

The Courier

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Cookie Presidential Poll

A Bagel And... located in Ocean Pines is conducting a poll to track the race in the upcoming presidential election based solely on the sale of cookies shaped as the GOP elephant and the Democrat donkey. The latest results as of Monday, October 17 are as follow:



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Suicide prevention group seeks volunteers

Suicide has risen to the second leading cause of death for young Americans, and the Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program was created to stem the tide of youth suicides on the lower Eastern Shore through a program of education and outreach.

“We have received a grant that will enable us to expand our reach into schools, and volunteers are needed to act as liaisons between the suicide prevention program and guidance offices in every Worcester County intermediate, middle and high school,” said Jesse Klump Memorial Fund President Kim Klump. “The position will require no more than about 20 hours per year, but is vitally important if we are to reach young people who are thinking about suicide.”

The grant, from the Estelle Friedman Gervis Family Foundation, will provide for materials for ten volunteers to strengthen the relationship between the suicide prevention program and guidance offices. Volunteers will receive basic suicide prevention training, introduce themselves to the school guidance counselors, and keep a steady stream of suicide prevention and mental health materials available to students.

“By building a relationship with school counselors, we hope that our volunteers will find other opportunities for us to teach students and school personnel how to recognize suicide’s risk factors and warning signs, and provide them with the tools to keep a student safe until a mental health professional can step in,” Klump said.

The program envisions that each volunteer will be responsible for one school. Guidance offices will be given brochures on youth suicide prevention aimed at the student population, for parents whose children have threatened suicide, and for families dealing with the grief following a suicide or suicide attempt and looking for ways to help young people understand.

If you are interested in becoming a school liaison volunteer for this important work, contact the program’s Outreach Coordinator, Dina Karpf, at (410) 430-0627, or send an email to choosetolive@jessespaddle.org.



Exercise - Ocean City Elementary School students **Trey Strickler** and **Ivy Chen** from Lynn Wrench’s third grade class took advantage of the mild weather on Friday, October 7 and promoted a healthy lifestyle by participating in ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) ACES is an outdoor walking event the students, faculty and staff enjoy each month as part of the school’s Health and Wellness Plan.



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	Columbus Day					
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	Halloween					

Chorus to perform

The Delmarva Chorus, under the direction of Carol Ludwig will host a Guest Night on Monday, October 24 at 7 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. For more information contact Jean Beatty at 410-208-4149.

Wor-Wic to offer free performance

Wor-Wic Community College will host a free performance by the Hugh Gregory Gallagher Theatre called "10 Seconds" on Wednesday, October 26, at 7 p.m., in Guerrieri Hall on the college campus on the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

Written by Brian Petti, the play is about a man with autism and how the people around him perceive his disability and the repercussions of not understanding the illness.

This event is sponsored by Wor-Wic's counseling office and cultural diversity committee. For more information, call 410-572-8711.

AYCE breakfast offered

The Grace Parker All You Can Eat Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, November 2, between 7 a.m. and noon at First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City located at 13th St. and Philadelphia Ave. The cost is \$8 (\$6 carryout) for eggs any style, pancakes, buckwheat pancakes, sausage, country ham,

homemade biscuits, hash brown potatoes, grits, coffee or tea. Milk, soda, orange juice will also be available. For more information call 410-289-9340.

Breast cancer walk scheduled

The seventh annual Scare Away Breast Cancer Walk & Trunk or Treat sponsored by Midway Toyota will be held Saturday, October 29. The event benefits Women Support Women. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with the walk occurring between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The Trunk or Treat happens between noon and 3 p.m. There will be prizes for best costume and best "pink" costume as well as a silent auction. The event is free and donations and pledges are encouraged. It takes place at Midway Toyota in Pocomoke. For information contact Josh Nordstrom at 443-614-6021.

Monday

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

Sweet Adelines

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

Monday/Tuesday

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.

Tuesday

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.

Tuesday/Thursday

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.

Wednesday

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@delmarvahandancing.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 Pinestepers 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.

Thursday

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.

Friday

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.

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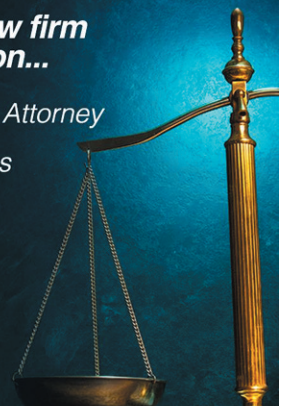
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McComas, Terry present positions

Editor's Note: Voters in Worcester County District 5, which is comprised of most of Ocean Pines, will elect a new representative to the Worcester County Board of Education. Elena McComas and Tom Terry are running to fill the position currently held by Jonathon Cook who did not seek reelection.



Elena McComas



Tom Terry

In order to provide voters with insight into the candidates and their positions The Courier invited both candidates to answer a series of questions. This is the second installment of the series. The candidates' answers have not been edited.

What do you believe are the most important issues impacting county students that require attention by the BOE?

Elena McComas

With the adoption of Common Core (now called Maryland College and Career Ready Standards), our classrooms have been in flux. These Standards were put in place for all grades at the same time with no prior testing in actual classrooms. Because of the digital technology component, there are very few books, but our students' access to computers and tablets is lagging despite a Herculean effort by the school system. The other component of these standards are the testing mandates. Preparing for PARCC tests and then forcing ALL students to take them online has caused many stressful situations. This includes our developmentally delayed and severely handicapped students. We are now ordered to ignore IEPs and learning plans at the expense of our students in order to "collect data". The Maryland State Board of Education voted to deny parents the right to opt their children out of PARCC testing, but at the end of their statement quietly note that parents can "refuse" these tests. It's all extremely disingenuous and literally screams for local control to be

re-established. Our 2016 PARCC testing results were just released. Except for 3rd grade, there was very little movement in scores.

