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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 24 are as follow:





# Veterans Day ceremony to be held

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation invites the community to join in honoring the men and women who have served in the nation's military services on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11 at the Memorial located at Route 589 and Cathell Road. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. Some seating is available but please bring a lawn chair for your convenience.

The guest speaker will be Ocean Pines resident Nathan Pearson. Pearson is a member of American Legion Post 166 where he has served as Past Commander and Chaplain among other duties.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Community Church at Ocean Pines located at 11227 Racetrack Rd. (Rte. 589).

Faded or worn American flags may be dropped off before or immediately after the ceremony for disposal at the Flag Retirement Ceremony that will be held at the Veterans Memorial on Saturday, November 19 at 10 a.m.

# Artisan and craft fair scheduled

On Saturday, November 5 the Ocean Pines Community Center will be a beehive of activity as artisans and crafters display their wares at the Holiday Fair sponsored by the Pine'eer Craft Club. The event will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Craft Club will sponsor their Bake Sale featuring home baked items to tempt your taste buds. In addition, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines/Ocean City will have food items for sale.

The Pine'eer Craft & Gift Shop, opposite the Community Center, will be open on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop has unique items for sale that are hand crafted by members. Credit cards are now accepted.

The proceeds from this Holiday Fair will be combined with proceeds from the outdoor craft fair held in August and donated back to the Ocean Pines community through contributions to various amenities such as the Recreation & Parks summer concerts and youth activities, volunteer fire department, police department, Veterans Memorial, and Friends of the Ocean Pines Library.



Adoption event - Worcester County Humane Society (WCHS) held an Open House and Adoption event on Saturday, October 15. The event was a success with eight adoption applications turned in for the day. Above: WCHS volunteer Jessica Walton, holds Yuengling, one of the many kittens the no kill shelter has available for adoption. The shelter took in over 150 kittens during the summer.

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# **October**

Community Calendar 2016

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# Italian dinner, auction scheduled

An Italian Dinner and Auction will be held Saturday, November 5 at 5 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway in Berlin. Chicken parmesan or spaghetti and meatballs, Italian bread, tossed salad, cake and drink will be offered. The cost is: adults - \$10 advance/\$12 at the door; ages 5-12 - \$6; age 4 and under - Free. An auction of home-baked pies and cakes, small gift baskets, local merchants gift cards and more will follow. For information call 410-641-2186.



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# Church to host Christmas luncheon, faire

Buckingham Presbyterian Church will host its  $36^{th}$  annual Christmas luncheon and

faire on Saturday, November
5 between 10 a.m. and 2
p.m. The menu includes
a variety of homemade
soups and chicken
salad sandwiches.
There will be a
bake table and gift
basket raffle as well
as gifts by local artisans including handcrafted jewelry,

American Girl clothes and bow making demonstrations and free balloon animals for the children. All profits go toward local missions. The church is located at 20 S. Main Street in Berlin.

# The Parke to hold garage sale

The Parke at Ocean Pines is holding its community sale on Saturday, October 29

(rain date is November 5) from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm in the driveways of its residents. The Parke is an active 55+ Adult community of 503 homes. Parke residents are selling their treasures for others to enjoy. There are clothes, lamps, artwork, household items, electronics, furniture and more.

On October 29, maps will be available at the main entrance of the Parke located at Central Parke West, located off of Ocean Parkway at the south entrance of Ocean Pines.

For additional information, contact the Parke Clubhouse staff at 410-208-4994.

# Visitor center closes

The Town of Berlin's Visitor Center closed to the public on October 19 for renovations and improvements to the front of the building. Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells applied and received monies for a façade grant for improvements to the front of the Visitor Center. The small lobby inside the door will still be open for visitors to pick up information. The improvements are expected to be completed within three to four weeks.

# **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 Gentalmen'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@delmarvahand-dancing.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.

# **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

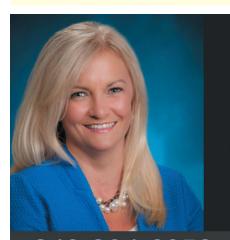
Bingo will be held behind St. Luke's Church, 100th St. in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments available. Call 410-524-7994.

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# Alpaca farm opens free to the public

Ocean Breeze Alpacas will have an open house on Saturday, October 29 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. when the farm at, 10304 Caleb Road in Berlin, will open free to the public for tours, demonstrations and activities. Coowners Nancy and Susan Taylor invite all to come meet the alpacas and visit their Breezy Barn farm store of local our man

alpaca yarn, roving and fibers.

Alpaca goods and one-of-a-kind hand knits are also available for sale in the shop, just in time for the holiday gift-giving season. Susan notes, "We hope everyone can join us on Saturday when we have invited various fiber artists demonstrating tatting,

knitting, spinning, rug-hooking and weaving; new to this year's event will be Joe Pasternak, leather worker, with custom belts and other leather products available. There will be games, activities, and our popular hayride for the kids and the young at heart." Hal-

loween costumes are encouraged. Light fare will be available.

Although Saturday is the bigger day of festivities, the Breezy Barn farm store will also open on Sunday, October 30 as usual from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. "Be sure to drop by and check out our many new items from Classic Al-

paca, the New England Alpaca Fiber Pool, and our local consigners," Nancy "These notes. hats, scarves, socks, gloves and stuffed alpaca toys make great gift items for the upcoming holidays." "You can get an early start on your holiday shopping with our one-of-a-kind local hand-knit items, or purchase some of our own alpaca yarn to start your

own knitted or crocheted project."

