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Santa's Open Golf Tournament returns

Area golfers can enjoy golf, fun and holiday cheer at the 24th annual Santa's Open golf tournament to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore on Saturday, December 3 at Ocean Pines Golf Club.



The day will include golf as well as Mrs. Claus' breakfast, Santa's cheer

cart, Rudolph's reception and contests. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the tournament will begin at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start. A reception and awards will follow at 3 p.m.

The fee per golfer is \$75 if registration is received by November 25 or \$85 at the door. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, breakfast, contests, golfer gift and post-tournament reception. Each golfer is also asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a child ages 7-17.

Registration forms are available at OceanPines-Golf.org. Registration may also be completed by calling 443-366-2471.

For more information, contact John Malinowski, PGA Director of Golf at Ocean Pines Golf Club, at 410-641-6057 or jmalinowski@oceanpinesgolf.org.

Christmas concert scheduled

Enjoy the sounds of the season with a special performance of the Eastern Shore Madrigal Singers, Sunday, December 4, at 3 p.m. at All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 W. Market St., in Snow Hill.

The Eastern Shore Madrigal Singers will present an original cantata, "What a Glorious Night," arranged by the Madrigal Singers, with a script by Linda Hinton.

Tickets are \$10 at the door for adults, \$5 for students under 12.

For more information, contact David Jones at djnzlckr@hotmail.com or visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/The-Eastern-Shore-Madrigal-Singers-610332475670304>.



Flag retirement - Ben Busko delivers a flag to the fire pit and offers a final salute during the flag retirement ceremony held at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines. See story on Page 7. Photo by Dan Collins.



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Dazzle offers special shopping evening

Dazzle Gift Shop is hosting a Girls Nite Out Shop till You Drop event on Tuesday, November 29 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The shop will offer "huge discounts to loyal customers," during this one evening according to owner Joyce Landsman. There will be complimentary gift wrapping and refreshments. Special gift baskets will also be available. The shop is located 11312 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Ocean Pines offers holiday activities

Area children are invited to celebrate the holiday season in Ocean Pines with special activities designed especially for them.

The festivities will begin on Saturday, December 3 with Breakfast with Santa Claus & Friends. This annual event will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Breakfast is free for children ages three and under, \$5 for children ages four to 10 and \$7 for ages 11 and up. Donations of toys, games, books or non-perishable food items will also be accepted.

The Reindeer Lane Gift Shop, also held on December 3 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the community center, is a holiday "store" where children ages 12 and under can purchase gifts for family and friends for \$5 and less. Donations for the shop are appreciated.

A free showing of "The Polar Express" will take place on Friday, December 9 at the community center. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.; the movie will start at 7 p.m. Attendees should bring a blanket or chair to sit on. Light refreshments will be served and all

children will receive a movie-themed gift.

Santa will trade his red suit for swim trunks at Swim with Santa on Saturday, December 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sports Core Pool. The cost is \$6 for swimmers and \$3 for non-swimmers. Donations of food and/or toys will be accepted.

Kids can also explore their creativity at two holiday workshops. On Saturday, December 10 from 10 a.m. to noon they can craft Christmas ornaments at the community center. This class is for ages four -10 and is \$8 for Ocean Pines residents and \$10 for non-residents.

Then on Saturday, December 17 from 10 a.m. to noon, kids of all ages can drop in at the Ocean Pines Golf Club to create a golf ball ornament and practice on an indoor "driving range" and putting playground. The cost is \$5 per person. Online registrations are accepted at OceanPinesGolf.org.

All programs are open to the public. For more information or to register for an event, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052. Information regarding additional recreational programs is available at OceanPines.org.

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@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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Blood Bank to test for Zika

The Zika virus continues to spread throughout the United States and cases have now been detected in all 50 states. In the Delmarva region, Delaware has reported 16 cases while Maryland is reporting 108.

Due to the rapid spread of this virus, mostly through travel with the exception of Florida where the virus has been locally acquired in some patients, the FDA mandated that all blood centers in the United States be required to have all collected blood tested for Zika, beginning November 18, 2016.

Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD), the main supplier of blood and blood products to the Delmarva region was faced with one of two choices, either conduct their own testing or contract with another laboratory. The FDA had only given blood centers 12 weeks' notice to comply with the new mandate. To put this in perspective, the normal timeline for a laboratory to implement a new mandatory test would be six months to a year.

To meet the FDA's deadline would take a true collaborative effort on the

part of Blood Bank employees and the testing manufacturer, Roche Molecular Systems, Inc. Working many long hours over this short period of time has resulted in BBD now being a part of a prospective study to evaluate the specificity of the cobas Zika Test for use with the cobas 6800/8800 system for screening of blood donations for the presence of Zika Virus RNA.

According to Trudell Green, BBD's Laboratory Operations Manager, "Our awesome project team worked together feverishly to accomplish construction, installation of two new instruments, validation of equipment, assays and four software systems, no small task given the timeline we had to meet." All blood donated from this point forward will be tested for the Zika Virus. "It's yet another step being taken for the safety of the blood supply and for the patients who will receive transfusions," said Green.

The Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) community service organization which provides blood transfusion products

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2012 Business of the Year

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Black Friday deals are a top draw for shoppers looking to save money and get a jump-start on holiday shopping. In a



survey from the International Council of Shopping Centers, more than

34 percent of respondents indicated they plan to shop on Black Friday. However, many others are just as eager to begin shopping even earlier. In recent years, some stores have begun to open their doors to shoppers on Thanksgiving evening. The consulting firm Deloitte LLP found that 26 percent of American shoppers plan to shop online on Thanksgiving.

Challenger named Tourism Person of the Year

Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger was named Maryland Tourism Person of the Year at the Maryland Tourism & Travel Summit in November for her exceptional commitment to enhancing and perpetuating the Maryland tourism industry.



Lisa Challenger

"I just believe in surrounding myself with really terrific people every day," Challenger said. "I partner with a great bunch of people on a daily basis who make it possible to accomplish so many great projects that promote Worcester County."

Known for her success in developing regional partnerships, Challenger was recognized by her peers across the state for her creativity and incessantly positive approach to identifying and developing new tourism markets. A few of the projects she has spearheaded include the Wilds of Worcester video series, Eat, Drink and Buy Art campaign, Worcester Green Award Program, Beach and Beyond website and mobile app, West Ocean City Commercial Harbor and African

American historic markers, Delmarva Birding Weekend, the social media campaign that earned Berlin the title America's Coolest Small Town, and inclusion of the Beach to Bay Indian Trail on the Department of the Interior's National Recreation Trail.

"Lisa has gone above and beyond for many years, and she was certainly deserving of this coveted title," said Susan Jones, Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association executive director. "Her dedication, coupled with her passion for Worcester County has helped generate new tourism and travel within the county."

Challenger has headed up Worcester County's tourism efforts since 1989. In 2014 she was appointed to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority by Governor Larry Hogan. She is a founding-member of the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area, and current Maryland Association of Destination Marketing Organizations vice chair. She also organizes the Eastern Shore economic data handout to explain tourism's value to the Eastern Shore Delegation.

"Having worked with her for almost two decades, I can attest to her devotion to tourism, desire to work

with others in the industry to amplify the effect of any individual effort, as well as her regional approach and dedication," said Ann McGinnis Hillyer, State Ventures, LLC chief executive officer and ShoreCraftBeer.com creator. "Lisa truly exemplifies hospitality and furthers tourism for her county, her region, the Eastern Shore, and the entire state of Maryland."

Challenger is the third Worcester County professional to be recognized as Tourism Person of the Year. The title also went to Ruth Waters in 2004 and Susan Jones in 2009.

During the tourism summit, Worcester County Tourism also won the Best Digital Campaign Award for running an advertising campaign on WashingtonPost.Com that utilized cutting-edge, 30-second videos to connect with *Washington Post* readers on the site and across the web. The advertising campaign was recognized for its quality and the sheer volume of viewers and click-throughs.

Sandpiper agrees to reductions

Sandpiper Energy, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, announced last week that the Public Service Commission of Maryland has approved a settlement agreement associated with its 2015 base rate case filing, which will result in a reduction in its delivery service rates over the next six years. The agreement also includes an introduction of several new service offerings, including a natural gas compression service for commercial customers and a program to support the use of propane or natural gas in multi-family housing.

"Sandpiper Energy began conversions to natural gas for the majority of its customers in mid-2013. Since that time we have converted more than 3,700 customers, bringing safe, clean and affordable natural gas to many families and businesses in Worcester County," said Jim Moore, vice president of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and Sandpiper Energy. "I'm proud that we are able to provide this preferred energy source to the region while reducing rates and introducing new service offerings. We will continue to execute our strategy to bring natural gas to these areas as efficiently and economically as we can, and we look

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Autumn blessings - The clients at the Berlin Senior Center decorated foam pumpkins with the caption "Autumn Blessing" printed on them. They added leaves, acorns and scarecrow embellishments to complete a decoration that will last through the Fall season. The crafts are sponsored by the Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines. The Craft Club also operates a gift shop/boutique in Ocean Pines near the Community Center. The shop is open Saturday and Sunday and features hand crafted items and gifts.

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and services for hospitals within the Delmarva region, meeting the needs of over 20,000 patients annually. BBD also operates a full service regional laboratory providing donor testing and patient reference laboratory services for other blood collection centers and hospitals. BBD is FDA licensed, a member of America's Blood Centers, and accredited by AABB. For more information about the Blood Bank or to schedule an appointment, visit www.DelmarvaBlood.org or call 1-888-8-BLOOD-8.

Where has the time gone?

Author's Note: This was published for the first time six years ago. I think it's worth repeating because, well, I think we all have memories of Thanksgivings past that deserve to be



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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remembered. This is one of mine.

My best wishes to you and your family for an enjoyable and memorable holiday. And if those you love and treasure are unable to be with you, may you be comforted by warm and happy memories.

I have been thinking long and hard about what to write this week. Thanksgiving is tomorrow so it seemed to make sense that it would influence what I write. Still, I was uncertain. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, eclipsing all others. Why? Because it's a time when family and friends come together to enjoy each other's company, good food, converse and most especially, hopefully, laugh. It's not about gifts we get it's about the people we're with. Or at least it should be.