The other issue that parents and teachers are concerned about is discipline. With altered disciplinary rules in place, there seems to be confusion on the application of consequences leaving teachers wary and some parents angry. Behavioral expectations in the classroom are absolutely necessary for learning to take place and this must be addressed.

Tom Terry

The future for careers will, in most cases, involve the understanding of and use of technology. Therefore, access to skills available from our Technical High School will be needed to prepare our students to be college and career ready. The BOE must assure there are programs to enable students to make use of the Technical High School.

The lack of access to the internet is critical in the digital divide where some students have no or limited ac-

cess to equipment or the internet. The BOE must work with the Worcester County Economic Development Team to address the need for students to have access to the internet from their homes.

Do you believe the school system is adequately funded? Please explain your answer.

Elena McComas

Under the Maintenance of Effort formula used by the state, Worcester County is listed as the wealthiest county in Maryland. Seriously. This means we are forced to spend over \$17,000 a student with the county responsible for a hefty percentage of that amount. Add to that a school system with aging schools and unique community and cultural needs which call us to keep all our schools open and active despite smaller numbers of students. There is a larger infrastructure cost per student to maintain. Although there appears to be adequate funding on a line item basis, the fact that our state does not contribute their fair

share makes it more difficult for local funding to cover the remaining amount.

Tom Terry

The source of many of our problems is the lack of funding coming from the State. Our school system currently reports it has 52 trailers housing our students. This needs to be addressed but the costs are prohibitive when we are provided limited support from the state.

Worcester County faces a challenge in being viewed by the state as a "rich county" which can/should fund more of their educational needs. This belief is based on the formulation of what is called the Thornton Plan, which is focused on assuring counties maintain their support of education year over year. While the purpose of this model is supportable, the impact on Worcester County is a challenge. It is my belief the level of poverty in a county is not reflected thoroughly enough in the formula. Further, the level of non-resident owned properties is not reflected

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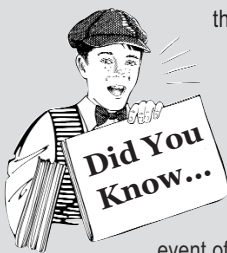
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October is Fire Prevention Month. Did you know that a home structure fire is reported approximately every 60 seconds? Did you know that if a fire started in your home you might only have minutes to escape? Does your family have an emergency plan already put into place in case your ever faced with this situation? Follow these tips to stay safe if a fire occurs in your home:



Make an escape plan and practice it to keep your family safe in the event of a fire

In some cases, smoke or fire may prevent you from exiting your home. Practice sealing yourself in for safety by closing all doors between you and the fire and sealing cracks with towels or blankets.

Choose an outside meeting place (a neighbor's house, a light post or mail box)

Make sure to mark the location of the meeting place in your escape plan

If there are infants, older adults or family members with mobility limitations, make sure someone is assigned to assist them in the event of an emergency.

Keep bedroom doors closed at night to prevent fire and smoke from entering the room
 If your home has two floors, every family member including children must be able to escape from the second story.

Make sure your house number is clearly visible from the road- if not paint the curb.

AGH offers diabetes self-management classes

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

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

Advance registration and a referral from your primary care provider (which the program can obtain) are required.

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

The classes will be held on the following Mondays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

November 7, 14, 21 and 28 and take place at the Atlantic Health Center located at 9714 Healthway Drive in Berlin.

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

Trick or Treat event offered

Worcester County Recreation & Parks invites you to join them for a safe Trick or Treating event. Trick or Treat will take place at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill on Friday, October 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This family-fun event is open to youth ages 12 and under. Local vendors will hand out goodies to the kids, and kid-friendly games will be offered. Children should come dressed in their Halloween costumes, and don't forget to bring a bag to collect goodies.

There is no admission fee for this event, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information on this event or to become a vendor, 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.



Fire company teaches fire safety

Worcester Preparatory School teacher Sasha Motsko and her second grade class thank Sparky the Fire Dog and the Berlin Fire Company for visiting the Lower School to teach about fire safety on October 10.

(L-R) **Sophia Poffenberger, Anna Mumford, Jack Adkins, Beau Brittingham, Alyson Ray, Chase Burbage, Laney Hoch, Gray Bunting, Haven Harrison, Gavin Mann, Conan Geiger, Grade 2 Teacher Sasha Motsko and Jackson Curry-Crayton.**



Homecoming royalty

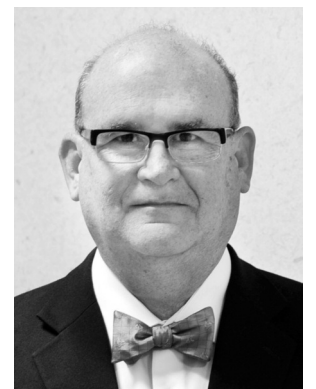
Stephen Decatur High School seniors Tucker Cordial and Claire Billings were crowned Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of the Decatur versus Kent County football game on October 7 after a school-wide vote by students and staff. Above: **Tucker Cordial, Claire Billings and SDHS Principal Tom Zimmer.**

Barton joins Wor-Wic

Wor-Wic Community College recently welcomed Chuck Barton of Berlin as clinical coordinator and assistant professor of emergency medical services (EMS).

Barton has been working for the fire department and emergency services division of the Town of Ocean City since 1978, most recently as a deputy chief. He has also been a part-time EMS instructor at Wor-Wic since 2002 and at Chesapeake College since 1994.

Barton holds an associate of arts degree in general studies and a paramedic certificate from Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold and a bachelor of science degree in biology from Salisbury University. He and his wife, Tammy, have two daughters.



Chuck Barton

Echoes within an empty nest

It was bound to happen and it did. My wife and I are now officially empty nesters. Our youngest child has moved out we're left alone trying to

the house we really only needed half that or less. We find that we can turn the television off without protests. And, our time is our own when it comes to what we do and when we do it. Is this a good thing? In some ways I guess it is but in other ways it really does take getting used to. The hallway bathroom stays clean because no one uses it so that's a good thing I suppose.