Nancy and Susan Taylor started the alpaca farm business five years ago with a herd of seven males purchased in Southern Maryland. The next year

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# 2012 Business of the Year

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Halloween costumes weren't always worn for fun. Halloween likely originated from the Celtic pagan celebration known as Samhain. During Samhain, the superstitious people of this period believed that the recently



locals would dress up in scary costumes as an attempt to keep any malevolent ghosts at bay.

Being scared can actually feel really, really, good. During the Halloween season, more than any other time of the year, normal everyday folks across the country will try to scare themselves on purpose. Horror movies and haunted attractions will pop up in local communities and folks will flock to attend these events with great excitement. The truth is that scientific evidence has shown that for some folks, getting scared in a safe environment can be not only pleasurable, but also pretty darn euphoric.

# Free financial seminars scheduled

Get help managing your money at free seminars hosted by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department in November. The free seminars will be held at the Ocean Pines Com-

munity Center.



Learn how dementia can affect financial planning on Wednesday, November 2 and Thursday, November 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

William G. Ryon, III and Daniel W. Rowles from Compass Investment Advisors will explain why you should pay attention to the signs of dementia and how to create a successful plan. The material in the presentation was developed in collaboration with The Age Lab at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Alzheimer's Association.

State Farm Agent Greg Reddell will discuss estate planning and long-term care on Wednesday, November 9 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. He will cover retirement realities and how to remove risks that can derail plans.

Although there is no cost to attend these seminars, spaces are limited and advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.



**Donation** — Quilters by the Sea Volunteer Chairman **Robin Beall**, (left) donated nine patriotic quilts to Coastal Hospice. **Michael Barnes** (right) donated fabric. **Holly Murray** (center) is a nurse at Coastal Hospice.

# Warriors run, walk scheduled

The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum Society will hold its third Storm Warriors 5K run/walk on Saturday, November 12 on the boardwalk starting at the museum. Sign-in/registration is at 8 a.m.; the race begins at 9 a.m.  $A\,5K$  is 3.1 miles.

"These 5K events seem to be very popular among nonprofits," said Nancy Howard, event coordinator. "We hope that folks will come out to support the museum. Get your day started with a brisk run or walk and then have the rest of the day to enjoy all that Ocean City and the area have to offer."

The museum has been a staple in Ocean City since 1978. The mission of the society is to inspire and support the interpretation and appreciation of the cul-

tural and natural history of Ocean City, Maryland, the Worcester County coastal region, and equally, the historical role performed by the United States Life-Saving Service, and to preserve with subsequent mandate the 1891 structure that once served as the Ocean City Station.

Permanent exhibits represent both the heroic deeds of the surfmen who staffed the station and the history of the area, including the storm of 1933 that cut the inlet, the Boardwalk of Yesterday, Davy Jones' Locker, Sands of the World. A recent exhibit honored the 100th anniversary of the merger between the Revenue Cutter Service and the U.S. Lifesaving Service to form the Coast Guard. Currently the museum has on display an exhibit oriented toward children with interactive activities. There is a small aquarium room that houses local sea creatures. Children particularly like this display.

The society is responsible for designing and producing the exhibits as well as collecting artifacts that help visitors experience the mission of our Society. The proceeds from the 5k will go a long way toward enhancing the Museum.

Participants, runners and walkers will receive a t-shirt. There is a \$25 registration fee. OC Tri-Running, an organization that has done many of these events, is managing the race. During the race water will be provided to the runners/walkers. At the conclusion of the race there will be 'refreshments.' It is possible to register the day of the event but t-shirts may not be available. To register visit www.octrirunning.com. For questions call 443-235-4405.

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the sisters-in-law added nine females and six more males from a local farm in Delaware. "These cute critters each have a unique personality, and we'd love to give you a tour and introduce you to our current herd of 24 alpacas and six mini llamas. These numbers include one baby alpaca, AKA cria, born on the farm in April," said Susan.

Both Nancy and Susan love to knit and were excited to have their own alpaca yarn from their own animals. We offer various weights of yarn including, bulky, worsted, and fingering, plus rug yarn perfect for your next knitting or crocheting project. They also have roving and raw fibers available for spinning. The colors are all natural. Alpaca yarn is hypoallergenic and without the lanolin wool possesses. The alpaca fibers are hollow, making alpaca warmer and lighter than wool. Nancy adds, "New to our shop this season are alpaca knitting kits for one skein projects, including Ocean Breeze Alpaca yarn and an original pattern. Also available are alpaca felted mats, great for saddle blankets and pet beds."

For more information, please contact Nancy Taylor at 410-215-0931 or Susan Taylor, 443-880-7808.

# The birthday girl

my daughter's birthday. And although she's now a wife and mother living nearly three thousand miles



It's All About. . . By Chip Bertino

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my only little girl.

Through the years she has made her father proud; from the time she came on the scene, through her teenage years through to right now. Other fathers have remarked that when their daughters entered their teenage years the relationship they had with them was strained and difficult. That was never the case with me and my daughter. I don't know exactly why that was but it was. I've always felt that ours is a special relationship. Has she done things through the years that she has shared only with her mother, keeping me in the dark about certain things? I don't want to know.

My daughter was raised to think for herself and not to blame others for her mistakes. We taught her right from wrong and we always encouraged her to try new things. While she was growing up we weren't interested in being her friend. My wife and I were her parents. Fortunately, the time came when a friendship emerged between us and the parent-child roles faded more to the background. The friendship was forged in honesty, openness and humor.