I find that around this time of year I reminisce. Sometimes I write notes to people who I am lucky to have in my world. I know they think I'm crazy but I don't care because one thing I've learned is that very quickly life can throw you a curve ball and you lose the opportunity to tell someone important how you feel.

Some of my Thanksgivings have been good; some have not been too good. But it's the way things go. One of my favorite Thanksgiving holidays was 1990. My wife and I did not travel that year. Because of the course of events it was just us: my wife and me and our two small children, our youngest was not yet born. As my wife prepared dinner my two-year-old daughter and I raked leaves in the backyard creating large piles. Brandy, our Border Collie, ran around us. We

took turns diving into the leaves. There was a whole lot of giggling going on between my little girl and me. There we were in the backyard for hours just having a great time. It's amazing how much time has passed since that day.

My wife finally called us in. We had leaves poking out of our coats, coming out of our ears and enmeshed in our hair. Our son, who was just a couple months old, was awake and sitting in his infant chair on the table. We had just gone through a very difficult period with him. We were very lucky he was with us. We weren't sure he'd survive a couple days let alone a couple of months. But there he was smiling in his chair, sitting next to the turkey that was bigger than him. As I sit here writing about that scene I have tears in my eyes.

I don't remember the conversation that day. But I do remember thinking at the time how very fortunate I was as my daughter sat in her high chair mixing turkey in with the potatoes while talking incessantly. Things haven't changed much. My son just took everything in. Things haven't changed much with him either. My wife was at the other end of the table making sure we had enough to eat and asking if the turkey was cooked okay. We did and it was. That was one of those days when I realized fully and completely that the little group before me was my family. *My* family. It was a powerful sensation.

There have been many wonderful Thanksgivings since that day 21 years ago to be sure but that particular one is nestled softly in my heart. This year for probably the last time, my wife and I will enjoy the holiday with just our three children sitting around the table. It will be the five of us. And as I write that line, again a tear comes to my eye.

I think I better stop writing as I may just completely turn to mush.

Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the company of those you are with and remember fondly those who are with you in spirit.



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Worcester County Economic Development (WCED) is now offering business owners and would-be entrepreneurs more opportunities to meet with highly experienced professionals who can help them establish or expand Worcester County businesses. Beginning in November, Tim Sherman of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of Salisbury University doubled his office hours at WCED in Snow Hill to provide weekly consulting services.

SBDC professionals assist entrepreneurs with developing business plans and financial projections to launch sustainable businesses.

"We strive to work within the entrepreneurial community in Worcester to give personalized service that deliv-

ers results," WCED Director Merry Mears said. "The volume of activity in our office has increased dramatically in the last year, so it's important to recognize this and make adjustments to ensure we are offering the highest level of service possible."

"Tim can assist individuals with business plans, cash flow projections, as well as applications required to seek funding for small business startups or expansion," WCED Deputy Director John Azzolini said. "Whether it's a \$15,000 loan for a small beauty shop or a half-million dollar loan for an expansion of a major business, the SBDC works with each team in the same manner."

In January of 2016, WCED opened an SBDC office in their Snow Hill location for eight hours each month, to provide focused attention and one-on-one business consulting services to Worcester County entrepreneurs.

Entrepreneurs interested in starting or expanding a business are invited to call WCED at (410) 632-3112 to schedule an appointment with Sherman.



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forward to building upon a tradition of reliable service for all our customers."

The settlement that was just approved includes acceptance of:

- a Natural Gas Compression Service, under which Sandpiper may construct, own and maintain compression facilities for commercial customers who require enhanced pressure for their operations;

- a Multi-Family Housing Program, which will provide a contribution to builders and developers that select

Charity support

Mary Castorina, charities chair of the Sons of Italy, talked about the many charities the organization supports during a recent meeting. She passed out cards with items to purchase for those in need. The items will be collected at the group's annual Christmas Party on December 4 at the Dunes Manor in Ocean City. Photo by Anna Foulz.

natural gas or propane as a fuel source for multi-family housing; and

- an extension of the due date for bill payments from 10 days to 20 days from the bill date.

In addition, the approved settlement maintains Sandpiper Energy's use of a system improvement rate ("SIR"), which is adjusted annually to recover the cost of bare steel replacement and the cost of converting customers to natural gas service.

Sandpiper Energy encourages customers to go to www.sandpiper-energy.com for information on saving energy and money in their home or business. The Company offers a budget payment plan to its customers that will spread out payments on winter heating bills. In addition, customers with financial needs can learn how to receive assistance with their winter heating costs from Sandpiper's Sharing program or from other Maryland public assistance programs. Customers can also make contributions to support the Sharing program by visiting www.chesapeakesharing.com.

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Southwell elected to Kiwanis Club board

Tom Southwell was named by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City to fill a vacancy on the group's board of directors. He will serve a two-year term and was installed by President Barbara Peletier during an October meeting. (L-R) President **Barbara Peletier** and **Tom Southwell**.

Scouts retire flags

By **Dan Collins**

On Saturday, November 18, the Boy Scout Troup 261 and Cub Scout Pack 261 conducted their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines.