It's All About. . .
By **Chip Bertino**

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create a new normal. And it's not as easy as it sounds.

For so many years our home was a beehive of activity; a stage for the antics and everyday living of three children, a girl and two boys. Something always seemed to be going on and my wife and I were often heading out the door, with one or more of the kids in tow, to an after school event or little league game or somewhere else. It was often hectic and sometimes inconvenient but we never gave such situations a second thought. We just did it.

Homework. Bath time. Bed time. Those were times when the little people who shared our home and looked like us howled with discontent. Yet, my wife and I survived and so did they.

Our dining room table, once our family center for laughter and conversation and sometimes tears and heart to heart talks now sits silent, used more often as a place to put things than a place to dine.

The nest didn't empty all at once. It happened in stages. First our daughter, who had the temerity to fall in love, get married and move away, left us. Then our oldest son moved into his own house. And finally, our youngest son has moved on to begin his life's journey. And as a result my wife and I occupy a near silent house trying to navigate living alone together, something we haven't done in nearly thirty years.

The experience has had its moments of uncertainty such as when we continued to buy a gallon of milk before realizing that without a child in

But some things don't change. As young parents we regularly talked to each other about our children. On those occasions when we were able to go out to dinner sans kids we didn't talk much about anything other than what our children were up to. We'd laugh at their latest antics even when those antics sometimes elicited a parental reprimand. Our kids' lives were so much a part of who my wife and I were that although we may have fanaticized at times about a simpler, kid-free life, we enjoyed it all, some things more than others to be sure. Now, as we sit in our empty house, just the two of us watching television and eating dinner on TV trays, something we never did when the kids were growing up, we still talk about what our kids, and now our grandkids, are doing, often laughing at their antics and not compelled to offer parental reprimands. We're just here now to listen and when asked, offer advice.

In the silence of our empty nest my wife and I can hear the echoes of our life's work, our children. And although parenting doesn't end when children move out, I can say that as parents we did our very best, making a mistake or two along the way I'm sure while they were under our roof. Yet, we're proud of our children, of whom they have become or are becoming.

As our brood of three was growing up I would joke, through a clenched jaw, that "these are the happiest years of my life." From where I sit now, looking through the lens of years gone by, those really were my happiest years.



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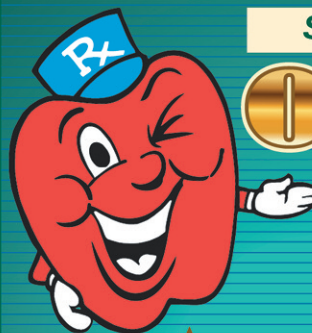
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Walk, run for recovery scheduled

The Atlantic Club is hosting its 5th Annual Walk/Run for Recovery on Saturday, November 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. Given the substance abuse and addiction epidemic in the community, support and non-judgemental caring of those experiencing addiction has never been more important.

The Atlantic Club is a 501 (3) (c) non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals and their families recover from the disease of addiction. Its mission is to provide support to those suffering from addiction by giving them the help necessary to live a healthy life in recovery and become an active member in the community. The Atlantic Club offers 12-step programs, life style balance classes, sober events for individuals and their families, an exercise room and internet

access for those looking for jobs and/or housing. It is open 24/7 with a manager on duty at all times to assist any individual seeking refuge from addiction.

A portion of proceeds will go towards The Atlantic Club so that it can continue its mission by helping individuals and families overcome addiction and give them the resources they need to stay clean and sober. Last year as a result of funds raised two scholarships were awarded to high school students. The Atlantic Club recovery fellowship hopes to give back to a student who has been affected by addiction and help him or her fulfill their dreams, either in the profession of their choice or in the area of addiction treatment.

It will take the entire community working together to erase the stigma that is associated with the disease of addiction. You can support this cause by making a simple donation as a sponsor ranging from \$50 to \$500. Show off your business logo on the teeshirts free to the first 100 walkers. Walking or running in the 5K event will demonstrate the community support of this support service. A donation of \$20 is requested.

Please send all donations to The Atlantic Club, attention Laura Puckett, PO Box 563, Ocean City, MD 21842. Make checks payable to The Atlantic Club. Donations may be made on the website for the Atlantic Club, www.atlanticclubcmd.org.

For more information, go to Facebook or call Colleen Wareing at 410-430-6896 or Laura Puckett at 443-397-5618. Any questions may also be directed to The Atlantic Club General Manager, Sue Rodden, 410-213-1007.



No bullying zone - Research shows that the key to eliminating bullying is in empowering people to stand up and speak up for themselves and others when confronted with bullying. The goal at Ocean City Elementary is to directly teach the students the strategies they need to demonstrate positive leadership as bystanders, to stand up and speak up to bullies. At their annual Stand Up, Speak Up assembly fourth grade students presented a skit teaching strategies for dealing with bullying situations. Pictured are **Ethan Bradshaw, Clayton McCabe, Sully Auker, Jocelyn Navarrete, Lucas Magathan, Damira Hill, Hannah Richie, Nevaeh Horton and Solomon David.**

Artists sought for exhibit

The Worcester County Arts Council (WCAC) invites all interested artists to participate in a juried art show with a theme "Small Wonders" to be exhibited during the months of November and December at the WCAC Gallery located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin. Work must be delivered to the Arts Council's Gallery between October 27 - 28 to be accepted.

The exhibition is open to all artists, professional or amateur with work in

all media.

-2D entries cannot exceed 11" in any one direction (including the frame).

-3D work cannot exceed 7" in any one direction.

-All work must be original and completed within the last three years.

Artwork will be juried in and judged for the competition by talented

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tions which do not come from the actual residents of the county, should not be allowed to set an image or expectation of the ability of local residents to support educational efforts. Howard County receiving more money from the state per student than Worcester County receives per student causes me to question the actual implementation and the impact of unexpected results from the model.