Many years ago I wrote in this space about the scene that took place in my living room when my little girl was preparing for her first dance. She emerged with her friends from her bedroom looking like a young woman, not my little girl in pigtails. Her father was speechless. She came over to me, kissed my cheek and let me know that her new grown up look was not something I needed to worry about. I believed her as I believe everything she's ever told me. She has never told me anything that wasn't true, even when life would have been so much easier if she had.

She and I spent considerable quality time in the car when she learned to

This week my family will celebrate drive stick shift. She grinded the gears. She made the car stutter so badly that one of my fillings dislodged. Yet we laughed and she

learned.

She asked me to accompany her to find a prom dress. Out to many stores we went as she tried to find just the right one. I was the only father in the stores but it mattered not at all to me or to her. We had fun and

away, she will always be my little girl, truth be told she made every dress she tried on look exceptional.

> When it came time to plan her wedding, she and I spent many hours planning her reception that she decided would be held in our backyard. In her sketch book she designed what she wanted, sometimes changing her mind, always being tolerant of my limitations to create what she envisioned. When the big day finally arrived and pouring rain forced a major change of plans and much effort to rearrange things in the house before my daughter and her husband arrived, she went with it, even if she was a little unsure when she first stepped out of the car.

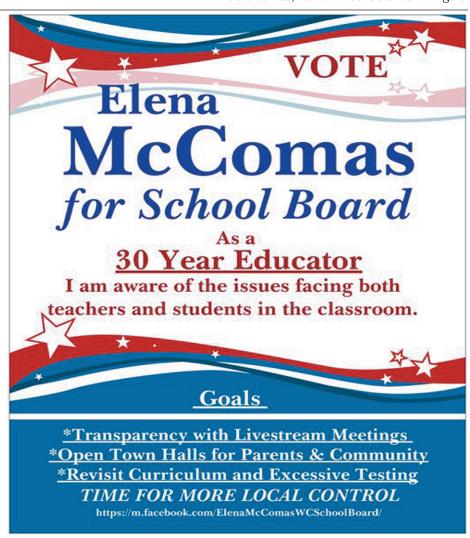
> But before the rain fell that day, my daughter gave me the great honor of walking her down the aisle. She was an exceptionally glowing bride. And when our little walk ended at the altar and I pulled from my pocket a Memorandum of Understanding (that included such things as a no-return policy and an agreement that my birthday and Father's Day were always to be remembered) for my soon to be son-in-law to sign, my daughter just rolled her eyes and along with everyone else laughed.

> She (and her husband) have added two beautiful children to our family. And my daughter is an excellent mother, something that comes as no surprise at all.

> Even now with the demands of motherhood on her shoulders, she takes the time to call me regularly and to send me YouTube links of videos she knows I'll like. Her efforts are very much appreciated.

> So, as her birthday is celebrated and she extinguishes the candles on her cake, her father has only a couple of things to say. Always remember and don't forget that there are only 157 days until my birthday.

And, happy birthday young lady!





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# **BOE** candidates present positions

Editor's Note: Voters in Worcester Elena McComas 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.

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 final installment of the series. The candidates' answers have not been edited.

What role should the Board of Education exercise in relation to the **School Superintendent?** 



# **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

Fried Shrimp with French Fries & cole slaw \$14.75

Saturday

Crabcake Platter with 2 sides and a choice of a soup or salad \$15

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Elena McComas

County Superintendent! His passion for our schools and his experience in this county will be welcome and much needed. With Mr. Taylor, communication lines will be open and many relationships are already formed. The Superin-

tendent is the administrator of this school system, the Board of Education should work to establish an overall vision and act as support and a sounding board for him. It will definitely be an active partnership which I look forward to, if elected.

# **Tom Terry**

The BOE must be fully aware of and approve the strategic direction the Su-



Tom Terry

perintendent intends to follow. They must also pay critical attention to the development of and monitoring of the budget expenditures. There must also be ongoing opportunity for the BOE to be continuously updated on

educational efforts directly from the individual school personnel so there is a clear linkage to the front line of our efforts.

The BOE must join in efforts to support the Superintendent in maintaining a cooperative working relationship with the County Commissioners to assure an environment of open communication. The BOE must also act with the Superintendent to support outreach programs to assure the full community is made aware of the efforts of our school system.



Foultz honored - Ocean Pines resident Ann Foultz was the recipient of the 2016 American Award. This award is given to a person that shows extraordinary performance in public and private endeavors which benefits his/her community, charitable causes and is a credit to the entire Italian American community on a state wide and national level. Held on Saturday evening, the gala to honor Foultz took place in Hunt Valley, MD and was sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Maryland of the Order Sons of Italy

Above: Anna with her four children, left to right, Jeannette, Shirley, Anna, Betty Ann and Gillv.

# Pines to host free health seminars

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will continue its series of free health seminars in the month of November. The seminars, which are open to the public, will be held at the Ocean Pines Community

On Tuesday, November 1 from 11 a.m. to noon, Home Instead Senior Care will host a seminar on the "Caregiver Connection." Participants will learn communication strategies and how to ask for support, how to connect with other caregivers and how to prepare a plan of care. Community resources will also be covered.

Back in Action Physical Therapy will hold a balance seminar on Monday, November 7 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The class will teach ways to improve safety in the home and community, strategies to improve balance and the role of strength, flexibility and endurance to help reduce falls.

