Dot Truitt uses high-fire stoneware clay to make objects for the home including lamp shades, fan pulls, bottle stoppers and bells.

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.

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Teams sought for Hospice kickball tournament

Kickball teams are invited to reserve their spot for the second annual "Kicks for Kids" kickball tournament and fundraising event to benefit Coastal Kids Supportive Care, the pediatric program of Coastal Hospice. The tournament will take place on Saturday, October 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SSSC Sports Complex located at 2316 Goddard Pkwy. in Salisbury.

"Kickball is a sport that everybody

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helped design and implement training protocols as well as kennel management systems to increase adoptability of the shelter's canine guests. Visit www.k9healing.com for more information on all services they have to offer.

The Worcester County Humane Society is a private, nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter. It is located on 12330 Eagles Nest Road in Berlin. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Mondays. The shelter depends on donations and fundraising to care for the many animals that make their way to the shelter. For more information call 410-213-0146 or visit the website www.worcestercountyhumesociety.org. Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram for more updates. Anyone interested in becoming a vendor for the Open House email ashley-worcestercohumanesociety@gmail.com.

can enjoy," Sophia Smecker, "Kicks for Kids" chairperson and director of public relations at the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, said. "This event is something the whole family can attend, and it's a perfect outing for company team building. You don't need to be an athlete to play – just be ready to have fun and support a wonderful cause!"

Coastal Kids Supportive Care, the pediatric support program of Coastal Hospice, offers specialized medical attention for children with serious illness, providing comprehensive treatment for the relief of discomfort, symptoms and stress. The goal of care is to improve the quality of life for both the child and the family.

The kickball tournament will be a competition of teams of 10-12 players with a registration cost of \$300 per team. Companies, clubs and neighborhoods are encouraged to form teams. A minimum of three women must be on the field at all times on each team.

Prizes will be awarded for the 1st place team and best team uniform or T-shirt. There will be free family activities and food and dessert trucks on site selling lunch items and ice cream.

Teams are encouraged to show their team spirit by wearing team uniforms or T-shirts. There will be space for teams to set up their own tents and lawn chairs.

Teams may sign up at CoastalHospice.org/kicks or by calling 410-742-8732.



Restoration - These are the Ocean City Aviation members at Ocean City Airport, who took on the job of restoring the 1941 Aeronca 65 CA Chief airplane from the WWII era. L-R: J.D. Quilen, Jack Jarvis, Jack Levering, Kenneth Cordrey, and Jonathan Jarvis. Photo by Anna Foulz.



Support — The Ocean Pines Bereavement Support Group enjoyed lunch after meeting at DeNovos. The group is sponsored by Coastal Hospice. Above are Dottie Tudaro, Jean Pflieger, Carol McClay, Diana Pekulsky, and LouiseAnn Klarcek. Photo by Anna Foulz.



Fun Time — Members of the Ocean Pines Platform Tennis group recently enjoyed Happy Hour at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. Shown above are Charlie Gallo, Joe Lunczynski, Audrey Wahl, Jim Wahl, Pat Paisley and Valerie Estep. Photo by June Freeman.

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cology; PET imaging; laboratory services; community education and support facilities; and telemedicine technology that will allow patients and their physicians to consult with other cancer care experts, preventing unnecessary travel for consultation and follow up care for patients who may require more intensive cancer care services.

Construction is due to begin in July 2017, with completion in early 2018. More than \$18 million was requested by healthcare organizations throughout the state this year. The funding amount for the new Regional Cancer Care Center will depend upon the total amount approved for state hospital bond projects, during the next legislative session. The session begins January 11, 2017.

"While the Bond Committee's recommendation to support the Regional Cancer Care Center is not a guarantee of funding, we are optimistic," said Michael Franklin, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital. "Their support demonstrates the value in what we're doing to bring together the current resources in our community to better serve Worcester County and the surrounding communities."

Two laws of which you may be unaware

By **Steven W. Rakow, Esquire**

The next time you buy alcohol or tobacco out of state and transport it into Maryland, think twice. Presently, there are many unscrupulous individuals buying low cost alcohol and tobacco and transporting those products to the New England area for resale. Why? Because the cost of such products is relatively low, but more importantly, the taxes are very low in Virginia. Trafficking in alcohol



Steve Rakow

and tobacco is on the rise and revenue agents from the Comptroller's Office together with local law enforcement have stepped up their game to catch these traffickers. Unfortunately, their efforts to combat trafficking also nets unsuspecting, innocent individuals unaware that the amount of alcohol or tobacco purchased in another state and brought into Maryland is illegal.