Fall Dinner Specials

Monday

Chicken Parmesan over Pasta \$9.95
Lobster Tail \$14

Tuesday

Burger and French Fries \$6

Wednesday

Meatloaf with mashed potatoes and a vegetable \$6.95
Add a soup or a salad \$9.95

Thursday

Steak Night! \$13.95

Friday

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Local Kiwanis makes a difference in the community

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The Defining Statement of Kiwanis: "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time." The Kiwanis logo is accompanied by the words "Serving the Children of the World."

Along with clubs for adults, there are clubs for students of which the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines/Ocean City is the parent club sponsor for five youth leadership programs: The Stephen Decatur High School Key Club, The Buckingham Elementary K-Kids, The Showell Elementary School K-Kids, The Berlin Intermediate School Builders

Club and The Stephen Decatur Middle School Builders Club. There are two other Kiwanis clubs, one for college students known as Kiwanis Circle K Clubs and another named Aktion Clubs for adults with disabilities.

The local Kiwanis Club was organized by 25 residents on February 20, 1980 and chartered by Kiwanis International on April 12, 1980. The original name was known as the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines. In 2005 the club changed its name to The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines/Ocean City and has members from both areas as well as Berlin. It meets every week on Wednesday mornings at 8 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center where a great deal of fun and fellowship are shared.

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and widely recognized artist, Angela Herbert-Hodges. Detailed entry guidelines are available on the Arts Council's website: www.worcestercountyyartscouncil.org

Monetary prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place during the Second Friday Arts Stroll reception on November 11 from 5 p.m. to 8 pm. For additional information, please call 410-641-0809 or e-mail us at: curator@worcestercountyyartscouncil.org

Happy Anniversary



Ocean Pines residents **Louise and Phil Lassiter** recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with a trip to Charleston, SC. Photo by Anna Fultz

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Recognizing the economic benefits of craft beer on the Shore

Craft beer is a huge economic driver, according to a 2014 Economic Impact of Beer in Maryland study. Tourism officials on the Eastern Shore understand that draw and actively market the area as a shore craft beer destination, which is helping boost tourism and revenues in the shoulder and winter seasons.

"It's about the taste and style, and it is no longer limited to the elite beer drinkers," Ann Hillyer, creator of ShoreCraftBeer.com, said when she met with county officials

and Assawoman Bay Brewing Company Head Brewer Jason Weissberg in Snow Hill on October 4. The group met with the commissioners to recognize October as Shore Craft Beer Month in Worcester County, and to promote the capstone event, Shore Craft Beer Fest on October 29, and the many other activities in October that promote the County and the surrounding region as a craft beer destination.

"Worcester is home to five breweries, and a total of nine breweries are within a half-hour drive from Ocean City," Challenger said. "Our craft brewers and the many area bars and restaurants that promote their locally-produced beers are responsible for creating one more reason for visitors to enjoy Worcester County. The increasing local craft beer business presence, therefore, enhances tourism, particularly in the shoulder and off-seasons."

In 2011, Burley Oak Brewing Company of Berlin became the first craft brewery to take up residence in the county. Since then, Worcester also became home to Fin City Brew-



The Commissioners and Tourism Director Lisa Challenger join with Assawoman Bay Brewing Company Head Brewer **Jason Weissberg** (front row, from left) and Shore-CraftBeer.com creator **Ann Hillyer** to proclaim October to be Shore Craft Beer Month in Worcester

ing Company, Backshore Brewing Company, Assawoman Bay Brewing Company, and Ocean City Brewing Company. In all, there are 26 brew-

eries on the Eastern Shore. That's up from 19 just two years ago.

Craft breweries had a \$652 million economic impact in 2014 in Maryland, making the state the twenty-third highest economic impact for all states. A 2014 Brewery Data study indicates that craft beer drinkers who consume craft beer at home will consume craft beer while on vacation.

"People are willing to travel to experience craft beer," Hillyer said. "Ocean City hosted the first Shore Craft Beer Fest last October where three out of four ticket purchasers were from out of town. If we become a top 10 destination for craft beer, we will attract tourism that is going to other states right now."

This October, Worcester County will host many local craft beer centered events that attract residents and visitors. These events include the Ocean City Hotel, Motel, Restaurant Association's Restaurant Week October 9-23, Snow Hill's and Berlin's Oktoberfest celebrations on October 15, and the capstone event, the second annual Shore Craft Beer Fest in Sunset Park on October 29.

Learn more about craft brewers, where their products are available, and the special events taking place this month at www.shorecraftbeer.com.

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K of C schedule events

The Knights of Columbus have scheduled several events including a Simple Supper and bingo.

The Simple Supper will take place October 26, November 30 and January 15. The cost is \$7 for a full meal. The meal for October is an Italian sausage sub and a salad bar. Dinner will be served between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. There will be a cash



bar.

Bingo will be called on Fridays nights, October 14, 21 and 28. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the games begin at 6:30 p.m.

The events will occur at Columbus Hall located at 9901 Coastal Highway in Ocean City. For more information, call 410-524-7994.

Clubs collect items for deployed military

During the month of October, Star Charities, Kiwanis and AARP will be working together to collect holiday gifts for the service men and women protecting our country.

Collections are being done early in order to package and ship items overseas. Collections will be made at club meetings and at the black containers, like the one in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Suggested items include socks, hard candies, toiletries, books, cards, peanuts, energy bars, tooth paste, dental floss, Advil and Tylenol. Donated items must be able to be shipped without breaking.