Scout Master Ken Nichols and Cub Master Nick Busko lead the opening ceremony at 9 a.m. and then proceeded to manage the burning of all flags with the respect that they deserved. The Ocean Pines Public Works Department dug the fire pit and the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department set the fire and maintained safety vigilance through the many hours.

Hundreds of worn and tattered flags were submitted for proper disposal. The vast majority were the stars and stripes ensigns but there was an occasional MIA flag, a few State of Maryland flags, one State of Florida flag and, believe it or not, one Jolly Roger. All

were folded into the traditional triangular tuck, even the skull and cross bones, and marched by a scout to the



One scout gives a final salute to his burning flag while other scouts march toward the fire pit with theirs. Photo by Dan Collins.

fire pit. Each scout carried his charge in his right hand and, after tossing it into the flames, he would offer a final salute, do an about face and return to the folding area to pick up another.



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What's Happening at Wallops

Airborne Science missions at Wallops

By **Steve Habeger**

The Airborne Science mission at Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) has a vital and challenging set of missions. Similar to previous articles which described sounding rockets (published in the August 24, 2016 issue of *The Courier*) and scientific balloons (published in the June 22, 2016 edition of *The Courier*), aircraft are used to place scientific payloads in the needed environment to collect scientific data.

The Aircraft Office operates seven aircraft (all obtained as surplus from other government agencies) to perform an amazing myriad of scientific missions. Approximately 90% of the aircraft missions are oriented to collecting earth science but some missions can be startlingly different.

Recently, a WFF 1965 Huey helicopter (the iconic Vietnam War emblem) was used to test a system destined to guide a Venus-bound lander mission. The Venus mission is called DaVinci and is scheduled to launch towards Venus in 2021. Imagine such an old aircraft contributing a key role in a mission which will launch 80 or more years after the aircraft was manufactured.

The WFF "air force" consists of several turbo-prop fixed wing aircraft as well as the vintage UH-1 Huey. The fixed-wing aircraft include two C-130s, one P-3B and one C-23 Sherpa among other aircraft. The use of a turbo-prop fixed-wing fleet allows science instruments to be placed at very low altitudes and low-speed environments, all of which are beneficial for the instruments. For the aircrew, however, the



WFF C-130 taking off

low and slow aircraft make for long and boring flights to places like Antarctica and the extreme northern end of Norway, among other far-distant locations.

For another recent mission, the C-23 (like the Huey, a Vietnam War era relic previously owned by the Army) was used to sample low-altitude air in Alaska. For weeks, the aircraft flew at very low altitudes as a satellite passed overhead taking similar measurements. The mission was sponsored by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), an organization more often connected with deep-space missions. More in-

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Pictured holding scissors is co-owner **Matt DiPietro**, as well as co-owner **Lisa Hall**, Ms. Hall's granddaughter **Savannah**, and Berlin Mayor **Gee Williams**. Photo by Ted Page.



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Lee completed a fellowship in gynecologic endoscopy at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., and was chief resident in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Meharry Medical College/Nashville General Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. He is skilled in minimally invasive gynecologic surgeries, and specializes in hysteroscopy, fibroid removal, endometriosis, and alleviating pelvic pain.

Lee obtained his medical degree from University of North Carolina

School of Medicine in Chapel Hill and completed a general surgery internship at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He obtained his bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Lee is board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Lee is passionate about caring for the underserved, including individuals with low health literacy, minorities and the LGBT community. He will begin seeing patients at the Atlantic General Women's Health Center in West Ocean City on November 21. Appointments can be made by calling 443-728-1050.