The alcohol tax in Maryland is 9%. Maryland allows one to purchase alcohol out of state and bring it in for personal use, but the quantity is limited under the Tax General Article of the Maryland Code. The limit is one quart at any one time, two quarts per calen-

dar month, and a total of one gallon in possession at any one time. There are other exemptions for alcohol brought into the state from outside the U.S., but the bottom line is that Maryland wants to collect the tax on any amount in excess of one quart.

The limits placed on the amount one may have when traveling into Maryland are confusing – the statute says one quart, but two lines later states one gallon. Most people have no idea that a limit even exists, or that it's against the law to buy more than a gallon of alcohol and bring it into the state. Unless one is aware of the law, it can be a costly affair. There are no road signs notifying one of the restrictions. And most beverage stores have nothing posted to indicate that interstate transportation of alcohol is a crime – punishable in Maryland by up to five years' incarceration and a \$10,000 fine.

The tobacco laws are even more onerous. One may bring into the state up to \$100 retail value or five cartons of cigarettes. Over that limit, the law has been violated. Merely possessing 30 cartons or less can net a penalty of three months in jail and a \$500 fine, while over that limit can net the offender a year in jail and \$1,000 fine. Get caught transporting untaxed cigarettes and you face a felony conviction with a penalty of up to two years in prison. The fines for transporting un-

taxed cigarettes are very high with a mandatory fine of \$150 per carton for the first offense and \$300 per carton for subsequent offenses.

The limits on the interstate transportation of alcohol and tobacco date back to the days of Prohibition. Most people have no idea they are breaking the law, or the penalties they face when buying alcohol across state lines. Often times, it's just a matter of convenience to drive across the border. While the laws are designed to stop those engaged in trafficking large quantities of alcohol and tobacco products, and recoup tax revenue, these same laws also affect the innocent purchaser who merely wants to save a few dollars by going to BJ's or the local packaged beverage store just across the border. Beware of these laws and make sure you stay under the one-gallon limit for alcohol and the five carton limit for tobacco.

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also announced that Taylor will take the helm of the school system as interim superintendent on November 1, following a month-long transition with sitting Superintendent Dr. Jerry Wilson. Wilson, who announced in February he would not seek another four-year contract, shared his thanks to the Board of Education and the Worcester County community in the following statement.

"I want to express my appreciation to the Board and the Worcester County community for the opportunity to serve as superintendent of schools," Wilson said. "I believe our educators have made great strides toward becoming a world class school system as evident by our students' outstanding achievement in the recently released PARCC scores. Worcester County's cumulative scores were higher than any other county in the state for two years in a row.

"I have been fortunate to work with outstanding educational leaders, and I have witnessed powerful instruction," Wilson continued. "My goal as Superintendent is always to make the best decisions for students and to support our staff as they educate and innovate. Reflecting on the past several years, I am grateful to have served as Worcester County's Superintendent; it is an honor I will always treasure. I wish the Board and the new Superintendent all the best in the future."

After sharing Wilson's statement, Cook praised the outgoing superintendent for his strong leadership during a period of extensive and tumultuous changes in education.