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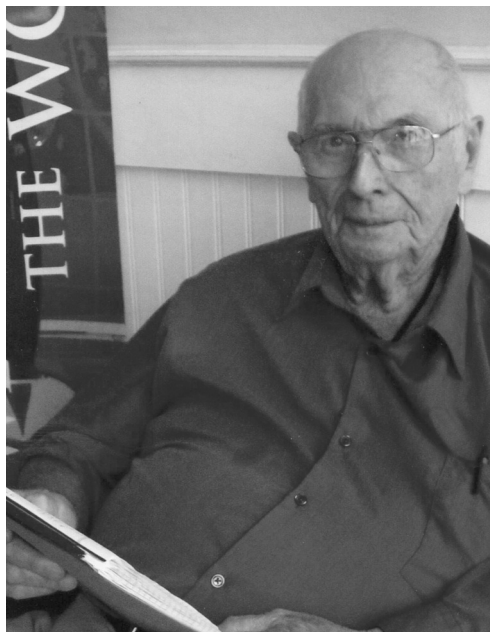
Lunch date - **Ruthanne Graninger**, on the right, enjoyed lunch at DeNovo's Restaurant in Ocean Pines with her son **Mathew** and his wife **Natalie** who were visiting from Miami Beach, FL. Photo by Anna Foulz.



In attendance - President of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors **Tom Herrick** and his wife **Margaret** attended Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino's Town Hall meeting at the Ocean Pines library on Saturday October 1. Photo by Anna Foulz

Fly in

Coleman Bunting, treasurer and chairman of the Ocean City "Fly in Breakfast" at the airport continues on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon through November 20. For a \$7 donation, enjoy eggs, bacon, sausages, scrapple, potatoes and coffee. Proceeds benefit the historic Huey Veterans Memorial on display at the airport. The breakfast is served in the Terminal Building by the membership. Photo by Anna Foulz.



Rocky Horror event to raise money

Celebrate the 41st anniversary of The Rocky Horror Picture Show and help raise money for the American Cancer Society at The Globe on Saturday, October 29. The Relay for Life team Memories in Motion will host the event from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Watch the movie, win door prizes, bid on silent auction items and order themed drinks. Compete in the Rocky Horror costume contest and Time Warp dance contest and win prizes.

Admission is free. Cost to enter contests is \$5. Registration for contests begins at 8 p.m. Contests and judging will be held from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. The movie will begin immediately after. Prop bags will be available for \$5 donation.

All proceeds benefit Relay for Life/American Cancer Society.

The Globe is located at 12 Broad Street in Berlin. For more information, call Christine Waggoner at 410-726-3220 or find the Facebook event page "Relay for Life Rocky Horror Halloween Party!"

Relay for Life of North Worcester County will be held Friday, May 5, 2017 at Frontier Town Campground in Berlin. At Relay for Life events, communities across the globe come together to honor cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that has already taken too much. For more information about Relay For Life contact Dawn Hodge at dawnhodge@comcast.net or 443-497-1198 or visit WWW.RELAYFORLIFE.ORG/NORTHWORCESTER.

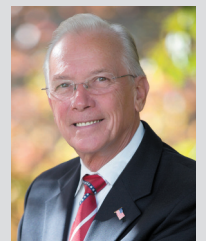


NAACP to host BOE candidates

On Thursday, October 27 at 6 p.m. at Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Rd Berlin, the Worcester County NAACP will host a Board of Education Candidates Roundtable Talk. District 5 candidates Tom Terry and Elena McComas will be in attendance. Francis Gebhart from District 3 will also be there. His opponent, incumbent board member, Sara Thompson is not available. Bring your questions. Call 443-944-6701 for information.

Helvey to speak at RWWC luncheon

The Republican Women of Worcester County will hold their October luncheon meeting on Thursday, October 27 at the Bayside Skillet in Ocean City. The speaker will be Grant Helvey, chair of the Worcester County Republican Central Committee. He will discuss his experience as a Trump Delegate at the recent GOP Convention in Cleveland. Cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 11 a.m. To make your reservation or for more information, please contact Pat Addy at 410-208-0171 or gorpataddy@aol.



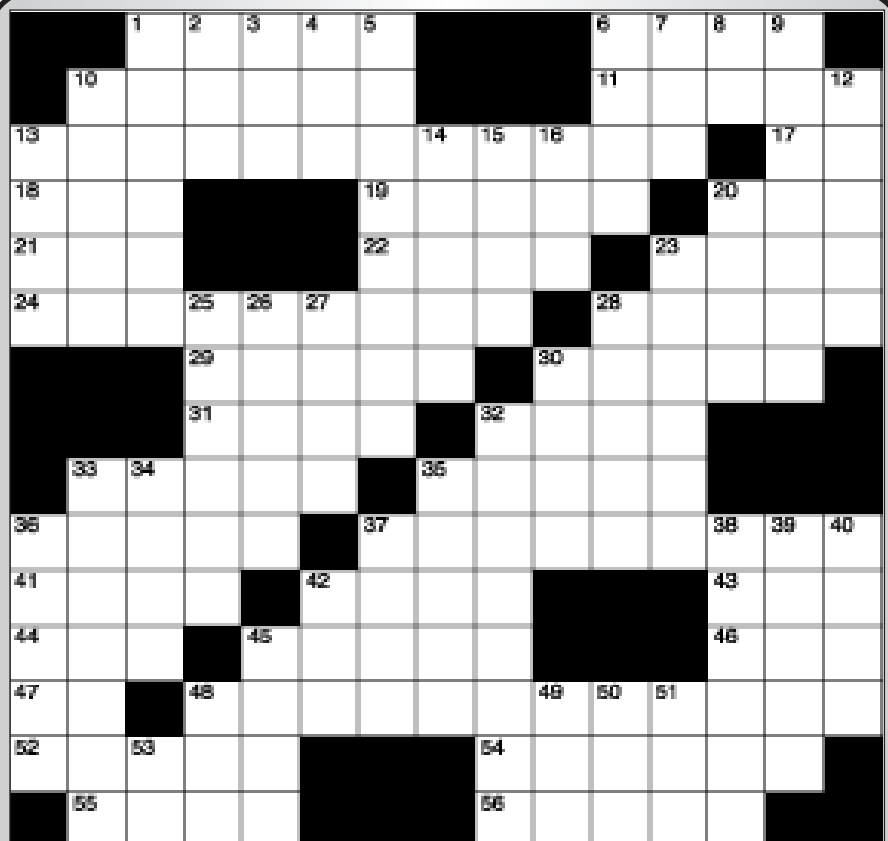
Grant Helvey

Dazzle to celebrate anniversary

To commemorate its second anniversary on Friday, November 4, Dazzle Gift Shop's will host Hunter Bunk Mann, author of "Vanishing Ocean City" for a book signing and meet and greet with the author. The event is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mann will sign his popular book "Vanishing Ocean City" and discuss what motivated him to write it. Refreshments will be served and a special Customer Appreciation Sale will take place on November 4, 5 and 6.