Back in Action will return on Monday, November 14 with Kappes Wellness Centers to present a seminar on the difference between chiropractic and physical therapy. Back in Action will also discuss posture, including negative health effects of poor posture and strategies to improve it, on Monday, November 21. Both seminars will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Although there is no cost to attend these seminars, spaces are limited and advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

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So we will play my songs on stringed instruments Isaiah 38:20 We do that! www.FellowshipAlliance.com Church Come join us this Sunday 9:00AM Showell Elementary School-Route 589 410-641-6000



# Local Cub Scout sells popcorn

The Kiwanis Club sponsors local Cub Pack #480. One of its members, Cub Scout Chase Ponton, set up his stand at the Kiwanis Club's October 8 Pancake Breakfast. (L-R) Kiwanis Club President Barbara Peletier, Chase Ponton, Debbie Jones and Kiwanis Club's Liaison to Pack #480 J. Graham Caldwell. Proceeds from the sale help defray the costs of summer camp.



Berlin Apple Open Enrollment Events

Thursday, November 3rd - 10 am to 3 pm Thursday, November 17th- 10 am to 3 pm

Apple pharmacist, Geoff Twigg, PharmD, BCACP, will help guide you in selecting the best plan for your prescription needs. Appointments are not required but suggested. To schedule an appointment at our Berlin location, call 410-641-3130.

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# Students First

# **Did You Know?**

- ✓ Approx. 1/3 of all Worcester County School students live in Ocean Pines
- Our teachers support a diverse population where some students do not have English as their primary language
- The state limits its funding for our schools even though 43% of our students live in poverty
- The school system still has over 30 trailers in use as classrooms
- ✓ External funding comes from the Worcester County Education Foundation to assure high school students have access to a personal computer

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- Listening to Parents, Teachers, Students, Citizens and Employers
- **Assuring Students Achieve College and Career Readiness**
- Overseeing the Budget, Staff and Salary Step Allocations
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# Vietnam era veterans encouraged to attend Agent Orange meeting

The Vietnam Veterans of America. Ocean City Chapter 1091 and the American legion Synepuxent Post 166 have joined together to host an Agent Orange Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, November 5 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Meeting will be at the American Legion Post located at 2308 Philadelphia Ave. in Ocean City. The meeting will educate Veterans about Agent Orange and the diseases caused by the herbicide and will provide information to assist veterans in how to file for compensation. Also available will be information concerning "Hepatitis C".

Contact VA Accredited Veterans Service Officer William Wolf for further information or to RSVP at 410-213-5228 (press 6) or email him at serviceofficervva@gmail.com.

All Vietnam era veterans who served in Vietnam and/or served in Thailand and Korea (at the DMZ) are encouraged to attend. They were all exposed to Agent Orange from February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975.

# What is Agent Orange

A host of herbicides were used by the U.S. military in Vietnam and other Southeast Asian countries to protect American and allied troops by defoliating the dense jungle vegetation that hid enemy positions. The herbicides were named for the color-coded bands

on the 55-gallon drums in which they were shipped. Examples included Agent Blue, Agent White, and the most extensively used herbicide. Agent Orange. In Vietnam, herbicides were sprayed from fixed wing and rotary aircraft, trucks, and backpack sprayers to clear vegetation around fire bases, landing zones, and along river banks. It is estimated that between 1962 and 1971, almost 11 million gallons of Agent Orange were sprayed in Vietnam, primarily through an aerial spray program code-named "Operation Ranch Hand." Agent Orange was also used at military installations and other facilities on and outside the U.S. mainland, including Hawaii and Puerto Rico, as well as Cambodia, Canada, Korea, and Thailand.

Agent Orange is a combination of two compounds, 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T, technically known as chlorinated phenoxy acids in ester form. The most dangerous element of Agent Orange is a contaminant present in the manufacture of 2,4,5-T; this impurity is known chemically as 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-paradioxin, or more commonly, dioxin. Levels of dioxin in Agent Orange ranged from less than 0.05 parts per million to almost 50 parts per million.

Some three million veterans served

in Southeast Asia, and no one knows for sure how many of these veterans were exposed to Agent Orange. Some of these personnel were deployed in areas during and immediately after spraying operations, while others actually handled Agent Orange and did the spraying. Veterans exposed to Agent Orange and its dioxin contaminants have reported a variety of serious health problems and symptoms; these include chloracne, skin lesions. liver damage, loss of sex drive, changes in skin pigmentation and sensitivity to light, numbing or tingling in the extremities, sore joints, cancers, and birth defects in their children.

The VA pays service-connected disability compensation to veterans who show an event or injury in service, a current disability and a link between the two. Scientific evidence has demonstrated that there is an association between development of certain disabling medical conditions and exposure to Agent Orange and other related herbicides.

Generally, the VA will only grant service-connected disability compensation based on exposure to Agent Orange through what the VA calls its "presumptive service-connected rules." The VA presumes (or holds true) that veterans have been exposed

to Agent Orange and are eligible for service-connected disability compensation and health care if they develop one or more medical conditions. (For a complete list of diseases please go to http://www.publichealth.va.gov/ex posures/agentorange/conditions/inde x.asp.

There are still many Veterans who served in Vietnam and Vietnam era veterans who served in Thailand and Korea do not know about the diseases caused by Agent Orange and that they are eligible for compensation.

# How to spur kids' interest in the arts

Art can enrich the lives of people young and old, male and female. The arts can introduce adults and children to different cultures and traditions, while also helping them to develop more fully as human beings.

While some may feel the benefits of the arts cannot be measured, the nonprofit organization Americans for the Arts notes that kids who are involved in the arts are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement than kids who are not involved in the arts. And though mathematics and science may not be the first thing people associate with the arts, kids involved in the arts are four times more likely to participate in math and science fairs than kids who are not involved in the arts.