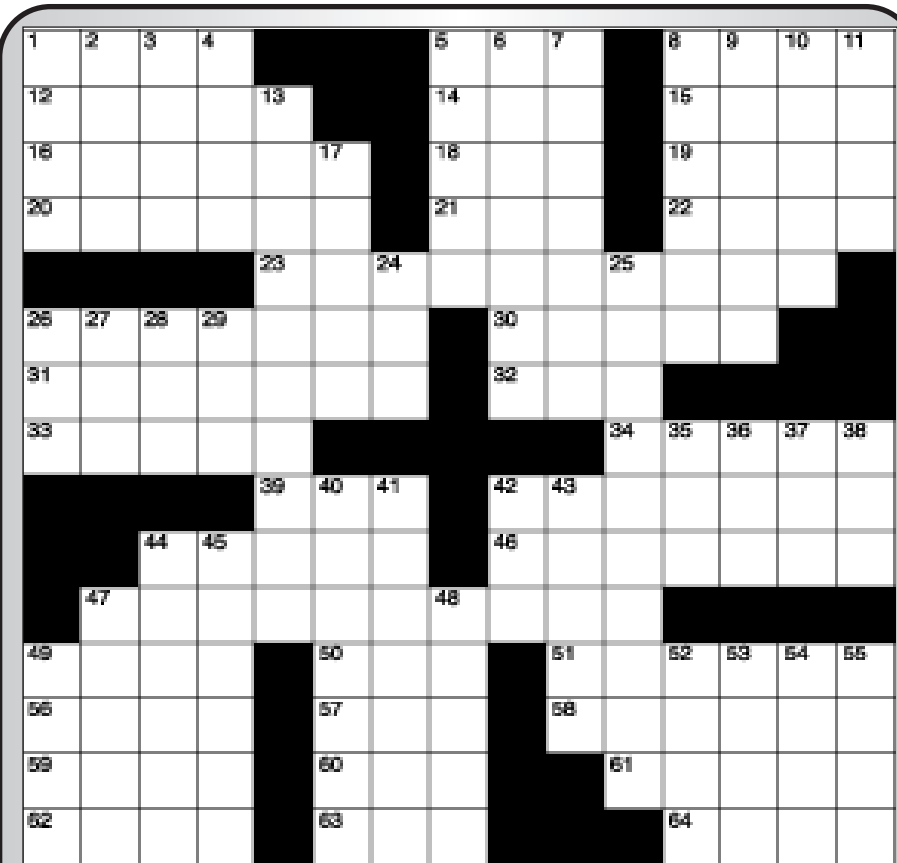
"We are incredibly fortunate to have enjoyed this long tenure with Dr. Wilson," Cook said. "Under his leadership, this school system has not only seen continued success, he has laid the foundation for Worcester County students to succeed well into the future. From its inception, Dr. Wilson's vision has dramatically pushed our school system toward achieving world class status through initiatives like the digital conversion, a shift in focus to student learning goals and objectives, and personalized learning for every student. These goals and the many more within our strategic direction are empowering our students to continue on a trajectory toward college and career readiness."

Earlier this year, the Board of Education contracted with the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) to conduct the search for the school system's next leader. Three public input sessions across the county were held to gather input to inform the search process, and the Board conducted two rounds of interviews to narrow the field to two finalists, who participated in extensive interviews earlier this week with various stakeholder groups.

"We are very pleased with how this search has been conducted," Cook said. "We were very fortunate to have a strong set of applicants from the beginning of this process, and I speak for the entire Board when I share our thanks to the many people in our community that participated in this process; I hope all of you know that your input was a vital piece in our decision making process."



First dance - The Pinesteppers Square Dance Club's first meeting was September 14 to teach the newcomers how to dance with Caller **Dennis O'Neal**. (top center) and members. Sitting on the left is director **Louise Lassiter**. Photo by Anna Foultz.



- ACROSS**
1. ___ Nui, Easter Island
5. Midway between south and southeast
8. Small mark
12. Small antelope
14. Protects from weather
15. Goddess of women and marriage
16. City in Washington
18. Independent voters association
19. Bird genus
20. Train line
21. Annoy
22. Waste matter
23. 41st President
26. Type of cracker
30. Remove
31. Looked quickly
32. The habitat of wild animals
33. Type of genre
34. Humble
39. Barrels per day (abbr.)
42. Respectful compliments
44. Star Trek: The Next Generation doctor
46. Pithy remark
47. Sums up
49. Tailless amphibian
50. American Gaming Association (abbr.)
51. After seventh
56. Czech River
57. Folk band ___ Iver
58. Kids ride this
59. Ancient Greek City
60. Liquefied natural gas (abbr.)
61. Net
62. Colors clothes
63. Midway between east and southeast
64. Japanese beverage
- DOWN**
1. Island north of Guam
2. Biblical region
3. Scottish ancestor
4. Hills in northeast India
5. A way to cook by baking
6. Attacked ferociously
7. Furniture with open shelves
8. Burt Reynolds film
9. A way to examine
10. Plant of the goosefoot family
11. Job
13. Capable of being thought
17. One seeded fruit
24. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
25. Platitudes
26. Very fast airplane
27. Pet detective Ventura
28. Resinous substance
29. Explosive
35. Purse
36. Swiss river
37. Separately managed account
- Answers for Sept 28**
38. Electron scanning microscope (abbr.)
40. Fable
41. Mythical monsters
42. Whale (Norwegian)
43. Domed recesses
44. Member of U.S. Navy
45. Cause to be loved
47. Expression of surprise
48. Jessica ___, actress
49. Drove
52. Commands to go faster
53. Chinese dynasty
54. Military vehicle
55. Chinese Muslim (abbr.)