'Dawg Team' to service events

The "Dawg Team" of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City will be selling hotdogs and refreshments at the October 29 Halloween Celebration in White Horse Park in Ocean Pines from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Soon after on November 5, the Dawg Team will be back at the Winter Wonderland Holiday Craft Show from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. also in White Horse Park. So treat yourselves and others to some good refreshments at the two events. Proceeds benefit the youth of the community.



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- 38. Clothing protectors
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Answers for Oct 19



Captain Ron's
Fish Tales

By Ron Fisher

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Catching Sheepshead

Fishing Report: Quite a bit of the boat traffic has diminished along with the summer crowds but anyone who fishes locally knows that fall brings some of the best fishing of the year. After the recent storms and wind the bay is beginning to clean up and with the improving water clarity the fishing should really pick up. Red drum is being caught along the south jetty and off the beach at Assateague when the wind permits. Tautog should soon be biting along the bulkhead at Third Street, various piers and along the rocks at the north jetty. Also don't overlook flounder as the water clears. Try the east channel and along the Coast Guard Station. Also, don't overlook the inlet and Harbor Island. I just heard today that a few sheepshead are being caught. The hot spots are around the 50 bridge piers, and along the rocks at the south jetty. Not many reports of rock but probably because of the weather?



Questions from Readers: From Carol D. of Ocean Pines. What are the markers spread around the north side of the South Pond. Answer: According to our Public Works Department they are for model boat racing. From Robert W. of Lancaster, Pa. I have a vacation home in Ocean Pines and spend part of my summer at the beach. I am interested in learning how to fish in the area. What equipment would I need, bait, where to go, etc. Are there any local instructional programs for the new fisherman? Answer: I am not aware of any but it certainly is a good idea. I would recommend you visit any local tackle shop and they will be happy to go over equipment needs as well as various baits and where the hot spots are. You might also want to try a bay charter for flounder as an introduction to local fishing. Finally, depending on how long you are in the Pines you might consider joining the Ocean Pines Anglers Club as another resource. Infor-

mation regarding the club's meetings is available on the Ocean Pines web site at www.oceanpines.org.

What is a sheepshead (fish)? If you read any of my previous columns you know that I feel you must know about the fish you plan to catch so you can understand their habitat, food source etc. The sheepshead can grow to 30 inches in size although most that are caught locally are between 10 and 20 inches. Their average weight is 3 to 4 pounds although they can reach 10 to 15 pounds. The fish has five to six dark bars on the side of the body over a gray or silver background. It has very sharp dorsal spines as well as sharp spines on the underside of the fish. (Refer to Photo). Be careful when handling them as these spines inflict painful punctures. The sheepshead is good to eat.

Habitat: Look for rocky bottoms or places with obstructions such as along the south jetty. Also, they like to hang out around pilings of bridges and piers. Since these fish tend to travel in schools when you find them you should have a great time catching a good number of fish.

Bait: They feed on bivalves and crustaceans such as shrimp, sand fleas, clams, oysters, fiddler crabs and mussels. Locally I prefer to use sand fleas. However, you need to use small hooks and make sure the point of the hook is buried in the bait. Ask your tackle shop for the proper hook and rigging. I prefer a double bottom rig

Equipment: I prefer a standard spinning outfit of medium action with 20lb test monofilament line and a 30lb. test leader to help get you out of the rocks should you become snagged.

Until next time remember to take a kid fishing,
Capt. Ron

The Battle of the Bulge

By **Dr. Joseph Palmisano**

Next to D-Day when the average American recounts great battles of Europe during World War II they will often mention The Battle of the Bulge. I have several family members and friends who participated in that momentous confrontation, so I decided to research further.

By November 1944, the Allies had successfully landed at Normandy and Southern France, and they advanced toward the German border sooner than they anticipated. This led to a feeling of inevitable triumph and overconfidence.

Eisenhower felt the Ardennes region could be held by as few troops as possible due to the wooded terrain, deep river valleys, narrow roads and probable limited operational objective. Hitler thought differently and was quick to take advantage of the situation. On December 16, 1944, he launched the last major German counteroffensive campaign of the war. The Germans referred to it as "Unternehmen Wacht am Rhein," or "Watch on the Rhine," appealing to German patriotism to protect the Homeland and possibly to change the outcome of the war. The Allies called it the "Ardennes Counteroffensive." The press simply referred to it as "The Battle of the Bulge" due to its eventual configuration on wartime news maps. This became the most widely used name for the battle.

Hitler's intention was to recapture the Belgian port of Antwerp denying its use to the allies, splitting the Allied lines in two, and hopefully force the Allies to negotiate a peace treaty in the Axis powers' favor. After that was accomplished, he thought he could con-

centrate forces on the eastern front and defeat the Russians. Hitler's plan was grandiose, audacious, brilliant. It caught the overconfident British and Americans totally unprepared. Some of his generals disagreed with him. Those who voiced their opinion were quickly dismissed.

Due to strict secrecy, the Germans achieved total surprise on December 16, 1944, attacking a weakly defended section of the Allied line and taking advantage of heavily overcast weather which temporarily grounded the vastly superior Allied air forces. The Germans advanced with almost a half-million men, most of the remaining Luftwaffe, thousands of artillery pieces, and spearheaded by the elite Waffen SS Panzer divisions, known for their ferocity in combat and fanatical allegiance to der Fuhrer.