Parents can do a lot to make art a bigger part of their kids' lives. The following are some simple ways parents can bring more art into their kids' lives, courtesy of Americans for the

Join in the fun. Parents can make art more fun for kids by playing music around the house and singing and dancing alongside their youngsters. In addition, read a book to or with your children and join in when they pursue other artistic endeavors, such as drawing or painting.

Find local events. Many school districts have slashed their arts budgets in recent years, but parents can still find local arts events for kids in their communities. Peruse the local newspaper and other community-based periodicals for cultural events for kids. Support local theater groups by attending

# Walk, run for recovery scheduled

The Atlantic Club is hosting its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk/Run for Recovery on Saturday, November 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. Given the substance abuse and addiction epdemic in the community, support and non-judgemental caring of those experienceing 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. giving them the help necessary to live programs, life style balance classes, families, an exercise room and internet access for those looking for

Its mission is to provide support to those suffering from addiction by a healthy life in recovery and become an active member in the community. The Atlantic Club offers 12-step sober events for individuals and their



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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 full-fill 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.

# Halloween's world celebrations

Halloween dates back thousands of years to ancient Celts and Europeans. Although Halloween is now largely associated with the celebrations that take place across much of North America, where 65 percent of Americans decorate their homes and places of business in the Halloween spirit, Halloween is celebrated in various ways around the globe.

England: In the past, Brits tossed objects such as stones, vegetables and nuts into a bonfire to frighten away the spirits. These symbolic sacrifices also were used as a form of fortunetelling. If a pebble thrown into the flames at night was no longer visible in the morning, then it was believed that the person who tossed the pebble would not survive another year. Halloween fell out of favor after the Protestant Reformation spread through the country. However, in recent years some have begun to adopt the American tradition of trick-ortreating.

Hong Kong: A Halloween-type festival in Hong Kong is known as "Yue Lan," which is the festival of the hungry ghosts. It is believed that, during this time, spirits roam the world for 24 hours.

France: Halloween is considered an American holiday by most French and was relatively unknown before 1996.

Ireland: Ireland is thought to be the birthplace of Halloween, and many of the same traditions of old are still practiced today. In addition to costumes and treats, individuals may play an apple-bobbing game called "snap-apple," where participants have to try to take a bite of an apple suspended on a string. Children also play tricks on neighbors, including "knock-a-dolly," which is essentially a variation on "ring-and-run."

Spanish-speaking nations: Many Spanish-speaking nations celebrate "El Dia de los Muertos." It is supposed to be a joyous event where people remember friends and family members who have died. Candles and incense are burned to help the departed find his or her way home.

Austria: Some people will leave bread, water and a lighted lamp on the table on Halloween night before going to bed. It was once believed that such items would welcome the dead souls back to Earth on a night Austrians considered to be full of strong cosmic energies.

Czechoslovakia: Czechs place chairs by a fireside on Halloween night. There are enough chairs for each living and dead family member.

Italy: Halloween traditions have just recently begun to blossom in Italy, where decorations and pumpkins are popular. While many of the traditions borrow from the Americans, there is at least one uniquely Italian tradition taking place in the hill town of Corinaldo. La Notte delle Streghe, "The Night of the Witches," occurs in this town with music, dancing and a witch-themed fashion show that names Miss Strega (Miss Witch).

Australia: Halloween is not as popular in Australia as it is in the United States and Canada. Australians may celebrate Halloween as Guy Fawkes Eve or Mischief Night. Children create mischief or get treats. Many Australians simply celebrate the holiday with a dance at their schools.

Halloween is alive and well around the world. Perhaps this year North American families will want to incorporate some global traditions into their standard Halloween plans.

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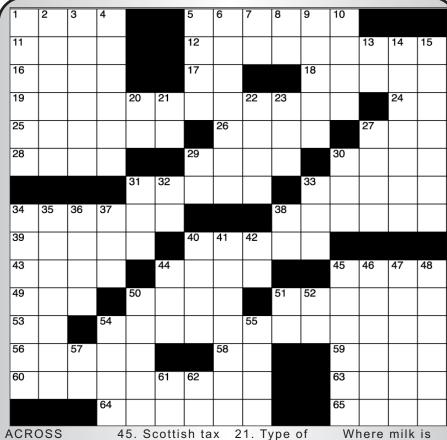


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# **Building relationships at Sea Floor**

By **Jean Marx** 

Don Robertson, owner of Sea Floor Carpet, Hardwood & More at 11312 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines, believes in building relationships with his customers from the moment they walk in the door. The company specializes in all kinds of flooring, including carpeting,

hardwood, ceramic, porcelain, vinyl, luxury vinyl plank, and more, for both residential and commercial customers. Don and his team of Danielle Nauschuetz and Tabitha Berkeridge explain the wide variety of options available and the pros and cons of each. Their comfortable, lowpressure sales process culminates with a beautiful, quality product that they hope will in turn

earn them return business, referrals, and friendships along the way.

Twenty-six years ago, Don started his journey in learning the flooring business. He learned the retail side when he joined Color Tile in 1990. He learned the art of retail sales firsthand by going out on every job. Approximately six years later, Don began working for a wholesaling company named General Floor that exclusively works with installers. This began Don's education on flooring installations. The third and last piece of the triangle was completed when Don joined Mohawk Industries a few years later, where he called on stores along the Delmarva Peninsula and learned the manufacturing side of the business. It was through these work experiences that Don developed a passion for the business and for building sincere relationships with everyone he interacts with, especially his customers.