Eyes on the Skies

Two far-flung planets

By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.

Autumn months will bring darker skies as the ocean resort moves into the “off season,” and summertime glare is now reduced. The Great Square of Pegasus can be seen high overhead and the planets Venus and Saturn are prominent.

This month’s discussion covers both Neptune and Pluto, which are located at the outer reaches of the solar system. Although Neptune is the smallest of the gas giant planets, it’s diameter is four times larger than the Earth’s. The dwarf planet Pluto is tiny, only about two-thirds the size of Earth’s moon.

Voyager-2 spacecraft arrived at Neptune in August 1989, after visiting the other gas giant planets, Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus. More recently, in July 2015, the New Horizons probe flew past Pluto. In 2006, this smallest of the traditional planets was reclassified as a dwarf planet.

Like Uranus, Neptune and Pluto had to await the age of telescopes for their discovery. In 1846 astronomer Johann Galle at the Berlin Observatory spotted Neptune, with guidance from calculations made by French mathematician Le Verrier and English mathematician Adams. When Voyager-2 arrived, it discovered three additional rings circling the planet, and these were named the Adams, Le Verrier and Galle rings.

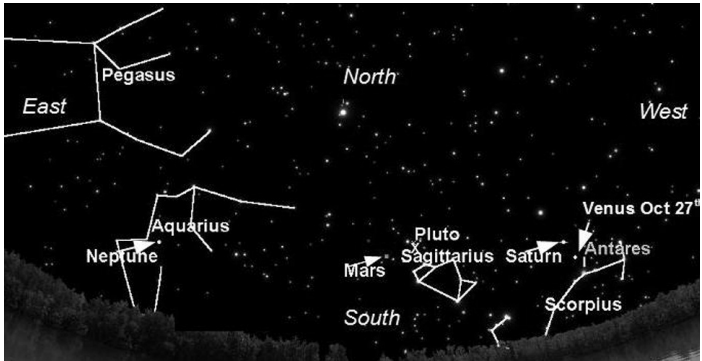
Neptune is the stormiest planet — winds there can blow up to 1,240 miles per hour. The planet’s two giant “spots” remind astronomers of Jupiter’s Great Red Spot. Neptune is aptly named after the Roman sea God, with its deep blue color attributed to methane gas in its atmosphere.

Neptune’s largest moon Triton is about 15% larger than Pluto but 25% smaller than Earth’s moon. Close-up observations of Triton by Voyager-2 detected the presence of icy volcanic geysers that spew out frosty nitrogen,

up to five miles high. Such eruptions contribute to the moon’s thin atmosphere. Triton is one of just three worlds in the solar system with nitrogen in their atmosphere.

Pluto was discovered in 1930 by Clyde Tombaugh at the Lowell Observatory in Arizona, after a two-decade quest for Planet “X”. In 2015 the New Horizons probe observed a series of bright and dark surface patterns on Pluto; one heart shaped pattern has been named “Tombaugh Regio.”

The surface of Pluto displays



shades of dark-reddish color, prompting some astronomers to call it “the other red planet.” On Mars the red coloring agent is iron oxide, or rust. However, astronomers are uncertain of Pluto’s color phenomenon. An initial hypothesis is that some hydrocarbon methane compounds have reacted with cosmic rays.

The New Horizons probe has captured high resolution images of Pluto’s surface exhibiting an intricate variety of features. In general, astronomers expect that celestial bodies will be pockmarked with craters. But surprisingly the surface of Pluto contains vast regions of flat, craterless plains. One such area has been designated “Sputnik Planum” in honor of the first man-made satellite to orbit Earth. Astronomers believe the lack of craters indicates that such surfaces were formed in the recent geological past by nitrogen glaciers.

In addition to Pluto’s flat plains, New Horizons has found regions of mountains. The highest of these Plutonian peaks reaches 11,000 feet. As

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Canada is more than our neighbor to the north

Thanksgiving in October may sound odd to Americans, but to Canadians, it is just the right time. Thanksgiving in Canada is celebrated on the second Monday of October each year and it's an official statutory holiday except in PEI, Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. However federally regulated institutions do observe Thanksgiving in those provinces too.