Kevin Lee

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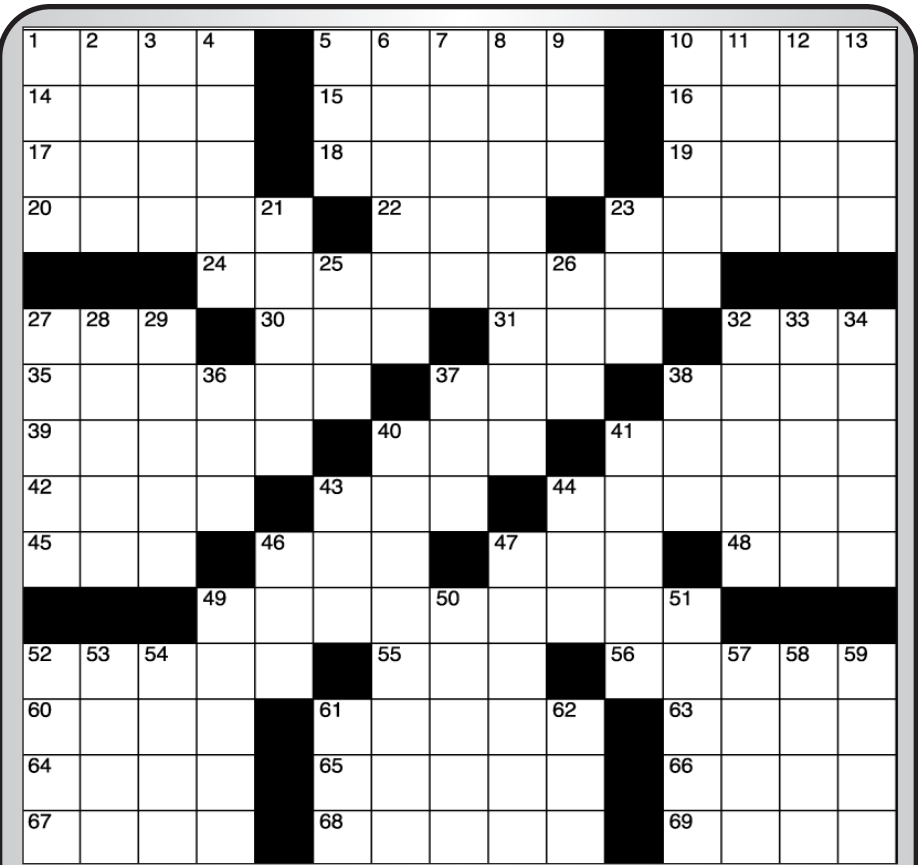
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10. Up to the time of
14. Wife
15. Composer Ned
16. Edging to street path (Brit.)
17. Lose energy
18. Biblical parable
19. Celery (Spanish)
20. Arm bones
22. Japanese family emblem
23. Customary practice
24. Acceptance
27. Very fast aircraft (abbr.)
30. Cool
31. Indian state
32. Young boy or girl
35. Astronomy unit
37. Confederate soldier
38. Famed Ger-man composer
39. Alternate name
40. Used to pave driveways
41. Artery
42. Type of powder
43. Inquire too closely
44. Northern Ireland

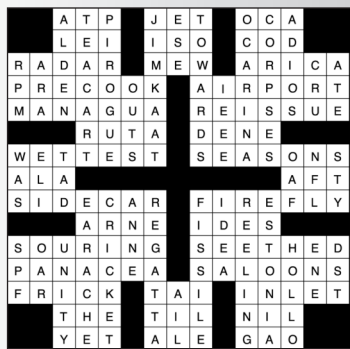
45. Connects two points at right angles
46. Hot drink
47. A newt
48. Engine ad-ditive
49. Wealthy Connecticut town
52. Not invited or requested
55. Embrace
56. Spiritual leader
60. Wild or sweet cherry
61. ___ Day, ac-tress
63. Daughter of Ion
64. Recline
65. Type of acid
66. City in Utah
67. Lazily
68. Music term
69. Divulge a secret

DOWN

1. Very short skirt worn by ballerinas
2. Angle be-tween leaf stalk and stem
3. Popular in Nebraska
4. Dessert
5. Cognitive retention ther-apy
6. Wandered
7. Mistake
8. Adolescent
9. Medical term

10. Russian tsarÖs edict
11. Type genus of the Nepidae
12. High school math class
13. Double-reed instrument
21. Painful places on the body
23. Fiddler crabs
25. Resinous substance
26. Person of wealth (Brit.)
27. Series
28. North Amer-ican plant
29. Warble
32. Pastries
33. Group of eight
34. Twyla ___, dancer
36. Pouch
37. Singer Charles
38. Cattle

genus
40. Eye infec-tion
41. Where cou-ples go to marry
43. Long bench with backs
44. Unrestricted free agent
46. ___ Talks
47. Causal agent
49. Nincompoop
50. Relating to the aura
51. Person of conspicuous wealth
52. Type of mottled fruit
53. Essential
54. Fertility god
57. Folk singer lves
58. La ___ Tar Pits, Hollywood
59. Foot
61. Digital au-diotape
62. Drunk



Answers for Nov. 16

Captain Ron's
Fish Tales
By Ron Fisher
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Time to winterize your gear and other stuff

Getting your fishing gear ready for winter storage:

Clean all your lures, rods and reels with soap and water. Be certain to rinse them well and allow adequate time for them to dry before storing them. You don't want the saltwater to remain over the winter and cause rust and corrosion.

Don't forget to check your rod guides for wear, rust and corrosion and replace them if necessary. Also be certain they do not have line grooves worn into them.

If they do replace them. Check your guide wrappings to be certain they are intact. Then spray all guides with either WD-40 or I prefer Reel Magic to prevent moisture and corrosion over the winter months. There is nothing worse than starting the fishing season with one of your guides dangling on your line.

For reel maintenance strip all monofilament line, braid is o.k. to leave on. Don't replace the mono line until spring. Clean your reels of all old grease and replace with new grease then spray the entire reel with Real Magic.

Note: Do not take your reel apart unless you know how to reassemble it. If you feel it necessary take it to a professional.

Check all of your used lures and hooks for sharpness and sharpen if necessary. You don't want to lose that first fish next season because of a dull hook.

Finally, don't forget to winterize your boat if you have one.

Fishing Report: With the water cooling the striper migration is beginning and should soon be in full swing and there are some keepers being caught. A friend of mine caught two

keepers in the inlet on the gulp artificial eels which seem to really be working for some fishermen. The party boats seem to be doing well on sea bass and tog with an occasional flounder being caught.

Did you know?
Crab meat is very high in vitamin B-12? Just 2-3 ounces of crab meat will supply an adult with the daily B-12 requirement.