Don went out on his own, opening the doors at Sea Floor Carpet on February 13, 2016 with a philosophy of hard work, honesty, and putting the customer first. As he describes, "We are honest in our recommendations such as in dissecting and explaining manufacturer warranties, and we present options to our customers so that they can make sound, well-informed decisions." He is proud to be the first business of its kind in Ocean Pines. Don and Danielle offer free consultations to customers to understand their goals, timeline, and budget, and when projects are underway, they personally oversee them through to their

completion. Tabitha offers extensive product knowledge, assists in the tracking of the projects, and stays abreast of the latest product advancements.

In asking the trio for the keys to success, they say it all starts with having a passion for what you do and for caring about the customer. Tabitha comes from

> a background in the hospitality industry where she multiple restaurants. She came to work for Don, because "he truly cares and he is that way with everyone." Danielle agrees and adds, "We are a very hands-on company, and we keep our promises. If we say we

will be there at a certain date and time, you can count on that. We visit our jobs all the way through to observe their progress, address any concerns that arise, and then inspect them at their completion. It's so important to us to make sure our customers are happy with the entire process."

In addition to praising his staff, Don is proud of his blue-collar family background and that he was able to work his way through college even after experiencing a setback. He relates, "I did not come from a wealthy background. I went to college on an athletic scholarship. I lost my scholarship in the second year due to an injury, yet I stayed in college and earned my four-year degree while working full-time." He has continued this strong work ethic all through his career, and he cites that the friendships he and his team make at Sea Floor Carpet are what makes it all worthwhile.

In offering advice to anyone wanting to go into business, Don laughingly says, "Ask for twice the amount of money you think you're going to need from the bank, as you're likely to get half. More importantly, be passionate and have a moral compass to all that you do, and you'll be a success in life as well as in business." Don and his team are very happy in their Ocean Pines location serving the community that they love. "Stop in and see us, even just to say hi. You can also say hi to our rescue black lab, Abby. We are here for you and look forward to building great relationships together."



**Medical presentation** - Nurses from Atlantic General Hospital gave a presentation to kindergarten students at Ocean City Elementary School. Teacher Christine Lieb is dressed in scrubs to show students what doctors and nurses look like when they are in the operating room. Pictured with **Christine Lieb** are her students **Madison Carlini** and **Damarian Donaway**.

# **Pillowcase Ministry to meet**

On Friday, November 4 from 1 p.m. 3 p.m., the Pillowcase Ministry group will meet at the Clarion Hotel located at 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City to make market bags for Haiti. There will also be demonstrations of how to sew dresses and shorts for impoverished children. Any finished items gratefully accepted. Call 410-641-0415 for information.

# arts

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performances with your children and explaining to them that the performers live in the community just like they do.

Pitch in with local arts organizations. Local arts organizations typically rely on donations and volunteers to support their programs. Parents who want to instill a love of the arts in their children can help local organizations' fundraising efforts and even volunteer their time if the opportunity presents itself. If possible, take kids along when volunteering so they can get some firsthand experience with the arts.

Encourage kids' artistic pursuits. Some kids may decide to pursue artistic endeavors on their own, and parents can encourage such pursuits. Celebrate kids' participation in arts-based activities in school and in the community, recognizing their hard work in the same way you would acknowledge their successes in the classroom and in sports.

The arts can benefit youngsters in various ways, but it is often up to parents to instill a love of the arts in their children.

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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.atlanticclubocmd.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.

# Students enjoy outdoor education

Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) eighth graders bonded with nature and each other on a threeday, rustic adventure at Echo Hill Outdoor School (EHOS), October 10-12. Echo Hill, located on the Chesapeake Bay platform for educating children



of Maryland, Echo Hill Camp bunkmates include (Back L-R) Tiernan Weinstein, has served as a Mason Brown, Adison Browne, T.J. Bescak, Ryan Brafman. platform for ed- (Front L-R) Graham McColgan, Brendan Mullins and Kaden weating children Mault.

about nature and the environment for more than a hundred years. WPS Middle School students have been part of the Echo Hill Outdoor School tradition since the mid-1970s. While team building with their peers, students experienced hands-on education outside the classroom. The eighth graders lived in tents while hiking through woods, climbing trees, building fires, learning hunting skills and studying marine life and maps. The school's 300 acres of forests, meadows, freshwater shrub swamp and mile-long beach on the Chesapeake Bay made the perfect playground for a variety of environmental studies. The daily activities, which included an adventure course and a 40-ft. lab boat to investigate the Bay's ecosystem, were aimed at building and enhancing teamwork, confidence and self-esteem.



**Involved** - A team from Coastal Hospice participated in the Alzheimer's Walk at the MAC Center in Salisbury. Left to Right: **Bob Stewart, Amy Kelley, Kelly Stewart, Nancy Stewart,** Coastal Hospice president **Alane Capen, Terri Mohr, Frankie Knight** and **Carlos Moreno**.

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What's Happening at Wallops

# Introducing Commander Lock, USN

By Steve Habeger

In July 2016, Commander (CDR) Jeff Lock, USN took command of the



**CDR Jeff Lock** 

Surface Combat Systems Center (SCSC) at Wallops Island. CDR Lock relieved Captain John Robin-USN son, moved to Annapolis and has become the head of the Engineering Department at the US Naval

Academy. SCSC has been at Wallops Island since 1986 and CDR Lock is the 12th commanding officer.