After the initial attack, in which thousands of Americans were taken prisoner, the German offensive stalled due to unexpected resistance in the northern sector, poor roads, and the refusal of the Americans to surrender the vital crossroads of Bastogne. Even though completely surrounded, the embattled defenders held out for six days, upsetting the timetable of the Germans. This is when General Anthony McAuliffe issued his famous "nuts" reply when the Germans asked him to surrender.

Just about then is when the skies cleared, and the Air Force dropped badly needed supplies and ammunition. At almost the same time, elements of General George Patton's army, after having made a superhuman dash against German resistance and terrible winter weather, joined

*please see **bulge** on page 16*



Congratulations - On October 4 the Worcester County Commissioners commended Worcester Technical High School (WTHS) students for earning national recognition at the 52nd annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, which took place June 20-25, and for WTHS receiving the 2016 SkillsUSA Chapter of Excellence Award. The students include Lindsay Kremer who took 2nd place in Principals of Engineering Technology, Zac Cioccio who took 4th place in Medical Math; Kyle Fields who took 4th place in Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology; Victoria Moreau and Adam Taylor who took 7th place in Community Action Project; Randy Odenwald, Alex Reznikov, Zachary Davis, Logan Romberger, and Deep Patel who took 8th place in Quiz Bowl; Eve Watsky who took 8th place in T-Shirt Design; and Emily Mast, Hannah Semsler, and John Paul Chamberlain who took 10th place in Career Pathways Showcase STEM. The Commissioners also recognized Keondra Snell, who took 2nd place in Building Maintenance and who could not attend the Commissioners' ceremony. Their accomplishments rank them among the top performing career and educational students in the nation.



Scrubs - Kindergarten students at Ocean City Elementary School enjoyed a visit from Atlantic General Hospital. They learned about jobs at a hospital. Pictured are "future surgeons" **Alexis Castagna** and **Ashton Evans** from Laura Black's class.

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Wed., October 26	5:39 a.m. 5:57 p.m.	11:34 a.m.	7:21 a.m.	6:07 p.m.

Senior dogs require specialized care

Dogs mature at faster rates than human beings. While many have heard the rule that every human year equals seven dog years, the reality is not so cut and dry. Size and breed play roles in determining a dog's age equivalent. According to the pets' division of WebMD, the first year of life for a dog may be roughly equivalent to 15 years for a human. Dog food manufacturer Purina says that by its tenth year alive, a small, medium and large dog is 56, 60 and 66 in human years, respectively.

Thanks to advancements in veterinary care, dogs are living longer lives. Pet owners may have to adapt their care and exercise regimen to accommodate the changes in their pets. Senior dogs show some distinctive signs of aging that are on par with what humans experience. These include cloudy eyes, gray hair (in dogs this starts around the muzzle and spreads

to other areas of the face, head and body) and loose skin. Elderly dogs also may begin to experience stiffness in their legs, particularly the hind quarter. To ensure a dog's quality of life remains consistent through its senior years, pet owners can take the following steps.

Have a candid conversation with the vet. Make an appointment with your dog's veterinarian to discuss a plan for making the dog comfortable and happy as the animal ages. Your vet can make recommendations regarding which type of foods the dog should eat and how much exercise it needs.

Make accommodations based on disability. A dog may develop arthritis or another degenerative disease that causes a general slowing down. Dogs may not be able to walk as far or play games as long as they used to. Some dogs also struggle to find a comfortable position when at-

tempting to lie down or sit. Dogs also may have difficulty getting up and down stairs. As a result, aging dogs may need some extra help getting around. Invest in ramps and ergonomic pet beds and bowls to help ease aging dogs' discomfort.

Examine and modify dogs' diets. Food needs can change as dogs become less active. Keeping dogs lean can prevent a host of illnesses. PetMD says more than half of American pets are overweight, and obesity can contribute to disease and put stress on pets' joints. Let your vet be your guide in choosing high-quality, low-cal-

orie foods and treats. He or she may also recommend supplementation to alleviate stiffness and address other needs.

Keep up the exercise. Exercise helps slow down the degeneration of joints and helps keep dogs healthy. Continue walks, but pare them down if your dog cannot keep up. Swimming is a low-impact exercise that is great for senior dogs. Look for a dog swim vest, which can help the animal maintain some buoyancy.

Be patient. Elderly dogs will need extra care, and that can be taxing. Exercise patience and you will see that the pampering and extra attention will help prolong your dog's happiness through its golden years.



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Pre-winter lawn care can prevent problems

Winter weather can be harsh, especially on lawns. Homeowners who spend much of spring and summer tending to their lawns may fear the impact that winter will have on their once-lush landscapes, making the fall a great time to fortify lawns against any harsh conditions to come.

Homeowners must take grass type into consideration before taking steps to prepare their lawns for the winter. Some grasses are best fertilized in late-summer, while others should be fertilized in autumn. Cool-season grasses, including fescue and bluegrass, are best fertilized sometime between the months of September and November. Warm-season grasses, such as Bermuda or zoysia, should be fertilized between July and September. Once homeowners have gained a greater understanding of their lawns, they can begin exploring the various ways to prepare their lawns for whatever winter has in store.

Explore winterizing fertilizers. Homeowners who want to make their grasses more winter hardy can consult landscaping professionals to determine if winterizing fertilizers will work for their lawns. These specially formulated fertilizers, many of which are made exclusively for cool-season grasses, contain higher levels of potassium and lower levels of nitrogen than early-season fertilizers. Potassium helps strengthen and harden plants, and cool-season grasses may need extra potassium as winter settles in. Homeowners who are not sure if they should apply winterizing fertilizer can conduct soil tests to determine the potassium levels in their soil. If the test indicates the soil has sufficient potassium, then applying a winterizing fertilizer is likely unnecessary. In addition, homeowners who have fed their lawn a balance of nutrients throughout spring and summer likely will not need to apply winterizing fertilizer.