The largest crab in the world is the Giant Japanese Spider Crab, which can measure up to 13 feet across.

The blood like material found along the backbone in the body cavity of most fishes is the kidney. It is usually removed when cleaning.

There are 43 species of dolphins found in the world. There are 38 marine, and 5 river dolphins.

Fighting large strong fish: A simple rule for fighting large strong fish, when the fish pulls, you don't; when the fish doesn't pull, you do. I liked that one and so will my friends at the Ocean Pines Anglers Club.

2017's proposed Summer Flounder quota: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council in a fact sheet released on August 24 indicated the most recent stock assessment update indicates that the stock has been experiencing overfishing for the past several years. As a result the council requested that to reduce severe economic impacts a quota reduction should be phased in over a period of three years. Thus the recommended reduction for 2017 is a 30% decrease from the 2016 catch limit. Just how this will impact size and creel limits will be determined at a later date. I'll keep you up to date on changes as they are announced.

Have a great holiday season and don't forget to take a kid fishing.



WCEF accepts donation

Brad Hastings, of the Becker Morgan Group, Architecture and Engineering firm in Salisbury, recently presented a \$2,500 check to the Worcester County Education Foundation (WCEF). Hastings noted that Becker Morgan is proud to support excellence in education. The firm has benefited from Worcester County's Blue Ribbon public school system. "We've hired a number of students who graduated from our schools, went away to college, excelled in architecture and returned to fill positions at our firm. It's what every community hopes for. Providing a good education during the formative years increases the odds of a student returning home, with the ability to give back to their community."

The WCEF was established about three years ago as a 501(c)3 non-profit. The idea was to establish a proactive partnership between the community and the public school system by linking community resources with the educational needs of its students to prepare them to succeed. Local businesses and individuals have championed education with donations to the WCEF. Current goals include accelerating the purchase and distribution of digital devices for K-12, so every



Brad A. Hastings, Principal at the Becker Morgan Group, **Todd Ferrante**, WCEF Chair and **Lou Taylor**, Superintendent, WCPS

student has equal access to a world class education. In addition, teachers are supported through annual grants, funds are also set aside to provide financial assistance to students in need and money is being raised to set up a \$ 1 million endowment which will provide perpetual funding for future needs.

No donation is too small. So far the WCEF has raised over \$550,000 and has distributed over \$40,000, funding the purchase of digital tools for students and awarding a number of teacher grants. Anyone wishing to help the WCEF meet its \$1 million endowment goal may call 410-632-5076.

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formation of the project, titled CARVE, can be found here: <https://science.nasa.gov/missions/carve/>

A casual observer might look at the WFF aircraft and think the aircraft are just like others of their pedigree but nothing could be further from the truth. Each of the aircraft have been extensively modified inside the cargo bay and with many fuselage penetrations to accommodate a myriad of instruments flown over the years.

Due to many alterations that may be included in each aircraft, every pilot is a "test pilot" – a specialized rating for pilots. Additionally, the engineering staff at WFF must analyze and test each installation and modification to ensure that the airworthiness of the aircraft has not been compromised. Upon completion of a mission, the instruments are removed and the aircraft is restored (as best as possible) to the original configuration.

NASA Test Pilot Alan L. Barringer came to WFF after a career flying helicopters for the U. S. Army. Alan and over a dozen other pilots share the flying duties of the many missions flown annually. The engineering, maintenance and logistics functions round out a small but effective staff.

Alan stressed the frugal culture of the Aircraft Operations Branch, pointing out our reuse of surplus aircraft and the close coordination between scientists, engineering staff and the flight crews to deliver valuable scientific data at low cost. Alan said the objective of the group is to deliver, "safe, reliable, on-time and economical Airborne Science."

There is much more information on the aircraft and their missions available. Look for a good site to browse: <https://code830.wff.nasa.gov/>



Change - The Ocean Pines Boat Club concluded its 26th year with the annual meeting and Change of Watch Dinner-Dance that took place on Sunday, November 6, at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City. Commodore Doris Lloyd turned the Helm over to the Boat Club's new Commodore, Richard Marchesiello, who will lead the way during the 2017 season. The 2017 Officers are: Commodore, Richard Marchesiello; Vice Commodore, Patricia Marchesiello; Rear Commodore, Joseph DiMartino; Fleet Captain, Thomas Southwell; Treasurer, Fred Heinlen; and Secretary, Janet O'Brien. Directors are: Doris Lloyd, Nancy Engelke, Timothy Collins, Stuart Glassman, Walter Lischak, and Steven Stein. The winner of the 2016 Outstanding Member Award was Andrea Watkins. To join the Boat Club or to obtain information, contact Pat Marchesiello, who also serves as membership chair, at 410-208-6933.

Above: new 2017 officers (Left to Right, first row) **Doris Lloyd, Patricia Marchesiello, Nancy Engelke**. Back Row: **Steven Stein, Walter Lischak, Fred Heinlen, Stuart Glassman, Commodore Richard Marchesiello, Thomas Southwell and Joseph DiMartino**.