The original idea is to give thanks for the past harvest season but for many Canadian families the tradition has changed over time and the focus is now to get together with family and, as is the tradition in the United States, eat a large turkey dinner. Apple cider is a must for any traditional thanksgiving celebration as well as turkey stuffing and pumpkin pie.

The first Thanksgiving holiday was held in Canada in 1872 to celebrate the recovery of the Prince of Wales from a serious illness. After 1879 celebrations were held every year but not always in October. It used to be observed around Armistice Day in November.

At the Crawford Lake conservation area (Milton, ON) a path around the lake has pictures and short stories of native people and their celebrations. One of the stories is about thanksgiving; it starts with this sentence: "Thanksgiving to native Indians was a way of everyday life rather than a one-day celebration."

Canada has been its own dominion since 1867. Since that time, the country has witnessed its fair share of memorable moments and remarkable history. Some of the more memorable moments in Canadian history include:

July 1, 1867. The day it all began, July 1 is celebrated as Canada Day throughout the country because on

this day 144 years ago Britain's North American colonies officially united as the Dominion of Canada.

1873: The North-West Mounted Police are formed. Canadians and many others across the globe commonly refer to these officials as "Mounties."

1875: Jennie Kidd Trout becomes the first licensed female physician in Canada.

1885: The North-West Rebellion, an ultimately unsuccessful uprising by the Metis people of Saskatchewan against the Dominion of Canada, occurs.

1898: The Klondike Gold Rush, a frenzied gold rush immigration in the Yukon district of Canada, hits full swing.

1900: Reginald Fessenden, who was born in Canada, makes what might have been the first wireless radio broadcast.

1903: Canada loses the Alaska boundary dispute to the United States. Though the loss created disappointment and anger among Canadians, those feelings were directed more toward the British government, whom many Canadians felt betrayed Canadian interests.

1909: The first Grey Cup is played. The championship of the Canadian Football League, the Grey Cup was first won by the University of Toronto Varsity Blues, who defeated the Toronto Parkdale Canoe Club on December 4.

1916: The Canadian Parliament Buildings Fire occurs on a freezing February night in Ottawa.

1920: Canada joins the League of Nations.

1925: Women in Newfoundland receive the right to vote.

1935: The Bank of Canada, Canada's central bank, opens under private ownership.

1937: Trans-Canada Air Lines, today known as Air Canada, begins regular flights.

1939: Canada, after initially remaining neutral, declares war on Germany, joining World War II.

1952: Canada's first television stations begin part-time broadcasts in Montreal and Toronto.

1956: The Canadian Labour Congress, the central labour body in Eng-

lish Canada, is formed.

1960: The Quiet Revolution, a period of intense change in Quebec that continues to inspire controversy today, begins.

1961: Wayne Gretzky, who many consider the greatest hockey player of all-time, is born in Ontario.

1966: The Munsinger Affair becomes Canada's first political sex scandal.

1975: The CN Tower in Toronto becomes the world's tallest free-standing

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tronomers believe this peak must be composed of water ice, since frozen nitrogen or methane would not be of adequate strength to climb so high. One of Pluto's mountains has been named in honor of Sir Edmund Hillary.

Early in October, the brilliant planet Venus is visible over the western horizon at about 6:35 p.m. However good viewing continues only until about 7:15 p.m. When the sky becomes fully dark at about 7:30 p.m., one can spot the planets Saturn and Mars. Saturn remains in Scorpius the Scorpion, where it has been all summer but Mars is now located in Sagittarius the Archer. Those who enjoy planetary conjunctions should be watchful on October 27, when Saturn, Venus and Antares form a vertical line over the western horizon. The trio should be visible beginning about 6:25 p.m. but they will be sinking quickly. After about 7:45 p.m. Antares will be too close to the horizon for viewing.

One of the most prominent displays of October is the Great Square of Pegasus, located over the eastern horizon. Sports fans may claim that its large square shape celebrates the "championship season," presenting the figure of a baseball diamond in the sky.

Neptune and Pluto are located in the constellations Aquarius and Sagittarius, respectively. However, the two planets are far too faint for the unaided eye.