Born and raised in the small town of Florence, Colorado, CDR Lock enlisted in the Navy following the lead of his older brother. During his naval ca-

reer CDR Lock has held a variety of positions and has had some wonderful experiences. Following a successful enlisted term of service, CDR Lock was commissioned as an Engineering Duty Officer and has been assigned to positions of increasing scope and responsibilities.

Most recently, CDR Lock served in three important project offices; AEGIS shipbuilding, Integrated Weapons Systems and Ballistic Missile Defense. These three programs manifest themselves in many activities at SCSC.

CDR Lock is very excited about the mission activities of SCSC. CDR Lock expressed his pleasant surprise to find SCSC involved in many of the mission activities he had handled on the project office level. He is really looking forward to seeing a project that he handled at the requirements and funding level become a real operation with ships and aircraft.

SCSC has a broad range of missions, including engineering testing, crew training and research and development testing for nearly all surface combatants of the US Navy. SCSC supports the existing fleet of AEGIS cruisers and destroyers as well as modern aircraft carriers and amsuch as USS Mason, USS Nitze destroyers in US Fleet. and USS Ponce (all of which have been in the news lately) have systems and crews that have benefited from SCSC contributions.

The hallmark of SCSC is the flexibility that is built into the core systems that are installed there. While many systems are identical to shipboard equipment, many commercial



phibious assault ships. Ships Washam Center supports all AEGIS cruisers and

switches enable the systems to move rapidly from one ship type to another.

CDR Lock volunteered how much the Eastern Shore reminds him of his home town. The small town atmosphere and friendliness of the local residents combine to welcome CDR Lock and other arrivals to the community.

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# The importance of a family discussion about your will

By Michael Mathers

The sun is setting earlier, and Halloween is coming up, so I thought I



Mike Mathers

would use this month's article to tell a scary story. Imagine your children are gathered in your living room, sometime in the future, reading over your Last Will and Testament for the first time. Ideally, this would be a

moment of remembrance for their lost parent, but here are some ways that this discussion could turn terrifying.

"Why did dad leave *you* his watch? Did you twist his arm to do that?" Another possibility is, "This will says that we can all pick and choose, but everyone knows that he wanted *me* to have the watch!" Another spooky specter of conflict could be, "You have to decide who gets the watch, *you're* the Personal Representative, even though *I* should have been put in charge."

One of the reasons you carefully

drafted a will was to avoid these ghoulish gripes and frightful fights between your loved ones. Maybe your will is very clear on who receives dad's watch and who is to be the personal representative. If so, your work is halfway done. The final step to avoiding the kinds of fights and arguments I quoted above is to have a family meeting where you explain your choices to your children.

The first topic of discussion should be about your choice of personal representative, sometimes called the executor. Many of my clients feel that they need to be fair to all their children by either appointing them all jointly, or naming a different child for every job. I believe this is the wrong approach. You love your children equally, but their lives are different. Ask whose work life, family life, and experience managing projects makes them the best choice for the job. The next best qualified person can be the successor representative. Remember that the key to avoiding hurt feelings is

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# DAR chapter celebrates golden anniversary

of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) celebrated its 50th anniversary on October 19 with a luncheon meeting at Chanceford Hall B&B in Snow Hill. The chapter was organized on August 23, 1966 by founding Regent Myrtle Polk and held its first official meeting on October 15, 1966. There were 24 charter members, two of which are still active chapter members. The current member count stands at 82.

The celebration included greetings from the Maryland Society DAR and the Capt. John Smoot Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution as well as a proclamation from the Worcester County Commissioners declaring October 19 as General Levin Winder DAR Day. Past Regent Kitt Matthews modeled a dress typical of that which would have been worn to a meeting in 1966.

Regent Patricia Ayers toasted its founding members, chapter Patriots and the United States of America. Ayers also summarized 50 years of chapter accomplishments in the three mission areas of promoting historic preservation, education and patriot-

Historic preservation efforts have included restoring a former storage

The General Levin Winder Chapter room at the Costen House into an inviting ladies' parlor with period correct décor and antiques, contributing to the relocation of Mt. Zion One Room School, and serving as docents at the Costen House, Calvin B. Taylor House, Rackliffe House and St. Martin's Church.

> Significant contributions were made in the education of youth through sponsorship of American History and Christopher Columbus essay contests and Junior American Citizens (JAC) art and creative expression contests in local schools, monetary donations supporting local and state scholarships as well as American Indian youth camps, collecting thousands of Box Tops for Education for DAR supported schools, and book donations to Head Start programs and other local schools.

> Patriotism was always a priority and nearly every school, library, and senior center in Worcester County has been presented with a flag of the United States of America at some time in the past 50 years. Graduating seniors were recognized with Good Citizen awards and cadets at schools with participating programs were presented Bronze ROTC and Silver Outstanding Cadet medals. cards, toiletries, snack foods, clothing



General Levin Winder Chapter Charter member Norma Polk Miles and Vice Regent Martha Waters Pusey with the Worcester County Proclamation declaring October 19 General Levin Winder Chapter DAR Day.

and phone cards were sent to deployed military personnel and numerous boxes of toiletries, games, socks, and slippers, not to mention crocheted hats, stump covers and lap robes have been sent to veterans in Maryland VA hospitals. Members participated in Memorial Day services and more than 100 Vietnam War veterans have been thanked and presented with certificates recognizing their valor, service and sacrifice. Two of the chapter's current membership are veterans.