Tide and Sun Chart

* tide is for Ocean City Fishing Pier. Add two hours for Isle of Wight tide

DATE	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thur., November 24	4:08 a.m. 4:21 p.m.	10:06 a.m. 10:22 p.m.	6:52 a.m.	4:42 p.m.
Fri., November 25	4:54 a.m. 5:05 p.m.	10:59 a.m. 11:03 p.m.	6:53 a.m.	4:42 p.m.
Sat., November 26	5:34 a.m. 5:46 p.m.	11:44 a.m. 11:42 p.m.	6:54 a.m.	4:42 p.m.
Sun., November 27	6:13 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	12:25 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	4:41 p.m.
Mon., November 28	6:52 a.m. 7:06 p.m.	12:20 a.m. 1:03 p.m.	6:56 a.m.	4:41 p.m.
Tues., November 29	7:31 a.m. 1:41 p.m.	12:57 a.m. 1:41 p.m.	6:57 a.m.	4:41 p.m.
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Although people celebrate Thanksgiving each year, they may not be aware of some of its interesting history. Test your knowledge of gobblers and general trivia with this quiz.

- Despite competing historical claims, the story most people associate with the first American Thanksgiving took place in a colony in this modern-day state?
 - Pennsylvania
 - New Jersey
 - Massachusetts
 - Delaware
- Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on which day of the week in Canada?
 - Monday
 - Tuesday
 - Wednesday
 - Thursday

- Pilgrims from Europe associated with Thanksgiving are purported to have sailed across the Atlantic to reach North American on which ship?
 - Daisy
 - Mayflower
 - Santa Maria
 - Roseflower
- Which tribe of Native Americans taught Pilgrims how to cultivate the land, contributing to the first Thanksgiving?
 - Algonquin
 - Lenape
 - Shoshone
 - Wampanoag
- Fossil evidence shows that turkeys roamed the Americas how long ago?
 - 10 million years ago
 - 15 million years ago
 - 20 million years ago
 - 25 million years ago
- Three different deboned types of poultry go into this Thanksgiving meal alternative?

- Orange duck
 - Turducken
 - Turkey chowmein
 - Chixturck
- In what year did Congress make Thanksgiving an official national holiday in the United States?
 - 1932
 - 1939
 - 1941
 - 1946
 - Twenty precent of the overall consumption of this type of fruit is done on Thanksgiving.
 - apples
 - cranberries
 - cherries
 - grapes
 - The first Canadian Thanksgiving was a welcome-home celebration for Sir Martin Frobisher when he returned to which area of the country?
 - Albert
 - Manitoba
 - British Columbia
 - Newfoundland
 - Canadians sometimes call the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States by this name to distinguish it from their own Thanksgiving celebration.
 - Yanksgiving
 - Amerigiving
 - Turmerica
 - USthanks

Answers: 1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. b 7. c 8. b 9. d 10. a

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Turkey facts

According to the Food Network, thawing a frozen turkey takes several days. The popular food-based television channel says it can take roughly four to five days for a frozen 20-pound turkey to fully defrost. Thanksgiving hosts who plan to cook turkeys that weight more than 20 lbs. should afford their turkeys even more time to fully defrost. The Food Network also recommends that cooks who want their turkeys to have crisp skin leave the bird uncovered in the refrigerator overnight. The time it takes to cook a turkey depends on whether or not the bird was purchased fresh. The Food Network advises cooking fresh turkeys for 10 to 15 minutes per pound in a 350 F oven, while frozen turkeys need roughly 20 minutes per pound at 350 F. And while stuffing is a Thanksgiving Day staple, the Food Network recommends going easy with the stuffing. Turkeys that are not densely stuffed will cook more evenly than turkeys whose cavities are overflowing with stuffing.

Just Good Business...

The multi-talented Janet Morse

By **Jean Marx**

Janet Morse

To say that Janet Morse is a woman of many talents is an understatement. Within the last year, she has gotten back into real estate at the Berkshire Hathaway Home Services (BHHS) PenFed Realty office at 11001 Manklin Meadows Lane in Ocean Pines.

She also manages to fit in serving as a Bible studies guide for the non-denominational Stonecroft Ministries, as a member of the Auxiliary Board at Atlantic General Hospital (AGH), and as a Board member for the Worcester County Education Foundation to increase technology in our schools. In past years, she was a member and chaired several Ocean Pines clubs, co-chaired the Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial's 10th Anniversary celebration, and chaired a fundraising effort for AGH and the Community Church at Ocean Pines through five "The Fabulous Three Tenors and a Diva" concerts. This article delves into more detail of Janet's real estate experience, which is clearly one of her signature talents.

Janet explained that in 1985 when her three children were of school age, it provided her the opportunity to join the workforce. She received a call one day from the developer, John Soggs, from whom Janet and her husband Jeff had bought their home. John asked if she was interested in becoming a realtor. By then, Janet and Jeff had already moved several times, so she accepted the job since she felt she knew what a good realtor could do. It turned out that she was the first woman hired at the company. Late one Sunday evening, through a combination of good fortune and her hard work, Janet returned a call that came into her answering service. She proceeded to have a long, enjoyable conversation with Dennis Biegler, and after a second discussion the next morning, Dennis told her he would be sending all the company vice-presidents her way to handle their relocations. These were the vice-presidents of the International Funds Transfer Division of the Bank of New York. During Janet's 12-year career with Soggs Real Estate, she earned Sales

Associate of the Year for her sales volume, ethics, and community service. Additionally, after becoming a broker, she was awarded the Realtor Associate of the Year and was the first person to sell over \$2 million in real estate in a year. This is even more impressive given that most homes at the time sold in the \$50,000 to low \$100,000 range.