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., October 6	11:38 a.m. 11:57 p.m.	5:17 a.m. 6:03 p.m.	7:01 a.m.	6:35 p.m.
Fri., October 7	12:24 p.m.	6:03 a.m. 6:54 p.m.	7:02 a.m.	6:34 p.m.
Sat., October 8	12:45 a.m. 1:16 p.m.	6:53 a.m. 7:47 p.m.	7:03 a.m.	6:32 p.m.
Sun., October 9	1:40 a.m. 2:13 p.m.	7:49 a.m. 8:42 p.m.	7:04 a.m.	6:31 p.m.
Mon., October 10	2:41 a.m. 3:13 p.m.	8:47 a.m. 9:38 p.m.	7:05 a.m.	6:29 p.m.
Tues., October 11	3:41 a.m. 4:10 p.m.	9:46 a.m. 10:32 p.m.	7:06 a.m.	6:28 p.m.
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Historical Society to hold fall dinner

Author Bunk Munn will be the guest speaker

The Worcester County Historical Society is planning its annual fall dinner for Sunday, October 23, at 1 p.m. at the Dunes Manor Hotel, 28th Street, Ocean City.

This year's speaker will be Hunter "Bunk" Mann, a native of the lower Eastern Shore and author of the book, "Vanishing Ocean City," published in 2014. Mann's talk will focus on the history of Ocean City from the 1940s to the late 1950s, the problems faced locally during World War II and the period of growth that followed the war. Mann, a retired insurance executive, and his wife, Shari, live in Ocean Pines.

The menu for the Historical Society's dinner will include: chicken picatta, garden salad, Mediterranean vegetable blend, garlic-roasted red skin potatoes, rolls and butter, German chocolate cake, coffee, tea, and iced tea.

The dinner is open to the public. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased by sending a check to Robert Fisher, WCHS Treasurer, 230 South Washington St., Snow Hill, MD 21863. To guarantee seating, those who plan to attend are encouraged to make their reservations by October 12.



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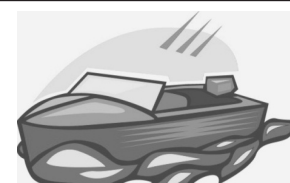
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Community Calendar

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

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.

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, October 10 in the Avery W. Hall Educational Center Auditorium on the Peninsula Regional campus.

The speaker this month will be Dr. Clayton Raab, cardiologist, discussing diabetes and its effects on the heart.

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 manage 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.

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structure.

1977: Quebec passes Bill 101, which restricted English schooling to the children of parents who had been educated in English schools.

1981: Terry Fox, a Canadian athlete and humanitarian, dies of cancer.

1992: Roberta Bondar becomes Canada's first female astronaut in orbit.

1992: The Toronto Blue Jays become the first team from outside the United States to win Major League Baseball's World Series. They would repeat their series win a year later.

2000: The Clarity Act, outlining the terms of Quebec's separation from Canada, is passed.

2010: Vancouver hosts the Winter Olympics, during which Canada wins 14 gold medals.



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Doggie Swim raises money for WCHS

Dogs and their human companions splashed and played while raising money for the Worcester County Humane Society at the Ocean Pines Doggie Swim held Saturday, September 6 at the Mumford's Landing Pool in Ocean Pines.

The proceeds from year's event totaled \$1,087, which was donated to the shelter. The cost to participate was \$6 per dog.

Hosted by the Ocean Pines Aquatics Department for the past several years, the annual swim gives dogs the chance to use the pool before it closes for the season. Photo by Don LaFond.



Donation - Members of the Delmarva Chorus are pictured with some of the school supplies they purchased and donated to Worcester GOLD.



A wand for kindness

Worcester Prep Grade 2 teachers Kelley Burton '05 and Sasha Motsko, kicked off the school year teaching their second graders about kindness. Students created "Magic Wands" and hid them throughout the school on September 28. Those who found the wands were encouraged to do three acts of kindness, then give the wand to someone else.

Above: Lower School teachers Sasha Motsko and Kelley Burton, gather their second graders to hide their Magic Wands throughout WPS.

PRMC drive-thru flu clinic returns

Peninsula Regional Medical Center's Live Well Drive-Thru Flu Clinic is returning, but this year as a single day event, on Thursday, October 13 at Arthur W. Perdue (Shorebirds) Stadium at the intersection of Route 50 and Hobbs Road in Salisbury, Maryland from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Vaccinations will be administered to individuals 13 years of age or older. A physician's order is not necessary. A donation of \$10.00 per vaccination is requested (cash only; exact amount is appreciated).