Prior to concluding the celebration with a benediction written by the Chaplain General in 1966, members

enjoyed remarks by Chanceford Hall owners Douglas and Frances Wight. They were subsequently presented with a Historic Preservation Recognition award for rescuing this historic property after foreclosure and opening it to non-profit organizations for events. It was most appropriate since the home was built by James Rownd Morris and his wife Leah Winder Morris, sister to the chapter's namesake.

For more information about the General Levin Winder Chapter, visit www.marylanddar.org/GeneralLevin-Winder/.

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to explain that your choice of personal representative is not based on favoritism but on selecting the person who can most easily incorporate the extra work into their life.

The next topic of discussion with your family is the reason behind specific gifts. In most cases, gifting a watch, a china set, or any other heirloom has nothing to do with monetary value. Instead, there may be a personal reason you want to pass grandma's wedding ring down to your niece. Giving your family the context for your decision will help avoid fights or hurt feelings.

In contrast, many people don't have specific gifts in mind, and simply want their children to pick and choose mementos on their own. Once again, writing the will is the first step, but now you should challenge your family to begin thinking about what objects they consider meaningful or emotionally significant. Your children might object that it's too morbid, but the point of starting the conversation now is to avoid fights or hard feelings later. Unlike a bank account, grandma's wedding ring cannot be split 50/50 between two children. Whatever discussion your family has now, will be less emotional than later, after you have passed on.

I believe that by explaining your choices to your family, and encouraging them to begin thinking about how they can cooperate in receiving their inheritance, you can rest assured that the scene of your children in the living room will look like a moment of loving remembrance, and not like a haunted

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# WCHS to hold fundraiser

Worcester County Humane Society is holding its 36th Annual Fundraiser Dinner "A Night to Celebrate Paws and Whiskers" along with their 6th Annual Cash Raffle Drawing on Saturday, November 12 at Ocean City Fish Company in West Ocean City.

The cost for tickets is \$60 per person or \$480 per table of eight. Ticket price includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, beverages (non-alcoholic), taxes, gratuity, and \$25 from every ticket goes directly to benefit the no-kill animal shelter. The dinner choices are prime rib, crab cakes, crab imperial, vegetable Alfredo, or catch of the day and include baked potato, veggie, assorted cheesecake for dessert, and soda, ice tea and coffee. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with appetizers, and cocktails (cash bar) at 6:30. Dinner will be served at 7:30. There will be music throughout the evening and silent auctions and 50/50 tickets. Dinner tickets must be purchased by Monday, November 7. To make a reservation email savinganimals@worcestercountyhumanesociety.org or stop in at the shelter.

Since the spring, the shelter has been selling cash raffle tickets with three cash prizes. The drawing for the raffle will be during the evening of the dinner. Those interested in purchasing raffle tickets can continue to do so at the shelter located at 12330 Eagles Nest Road, Berlin, at Paws & Claws in West Ocean City or during the evening at the dinner before the drawing.

The Worcester County Humane Society is a private, nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter that depends on donations and fundraising to care for the many animals who are housed at the shelter until they are found by their forever family. Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram for available pets and upcoming events.

# What is Mischief Night?

when children don festive costumes and travel door-to-door asking for treats. While Halloween is wellknown, Mischief Night is more myste-

rious. The origins of Mischief Night, sometimes called Devil's Night, Cabbage Night or even Goosey Night, are unknown, though some believe

that it goes back hundreds of years to the

ancient origins of Halloween itself. Mischief Night gives license to play tricks or engage in some mild vandalism as anyone who has had their front yard covered in toilet paper can attest. Mischief Night is a separate entity from the more G-rated Halloween.

The Celts of Great Britain are credited with starting many of the traditions associated with Halloween today. The Celts believed that spirits were able to come back and roam among the living, haunting them and playing tricks. This time was known as "Samhain." In preparation for Samhain, people dressed up in costumes, lit bonfires and left food out for the spirits. When Great Britain embraced Christianity, the region began celebrating All Saints' Day, a day to honor the dead that is now celebrated on November 1, one day after Halloween. As a result, much of the events associated with Samhain fell by the wayside. Instead, the British celebrated Guy Fawkes Night on November 5, using this celebration as a time to engage in some mischief.

Even after embracing Christianity, many people in Scotland, Ireland and northern England continued to practice many of the older traditions, including good-natured pranks. When people from these regions emigrated to North America in the 1800s, they brought these traditions with them.

Over the years, the vandalism and mischief element from Halloween celebrations was replaced with the longforgotten tradition of trick-or-treating. Halloween became much more of a celebration for children. Those who still desired some hijinks adopted October 30 as their day to pull pranks, and that day is now widely known as Mischief Night.

In some areas, Mischief Night is re-

Halloween is a beloved holiday ferred to as "Cabbage Night." This stems from an old Scottish tradition of girls closely examining cabbages pulled out of their neighbor's patches to divine the qualities of their future husbands. Once the cabbage had revealed the future, some would throw it against a person's door and run away really fast. So in areas with large

numbers of Scottish people, Mischief Night may be referred to as Cabbage Night.

Some people in English-speaking Quebec refer to October 30 as "Mat Night." Pranksters steal doormats and switch them with neighbors' mats. In the midwestern United States, some pranksters open farmers' gates and allow livestock to roam free. In such communities, October 30 may be referred to as "Gate Night." Although Mischief Night largely consists of harmless fun, including toilet-papering of homes, "soaping" of car windows, smashing pumpkins, chasing around friends with shaving cream, it does have the potential to get rowdy. Therefore, many towns institute a strict curfew for minors on October 30.



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