At BHHS PenFed Realty, Janet embraces helping people. She describes, "Moving is one of the biggest and most stressful things in a person's life, and I want to help people get through it with the least amount of stress and the most happiness." One facet in helping people is her weekly participation in the local Board of Realtors tours every Tuesday morning to tour the new home listings in Ocean Pines and surrounding area. "The tours help you see the homes, so that you can talk about them to your customers and gain a good sense of what the houses are worth." Additionally, her office gives prospective customers a folder of materials called "A Guide to Marketing and Selling Your Home" that in-

*please see **morse** on page 15*



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Pines to celebrate hometown Christmas and tree lighting

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department invites area residents and visitors to enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and kick off the holiday season with the community's sixth annual "A Hometown Christmas" and tree lighting ceremony

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cludes helpful hints on things they can do to get their house ready for sale. In particular, she likes helping elderly clients with their moves because she understands that the process can seem overwhelming. She breaks the process down into manageable stages for them, and then she personally oversees the clearing out of the items to be moved, bringing in a cleaning service, marketing the home, and finally, staying organized to have all of the necessary forms completed and ready for the final closing.

A surprising, yet inspirational obstacle Janet has overcome in her life is her admission of low self-confidence. Rather than shy away, Janet has always pushed herself to excel at tasks she feared. As examples, she was valedictorian of her high school class, put herself through modeling school, and played semi-professional field hockey out of Swarthmore College. (She had the honor of training under Constance Appleby, who brought field hockey to the USA from England and played the All Americans and English Touring team). These efforts as well as her successful real estate career are noteworthy by themselves. However, she cites that her biggest accomplishments are her successful 53-year marriage and being a stay-at-home mom when their kids were little. She and Jeff are now thoroughly enjoying being grandparents to their seven grandchildren.

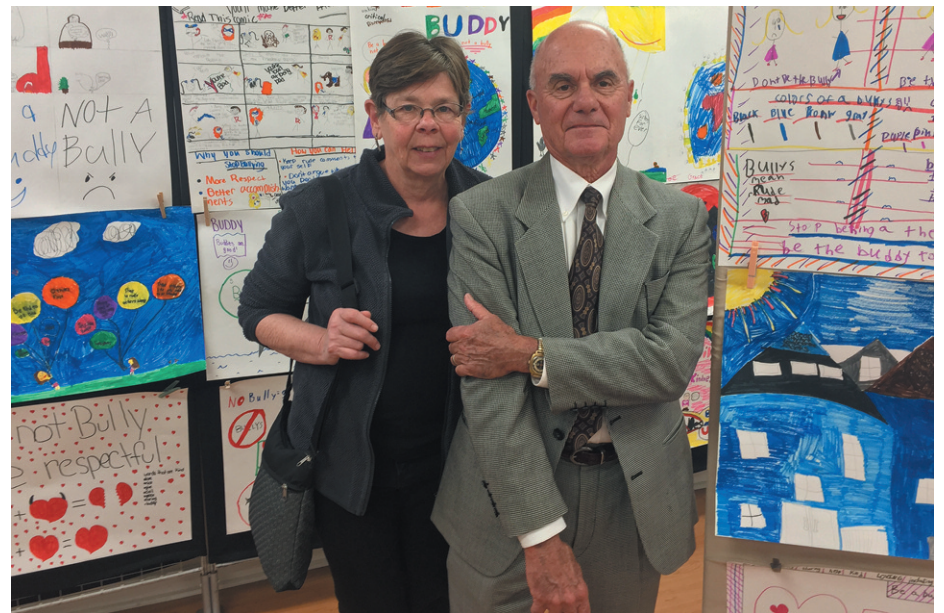
Janet loves this area and is eager to show prospective buyers who aren't familiar with the area how great it is. She also maintains her strong faith that she says has sustained her throughout her life, and she continually looks for ways to reach out and help people. Visit her at BHHS PenFed Realty and allow her to put your mind at ease regarding your next move.

on Saturday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m. in White Horse Park.

Trees decorated by Ocean Pines businesses, clubs, families and individuals will be on display and illuminated at the event, which is free and open to the public. Local choral groups will perform and Santa Claus will make an appearance.

Trees, which range in size from eight to ten feet, may be purchased for the display for \$50 and will feature the sponsors' names. Sponsors are responsible for decorating their trees in the theme of their choice in time for the ceremony. Trees will be in place and ready for decorating by November 20.

For more information, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.



Exhibition - An exhibit of the work of watercolorist Barbara Doyle Schmid and her students opened on First Friday at the Ocean City Center for the Arts and will run through December 1. **Pat and Ron Pilling** stand by the student "no bullying" exhibit.

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