Get rid of fallen leaves. While fallen leaves may be integral compo-

nents of idyllic autumn landscapes, leaves left on the lawn throughout the winter may lead to disease in the grass. Leaves trap moisture and block sunlight and air from reaching grass, and that can encourage the de-



velopment of disease. In addition, leaves can harbor insects that also may contribute to disease. While it might seem like common sense to delay leaf removal until the end of autumn when all the leaves have fallen, that, too, can prove harmful to lawns. Leaves left laying on lawns for long periods of time can contribute to the same types of damage as leaves left on the lawn throughout winter, so do your best to remove leaves as they fall.

Take steps to fight snow mold. Homeowners who live in regions where snow falls into spring or where spring tends to be cold and damp may want to take steps to prevent snow mold. Gray snow mold typically looks fuzzy and gray, and lawns infested with snow mold may develop unsightly gray or brown spots indicative of dead grass. Pink snow mold may be even worse than gray snow mold because pink mold attacks the roots as well as the leaves. To prevent snow mold, continue mowing into the fall, even as lawns grow dormant, clearing the lawn of grass clippings and leaves after each mow. Thick lawns may provide a breeding ground for snow mold, so homeowners whose lawns have a history of developing snow mold may benefit from mowing their lawns into the fall.

Winter is rarely easy on lawns, but homeowners can take several steps to prepare their lawns for potentially harsh winter weather.



Prepare - Tom Kane, emergency management planner for Worcester County, discussed "Preparedness, Respond and Recovery" at the September NAACP meeting. Pictured is Tom Kane and Ivory Smith, NAACP president. NAACP meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Call 443-944-6701 for information.



For the future - The Auxiliary of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System recently presented President and CEO Michael Franklin, FACHE with a check in the amount of \$50,000 toward the Campaign for the Future for their fiscal year 2016 fundraising efforts.

Along with this initial donation, the Auxiliary has made an additional pledge to raise \$50,000 each year for the next five years totaling \$300,000.

The funds raised during the Atlantic General Campaign for the Future will allow Atlantic General Hospital to complete \$35 million in capital projects planned under the organization's 2020 Vision five-year strategic plan. Among them is construction of a new 18,000-square-foot full service cancer care center, completion of a women's health center in West Ocean City, renovation of existing surgical facilities and expansion of emergency services within Atlantic General Hospital as well as improvements to inpatient care areas.

Above from L to R: Barbara Lischak, Kathleen Loetz, Michael Franklin, Ann Hamilton, Margie DiNenna and Barbara Loffler.

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forces with “the Battered Bastards of Bastogne,” ending the siege.

Eventually, overwhelming Allied forces caused the Germans to sustain almost a third of their forces as casualties. Allied casualties were almost as high but these were able to be replaced whereas the Germans were unable to replace their losses. It was Hitler’s last gasp. After this campaign, when the Americans captured the bridge at Remagen, providing quick access across the Rhine, the remainder of the war was never in doubt.

There were other fascinating facets of The Battle of the Bulge, such as the Massacre at Malmedy, the capture of future writer, Kurt Vonnegut, and his imprisonment in a pig sty during the bombing of Dresden, the “Special Treatment” given to Jewish prisoners who were sent to slave camps where many died due to torture and inhuman treatment. Not to mention the larger-than-life characters on both sides.

Hopefully these events and individuals will lead to further elucidation of this momentous clash of titans.

Dr. Joseph Palmisano is a columnist featured monthly in The Courier. He shares insights about World War II. He resides in Ocean Pines and is the author of “Doctor Joe, A Family Doctor in the Twentieth Century.”



Dem summit - Judy Butler, past president of the Democratic Women’s Club of Worcester County and **Tom Butler**, president of the Democratic Club of Worcester County, attended the Eastern Shore Democratic Summit IV in Cambridge, on October 1. For more information on the local Democrat party, email joshn1972@yahoo.com.

TOP-GROSSING HORROR MOVIES PERFECT FOR HALLOWEEN

Scares and thrills help make Halloween one of the most popular holidays of the year. Many people like to go outside their comfort zones come Halloween, and what better way to do that than with haunted houses, corn mazes, spooky superstitions, and, of course, a bevy of scary movies?

Horror movies and Halloween go hand-in-hand. Many television networks and streaming services offer around-the-clock fright fests in the days leading up to Halloween. Some horror movies are instant classics, while others have attracted cult followings.

The following are some of the most financially successful horror films (box office figures, in millions, courtesy of IMDB.com).

The Blair Witch Project (1999) \$140.53: Pitched as a documentary of found footage, moviegoers are led to believe the movie is actually a nonfiction account made by film students who vanished in a Maryland forest.

The Exorcist (1973) \$204.57: A pre-teen girl becomes possessed by a mysterious entity, and the girl’s mom enlists the help of two priests to help save the soul of her daughter. This movie is not for the faint of heart and tackles the subject of demonic

possession.

Gremlins (1984) \$148.17: A new pet is not as innocent as it looks when his owner breaks three rules and unleashes malevolent creatures on a small town.


Halloween (1978) \$168.5: This classic, along with “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre,” is often credited as starting the slasher movie genre. Masked Michael Myers is one of the most iconic horror movie antagonists as recognizable as Freddy Krueger from the “A Nightmare on Elm Street” films.

I Am Legend (2007) \$256.39: A sole survivor from a plague that kills most of humanity and transforms others into monsters must try to find a cure for this horrific illness.

Paranormal Activity (2007) \$119: Another take on the supernatural, this movie is presented with “found footage” of a young couple who moves into a home haunted by a supernatural presence. It ultimately spawned a series five different films.

The Silence of the Lambs (1991) \$130.73: In order to help catch a serial killer who is killing and skinning his victims, an F.B.I. cadet needs the help of an incarcerated cannibalistic killer.

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