Flu vaccinations are encouraged for persons over the age of 65, people with heart or lung disorders, immunosuppressant diseases or diabetes. Participants are encouraged to wear a short sleeved shirt that will provide easy access to the upper arm.

For additional information, please visit the PRMC website at www.peninsula.org/dtfc and click the banner on the Drive-Thru Flu Clinic homepage. English and Spanish flu shot consents forms for PRMC's Live Well Drive-Thru Flu Clinic are available on the site and may be filled out in advance and brought with you to the event.

Remember, this is a one-day event, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend PRMC's Live Well Drive-Thru Flu Clinic on Thursday, October 13 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium.

Anglers Club to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, October 8, 9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library. The speaker will be Bob Cooke, Ocean City Coast Guard Auxiliary Navigation Systems Officer and Certified Coast Guard Auxiliary Instructor. Bob will discuss towing basics including stern and side tows, considerations and decisions about towing, and deciding when to make a tow. There will also be a short update from a lifelong boater on winterizing for do-it-yourselfers or when using a mechanic. The meeting is open to the public.

Performances scheduled

AARP and Radio Airways will present three plays, two comedies and one mystery, on October 18 in the Ocean Pines Community Center. The event begins at 7 p.m. The cost is \$8. Seating is limited. For more information contact Judy Nelson at 410-208-6787 or Larry Walton at 443-831-1791.

Wor-Wic board awards scholarships

The board of trustees at Wor-Wic Community College recently awarded scholarships to 10 local high school graduates.

This year's scholarship recipients include Alexis Bloxom of James M. Bennett High School, Taylor Earley of Mardela Middle and High School, Julie Evans of Crisfield High School and Academy, Haley Franz of Parkside High School, Jacobb Hardwick of Pocomoke High School, Erica Jones of Snow Hill High School, Myron Jones of Washington High School, Hunter Morris of Stephen Decatur High School, Chase Murphy of Salisbury Christian School, and Megan Rickards of Wicomico High School.

The board of trustees provides a two-year full-tuition scholarship for the most academically-talented high school senior applicant from each of the 10 public high schools and two of the four private high schools in Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, applicants must have at least a 3.25 GPA on an unweighted 4.0 scale. They must also apply for admission to Wor-Wic before April 1 of their senior year in high school, as well as complete a board of trustees scholarship application form.

The scholarships are awarded to the applicant with the highest GPA from each school, followed by the highest total number of credits earned and the earliest admission application. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

High school students interested in more information about the scholarship should call the college's financial aid office at 410-334-2905.

The history of Columbus Day

Columbus Day celebrates the landing of Christopher Columbus in the New World in 1492. Though it did not become an official holiday in the United States until 1937, Columbus Day was celebrated in various places throughout the country as early as the 1700s.

Established as a federal holiday in 1937, Columbus Day commemorates the explorer's arrival in the New World on October 12, 1492. Though Italian, Columbus had difficulty securing financial support for his exploration, ultimately being backed by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain. Despite sailing for Spain, Columbus is still a revered figure among Italian-Americans, many of whom see Columbus Day as a time to celebrate both the famed explorer and their own heritage.

Upon departing on his voyage, Columbus intended to sail west to the spice islands of Asia. But that route never materialized, and upon landing in the Bahamas, Columbus became the first European to explore the Americas in centuries.

In spite of landing in the Bahamas, Columbus still thought his voyage was on course for China and the spice islands of Asia, and soon after landing in the Bahamas, Columbus spotted an island he believed was China. But the island Columbus sighted was, in fact, Cuba, which the expedition discovered shortly before it found Hispaniola, an island in the Caribbean Sea that would become the first European colony founded by Columbus on his voyage.

Though Columbus returned to Spain a hero in 1493, it would not be until his third journey that the explorer would realize he had not, in fact, reached Asia but instead had discovered a continent previously unknown to Europeans.

The first celebration of Columbus Day in the United States took place in New York in 1792. The event, organized by the now-infamous Tammany Hall, commemorated the 300th anniversary of the explorer's discovery. That initial event inspired both Italian and Catholic communities in the United States to organize ceremonies and parades in Columbus' honor, traditions that continue today in various cities, including New York.

By 1937, the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal organization of consider-

able influence, successfully lobbied President Franklin D. Roosevelt to proclaim Columbus Day a national



holiday. Columbus Day was originally observed on October 12, but in 1971 the holiday was switched to the second Monday of October.

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